



THE ZION ZEALANT

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OLD SETTLER'S

Pastor's Corner

Revitalization. I've been asked by other pastor friends "how's that Revitalization " stuff going? With great joy, a wide smile, and awesome enthusiasm I remark: "it has been worth every moment!"

Just what have we accomplished through this program we began talking about over 2 years ago? A lot! Remember our updating and making current and obtaining approval and publishing our church's Constitution and Bylaws? Remember those meetings and sharing ideas for growing this church? Remember planning and planning and overly successful we were in celebrating with our community and Block Party (despite not obtaining a grant...)?

It's with great thanks to God almighty Zion Lutheran Church has come together and become successful! Let's keep it going! And we do so as we continue to look out and share the blessed Gospel with folks out in our community. [Last Saturday](#), during the Block Party, I met a couple of our neighbors who commented they couldn't understand how it is we were simply having a party for THEM! That sort of reaction to the Gospel can be expected. "It's free?????" And then they ask "what's the catch? Do we have to become members now? You guys want some money?" I heard these things. And I told them, no. We just wanted you to have a good time.

The Gospel is more, much much more than just a good time of course. Our neighbors saw the love of Christ in each of us [Saturday](#). Doing for the other person. Did you notice some of the folks that stopped by? Did you see all the different people who live nearby the church? Those are the ones Jesus said to go to and make disciples. Those are the ones Jesus came to save right along with me and you! Those strangers (and more!) are the ones we're to share the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!

I can't wait to see what we'll do next.....

See you all in church, soon!

Pastor Phil Rittner

Council Meeting May 17, 2016

Ralph Brooke called the meeting to order with 7 members present.

Pastor Rittner opened the meeting with Order of Responsive Prayer page 285 LSB, Psalm 27, and a reading from John 10:1-10.

Receiving Treasurer:

Chuck Cooper made the report.

Totaled Budgeted Receipts: \$7217.50

Non-Budgeted Receipts 987.90

Dividends: 306.27

Interest: 1.26

Total Receipts: \$8512.93

Year-to-date total Receipts: \$38,947.23

Kenny Knuth made a motion to accept the report as presented, Steve Smith 2nd, the motion carried.

Dispersing Treasurer:

Jill Coons gave the report.

Checking/Savings: Lake City

Checking: \$ 2028.96

Savings: 15,493.39

Joyful Response Checking: 789.87

Total Checking/Savings: \$ 18,312.22

Lemburg Legacy: 74,390.95

(Market value \$ 68,097.16)

Youth Accounts:

Checking: \$ 926.22

Savings: 7863.59

Total youth Accounts: 7087.63

Profit/Loss April 2016:

Net Ordinary income: 489.38

Year to Date Net income 304.71

Chuck Cooper made the motion to approve the report as submitted, Kenny Knuth 2nd. The motion passed.

Elders Report: No meeting in April.

Stewardship: no report.

Board of Outreach:

'The block party is going well, and looking forward to Saturday, May 21st.

Board of Education:

Kenny Knuth gave report.

Barb Lahrman called the meeting to order with 5 members present. The Lord's Prayer was recited. Minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Sunday School Report: Adults 18 - Kids 10

There was no Pastors or Library Reports.

Old Business: Confirmation, day time and evening were discussed for VBS. Cheryl will be sending out VBS invitations. Barb Lahrman passed out VBS posters. Jerry Lahrman has door signs done. More help is needed for VBS.

Board of Youth:

The youth are working on the block party.

Old Settlers Days area June 21-25, sign-up to help in the corn dog wagon will be up soon.

The youth will do a cookie bake to help with coffee hour on June 18th.

Pastors Report:

Pastor thanked the Council for giving him the time needed to attend the Doxology Conference.

Logan Landis will be ordained on June 26, 2016 at his home church in New Palastine, IN, at Zion Lutheran Church. He would like to encourage members to attend, car pools can be arranged.

Pastor also gave a brief presentation on the Doxology Conference.

Unfinished Business: None at this time.

New Business:

Chuck Cooper said a Thank You will be sent for a monetary donation that was received from a family member from a funeral dinner hosted in December.

Old Settlers Day was discussed and Chuck Cooper will look into porta potties for the church parking lot for parade day.

We would still like member volunteers for reading during our services.

We also need to find members to form a nominating committee before the July Voters meeting.

With no other business Joyce Reidt made a motion to adjourn with Chuck Cooper giving a 2nd, the motion carried. Meeting was adjourned with the Benediction.

Respectively submitted Joyce Reidt (sec.)



SUNDAY

SCHOOL

SCOOP

June 2016

Summer Sunday School lessons begin June 5th entitled "PRAY, PRAISE, & GIVE THANKS." Students will learn about the Lord's Prayer and see how these petitions taught by Jesus are meaningful to them.

June 5—"Daniel in the Lion's Den"
12—"Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant"
19—"Peter and John Heal a Lame Man"
26—"Jesus Teaches His Disciples to Pray"

Make Summer Sunday School a family affair and invite an unchurched family to Zion for Sunday School Hour from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Missions project for May & June supports "Right to Life." Our last collection date will be June 27th. Please give prayerful consideration to the ministry.

