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# THE ZION HERALD

Proclaiming Good News

July 2017

COME JOIN  
US FOR  
VACATION  
BIBLE  
SCHOOL



JULY 10TH  
THROUGH  
JULY 14TH

## Vacation Bible School



Monday July 10, 2017 9 am — 12:30 pm

We will learn about what matters to God is our hearts are full of kindness and joy not what you wear or how you look.

Tuesday July 11, 2017 9 am — 12:30 pm

We discover ways we can use courage to help others and feel empowered to serve.



Wednesday July 12, 2017 9 am — 12:30 pm

We will learn that Jesus, our superhero, not only gained knowledge, but pursued wisdom to apply that knowledge and use it for good in the world.

Thursday July 13, 2017 9 am — 12:30 pm

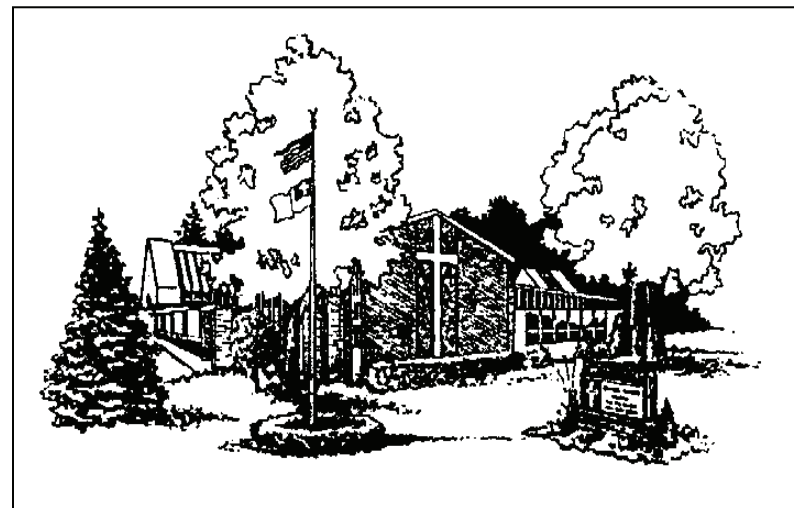
We will discover ways to bring hope to others.



Friday July 14, 2017 9 am — 1:00 pm

We will discover that through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can live like Heroes.

Be a Hero—Join Our Mission Trip to Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center  
July 21—23, 2017 See Page 2



### Worship Services

Sunday Morning: 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday Morning: 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

### Sunday School Classes

(Adult Discussion) 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

(Classes: All Ages) 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

### Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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## July President's Message

I know what you are thinking! It's Summer! Church is slow! I'll be back in the fall! But I have to tell you that there is a lot going on at Zion right now!! If you're not here you will miss a lot!

The bishop has accepted our Site Profile, which means that the Synod is looking for pastors who think they would like to come here. I expect that we will be hearing back from Pastor Biermann at the Synod sometime this summer. The Call Committee will come back to get to know the candidates that apply and hopefully we will be on our way to a new pastor soon.

**Vacation Bible School** – July Super Hero's are invading Zion to show kids the power of God. Sure, Aquaman™ can swim and talk to fish but Jesus walks on water and saved us all! I am sure their lessons will be much deeper than mine but what a great way to approach our loving Father.

**Mission Trip to the Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center** in Richmond, Indiana. July 21–23rd. Pastor Nunn touched our hearts with the stories he shared when he visited this spring. Several folks thought that this would be a great way to get involved. To go out and be Christ's pointy end of the stick.



What we are in for: The center has a real need for help in building shelving and organizing a supply room for art and recreational supplies. If we have a big crowd they will find more stuff for us to do. They have sent a list of supplies that they need for these programs.

**Logistics:** We will caravan out on Friday evening, work during the day on Saturday. Stay and worship with Pastor Nunn and any students that choose to come on Sunday Morning then get on the road to be home by Sunday dinner time. We will be staying in a local hotel and working inside so all are invited!

**Thank you to:** Play It Again Sports in Belden Village. They are going to help us out with deals on the sports equipment. If anyone has an "In" with one of the local craft stores let me know and I will go in and gently twist some arms.

