



THE ZION ZEALANT

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Here in June, we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost. It's a day of wonder for some. It's the day the Holy Spirit was poured out on Christ's disciples, ten days after His Ascension into heaven. But looking at the account of that blessed day in Holy Scripture, Acts 2:1 – 21, there's some important aspects we ought to note ourselves. Like the very first verse, verse 1. It says: **“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.”** I'd like to emphasize the words **“they were all together in one place...”** It has been the custom of the Church and the calling of God that Jesus' disciples regularly gather **“in one place”**. It's called 'going to church.'

Here at Zion in Columbia City, we gather in the **“place”** located at 101 E. North Street, often referred to as 'right across from the Dairy Queen.' But we seldom **“all”** gather in this place. Oh, we often have 'many' of us here at church! I pray each day for all the souls entrusted to me by God as His under-shepherd here in this **“place”**. I pray that the Holy Spirit would lead many of our members into the Sanctuary for worship and to one of the many opportunities we have for Bible Study. But living and working and moving about the city for one or two years and not coming to church – well... that's not being a member of the church. And though we don't actually take “attendance”, we do notice when someone hasn't been here in a while. There are several that we haven't seen in some time. And, being human myself, one or two folks do seemingly 'slip through' and I have failed to notice their absence and follow up with them in a timely manner – and I beg your forgiveness when this happens!

St. Peter said:

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Acts 2:17–21; ESV).

This portion of St. Peter's sermon at Pentecost fulfills that which the prophet Joel exclaimed years before. That

God's promises have come to fruition now with the coming of the Holy Spirit to disciples of Jesus. The last sentence quoted above, should be significant to us as we consider whether to come to church on Sunday (or Wednesdays!). For, to **"call upon the name of the Lord"** isn't something many of us do on a day-to-day basis. This 'invocation' **always** happens in the church! Every service we have – worship, baptism, wedding, funeral – every service begins by calling upon the name of the Lord! Yes; He is present in your home and in your work place and at the park and at your family gatherings and at your side every step you take. Jesus promised you that in Matthew 28:20: **"And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."** But I list below Scriptural accounts, that which God says to you and I **FOR** going to church for the right reasons:

Jesus Christ died for the church. Ephesians 5:25: Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

We must be imitators of Christ and His apostles. Luke 4:16: He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read. **Mark 1:21:** Jesus and his companions went to the town of Capernaum. When the Sabbath day came, he went into the synagogue and began to teach.

You learn and better understand Scripture. It increases your growth on your walk of faith. Colossians 3:16: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. **2 Timothy 2:15:** Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

To have fellowship with your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:3: We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **Matthew 18:20:** For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. **Matthew 28:20**" ... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

It is important to have fellowship with other believers. Share, encourage, teach, love, help, etc. Hebrews 10:24-25: And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. **Acts 2:42-47:** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

To worship God. John 4:23-24: But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

It is important for spiritual growth and spiritual strength. Colossians 1:9-10: And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

To put God first. Instead of doing other things on Sunday go to church. Matthew 6:33: But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

So, I hope you see that God wants you in church! God wants to hear you sing and praise Him! And He wants you to share with other like believing folks a fellowship and love – that you can carry out into all the world!

I pray to see you in church! Not just for some number of attendance. Not for anything other than that YOU may be fed, your soul nourished, and you can hear the Word of God assure you your sins are forgiven and that Jesus died and rose from the tomb so you could have everlasting life!

Pastor Phil Rittner

Church Council Minutes

May 16, 2017

Kenny Knuth called the meeting to order with 9 members present.
Pastor opened with scripture and prayer.

Kenny Knuth read a letter to the council from Ralph Brooke stating that effective May 14, 2017 he was resigning his position as Church Council President. The council wishes to acknowledge what a good job he has done.

Minutes: Kim Yann made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Zealant for the April 2017 Voters meeting, Chuck Cooper 2nd the motion passed.

