



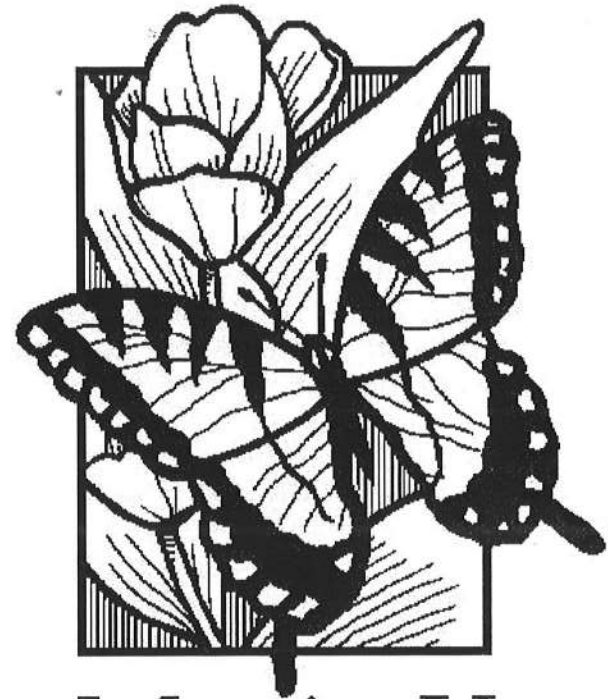
## Zion Lutheran Church

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2014

The Seven Marks of  
Discipleship

✠Pray

✠Worship

✠Study

✠Invite

✠Encourage

✠Give

✠Serve

## Our Discipleship Together

### The Winter is Over!

Well that was a winter! One of our members said that old-timers aren't able to brag about winters of the past anymore because we just went through one of those super winters with too much snow and too much cold. We made it through, but it certainly wasn't easy. For many of us, it left a mark.

I thought it interesting that Easter this year, as late as it was, really seemed to be the final cut-off for winter. Consistent spring-like weather finally seems to be making its way into our area and into our lives. ALLELUIA! How thrilling it is to experience spring after such a terrible winter!

Traditionally some of the themes of Easter have connected with the changes which occur in the spring, with the first flowers blooming, and new life breaking in where cold and death had once been. The coming of spring helps us understand the power of the resurrection.

I think verse 2 of "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain," ELW #363, says it better than I can.

*'Tis the spring of souls today:*

*Christ has burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death  
as a sun has risen.*

*All the winter of our sins,  
long and dark, is flying  
from the Light to whom we give*

*laud and praise undying.*

What a privilege it is to join with you in giving that "laud and praise undying." A blessed Easter to you!

Pastor Keith

## Summary of April Council Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

The Council met on April 8, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Pastor Keith reported that March attendance was down from 2013 from 141 to 112. March and April's attendance numbers tend to be inflated due to when Easter falls.

Pastor will be taking vacation from June 15-21<sup>st</sup> & June 28-29.

A summary of the financial Reports are below.

General Fund combined fund balances increased \$3,734 from \$7,670 to \$11,404. The increase and balance are artificially high as \$2,173 of World Hunger monies were being held as of the end of the month. There was no transfer between General and Parsonage Proceeds Funds. Fortune Lake Campers Fund balance increased \$1 from \$1,832 to \$1,833. The Capital Campaign Fund has been closed. Capital Improvement Fund Balance increased \$1,477 from \$38,870 to \$40,347 due to donations and transfers from Debt/DAR and CC Fund. Debt/DAR and Community Children had receipts of \$1,633. Disbursements of \$163 to Synod, \$387 to DAR and transfer of \$1,260 to Capital Improvement Fund. The fund balance consists of an overdraft of \$533 of co-mingled funds plus \$8,695 in the Thrivent money market fund. Thrivent has provided the forms needed to name new account signers. The Intern Fund Balance overdraft decreased \$25 from \$145 to an overdraft of \$120.

The property committee is still busy working on the new doors in the robe room.

The council is still looking to recruit members to join standing committees.

The money that is currently in Thrivent's Money Market Fund account is not earning interest. A discussion was held as to what should be done to invest or house the money. A motion was made to move the funds into our Stephenson National Bank Account.

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## Summary of April Council Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

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One application was received and granted to a member of our congregation for FLLC. Pastor is going to keep pursuing other applicants.

Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Katherine Finegan, will be preaching on Sunday April 27. The Church Council will host a muffin coffee time following the service.

Pastor Keith shared the official document stating that our mortgage is paid in full.

The asset mapping from the Church Council Retreat that was held on April 5, 2014 was typed by Katie Sodegren-Klein and will be shared with the Evangelism, Stewardship and Missional planning committees.