If you cannot go but would like to make a donation, use the envelopes in the pews and mark it Wernle Trip. The deacons will sort the rest out. We will also be taking youthful clothing from the clothing closet. If you have gently used Children's to Teenagers clothes (Is there such a thing as gently used teenager anything?) Bring them In!!

**Labor Day Grill off is coming.** Jesus said, "Feed my Sheep" he did not specify what they should be fed. Ribs, Chicken, Beef Kabobs, Tuna, Shrimp, Lake Erie Walleye, Burgers you just never know what you will find. One year we even had Sloth! It is a great day for food and fun. Plan to be with us on Sunday of Labor Day Weekend. We need Grillers! We need folks to make salads! We mostly need folks to come eat and enjoy.

**God's Work Our Hands** – is a program of outreach by the national ELCA. It encourages congregations to pick a service project and attack it on September 10th to bring visibility to Christ at work in the world. We have chosen to spend the day helping at the Stark County Humane Society Animal Shelter. Jim Fidler has arranged for us to help them with some physical plant needs and probably some dog walking as well.



**God's work.  
Our hands.**



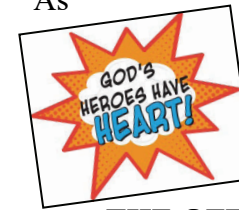
Enjoy your summer! Zion has a lot of things going on!

Yours in Christ  
Mark Votaw

should bring their swim suits, towels and sunscreen. Then, Friday will be our big HERO CENTRAL Celebration! This will include carnival games and other outdoor activities to celebrate our week of learning and service! We will also have a short VBS program at noon on Friday for parents, family and friends. The program will be followed by pizza and dessert, and finally we will pick our quilt raffle winner. Of course, we will have lessons, crafts, music, games, service projects and snacks each day as well! We are looking forward to a great week for our kids, staff and parents, as we all discover our strength in God!

## SERVICE at VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

As always, we will focus on service this year, a great tradition at Zion's VBS. We have planned many service projects, some familiar and some different. The children will experience how important serving others and God is in their lives! We hope they will see that no matter how old you are, you can truly make a difference! The following is a summary of some of this year's projects:



**THE OFFERING** – There will be a contest each day between the boys and girls to collect change as our offering. Each team will have a jar and the most money collected wins! This money will then be donated to Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center.

**OUR FOOD PANTRY** – We ask that each child bring in a food item each day, if possible. The most needed items are cereal, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly and macaroni & cheese. This food will help stock Zion's Food Pantry, which has been about the ministry of helping many families in the community for over 16 years.

**QUILT SQUARES** – The children will once again create quilt squares for Zion's Quilters to sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We will raffle one quilt, chosen by the winner, on Friday. Tickets will be available during the week. As usual, it's one ticket for \$1.00, or six tickets for \$5.00.

**DAILY PROJECTS** – The children will work on several service projects throughout the week at Zion and at home.

**SCHOOL KITS** – We will be collecting items for school kits to help children in our community which will be distributed through our Food Pantry. Items needed are backpacks, paper, notebooks, folders, binders, glue, pencils, erasers, crayons, scissors, rulers and markers. Please bring in any donations by the morning of Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. If anyone in the congregation is interested in donating items, please leave the items in the Church Office.

We are looking forward to a great week and hope you will join us! We are still in need of volunteers for the week! Please consider joining us one, two or all five days. It truly is a rewarding and enjoyable experience with a great group of kids! Sign-up sheets are located in Luther Hall for lots of food and supplies needed for the week, along with donation cans for those who are interested in helping. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please call Debbie Fox at 330-966-2433 or email at [dfox521@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dfox521@sbcglobal.net).

**As always, thank you, thank you, thank you for your great support!**

## News from the Zion Sunday School



Happy Birthday to:

**Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars!**

**Week of July 10 – 14<sup>th</sup>: Vacation Bible School - M thru Th 9am – 12:30pm & F 9am – 1pm**  
**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>: Start of 2017-18 Sunday School Classes**

### Sunday School Reminder – Pre-K thru High School

As a reminder, we will be taking a break this summer from Sunday School. **There will be no Sunday School classes this summer.** We will start up again in September when classes resume on Sunday, September 10, 2017.

