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## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Thank you to the teachers and Sunday School staff who so graciously gave of their time and shared their faith over this year:

Pre-school/Kindergarten: Kathleen Schippers and Darcie Kokemuller  
 1st/2nd/3rd: Rachel Creamer & Katie Harris  
 4th/5th: Michelle & Lizzy Richardson  
 6th/7th/8th: Stacey Ramos  
 9th-12th Grade: Kent Heckman  
 Subs: Kathy Othmer, Christa Colony, Sheryl Mercer, Susan Smith, and Sherry Manley  
 Superintendent: Sarah Evans  
 Sunday School Office: Sherry Manley



## GARDEN OF EATIN' SIGNUP

Sign up and be part of the weekly teams throughout the summer. Pick a few days, a week, or whatever your schedule will allow, to help hoe, water, pull weeds, or harvest the garden. Avoid the Nature Deficit Disorder that is affecting our kids today; this is a great family activity. Make new friends and meet the neighbors. Watch the vegetables grow that will be shared with our neighbors and the Food Pantry. The church has tools available to use. Instructions and help will be available; contact Judy Sebbert at 263-4178 or [judy.sebbert@gmail.com](mailto:judy.sebbert@gmail.com). Sign up sheet is posted on the nursery bulletin board.



## PRAYERS AROUND ZION

*"Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs."*

### FOR THOSE THAT ARE ILL:

Elaine Van Greivenhof, Charles Christophersen, Dorothy Shanks, Thelma Hidlebaugh, Nancy Franklin, John Robinson, Dyann Roby, Joann Thomas, Janice Nickell, Sharon Hargrave, Sharon Pugh

### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE

#### LOST A LOVED ONE:

Kathy Othmer on the loss of her mother, Cleone Snider  
Nancy Franklin on the loss of her nephew, Bryan Grady

#### BIRTHDAYS &

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

*Birthdays with \* beside the name represents a birthday of 90+ years, \*\* represents 100+ years. Anniversaries*

6/1 - Ralph Buster

6/2 - Charles Meyer

6/2 - Doris Watson

\*6/7 - Ray Stange

\*6/8 - Vivian Buster

6/17 - Virginia Price

\*6/18 - Thelma Hidlebaugh

6/23 - Curt Kerschinske

6/27 - Joann Nelson

\*6/29 - Dick Boldt

7/10 - Barb Buster

7/13 - Nancy Franklin

7/22 - Emily Cole

7/26 - Doris Welk

7/30 - Doris Evans

6/4 - Bob & Mary Danner

6/6 - Ron & Ellen Oostendorp

6/10 - Jerry & Carol Timm

6/16 - John & Melody Evans

6/18 - Don & Connie Henning

6/20 - Larry & Kathy Meyer

7/19 - Ralph & Barb Buster

7/30 - Carl & Judy Carlson

## OUT - TO - LUNCH BUNCH

Out-to-Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 AM on **June 8** at *Cheri Top* and **July 13** at *Sal Vitale's*. Sign up is available on the nursery bulletin board.



## SUPPER CLUB

Supper Club will meet at 6:00 PM on **June 17** at *Tipton County Club* and **July 15** at *Thirsty Camel*. Sign up is available on the nursery bulletin board.



## GROUP 5

Group 5 will meet at 9:30 AM on **June 20** at *Shirley Stange's* and **July 18** at *Carol Christophersen's*.

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## GROUP 6

Group 6 will meet at 7:00 PM on **June 22** at *Cheryl Jacobsen's* and **July 27** at *Vivien Halloran's*.

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## PUB THEOLOGY

Pub Theology is a concept, not a place. If you are 21 years old or older, please attend, make new friends, meet new people, and engage with your community regarding topics that matter and are relevant in the world today. The next meetings will be at 6:30 PM at *Boonie's* on Tuesday, **June 20** and **July 18**.



## DISPLAY CASE

The June display case will feature old and antique tools. Please have them to the church office by **June 2**. The July display case will feature patriotic items not previously displayed. Please have them to the church office by **June 30**.



## Z-BOOK CLUB

The next meeting for Z-Book Club will be Monday, **June 26** at 5 pm at *HyVee Market Café*. The book we will be reading is *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini.



