



THE ZION ZEALANT

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Fellow Redeemer,

Pastor's Zealant Article May 2018 This past Saturday (April 21st), a few of us gathered here at Zion to go out into our community for "canvassing". What I mean by a 'few' is, myself and one other member of Zion; 7 members of St. John's; and 5 seminarians from CTSFW. 14 of us. After a little prayer, breakfast, and instructions – out we went. After only an hour and a half, we gathered back here for a nice lunch and sharing of stories of "how it went." Then, back out for another hour or so, and by 3:30 we were done. It was a good day. A real nice day. The weather couldn't have been better. And we here at Zion received 12 solid referrals for follow-up! More about that in a minute... One of the young folks from St. John's that came was this very shy, first-year college student. She was very bashful, and, as I've done this canvassing a time or two before, I looked at her and wondered would she be able to survive the day? I mean, the way she looked was like if a stranger spoke to her – she'd roll up in a ball or sink her head in the sand! That timid. Maybe even nervous. Before going out, everyone was shown the sheets with an outline of suggestions to ask folks while visiting. Things like 'Do you have a church home?' 'If you were looking for a church home, what characteristics or qualities would you look for?' And, 'Is there anything a pastor could do for you?' So, there wasn't a need to come up with something to say... this has been done many times before and much thought and preparation had gone into these questions. We had also taken steps to publicize our canvassing. The Post & Mail and IN Whitley papers had ads in them about us. We visited with the Sheriff, Police Chief, and our Mayor, letting them know we were going out (and all gave their nod of approval!) And we made sure those who went out were paired up with someone – no one went by themselves! And the areas for canvassing were also well chosen well in advance and mapped out, so again, no wondering where to go or what to say. Did I mention food had been provided too? Lol So out the door goes this shy young lady, armed with a clipboard, name tag, and a seminarian – armed with prayer, the words to say, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to do as our Lord has commanded of us to do. Amazing. If you'd ever wanted to see a true miracle happen in front of you, you should have been there! This young lady returned excited! She came back wanting to do more! And, she was able to provide a couple of the follow-up contacts sitting on your pastor's desk! She had a good time! And, perhaps she grew just a little bit in her faith that day as well. Another one of the questions on the form we sent out that day was "What makes a church a Christian church?" Just that, what we did that day was just one of the marks of a Christian church... as Jesus said in Mark 16:15, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." It's stuff like this that's exciting for the church! Next time we do this, be sure to come out a be a part of it. If that shy, timid little girl can go out and return enthusiastically as she did, so can you. See you in church, soon! (And if you see some new visitors at church in the next few weeks or months, be sure to say hi and welcome them!)

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Voters Meeting

April 15, 2018

Zion Lutheran Church Voters Meeting April 15, 2018 Jared Wilkinson opened the meeting with 19 members present. Pastor Rittner opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes: Kim Yann made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Zealant Joyce Reidt 2nd the motion. It was noted that interest received for March minutes should be \$ 2.81 instead of \$ 2.18. The motion passed.

Receiving Treasurer: Chuck Cooper

- March 2018 YTD Unrestricted Receipts: \$ 7,953.00 \$ 22,081.47
- Restricted/Miscellaneous Receipts: \$ 598.36 \$ 1,191.82
- Dividends \$ 302.46 \$ 943.75
- Interest \$ 3.08 \$ 5.89
- Total Receipts \$ 8,856.90 \$ 24,222.93

Kim Yann made a motion to accept the report as presented, Pat Decker 2nd the motion. The motion passed.

Disbursing Treasurer: Chuck Cooper.

