**Zion Lutheran Church is Teaming up with Youth Works—Detroit this Summer**

Zion Lutheran Church is partnering this summer with an inner city Detroit organization called Youth Works—Detroit, that works to teach inner city teenagers good social skills, ethics, and dependability—all within a Christian context. The program also instills good work habits, by having participants work three days a week at homes and small businesses around the metro area. Zion has invited a “Street Team” from Youth Works to come to Zion for three days in July (16, 17, 18). The “Street Team” will be comprised of 9-10 teenagers, along with their college age supervisors. At Zion, they will spend a day and a half working in Zion’s Faith & Food Garden, weeding, watering and harvesting the crops. For the other day and a half, we will split the team into two groups, and arrange for these groups to work at Zion members’ homes for several hours. Street Team members can do yard work, weeding, lawn mowing, raking, planting, light housekeeping and cleaning, painting, washing cars, and other such jobs.

You can help make this partnership successful by inviting Street Team members over to your home to do some work for you (at no cost to you!). Team members will be available on Wednesday, July 17, from 1:30-4PM, and on Thursday, July 18, from 10AM-noon, and from 1:30-4PM. If you would like to arrange to have a Street Team come to your home and do some work, contact Diane Rhinehart in the church office either via email at drinehart@zlc-aa.org, or phone at 734-994-4455 to set up the day and time. Please describe the type of work you would like done, and give an estimate of how much time you think the job will take. Thanks for supporting this great partnership!

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**West Liberty Repaving this Summer**

The City of Ann Arbor will be repaving W Liberty St between Stadium and Crest this summer (specific dates still have not been set). The road will remain open *eastbound only* during the 3-4 week project. Watch the *Tower* and our weekly email announcements for detours and more details as they become available.

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**Summer Worship Hours**

**May 26-September 1**

- 8:30AM Drive-In Service / Outside (communion offered only on first Sunday of each month)
- 9:30AM Sola Worship / Sanctuary
- 11:11AM Ignite Worship / Sanctuary with our Praise Band

The 11:11AM Ignite Service will be outdoors July 28 weather permitting. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, an umbrella for the sun.

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**Calendar Note**

*Please note that the building will be closed both Thursday and Friday, July 4th & 5th. Enjoy your Independence Day festivities!*

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**Good Neighbor Ministry**

The Good Neighbor Ministry at Zion continues to meet the needs of Zion members and neighbors who need limited home repairs. It is our mission to know the needs of our community and to do our best to have a willing heart to serve the kingdom of God by being a blessing to the people of our community and their needs.

Teams of servants are sent out one Saturday each month from 9:30AM to noon. To help those who may need assistance, here is a list of possible tasks that can be completed by our teams: replace smoke detector batteries, replace furnace filters, replace light bulbs, clean ceiling fans, replace light switches, patch holes in drywall and paint, move things in the house or outdoors, move water softener salt, help diagnose problems, adjust doors, wash windows, and ceiling cob web dusting. Please call the office 734-994-4455 to schedule your appointment for work this summer. Our next scheduled work date is July 20, 9AM-noon.
Worship Core Ministry

Christmas Tableau Task Force
Due to the hugely positive reception of the Christmas Tableau, Zion is planning to offer it again as part of our next Christmas celebration. We need help in many different areas to help make this project come to life. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in helping with this project to join our task force to plan for this special event. If you are someone who would like to contribute ideas and/or volunteer time (costumes, dance, acting, set design, sound, lighting, fundraising), we invite you to join the group if you are interested in helping. The task force will start planning in the summer. Those who are interested, please contact Natalie Downs (ndowns@zlc-aa.org).

July Lectionary

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Summer Music
We are in need of special music during the 9:30AM worship throughout the summer. If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts, please contact Natalie Downs (ndowns@zlc-aa.org).

Family Life and Young Discipleship

Married People and Pizza
On Saturday June 1, couples from Zion gathered for Married People and Pizza and enjoyed fellowship, trivia, pizza, and over dessert watched Pastor Andy Stanley tell us “Sometimes you have to throw things.” This the 2nd in his 4 sessions on “What Happy Couples Know.” Watch for our fall and spring dates for the next two sessions! We believe marriage is important and takes heart, time and work. Join us in spending time set aside for your marriage.