Receiving Treasurer: Chuck Cooper

	April 2017	Year to Date
Unrestricted Receipts:	\$8873.00	\$31,702.50
Total Restricted Receipts	\$1472.57	\$13,343.48
Interest	\$1.29	\$5.37
Total Receipts:	\$10,646.39	\$46,267.46

Steve Smith made the motion to accept the report as presented, Kim Yann 2nd the motion passed.

Disbursing Treasurer: Jill Coons

Due to problems with the internet the council opted to accept the March 2017 report as posted in the office. Kim Yann made the motion and Chuck Cooper 2nd the motion passed.

Unrestricted Funds:	April 2017 \$4021.52	
Youth Accounts:	\$11,732.29	
Restricted Funds:	\$18,762.29	
Lehmburg Legacy	\$77,757.69 (Market value as of March 31, 2017	\$75,757.69
Statement of activity:	April 2017	Year to Date

Net Revenue		
General Budget:	\$1574.30	\$2406.34
Non-Budgeted/Reimbursed:	\$743.21	\$11,455.12
Youth	\$-29.86	\$157.25
Total Net Revenue	\$2287.65	\$14,018.71

Joyce Reidt made the motion to accept the report as presented Steve Smith 2nd the motion passed.

Elders: Steve Smith

After discussing Easter Sunrise service it was decided that next year that starting time will be moved back to 8:00 am.

Pastor received seven requests for follow up visits resulting from canvassing the area on Saturday May 6th. Attendance: April 2017 - Sundays 62; Easter (Early service) 17; Easter (Late service) 104; Mid-week 13; Maundy Thursday 29; and Good Friday 47.

Trustees: Dan Knuth

The night light closest to North Street had been fixed.

The weeds have been sprayed.

An e-mail was sent to the company concerning the parking lot, more information to come.

Board of Youth: Dan Knuth

Earth Day clean up went well, the youth cleaned the Narthex, Nursery, and also cleaned and organized the kitchen (6 bags of trash were removed from the kitchen.)

The application for Old Settlers has been sent in.

Board of Outreach: Kim Yann

A meeting was held May 7th with the committee members. We will meet on Friday evening May 18th to organize and set-up. Set-up for the block party will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday May 20th.

Kim Yann asked Chuck Cooper to check on Porta Potties for Old Settlers.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Rittner

Canvassing went well, there is a possibility for another this fall. We received 7 responses to contact people for a visit.

Pastor reported that there is a shortage of pastors for the LCMS, there is also a shortage of teachers for our Lutheran schools.

There are 10 Concordia Universities that offer teaching degrees, they will also be starting nursing programs and the possibility of a Physician's Assistant program.

Katie Rittner is doing an excellent job in providing music for our Sunday Services.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Jill Coons wanted to thank the council for providing the Emergency repairs fund it was useful in getting the audio fixed so that we had music Easter Sunday.

With no other business, Joyce Reidt made a motion to adjourn and Kim Yann 2nd the motion passed. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted Joyce Reidt (sec.)



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

June 2017

Summer Sunday School quarter begins June 4th. Opening continues in the gym at 9:00 a.m. and classes begin at 9:10 a.m.

This quarter's lessons are entitled, "FEAR, LOVE & TRUST," Following God's Commandments." In these 13 Bible stories children will learn about the Ten Commandments and see that the Law, which is commanded by God, is meaningful for them.

June 4th – "God Gives the Law"

11th – "The Golden Calf"

18th – "David and Goliath"

25th – "Solomon Builds and Dedicates the Temple"

A total of \$288.15 was sent to the Latin American Missions Board in San Lorenzo for March and April's mission project. We are supporting the Woodburn Christian Children's Home for the months of May and June, (Please see information printed in Zealant.)

S.S. STATS – April 2017

Class Attendance: High School – 80% (Banner Class); Preteen/Jr. High ties with Preschool/Kg. – 50%; Elementary Grds. 2-5 – 46.7%.

KIDS AND PARENTS! Mark your calendars for evening Vacation Bible School – July 30—Aug. 2!



