



THE ZION ZEALANT

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Father's Day—June 21st



**We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!**
(LSB 781:1–2).

We sing these stanzas every communion Sunday when the offerings of God's faithful people are received at His Altar. It's a sung reminder of who God is and who we are in relation to Him, of what God does for us and gives to us, and how we respond to His generosity.

We are stewards of God's varied grace to us. As stewards we acknowledge that God owns all things and that everything in heaven and on earth belongs to Him (*1 Chron 29:14; Ps 24:1; Ps 100:3; 1 Cor 4:7; 1 Cor 6:19*). Even we ourselves—all that we are and all that we have—are His. We are His because He created us, preserves us, redeemed us, and sanctifies us. As the stewards of what He has done for us and given to us, we give of our first fruits to Him and His Church.

And the Lord receives them and presses them into a use all His own. He sanctifies it. He hallows it. He uses it to ensure that the Word of God is still preached among us. He uses it to ensure that there is water for Baptism, bread and wine for His Holy Supper. He uses what He gives to you and what you give back to Him for your good. Everything that happens in the church is purchased with the giving of the saints

from what God has provided them. Holy giving from holy people pressed into holy service.

But there's more. For our giving does not just make the liturgical life of the church possible. It's not just the necessary means by which the vessels and sacramental elements, the hymn books and pastors are made available. The giving of God's stewards is part of the liturgy itself, part of the Divine Service. It is one of our responses within the liturgy where we, not just with words spoken or sung, but with deeds declare, live out and live in, the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Pet 2:9). Our offerings are part of God's sanctifying work that He has us do in the Divine Service for the life of the world.

There's still more! Our offerings help the Word of God be spread unto all nations: by our giving of our pledge and support to the Indiana District LC-MS; by our Joyful Response to whatever need may be here at Zion; and to our chosen mission projects throughout the year – that they may prosper and too glorify God before all people, that the sweet grace of God would be heard by all people everywhere, that salvation would come to everyone! Now that's taking what *"we give Thee but Thine own..."* a long ways!

That's what makes our stewardship so precious and significant. God hallows what we give and employs it to sanctify us and others. And that is why we sing: *"And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!"*

See you in church!
Pastor Phil Rittner

Council Minutes May 19, 2015

Meeting opened with Ken Knuth giving opening prayer.

Members present: Ken Knuth, Willy and Karen Scheumann, Steve Smith, Dan Knuth, Judy Gilbert, and Joyce Reidt.

Council Minutes from voters meeting were read by Ken Knuth. Steve Smith made a motion and Judy Gilbert 2nd to accept minutes as printed in the Zealant.

Receiving Treasurers Report:

Karen Scheumann gave report, with 1 correction that she had not received interest amount for the month of April, leaving a difference of \$1.90. Joyce Reidt made the motion and Judy Gilbert 2nd to accept the report as presented.

Distributing Treasures Report:

Submitted by Jill Coons and read by Karen Scheumann. Joyce Reidt made the motion to accept the report as submitted Dan Knuth 2nd, motion carried.

Extension Fund money to Lehmberg account, Steve Smith made motion Dan Knuth 2nd, motion carried.

Council to ask Jill Coons about Mission District pledge.

Elders Report:

Steve Smith gave report.

A letter of transfer for H. Chuck Cooper from St. John's Lutheran Church, Dublin, Ohio to Zion.

Also a letter of transfer for Jared, Katie, Ethan, Sawyer, and Jessalyn Wilkinson from St. John's Lutheran Church South Whitley to Zion.

It was also noted that a transfer request from Adam C. Braun from Zion

Lutheran Church Columbia City to Faith Lutheran in Churubusco appears in Pastors report.

Pastor Jeff Horn has accepted a call in California.

Elders preformed a S.W.O.T. analysis during their meeting.

Discussion of the upcoming budget.

Average attendance for April:
Easter Sunrise – 43, Easter Late Service – 57, Sundays – 69, Maundy Thurs. – 20, Good Fri. – 38, and Mid-week – 11.

Next meeting of Elder's June 10th.

Trustee Report:

Dan Knuth reported.

There is a credit of \$513 on the Church's insurance premium policy (Guide One). Dan to shop around. Will call for 2 quotes to allow Guide One to compete if difference is substantial. \$1328 per quarter.

