



THE ZION ZEALANT

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Pentecost.

If you go back to the Old Testament, you'll discover that Pentecost was one of the Jewish feast days. Only they didn't call it Pentecost. That's the Greek name. The Jews called it the *Feast of Harvest* or the *Feast of Weeks*. It's mentioned five places in the Pentateuch — in Exodus 23, Exodus 24, Leviticus 16, Numbers 28, and Deuteronomy 16.

The account of the first Christian Pentecost in Act 2 reports that, after Jesus ascended into heaven, Jesus' followers were gathered together for the Feast of Harvest (*aka Pentecost*), and the Holy Spirit *"filled the whole house where they were sitting"* (Acts 2:2). *"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them"* (Acts 2:4). This strange occurrence drew a large crowd, and Peter stood up to speak to them about repentance and the gospel of Christ (Acts 2:14). By the end of the day that the Holy Spirit came, the Church grew by 3,000 people

(Acts 2:41). Therefore, Christians still celebrate Pentecost.

The Season of Pentecost then in our Church Year is the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. As the name suggests, Pentecost is marked 50 days on from Easter. It marks the end of the Easter season. It is celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, which falls on June 9th this year.

The Holy Spirit's activity is creative and powerful. His working in this way has a history. In the Old Testament, the Spirit was present at the creation of the world, hovering over the face of the waters (Gen. 1:2). The Spirit came in power upon Israel's judges and kings, equipping and strengthening them to accomplish great feats and victories for God and His people (Judges 6:34; 14:6; 1 Sam. 16:13, 14). By the Spirit, the prophets became mouthpieces for the Lord, proclaiming both judgment and deliverance (Ezek. 2:2–3; Micah 3:8).

The Spirit's activity continues today. That's why the Christian celebration of Pentecost is

such a joyful one—and so vital for the Church to remember. Through the preaching of the Gospel and Baptism, the Holy Spirit calls and gathers believers to Christ and His Church. This gracious work is ongoing; it is not yet completed in our lives. The Spirit works among people of every nation and language—among all to whom the Church is sent to proclaim the Gospel. For this reason, Christians pray for the continued outpouring of the Spirit and for the fulfillment of His sanctifying work.

The miracle of Pentecost is not merely a past, historical event. The Spirit's wondrous activity goes on in the Church today. To be sure, the special manifestation and dynamic outpouring of the Spirit on the apostles at the first Pentecost was a unique event in the history of the Church. However, there are some important things for Christians to remember about our own Pentecost celebrations.

The confidence of Christians in our world today easily can be shaken. We are bombarded with invitations to doubt the truthfulness of God and His Word. False teachers may tempt us to cast aside our faith in favor of the claims of other "truths." We have become accustomed to new assaults on the person of Jesus Christ, His message, and His work. It may not surprise us that our beliefs are rejected and despised, but our confidence may soon weaken if we find ourselves rejected and despised because of our faith.

The Holy Spirit has a history—a record—of working in the world through His means of grace and the forgiveness of sins. This history is also a personal one for each of us, because the Spirit works intimately in our lives. In his explanation to the Third Article of the Creed, Martin Luther details the Spirit's work, giving us a very personal confession of faith for Pentecost:

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

We here at Zion rejoice in the coming of the Holy Spirit! And we pray the Holy Spirit continually work through us in furthering the great Gospel of Jesus Christ and the forgiveness of sins, and the life everlasting!

See you in church! Soon!

Pastor Phil Rittner

Council Meeting

Church Council Meeting May 21, 2019

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbia City, Indiana
Church Council Meeting, May 21, 2019

Meeting called to order by Scott Woodhouse, President with 8 members present.
Pastor Rittner opened the meeting with Provers 1.