You can give online at: www.wcchonline.org or mail to: Woodburn Christian Children's Home
P.O. Box 459
Woodburn, IN 46797

The Woodburn Christian Children's Home is a 501©(3) organization and receives no public funds. We depend entirely on donations from individuals, churches, business, and organizations. This State-Licensed Residential Child-Care Ministry provides a Christian family environment for children who need a home. Our cost of caring for a child is less than half the average cost of residential child-care throughout the tri-state area. Over the years, we have provided a home for many children who had **NO ABILITY TO PAY**. **YOUR PRAYERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

OTHER NEEDS: Canned Goods – Vegetables, Fruit, Tomato juice, Beans-kidney, chili, pork n beans
Bisquick, Pancake mix, Instant oatmeal packets, Salt, Kool-aid mix
Toilet paper, Paper towels, Hand soap, Plastic wrap, Paper plates
Window Cleaner, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, All purpose Cleaners

COME VISIT US!

24902 Notestine Road, Woodburn, IN 46797



Vacation Bible School 2017

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

Teachers will be:

Katie Wilkinson for preschool
Jared Wilkinson for Kdg. thru 2nd grade
Scott Woodhouse grades 4-6
Pat Decker & Chris Woodhouse – Crafts
Judy Gilbert & Bonnie Pease - Snacks

Now Looking for Helpers!

Items needed:
paper towel tubes



(Props for VBS) Just a sneak peak of what is to come. Some things are done and others are still in progress.



Confirmation Camp

June 5-8 & 12-15 from 9 am to 3:30 pm.

We have four youth scheduled: Andrew Braun, Lily Lane,
Sam Mullett, and Ethan Wilkinson.

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!



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

The Mother/Daughter Tea went wonderfully! We had about 20 people attend. I want to tell everyone who helped a great big Thank You!! I hope to see everyone back next year and anyone else who can attend.

Father's Day Father/Son Basketball Game – Saturday, June 17th from 1-3 p.m.

All invited: Father's, Sons, Uncles, Grandpa's. Also: wives, daughters, mother's, etc. We need you to attend too, we need CHEERLEADERS for the guys!

Food & drink will be provided. This will be a Free Will Donation.



Zion's Family

Christopher Brooke

Son of:

**Brian and April Brooke,
Grandparents - Ralph & Peg Brooke
and Great Grandparent - Marty
Williams**

**Graduating from:
Columbia City High School**

**Interest after school -
Work at Walmart and
Fireman at Columbia City Fire Dept.**

Myrissa Crutchfield

**Daughter of:
Tim Crutchfield**

**Graduating from:
Columbia City High School**

**Interest after school - College:
University of St. Francis
(Nursing)**

Morgan Sawyer

**Daughter of Sara Sawyer and
Grandpa is Steve Smith**

**Graduating from:
Columbia City High School**

**Interest after school – College
(undecided at this time)**

OLD SETTLER'S DAYS DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA CITY – JUNE 20TH – 24TH

Youth and Adults will be selling corndogs,
water, pop during the evening hours.

Sign-up sheet is on the Narthex bulletin
board. PLEASE SIGN-UP TO HELP!!!!

**Thursday Bible Study
will take a break for
the summer and will
start back up at the
end of August.**

THANK YOU!

A very special "Thank You" to the
person who put the beautiful cross
necklace in my mailbox recently and to
the one who put cookies in my box at
Christmas.

Bless you "whoever you are"!
Kathaleen Reese

Bible Trivia Questions:

1. What does Simon Peter do for a living before he becomes an apostle?
2. In the Gospel of Mark, how does the Virgin Mary learn of her pregnancy?
3. Who is Stephen in Acts of the Apostles?
4. According to the Gospel of Matthew, who visits Jesus at his birth and where does this meeting take place?