Red Cross Shelter agreement = Zion's property for a disaster as an emergency shelter.

Storage Building – Truss layout plan from contractor submit to the state. Phil Coons will complete this process. Commercial & non-profit property.

The furnace and A/C will be serviced by Masters Heating and Cooling 1 time a year for \$1212 per year. We still need volunteers for mowing and yard up keep. A Thank You to Pastor for mowing this week.

Lemburg Legacy Fund all monies are now invested in their correct place and we will be receiving a monthly balance report.

Red Cross will be here at Zion on May 28th and July 23rd for blood drive.

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Board of Education:

Judy Gilbert reported.

Opening devotions by Pastor started the meeting.

No meeting in April.

Sunday school attendance for April: Students – 8, Adults – 15.

Barb Knuth reported we have received our summer quarter materials for Sunday school.

Missions for March and April were L.A.M.B. we collected \$293.80. May and June Missions area Luther Academy Seminary of Ft. Wayne. The money collected will go to support students who are studying to be Pastors that area teaching in Panama.

Old Business – Discussed revitalization Pastor would like to make available the church to groups like Celebrate Recovery and AA.

VBS planning is going well. Barb Lahrman has all teachers and volunteers positions filled.

We are going to advertise VBS by putting in news paper, making flyers to pass out at Old Settlers, using yard signs that we purchased and Cheryl will be sending out post cards to children reminding them of VBS.

On June 28, 2015 after church we will have a VBS meeting lead by Pastor Phil and Barb Lahrman to finalize VBS. Everyone who is involved is welcome to attend. Snacks will be served.

Library report – Lois Duffy had donated some new Readers Digest books and Kathaleen Reese has donated several used books for our library.

Pastors Report – Pastor is working hard to get more children to attend church.

Other – We discussed Rally Day as to what fun things we can do.

Next Meeting – June 28th.

Board of Christian Outreach:

Pastor will deliver cards from card shower to Larry Haugk, Charley Stanley and Joyce Reidt.

No other report from Outreach.

No Reports from Stewardship or Youth.

Pastors Report:

Read by Steve Smith.

Pastor will be preaching at the N.E. Indiana Bluegrass Festival in Kendallville on Sunday, May 24th, at 1:20 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend – it's just a good time and good music!

We have received a request from Adam Braun and family, to transfer them to Faith Lutheran in Churubusco.

Have received a request from Larry Haugk. He's asking for help driving him from home to his physical therapy appointments (not far). Any suggestions? Joyce Reidt and Pastor have agreed to a few times, but more help is needed.

The Red Cross will be here at Zion for a blood drive on Thursday, May 28th. Who will be coming in to open up and make sure things get locked up? (Steve Smith has done this in the past...)

The Indiana District LC-MS Convention will be held at the Grand Wayne Center in Ft. Wayne on June 25th & 26th. Approximate hours of convention are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pastor must attend. No one from the congregation has offered to attend as a lay delegate. It is still possible for someone to attend with Pastor (no charge)...this is an important function of the Church as a whole! Pastor will need to know very soon who may want to attend, as they use reserved seating for the delegates at the Convention.

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Revitalization – Constitution/Bylaws work. I have received a strong suggestion from District that we include in the new Constitution/Bylaws a written “PURPOSE” statement for each church officer and each board/committee. This could be simply like (for example): ***“The purpose of the Board of Outreach is to (what) ...”*** ***Something*** for everyone to consider. Also, I have received a few minor changes to the ‘draft’ Constitution/Bylaws thus far. Anyone wishing to make any suggestions has until our next Voter’s Meeting on July 19th to let either Pastor or Kenny Knuth know. Our plan is to finalize our portion and submit the draft to District on or about July 20, 2015.

I have two possible dates for the Goal Setting Seminar led by Pastor Geoff Robinson: June 13th or July 11th. This seminar will include all officers and all members of boards and/or committees of Zion. This will be a 4 – 5 hour, Saturday gathering with possibly a light meal involved. Pastor will take care of the meal. (Note, this was an approved prescription of the Revitalization program.)

New Business:

Financial Peace University cost \$249. \$156 is needed to pay off balance to Dan Knuth, from a refund recently received. We will discuss and make a motion @ Voters.