Minutes: Peggy Brooke made a motion to accept the April 2019 minutes printed in the May 2019 Zealant as printed. Chuck Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Receiving Treasurer: reported by Chuck Cooper

	April 2019	YTD
Unrestricted Receipts	\$ 8,081.00	\$ 34,736.56
Restricted/ Miscellaneous Receipts	\$ 1,716.63	\$ 2,673.18
Dividends	\$ 301.88	\$ 1,230.52
Interest	\$ 2.13	\$ 12.38
Total Receipts	\$10,101.64	\$ 38,652.64

Steve Smith made a motion to accept the report as presented. Peggy Brooke seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Disbursing Treasurer: Jill Coons

Check/Savings April 2019

General Checking/Savings	\$ 5,543.95
Youth	\$12,667.13
Restricted Funds	\$19,262.09
Lehmburg Legacy	\$76,067.90 (market value at 3/31/2019 \$72,413.92)

Statement of Activity

	April 2019	YTD
General Budget	\$ (2,955.41)	\$ (122.53)
Non-Budgeted/ Reimbursed	\$ 1,353.51	\$ 907.90
Youth	\$ (363.17)	\$ (458.40)
Net Revenue	\$ (1,965.07)	\$ 1,326.97

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

Elders: Steve Smith

Elders meeting May 8, 2019

Meeting was opened with a reading prayer.

Order of Business:

Elders recommend that Zion grant the request for transfer to Faith Lutheran Church, Churubusco for Michael, Callie, Hailey, Andrew, Tyler, and Trevor Braun. Steve Smith made the motion to grant the request for transfer to Faith Lutheran Church, Churubusco for Michael, Callie, Hailey, Andrew, Tyler, and Trevor Braun. Katie Rittner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Elders recommend that Zion grant the request for transfer to Faith Lutheran Church, Churubusco for Joyce Reidt. Steve Smith made the motion to grant the request for transfer to Faith Lutheran Church, Churubusco for Joyce Reidt. Judy Gilbert seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discussed our shut-ins.

There will be a baptism on May 19th.

Pastor will be on vacation from June 6 thru June 12.

Red Cross will be here on the following dates;

June 27th from 10 to 4
July 25th from 1 to 7
Aug. 27th from 10 to 4

Average Attendance for April 2019:

Sundays	47
Mid-week	11
Maundy Thurs	20
Good Friday	29
Easter Early	38
Easter late	55

Meeting was closed with the Benediction.

Respectively submitted, Stephen Smith (Sec.)

Trustees:

The roof situation stands as, I have received one bid have contacted 2 more companies and am awaiting estimates from them.

The sound system bid has come back and was emailed to Pastor and I. To update both the audio and video (PowerPoint) equipment, the total is \$6,233.96. For the audio it is \$3,421.41 (with wireless) or \$2,721.41 (without wireless). For the video only it is \$2,812.55. I am in favor of whatever Pastor and Katie recommend. As second company has been contacted to provide a bid to update the system. Will follow up at next meeting with the second bid.

The fire extinguishers are up to code now with the exception of the back-room kitchen area.

There is a fire system in place from when frying was done regularly in the past. It is a substantial amount of money to update and we don't fry anything that I am a where of.

My recommendation is to make a sign for there that states no deep frying unless outside.

Board of Christian Education:

Board of Christina Education meeting was held on May 1, 2019 those present were Janice Klopfenstein, Barb Knuth, Kenny Knuth, Barb Lahrman, Pastor Phil Rittner, Jim Mullett, guest Emma Mullet

Opening Devotions: 1 John 2:7-14.

Minutes were approved.

Sunday School Report:

Average attendance for April Students 8 Adults 15

Missions: Missions for March and April is Lutheran Social Service. We collected \$253.67

Library Report: Was texted in by Chris Woodhouse. Seminary does not wish to receive the old hymnals, they suggested to look at nursing homes.

Pastor Report: Palm Sunday went very well. Progressive dinner went well also.

Old Business: Palm Sunday, and Progressive dinner was discussed. Asking the youth group to help a little more in advance was brought up.

New Business: Old Settlers is June 25-29, 2019. Corn dog wagon will be at Old Settlers, with a possible corn dog costume for someone to wear.

Rally day was scheduled for September 8, 2019, a meal after church was discussed. Ideas given out was pancake and sausage brunch carry in, or the cord dog wagon and an open house. With activities like corn hole, jump house, and or obstacle. Barb Knuth is looking into also doing new member recognition on the same day.

Pastors Report: Pastor has Palm Sunday Service ready.

Next Meeting is June 9, 2019

Respectively submitted by Jim Mullett.

