

Bulletin Sentence: 1 Peter 2:9 “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” God has called us to be His own. He has chosen us out of love, out of mercy, out of sheer, divine joy. The Apostle says that God has done this that we may share in His glory and joy, that we may “proclaim the excellencies of Him” who has made us His own. And truly, this is our delight! His joy brings joy in our hearts as well.

April Financial Overview: In the general fund, income exceeded expenses by \$21,777.23 for the month of April. Year to date in 2017, expenses exceeded income by \$2,180.02 in the general fund. The cash balance in the general fund at the end of April was \$90,549.37. Average weekly giving in April for envelope and loose offerings was \$14,006.85. Average weekly giving year to date for envelope and loose offerings was \$11,659.17. Our average weekly need estimate for envelope and loose offerings in 2017 is \$11,461.54. For more detailed reports, please see the financial statements which are available in the narthex. Thank you for your faithful stewardship and generous support to serve our Lord.

Church Attendance May 6 & 7, 2017
Saturday: 106 Sunday: 255

Offerings for May 6 & 7, 2017 \$ 13,589.50
(Weekly need is \$11,461.54)

Those serving in our services this week:

Organist: A. Koch

Alter Guild for May: Deb Shufelt 989-662-2496

Sat: ELDERS: Dennis Hyatt and Andy Diehl
USHERS: Linzey & Amy Turmell, Randy Brandt & Dennis Hyatt

Sun: ELDERS: Mark Steih and Mark Treiber
USHERS: Cameron Koch, Melissa, Ken & Julie Selle

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Welcome

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

May 13 & 14, 2017

Psalms 122:1

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

Worship Whys: Why are the letters Alpha and Omega frequently used in church art? Our altar paraments and Paschal candle both feature the Greek letters Alpha and Omega. In Revelation 21, God says, “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.” God begins and ends all things. In the book of Isaiah He said, “Who has done this and carried it through, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD—with the first of them and with the last—I am he.” (41:4) The first and last letters of the alphabet denote completeness. One other interesting thing to note is that the Hebrew word for “truth” begins with the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet and ends with the last letter.

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.

Prayer Requests are always welcome.

Our Focus today is on what it means to be the people of God. Our reading from 1 Peter describes who the people of God are and what the people of God do as they live out their faith. Jesus is the center and cornerstone of our faith and we continue to live as His forgiven and forgiving people.

This week at Zion

Sun 14 **Worship w/ Communion 9 AM**
Sunday School 10:15 AM
Special Voters Mtg. 10:15 AM

Tue 16 Adult choir practice 6:30 PM

Wed 17 Bible Class 9 AM
Quilting 10 AM
SOAR Worship 7 PM
Ladies of Zion Mtg. 7 PM

Sat 20 Adult Bible Class 5:45 PM
Worship 7 PM

Sun 21 **Worship 9 AM**
Preschool and Young 5's Graduation
Family Bible Hour 10:15 AM

Retable Flowers: are given in loving memory of our father, Elmer Schmid's birthday on May 15th, from Janet Rash and Mary Jo Gorgol.

Memorials: In loving memory of Norman Stieve's birthday on May 11th a monetary gift has been received to the building fund, from his wife Ilene.

In loving memory of Melvin Lederer, \$460.00 to CGLT. In loving memory of Carol Sharp, \$10.00 to Zion School/Dorothy Stieve Student Aid, from Gordon & Marge Marnier. In loving memory of John Kolb, \$230.00 to Zion School-playground equipment and \$50.00 for bulletin covers.

Thank you: The family of Melvin Lederer would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Pastor Hemme and Pastor Menz for all of their prayers and visits to Melvin during this illness. They would also like to thank the ladies of Zion for providing all of the food for the luncheon. The kindness and generosity by our church family was greatly appreciated.

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!

Sunday School: The children will learn about "The Lord's Supper" (Luke 22:1-23) in Sunday School today. In your family discussion ask, "What benefits and blessings do we receive in the Lord's Supper?" **Sunday school starts at 10:15 am**

There will be a special voters meeting to call a 5/6 grade teacher on Sunday, May 14th following our worship service.

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.

You are invited to attend the Retirement Party honoring Luanne Wegener for her many years of dedicated service teaching our children in the kindergarten class. The party is on Sunday, June 4th at 11:30 am in the school gymnasium. Please RSVP to the school office at 989-662-4264, email office@zionbeaver.com, or sign the church attendance book and indicate how many are coming. Please bring a salad or dessert, we'd love for you to join us.

Zion Preschool is looking for an Preschool Teacher, hours TBD. Please submit resumes to the school office or to zionlcp@gmail.com

An organizational meeting and usher training session for those who will be participating in Junior Confirmation instruction during the 2017/18 school year will be held following worship on Sunday, June 4th. Generally, it is expected that students who are in 7th and 8th grade will participate in Junior Confirmation instruction. If you would like more information about enrolling a student in Zion's Confirmation program please contact Pastor Hemme.

VBS Donations

The Vacation Bible School (VBS) Set Committee has started to assemble items that are needed for the construction of the set for the 2017 VBS presentation of "Maker Fun Factory". The committee is getting an early start this year in hopes of avoiding a rush just before building needs to commence. The list below shows items that we are asking to be donated that will be used in the creation of the set. Because of the amazing support that we have received over the years from the Midland Home Depot, we encourage you to support them as well by making your donation purchases there if possible. 2 each 15 amp grounded T-shaped outlet adapter (approx. \$5 each) 5 each 16/3 20 foot **outdoor** extension cords (approx. \$11 each) 10 each **Tops** from 5 gallon buckets – colored only, no white ones, no pour spouts -2 Blue-2 Red-2 Orange or Yellow- 2 Black Donations can be dropped off at the Church Office. Questions can be directed

We will be recognizing our High School and College graduates on Sunday, June 11th at the 9AM service. We will be sending a letter and a return post card to our High School students, please take a moment to fill the card out and return to us. For our college students please call the office and we will be happy to include you, your degree and where you are graduating from. Congratulations on a job well done!

Adult choir rehearsal, in preparation for Luanne Wagener's retirement party, will be scheduled for the next three Tuesdays at 6:30 PM. Please plan on joining us for this special event.