We want to once again thank all the families for participating in Sunday School this year and all of the Sunday School staff and teachers for their time and dedication to the awesome youth of Zion.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> – 14<sup>TH</sup>

**Join us July 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> at Hero Central for Vacation Bible School this year. VBS will be from 9 am – 12:30 pm Monday through Thursday and 9 am – 1 pm Friday. Registration and sign in will begin each day at 8:45 am so we can get our morning started right at 9 am!**



During our week long epic adventure alongside biblical heroes, the children will discover their strength in God, explore God's mission for their lives and realize qualities that make them truly heroes of God! Each day the children will be introduced to a Hero Code. The daily Hero Codes will be God's Heroes have Heart, Courage, Wisdom, Hope and Power! Like every year, there will be great lessons, great music, games, snacks, crafts and service projects.

Our VBS program is designed for children age 4 through those who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Our youth who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade and higher are invited to help during the week. We have many volunteer & service opportunities that will be planned for these youth! Registration packets are available in the Church Office. Please turn in your completed forms by **Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>** in order to help us order sufficient supplies. We will still accept registrations during the week of VBS if space is available.

We have a busy week planned with some changes in our schedule from last year! We'll get started on Monday with lots of fun and activities! Wednesday will be T-Shirt day, so each child will need a white T-shirt with their name on the label by Tuesday. Thursday will be our water activity day; so everyone

## THE CALL PROCESS

With summer upon us, the process of calling a Pastor to partner with us in fulfilling Zion's Mission is in full swing.

The Congregation's Ministry Site Profile is on the ELCA website and available for viewing by those individuals seeking a Pastoral Call.

Simultaneously, the NEO Synod Call Process Administrator, Pastor Karl Bierman, is consulting the Ministry Site Profile and reviewing ELCA personnel records as part of an ongoing process to ascertain which individuals would be most suitable for interview by the Call Committee.

As this challenging, but nevertheless exciting, process goes forward, the Call Committee will continue to keep the Congregation informed of developments on a timely basis.

Faithfully,

Your Call Committee:

Laura Thompson (Chairperson)  
 Rob Frock  
 Cathy Harvey  
 Marissa Keating  
 John Long  
 Brian Walters  
 Jim Fidler (Council Representative)

## RESOURCE MINISTRY

After five consecutive monthly surpluses, we ran a deficit of \$2,980 in May, 2017, leaving us with a deficit for the year-to-date of approximately \$1,500. Although expenses were held in check, lower attendance at services on the four Sundays, particularly on Memorial Day weekend, resulted in substantial decreases in contributions to the General and Transition Funds.

Our contributions to ELCA NEO Synod Benevolence and other humanitarian efforts continue to reflect significant generosity and revenue sources remain strong.

We are poised for increased attendance in the coming months and anticipate increased revenues that will enable Zion Lutheran to pursue its vision.

Jim Fidler  
 Resource Elder

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

Those of you that go to the 8am service or have been to any of our Advent or special services you have heard and meet Jack Brannen play the organ and piano. He has been providing us with wonderful music for the last 5 months. Jack has decided to join us as our permanent organist. We want to welcome Jack to our family at Zion.

God's Peace and Blessings be with you all.  
 Darlene Milavickas

## PARISH LIFE

For the second year, it was my privilege to accompany Ron Tvorik to the NEO Synod Assembly on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. In addition to synod business, the agenda included worship services and informative workshops.

This being the 500th anniversary of the Reformation (on October 31<sup>st</sup>), we attended the workshop on the Lutheran Catholic Covenant between the NEO ELCA and the Youngstown Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church. They will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with a joint service at St. Columba Cathedral on October 29<sup>th</sup> with the Bishops Murry and Allende presiding. On Saturday, we attended the workshop "The 95 Theses," which discussed both the contents of the theses and the factors that motivated Luther's actions.

The third workshop we attended was hosted by the LYO (as was one of the eucharistic services). They discussed what their churches are doing with their youth and with keeping their youth involved in the church. We did some brainstorming and approached some of Zion's youth who are very enthusiastic about getting involved. Stay tuned!

Any ideas from the youth regarding projects/involvement we might implement here (we already have some great ones) or adult volunteers to help or oversee would be welcomed.

The lay eucharistic team has received their instruction and supplies. They will be calling upon our shut-ins to provide communion in their homes.