A discussion took place regarding the draft Constitution/Bylaws that everyone is reviewing.

Zion’s Garage Sale will be August 20th – 22nd, 2015. Part of the money will go to fund the Sunday school Rally Day Fun Day, for food and activities. We still need help taking care of

Zion’s yard work & up keep with the mowing and landscape is a lot of work!! “Your HELP is NEEDED.” PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!!

Respectfully submitted by Joyce Reidt and Cheryl Thiele

“Attention All Church Officers and All Members of any Board or Committee:

We will be meeting soon with Rev. Geoff Robinson for the Goal Setting Seminar approved at Voter’s Meeting, and as a prescription of Revitalization. We will meet on the two Saturdays of **June 13th and **July 11th**, beginning at 9 AM on those dates. (It was split up to two dates so our meetings would be only a couple of hours each time.) Attendance is required (!)– Pastor will also be in attendance. And, please note that anyone else NOT holding an office in the church is most definitely welcome to attend!!! We would love to have greater participation in this Revitalization process!!”**

ATTENTION:

The mailboxes have been redone. Your old mailbox might have moved. Please look closely when checking your mailbox!!

Ladies Aid/LWML Minutes May 20, 2015

Eight members attended the 1 p.m. meeting, President Kathaleen Reese opened the meeting with a prayer entitled "A New Day." A Devotion was next with phrases gleaned "When life is at its worst, Jesus is at His best."

Business Meeting:

The secretary's April minutes were accepted with a motion by Marty Williams and 2nd by Maxine Lott. Treasurer Joan Lane read her report for March 19th to May 20th, 2015. It was accepted with a motion by Sami Blomquist and 2nd by Jennie Childs.

Correspondence:

An e-mail letter brought news of Pastor Easterday's retirement in September from his congregation in Crown Point, IN. He will be re-locating to Columbia City. Graduation cards were discussed.

Committees"

Four quilts will be knotted at the June meeting June 18th at 9 a.m. Bars of soap are still being collected to add to the packages going to the Lutheran World Relief truck in October.

Collection of Card Fronts:

These will now be taken to the Columbia City Passages at 301 West Van Buren to be used for crafts.

3-Zone LWML Spring Rally:

At Zion Lutheran Church in Woodburn was attended by President Reese and she reported about the Redemption House Ministries presented by Director Tomi Carden. The Ministries are located at 2720 Fairfield Avenue in Ft. Wayne.

President Reese also announced that the LWMOL Mites Biennial goal as \$1,851,348.00 and this has been exceeded by \$21,348.67.

Bake Sale:

It was approved by members to hold the sale on the 2 days of August 20th & 21st at the Zion Garage Sale.

Stamps for Mission and Coupons:

This is an on-going project and the stamps are sent to the 3-Zone & North Zone Rallies and the Coupons are sent to Bethesda by Jennie Childs.

Mission Project Ingathering for Fall:

This is for the Concordia Seminary Co-op which needs house hold items.

New Business:

The Ladies Aid Guest Luncheon will be discussed at the June Meeting.

A Fun Program was presented by President Reese and Melody Reese.

President Reese read an Internet article entitled "Old Words and Phrases Remind Us of the Way We Word." It brought back so many expressions that members remembered such as "carbon copy; You sound like a broken record; Our bib and tucker' I'll be a monkey's uncle; and This is a fine kettle of fish." Also memorable items such as poodle skirts, saddle shoes, pedal pushers, skate keys, candy cigarettes and Mickey Mouse wristwatches. All the above have the advantage of age for a trip down memory lane.

Melody Reese read a humorous and fitting statements on "Lessons from Noah's Ark." It started with "Don't Miss the Boat" and ended with "No matter the storm, when you area with God, thee is always a rainbow." (continued on next page)

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Members were given a paper to fill out-a Getting to Know You by listing their 10 favorite things or persons and a memento. Melody Reese read each paper and members guessed who had wrote it. Members were asked also what their favorite toy as a child and what was your childhood home like. It was fun and interesting.

President Reese read "Thankful For": The way to find happiness.

