



THE ZION ZEALANT

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Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

Now in the month of June we begin the season of the Church Year called Pentecost. We will have celebrated the Day of Pentecost on May 23rd, and the Sundays following are known as Sunday's "after Pentecost". The colors of Pentecost are red to represent fire and the coming of the Holy Spirit; then, on the Sundays after Pentecost, green is used to represent the Christian life and growth in faith.

[What follows is from a blog found on CPH.org's website]

"After the festivals of Pentecost and the Holy Trinity, the Church begins its longest yet perhaps least-celebrated season of the Church Year: the season after Pentecost. What comes at the end of the post-Pentecost calendar is not one of the Church's grand festivals, but rather, a reminder that the end times are near. In this way, the season after Pentecost reflects the Church's life as faithful members in Christ.

The season after Pentecost presents a degree of normalcy in the Church Year. Whereas the first half of the calendar began with the exhilaration of Advent and Christmas, continued through Epiphany and Lent, and culminated in the high point of the Church Year—the death and resurrection of Christ—the second half of the Church Year is that "season after" the joyous feasts and festivals.

After Pentecost, the red garments are tucked away with the palate of blue, white, purple, black, and gold, and the altar, pulpit, and pastor's vestments are adorned with a familiar green that will stay in the sanctuary throughout the second half of the Church calendar. Festival days are few and far between, and the Church settles into a faithful rhythm of hearing God's Word, receiving forgiveness from Christ, and partaking of His Sacraments.

After celebrating Jesus' nativity, Baptism, transfiguration, death, and resurrection, the season after Pentecost allows the Church to experience the life of Jesus in a different way. The Church steps directly into the story of Jesus, patiently walking alongside Him as He teaches, preaches, gives, and forgives. In walking with Christ, the Church is conformed to His image.

This conforming is a process; the season after Pentecost requires patience and faithfulness. Every week, the Church hears of how prophets pointed to the Messiah in the Old Testament, how the Church faithfully continued Christ's teachings in the Epistles, and how Jesus Himself taught and lived in the Gospels.

The long season after Pentecost clings to the life and teachings of Christ and nurtures the Church with rich gifts for Christian living. Day by day, week after week, and from year to year, the Church lives the season after Pentecost, praising the risen Jesus and immersing itself in His saving grace.

This season after Pentecost is a chance for the Church to reflect on what it has celebrated in the first half of the Church Year, but also to step into the story it has just heard—a story of God's love for His people marked by the incarnation of His Son, and His life, death, and resurrection in human flesh as a member of our human, broken world.

Though no Christmas celebration or Easter festival arrives as the high point of the season after Pentecost, the Church looks forward to the Last Day on the final Sunday of the Church Year, before beginning anew with Advent.

The Last Sunday of the Church Year is known as "End Times Sunday," but the entire season after Pentecost is a faithful clinging to Christ's promise of His second coming, where we will experience the resurrection and renewal of our earthly bodies that He accomplished for us on Easter morning. We will ascend to heaven as He ascended; we will be changed as He was changed on the Mount of Transfiguration.

All of this we look forward to and ponder as we mark the season after Pentecost. But we do not only look forward to what awaits us—again, we also see in Christ a perfect example of Christian living and service. As we live out our lives as fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, friends, and neighbors, we learn what it means to be faithful to our calling and live in love to one another.

In faith, the Church's patient observation of the season after Pentecost unites it to Christ, where He delivers the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation to His people."

As you can see, this is an especially important time in the Church Year! I shared the above with you as it is a pretty superbly detailed explanation of the Season of Pentecost. It may seem less glamorous or impactful as the Christmas or Easter seasons, but certainly equal in the importance of sharing the love of God in His Son Jesus: the sweet Gospel message we love to hear and eagerly want to share with others!

I look forward to seeing you all soon, in church!

Pastor Phil Rittner



MEETING MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting May 18, 2021

Meeting called to order by Vice President Betty Wilkinson with four (4) members, one (1) ex-officio member and three (3) guests present.

Pastor Rittner opened the meeting with a devotion from *Treasury of Daily Prayer* and prayer.

