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THE ZION HERALD

Proclaiming Good News

May 2019

Join us on Sunday,
May 12, 2019, as
we honor and/or
remember
OUR MOTHERS



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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Join us on Sunday,
May 26, 2019, as
we remember our
FALLEN HEROS.

Message from the President:

Alleluia Christ is Risen!

Alleluia spring is here, flowers and trees are blooming. Everything is bustling around us, Zion is bustling too. May is a busy month with Mother’s Day, Memorial Day and our Congregational meeting.

Our congregational meeting will be Wednesday, May 22, 2019. There will be a picnic supper at 6:15 pm with the meeting at 7:00 pm. We will be electing new council members, replacing those that have complet-ed two terms on council.

We also will be voting on accepting the revised constitution. In the March edition of “The Zion Herald” I put in a summary of each chapter and the changes that we made. I sent this off to the Northeastern Synod for approval before we vote on it. I want to stress that this revised constitution is what the synod requires congregations to have. We have not revised our by-laws, which is our personal part. We are waiting until we have a Pastor. The synod requested we change two things. Chapter 10 Congregational Meeting – C10.4 One percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum. They asked us to change it to “**The greater of one percent of voting members or five voting members shall constitute a quorum**”. We added C12.14 The congregation council may vote via email for time sensitive decisions. They asked that we remove this at this time because it doesn’t conform to Ohio Laws. There are copies of the revised con-stitution in the church office for anyone that would like to read it.

Randy Elsass has volunteered to be one of our Lay Delegates to attend the Northeastern Ohio Synod As-sembly. We are still looking for one more volunteer to be a Lay Delegate to represent Zion at the assembly being held on June 14th and 15th.

Happy Mother’s Day and God’s Blessings be with you all. And let us remember on this Memorial Day all those that served our country and have died. Our prayers are with their families and friends.

The Peace of the Lord be with you all,

Darlene Milavickas

CARING MINISTRY

The dates for the May Food Pantry and Clothing Closet are the 7th and the 21st. Set up time is at 9:00 am with the doors opening at 1:00 pm.

FOOD PANTRY needs cereal, spaghetti sauce, crunchy peanut butter, jelly (any flavor except grape), canned fruit, variety pack of flavored instant oatmeal, and soups of all kinds (except tomato).

CLOTHING CLOSET is in need of household items such as; bath towels, hand towels, tea towels, dishes, pots, pans, etc. Also, men, women, and children spring jackets and coats.

Remember to contact Kay Davis, stitchandsewk810@sbsglobal.net, if you have any prayer requests.

The 2019 Akron Area Interfaith Council Hunger Walk is scheduled for May 5th. See Heather Hoff-man, Witness Ministry, for more details.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
Ron Tvorik

THE CALL PROCESS

As the Call Process intensifies and we focus on identifying individuals qualified to partner with Zion in the years ahead, we are heartened by the fact our efforts to make others aware of the many attributes of Zion Lutheran are meeting with success. Our Minis-try Site Profile is garnering favorable commentary from viable candidates. Our financial stability and extensive administrative and personnel resources are proving to be quite effective in attracting competent, experienced individuals. Our willingness to adapt to

Youth Spotlight – Happy Mother’s Day!
Questions about the kids’ moms (or grandmas) from their perspective

What is her favorite thing to do?