19 Youth Confirmed
On Sunday June 9, nineteen youth became confirmed members of the church.


(Front Row): Lucas Wentzloff, Luca Frikke-Schmidt, Grace Sharon, Elizabeth Woodman, Jonah Rogers, Grant Nelson, Jeremy Raab, Gregor Morton, Andrew Johnson, Lillian Sawin, Dakota Hanson-Meier
June 17-21 we had a ROARing good time at Zion Lutheran Church! At any given time the building was filled with 140 kids and 75 youth and adults helping, making it one wild safari. 50 of those kids stayed for full day camp fun! These things don’t happen without faithful servants and this year’s volunteer staff marched into the jungle and gave all week, of their energy, attitudes, time, patience, attention, and their hearts. The youth and adults in the building were mirrors for God’s Love; they let it reflect off themselves to shine into the hearts of all the kids. No “lion,” they are the best!

For the week, Zion Lutheran Church welcomed over 100 visitors into our lives. The visitors came from Peace Neighborhood Center, Trinity Lutheran Church, the local neighborhood, groups that meet in our building, people that drove by and saw our sign, some that saw our online presence, and repeat visitors who come see us for VBS every year! Greeters and all staff made all these participants feel welcome both in our building and in our lives. The majority of the people who indicated “non members” said they came “because invited by a friend.” Keep inviting friends!

We had 2 mission projects, sending God’s love roaring into the world outside our doors. The kids brought cereal boxes for our breakfast tower. 100 boxes will be donated to the local food pantry to give kids in our community breakfast during this summer break! Pastor Vicky organized a coin challenge to raise money for Mama Sara’s orphanage. VBS 2019 raised $312 for Mama Sara that the Uganda mission team will hand-deliver this December!

Thursday June 20 was our annual Family Picnic. Over 100 people enjoyed an indoor picnic with plenty of community time and then joined us in the sanctuary for a VBS celebration. The kids led us through the Bible stories and songs for each day. It was a highlight of the week to see the joy filled faces of parents and family as their kids danced on stage belting out our great songs from the week!

Each morning Pastor Jim introduced everyone to the Bible Buddy animal, Bible Story, and the Bible Memory Verse. On Monday, Mac the Rhino helped us learn that when “Life is unfair, God is good”. The Israelites enslaved in Egypt knew firsthand how unfair life could be! Monday’s verse was Nahum 1:7, “The Lord is good a strong refuge when trouble comes.” Hooper the bird helped us on Tuesday because when Life is scary, God is good! Even when the plagues went through Egypt the Israelites remembered God is good. The kids memorized a favorite Psalm 23:4. On Wednesday we met Marge the water buffalo who reminds us that When life changes, God is good! Talk about change, the Israelites left Egypt and wandered in the desert! The kids memorized what some people know as “returning thanks” in Psalm 106:1, “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.” Thursday we had our own personal celebrity ZION the LION tell us about Jesus’ death and resurrection “When life is sad…. God is good”! We ended with “When life is good, God is good!” with Savanna the giraffe reminding us “remember the Lord, who is great and glorious” (Nehemiah 4:14).  

Council Meeting
May 21, 2019—Highlights

Financial Report
Highlights from David Beck’s financial report for April:

- **Cash**: Cash in the operations account as of 05/17/19 is approximately $72,000. We currently have sufficient cash on hand for the next several months. If current calculations are correct, cash could be tight at times over the next year.

- **Income**: For the month of April, contributions were $87,900. This was $1,338 more than was anticipated in the budget. This compares to contributions of $81,060 in April last year. YTD, contributions are $305,918. This is $1,819 less than anticipated in the budget, and $17,716 more than YTD last year.

- **Expenses**: Overall spending was $2,786 over budget for the month and $10,354 under budget YTD.

- **Dedicated Accounts**: Youth Special Events Fund is overdrawn by $299.49. This will be replenished in the coming weeks. We have yet to hear the amount or receive any funds from the bequest we were notified of.