Members then read: the 7 Daily Rules from God:

Wake up: Rejoice in the Lord's day

Dress Up: With a smile

Shut Up: Say nice things and listen

Stand Up: For what you believe in

Look Up: To the Lord

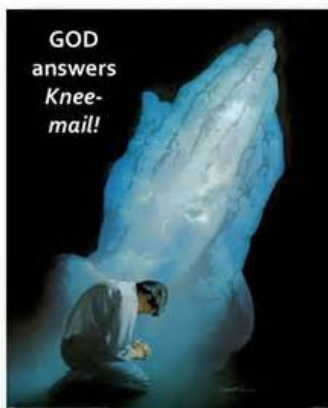
Reach Up: Trust in the Lord

Lift Up: Your prayers and do not
worry

Remember that God answers knee-mail.

The meeting was closed with "A Prayer" said in unison. Fellowship time brought Rhubarb Delight and Trail Mix served by President Reese and Melody Reese. Fresh flowers of purple and lavender decorated the table along with china crosses with Bible verses. Lois Duffy won the table prize.

Submitted by Lois Duffy, Secretary



"WORK DAY"

Ladies Aid-LWML

Thursday, June 18, 2015

9:00 a.m. to ?

(or as many hours as you can)

**We will be knotting quilts
and sewing cancer pads.**

**(bring scissors and thin darning needles,
if you have some.)**

**Come join us for this
Lutheran World Relief Project**

Great Fellowship!



Old Settler's Day

June 23rd—27th

Youth will be selling corn dogs!!

Will need parents & youth
to help out.

Sign-up sheet
will be on bulletin board soon!

Board of Outreach will be selling pork
burgers before the parade on Saturday
Proceeds to go to the A.E.D. Fund.



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL
SCOOP**
June 2015

Summer Sunday School sessions begin June 7th with lessons from Concordia Publishing House “Growing in Christ” series, entitled, “3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God.”

June’s lessons introduce the First Article of the Apostle’s Creed: “I Believe in God the Father Almighty.”

7th—”God Made Us: God Creates the World”

14th—”God Made the Angels: An Angel Rescues Peter”

21st—”God Cares for Us: Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath”

28th—”God Protects Us: God Rescues Israel”

Sunday School is a great way to begin the week with family getting strengthened through the Good News of our Savior. Children and adults meet in the gym for opening songs and announcements and then break into age level classes. Please join us!

Sunday School missions for the months of March and April totaled \$293.80 for Dr. Jane Weaver of Latin America Mission Board in San Lorenzo. Thank you for your generous contributions!

The months of May and June will support the Lutheran Academy of Panama-training young men for the ministry.

Sunday School Stats for April 2015

Class Attendance:

Tie for 1st place between Primary and Pre-teen classes—75%; Jr./Sr. High—50%

Perfect Attendance:

Emerson and Mason Knuth

If you would like to become involved with the Sunday School and have any questions, please see Kenny or Barb Knuth.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**VBS will be held on
July 6—10, 2015
9:00—11:30 a.m.**

**Let your friends and neighbors
know also.**

Would like to borrow some items.

If you have any of the following:

Pop-Up Tent(s)—(1 or 2)

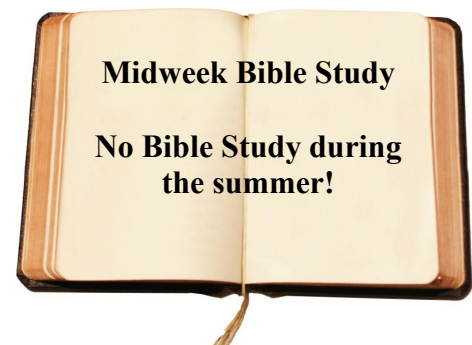
Camping Chairs—(need 9-12)

Lanterns

Binoculars

Hiking Backpacks

**These will need to be brought in
week before VBS starts.**





DOES ZION NEED AN A.E.D.?

With our congregation getting older and more and more people being diagnosed with A-Fib, the board of outreach feels it will be a good idea for Zion to have one of these on the grounds. With a few being trained by the Red Cross it will help our congregation in time of crisis if needed.

In the narthex you will see a big thermometer to help us show us how we are doing towards reaching our goal. On that thermometer there are small envelopes to put your donation along with your name so you can get credit for the amount given.

Please see the information below.