## HOSPITALITY:

6/4 - Fellowship/Council  
6/11 - Church Picnic  
6/18 - Parish Ed/Youth  
6/25 - Finance  
7/2 - Social Ministry  
7/9 - Evangelism  
7/16 - Worship  
7/23 - Property  
7/30 - Stewardship

## ALTAR GUILD:

Stacey & Sheryl

## JUNE USHERS:

Mike Batenhorst, Gary Sebbert, Kent Heckman, Gregg Mandsager

## JULY USHERS:

Mike Carter, Mark & Jake Evans, Julie Frye, Daryl Smock

## JUNE GREETERS UP:

6/4 - Jim & Linda Maas  
6/11 - No Greeters Needed  
6/18 - Kathy Othmer  
6/25 - Shawn, Tyler, & Whitney Baars

## JULY GREETERS UP:

7/2 - Sheryl Mercer  
7/9 - Irmgard Shoppa  
7/16 - Rick & Marcia Crooks  
7/23 - Jim & Linda Maas  
7/30 - Sheryl Mercer

## VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED

There is a list for food items needed for Vacation Bible School posted outside the church office on the bulletin board. Please have items here to the church by Sunday, **June 4** and place it on the back counter in the kitchen. Your donations are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please talk to Stacey Ramos.



## WORSHIP & PICNIC AT FULLER PARK

On Sunday, **June 11**, Zion Lutheran will feature a worship service at Fuller Park off of Cedar Street (next to MPW). Join us for a morning in the park as we worship and share a meal. Worship will begin at 10:30 AM. Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to share for the picnic following the worship service. Mark your calendars for this fun day of worship and celebrating our church family!



## BLOOD DRIVE

Zion will be having a blood drive on Thursday, **June 15** from 2:30 PM until 6 PM. To sign up, please contact Nancy Tietge at 263-0032 or at [ntietge@gmail.com](mailto:ntietge@gmail.com) or go online to [www.bloodcenterimpact.org](http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org). Be sure to eat and drink before donating and bring your donor card or photo ID. This is for a good cause, it helps save lives, and takes only a little time. Donations are low in the summer and we are approaching a holiday so your donation is very important. Let's roll up our sleeves and donate!



## FARMERS MARKET

Zion's Farmer's Market begins in **July** and will continue through **October**. Bring in your surplus produce to the church and place it on the round table in the narthex. Anyone interested in the produce may take it home for a free-will donation. The money collected will go to World Hunger and any produce that is left will be given to MCSA.



### **JUNE GREETERS DOWN:**

6/4 - Dick & Evie Marr  
6/11 - No Greeters Needed  
6/18 - Dave & Gail Pusateri  
6/25 - Carl & Judy Carlson

### **JULY GREETERS DOWN:**

7/2 - Roger & Brenda Roskens  
7/9 - Tim & Vivien Halloran  
7/16 - Richard & Cheryl Jacobsen  
7/23 - Gary & Judy Sebbert  
7/30 - Doug & Deb Hughes

### **JUNE READERS:**

6/4 - No Reader Needed  
6/11 - No Reader Needed  
6/18 - Roger Roskens  
6/25 - Lizzy Richardson

### **JULY READERS:**

7/2 - Kathleen Schippers  
7/9 - Terri Hanson  
7/16 - Marcia Crooks  
7/23 - Dick Marr  
7/30 - Braedan Garrett

### **JUNE ACOLYTES:**

6/4 - Austin Lawrence  
6/11 - No Acolytes Needed  
6/18 - Julissa Williams  
6/25 - Alexandria Steele

### **JULY ACOLYTES:**

7/2 - Lizzy Mills & Hannah Keith  
7/9 - Parker Freyermuth  
7/16 - Quintin Meerdink  
7/23 - Cole True & Ryan Mandsager  
7/30 - Lizzy Mills

## **A NOTE FROM SAM**

Dear Zion Family,

I'm not sure where the time has gone, it seems like just yesterday was my first day as your intern. Thank you for being such an important part of my learning and growth as a minister. I will keep you updated about my ordination as it is a way off, but it is likely to take place in California. I hope to stream it online (for those who don't want to use it as an excuse for a vacation). You will always hold a special place in my heart.

Yours in Christ,  
Sam Nelson

## **MAY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

- The AA Group requested an installation of a door to the multi-purpose room from the main entrance hallway. Council approved and Property Committee is in charge of construction.
- The Council approved Pastor Steve's Sabbatical/ Congregational pamphlet. It will be distributed to the congregation starting May 14th.
- Dave Starkweather presented the results of the recent worship time survey.
- Pastor Steve presented notes from Karen Landahl regarding Pastor Luhwa's visit to Muscatine. All dates are tentative and awaiting for the approval of his visa.
- Council approved mileage for Pastor Jacquie during Pastor Steve's sabbatical.