- **YTD Attendance and Offering through April 30**

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Facility Updates

- **SE Corner of Lot**: A neighbor (1406 Lutz) requested to place a drain line from a new sump pump for their home to a storm sewer, that will come 3-4 feet onto Zion property. B&G will require them to get a permit/city approval for the work, and then it would come before Council for final approval.

- **Parking Lot Repair**: B&G received 4 bids. Best Asphalt was the lowest proposal at $25,350 without seal coating. Seal coating (for 83,000 sf of lot) will be an additional $8,300. The project includes restriping and addition of more handicap parking. Funds would come from the capital reserve (balance $248,000 presently). Council approved spending $33,650 to treat, seal, and paint the parking lot.

- **Steeple Repair**: B&G committee shared that 2 years ago the steeple was painted due to discoloration and peeling. It is turning orange again, due to the metal on the steep portion of the steeple leeching down, hitting the platforms, and turning it orange. To address the root cause, B&G has been in contact with several engineering companies, and has met with two of them. One of the companies did a visual inspection, crawled into the steeple, and verified that something is discoloring the paint, but it would take more investigation. A proposal (proposal A) to assess visually via a drone, compile a report, research with others about the steeple, and make recommendations/treatment process was provided at a cost of $8,890. Since there was no testing/assessment of samples from steeple, a second proposal B was provided that adds a lift to look at it closely, take a sample of paint residue, send it to a lab to determine exactly what is going on, at a cost $21,510 (does not include any landscaping/sidewalk repairs with the use of the crane, or repairing the metal samples). B&G recommends and Council approved doing Proposal A for initial assessment at this time, paid for from capital reserve fund.

- **IT/Projector**: The IT committee, Building and Grounds, and Worship committee recommend that a projector would be a better option than video screens in the sanctuary. Estimate for cost of the laser and lens is $34,714 with labor. $25,000 has been allocated for this project in the IT budget. The remaining $9,714 would need to come from the capital reserve fund. There may be additional cost for mounting the projector. Council approved additional funding of not more than $15,000 from the capital reserve fund to complete the project.

- **Youth Room**: Pastor Vicky met with our Girl Scout Gold award candidate. She has received a bid for the tables she wants built and is in the process of writing fundraising applications and getting sponsors. She would team up with local high schools over a 3 year timeline to stock a feminine products pantry [see p. 6]. Pastor Vicky recommends that we update the Youth Room before the fall with paint, possible new flooring, a table, and a Girl Scout gold outreach project involving feminine products pantry. The vision is to use the room for Youth, a dynamic worship space, and even a coffee shop type space for people visiting Zion. She requested $100 to get a designer to come and assess the space. Council approved, to come from the Strategic Planning fund to kick off the project.

Leadership Community and Collaboration

Carrie and Sarah presented on the vision for a monthly leadership meeting to get more efficient and effective communication between the different committees at Zion. If a committee can’t come, they still would need a representative for the round robin. Could make first meeting (08/20/19) the training for how this would work. Council approved the proposal.

Personnel Update

We have not found anyone yet willing to work a part time custodian job every weekend. Perhaps we could get 2 people to do it, or maybe talk to HS counselors to get HS students to do so as a part time job.

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Synod Capital Campaign/Rise Up

Dan McConnell shared that we had a leadership visit with our bishop. The bottom line is that Zion committed to provide $150K to the Rise Up campaign solely funded through congregation giving. Bob Thompson is hoping to have 100% participation from Zion leadership.
From Pastor Jim

July seems like the middle of summer, a time to relax, unplug and be unengaged from the world or our faith. Yet, it is right in the summer doldrums that the gospel readings from St. Luke challenge us into a deeper compassion and connection with the poor, broken, hurt, hidden and silenced. But wait; it’s summer, I do not want to be challenged or engaged in my faith. We the disciples of Jesus are being empowered, equipped, and surprised by the Spirit of God as we bear witness to the good news of Jesus. When the Spirit “calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy,” as Martin Luther says, the disciples of Jesus are crucified and raised, shaped and shaken for a relationship with the wider world in ways that are authentic and vulnerable. Jesus’ disciples embody what Pope Francis describes as a community that is “bruised, hurting, and dirty because it has been out in the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security” (Evangeli Gaudium, 49).