- Monthly Report General Checking/Savings \$ 2,129.05
- Youth Accounts \$ 12,917.06
- Restricted Funds \$ 13,471.82
- Lehmborg Legacy \$ 80,764.41 (Market Value at 2/28 \$ 78,252.92)
- Statement of Activity March 2018 YTD
- General Budget \$ 477.68 \$ -2,144.78
- Non-Budgeted/Reimbursed \$ -620.11 \$ - 409.27
- Youth \$ 1.47 \$ - 7.15
- Total \$ - 140.96 \$ -2,621.20

Joyce Reidt made a motion to accept the report as presented. Kim Yann 2nd the motion passed. Elders: Steve Smith Meeting opened with prayer. 1. Discussed the nine letters that were sent to non-active members. 2. Ralph Brooke will represent the Congregation along with Pastor at the District Convention in Fort Wayne on June 14, 2018 3. Discussed LCEF Kaleidoscope grant opportunity. 4. Upcoming events: May 10 Red Cross Blood Drive, May 12 W. C. Humane Society Plant/Craft Sale. (in parking lot) 5. Average Attendance: March Sunday's 66 Mid-Week 13 Maundy Thursday 27 Elders cont'd: Good Friday Service 41 Meeting was closed with the Benediction. Trustees: No Report Board of Ed: No Report Board of Outreach: Peg Brooke We will be looking into Block Party 2019. We will be doing an ongoing mission project for Changing Footprints. we will collect shoes good used shoes will go to needy families' unusable shoes will be ground up for playground filler. A tote is in the gym door entrance. Diane Ranier spoke with Peg about joining St. Johns during the 4-H fair to man a booth to hand out church information, gospel bracelets, and spread Gods word this Will be July 14-19. Times and sign-up sheets at a later date. Stewardship: No Report Youth: Dodge ball April 29, 2018 at 3 pm. At the church. Pastors Report: Pastor discussed the Building Bridges Seminar he attended on April 14th. Pastor Robinson said financials should not be put in weekly bulletins, it will make visitors uncomfortable. Kim Yann made a motion to remove weekly budget from bulletins Katie Wilkinson 2nd the motion, motion passed. There is a new grant opportunity through LCEF Kaleidoscope Grant this is an opportunity to request funds for \$ 25,000 to \$250,000 for long term minister y projects. Ideas included Christian Concert series, Dinner and a movie, Mental Health seminars. Old Business: Larry Haquk asked about the Handicapped doors being installed. Pastor will be looking into getting quotes for electrical work in the coming week. New Business: Jared made members aware of a letter from Dan Knuth received in March asking to be released from the Trustee committee. Kim Yann made a motion to accept the resignation Peg Brooke 2nd the motion, motion passed. Thank You Dan Knuth for your service to the church. Nominating Committee put forward Jeremy Grant as a replacement for the Trustees Committee. Kim Yann made a motion to accept Jeremy Grant as a member of Trustees Pat Decker 2nd, the motion passed. With no other business Joyce Reidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Peg Brooke 2nd the motion passed. The meeting was closed with the Benediction. Respectively submitted Joyce Reidt (sec.)



Lessons for May

- 6- "Jacob and Esau"
- 13- "Jacob's Dream"
- 20- "Jacob's Family"
- 27- "Esau Forgives Jacob"

SCOOP

May 2018

Each Lesson is highlighted with teaching tools such as:

- ❖ Faith Word Café
- ❖ Bible review cards
- ❖ Puzzles
- ❖ Timeline
- ❖ Lesson Leaflets
- ❖ A Bible Discovery Guide booklet which serves as a dictionary, atlas, and encyclopedia of the quarterlies Bible Lessons.

Missions for March and April support the Lutheran Braille Workers. Last collection is April 29th.

Sunday school STATS for March 2018

Class Attendance:

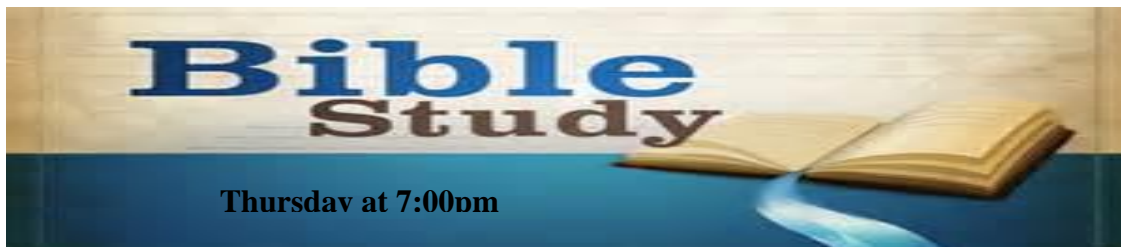
High School: 66.7% (banner class!)

