



# THE ZION ZEALANT

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## Revitalization

Our wonderful weekend of Revitalization has come and gone. But the work is not done! We've got to meet; discuss; and vote whether to accept or decline the Prescriptions offered by the team from the Indiana District- LCMS. Over the next few weeks we'll be meeting with Elders, Trustees, Church Council, and then come before the Voter's for such vote. As your pastor, I am going to highly recommend adoption of these Prescriptions for Zion Lutheran Church. Because of the unquestionable and tremendous participation we had over the weekend meeting with the Team, it's quite apparent you folks strongly desire our wonderful church to succeed in that which God has tasked us to do.

If you've questions, ideas, or concerns about this Revitalization: I highly recommend you come and chat with me – or visit with your Congregational President, Mr. Jeffery Braun. I give great thanks to God almighty for bringing me to this family of Zion Lutheran Church, and graciously pouring out His Holy Spirit to strengthen, encourage, and guide each of us in the joy of our salvation – and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with each other, this community, and the world.

Always in Christ!

Pastor Phil

## **Church Council Minutes** **9/16/2014**

Meeting was opened by Pastor Rittner with devotion from 1Samuel 16:7 and prayer following.

There was no meeting in August, 2014; no minutes to approve.

TREASURER: monies left over from recent funeral; was brought up to possibly start a funeral meal fund. Discussion by council if it should be another line item under savings or general fund. Motion made and seconded to bring it up in October Voters Meeting. Motion to accept report was seconded.

ELDERS: two transfers were accepted; transfers were Gayle & Kurt Goshorn and Lydia Stratman. Meetings of 8/13/14 and 9/10/14 were read, approved and accepted. Being no further questions, report accepted.

TRUSTEES: contractor should be here in October with 2-3 people and work completed in 2 work days. Still hoping to have pole building done by end of year. Report accepted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Judy Gilbert read 9/7/14 report submitted by Joyce Reidt. It was accepted as read.

Sunday School Report

Students—9 Adults—16

Missions

Total for New Life Lutheran Church Liberian Children's Ministry was \$287.73

Pastors Report

Pastor gave information on the car load conference on Sat., Oct. 11, 2014 held in Indianapolis, IN. He then was called away.

Old Business

Rally Day will be September 28th with installation of S.S. Staff and Board of Education. A pancake/sausage brunch will follow the service. Thoughts for Christmas were Hanging of the Greens, Congregational Christmas Readings, and Congregational Christmas with singing.

New Business

Oktoberfest will be October 4th at the home of Barb/Kenny Knuth.

Barb Lahrman will order the 2015 VBS kit. Kenny has not heard anything about the Lutheran Witness Magazine yet.

Other Business

Confirmation will be Oct. 19th with 4 conferment's. Barb Knuth will take care of altar flowers, Judy Gilbert will take care of getting gifts, Joyce Reidt will take care of the other arrangements. Also discussed was Barb Lahrman will remain acting President until the end of the year giving the nominating committee time to find a replacement.

YOUTH: 8/23/14 trip to the water park had 17 youth attending as well as adults; FUN was had by all. A lock-in is planned for **October 3** from 6pm to 10am here at Zion. **October 11** is

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the fall festival in Columbia City and youth will be selling corn dogs and drinks. **October 25** is workday. BIG plans are being scheduled for a Valentine Dance **February 15, 2015** here at Zion sponsored by the youth. It will include a spaghetti dinner and possible sock hop. Information will be forthcoming. Report accepted.

PASTOR: received a thank you letter from American Red Cross for the use of our facility during the summer. There will no field worker available this year. Pastor is looking for an assistant to help him with Lutheran Foundation work. If interested, notify Pastor. Revitalization Weekend is 9/19-21 here at Zion. Pastor's Conference will be held in Louisville, KY on **October 12-15**. Confirmation will be held Sunday, **October 19** with 4 young people joining the fellowship of Christ. Report accepted.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: budget requests are needed by the next Voters Meeting, rescheduled to Sunday, **October 26** due to confirmation on the 19th.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn this meeting followed by prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Laura Gerke



## Altar Guild Minutes

Pastor Rittner opened The Mary Martha Altar Guild meeting on September 6, 2014 with prayer. We then did a devotional study from the family devotion book. 4 members and Pastor were present.

Peg Brooke read the minutes from 2/8/14 and 4/19/14. Both were approved as read.

### Old Business

Rollers on the candelabra box will not be replaced at this time. Jerry will help when we need to use the candles. This matter is considered closed.

Verna will purchase a rod to hang our mission statement.