This summer we just might find ourselves spending more time outside the walls of the church building, so that we can be the living church in the world. The Spirit of God is sending you into the margins with Jesus, to see and listen, to encounter and understand, to pay attention to the stories of others. It is in these encounters that our understanding of God’s love, healing and mercy are broadened and challenged. Caryn Rivadeneira, calls this kind of discipleship living Grit and Grace: “Grit is the tough, can-do spirit and grace is a strong elegance or courageous kindness,” that so many of the leaders of the Bible exhibit. God has made all of us to live our grit and grace in following Jesus.

What does all this mean, especially in the middle of summer when we are looking forward to unplugging and relaxing? It means that we need to become filled with grit and grace as we express our “Gospel Fluency.” Gospel Fluency is applying the good news of Jesus to our daily life. Examples?

1. **Tipping.** May you be a good tipper this summer, especially if those being tipped don’t deserve it. Because we realize in the gospel that we don’t deserve the gifts our Savior gives us.

2. **Garbage.** Stop this summer and pick up someone else’s garbage and remember how Jesus picks up our mess, day after day, because of love.

3. **Kindness.** Bless those you meet with words of kindness. Because each day God blesses you and calls you a beloved child of God.

“Meaningful and significant lives are lived moment by moment as we pay attention to the world around us, as we give thanks to God from whom all of life is a gift, as we look for the simple and selfless ways that we can love and serve others while positively impacting the world. It is both an attitude of the heart and a rhythm of daily action that affect us as much as we affect others” (Adam Hamilton, Unafraid, 111).

Our greatest purpose in life is to be loved by God, and to love God, and to reflect God’s love in tangible ways to others with our gospel fluency. Show grit and grace as we are empowered by the Spirit. “Jesus said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way.’” Luke 10:2-3.

Pastor Vicky’s Corner

It’s summertime! And that means we get to wear our sandals! Toss those socks to the side and let your little piggies breathe. Feel the heat of the sun on your feet. Ahhh. Wait…we are in Michigan, after all, so you may want to keep those socks nearby for those not-so-balmy 50-degree days that sneak in out of nowhere.

But there is one pair of sandals that you can wear any time of the year, any time of the day, anywhere you choose. When we are clothed with the Armor of God, we have the Sandals of Peace permanently on our feet. Romans 5:1 says, “Since we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” According to the author and speaker Priscilla Shirer, “When we place faith in Jesus Christ – in His death and resurrection – we are finally able to experience the intimacy with God our hearts were made for. Never again must we settle for unsatisfying substitutes that aren’t capable of filling the void in our souls. Only Jesus – only the gospel gives us true, forever peace.”

It is in our relationship with Jesus that we can dance in those sandals knowing that Christ left us His peace. “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful” (John 14:27). All this sounds great, but how do you actually live a life in peace?

Try this on for size: trust leads to thankfulness, thankfulness leads to gratitude, gratitude activates peace. Let’s look at Isaiah 26:3-4, “The Lord gives perfect peace to those whose faith is firm. So always trust the Lord because he is forever our mighty rock.” It is when we trust the Lord that we start to recognize Christ active in our lives. Our focus shifts from “Where are you, God?” to “Thank you for being present, Jesus.” When we make a habit of giving thanks for all of the little things in our lives, we become rooted in gratitude. It is in that gratitude that we can be comforted in knowing that Christ is always with us. There is peace in knowing that we have a God who is for us at all times. There is peace in knowing that regardless of what life throws at us, God’s steadfast love endures forever. There is peace in knowing our God has already defeated the enemy!

This summer, enjoy the breeze on your toes while wearing your favorite sandals. Every day of the year, be grateful and bask in the peace that comes from knowing and trusting in the love and grace of Jesus as you wear the Sandals of Peace!
The Third Well is Complete!

The third and final well has been completed in Uganda. This well went in at Mama Sara’s chicken farm. The excitement on the faces of these children show what a huge impact his well is having on the community. Thank you for giving to this great cause and bringing fresh water into the communities that we serve. It is literally life-giving!