Board of Christian Outreach:

June 2, 2019 there will be a graduation party and new member welcome for Wyld, and for Jack and Penny Rugg.

Board of Stewardship: No meeting held

Board of Youth: No meeting held

Youth Gathering trip is rapidly approaching, there will be a meeting very soon for those going.

Old Settler's corn dog wagon sign-up sheets are up in the Narthex on the bulletin board.

Pastor: Pastor Rittner

- Zion delegate for the Lutheran Foundation. Rhonda Freeman has inquired about it. She is looking over the information and will get back with Pastor soon.
- There have been many inquiries to Pastor about moving from a Church Council to a Board of Directors set-up. Pastor will get the information to each board and explain what it means. Presently we are already running in a Board of Directors setup unofficially. Please direct questions to Pastor.

Unfinished/Old Business:

Tuition assistance discussion continued. Discussion of a line item on the budget/restricted account. This would be like the Fieldworker Fund. Anyone in the congregation would be able to donate to it. The conversation continues with the points and conversation brought up at Voter's Meeting.

New Business:

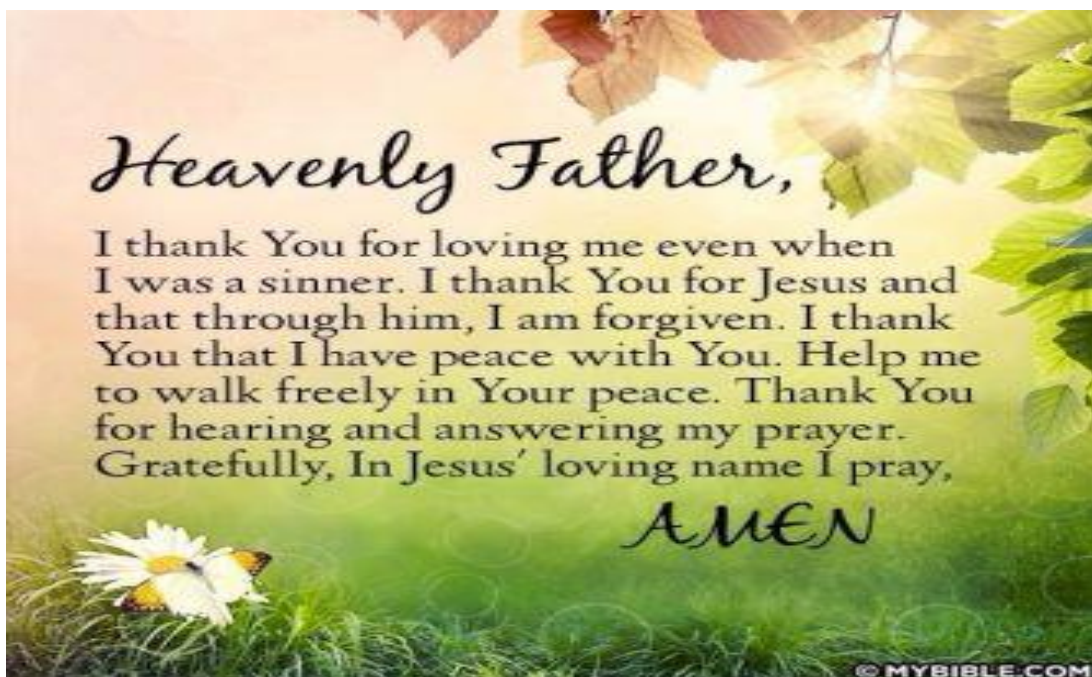
Putting together a "Time and Treasure" survey that can be done electronically (Google Form) or paper form. This will ask what people are comfortable doing or helping out with at Zion (i.e., phone calls, putting together mailers, cooking, set-up, etc.)

The Seminary has asked us to take a deaconess fieldworker for the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 academic years. It would be the same fieldworker for both years (just like Dane). Pastor Rittner made a motion to take on a deaconess fieldworker for the next academic year. Judy Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed.

With no further business, Katie Rittner made a motion to adjourn. Peggy Brooke seconded. The motion passed.

Pastor closed with the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine (Katie) Rittner, Recording Secretary





LWML 38th Biennial Convention Information

Date: June 20–23, 2019

Location: Mobile, Alabama

Theme: "In Praise to the LORD!"