Q. What is AED?

A. Automated external defibrillator

Q. What is an AED?

A. An AED is a sophisticated, reliable, safe, computerized device that delivers electric shocks to a casualty in cardiac arrest when the ECG rhythm is one that is likely to respond to a shock.

Q. Are AED's easy to use.

A. It is very easy to use an AED.

You turn on the device and there are clear and concise prompts' advising you exactly what to do every step of the way.

Q. How much does it cost?

A. Depending on the type we buy it will be between \$1500 and \$2000.

If there are any questions, please talk to Monica Koldyke or Peg Brooke.

Students Graduating

Riley Coons

Daughter of Phil & Jill Coons.

Graduating from

Columbia City High School.

Interest in teaching dance, working dance conventions, and exploring opportunities available to her.

Adrian Kimmel

Daughter of Angela Kimmel and Granddaughter of Willie & Karen Scheumann.

Graduating from

Columbia City High School.

Will attend a 2 year Culinary Arts School.

Majoring in Culinary and minor in Business Management.

Alysa Sawyer

Daughter of Rick & Sara Sawyer and Granddaughter of Steve Smith.

Graduating from

Columbia City High School.

Will attend

International Business College next year.

Justin Bachelder

Son of Zach & Janette Bachelder and Grandson of Steve Smith.

Graduating from

Columbia City High School.

Will attend

Indiana State University next year, majoring in Biology.



CELEBRATIONS

When placing newspaper items on bulletin board, please make sure there is a date on it. This helps in letting us know when to take it down after being up for a few months. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed

It would help out greatly if people would volunteer their time before, during worship service and after by volunteering as ushers, greeters, communion assistants and youth acolyting.

Worship Services



SUNDAY

Sunday School—9:00 a.m.

Worship—10:15 a.m.

w/Communion

1st & 3rd Sundays

WEDNESDAY

Worship—7:00 p.m.

w/Communion

2nd & 4th Wednesday

Rev. Phil Rittner

Cell Phone: 260-415-9078

(I text if you'd like!)

Email: revrittner@reagan.com



The Oaks:

Patricia Neidermeyer

Renaissance Village:

Dorathy Ummel

Peabody Home (Memory Care):

Alberta Warnick

Luther Home in Crown Point:

Harriet Redman

Those at home:

Sami Blomquist, Bob Gallmeyer, Larry Haugk, Linda Hobkirk, Jim Jackson, Bill Neidermeyer, Wayne Reese, Tim & Sandra Rueger, Willie & Karen Scheumann, Michael Sexton and Charles Stanley (staying with daughter)

Those Serving in the Armed Forces:

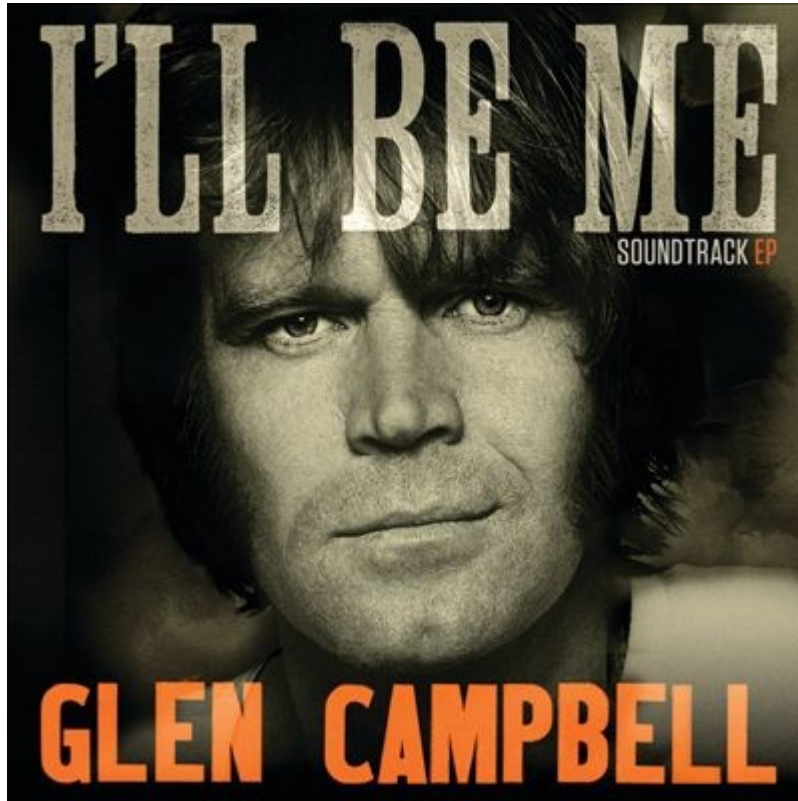
Jessie Contreras, Chris Decker, Alex Hart, Joshua Rittner, Matt Shoda, Jason & Ashley Weatherly and Dayne Zielinski

