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June 2023 Newsletter

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June SERVANT SCHEDULE:

| | USHER/GREETER | LECTOR | COMM. ASST. | Tech. |
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| 6/4 | Zion Youth | Zion Youth | Zion Youth | Bob Giese |
| 6/11 | Phil Koterba | Karen Combs | Keren Combs | Dave Maier |
| 6/18 | Bill Cowen | Vickey Cowen | Vickey Cowen | Pat Weichel |
| 6/25 | Dale & Gale Kurns | Dana Leininger | Dana & Wayne Leininger | Bob Giese |
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***IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL YOUR DUTY, PLEASE FIND YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT**



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

We share God's call to experience purpose, wholeness, and community in Jesus Christ and faithfully steward his creation.



“Stellar” is the name for Zion’s vacation bible school this year. When something is “stellar” it is very good, exceptional, or outstanding. The word derives from the word “star,” which, as a church, the star shines in the darkness and guides us to the way, the truth and the light, Jesus. As I write we are busy planning to provide an exceptional vacation bible school for all those who come AND for those, who might need it, be a light to them who feel like they are in darkness. A light that will guide them to see Jesus’ love shine in everything they see and do.

This is what church is supposed to be, isn’t it? As a church we should strive to be exceptional at being a light for all those in darkness. We don’t need to know why individuals are in darkness; it may be sickness, unemployment, addictions, relationships, who knows? It really doesn’t matter why a person is experiencing dark times, the key is to be a light to guide one another out of the darkness.

Over the past couple of months Zion’s mutual ministry team has been meeting. The team has discovered some areas in which Zion might not be exceptional. One of these areas is in knowing who is visiting, or is new, to Zion. To work towards exceptionalism the team is recruiting individuals to be greeters at worship. The greeter would meet people as they come through the door, learn if people are visitors, or return visitors, get to know a little about the person, show them the visitor cards, answer any questions the person may have and show the person where he/she is welcome to hang a coat, use the restroom, where coffee hour is and where we worship. Ushers are busy handing out bulletins and doing their “job”. A greeter has the ability to take a little more time with the visitor to make the visitor feel welcome.

Another event the team would like to implement is a Wednesday evening “lawn-chair” worship in the courtyard. During the summer months many people travel and are away on Sunday. The “lawn-chair” worship would offer another opportunity to worship but in a casual way. Luther once said “leave the doors and windows open to the sanctuary on the chance that a passerby might need to pray with you.” What better opportunity for a “passer-by” to pray with us than to over-hear our prayers as we worship and glorify God outside. The worship service will be at 6 pm. Please come as you are able.

What are other ways Zion can be “Stellar?” Send us a note, write your idea on a pew card and place it in the offering plate, or simply give us a call. There is always room for improvement. Let’s pray about it and be as “Stellar” as vacation bible school is going to be.

In Christ,

Pastor Audrey

Click [HERE](#) to see the June calendar.

Staying connected with our church just got easier. Just download the Instant Church app and you will have access to our church directory.



If you haven’t already, please download this app. You can use your home computer or a smart phone. If you are not able to do either of these options, we will be printing hard copies.

Outdoor Summer Worship

Wednesdays throughout the summer

Summers are busy, and you can't always make to Sunday Worship. To help with that we will be offering another opportunity to worship. Join us in the courtyard every Wednesday starting June 7th. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket. Worship will begin at 6pm.



June Social Concern is... Crimson/Red Hymnals

The Worship Committee, with the support of the Church Council, has made the decision to replace our current "Green" Hymnals with the newer "Crimson/Red" Hymnals. Why? Well for starters, we hope to reduce the amount of paper Zion Lutheran prints each week. Also, all of our music and liturgy comes from the current Red Hymnal and several of the hymns we enjoy are not currently in the old green hymnal. Finally, we plan to purchase some large print hymnals to better serve our congregation.

The cost of each hymnal is \$25 for an estimated total cost of \$2000-\$2500.. Therefore, June's social concern of the month will be the Hymnal Fund. **If you'd like to contribute to this cause please note "Hymnal Fund" on your check or electronic contribution.**

In other news, the Worship Committee is also looking into other forms of technology to enhance our Worship service. Please contact me or other committee members if you have ideas you'd like to share.

I believe the hymns we sing each week, are truly one of the many beautiful gifts God has given to us to celebrate! The Worship Committee respectfully asks for your support of this month's Social Concern of the Month.

Respectfully submitted by,

Stan Olson

Worship Committee

Cancer Colors Celebration

August 17th 6-9pm @ Frank Day Park

There will be a food truck available and of course cake and ice cream. Proceeds will go to the CMMC Cancer Center.

