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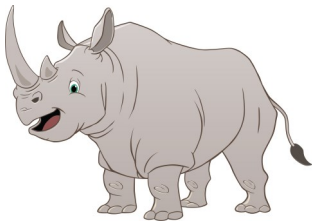
THE ZION HERALD

Proclaiming Good News

July 2019



**Come Join Us for Vacation
Bible School
July 15, 2019–July 19, 2019**



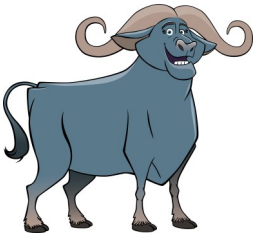
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**When life is unfair . . .
God is Good!**

**When life is scary ...
God is good!**



Hooper



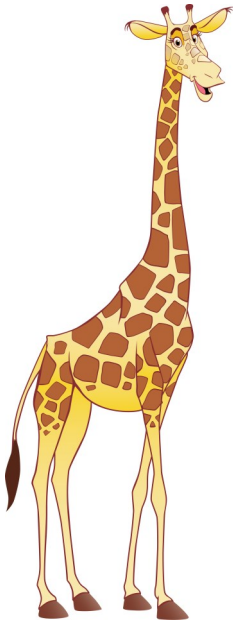
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**When life changes . . .
God is Good!**

**When life is sad . . .
God is Good!**



Zion



Savanna

**When life is good . . .
God is Good!**

**Monday–Thursday 9 am to 12:30 pm
Friday 9 am to 1 pm**

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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Message from the President:

What exciting times we are in right now. We have a new Pastor coming to Zion. A new adventure is upon us. I feel like a kid in a candy store looking at all the jars of candy to choose from.

I would like to put out a huge thank you to our call committee: Laura Thompson (chairperson), Rob Frock, Cathy Harvey, Marissa Keating, John Long, Brian Walters and Jim Fidler (council representative). They have had a tough three years trying to find a new pastor for Zion. I also would like to thank everyone for coming out to our congregational meetings. It was wonderful to see 61 people come to vote on our new pastor. I know there were a lot more that wanted to vote that couldn't attend. It was great to see 52 people at the reception to meet Pastor William Weidenbach, Jr. on June 2nd. Also I would like to thank everyone for your response to Pastor William's questionnaire. It was wonderful to see so many of you fill it out. This shows that we are supportive of our new pastor and want to help him with our mission at Zion.

I have one more person who deserves a huge thank you, Pastor William Watt! I can't seem to find the words to express our gratitude for all that you have done. You and your wife were so supportive from day one. You both came and participated in our community picnic when you had other places to be that day. You made what could have been a bad situation a good one. We were going to have to fill every Sunday with a supply pastor. Pastor Watt was willing and able to fill almost all the Sundays for us. Besides a great message every Sunday, he provided us with continuity, structure, support and friendship. We will all be eternally grateful for all you have done for Zion. We would like to have a reception July 28th at 9:15 between our services for Pastor Watt and his family. Please plan to attend to show our thanks for all he has done for Zion this past year.

Happy July 4th to everyone at Zion. God's Peace and Blessings be with you all.

Darlene Milavickas

CARING MINISTRY

The dates for the July Food Pantry and Clothing Closet are the 2nd and the 23rd. Set up time is at 9:00 am with the doors opening at 1:00 pm. Please note that the Food Pantry will be open on July 23rd instead of July 16th because of Vacation Bible School.

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.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Ron Tvorik

RESOURCE MINISTRY

One-time expenses related to organ repair and grounds maintenance resulted in a slight budget deficit for May, 2019, our first deficit in several months. In May, 2019, revenues totaled \$18,113.71. Expenses for the month totaled \$18,193.22. This resulted in

a deficit for the month of \$79.51, reducing our year-to-date surplus to \$4,618.53. This year-to-date surplus stands in stark contrast to the year-to-date deficit of \$5,967.23 at the end of May, 2018. This constitutes an improvement in the budget situation of \$10,575.76 over last year at this time.

Responsible stewardship of our resources, coupled with a prudently allocated and judiciously managed portfolio, leave us well poised to continue our philanthropic and humanitarian endeavors while making the budgetary adjustments needed to implement the Compensation Package of a newly Called Pastor, effective August 1, 2019.

As this will be my last monthly report as Resource Ministry Elder, I wish to thank the Congregation for giving me the honor of once again serving Zion on the Church Council.

As my term comes to an end, I welcome John Rhodes to the Ministry and exit the Council with a renewed and enhanced sense of respect for those who choose to serve Zion Lutheran in many capacities and with the knowledge that we are blessed to have talented, dedicated people serving as Treasurer, as Deacons and on our Financial and Audit Committees.