Minutes: Jill Coons made a motion to accept the April Voters' Assembly Meeting minutes printed in the *May Zealant* with no corrections. Chuck Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Receiving Treasurer: reported by Chuck Cooper

	April 2021	YTD
Unrestricted Offering Receipts	\$ 7,757.00	\$ 26,961.00
Restricted Offering/ Miscellaneous Offering Receipts	\$ 129.58	\$ 1,473.19
On-Line Giving Receipts	\$ 2,335.00	\$ 9,766.00
Dividends	\$ 249.05	\$ 998.35
Interest	\$ 2.43	\$ 8.42
Total Unrestricted Receipts	\$ 10,092.00	\$ 36,727.00
Total Restricted Receipts	\$ 129.58	\$ 1,473.19
Total Receipts	\$ 10,473.06	\$ 39,206.96

Katie Rittner made a motion to accept the report as presented. Jill Coons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Disbursing Treasurer: reported by Jill Coons

Check/Savings as of April 30, 2021

General Checking/Savings	\$ 59,743.05
Youth	\$ 9,527.03
Restricted Funds	\$ 15,797.15
Lehmburg Legacy/ Kyler Endowment	\$181,405.89

Statement of Activity

	April 2021	YTD
General Budget	\$ 2,107.32	\$ 10,970.99
Non-Budgeted/ Reimbursed	\$ (862.94)	\$ 966.92
Youth	\$.61	\$ (94.23)
Net Revenue	\$ 1,244.99	\$ 11,843.68

Chuck Cooper made a motion to accept the report as presented. Katie Rittner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Elders:

Elder Meeting for May 12, 2021

Meeting was opened with prayer.

Order of Business:

We welcomed Tim Crutchfield as a new Elder and Ralph Brooke president of our congregation.

Phil presented quotes on fixing the church sign. He will present it to the Board of Directors at their next meeting.

Sign repair quote is for \$3,438.00 with a down payment of \$1,719.00 balance to be paid at completion. This includes, new facing on both sides, rails, LED retrofit lights, 6" letters for signage.

Katie Rittner made a motion to repair the sign paying the deposit from the garage sale funds on hand as of April 30, 2021 (\$1,968.22) and paying the balance of the repair from the general fund. Chuck Cooper seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pastor said the health fair has been moved to July 10th, 2021.

Red Cross will be here on June 10th.

Pastor will order additional mics so all speakers will have one. At the moment we only have two.

Talked about the Rite of Confirmation to be held on May 16th.

Phil reported the April attendance in May's Zealant.

Meeting closed with the Benediction.

Respectively submitted,
Stephen Smith (Sec.)

Trustees:

The toilet in the bathroom off the kitchen is leaking. Phil Coons will take a look at it and repair what is needed.

Board of Education: No report

Board of Christian Outreach: No report

Board of Stewardship: No report

Board of Youth:

Old Settlers will be held in person this year. The Corn Dog Wagon will be in place and we will need volunteers to help with the running of it.

Pastor:

Tim Crutchfield is our new elder. We now have three (3) which is the perfect number for our congregation.

As previously reported, we will not be receiving a vicar for the upcoming year. However, we do have great news and will have a 4th year student coming to us to help Pastor Phil, Zion and our members. His name is Seminarian Joshua Dub and he is married to a deaconess student, who as it turns out is our returning deaconess fieldworker Michaela (Strelow) Dub. He is finishing his vicarage in Minnesota and she will be returning to classes after a one year leave of absence. This is wonderful news for us as we will have both of them here to serve with us at Zion.

We will be returning to the rail on Sunday, May 23, 2021 for Holy Communion.

Vicar:

1. Whitley County Health Fair, July 10th, 9 am - 3 pm
 - a. Diaper drive - I have some flyers I will hang up and having Tonya put some notices in bulletin. I am going to use the catechism/high school room to stor the diapers till July 10th. This is being organized by Dcs. Intern Amanda Korthase from St. John's, Columbia City. The diapers will be given out at the health fair here on July 10th.
 - b. Advertisement:
 - i. Free:
 1. I had Tonya send out an email to a couple of newspaper publications concerning advertising for the health fair.
 2. Facebook: what would it take to advertise on our church page?
Get the information to Katie and she will get the event up and running.

- ii. Sign advertisement for yards: Pastor Phil has been working with a local company to get 20-30 yard signs made for the congregants to take home and place in their yards, and to place some in front of the church. We can have 30 signs made for approximately \$420.00.