Save the Dates

The Uganda Mission Team 2019 Youth Experience continues on their fundraising journey. Here are a few dates to save and ways to help:

- **Giving Board.** In the Welcome Center at Zion there is a board with pictures of all of the students who will be going on the trip along with a statement of why they hope to go. There are envelopes at the top of the board. Feel free to take an envelope and make a donation that matches the amount on that envelope. If instead you would prefer to sponsor a student to go to Uganda, you can make a check out to Zion Lutheran Church with 'student sponsorship' on the memo line. Any amount would be appreciated!

- **Story Telling Competition and Silent Auction in Piper Hall,** Saturday, September 28, 2019, 6:30 – 9PM. Come on out for a night of fun. Only 150 tickets will be sold for the event. More details to come! If you would like to be a story teller, help plan the event, make a donation to the silent auction, or help to sponsor the refreshments for the evening, let Pastor Vicky know at vlovell@zlc-aa.org.

- **2nd Annual Mind, Body, Spirit Retreat,** Saturday, October 5, 2019. Ready to relax and learn new ways to care for yourself? This retreat day was a highlight for those who participated last year. Stretch yourself to try something new. Look for more details in the near future.

Girl Scout Gold Award Project

Recently a young woman, Sofia Shearing, approached Zion and asked if we would like to partner with her on her quest to earn the highest award from the Girl Scouts, the Gold Award. She is working with Pastor Vicky to revamp the youth room to make it a more modern and inviting space for the people within Zion and the greater community outside of Zion. She is working with the Michigan Woodworkers Association to have an extra large table built so more of our community members can gather family style while in that space. In addition, she is creating a pantry to help provide free feminine hygiene products to our guests who are experiencing homelessness. If you are interested in being a part of the team who revamps the youth room space, Sofia would love it! Please send Pastor Vicky an e-mail to let her know of your interest at vlovell@zlc-aa.org. All interested folks are invited to be a part of the fun!

Outreach Opportunity

Can you prepare and share a simple lunch on a Wednesday for our God and Grub group? God and Grub is an outreach worship ministry that invites our community to participate in our Wednesday noon chapel service followed by a meal each week. It offers an opportunity for individuals from the local homeless shelter to form relationships with members of Zion. On average 20-25 people gather each week for this time of faith and fellowship. If you can’t stay to serve and clean up, we have you covered. You can drop off a meal the night before or the morning of. We have set up a meal train for ease in keeping track of which dates are available. You can access the meal train through the following link: https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/2q602q. If you have never used it before and would like some assistance to sign up, please contact Joanne at jdence@zlc-aa.org or Lynn at lhutto@umich.edu.

16 “Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

- Luke 10:16
Financial Stewardship

First Fruits: Why I Give.
In the International Standard version of the Bible, Proverbs 3:9 states: “Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first of all your produce.” This bible verse reminds me to give first to God’s work. When I do so, I honor Him. In my own life (and perhaps in your own), giving is more than about money, and perhaps like you, I am routinely confronted with making choices. Some of the choices involve how I invest my time. Others are related to how I deploy my skills or talents. Yet, there is always this choice associated with money and somehow this money choice feels more personal than any other choice I make. This gives me pause. I have been remarkably fortunate and blessed to have a great family and an abundance of resources. Thus, my own situation often causes me to spend time in prayer about who it is I worship (or worship more): God or money. I surely have a lot of work to do on this one but I am comforted by knowledge that “my” money is not really mine in the first place. Rather it is (and always was) His. If I love Him and seek to serve Him alone, then “my” money becomes a means by which I worship and honor Him. Do you give? If so, why? Perhaps you might ponder this question in your prayers in the days to come.

- Bob Thompson

Synod News

SEMI WELCA GATHERING 2019
SATURDAY OCTOBER 27, 2018 8:30 AM TO 3:30 PM
CELEBRATION LUTHERAN CHURCH
39375 JOY ROAD
WESTLAND, MICHIGAN 48185

ENTERTAINMENT: “Parable Project”
The Parable Project tells the stories Jesus told, to bring home the messages of the Gospel. The Parable Project uses drama, humor, and audience participation to bring nine parables to life; including "The Good Samaritan" and "The Parable of the Sower."