Jim Fidler
Resource Elder

THANK YOU

To my church family,

I cannot thank you enough for all of the get well cards that I have received while at rehab at Rose Lane. A special thank you to my sister, Linda Lancashire, who went above and beyond the call of duty, and my daughter, Cathy Harvey, and husband, Jerry Roan. Also, the beautiful flowers from Sally Bunyan and Darlene Milavickas.

In Christian love,
Donna Roan

THANK YOU

To my church family,

I would like to thank my church family for all the cards and well wishes I received for my birthday. I really appreciated all of them. I did receive over 95 cards. The good Lord has bestowed many blessings on me over the years. A special smile for my young friend Casey.

Blessings,
Evelyn Moore

THANK YOU RECEPTION

Please join us on Sunday, July 28, 2019, for a **BIG THANK YOU** reception for Pastor William Watt. We want to say "THANK YOU" to Pastor Watt for leading us in worship this past year. The reception will be held between the services at 9:15 am. There are "Thank You" cards for you to sign in the church office. Please plan to attend to show our appreciation and thanks.

A Birthday Celebration,

You are invited to the celebration of Juanita Bathol's 90th birthday on August 4, 2019 from 2 pm to 4 pm at Zion Lutheran Church. The party is hosted by her "Honorary Kids", Bill & Linda Krah.



God is good!

SERVICE at VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Service will be a main focus again this year which is 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 in showing others how **God is Good** through their helpful, loving, compassionate actions! The following is a summary of this year’s projects:

OFFERING – There will be a friendly contest each day between the boys and girls to collect change. Each team will have a jar and the jar with the most money “wins”! This money will be donated to a charity chosen by the children during the week of VBS. Please join in and help!

FOOD PANTRY – We ask that each child bring in a food item each day if possible. This food will help stock Zion’s food pantry, helping so many families in the community. Items most needed are Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit, Instant Oatmeal, Strawberry Jelly, and Boxed Macaroni & Cheese. Bonus items for extra safari bucks are crunchv peanut butter and canned chicken.

SCHOOL KITS - The children will be putting together school kits for children in the community and the Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center. Please bring donated items by Friday, July 19th. Here is a list of needed items if you would like to donate to this project:



- Crayons & Markers
- Note Book Paper
- Spiral Notebooks
- Colored Pencils
- Pencils & Erasers
- Folders & Binders
- Glue – bottles & sticks
- Scissors
- Backpacks



QUILT SQUARES - The children will once again create quilt squares for Zion’s Quilters to sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We will raffle 1 quilt to be chosen Friday. Tickets will be available during the week - 1 for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5.

STARK COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY - We will be collecting items to help the Humane Society all week. Items most needed in the summer are Dry Dog Food, Dry Cat Food, Cat litter, Blue Dawn Dishsoap, Clorox Bleach, Rain Ponchos, Metal Cake Pans, Hoses and Nozzles, Leashes, KMR & Kitten bottles, and Copy Paper. You can find more information about the Stark County Humane Society on their website at www.starkhumane.org where there is a complete list of items they need, volunteer opportunities and how you can adopt a pet. Please bring in all donations by Friday, July 19th.

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

We are looking forward to a great week and hope you will join us! We are always 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 in the Narthex for food and items 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. Also, we would like to invite anyone who is interested in donating to the above projects to bring in the requested items and leave them by our tree in the Narthex any time through Friday, July 19th!

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

CALL COMMITTEE

ZION LUTHERAN HAS A PASTOR!!!

At a special meeting on June 5,, 2019, the Congrega- tion unanimously approved issuance of a Call to Pastor William C. Weidenbach, Jr. of Peru, Illinois and unanimously approved a Compensation Package, negotiated by Pastor Weidenbach, Zion’s Council and the Northeast Ohio Synod. Our Council Presi- dent, Darlene Milavickas, and Pastor Weidenbach have formally exchanged letters offering and accept- ing the Call.

Effective August 1, 2019, “Pastor William”, as he likes to be called, will be presiding over Zion’s Worship Services. Pastor William and his wife, Linda, a Lutheran Chaplain, will bring dedication, experience, enthusiasm, determination and a sense of humor as they partner with the Congregation to pursue Zion’s Mission.

We wish to thank the Congregation for their thoughts, prayers, patience and support which, with the Lord’s Blessings, sustained us as we sought to fulfill our responsibility to identify that individual best suited intellectually, temperamentally and spirit- ually to become a vital part of Zion’s future.

We now look forward with confidence to continually writing Zion’s history as part of a great community!

Faithfully,

Your Call Committee:

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

WITNESS MINISTRY

As I take up the duties of the Zion Marketing Guy, I would like to first Thank Heather Hoffman. Heather has done an outstanding job of beginning to have an online presence we can be proud of. Understand that she had never done anything like this. She had to figure out what to do and when. Mostly she just had to start, which is always the hardest step forward. **I am looking for folks who have an interest in web- site design and/or Social media campaigns.** Please contact me (mavnav123@gmail.com) if you have an

interest. Don’t worry about know-how. We will figure out the how, Heather has paved the way.