After much discussion and frustration on the renovation of the Altar Guild Room it was decided that Peg was going to ask the Trustees to meet after a service, possibly the following Sunday, to get something going on the room. We are just going to ask to have at least a new counter top and 1/2 sink put in. We also would like new locks put on the cabinets. We hope this can be done in one weekend. Pastor volunteered to help with the project.

### New Business

Some discussion on what to do with the wrought iron stand and it was decided to put the new brass stand together and make sure everything works and then give the wrought iron stand to North Manchester.

Baptism on Saturday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>.

Marty noticed that the fair linen has a small hole in it. Will eventually need to be replaced. Cost will be approximately \$200.00.

Pastor announced that the Circuit convocation is on Saturday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. We are a member of the Kendaville Circuit. If you are interested in attending please let him know.

Next meeting will be on November 9<sup>th</sup> after the service.

Pastor closed with the Benediction.

Faithfully submitted, Betty Wilkinson

## **Ladies Aid LWML Meeting September 18, 2014**

Seven members attended the 1 pm meeting. President Kathaleen Reese opened the meeting with prayer. She then read a Friday Post & Mail Pastor Devotion by Pastor Judy Follis. The devotion stressed Rest and Refreshed and that God had ordained and p\ blessed the 7th day to be for rest.

Gloria Nimtz lead the Bible Study entitled "Forgiven Creatures" taken from the Fall 2014 LWML Quarterly. The Opening Discussion: It held true to how we like Job must look to our Creator for our own trails and trust that He will bless us. Passages from the Bible were read by members. It tells us what our Creator says: In Romans 5:8—we find that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. In John 3:14-17—Jesus told Nichodemus that God gave his only begotten Son to save the world and those that believe in Him will be saved. In Ephesians 2:4-10—we have God's gift of rich mercy that makes us alive in Christ even though we are dead in our sins and thus we are blessed with the promise of heaven.

Forgiveness, Longing and Renewal: Fearfulness when serious illness arrives can bring God's peace brought about by asking forgiveness for not trusting Him and then longing for heaven. The question was asked "Have you longed for heaven"? We find in Ecclesiastes 3:11 that God's promise that in His time he makes everything beautiful and though He sets eternity in the heads of men, they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. During frightful illness we have the certainty and peace and joy of heaven. The very idea of walking hand in hand with Jesus whole and perfect, your mind can be renewed in a way unexpected. In Colossians 3:9-10 we learn to put off the old self and put on the new self and this be renewed in the knowledge in the image of our Creator. We see in Genesis 1:27 that God created man in His own image and therefore we live with our Creator in mind-literally in our minds through His Holy Spirit. We can be renewed even though our bodies may be sick and aging. In 2 Corinthians 4:6-7 God said "Let light shine out of the darkness and make His light shine in our hearts. This

knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ comes from the power of God and not from us. Knowing this we are humbled to want to praise God, our Creator.

### Business Meeting:

The secretary's July minutes and write-up and picture of the Ladies Aid and sister Ladies Aid from Living Water Lutheran Church on tour of Lutheran Life Villages, Pine Valley in Ft. Wayne was accepted with a motion by Maxine Lott and 2nd by Marty Williams. Joan Lane gave her report telling of the \$2000.00 given to Zion for the new furnace and air conditioning. \$1950.53 came from the Ladies Aid Lutheran Church Extension Fund. \$49.47 came from the Ladies Aid check book. A separate amount of \$3327.10 of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund was rolled over for 5 years at 2.2% in one step up.

### Correspondence:

A response came from Ruth Ryan's two daughters for the \$10.00 memorial gift given from the Ladies Aid to the Altar Guild.

### Jokes:

President Reese entertained with some humor from the Internet.

### Committees:

11 quilts was reported by Marty Williams that were knotted in June and now ready to take to the Lutheran World Relief truck along with an amount of soap. Stamps for Missions are to be brought to church (given to Jennie Childs trimmed) by Oct. 11th and these will be taken to the North Zone Rally.

### Cancer Pads:

70 were taken to the Cancer Services on Aug. 21st and 80 were brought back to sew and President Reese ordered 80 more.

### Visitation:

President Reese told of her visit with former Ladies Aid member Alberta Warnick.

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Bake Sale:

It netted \$271.25 for missions at the Zion Garage Sale Aug. 14 & 15.

Ladies Aid Article and Picture:

That appeared in the Post & Mail newspaper was shown at the meeting of the tour of Lutheran Life Villages in Ft. Wayne.

Upcoming Dates:

October 5th is LWML Sunday. The theme is "Fragrant Sacrifices and Offerings." The Ladies Aid will help with the service.

