

Bulletin Sentence: Romans 6:13 “Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.” Everything we have – even our own existence, our very selves – is a gift from God to be used for His purposes. God has called you to be His own and has given you tasks to perform in home, church, and society. How will you serve Him today?

Church Attendance June 17 & 18, 2017
Saturday: 100 Sunday: 161 Wednesday: 21

Offerings for June 17 & 18, 2017 \$9,281.80 (Weekly need is \$11,461.54)

Those serving this week:

Organist: L. Engelhardt

Alter Guild for June: Sheryl Jammer/Katherine Hilbrandt
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Sat: ELDERS: Dennis Hyatt and Terry Wirsing
USHERS: Sandra Westphal, Gordon Glazier, Katrina Deaton
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Sun: ELDERS: Dean Kohn and Del Marsh
USHERS: Cameron Koch, Sylvia, Julie and Chris List

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Welcome

I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

June 24 & 25, 2017

Psalm 122:1

The mission of Zion Lutheran
is to better know & show Christ's love.

Worship Whys: Why do some calendars commemorate June 24 as the Nativity of St. John the Baptist? Since the 4th century, June 24 was a day to think about the miraculous birth of John the Baptist. The account of the circumstances of his birth is found in Luke 1. It was one of the earliest feasts to find a place in the Christian calendar. We do not know the exact date John was born but this date was picked for an interesting reason. St. Augustine explained the special appropriateness of the date selected, as after this Feast the days begin to get shorter, whereas after the Feast of Christ's Nativity they begin to grow longer. It is a remind of what John said, "He [Jesus] must become greater; I must become less" (Jn. 3:30).

The Practice of Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, we request that only those who are instructed in the sacrament and one with us in faith take part today. Please speak to a pastor if you have a questions about this. The center of the tray holds white non-alcoholic wine.

Our focus today is on Jesus' words to His disciples to "do not fear." There are many things in our world that can cause fear: persecution, hardships, health struggles, financial challenges, and many more situations. Jesus calms us with His grace and mercy. He loves us and forgives us daily and promises to be with us always in the midst of the challenges of life.

This week at Zion

Sun 25 **Worship w/ Communion 9 AM**
Bible Study 10:15 AM
Mon 26 Elder's Meeting 7 PM
Sat 01 Adult Bible Class 5:45 PM
Worship 7 PM
Sun 02 **Worship 9 AM**
Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM

Retable Flowers: in thanksgiving and joyful celebration for 30 years of marriage from Greg and Diane Wirsing.

Memorials: In memory of Ruth Thornton a monetary gift has been received to the CGLT fund, from the Santa Store. In memory of Kathleen Pacholke the following has been received, \$450 to CGLT and \$20 to Zion School.

Pastor's Bible Class: In the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Bible class we are studying the readings of the day. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about a reading that wasn't preached on or simply to dig deeper into the weekly readings. Please join us for the study Saturday at 5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary or Sunday at 10:15 a.m. in the cafeteria as we grow in our faith!

Discussion Bible Class led by LeRoy Engelhardt will continue their study of *(The Lutheran Difference)*. They will meet in the conference room after Sunday service at 10:15 a.m.

Summer Children's Church: Children's Church is an opportunity for younger children to hear an age appropriate Bible lesson in the church basement during the sermon time of the Sunday morning worship service. Children are invited to follow the leader to the basement during the hymn before the sermon and they return to worship with their parents at the time of the offering. Children's church allows younger children to continue to learn Bible stories during that time of the year when we do not have Sunday School. If you would like to assist with children's church as a lesson presenter or helper please contact Pastor Hemme. This is an opportunity to use your teaching gifts without a multiple week commitment.

VBS Donation Board is located in the narthex. Please stop and see if there is anything you can help with. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Portals of Prayer renewal time, The July issue of Portals of Prayers will begin a new year for subscribers if you have it directly mailed to your home. These subscriptions are automatically renewed so you will never miss an issue. Zion pays for these subscriptions, yearly cost is \$8.60 per subscriber. To help defer cost and if you are able please make a check payable to Zion Lutheran Church, put it in an envelope with Portals of Prayers written on the front and either put in the collection plate or bring to the church office by July 10th. Thank you.

Faces of the Reformation Bible Study – Next Bible study will be June 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the school as we learn about: “A woman of considerable strength and courage, Katharina von Bora left her convent life when she learned from Martin Luther’s writings that Christ’s grace came through faith alone. The freedom she gained from this knowledge also allowed her to marry the man whose writings had taught her about God’s saving grace. As manager of the Luther household, she kept everything in order so her husband could focus on theology.” Babysitting will be available. Please contact Chris List (989) 600-9035 for more information or questions.

Here We Stand

REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY DISTRICT-WIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

October 15, 2017 | Breslin Center, East Lansing

There are 5 months left until the joint worship service that will take place at the Breslin Center in Lansing! Have you reserved your tickets yet? Tickets are free, but you must have them to be admitted to the event.

Zion is chartering a Blue Lakes bus for 56 people of all ages to attend the 500th Reformation Anniversary.

Got questions? Contact a Fellowship Team member.

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