Yours in Christ,
Mark Votaw

WOMEN OF ZION

Just a reminder that July will be a busy time for our sewers. Regular sewing on Thursday, July 11th & 25th. Then we will start on Tuesday, July 16th for our VBS work with the children, young and aged united with hearts and hands to bring love and hope to faraway countries.

Lutheran World Relief is making a big appeal for more comforts, project kits, so desperately needed to restore families lives in the Middle East.

“A few years ago, a young man from Ethiopia was living with a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Kalamazoo, MI while completing a pharmacy degree at Western Michigan University. One Sunday at Zion, he

noticed one of the group’s quilts and responded with ex- citement and tears— his family had been blessed by quilts, too! What a beautiful example of how God brings us together across the world through these gifts of hearts and hands.”



In His Service,
Betty Tracy

ZION’S FINANCIAL FACTS IN MAY 2019

May Income	\$18,113.71
Income through May	\$78,102.11
May Expenses	\$ 8,039.44
Expenses through May	\$73,483.58
May Deficit	-\$ 79.51
2019 YTD Surplus	\$ 4,618.53

We thank you for your generous support!

Mission Interpretation

Hail Zioneers!

This month I have one story to share and a Call to Action.



The story comes from the June 2019 Issue of *“Living Lutheran”*. It is the story of Pastor Adam White, who is the Campus Pastor at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. He sits down in the middle of campus every week to make himself available to whomever needs him. His sign says “Rant at me about Religion I’ll Listen. It is the beginning of conversation that is important in his work. “I’ve prayed,

offered pastoral care, and laughed with students that never would have walked into the Lutheran Center.” Pastor White. This seems like it might be really hard but it is clearly an important part of Pastor White’s ministry. Many of you will remember Zach, the musician from Akron that we have had come play several times, has a new song. The chorus of the song is “What matters is the Love you VOLUNTEER.” Love being volunteered is the Holy Spirit Alive in the world. That has to be the right answer. I think that is what Pastor Watt has been talking a lot about outreach this spring. Usually in his last question before turning to the Creed. “How does Zion _____?” He always asked it in a slightly different way depending on the scripture text but it generally came down to “Reach out to our Neighbors”. I have an idea about that. This is the CALL TO ACTION!

I want to start a program of mini-missions. I want to find something we can do in Northeast Ohio each month or so. I want to cut people’s lawns, I want to make soup for homeless folks, I want to facilitate community discussions. I want to paint houses with Habitat for Humanity, I want to walk dogs for the Humane Society. I want to be a resource that people recognize as a force for good in the community. I want to be the folks that someone calls on because they need help. **I NEED YOU TO RECOGNIZE THE NEEDS.** I will do the coordination. I will twist arms. I will coordinate with Council. My experience with the Youth Group in New Orleans after Katrina tells me there is no better way to feel the Power of the Spirit working through you than volunteer work. I also believe that if people see us out there DOING they will say, “Well that church is always somewhere doing something! They must have their stuff together. That is a church we should check it out.” Let’s take a hint from our youth that always have a program happening. Mavnav123@gmail.com or call Vicki in the church office. Just like when you exercise, motion brings healing, strength and growth. Lets get moving!

Yours in Christ,
Mark Votaw

News from Zion’s Youth

Happy Birthday to:



Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars!

Week of July 15 – 19th: Vacation Bible School - M thru Th 9am – 12:30pm & F 9am – 1pm
Sunday, September 8th: Start of 2019-20 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 8, 2019.

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 15-19TH

Join us July 15th – 19th at ROAR 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!



We are excited for a great week on safari! We will experience ROAR! - where life is wild, and God is good! Everyone will learn that no matter what life brings us, GOD IS GOOD, and He is always there for us! It is going to be a week-long adventure of fun, fellowship and learning with awesome lessons, music, games, snacks, crafts and service projects.

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 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 12th** in order to help us order sufficient supplies. We will still accept registrations during the week of VBS if space is available. We will have a short music program on Friday, July 19th at 12:00 pm which will be followed by pizza and ice cream in the gym. Everyone is invited to join us for this Safari Celebration that will mark the end of a great week!

Check out our Prayer and Support Wall located by the coat rack leading to the Narthex. If you would like to be part of our wall, donation and prayer tags are located in the Narthex by our tree. We are asking for \$1 (or more) to support the charitable causes we are sponsoring during VBS. You can put your dollar in the can, fill out a tag with your name, and we will add it to our wall! We hope to see the wall filled with donation and prayer tags by the end of VBS!