October 11th is the LWML North Zone Rally. It will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ft. Wayne. The Liberian Children's Ministry is the focus of the Rally. The Ladies Aid determined the amount of \$25.00 to be given there for the Ingathering.

October 19th is Confirmation Sunday for 4 Confirmands. Gifts were already bought for them by Joan Lane and cards by President Reese. Joan Lane also announced that she purchased the Christmas gifts and cards for the shut-ins.

The Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

At Fellowship time French apple pie and ice cream were served by Maxine Lott and Gloria Nimtzt. Lois Duffy won the table prize.

Submitted by Lois Duffy, secretary.

## **LWML North Zone Rally**

Saturday, October 11th, 2014  
8:30—11:30 AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
1126 Barr St., Ft. Wayne, IN

"Nourish the Children" is the theme of the presentation, based on Matthew 18:10, presented by Joe and Glendora Boway who give leadership to Liberian Children's Ministry, sponsored by New Life Lutheran Church of Ft. Wayne. Since 2004, the Liberian Children's Ministry has focused on meeting the physical, educational and spiritual needs of the children in Liberia. Schools are being built in Rural Liberia with our partner churches. In 2013-2014, 3400 children were enrolled in 12 schools. It costs \$3,000—\$5,000 to run a school each year. The goal is to provide a Christ centered education.

The voluntary monetary ingathering will be used to support this ministry. A gift of \$25 will support one child's schooling for one year! Checks should be made payable to New Life Lutheran Church with Memo "Liberian Children's Ministry". The meeting will be held in the Nerger Assembly Room of Heritage Hall. A church tour is available at 11:30 following the rally.

Registration Deadline is Oct. 5th, see Kathaleen Reese if you would like to go. (327-3911)

## **The Lutheran Witness Magazine**

Subscription for the 2015 year  
will be \$18.00.

If you are wanting to renew or if you're a first time subscriber,  
please let Kenny Knuth know by  
Oct. 19th at the latest.

Thank you.



**SOUTH SUDAN REPORT**  
**Missionary Update**  
**Sunday Evening, October 5, 2014**  
**Zion Lutheran Church; 0389 County Road 12**  
**Corunna, IN --- 260-281-2286**

5:00 P.M. Potluck Supper provided by  
Zion's Ladies Aid (Corunna)

6:00 P.M. Missionary Report;  
Mr. And Mrs. Heath Eshelman,  
Congregational Missionaries to South Sudan

\*\*\*Musical entertainment during dinner\*\*\*

\*\*\*Concordia Seminary Bazaar early Christmas shopping  
includes books, men's shirts, women's clothing and jewelry\*\*\*

Profits to upcoming mission trip—Mission work done in  
Nairobi, Kenya; Kampala, Uganda; and South Sudan.

### **Moved**

Two couples here at Zion have moved  
from Indiana for the warmer weather in  
Florida. In case you would like to send  
cards or letters, here are their addresses.

Max and Barb Cotner  
1523 Caribbean Rd.  
Sebring, FL 33870

Carl and Norma Scheuman  
945 Moon Lake Dr.  
Naples, FL 34104

### **Official Acts**

Baptism

Latishia Luz Clarita Carpenter  
9/13/2014

Death

Mary E. Wilkinson (non-member)  
9/7/2014

### **Address**

Logan & Lydia Landes  
1910 Gugino Md. St.  
Reese, MI 48757

## Voter's Assembly

Do to having Confirmation on Sunday, Oct 19th the Voter's Assembly for October will be held on Sunday, Oct. 26th after worship instead.

This will be a very important meeting to vote on whether or not Zion will proceed with the Indiana District Revitalization Program.

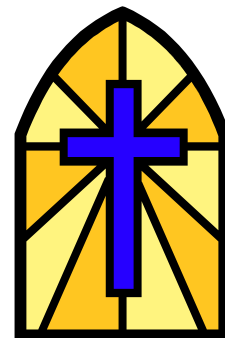
## Worship Service

### SUNDAY

Sunday School—9:00 a.m.  
Worship—10:15 a.m.  
w/Communion  
1st & 3rd Sundays

### WEDNESDAY

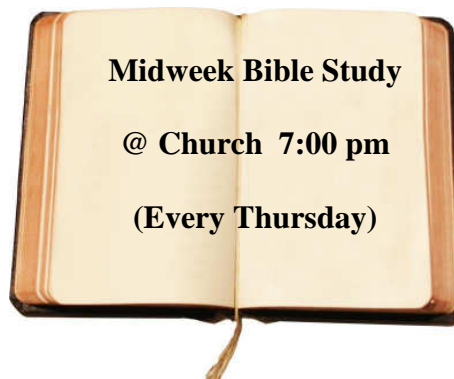
Worship—7:00 p.m.  
w/Communion  
2nd & 4th Wednesday



### Midweek Bible Study

@ Church 7:00 pm

(Every Thursday)



Learn more about Stephen Ministry  
at an introductory workshop

(Equipping Laypeople  
for Christ-Centered Care)

Saturday, October 18, 2014  
Saint Joseph United Methodist Church  
Ft. Wayne, IN

Pastor is going!  
Anyone else interested?