Jill Coons made a motion to use block party funds (\$199.80), the Covid fund and general funds for the health fair. This event will not exceed \$4,000 total. Chuck Cooper seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pastor advised that a grant has been applied for with the Whitley County Foundation and that we should hear something by the end of the week. A grant was requested for the amount of \$1,500.00.

- iii. Garage sale sign? Can we use this to post about it and just leave it up?

- c. Food trailer for food during the health fair.

It was suggested talking to Jeremy Grant and Dan Knuth about helping out with the food options. In addition, rather than taking up space, we will place tables outside the back door of the kitchen and do all preparations in the kitchen. There is more space and it is easier to work in.

2. Final Fridays @ Zion. I am planning family nights on the last Friday of the month until the end of my vicarage. Time is from 7 pm - 9 pm. Snacks, drinks, and social fun.
 - a. May 28th - Family Game night
 - b. June 25th - no event - Old Settler's is this week
 - c. July 30 - I am going to talk to the Knuth's about a hangout cook-out.
 - d. This will be after the completion of my vicarage, attending a Tin Caps game August 14. It is a Saturday night game with fireworks. I have emailed them, if we buy tickets in bulk (20 or more) they are \$6 per ticket. Less than 20, they are \$7 per ticket. These will be lawn seats in the outfield so we will be sitting on a blanket. We cannot bring lawn chairs, but there are some seats provided in the section for maybe 5-10 guests.

Unfinished/Old Business:

Parking lot holes need to be filled before the health fair for the safety of vehicles and people. Phil Coons will begin working on this over the next few weeks.

New Business: None

With no further business, Chuck Cooper made a motion to adjourn. Jill Coons seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Pastor Rittner closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine (Katie) Rittner, Recording Secretary

MEMOIRS OF A VICAR

Summer Freedom, June Memoir.

John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

May 31, 2021, we celebrate Memorial Day. Memorial Day is celebrated on the last Monday in May, which is the day we honor those who have served in our U.S. Military and died fighting for our American Freedom. For this reason, we stand proud as 'America is the land of the free because of the brave.'

"Memorial Day, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan."¹

Memorial Day is a difficult holiday for many people in our nation because of those who died in service to our country securing our freedom; there is one less person at the dinner table, a son or daughter laid to rest, a fatherless child who will not learn how to throw a baseball and play catch, a child who will never receive goodnight kisses from their mother, or maybe you lost a military brother or sister and will no longer get to experience the cold clink of an icy beverage shared in a common cheer.

No matter how you celebrate Memorial Day; whether you visit a deceased loved military member's grave site, whether you sit and watch a parade, or you go to a family BBQ, we remember the ultimate sacrifice of human life, the blood that was shed so we can enjoy our American freedoms.

As Christians we understand sacrifice and Christian freedom. We understand what it means to lay down our lives for other people because we have a savior, Jesus Christ who laid down his life for us. The chains and bondage of sin that drag us to hell is broken and freedom to obey Levitical law is

finished by the Jesus atoning sacrifice on the cross that purchased our freedom, and therefore through faith in Him we are guaranteed heaven. May you celebrate Memorial Day in the freedom that has been won to you by those who have laid down their lives for your freedom, May it carry on through the 4th of July as we celebrate our independence, and on through the rest of the year. May your celebration be backed by gratitude in the ultimate freedom you have through Jesus Christ your Lord. Amen.

¹ [Memorial Day 2021: Facts, Meaning & Traditions - HISTORY www.history.com/topics/holidays/memorial-day-history](http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/memorial-day-history)



LADIES AID



Ladies Aid Sewing Group is collecting sheets for Cancer pads. Any size sheets, **NO FLANNEL** sheets. Collection box by mailboxes.

UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS



Diaper Drive – We are collecting diapers to be given away at the Health Fair held here in July. See Vicar Tim for details.

06/03/2021	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Sewing Group- Mtg in Gym
06/09/2021	8:00 pm	Elder's Mtg
06/15/2021	7:00 pm	Board Mtg
06/17/2021	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Sewing Grp- Mtg in Gym
06/18/2021		Kami Wilburn Rehearsal – Gym Rental
06/19/2021		Kami Wilburn Wedding & Reception
06/20/2021		FATHER's Day
06/23-6/26		OLD SETTLER'S DAYS—Will need help with Youth Wagon

NO Wednesday Worship Service or Thursday Bible Study Until Further Notice!