A discussion was held regarding proper etiquette in welcoming members and members who aren't regularly seen on Sundays. The Evangelism Committee is going to discuss ways in educating the congregation on this matter.

The next council meeting will be May 13th, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julie Williams, Recording Secretary

## DAR Boys & Girls Club News \_\_\_\_\_

The DAR Boys & Girls Club thank you for the donation of \$351.40. We are so grateful for this donation. The funds continue to impact the lives of our young people. Truly you are helping the DAR save lives!!!!!! For a lot of our members the DAR Boys & Girls Club is there only safe haven. You are our **'CHAMPION FOR KIDS'**  
Once again thank you for your generosity.

Rich Crevier, CPO  
DAR Boys & Girls Club

## "Left To Tell" – A Book You Simply Must Read \_\_\_\_\_

Immaculee Ilibagiza grew up in a country she loved, surrounded by a family she cherished. But in 1994 her idyllic world was ripped apart as Rwanda descended into a bloody genocide. Immaculee's family was brutally murdered during a killing spree that lasted three months and claimed the lives of nearly a million Rwandans.

Incredibly, Immaculee survived the slaughter. For 91 days, she and seven other women huddled silently together in the cramped bathroom of a local pastor while hundreds of machete-wielding killers hunted for them. It was during those endless hours of unspeakable terror that Immaculee discovered the power of prayer, eventually shedding her fear of death and forging a profound and lasting relationship with God. She emerged from her bathroom hideout having discovered the meaning of truly unconditional love - a love so strong she was able to seek out and forgive her family's killers. The triumphant story of this remarkable young woman's journey through the darkness of genocide will inspire anyone whose life has been touched by fear, suffering, and loss.

This is an exceptional book and one that I can highly recommend.

In God's love and grace, Karen Sylvester

## Fortune Lake Camp News \_\_\_\_\_

### May 12 – 13:

**Seniors Go to Camp: experience the fun of camp, "senior style." Begins 10 a.m. Mon.; concludes 2 p.m. Tues.; may attend as a day camper also.**

### May 21:

**Camp clean-up day. Time to spruce up the place for the summer season. Come any time after 8:30 CT. Bring your own rake if weather permits outside work. Lunch will be provided. (Please call camp if bringing a group.)**

## Sanctuary Arts

We know there are many people in our congregation that have many talents including decorating. Zion is planning on starting a group called Sanctuary Arts. The purpose of this group is to take a look at how we decorate our sanctuary during the church year. What do we like? What do we need? What would we like to change? Our first brainstorming session will be held Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 10 a.m. at Zion.

## Youth Waterpark Event

We will be having a fun day at the Tundra Lodge waterpark on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. for youth in grades 6-12. We will be leaving from Zion and will return there. The cost is \$7.00 per person, which includes pizza and pop as a late lunch, and concession coupon for dinner. Additional spending money is optional. Please RSVP to Pam Hruska at 920.373.1072 (voice or text) or [pamelahruska@gmail.com](mailto:pamelahruska@gmail.com). by May 13<sup>th</sup>. Final numbers are due to the Tundra Lodge on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Pam Hruska



## Honoring our High School Graduates

On Sunday morning, May 18<sup>th</sup> we will be honoring our High School graduates at our 9:30 a.m. service. They are: Shelby Atwood, Brittany Kloida, Mitchell McFarlane, Allie Saxton, and Jacob Swenson.

The choir will sing, "One Step He Leads" (which by the way is the same song we sang at their confirmation.) There will be a coffee hour after worship sponsored by the Senior Choir. Please join us as we learn more about Gods plan for their future.

Ann Buscher

## NEWS ABOUT RELAY FOR LIFE

This year's Relay for Life theme is MUSIC and the event is taking place on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please let me know if you are interested in joining the team by calling me at home 715-735-7180.

If you can't attend the Relay, you can still join the team and help in other ways such as donating food or water for our walkers or helping in the upcoming months with fundraisers. **We will be meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Zion.** Come join us and see what it is all about; I would love to see new faces and hear new ideas.

Thank you, Karen Houdek -Team Zion Captain



## Relay For Life

The American Cancer Society sponsors Relay for Life to raise money for cancer research. It also funds things like getting people to doctor appointments, support groups, teaching women how to take care of wigs and apply makeup, etc. There are so many things it funds I can't name them all.

This year's Relay for Life is starting on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. and ending at 6 a.m. Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

The reason I am so involved in Relay for Life is because I lost my mother, uncle and many friends to cancer. I now have friends that are fighting cancer and we also have a few in our congregation. I want everyone who suffers from this disease to have more birthdays!

So, if you would like to join the Zion team this year or are thinking about it, please fill out the information sheet below and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

It is a great way to spend an evening and support a great cause. Watch for the upcoming April newsletter and the announcement pages for more information.