**Carload Conference**, Saturday, October 11, 2014 at Lutheran High School , 5555 S. Arlington Avenue, Indianapolis. This is a conference for lay and professional leaders of congregations in areas of stewardship, leadership, children, youth and family ministry and more! This is presented by the Indiana District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. See the bulletin board for more information.

Let pastor know  
if you are interested in going!





## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP October 2014

Zion will be celebrating Rally Day 2014 during the 10:15AM worship service on Sunday, [September 28<sup>th</sup>](#). The theme is “Father Welcomes All His Children.” The [Sunday](#) School Staff and Board of Christian Education will be installed in their offices during the worship. Everyone is invited to enjoy the Pancake & Sausage Brunch that follows in the gym. Bring along family and friends to enjoy this day of rallying around the cross of our Savior.

Oktoberfest almost here – Saturday, [October 4](#), from 4:00 – 8:00 P.M. at the home of Kenny & Barb Knuth, 4279 E Lincolnway. Contact them if you need directions. This annual event is for young and old. Dress for the weather because we’ll have it RAIN or SHINE! The Board of Christian Education will supply the hotdog, buns, condiments, and hot chocolate. Please bring along:

- Dish and/or snack to share
- Lawn chairs
- Cold beverage

Family & Friends

Come enjoy an evening of fun! Kids can enjoy hayrides and exploring; adults can enjoy the bonfire and fellowship. Call if you have questions: [260.244.6065](tel:260.244.6065).

[Sunday](#) School lessons for October are:

5<sup>th</sup> = “Noah & the Flood”

12<sup>th</sup> = “God Calls Abram”

19<sup>th</sup> = “Abram Rescues Lot”

26<sup>th</sup> = “God’s Covenant with Abram”

[Sunday](#) begins at 9:00AM in the gym for a short opening. Students are dismissed to classes and adult meet in the gym. Coffee/donut fellowship is available. Please join us!

Missions for the months of September and October will be supporting the Columbia City Lighthouse Mission. In conjunction with the Board of Outreach, there will be a list available for much needed items at the mission. See Peggy Brooke for questions.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL STATS – [August 2014](#)

Class Attendance: Primary Class – 100% (banner class); Preteen Class – 66.7%; Jr./Sr. High – 48%.

Perfect Attendance: Emerson and Mason Knuth.



## Attention Crafters

The Women's Guild of Emmaus Lutheran Church, 8626 Covington Road, will have a Christmas Sale on **Saturday, November 15** from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the gym. Crafters interested in reserving a table may call Darlene (418-4285) or Margie (580-2427) or e-mail emmauschristmas-sale@yahoo.com. The cost for an 8ft. table is \$30.00; 6 ft table is \$25.00; and an 8 ft x 5 ft space only is \$20.00 and will be rented on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline for table reservations is Friday, November 7.

## Whitley Co. Fall Festival at Courthouse Saturday, October 11th

Last day for Farmer's Market



Grace Lutheran Church  
204 N. Main St.



## 2nd Annual 'Blessing of the Animals' Service

Saturday, October 4th, at 10:00 a.m.  
(Open to the community!)

Join us for a celebration of our special animal friends in the church parking lot!

Please have dogs on leashes, cats in carriers & any other "friend" safely restrained. If you have a mischievous "friend" please bring a photo for blessing!



## OKTOBERFEST Zion Members & Friends

Will be on October 4th at Home of Kenny/ Barb Knuth, 4279 E Lincolnway – 244-6065 from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M.

The Board of Christian Education sponsors this yearly event and supplies the hotdogs/ buns/condiments and hot chocolate.

Please bring along:

- Beverage (if you don't want hot chocolate)
- Dish to share (salad or dessert)
- Lawn chairs
- Family/friends

We will have the event RAIN or SHINE!  
Hayrides are available for children. Dress for the weather!



## Autumn Harvest Fest Whitley Co. 4-H

Saturday, October 18th  
from 9 am to 4 pm





The following Shut-In Members, in Nursing Homes or those who are ill (hospital or at home): Sami Blomquist, Barb Cotner, Linda Hobkirk, Bill & Patricia Neidermeyer, Sharon Reid, Tim & Sandra Rueger, Michael Sexton, Charles Stanley, Dorathy Ummel, and Alberta Warnick.

