



# THE ZION ZEALANT

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“I will bless you ..., so that you will be a blessing” (Gen. 12:2). The Lord blessed Abraham so that he would be a blessing. How did He bless Abraham? He promised that from His seed would come the savior of the nations. And Abraham believed that promise, trusted that the Lord would provide it just as He had promised. Thus, everything Abraham did was colored by that promise. He willingly gave of himself and his household in service to the Lord in view of that promise.

Our Father in heaven has richly blessed us here at Zion! Not only has He given us everything that we need to support this body and life, but He has also provided, that promised seed in His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is the savior of the nations. He is the redeemer of the world. He is the one who has conquered sin, death, and the power of the devil by His death, resurrection, and ascension.

Just as we are richly blessed, we are also thereby freed to be a blessing. Since God has endowed us with His gifts, we are set to endow others. Thus, we give of the blessings we have received so that others may be blessed. We do this here in Columbia City in our homes, our communities, and in our churches. We press the blessings God has lavished upon us in service to those around us. We use our time, our talents, and our treasures to be a blessing even as they have been a blessing to us.

Summertime is a busy time for many of us. Vacations; trips; weeks up at the lake; and simply taking time away from work to be with our families a bit more than usual. But it's also a time when attendance dips a little during worship services. We continue having our Wednesday evening services year-round; and we continue our Sunday school program as well each week! And it's also a time when pastors and your lay leaders find the need to remind folks our bills and expenses continue despite the time of year. God has repeatedly asked of us to worship Him and give thanks to Him for all His many blessings He's poured out upon each of us. Prayerfully consider your continuing to attend worship throughout the year; and perhaps getting your offerings and tithes to the church regularly - even if you may be out of town for a bit.

The Lord blesses us. And He enlists us to be a blessing to others. So, whenever you put that envelope in the collection plate or mail, when you sit down to help your kids with homework, or you help your neighbor who's physically unable to do for themselves, think of this: The Lord has blessed you, so that you will be a blessing.

I look so forward to seeing you all in church!

Pastor Phil Rittner

# Church Council Minutes

June 20, 2017

Kenny Knuth called the meeting to order with 6 members present.  
Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

**Minutes:** Kenny Knuth asked for a motion to approve the May minutes as printed in the Zealant. Steve Smith made the motion and Chuck Cooper 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion passed.

## Receiving Treasurer: Chuck Cooper

May 2017	Total Unrestricted Receipts	Year to Date
\$7375.20		\$39,077.70
	Total Restricted Receipts/Misc.	
\$258.69		\$13,603.16
	Dividend	
\$305.78		\$1521.89
	Interest	
\$1.31		\$6.68
	Total Receipts	
\$7941.97		\$54,209.43

Joyce Reidt made the motion to accept the report as given, Judy Gilbert 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion passed.

## Disbursing Treasurer: Chuck Cooper

May 2017		Year to Date
	Unrestricted Funds	
	General Church Checking/Savings	
\$2338.57		
	Youth Accounts	
\$11,732.46		
	Restricted Funds	
	Lake City Savings	
\$17,499.58		
	Lehmburg Legacy	
\$78,028.15	(Market Value \$76,466.37)	
	Statement of Activity	
	General Budget	
\$-1727.35		\$678.99Non
	Budgeted/Reimbursed	
\$-992.29		\$10,462.83
	Youth	
\$.17		\$157.42
	Total Net Revenue	
\$-2719.47		\$11,299.24

Steve Smith made a motion to accept the report as presented, Judy Gilbert 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion passed.

### **Elders Report: Steve Smith**

1. Pastor will be on vacation June 29-July 9. Pastor John Scicluna from the Seminary will conduct services during Pastor's vacation.
2. Starting in September Katie Rittner will be teaching Confirmation during Sunday school.
3. There is a possibility that we will be awarded a field worker in the fall.
4. We will be working on our 2018 budget during the July meeting.
5. We discussed updating the sign in front of the church. It's possibility that we can get a grant from Lutheran Foundation to pay for it.
6. Attendance for May. Sundays 55 Mid-week 10

### **Trustees:**

Masters Heating/AC were here to service all the units.

Ranger Materials was here to survey the parking lot damage.

### **Board of Education:**

May 2017: Barb Lahrman called the meeting to order with 5 members present.

The meeting was opened with a reading from 1 John Chapter 4.

Minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Sunday school Report: Attendance for April: Adults 17 and Students 7.

Missions: Missions for May/June is Woodburn Children's Home so far \$49.82 has been collected.