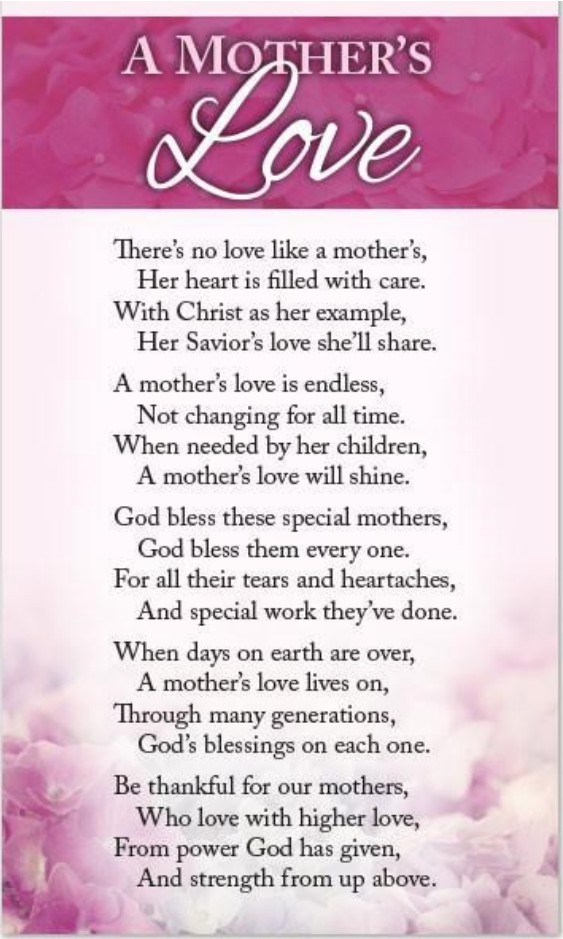
- LJ Brown - Relax & watch TV
- Ben Keith - Plant flowers
- Drew Keith - Read
- Amelia Milek - Gardening
- Weston Milek - Gardening
- Christopher Thompson - Dinner with family
- Justin Dague - Shop at Goodwill
- Jeremy Fox - Be with family or watch Hallmark
- Chrissy Nicholson - Baking
- Marcus Rhodes - Sleep & play board games
- Casey Walters - Make wonderful music
- Kathryn Milek - Hiking & gardening
- Mallory Rhodes - Go out for a fun dinner

What makes her laugh?

- LJ Brown - TV shows
- Ben Keith – Jokes
- Drew Keith – Jokes
- Amelia Milek - Potty Humor
- Weston Milek - Fart jokes
- Christopher Thompson - My dad
- Justin Dague - Her kids
- Jeremy Fox - Most things
- Chrissy Nicholson - Jokes & comments I make when shopping, also my jokes and jokes in general
- Marcus Rhodes - Me
- Casey Walters - Hilarious jokes told by my dad, my brother, my sister and myself
- Kathryn Milek - Bathroom humor, our dogs and Weston
- Mallory Rhodes - When people surprise her

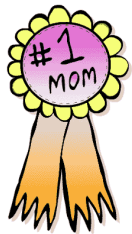
What makes you proud about her?

- LJ Brown - Her baking
- Ben Keith - When we read books
- Drew Keith - She’s a good cook
- Amelia Milek - How far she will go for her family
- Weston Milek - How hard she works
- Christopher Thompson - Her accomplishments and her kindness
- Justin Dague - What she has done for me
- Jeremy Fox - How caring she is, her lovingness and she is hardworking too
- Chrissy Nicholson - She stays strong even through the hard times
- Marcus Rhodes - She’d do anything for me
- Casey Walters - How welcome she makes every-one feel, how successful she has become and how loving she is
- Kathryn Milek - She’s hardworking
- Mallory Rhodes - She does her best



Youth Spotlight – Happy Mother’s Day!

Questions about the kids’ moms (or grandmas) from their perspective



What makes her happy?

- LJ Brown - Baking
- Ben Keith – Telling her jokes
- Drew Keith – Baby cows
- Amelia Milek - The dogs and walks
- Weston Milek - Gardening
- Christopher Thompson - Dogs and me
- Justin Dague - Her kids
- Jeremy Fox - Being with family, being on time and the Hallmark Channel
- Chrissy Nicholson - Cheesecake and a clean house
- Marcus Rhodes - Family time
- Casey Walters - Music, accomplishments and presence of family
- Kathryn Milek - Her family, books, plants and dogs
- Mallory Rhodes - When our family does things together

What is your favorite thing to do with her?

- LJ Brown - Shopping with Grandma
- Ben Keith - Play baseball
- Drew Keith - Play Mario Kart
- Amelia Milek - Watch movies
- Weston Milek - Watch movies
- Christopher Thompson - Travel
- Justin Dague - Shop
- Jeremy Fox - Hang out and talk
- Chrissy Nicholson - Go shopping and go out to eat
- Marcus Rhodes - Watch movies
- Casey Walters - Socialize
- Kathryn Milek - Watch movies together
- Mallory Rhodes - Play board games

What is her favorite food?