ACTIVITY PROJECTS: “S.O.A.P” and “Free the Girls”
S.O.A.P: Project partners with local organizations to distribute millions of bars of soap wrapped with a red band that gives the National Human Trafficking Hotline number.
Free the Girls: Women once enslaved to sex trafficking are now living free and victorious selling new or gently used bras.

Total Cost: $25 per person includes continental breakfast and lunch
Registration forms are available from Diane Hopper: mdianehopper@aol.com or 734-662-9329

Bra Collection for SEMI WELCA Gathering: We will be collecting bras at Zion on Sunday September 8, 2019 and Sunday September 15, 2019. A collection box for the bras will be located in the Welcome Center. If you do not have a gently used bra and would like to purchase or help purchase a new bra please contact Diane Hopper at mdianehopper@aol.com or by phone at (734)662-9329.

3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people— 5 the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel 6 that has come to you.

- Colossians 1:3-6a
Welcome Ministry

Design Opportunity
Welcome and Member Caring Ministry is looking for some help with designing a two sided "shelf-talker" (brochure). We have a volunteer who is writing the copy but we need some graphic design help. If you have this experience and want to share your talents with us, please get in touch with either Joanne Dence jdence@zlc-aa.org or Lynn Hutto at lhutto@umich.edu. Thank you!

9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

- Colossians 1:9-14

Seen Around Zion

Faith and Food Garden being planted

Bibleland children singing in worship

Baptism of Walter Beau Sturza, June 2, 2019
Member Caring Ministry

Taste and See Group

“All taste and see that the Lord is good” - Ps. 34:8 NIV

Are you looking for a way to connect with other foodies? This summer there are several opportunities for people of all ages and hunger to join the fun. Upcoming events:

- Gather with us at The Red Brick Restaurant (8093 Main Street, Dexter) on July 13th at 12:30PM for lunch. People pay for their own meal, and transportation to this event is not provided. If you want to work up an appetite beforehand, join a few slow walkers in hats at the bottom of the Dexter Library stairs to walk on the paved trail below the library around 10:30. There is a Farmer's Market near the library for you to explore in Dexter too.

- August 1st we are meeting before 1:30PM for a free Jiffy Mix Plant Tour. Tell us as soon as possible, no later than July 15th, if you are coming on the tour (reservations are required). Children must be in 1st grade or older to join in the Jiffy tour. Park directly across from their main entrance on W. North Street in Chelsea. If you would like to join a small group for lunch before the tour, sign up early, but you do not have to participate in the meal to attend the Jiffy tour. We will be eating right at 11:45AM in the Smokehouse 52 Barbeque together. They are famous for their Burnt Ends and 52 Smoke Bombs. Every person pays for their own meal, but remember the Jiffy Tour is free so please reserve ahead.

- Beginning in September, we invite you to celebrate the Bread of Life at our first Loaf and Ladle Meal, after worship on September 22 at 12:15PM in Piper Hall at Zion. We will be experiencing table time with some delicious soups and breads, make the 18 minute matzo bread recipe, search for bread verses in the scripture, watch a short video by Margaret Feinberg and so much more. Did you know that these simple studies in Piper Hall are free and often have great prizes offered? Sign up before September 12th so we have enough chairs and food.

Please sign up for these events at the Welcome Center desk, call the church office or email babdebner@gmail.com at least 10 days before each gathering. It is important that we know you are coming so we have a place at the table for you.

Love Lives Here Group

Sunday, August 25 beginning at 5:30PM the Love Lives Here Small Group is having a family summer potluck picnic at the Debner's home (7744 Pleasant Ln, Ypsilanti). Feel free to bring a favorite side. Pastor Jim will grill some veggies. Peggy and Joe Hoffman have offered to smoke a turkey for our meal. The buffet will be served hot right at 5:45. Bring your family—children and spouses are welcome for this special night! Let Barbara know about your plans so we have enough beverages. Weather permitting we will enjoy our meal on the pergola in our yard, but we will meet rain or shine. Feel free to park along Summerdale Circle.

Contact Barbara for more information babdebner@gmail.com. We will return to our regular monthly women's study September 29 at 6:30PM.