Upper Elementary: 62.5%

Catechism Class: 58.3%

Preschool: 50%

Perfect Attendance: Mason Knuth &
Emerson Knuth



Thursday at 7:00pm

Zion Ladies Aid

Zion Ladies Aid sent Easter cards to all sick and shut ins. Get well cards were also sent to several of Zion's members. A memorial gift to Zion's Altar Guild was given by the Ladies Aid in memory of Jennie Childs who went to be with her Lord on March 18. Jennie was a faithful and active member of Ladies Aid and LWML. attending many of the LWML rallies. She trimmed all the postage stamps and coupons for Bethesda while she was able. She also faithfully attended our sewing group sewing the cancer pads despite her failing eyesight. She will be missed by all of us. Four members of our group attended the surprise 80th birthday party for Joan Lane on March 25 at the Botanical Gardens in Ft. Wayne.

We continue to "Serve with Gladness".



Spring Rally at Ascension Lutheran Church on April 7, 2018. "In Green Pastures" Psalm 23:1-2. It is scheduled to start at 8:30AM- 11:30 AM. Deaconess Rachel Jaseph of Shepard of the City Lutheran Church. Registration is due by March 30, 2018. Please contact Kami Wilburn and or Katie Rittner for further details and to register for the rally. In June there will be a LWML Mitey Mite Walk Fundraiser at Valparaiso University. More details to come later.

Chris's Corner



"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."²

Timothy 3:16-17 ESV

The Bible, itself, instructs us to read and meditate on the Word of God (see 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Romans 10:17, Joshua 1:8, et al). Indeed, Dr. A. L. Barry, LCMS President 1992 - 1998, explains the importance of studying the Bible: "Whenever the Word of God is preached, taught, studied, read, learned or meditated on, the Holy Spirit is actively turning people from their sin and drawing them to Christ for their salvation. Thus, we will want to be in the Word daily. At home we read and meditate on the Word through our private and family devotions... In youth and adult Bible studies, the Scriptures are studied in a variety of ways so they can inform and enlighten us and help us understand how we live out our lives as God's people." (<https://www.lcms.or/document.fdoc?src=lcm&id=1081>)

Bible studies are guides and tools that give us the opportunity to delve deeper into Scripture. An initial reading of book, chapter, or even single verse may be understandable, but learning the context of the time period, Jewish theology, or how it connects to other places in the Bible can give a greater depth and appreciation of Scripture.

Our church offers us the opportunity to dig deeper into God's Word together as a study group on Thursday evenings at 7pm. I certainly suggest joining Bible study in our church group if your schedule allows. You are certainly not required to be a scholar to attend or are obligated to provide deep, profound comments that will dazzle the theological community for centuries to come. The atmosphere is casual with discussion, questions, and fellowship in attempt to better understand God's Word. And the occasion pun... not so occasional ...

The library offers copies of previous Bible studies that are available for personal or group studies. While Thursday evenings may be difficult for personal schedules, studies on Mark, Hebrews, Colossians and Philemon, Galatians, and more are available in the Bible study shelves (look for the orange arrows pointing to our featured books!). These studies include multiple copies of each book that will give you the opportunity to share with family, friends, or co-workers that desire a better understanding of Scripture. Additionally, there are a number of commentaries available as companion books as you "read and meditate on the Word through [your] private and family devotions."

Check out a book (or four) today from your church library and start your personal or group Bible study in a journey to "enlighten [you] and help [you] understand how we live out our lives as God's people."

Changing Footprints:

is collecting shoes for the needy: any size, condition or type accepted. (The collection Box just inside backdoor gym entrance

OUR MISSION:

Changing Footprints realizes the great need for shoes in our own community and around the world. We collect previously-worn and new shoes for distribution to homeless, disaster-stricken, and underprivileged people at home and abroad, regardless of race, religion, gender, or ethnicity.