Sunday School Stats:

Class Attendance: A tie for 100% between Primary and Preteen and Preschool comes in 2nd with 87.5%.

Perfect Attendance: Jessalyn Wilkinson, Sawyer Wilkinson, Emerson Knuth, Ethan Wilkinson and Mason Knuth.

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

BLOCK PARTY

What a wonderful time we had at our block party. After months of planning we had a beautiful day and a great turn out.

Thank you to all who donated, baked cupcakes, set up, helped with the games, registrations, and helped in any way to make this a big success! Next month will be a detailed report on our expenses, attendance, etc.

Board of Outreach

The Oaks:
Patricia Neidermeyer

Renaissance Village:
Dorothy Ummel

Peabody Home (Memory Care):
Alberta Warnick

Those at home:
Sami Blomquist, John Duffy, Linda Hobkirk, Jim Jackson, Bill Neidermeyer, John Pullen, Wayne Reese, Tim & Sandra Rueger, Willie & Karen Scheumann, Jeannine Slavicek, and Michael Sexton

Those Serving in the Armed Forces:

Chris Decker, Alex Hart, 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.



NEED HELPERS!!!

Vacation Bible School 2016

June 27th -July 1st, 9-11:30 AM
&

July 18th-20th, 6:30-8:00 pm
(closing program on the 20th at 7:00 pm)

Parents & Grandparents
get your children and grandchildren
registered so they won't miss out!
Let your family, friends and neighbors know too!!!

“THE CHICKEN COOP”



Check out my
chicks. See
how many there
are?



**Registration Forms are now on the bench
by the mailboxes.
Fill the form(s) out and put in Barb
Lahrman's mailbox.
Green Form June 27-July 1st (morning)
Pink Form July 18th-20th (evening)**

**“WORK DAY”
Ladies Aid-LWML**

**Thursday, June 16, 2016
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**



Official Acts

Wedding:
Gretchen Pressler and Jeremy Grant
Baptism:
Raney Jae Clark

**Old Settler's Day
June 21—25th**

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
bratwurst patties
before the parade on Saturday

**Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting
May 19, 2016**

Six members and guests Dixie Goodrich and Nancy Love attended the 1 p.m. meeting. President Kathaleen Reese opened the meeting with prayer. She read a Devotion entitled “Scissors.” It brought out the fact that as we use all our man scissors that are so important and the talents of our hands, that they can also be used for the service to our Lord. We are God’s Scissors, He is our guiding hand. Duet. 33:11.

Business Meeting:

President Reese announced she would be sending a Thank You to Zion member John Pullen for the gift of \$100.00 to the Ladies Aid.

The Bake Sale for Missions:

It will be held again at the time of the Zion Garage Sale.

Knotting and Cancer Sewing Day:

June 16th at 9 a.m. There are 2 quilts to knot and as many cancer pads that can be sewn. A lunch will be served.

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Mission Projects:

Discussed were “Fabric Kits” for Lutheran World Relief. These require the size of fabric: 2 1/4 yards of 58-62 wide, or 3 yards of 42-45 wide or 4 yards of 34-37 wide.

The Ladies Aid has a good amount of thread. Instructions were given by President Reese from the LWR Ministry Guide.

Collecting new and wrapped bars of soap continues.

LWML Grant:

Gloria Nimtz told about how \$80,000 from Mites are being used for the Disaster Response Equipment to be based in 20 Lutheran congregations in 20 districts in the U.S.

Internet Jokes:

President Reese entertained with several very funny jokes and facts about the great truths adults have learned and great truths about growing old.

The Program: “A Bouquet of Devotions.”

President Reese and Melody Reese presented the devotions from a book by Gloria Doty. Gloria’s mother was once a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Columbia City. The book has 50 devotions about flowers and God.

(Please note here that the flowers presented were also real flowers in a bouquet in a vase.)

Begonias: They grow in many colors and varieties and can be an annual or a perennial. Just as these flowers-people can come in different types. You may ask “What is a Christian?” The answer is accepting Christ as the Son of God, and personal Savior who died and rose again so we can go to heaven also. (John 2:12.)

Impatient: These come in many colors and even in double blossoms. They do require shade condition and daily watering. Many times we think an occasional drink of “God’s Word” is sufficient for us for the next few weeks or months. But, then we start to “droop.” We can refresh ourselves with Bible readings, prayers and worship. (Isaiah 58:2.)

Columbine: This inverted pink and purple flower resembles 5 doves clustered or an eagle’s claw. These show how our Heavenly Father is envisioned with fierce protection and also with much gentleness as he receives us when we bring to Him our problems. (Psalm 4:10.)

Rose: These beauties are an ancient flower as far back as the Egyptian, Romans and Chinese who grew them in their gardens. The flowers also can be dangerous because of the thorns beneath the blooms. The attraction of the world is like this beautiful rose which can be alluring and also seductive with the great grab of sin. We can be saved then by Jesus who has given us a get-away and the promise of eternal life. (1 Cor. 10:13.)

Day Lily: These familiar flowers come in many colors, but the most one that comes to mind is the one along the roads in the color orange. We know that in the Bible Jesus perhaps referred to them as the “lilies of the field.” It reminds us of God’s care for us all so we must not give in to worry. (Matt. 6:26-30.)

Bleeding Heart: A Spring flower heart shaped which have “drops of blood” dangles on the bottom and large bushes with fern-like foliage. One fact about them, however, is when the flowering is done-they leave an empty space in the garden ...just doing a disappearing act. Also it would seem in our Christian lives, it can seem similar. First we are enthusiastic for serving the Lord in many ways, but then after doing them for the church over and over—we can do a disappearing act too. We must always remember that Christ never disappears from our lives. (Matt. 28:20 and Galatians 6:9.)

Coral Bells: Their bell flowers grow from clumps of heart-shaped boldly veined leaves that can be very dark or radiant silver. Both need each other because without the flowers blowing in the wind, the leaves go unnoticed. Like the bells, we too have different rolls as Christians to fill. Some witness to the Gospel and others quietly use their gifts of serving and supporting the work to be done for Christ (1 Cor. 12:4 & 11.)

Shasta Daisy: Their white with yellow center is a familiar flower, but also known to be an ever expanding one in a garden. The next year shows it will need a pruning. Sometimes our lives can be like a flower bed with our hobbies, sports and even volunteering. These can make less time for our daily Bible study, prayer, devotions and helping others. Our garden needs to be weeded out or controlled (Matt. 6:33.)

Carnation: This beauty dates back 2000 years and one to be 1st in European gardens. They are used mostly for cut flowers, for lapels at proms and groomsmen at weddings. Like the Carnation, God’s Word has a long history beginning with creation and for God’s love for us from childhood to old age (Psalm 119:1.)

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Delphinium: This flower of beauty can be as tall as 5 feet. It's colors can be blue, purple and glowing white. They seem to say to us "Look at Me." Their dark side is that they are poisonous and even could be fatal. It reminds us of the parable about the Pharisee and the Tax-collector—one is a big show and the other off in corner being repentant and in need of God's mercy (Luke 18:14.)

Members and guests talked about their gardens and all were told about the tip to see the Nature Lane Greenhouse up in Shipshewana, IN.

The Closing Prayer: "Springtime Prayer" was read by all.

Fellowship Time: A flower bedecked table and rhubarb cake was served by President Reese and Melody Reese. The guests received the table prizes of the 2 flowering plants of Begonias and Inpatients.

Respectfully submitted, Lois Duffy



Zion's Garage Sale
will be
August 11th, 12th, & 13th

You can start bringing stuff and putting it in the basement.

If you have large items,
please call Jerry Lahrman



Students Graduating

Madison Cook
Graduating from Ionia High School
in Michigan

Will be going to a
Cosmopolitan School in
Grand Rapids, MI

Grandparents:
Don & Judy Gilbert

Regan Alexandra Decker

Graduating from
Columbia City High School

Will be attending
Indiana University in
Bloomington, IN

Parents:
Sean & Ge'Onna Decker
Grandmother:
Pat Decker

No Bible Study
during the summer.

SERVING IN
JUNE 2016

USHERS

5th—Ralph Sexton
12th—Steve Smith
19th—Ralph Sexton
26th—Mike Gerbers

ACOLYTES

5th—Ryan Bills
12th—Mason Knuth
19th—Shianne Brooke
26th—Kyler Bills

BIRTHDAY'S

1 Jennie Childs
2 Shawn Schuller
5 Gretchen Conley
5 Aaron Peppler
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
21 Jassalyn Wilkinson
27 Sara Schuller
29 Gayle Goshorn
30 Payton Coons



GREETERS

5th—Kathaleen Reese
12th—Lois Duffy
19th—Pat Decker
26th—

ALTAR GUILD

Verna Dohrman

BAPTISMS

Janette Bachelder
Alex Hart
Adrian Kimmel
Gilliana Knuth
Joyce Reidt
Melinda Puckett
Hailey Puckett
Alysa Sawyer
Dorothy Ummel
Justin Whaley
Jessica Whaley
Jesica Yann



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



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JUNE 2016



OUR YOUTH

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				1 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	2 Ladies Aid Sewing 9 am	3	4
5 S.S. 9:00 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am	6	7	8 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm Elders	9	10	11	
12 S.S. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Bd. of Education 11:15 am	13	14	15 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	16 LWML Quilt Work Day 9 am--?	17	18 Outreach 10 am Childs Birthday Party in gym	
19 S.S. 9:00 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am	20	21 Old Settler's Council 7 pm	22 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	23 Red Cross—Gym all day	24 Cheryl on vacation	25 Old Settler's Parade	
26 S.S. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am VBS setup 11:30 am Cheryl on vacation	27 Zealant Items Due VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	28	29 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	30	July 1		