Summer Read Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder

This summer dive into a great book about a “family favorite” author that may have introduced you to pioneer times as a child. Have you experienced the Little House on the Prairie book series or watched the dramas on TV? The Life's Lessons Book Group at Zion is challenging readers to explore Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder by Caroline Fraser this summer.

Millions of readers of Little House on the Prairie believe they know Laura Ingalls—the pioneer girl who survived blizzards and near-starvation on the Great Plains, and the woman who wrote the famous autobiographical books. But the true saga of her life has never been fully told. Now, drawing on unpublished manuscripts, letters, diaries, and land and financial records, Caroline Fraser masterfully fills in the gaps in Wilder's biography. With fresh insight and new discoveries about Wilder's life and times, Prairie Fires sets the record straight regarding charges of ghostwriting that have swirled around the books and reveals the grown-up story behind this most influential author. Spanning nearly a century of epochal change, from the Indian Wars to the Dust Bowl, Wilder's dramatic life provides a unique perspective on American History.

Come join us as we discuss this rich historical biography on September 3rd in Stellhorn Lounge at 7PM.

“22 All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

- Luke 10:22
Other News

Oberammergau Passion Play / Italy Tour
The world famous Oberammergau Passion Play will be presented in 2020 and we have combined the opportunity to see this world famous production with a tour of the highlights of Italy. The dates are May 14-24, 2020 and in addition to the Passion Play we will be exploring Rome, Assisi, Florence, Venice, Salzburg and Munich. Pastor & Carolyn Schmidt will be hosting this tour, and the total cost for this 11-day tour, including round trip airfare from Detroit, is $4499/person/ double occupancy. We have received word from our tour company that tickets for our date at the Passion Play are going fast and are in limited supply. Please get your reservations in now so that you will not be disappointed!

Brochures are available in the Welcome Center and church office. Please contact Pastor Schmidt 517-962-5055 (home), 313-605-6795 (cell) or pastors@feelc.org if you have further questions or for a brochure.

Thank You and Congratulations

Sincere thanks to everyone who participated in Zion’s June 4 American Red Cross blood drive. Out of the 36 people who stopped in to donate, we were able to secure 32 units of blood, which can bring life-giving assistance to up to 96 people! If you donated June 4, you are eligible to give again on July 29. Zion’s next drive will be on Monday, October 7 and as long as your last donation is prior to August 19, you are eligible to give on October 7. During the summer, the already-dangerously low blood supplies continue to be in jeopardy. Please consider donating if you are able to do so.

The Uganda Mission Team 2019 would like to express their thanks for all of the people who donated to the Scrap Metal drive.

Congratulations to Natalie on the birth of Amelie Elizabeth Emptage Downs on June 4, 2019, at 7 pounds, 15.9 ounces.

Pastor Dave and Helen Rae Bracklein want to thank everyone who helped make the open house on June 23 such a wonderful celebration of their 60 years of marriage and joint service in ministry.

Zion recently paused for a memorable day: with sincerity recognizing Pastor Dave and Helen Rae’s 60th Wedding Anniversary. Their shadows, their presence still reflecting in Zion.

That loving line in life is a reality joining with their many others. Dee, in spirit, and I pause, having walked with them for over 60 years. Dave’s indelible oral marks during that time at Zion have not been erased.

Neither of them shall wander companionless in our midst. Their enthusiasm— never apathy—shall continue. Oh, a bit more slowly, but faithfully in their chosen walk through life.

We cherish them for the indelible footprints they leave and continue to leave —in whose footsteps we can still follow.

With affection,

Herb Hildebrandt—and the members of Zion

“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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2 He said to them, “When you pray, say:
‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.’

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.”

- Luke 11:2-4
June Life Passages at Zion

BAPTISMS: Walter Beau Sturza, parents David & Julie Sturza
WEDDINGS: Amanda Mathews and James Henninger
FUNERALS:
NEW MEMBERS:

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Young Discipleship: Chris Gajar, Ken Utsunomiya
Missions: Larry Groth, Robert Ranger

Support Ministries
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Building & Grounds: Jim Love, Gary Matthews
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