I am interested in participating in the Relay for Life event:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,  
Karen Houdek  
Relay for Life Coordinator



**2014 River Cities Habitat for Humanity**

**Womens Build**

**When: May 9th, 8 am till 4 pm**

**Where: 100 Block of Terrace Ave**

**Contact: Ellen Grabian at 715-732-6280**

**Sign up today to help build a home for tomorrow.**

## Street Construction This Summer

Even though there is some work already going on in our neighborhood, (gas lines are being replaced), major street construction in our neighborhood will not begin until May 27. The city will be replacing water-mains, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, curbs and gutters, and pavement. This project will be done in two phases, allowing access to Zion and our parking lot at all times. The first phase will involve Florence St., Paul St., and Todd St. from Paul to James. The second phase will include James St., Richard St. and the rest of Todd St. and will not begin until the first phase is drivable. There will be a series of wells drilled that will be pumping out the water that exists fairly close to the surface of the ground so that this water will not cause problems during the construction. Surely our parking area will be used by our neighbors as well as the construction company. It is one way we can give back to the community. There may be some hick-ups at times, which usually occurs during major construction, but we remember that "Love is patient and kind," (1Cor. 13:4).

## **SPARK Faith Formation**

The kids in SPARK Faith Formation will be singing on Mothers Day, Sunday, May 11. Their final class will be the Penny Carnival held on May 14 from 5:30 to 7:30. Parents are strongly encouraged to accompany their children at the Penny Carnival.

At the May 11<sup>th</sup> worship service, the SPARK teachers will be recognized. This has been a great year with two programs, singing in worship at Zion and St. James, studying the Bible stories to be read the following Sunday, and so much more. Our teachers have done a wonderful job. Join us in offering our appreciation for a job well done.

## **Soup Supper Gift to NEWCAP**

We did it . . . and then some! Donations at our Soup Suppers more than covered the expenses for our meals. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! What wonderful generosity and great budgeting too! After expenses were paid, we were able to make a gift of \$396.81 to the NEWCAP food pantry. They were enjoyable meals that also helped to make a difference for those in our community who struggle to have enough to eat. Praise the Lord!

## **Be a part of the Git-R-Done Group!**

There are many projects coming up and this group could use more helping hands! We have lots of fun when we meet, so come join us.

The next Git-R-Done group gathering is **TUESDAY, MAY 27th beginning at 8 a.m.** If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Gary Grom at 715.732.0617.



The Wednesday Night Confirmation Class is proud to announce their first



In the spirit of serving joyfully, the Wednesday night Confirmation Class is hosting a Penny Carnival for kids ages 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade!

Bring the kids!!!  
On  
Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
From  
5:30pm – 7:30pm  
At  
Zion Lutheran Church



Baked goods will also be available for purchase!

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### Zion's Mortgage

Wonderful news! God has richly blessed Zion once again! Our \$175,000 loan (originally financed for 20 years) through Thrivent was paid off at the end of February! We undertook this loan in October of 2007 to install a new roof and upgrade Zion's outside doors and windows. Through God's Holy Spirit inspiring great generosity, we paid off this mortgage within six years and four months! Wow!

And this is the most important detail of what was accomplished: As we paid to maintain our roof and windows, we also enhanced our overall mission. In other words, mission did not suffer because of maintenance.

The goal of our three year Capital Campaign, which began the fall of 2006, was to create a balance between maintenance and mission. Fifty percent of what was collected was designated toward work on the roof and windows, which ultimately became loan repayment. The other fifty percent was designated toward new mission projects and a tithe to the work of the wider church. In 2010, after our capital campaign was finished, we introduced the Debt and DAR campaign where seventy percent of what was collected was used to decrease our loan principal, twenty percent went to support the ministry of DAR Boys and Girls Club, and ten percent was given as a tithe to the wider church. In 2011, our second mile campaign expanded to include scholarships for children in our community. It was called our Debt and Community Children Campaign. We have held this campaign through 2014. Fifty percent of the offerings in this campaign were designated to reduce the principal on our loan, while moneys collected in the Capital Campaign were used to make the loan payments. Twenty percent of what was collected went to DAR Boys and Girls Club, another twenty percent was used for scholarships for Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp and to help them with their capital campaign. As in the past, a ten percent tithe went to the work of the wider church.

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## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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### Zion's Mortgage

Approximately \$200,510 was spent on our loan repayment. Of that, \$101,145 were direct principal payments over and above our regular monthly payments!!

So, what did we do with the other money that was raised?