## **YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

On **July 16-21**, seven youth from Zion Lutheran Church along with adult sponsors, will travel to Green Bay, Wisconsin for a week of mission work through YouthWorks. (Please see next article regarding YouthWorks) Those going on the trip are: Stacey Ramos, Vicar Kyle Seibert, Katie Harris, Aidan Armstrong, Lizzy Mills, Lizzy and Matt Richardson, and Caitlyn and Ryan Mandsager.





## THANK YOU'S:

I am humbled by your gifts of cards and flowers. Prayers continue to help the healing process. Thank you Pastor Steve, Vicar Kyle, and my Zion Family.

~ Dyann Roby

Thank you to my Zion family for all the prayers, visits, flowers, and cards that I have received during the last few months. I am getting stronger every day and look forward to seeing you all very soon. God's blessing to each of you.

~ Cheryl Jacobsen

## OFFICE CLOSING:

Please note that the church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Gateway: 3:15 PM - 6/2, 7/7

All Comm: 6:30 PM - 6/1, 7/6

Executive: 6:15 PM - 6/8, 7/13

Council @ 7 PM - 6/8, 7/13

## CHOIRS PRACTICES:

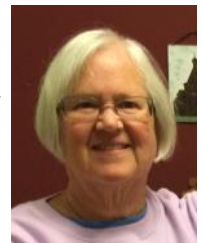
Choirs will not meet over the summer. Anyone performing for services over the summer need to tell Heather your song title and if you will be singing or playing by the Monday before your scheduled Sunday. If no information is given, only your name will be placed in the bulletin.

## ABOUT YOUTHWORKS

YouthWorks, a Christian organization headquartered in Minneapolis, organizes mission trips in over 70 communities around the country. After a rigorous selection and training process, YouthWorks sends 4 of their staff to each of these sites to host about 60 youth from different churches each week. A gospel-centered organization, YouthWorks holds that the relationships built between youth and communities during the week can lead to life-changing, Christ-centered mission trips. Often times, service work is detrimental to communities and really only serves to make those serving "feel good" about the work that they are doing. YouthWorks seeks to change this paradigm of short term missions to accompany the communities they serve. Please join us in praying for our team going, the community of Green Bay, and all of the YouthWorks staff seeking to serve Christ this summer!

## MEET PASTOR JACQUIE

Greetings and blessings to all the folks at Zion! I look forward to serving you this summer. Today, I will share a little bit of my life's journey. I was born in Ohio, the youngest of six siblings. At age 5, my family moved to Indiana, and then to Illinois, followed by Hawaii, where I graduated from high school. Following college in Indiana, I moved to Seattle, Washington, and spent over 30 years living on the west coast. My first vocation in the church, from a very young age, was as a church musician. I was in my 50's when God started to send me hints that it was time to go to seminary. After finally understanding the call, I attended Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California. Following graduation, I was called to serve two rural congregations in Kansas. After retirement from parish ministry, I moved to Iowa City, and continue my call as a supply and interim pastor. This is such a blessing for me to get to know so many faithful followers of Christ! My three sons all live in the Seattle area. I love to travel, especially taking road trips around our beautiful nation. I have now visited 48 of the 50 states, and look forward to completing my bucket list soon. I look forward to hearing your stories of life's journey as well! ~ Pastor Jacquie Berlien



## ZLCC Monthly Financial Update

	April, 2017	4/12 Year	Year-to-Date	Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Difference	
Budgeted Income	\$ 96,891	104,030	(7,139)	312,091
Budgeted Expenses	112,282	104,030	8,252	312,091
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(15,391)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(15,391)</b>	
Unbudgeted Income	5,965	-	5,965	
Unbudgeted Expenses	897	-	897	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ (10,323)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(10,323)</b>	
<b>Fund Balances</b>				
Unified Fund	\$ 135,028			
Building Fund	6,319			
Memorial Fund	17,405			
Fellowship Hall	7,032			
Youth Fund	9,966			
Designated Benevolences	1,010			
Quilters Fund	1,952			
Mission Fund	97,809			
Flower Fund	3,776			
Gateway Apartments Fund	38,831			

## TIME OF WORSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

On behalf of the Worship Committee, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the recent survey requesting input on the preferred time of worship. While we, as a committee, realize that change may not always be easy, it is sometimes necessary. And with any change, it is important to ask for input so that your desires or concerns are considered.

There were a total of 142 responses with 135 of those from members and 7 from non-members. 114 or 80% of the responses came from those identified as over the age of 45 and 48% of the responses came from those identified as over the age of 65.

The survey results for time of service on Sunday mornings (rounded to the nearest whole percent) is as follows:

8:00 am – 11%	9:00 am – 50%
10:00 am – 26%	Other – 12%

With this result, we will continue to hold the Sunday morning worship service at 9:00 am.