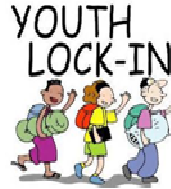
Those Serving in the Armed Force:

Jeffery Clark (Stateside),  
Jessie Contreras (Stateside),  
Chris Decker (Stateside),  
Alex Hart (deployed MEU),  
Joshua Rittner (Stateside)  
Matt Shoda (Stateside),  
Jason Weatherly (Stateside)  
Dayne Zielinski (Stateside)

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS**  
for the family of Mary Wilkinson  
who passed on 9/7/14

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

# YOUTH



October 3rd 6 pm to  
October 4th 9 am @ church  
Bring a friend!!  
(sleeping bag & pillow)

**10/11** Corn Dog Wagon @ Fall Festival  
@ Courthouse Noon - 11 pm  
**NEED YOUTH TO HELP WORK**  
2 PM TO 10 PM

**10/25** Youth Clean-up  
and Gathering @ Pastor

## CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Oral examination will follow worship on  
Sunday, October 5th  
This will be in Pastor's office with  
Elders present.  
Should take about  
10 minutes or so  
for each examination.

Confirmation Sunday will be  
October 19th  
with First Communion.

Confirmands are:

Ryan Bills  
Kyler Bills  
Shianne Brooke  
Mason Knuth

# SERVING IN OCTOBER 2014

## USHERS

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

## ACOLYTES

5th—Kyler Bills  
12th—Mason Knuth  
19th—Logan Bachelder  
26th—Nick Decker

## GREETERS

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

## ALTAR GUILD

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## BLOOD PRESSURE

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## POWERPOINT

5th—Larry Haugk  
12th—  
19th—Larry Haugk  
26th—

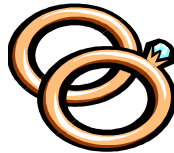
## COFFEE HOUR

5th—  
12th—  
19th—Pat Decker  
26th—

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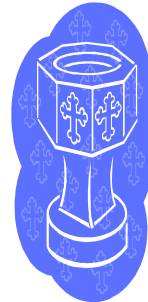
## BIRTHDAY'S

1 Laura Mullett  
2 Jim Mullett  
2 Jacob Mullett  
3 David Wiehe  
7 Joshua Braun  
8 Heather Decker  
13 Sami Blomquist  
21 Caleb Roark  
22 Mary Sexton  
24 Jennifer Foldenauer  
27 Ervin Doehrman  
27 Amanda Crutchfield  
28 Martha Williams  
29 Daniel Knuth  
30 Steven Wilkinson



## ANNIVERSARIES

5 Rick & Sara Sawyer  
10 Daniel & Jeniffer Knuth  
16 Jim & Laura Mullett



## BAPTISMS

Kyler Bills  
Lois Duffy  
Kennith Knuth  
Jennifer Knuth  
Laura Mullett  
Kathleen Reese  
Matthew Shoda  
Michael Sexton

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# OCTOBER 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Wed. Evening Service 7:00 pm	2 L.A. Sewing 9 am  Bible Study 7 pm	3  Youth Lock-In 6 pm to 9 am	4  Oktoberfest at Knuth's 4-8 pm
5 LWML Sunday S.S. 9:00 am Worship w/communion 10:15 am	6	7 Pastor at Circuit Meeting  New Member/ Refresher Course 6:30 pm	8 Wed. Evening Service 7:00 pm Elders meet after service	9  Bible Study 7 pm	10	11 LWML Zone Rally  Youth Help at Fall Festival at Courthouse
12 S.S./Staff 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Youth 11:15 am Bd. of Ed. 11:15 am  Pastor at LCMS IN Dist. Conf. in Louisville, KY	13	14	15  Wed. Evening Service 7:00 pm	16 L.A. Sewing 9 am  LWML 1 pm  Bible Study 7 pm	17	18 Stephen Ministry Workshop in Ft. Wayne
19 Confirmation Sunday S.S. 9:00 am Worship w/communion 10:15 am	20	21 New Member/ Refresher Course 6:30 pm	22 Wed. Evening Service 7:00 pm	23  Bible Study 7 pm	24	25 Youth Clean-up and Gathering @ Pas- tor's
26 S.S./Staff 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Trustees & Blood Pressure 11:15 am Voter's Assem. Meet after worship	27 Zealant Items Due	28	29  Wed. Evening Service 7:00 pm	30  Bible Study 7 pm	31	