Pastors Report: Pastor would like to change the opening starting in the fall. He would like more participation from both adults and children.

Chris Woodhouse is still working on labeling shelves in the library.

Old Business: Teachers for VBS will be Katie Wilkinson pre school, Jared Wilkinson K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and Scott Woodhouse grades 4 thru 6. Crafts will be Pat Decker and Chris Woodhouse, Kitchen will be Judy Gilbert and Bonnie Pease. Helpers are still needed! Contact a Board member if your interested.

New Business: Pastor will be installing VBS teachers and staff on July 30<sup>th</sup> during the 10;'15 service after church we will set up, snacks and drinks will be provided.

Other Business: Bonnie Pease is looking into an Automatic BP cuff.

June 2017: Barb Lahrman called the meeting to order with 7 members present.

The Lord's Prayer was opening devotion. Minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Sunday school Report: for June, Adults 19 and Students 7.

Missions: Mission project for May /June is Woodburn Children's Home, we've collected \$135.69 to date.

Pastor's Report: Katie Rittner will start teaching Catechism during Sunday school starting in the fall.

Chris Woodhouse is working on shelving in the library.

Old Business: VBS helpers are still needed contact a Board member if interested. We have re-ordered VBS material and it is in. We will be setting up VBS on July 30<sup>th</sup> after church, drinks and snacks provided. We will need all the help we can get!!!

New Business: The 2018 budget was discussed and it will remain the same as 2017.

Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> Pastor will install Sunday School Staff. This will also be Zion T-shirt Day. Rally Day/New Member Welcome will also be Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, we will have a carry-in dinner with desert and drinks provided.

Judy Gilbert is donating an automatic Blood Pressure cuff. Also, Pastor and Cheryl are working on VBS sets

### **Board of Outreach: No Report**

### **Stewardship: No Report**

### **Board of Youth:**

Corn Dog wagon is up and running at Old Settler's Day.

### **Pastor's Report:**

Services/Bible Study/Rites conducted:

Worship Services: 1, Bible Studies: 10, No Baptisms, Funeral, Weddings or Confirmation.

Counseling/Private meetings: 3, Pastoral Visitations: Homes 6, Hospital 2, Nursing Home 3, Jail 2.  
Pastor's Mileage 4/20/2017-6/1/2017 256 miles (does not include to and from church and home.)  
Meetings/Functions outside the Church: Indiana-Pastorals conference May 19, 2017 @ Oakwood  
Resort, Syracuse, IN.

Lutheran Foundation Grant report.

\$549.44 couples 8 week Bible study, \$735.00 Doxology program for Pastor, #367.63 Confirmation  
Camp, \$71.10 Community Canvassing expense, \$843.00 Block Party expense. Balance \$2433.83.

Old/New Business:

Confirmation class will begin Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> during Sunday school.

501 Grant from Lutheran Foundation, Stewardship Program by Enterprises. Stewardship program by Ken  
Williams is available 2 programs 1) year round \$40.00/month, or a Fall campaign \$150.00/month.

CTCR committee has reviewed doctrine and a woman may hold the position of chairman of the Congregation.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

Budget need to be submitted to Jill Coons before the October Voter's meeting. Budgets should be done by July  
Voter's meeting.

With no other business Joyce Reidt made a motion to adjourn, Steve Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.  
Pastor closed with the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted Joyce Reidt (sec.)

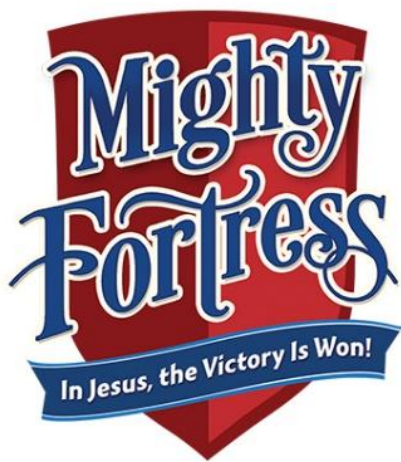
Bible Trivia Questions:

By what name is Paul of Tarsus known before he begins his missionary activity?

According to Paul's formulation in 1 Corinthians, which is the greatest of the imperishable qualities?

Who is the high priest of Jerusalem who put Jesus on trial?

In the Gospel According to John, which of the apostles doubts Jesus's resurrection until he sees  
Jesus with his own eyes?



## Vacation Bible School 2017

July 30th-Aug. 2nd  
6:00-8:00 pm

Do you have your children,  
grandchildren, neighbors, or  
friends registered yet?

Looking for Helpers!



## Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid need old sheets. They can be white, colored or printed. To be used for cancer pads. Put in tub across from mailboxes. Thank you!

Also, still collecting stamps!!!



Just a reminder to ALL Ladies.  
LWML meets on the first Thursday of each  
month at 6 pm. All are welcome!



Peabody Home (Memory Care):  
Alberta Warnick

Brookdale (Assisted Living):  
John & Lois Duffy

Those at home:  
Tom Auer, Linda Hobkirk, Gene Klopfenstein, Dortha Marsh, Bill Niedermeyer, John Pullen, Wayne Reese, Tim & Sandra Rueger, Willie & Karen Scheumann, and Jeannine Slavicek.

Those Serving in the Armed Forces:

Chris Decker, Kevin Kruger, Joshua Rittner, Jason & Ashley Weatherly and Dayne Zielinski

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS  
for  
the Niedermeyer family,  
Pat went to be with her Lord  
on Tuesday evening, June 27, 2017.  
. . . and anyone else we have not mentioned  
that might be in our  
hearts. . . . Lord, hear our prayers.

**Worship Services**  
  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School—9:00 a.m.  
Worship—10:15 a.m.  
w/Communion  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
  
WEDNESDAY  
Worship—7:00 p.m.  
w/Communion  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays



**HERE AT  
ZION  
JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>  
10am-4pm**

**Thank You!**  
  
Thank you to Christine Woodhouse for creating and making the two new beautiful banners in recognition of the church's 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation.  
  
Altar Guild

# JULY

## SERVING AT CHURCH

### Ushers

2 – Steve Smith  
9 – Ralph Sexton  
16 – Steve Smith  
23 – Ralph Sexton  
30 – Steve Smith

### Acolytes

2 – Kyler Bills  
9 – Zack Wilburn  
16 – Hailey Braun  
23 – Lily Lane  
30 – Emma Mullett

### Greeters

2 – Kathaleen Reece  
9 –  
16 – Pat Decker  
23 –  
30 –

### Altar Guild

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### BIRTHDAY'S



2 Logan Bachelder  
10 Emma Mullett  
12 Barbara Knuth  
13 Brody Hart  
15 Barbara Lahrman  
15 Luke Conrad  
17 Cari Knuth  
20 Nolan Lahrman

21 Tabitha Frick  
21 Violet Klopfenstein  
21 Katie Wilkinson  
21 Violet Klopfenstein  
22 Summer Hart  
22 Thomas Knuth  
22 Wm. Niedermeyer  
23 Elija Braun  
30 Jill Coons

### ANNIVERSARIES



1 Gene & Sandy Barrett  
14 Ralph & Peggy Brooke  
27 Mathieu & Myra Hartman  
28 David & Sharry Wiehe

### BAPTISMS



Madison Cook  
Mason Gilbert  
Gavin Lahrman  
Sara Schuller  
Jassalyn Wilkinson

### Lutheran Night at the Tincaps - Parkview Field

Monday, July 31, 2017 - 7:05 p.m.  
Tickets \$8.00 each  
(Only ticket orders received prior to Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> will receive the Lutheran Night discount offer.)

See flyer on Narthex bulletin board.

### ZION'S GARAGE SALE

**August 17, 18, & 19, 2017**  
**(You may bring your stuff the week of Aug. 12-15 and put it in the gym.) Jerry will need HELPERS that week, to sort through all the stuff!**

# JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  Pastor on vacation -----
2 S.S. 9:00 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am Outreach 11:30 am  Pastor on vacation -----	3	4 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Office closed	5 Wed. Service 7 pm	6 Ladies Aid Sewing 9 am  LWML 6 pm	7	8
9 S.S. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Bd. of Education 11:30 am	10  Pastor's day off	11	12  Wed. Service 7 pm Elders	13	14	15  Pastor's day off
16 S.S. 9:00 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am Voter's 11:30 am	17  Pastor's day off	18	19 Zealant Items Due!  Wed. Service 7 pm	20 Ladies Aid Sewing 9 am	21	22  Pastor's day off
23 S.S. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am	24  Pastor's day off	25	26  Wed. Service 7 pm	27 Red Cross all day in gym	28	29  Pastor's day off
30 S.S. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Youth 11:30 am VBS 6-8 pm	31 Pastor's day off  VBS 6-8 pm					

Answers to Bible Trivia:

Saul

Love

Caiaphas

Thomas