Scripture Verse: *Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations (1 Chronicles 16:23–24a).*

President: Patti Ross

From Quiet Times to Noisy Love: Joy vs. Happiness

Joy vs. Happiness



In the Word

"But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves." [John 17:13](#)

Of the Word

Years ago, a popular T-shirt read, "If Mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy." Many people, including Christians, believe that God wants us to be happy. But happiness is often confused with the joy we read of in Scripture. Being happy is a feeling of bliss or a mood that is dependent on other people and circumstances. Joy is a gift from the Holy Spirit — not a moment or a mood.

Joy is God's intentional gift of His presence. Jesus came to live among us, speak the truth of God's unconditional love for us, and take away our sin through His death and resurrection. No matter what circumstances surround us, we can live in the joy that we are His precious children. We are made whole in the promise of Jesus, *"that they may have my joy fulfilled in them"* ([John 17:13b](#)).

Moments of happiness are a delight, but we can rejoice in the always-present joy that is the foundation of our life in Christ!

Walking with my Lord

Lord, I thank You for moments of happiness and, more importantly, for the never-ending joy of being Your redeemed child. In Jesus' name. Amen.



SCOOP

June 2019

Missions Sunday School mission project for May and June is the Lutheran Heritage Foundation which supports worldwide Lutheran Translation projects. The regional Promotional Representative is Rev. Herbert Schumm. The World Mission Center is based out of Macomb, Michigan.

The Sunday School Hour begins at 9:00 am, in the gym for opening song, prayer, and announcements. Students are dismissed for class by 9:10 am. The Adult Bible study meets in the gym. Coffee and donuts are available. Please join us!

Sunday School STATS –

Class Attendance: Catechism Class-88.9% (Banner Class), High school Class and lower elementary 33.3%.

Perfect Attendance: Caleb and Kaden Decker

Sunday School Pins: Caleb Decker- 1-year pin



We will be having a Graduation Celebration/ New Member Welcome June 2, 2019.

We want to celebrate our 2019 Graduates and Welcome our New Members after church on **June 2, 2019** with a luncheon in the fellowship hall.

2019 Graduates are:

Katherine Rittner- Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne with a Master of Arts in Deaconess Studies. She will continue to serve as Director of Food and Clothing Co-op at CTSFW.

Jessica Yann- from Michigan State University with a PhD in Anthropology.

Kami Wilburn- with an Associate of Applied Science in Business operation, Applications, and Technology.

Zack Wilburn- High School Diploma, he plans to continue his Education and to get a Teaching degree in History.

Brittony Zielinski- High School Diploma

New Members are:

Wyld Jean Cook- (great granddaughter of Don & Judy gilbert)

Jack Rugg

Penny Rugg

Please join in congratulating these milestones and careers and take a few moments to introduce yourself and meet our new members!

Lessons for

The summer Sunday School quarter begins June 2.

Lessons for the month are “I spy Salvation’s Story:

2nd- “Case of Broken the debris: Tower of Babel”

9th- “Case of Floating the Basket: Birth of Moses”

16th- “Case of Scarlett the card: Rahab Believes”

23rd- “Case of the Little Coat: “Hannah’s Prayer”

30th- “Case of the Burning Coal: Isiah Sees the Lord”



Peabody Home (Memory Care):
Alberta Warnick

Brookdale (Assisted Living):
John & Lois Duffy

Those at home: Linda Hobkirk,
Gene Klopfenstein, Dortha Marsh,
Bill Niedermeyer, John Pullen, Tim &
Sandra Rueger, Willie & Karen
Scheumann, Jeannine Slavicek, Gary
Martin, and Shane Hoffman. Ralph &
Barbara Kieper.