Miriam Keating

## CARING MINISTRY

Welcome to the **HOT** days of Summer. Please note

that the Food Pantry and Clothing Closet will be **CLOSED** on **July 4th** and will be open on July 18th. Set-up time will be at 9:00 AM and the doors open at 1:00 PM for those in need. We wish each of you a **SAFE** and **HAPPY 4TH OF JULY**. Items still needed are spaghetti sauce, pasta of all sorts, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, cereal, vegetable and creamed soups. The Clothing Closet is still in need of household items and toddler's clothes, sizes 2 to 4.

Remember to send Kay Davis your request for prayers at [stitchandsewk810@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stitchandsewk810@sbcglobal.net). Please let her know if you wish to remove a prayer request.

**Thank You for your support.**

Peace,  
Ron Tvorik

**ZION'S FINANCIAL FACTS IN MAY 2017**

May Income	\$ 14,910.97
Income through May	\$ 83,797.34
May Expenses	\$ 17,890.50
Expenses through May	\$ 85,294.49

**May Deficit** -\$ 2,979.53  
**2017 YTD Deficit** -\$ 1,497.15

Food Pantry Fund	\$ 8,629.12
Zion's Youth Fund	\$ 7,093.62

*We thank you for your generous support!*

**WOMEN OF ZION**

The Women of Zion encourage congregational support for the mission trip to the Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center on July 21st through July 23rd. Donations would be most helpful. For future support—Comfort Givers will start a program to collect items needed instead of doing a LWR project. More information to follow.

The Comfort Givers will need helpful hands to assemble the quilt blocks for VBS. If you can sew, pin, tie yarn for securing front to back of quilts, please join us July 10th through July 14th. There will be a quilt raffle on Friday, July 14th.

The morning "Gather" bible studies for July and August are cancelled but, you may continue with home study reading of the many wonderful articles in these

issues. We invite you to become familiar with the ELCA "Gather" bible studies. As we gather, we know that we are united with Lutheran women all over the country in studying the same text. A one-year subscription is \$19.00. This September would be the perfect time to join us. We will be building our faith on three sessions of the Apostle's Creed:

1. I believe in God.
2. I believe in Jesus Christ.
3. I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Bible study author, Julia Seymour, pastor at Lutheran Church of Hope in Anchorage, Alaska, wrote: "For our life of faith together, creeds are more than just words. They are vessels for carrying one another through doubt, joy, and sorrow."

More next month about this exciting series.

In His Service,  
Betty Tracy

**MORE EVENTS/NEWS**

**Christian Music Fest:** A Summer MusicFest will be held on Market Square in Downtown Canton, Thursday, June 22nd, Thursday, July 13th, and Thursday, August 10th.

Through this outreach, the participating churches and Christian bands are hoping to spread the word of Christ's love and grace through music.

Market Square is located on the west side of Market Avenue North between 3rd and 4th Streets. The event is free. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. A Prayer Tent will be on location.

**Thursday, July 13th (Rain Date July 14th)**

- 5pm We The Church—New Pointe
- 6pm PCC Worship—Perry Christian Church
- 7pm Revitalize—Walsh University
- 8pm Master Plan

**Thursday, August 10th (Rain Date August 11th)**

- 5pm Roslyn Pratt
  - The Bryant Family
  - First Church of God in Christ
  - EN-RICH-MENT Frontline Dancers
- 6pm Jerusalem Baptist Church
  - The New Beginnings Band
- 7pm Michael Kelley & Next Level

**THANK YOU**

The family of Patricia Stayer would like to thank Pastor Robarge, the Ladies of the Church and everyone who offered their support to our family during this time. Vicki, Nancy, John and Julie

**THANK YOU PASTOR ROBARGE,**

You have a special gift of being able to make those around you calm and at peace. We are very blessed

that you crossed our path during this time we said "Goodbye" to our mother, LaVerne Leslie. We are so grateful that you gave her, her final blessing for her resting place. You will always be remembered fondly. Thank you for your strength and faith. Gratefully, Diane Kieffer, Susan Bode, and LaVerne Leslie's Family.

# Our Sick, Shut-Ins, and Elderly as of July 2017

Listed below are those we know to be sick, shut-in or elderly. They are mentioned in the hope that our members will remember to pray, visit and send cards to them. The list will vary month to month as those

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