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Health Fair July 10th at Zion Lutheran Church- See Vicar Tim for information if you know of a vendor or some nonprofit that might want to participate.



Janette Bachelder
 Alex Hart
 Gilliana Knuth
 Melinda Puckett
 Jessica Rossow
 Alysa Sawyer
 Jesica Yann
 Zachary Wilburn
 Matt Degitz
 Shawn Schuller
 Peggy Brooke



2 Shawn Schuller
 2 Barbara Wagner
 4 Thomas Wilburn Jr.
 5 Kathaleen Reese
 5 Gretchen Lahrman
 9 Christine Woodhouse
 11 Jeffery Clark
 14 Gilliana Knuth
 18 Kaden Decker
 18 Emerson Knuth
 21 Kirby Coons
 21 Bryan Hart
 21 Daniel Rittner
 21 Betty Wilkinson
 23 Gavin Lahrman
 24 Jack Foldenauer
 26 Edan Rittner
 27 Sara Schuller
 30 Payton Coons



3 Stephen & Kim Yann
 5 Brad & Hope Hart
 11 Wilmer & Karen Scheumann
 (19 Kami & Tom Clark-Upcoming)
 20 Ralph & Barb Kieper
 25 Tom & Cari Knuth



THANK YOU to all who were able to attend my Confirmation, and for the support, cards and gifts I have received.
 ~~Emerson Knuth

Please remember in your daily prayers our Members in Nursing Homes and those at home:

Sandra Barrett, John & Lois Duffy, Linda Hobkirk, Maxine Lott, Bill Niedermeyer, Tim & Sandra Rueger, Willie & Karen Scheumann, Jeannine Slavicek, Jack & Joanne Lane, Ralph & Barbara Keiper, John Myers, Lynn Kyler, Ralph Brooks, Ralph Sexton, and Steve Smith.

Those serving our Country in the Armed Forces: Jason & Ashley Weatherly.

Pastor is *not* part of the prayer chain. Please contact Pastor directly so he can care for your spiritual needs.

Prayer Chain Chairperson: Kathaleen Reese (260) 327-3911.



Congratulations!!!!

We want to honor our graduates for the year 2021!

HIGH SCHOOL

MASON KNUTH ----- Columbia City High School ----- Attending IVY TECH in Fort Wayne

Parents: Daniel Knuth & Jennifer Mosier
Grandparents: Kenneth & Barbara Knuth & Ronald & Nancy Masen

GAVIN LAHRMAN ----- Rochester High School ----- TBD Unsure currently

Parents: Brian Lahrman & Gretchen Miser
Grandparents: Jerry & Barbara Lahrman

GRACE LAHRMAN ----- Gilbert High School ----- Attending Clemson University

Parents: Jeff & Dawn Lahrman
Grandparents: Jerry & Barbara Lahrman

COLLEGE

LOGAN BATCHELDER ----- Purdue Fort Wayne

Parents: Janette Batchelder
Grandparents: Stephen Smith

MORGAN SAWYER ----- Ball State University

Parents: Sara Sawyer
Grandparents: Stephen Smith



June 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service with Holy Communion	31 Pastor's Day Off	1	2	3 9am Ladies Aid Sewing Grp	4	5 Pastor's Day Off
6 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am - Bd of Outreach	7 Pastor's Day Off	8	9 8pm - Elder's Mtg	10	11	12 Pastor's Day Off
13 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service 11:30am - Bd of Education	14 Pastor's Day Off Flag Day	15 7pm - Board Meeting	16 Zealant Items Due	17 9am Ladies Aid Sewing Grp	18 Wilburn/Clark Rehearsal	19 Pastor's Day Off Wilburn/Clark Wedding
20 FATHER'S Day 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 Pastor's Day Off	22	23 Old Settler's Day	24 Old Settler's Day	25 Old Settler's Day	26 Pastor's Day Off Old Settler's Day
27 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service 11:30am - Bd of Youth	28 Pastor's Day Off	29	30	1	2	3
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