- LJ Brown - Cookies
- Ben Keith - Donuts
- Drew Keith - Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Amelia Milek - Prunes & Chocolate
- Weston Milek - Peppers
- Christopher Thompson - Honey Walnut Shrimp
- Justin Dague - Pasta
- Jeremy Fox - Chicken Wraps
- Chrissy Nicholson - Shrimp
- Marcus Rhodes - Steak
- Casey Walters - Chicken Walnut Salad
- Kathryn Milek - Pasta
- Mallory Rhodes - Sweet Potatoes

What is something she is really good at?

- LJ Brown - Taking care of me
- Ben Keith - Pitching
- Drew Keith - Mowing grass
- Amelia Milek - Gardening
- Weston Milek - Cooking
- Christopher Thompson - Cooking & Baking
- Justin Dague - Her job
- Jeremy Fox - Cooking
- Chrissy Nicholson - Making Apple Crisp
- Marcus Rhodes - Scrabble
- Casey Walters - Making people smile and making beautiful music
- Kathryn Milek - Giving advice and making me laugh
- Mallory Rhodes - Her job

changing times and our flexibility in considering different ideas put forth concerning worship service are helping to expand the options for those genuinely and seriously interested in the possibility of providing Pastoral Leadership for our Congregation.

We continue to benefit from the strong support being provided by Bishop Abraham Allende and Pastor Karl Biermann of the Northeast Ohio Synod, whose commitment to ensuring Zion’s successful navigation of this process has been unwavering.

Our endeavors in this process have taught us that patience is a virtue and that proceeding cautiously and prudently in performing our task is absolutely essential. Nevertheless, our current posture is one of increasing confidence that we will succeed in identifying the individual who is intellectually, temperamentally and spiritually best suited to serve as Zion’s Called Pastor.

Faithfully,

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

RESOURCE MINISTRY

The month of March, 2019 saw Zion once again run a monthly surplus!

In March, 2019, revenues totaled \$17,432.80. Expenses for the month totaled \$16,673.16. The monthly surplus of \$759.64 increased the Year-To-Date surplus to \$2,493.78. Revenue was up slightly and expenses down considerably in comparison with March, 2018, once again reinforcing the beneficial aspects of infrastructure improvements and energy saving measures implemented in recent years.

An audit conducted by the Financial Ministry on March 24, 2019 resulted in recommendations aimed at ensuring that vouchers are accompanied by receipts but otherwise found that records of checks, vouchers and checking accounts agreed with the Treasurer’s detailed accounting.

The combination of good stewardship of our resources and a solid, carefully allocated investment

portfolio allows us to pursue philanthropic and humanitarian efforts in a confident, judicious manner.

Jim Fidler
Resource Elder

ZION’S FINANCIAL FACTS IN MARCH 2019

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| March Income | \$17,432.80 |
| Income through March | \$45,576.63 |
| March Expenses | \$16,673.16 |
| Expenses through March | \$43,082.85 |
| March Surplus | \$ 759.64 |
| 2019 YTD Surplus | \$ 2,493.78 |

We thank you for your generous support!

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Thanks for all the cards and calls while I was recovering from knee surgery.
Carol Rossbach

Our family would like to thank the church for providing the meal for our mother's memorial service. We appreciate all of the delicious food that was made and each person who worked hard to make everything so nice. The church and church family always meant the world to mom. Thank you for all the love you have shown our family.
The Family of Edna Fischer

Dear Zion Family,
I would like to thank everyone who kindly sent cards, offered up prayers and kind words during such a difficult time. I am blessed to be a part of this great family here at Zion.
Jayne Schrader

News from Zion's Youth



Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars!