- + Capital campaign/stewardship consultant - \$35,250
- + Communication Coordinator - \$20,114
- + Equipment to project and record our services - \$32,212
- + The mission of the wider church - \$35,378
- + DAR Boys and Girls Club - \$18,716
- + Fortune Lake and scholarships - \$13,354

Zion's 2014 Debt and Community Children Campaign is still going on. At the end of March we've raised \$4,506. The fifty percent that was used to reduce our debt is now being put in our Capital Improvements Fund, building up that fund for larger building maintenance projects, like carpeting, flooring, kitchen work, boiler repairs, parking lot, and, some day, yes, roof work. The other fifty percent is still going to make a difference at DAR, Fortune Lake, and the wider church.

People in the community and within our congregation reaped many rewards thanks to Zion's generosity and good will. Zion is an open-hearted, generous, caring congregation. This has been expressed in countless ways over the years. Doing God's work in the community takes money, and we grow in faith as we give. We are blessed as we bless others. Thank you for your faithfulness and your generosity. Through you, God has been making a difference in the lives of many!

Pastor Keith A. Kolstad  
Roxanne Bowdin  
Congregation Council President

## VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2014

Sunday, May 4—Organist: Ann Buscher

Acolyte: Erik Breuer                      Lector: Johanna Zuehls

Greeters: Belinda Dufek & Dan Lemire

Head Usher: Nora Plym

Communion Assistants: Karen Sylvester (Pouring), Roxanne Bowdin & Jacki Renne (Distributing the Host)

Coffee Time Sponsor: Stewardship Committee

AV Team: Cheryl Maxwell & Justin Williams

Sunday, May 11- (Contemporary Worship)

Acolyte: Bethany Wolf                      Lector: Kathy Heimbuch

Greeter: Nancy Benchley                      Head Usher: Needed

Communion Assistant: Karen Sylvester

Coffee Time: Michelle Larson

AV Team: Troy Cording & Jacob Cording

Sunday, May 18— Organist: Ruth Olson

Acolyte: Samuel Gressel                      Lector: Karen Dill

Greeters: Schutt Family                      Head Usher: Don Schutt

Communion Assistants: Pat Rondeau (Pouring), George Olson, Jacki Renne (Distributing the Host)

Coffee Time Sponsor: Choir

AV Team: Sarge Rudell & Kathy Heimbuch

Sunday, May 25— Organist: Ann Buscher

Acolyte: Tyler Lund                      Lector: Heidi Beland

Greeter: Jane Landenberger                      Head Usher: Michelle Larson

Communion Assistant: Johanna Zuehls

Coffee Time Sponsor: Nora Plym

AV Team: Troy Cording and James Martin

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MAY 2014

May 3

Shirley Lebick

May 5

Debra Strohl

May 6

Jacob Buenning

Spencer Martin

May 11

Lisa Knopik

Dennis Mullen

Aaron Trusty

May 12

Ronald Klein

May 15

Macy Bodam

Samuel Gressel

May 16

Ella Travis

Cora Weissgerber

May 17

James Weissgerber

May 20

Millie Camp

May 22

James Martin

May 23

Mackenzie Andrist

Charlotte Bauer

May 24

Robert Cook

Skyler Emler

May 25

Hannah Pecard

Kelly Pecard

Terry Potter

May 27

Irene Anderson

Michael Jagielski

Addison Minzlaff

May 28

Margaret Williams





# May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6pm Worship at Northland Village	2	3 Noon-3pm Bridal Shower for Wendy Bohan
4 9:30am Worship (Mortgage Payment) 5 pm Service of Reflection 6pm Scout Meeting	5 5:45 pm Cub Scout Spring Clean up 6-8 pm Ecumencial Bible Study Youth serve at concert	6 6 pm Relay for Life Meeting	7 6 pm SPARK, Bible Study, Confirmation 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 10 am Stewardship Committee Meeting 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	9	10
11 9:30 am Worship Spark Singing & Teacher Recognition 5 pm Service of Reflection	12 10:30 am Evangelism Committee Meeting	13 9-11:30 am Sew-for-Missions 6:30 pm Congregation Council Meeting	14 5:30 pm – 7:30pm Penny Carnival 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	15 6pm Worship at Northland Village	16	17 10 am Memorial Service for James Hudson.
18 9:30 a.m. Worship (Honor Graduates) 11am-9:30pm Waterpark for Youth 5 pm Reflection Service	19 6-8 pm Ecumenical Bible Study Banquet May 18 & 19 Synod Assembly	20	21 10 am Sanctuary Arts brainstorm meeting. (No choir rehearsal)	22 6pm Worship at Northland Village	23 8-10 Tables & 50-60 chairs reserved for Brian Swenson.	24
25 9:30 am Worship 5 pm Service of Reflection	26 Memorial Day Office Closed	27 9-11:30 am Sew-for-Missions 8am-noon Git-R-Done Group will meet	28 (No choir rehearsal)	29 6pm Worship at Northland Village	30	31
		Paula, Administrative Assistant will be on vacation May 27, 28 & 29.				