The results of the time for Sunday School and Adult Education Hour were reflective of the times of Worship: 10:15 for Sunday School with 9:00 Worship and 9:00 Sunday School with 10:00 Worship. Therefore when Sunday School begins again in September, it will remain at 10:15 am.

We also reviewed the many comments received pertaining to concerns ranging from worship music and hymns, the overall service length, uneasiness of the shaking of hands by greeters and during the sharing of the peace to recommendations for more involvement from our youth at worship.

As the Committee's goal is to make your worship experience as fulfilling as possible, we will continue to explore avenues that allow all who gather to feel comfortable in receiving the Word during our services and events. Please continue to share your thoughts, ideas and concerns with us.

Again on behalf of the Worship Committee, we thank you for your input and words of support. Blessings to each of you.

David Starkweather, Chair  
Worship Committee

Bill Chrisman

5/23/2017

## **REPORT FROM THE SOUTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2017**

Zion was well represented this year with the following seven members attending the Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly on May 19 and 20 at the Lutheran Church of Hope, West Des Moines: **Pastor Steve Cauley, Vicar Kyle Seibert, Katie Harris, Dave & Terri Hansen, and Patty & Bill Chrisman.** Each spring, ELCA synods gather in assembly to “lift up and celebrate ministries and address the official business of the synod”. This includes approving compensation guidelines, adopting an annual budget, addressing resolutions, and electing new members to Synod Council. This is a great opportunity to network and learn about what’s going on throughout the synod as well as partake in fellowship and sharing the word and sacrament with our ELCA partners and friends.

The assembly was presided over by our Bishop Michael Burk. The theme for this year: “GOD so LOVES the WORLD”. The assembly was greeted and opened with a video message from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. ELCA churchwide was represented in person by Bill Horne, ELCA Vice President, who gave a detailed summary of the key goals, accomplishments, and immediate missions of the greater church. Wonderful music for praise and worship was provided by Dakota Road Music.

Synod offering for this year was centered around the “Pigs with a Purpose” program and many of the painted and decorated wooden pigs, including Zion’s, were displayed throughout the building, representing churches and offerings gathered from congregations throughout the synod. All of the collective offerings for this assembly, over \$48,000, are going toward fighting hunger and supporting anti-hunger efforts!

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In addition to the presentations of synod reports, voting on resolutions and synod council nominations, there was time for forums/break out sessions, where a number of subjects pertinent to the church and the synod were presented and discussed. Several resolutions were presented and voted on including support for ongoing anti-hunger efforts, development of a strategy for promoting proper nutrition within the first 1000 days of life, promoting and supporting the welcoming of refugees and immigrants from throughout the world, approving minimum compensation guidelines for our church leaders. The synod budget was presented and voted on for this coming year.



This was a great experience for Patty and I, who had never attended a synod assembly before. In addition to meeting some really great, hardworking, and engaged Lutherans, it was inspiring to see all of the positive impact our congregations, our synod, and the entire ELCA make at local, national, and world levels. We do indeed make a real difference. If you are interested, more details about this year's meeting can be found online at <http://seiasynod.org/assembly>. Next year's assembly will be held on May 18-19, 2018, in Coralville.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill and Patty Chrisman

# June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00 AM Worship	29 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED!	30 9:00 AM Quilting Ladies	31	1 6:30 PM All Committee Night	2 Display Items Due 3:15 PM Gateway Meeting	3 5:00 PM Table Worship
4 9:00 AM Pentecost Worship	5 Vacation Bible School	6 Vacation Bible School	7 Vacation Bible School	8 Vacation Bible School 11:30 AM Out-to-Lunch Bunch - Cheri Top 6:15 PM Executive Committee 7:00 PM Church Council	9 Vacation Bible School	10 5:00 PM Table Worship
11 10:30 AM Worship @ Fuller Park 12:00 PM Church Picnic - Fuller Park	12	13 9:00 AM Quilting Ladies	14	15 2:30 PM Blood Drive	16	17 5:00 PM Table Worship 6:00 PM Supper Club - Tipton Country Club
18 9:00 AM Father's Day Worship	19	20 9:30 AM Group 5 - Shirley Stange's 6:30 PM Pub Theology - Boonle's	21 1st Day of Summer	22 7:00 PM Group 6 - Cheryl Jacobsen's	23	24 5:00 PM Table Worship
25 9:00 AM Worship	26 5:00 PM Z-Book Club - HyVee Market Cafe	27 9:00 AM Quilting Ladies	28	29	30 Display Items Due	1 5:00 PM Table Worship
						

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