Sunday, May 5th: Interfaith Hunger Walk (Registration at 2pm, Walk at 3pm)

Sunday, May 19th: Last day of Sunday School for 2018-19

Sunday School Pre-K thru High School

May will be our last month for Sunday School classes this year. Our last day of Sunday School classes will be May 19th. We have a short lesson and then a year end celebration planned that day! We hope everyone will join us!

We will take a break this summer from Sunday School for all of our youth. We will start the new Sunday School year in September!



A very big thank you goes out to our Sunday School teachers and staff. We greatly appreciate their time and dedication to the kids at Zion. This year's staff includes some great teachers and helpers: Corlene Coulter, Vicki Givler, Connie Riffle, and Janet Slease. It is such an awesome group of volunteers that our kids truly appreciate! Finally, many thanks to Renee Keith for leading the Catechism class again this year. We truly appreciate the great job Renee always does!

Our Easter Program : Who Was That Man on the Cross?



We hope you enjoyed this year's Easter Program, **"Who Was That Man on the Cross?"**. The kids did an outstanding job as always. During the program, the children described many of the biblically based names and roles of Jesus and how they related to their own lives. The names included friend, teacher, shepherd, preacher, physician, counselor, redeemer, carpenter, judge, servant, Master, Savior, Messiah, Emmanuel, Prince of Peace, Lord of Lords, King of Kings, Christ and finally Lamb of God. As they finished reading, each name was placed on our cross by the centurions. At the end, the cross with all of those names reminded us of *Who That Man on the Cross* was and the promise that comes through the sacrifice of his life and the victory of his resurrection.

A big thank you goes out to all the kids for their hard work and awesome performance. Next, thank you to Suzanne Walters for our music, to Brian Walters for our beautiful cross and signs and to John Long & Lorraine Weinman for their help with the sound system! Finally, thank you to Renee Keith, Connie Riffle and Janet Slease for all of their help with the rehearsals, the program and pizza party. We are so grateful to have such a great group that comes together to make our programs a success!

Another Great Easter Egg Hunt

The kids had a great time hunting for eggs and surprises all over the church this year. The weather was a bit chilly and damp so we stayed indoors for our hunt. The older youth filled over 400 hundred eggs with candy and prizes this year! Thank you to everyone who donated candy, to all of our older youth for filling the eggs and to Casey, Jeremy and Justin for hiding the eggs!!!



THANK YOU for your support of our Easter Egg Tree



The Youth's Easter Egg Tree Service Project during the month of April was once again a big success. We were able fill most of our egg tags collecting over \$500 in cash and gift card donations for the Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center. The monetary donations will help purchase needed items on Wernle's "Current Needs" List and the gift cards will be used as a reward for the kids when they have to go off campus for appointments and court dates. We were also able to collect many items from the Wernle "Current Needs" List. The youth on campus at Wernle are frequently coming and going so these items are greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for everyone's support of this project. Our Zion family is always so generous in its support of our youth projects, and we along with the Wernle family are so grateful.

May 5th – AAIC Interfaith Hunger Walk

We hope everyone will join Zion's group of walkers on May 5th at the AAIC Interfaith Hunger Walk. Zion has been participating in this walk for the past several years. The Walk takes place at Community Christian Church on North Main Street in North Canton. Registration begins at 2pm and the walk starts at 3pm. It is a fun family event with exercise, fellowship and service! Please sign up and join Zion's group to support this worthwhile cause!

Thank you to the youth who collected donations after the services and to everyone who donated so generously to help end hunger in our communities.

Vacation Bible School: July 15 – 19th ROAR!

Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 15 - 19th this summer! We are excited for a great week on safari! We will experience ROAR! - where life is wild, and God is good! Our VBS program is designed for children age 4 through those who have completed 5th grade. Our youth who have completed 6th grade and higher are invited to help during the week. We are planning great lessons, great games, great crafts, great guest speakers, great service projects and a lot of fun and learning! VBS will be from 9 am – 12:30 pm Monday through Thursday and 9 am – 1 pm Friday. We will need plenty 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! If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please call Debbie Fox at 330-966-2433 or email at dfox521@sbcglobal.net. Registration packets will be available at the end of this month. We hope you will join us!