You will have an opportunity to purchase luminary bags in the Narthex soon. They are \$5 per bag or \$25 for 6 bags.

If you would like to build a walking team please contact Lana Papp.



- * **Jessie Stewart**
- * **Tia Gaughan (Pam Bowen's granddaughter)**
- * **Becky Woltermann**
- * **Bob Simpson**



Love INC Family Fun Day

Join us on Sunday, June 11th from 4:30-7pm as we support our partner organization Love INC at their Family Fun Day fundraiser! Entry will be free, with a freewill donation taken. Activities include: Live music, bounce houses, a Cornhole Tournament, face painting, hay rides, yard games, and more! In addition, Full Curl Smokers and Love INC will be selling food and various concession items. Bring your own lawn chair and come enjoy some good music and fellowship!



Vacation Bible School 2023

June 12th – 15th

**Registration Sheets are
available online.**

**Please contact Falan if you
would like to know how you
can help.**

**Thank you to all who have already
donated items. As always is it greatly
appreciated.**



Zion's financial through end of April, 2023

April, 2023

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|-----------|-------------------|
| Income: | \$22,425.81 |
| Expenses: | <u>23, 254.81</u> |
| Net: | -829.00 |

Year- to-date:

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|-----------|-------------------|
| Income: | \$82,571.92 |
| Expenses: | <u>103,661.39</u> |
| Net: | -21,089.47 |

**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**

Dear friends,

Chance here this month. I know this is a column from the “dog house” and I am a cat, but the dogs love me like a dog, and I love them SO they asked me to write about my experience with other cats.

As you know, when I came here in March, Pastor Audrey already had a few cats. One lives inside and outside, like me; the other two live outside in the “cat house.” I don’t know if you know this but I came to Eric as a kitten, therefore I have only lived with dogs and let me tell you dogs are much easier to get along with than cats.

Cats are persnickety. I may be more dog than cat but I am trying to figure out this cat thing and I can be “cat” when I need to! Eric says I am patient. I do try to make friends. There are days I even think I am making progress. I will go lay in the cat house to be around them, but they just ignore me. If I try to engage they just get up and leave or worse they hiss BEFORE they leave. It’s like they don’t understand I am cat, like them. Sure we are different colors... I am orange and white, they are grey tabby; I am tall with short hair, they are short with long hair BUT WE ARE CAT! The only thing I can do is continue to try to be friends... because like Eric says, I am patient.

How about people? How are people with new people, or people that don’t look like them? Do people hiss and ignore, hoping the different people will just go away? Are people patient when they are the new guy like me or do the new people just go off and find other people like them... or a dog ... dogs are nice, and at least I have the dogs.

Have a good summer while I am trying to make cat friends.

Chance



DUTY GUIDELINES FOR USHERS

1. Be on duty fifteen minutes before service.
2. If necessary, turn on lights in nave, chancel, and narthex.
3. Make sure guest register is open and working pen is with it.
4. Check bulletin for baptism or special events that may need attention. Check with pastor if you have questions.
5. Stand near the nave doors to distribute bulletins. As needed, usher persons to their pews (e.g., the infirm, new members, etc.) especially as last minute folks come in and see that the back pews are full.
6. Fill out the *Attendance Record*. Leave in the narthex or place in the offering plate.
7. **The Offering**
 - Offering plates will remain at the back (not passed through the pews).
 - Always look at the bulletin to see when the offering should be taken to the front.
 - Receive the offering in the choir loft and narthex, as needed.
 - Ushers come forward with the offering plates when the acolyte comes to the altar rail to receive the offering plates.
9. **The Communion.**
 - Ushers should open the narthex doors and take their positions in the aisle at the front during the singing of the “Lamb of God”, so that members can be directed forward while the pastor communes the assistants.
 - Ushers will move back pew by pew to maintain a steady line of communicants.
 - Inform the pastor if there are persons to be communed in their pew.
10. Tidy the pews after worship. Pick up papers and put hymnals and Bibles in place.

Communion Guidelines

Please come to the sacristy during the singing of the “Holy, Holy, Holy”.
(If that is not sung, come during the Offering.)

Wash your hands at the sink.

Decide who will:

- who will serve wine, who will pick up cups (if serving by trays),

During the singing of the “Lamb of God” come to the front and stand at the altar to receive communion.

Leave the emptied trays at the altar. Place the covers on the unused trays remaining on the tables.

Exit through the sacristy to take your seat.