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

for

. . . and anyone else we have not mentioned that might be in our hearts. . . . Lord, hear our prayers.

Glen Campbell Film "I'll Be Me"



**Join us for a one-day screening
of this powerful film
on memory loss
Thursday, June 4th, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
at the Parkview Mirro Center**

**Parkview Mirro Center for Research and Innovation
10622 Parkview Plaza Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46845**

**Your participation will promote awareness and understanding
of Alheimers disease and dementia in Northeast Indiana.
Proceeds benefit the Lutheran Life Villages Foundation.**

**Tickets are \$7.50 and will go fast.
Purchase at ABetterWayOfLiving.org**



**Lutheran Life Village
260-447-1591
www.ABetterWayofLiving.org**

SERVING IN JUNE 2015

USHERS

7TH—Steve Smith
14TH—Mike Gerbers
21ST—Ralph Sexton
28TH—Steve Smith

ACOLYTES

7TH—Shianne Brooke
14TH—Kyler Bills
21ST—Mason Knuth
28TH—Logan Bachelder

GREETERS

7TH—Joyce Reidt
14TH—Lois Duffy
21ST—Pat Decker
28TH—Kathaleen Reese

ALTAR GUILD

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POWERPOINT

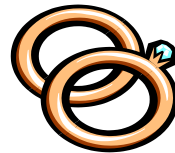
7TH—?
14TH—?
21ST—?
28TH—?

COFFEE HOUR

7TH—Gayle Goshorn
14TH—Judy Gilbert
21ST—Pat Decker
28TH—?

BIRTHDAY'S

1 Jennie Childs
2 Shawn Schuller
5 Gretchen Conley
5 Aaron Pepler
5 Kathaleen Reese
11 Jeffery Clark
14 Gilliana Knuth
15 Ronald Puckett
17 Mason Gilbert
18 Emerson Knuth
20 Justin Whaley
21 Kirby Coons
21 Brian Hart
21 Daniel Rittner
21 Betty Wilkinson
23 Gavin Lahrman
24 Jack Foldenauer
25 Don Childs
27 Sara Schuller
29 Gayle Goshorn
30 Payton Coons



ANNIVERSARIES

2 J. Wayne & Kathleen Reese
3 Stephen & Kim Yann
5 Brad & Hope Hart
8 Mike & Linda Gerbers
11 Wilmer & Karen Scheumann
20 Ralph & Barb Kieper
25 Tom & Cari Knuth

BAPTISMS

Janette Bachelder
Adrian Kimmel
Alex Hart
Joyce Palmer
Melinda Puckett
Hailey Puckett
Alysa Sawyer
Dorothy Ummel
Justin Whaley
Jessica Whaley
Jessica Yann



JUNE 2015

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	1	2 Circuit Meeting @ Clear Lake, Fremont	3 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	4 Ladies Aid Sewing 9 am	5 CCHS Graduation	6
7 S.S. 9 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am	8	9	10 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm Elders	11	12	13 Goal Setting Seminar 9 a.m. (all church officers and board members)
14 S.S./Staff 9 am Worship 10:15 am Youth 11:30 am	15	16 Council 7 pm	17 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	18 LWML Quilt Work Day 9 am--?	19	20 Outreach 10 am
21 Father's Day S.S. 9 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am	22	23 Old Settler's Day	24 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm Old Settler's Day	25 Old Settler's Day Indiana-LCMS District Convention in Fort Wayne May 25th & 26th	26 Old Settler's Day	27 Selling pork burgers before parade Old Settler's Day
28 S.S./Staff 9 am Worship 10:15 am Trustees 11:30 am Bd. of Ed. & VBS staff meeting 11:30 am	29	30				