The Oaks:
Patricia Neidermeyer

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

. . . 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
1st & 3rd Sundays

WEDNESDAY
Worship—7:00 p.m.
w/Communion
2nd & 4th Wednesdays

BLOCK PARTY 2

WHAT FUN WE HAD

May 20, Zion held its 2nd annual Block Party and this time it was inside due to rain. With 2 inflatables, games, cupcake walk, hula hoop tick tack toe and lots of kids our gym was full and overflowing. With over 100 in attendance both Zion's family and our guests had a great time.

Many thanks go to all who worked on the committees. Chuck Cooper –inflatables; Jim Mullet-fire, Ems & Sheriff Dept.; Joyce Reidt and Kami Wilburn-food and kitchen; Barb Knuth- Publicity; Kate Rittner- photos and flyers; Judy Gilbert , Barb Knuth and Patsy Decker-VBS; Amanda Crutchfield-cupcake walk; Kate and Jared Wilkinson –face painting; Pastor Rittner-MEG Grant; Thrivent Action –Peg Brooke.

Thank you also go to those who picked up, inflated, and tore down the inflatables, Chuck Cooper, Steve Yann, Steve Smith, Phil Coons, Chris and Scott Woodhouse. A special thanks to the many people who donated food, pop, and money. Our youth leaders helped with supervision during the event.

As you can see this was a church event where 55 members plus kids of Zion were involved in serving God through outreach and prayer. Thank you to everyone involved.

		Expenses	
Thrivent Expenses; \$250.	Prizes, capri-sun drinks, ice and balloons		
Meg Grant; \$1000	Flyers & Banner	\$115.00	
	T-Shirts	\$368.00	
	B&J Rental	\$315.00	
	Publicity	\$ 45.00	
	Total	\$843.00	



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 17th will receive the Lutheran Night discount offer.)

See flyer on Narthex bulletin board.

JUNE

SERVING AT CHURCH

Ushers

4th – Ralph Sexton
11th – Steve Smith
18th – Ralph Sexton
25th – Steve Smith

Acolytes

4th – Lily Lane
11th – Emma Mullett
18th – Mason Knuth
25th – Kirby Coons

Greeters

4th – Kathaleen Reese
11th –
18th – Pat Decker
25th –

Altar Guild

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BIRTHDAY'S



1 Jennie Childs
2 Shawn Schuller
4 Thomas Wilburn Jr.
5 Gretchen Conley
5 Kathaleen Reese
9 Andrew Braun
11 Easton Childs
11 Jeffery Clark
14 Gilliana Knuth
15 Ronald Puckett

17 Mason Gilbert
18 Kaden Decker
18 Emerson Knuth
20 Justin Whaley
21 Kirby Coons
21 Brian Hart
21 Daniel Rittner
21 Betty Wilkinson
21 Jassalyn Wilkinson
23 Gavin Lahrman
24 Jack Foldenauer
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
Easton Childs
Shasta Childs
Alex Hart
Adrian Kimmel
Gilliana Knuth
Joyce Reidt
Melinda Puckett
Hailey Puckett
Jessica Rossow
Alysa Sawyer
Jessica Yann



JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Ladies Aid Sewing 9 am LWML 6 pm	2	3 Pastor's day off
4 S.S. 9:00 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am Outreach 11:30 am	5 Catechism Camp 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.-----	6	7 Wed. Service 7 pm Elders	8	9	10 Pastor's day off
11 S.S. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Bd. of Education 11:30 am Rittner Baby Shower 12-4 pm gym	12 Cheryl on vacation----- Catechism Camp 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.-----	13	14 Wed. Service 7 pm	15 Ladies Aid Sewing 9 am	16	17 Father & Son Basketball 1-3 pm gym Pastor's day off
18 S.S. 9:00 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am	19 Pastor's day off	20 Church Council 7 pm	21 Wed. Service 7 pm	22	23 Red Cross all day in gym	24 Old Settler's Parade Pastor's day off
Old Settler's -----						
25 S.S. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Youth 11:30 am	26 Zealant Items Due! Pastor's day off	27	28 Wed. Service 7 pm	29	30	

Answers to Bible Trivia:

A fisherman

Angel Gabriel

First Christian martyr

Three Wise Men, in a stable