Those Serving in the Armed Forces:

Joshua Rittner, Jason & Ashley
Weatherly and Dayne Zielinski

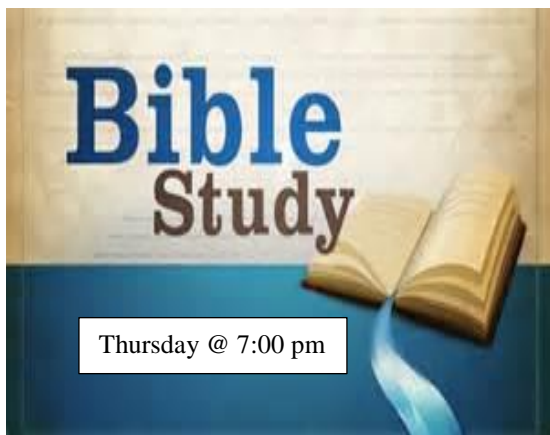
SPECIAL PRAYER
REQUESTS
for

. . . 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



Bible study will
resume on
Sept. 5th, 2019

Bible Trivia Questions #1) When the prodigal son returned, his father gave him a robe, shoes and what other item? 2) How many books are there in the Bible? 3) What are the names of Lazarus' sisters? 4) Where did Jonah go after being thrown overboard and reaching dry land? 5) For what did Esau sell his birthright to Jacob?

June

SERVING AT CHURCH

Ushers

2nd- Steve Smith
9th- Ralph Sexton
16th-Steve Smith
23rd- Ralph Sexton
30th-Steve Smith

Acolytes

2nd- Caleb Decker
9th- Sam Mullett
16th-
23rd- Kirby Coons
30th-

Greeters

7th- Kathaleen Reese
14th-
21st- Pat Decker
28th- Peggy Brooke

Altar Guild-Betty

BIRTHDAY'S



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

BAPTISMS



Janette Bachelder
Easton Childs
Shasta Childs
Alex Hart
Gilliana Knuth
Melinda Puckett
Jessica Rossow
Alysa Sawyer
Jessica Yann

2019 Graduate:

I missed these two young ladies last month in our graduating list!

Brittany Zielinski- CCHS
Jessica Yann

Congratulations to you both!!

ANNIVERSARIES



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

Trivia Answers 1) Ring (Luke15:22) 2) Sixty-Six (Gen1:1-Rev22:21) 3) Mary and Martha 4) Nineveh (Jon 3:3) 5) A meal (Gen 25:30-34)

LADIES AID

We have welcomed a new member, Carolyn Kelsey, to our group sewing the cancer bed pads for Cancer Services of N.E. Indiana. She stated she enjoyed the sewing as well as the great fellowship. We will be sewing again on Thursday, May 30th instead of June 6 due to VBS at Living Waters where some of our members will be helping.

Sympathy and get-well cards have been sent to some of our members at Zion.

We thank John Pullen for his support of Ladies Aid throughout the years.

Remember to save your cancelled postage stamps for missions. Trim to ¼ or put in box and we will trim them for you.

Thank you for your support in this mission project.

“Serving With Gladness”





*It's that time of year again:
Tentative dates for Garage Sale (AUG. 8th, 9th, 10th).
For Questions please contact Jerry Lahrman.*

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Altar Guild Meeting
2 9a.m. S.S.- 10:15 am Worship w/ Holy Communion Bd. Outreach New Members/ Graduation Lunch	3 Pastor's day off	4	5 7 pm Worship Service	6 No Ladies aid Sewing Pastor on Vacation 6-12	7 Pastor on Vacation 6-12	8 Wilburn Graduation Party Pastor on Vacation 6-12
9 9 am Sunday School 10:15am Worship Service Bd. Of Education Meeting	10 Pastor on Vacation Kami on Vacation 10-14.	11 Pastor on Vacation Kami on Vacation 10-14.	12 Pastor on Vacation Kami on Vacation 10-14.	13 Kami on Vacation 10-14.	14  Flag Day! Kami on Vacation 10-14.	15 Pastor's day off
16 9 am Sunday School 10:15am Worship w/ Holy Communion "Father's Day"	17 Pastor's day off	18 Church Council Meeting 7 pm	19 7 pm Worship Service	20 9 am Ladies Aid Sewing Zealant Items Due!	21	22 Pastor's day off
23 S.S. 9:00 am 10:15 am Worship Youth Meeting	24 Pastor's day off	25	26 7 pm Worship Service	27 Red Cross Blood Drive 10-4	28	29
30 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Matins		Old	Settler's	Week!		

No items turned in:

Chris's Corner