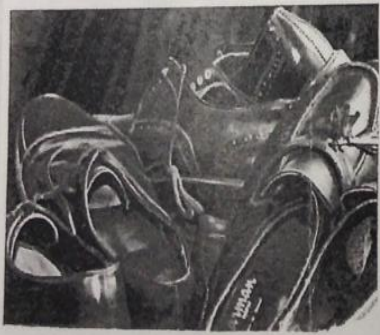
OUR PURPOSE:

- 1 Changing Footprints is a GREEN organization.** 50+ tons of used shoes (100,000 pairs) have been repurposed and did not end up in a landfill.
- 2 Changing Footprints is a VALUES organization.** We offer the opportunity for children 5 and up to learn the joy of helping others through collecting and sorting shoes.
- 3 Changing Footprints is a SOCIAL JUSTICE organization.** We provide shoes to prison release programs, domestic abuse shelters, job placement organizations, and more than 50 IPS after-school groups.

Donate any kind, any size, any condition, for example:

- Snow Boots • Soccer Shoes • Flip Flops • Crocs • Dance Shoes • Slippers
- Sandals • Sport Shoes • High Heels • Baby Shoes • Cleats • Work Boots

Even damaged shoes are converted into playgrounds.



Attention-6/5/2018 Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Zion Lutheran Church on 6/5/2018. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979**

Bible Trivia Questions: 1) To which city did God ask Jonah to take his message? 2) Who was David's father? 3) Which of the gospels appears last in the Bible? 4) What is the only sin that cannot be forgiven? 5) How did David defeat Goliath?



SPECIAL PRAYER
REQUESTS
for

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

Peabody Home (Hawthorn unit):
Alberta Warnick

Brookdale (Assisted Living):
John & Lois Duffy

Those at home:
Tom Auer, Martha Essex, 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:

Joshua Rittner, Jason & Ashley
Weatherly and Dayne Zielinski

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

May

SERVING AT CHURCH

Ushers

6-Ralph Sexton
13-Steve Smith
20-Ralph Sexton
27-Steve Smith

Acolytes

6-Sam Mullett
13-Hailry Braun
20-Ethan Wikinson
27-Emma Mullett

Greeters

1-Kathaleen Reese
8-
15-Pat Decker
22-
29-

Altar Guild

Betty Wilkinson

BIRTHDAY'S



1 Jessica Yann
4 Drake Schuemann
8 Richard Koldyke
11 Cecily Knuth
12 Donald Gilbert Sr.
15 Timothy Sexton
22 Jessica Rossow
24 Janette Bachelder

BAPTISMS



Jordan Allen
April Brooke
Christopher Brooke
Shianne Brooke
Peggy Brooke
Regan Decker
Sean Decker
Geoffrey Gerbers
Bryan Hart
Barb Knuth
Richard Koldyke
Joan Lane
Samuel Mullett
Trenten Pease
Karen Scheumann
Kinsley Schuller
Ethan Wilkinson
Betty Wilkinson

ANNIVERSARIES



5 Richard & Monica Koldyke
7 Jeremy & Gretchen Grant
20 Bill & Pat Niedermeyer
23 John & Phyllis Myers
26 Aaron & Amanda Peppler
27 Mark & Connie Forrester

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Pastor's day off	1	2 Wed. Evening Service 7 p.m.	3 Ladies Aid 9 am LWML 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm	4	5 Alter Guild 9:30 am Pastor's day off
6 S.S. 9:00 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am Outreach. 11:30 am	7 Pastor's day off	8	9 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm Elders	10 Red Cross 10-4 Bible Study 7 pm	11	12 Pastor's day off
13 S.S. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Bd. of Ed. 11:30a.m.	14 Pastor's day off	15 Church Council 7 pm	16 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	17 Ladies Aid Sewing 9 am Bible Study 7 pm	18 Zealant Items due.	19 Pastor's day off
20 S.S. 9:00 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am	21 Pastor's day off	22	23 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	24 Bible Study 7 pm	25	26 Pastor's day off
27 S.S. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am	28 Pastor's day off	29	30 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	31 Last Bible Study until Sept. 7 pm		

Answers to Bible Trivia: 1) Nineveh (Jon 1:2) 2) Jesse (Ruth 4:22) 3) John (Matt 1:1- John 21:25) 4) Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (Mark 3:29) 5) He hit him with a stone from his sling (1Sam 17:49-50)



No items turned in: