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The Bible. It's big. It's really, really big. There's a lot in it. Or so you've been told. But odds are, you've hesitated to take the plunge to go cover-to-cover with the Good Book. So here's what we're going to do about it. Back in 2012, our focus was on reading the Bible in one year. Some of you did it. Some of you almost did it. And some of you got 17 days into it and then something caused the train to come off the tracks. No matter. In 2016, we're going to read the Bible in a Year. Again.

But don't wait until 2016 to dig into God's Word! Start today and come up to Zion on the 12th and 13th of June for 2 days and 10 hours to learn about the 66 books of the Bible!

We'll be meeting for two hours on the 12th (7-9pm) and eight hours on the 13th (10-6pm) to take a look at the main teaching and setting for all 66 books of the Bible.

Why do this? When I got to seminary, before classes started one of the professors took us through the entire Bible in a similar format. It was a lot of fun—he was one of the more energetic professors—and I learned quite a bit. I've always wanted to do something like this with a smaller group of people in a church setting. And, this June, the opportunity is finally presenting itself!

If you're planning on going, please let me or the church secretary know so we can have enough materials for everyone. I'm really looking forward to this! It's geared for all ages (attention-span will be key) and all levels of Biblical knowledge.

See you June 12th and 13th, right here @ Zion!

-Pastor Duncan

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Soft Ball Schedule!

- June 2 @ 8:30pm
- June 18 @ 7:00pm
- June 23 @ 8:30pm
- June 30 @ 8:30pm

All games are played at McLaughlin Run Park

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Zion has a lot of new and exciting things going on right now. We have been blessed with many new members. With this brings little members as well! We would like to start a nursery available to parents of small children. The nursery will run during the entire service.

We are asking for your help with this ministry. We are hoping to get 6-8 teams consisting of 2-3 people.

Please pray that this may be something you might like to donate your time towards.

There will be a volunteer sign-up sheet in the narthex of the church!



June 6th and June 20th we will be doing a service project to Jubilee Soup Kitchen from 9:00am - 1:00pm.

We need 10 people to volunteer for each day.

Please sign-up in the narthex if you are interested in joining us.

Look for future service project opportunities coming this fall.

Chairman's Report

Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances

May Income	\$58,053.00
May Expenses	<u>\$48,969.00</u>
Favorable to Income	\$ 9,084.00

The \$9,000 is mainly from prepaid tuition for Summer Camp that will be used to cover teacher salaries.

Just a reminder, as we enter into summer vacations we tend to see giving decrease, so we encourage you to remember Zion while you are away on vacation, since our expenses don't go on vacation. Please continue to pray for Zion that we are able to end this year with a positive cash flow.

May God continue to guide Zion in using our financial gifts and our talents to spread the Good News!

Voter Meeting

Just a reminder, that the next Voters meeting will be held on [Sunday, June 28 at 9:25 AM.](#)

There is one (1) key item on the agenda for this Voter's meeting. The review and approval of the Budget Committee proposed July 2015 - June 2016 budget.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the Budget Committee members listed below for their service.

Budget Committee

Vince Kimberland
Paul Klemash
Kim Luederman
Pastor McLellan
Jim Oelschlager
Dwight Weldon

Bob Schmidt
Chairman

We can use your help as we give coffee, doughnuts and the name of Jesus away to people on Washington Pike between 7-8am on Friday. Whether holding signs, waving people into our parking lot, talking with our guests, or helping brew the brew, there's room for extra hands as we seek to brighten peoples' mornings with the best coffee and doughnuts, and also the best message they will hear all day! If you are interested in helping out, contact Pastor Duncan or the church office.



To My Church Family -

Many thanks for your prayers, cards, concerns and well wishes. It was through all your prayers that things went so well for me. I still cannot believe I had no pain at all from the moment I fell. Praise the Lord!

Thank you to Janet Walleck & Jennifer Lewis for being so helpful from the moment I fell and also at the hospital. Pastor, thank you so much for being with me at church and the hospital. Your prayers and concerns really helped and is greatly appreciated.

God bless you.

God's blessing to all the members of Zion.

Love in Christ,

Lois Sauro

thank
you!

Back to Basics

For 2015 Zion is going Back to Basics! We're spending time on Sunday morning going over the basic truths of the Christian Faith. We started with the 10 Commandments and are generally be following the outline of Luther's Small Catechism. If you miss a week here or there, recordings of the sermons are available on our website (zlcb.org). Also, at our Wednesday Evening Service of Prayer and Preaching, we take what we looked at on Sunday and take it a little bit more in depth. We also answer the questions that are asked on Sunday... or try to answer them as best we can at our Wednesday Evening Service of Prayer and Preaching. We hope you can join us for worship!

Food Bank

Collection for this month's Bridgeville area food bank is Sunday, June 14. The "item of the month" is paper products. You are also welcome to help at the food bank every third Saturday of the month between 7:45am and 12:00pm at Bethany Presbyterian Church.



June Birthdays

2 Elsie DallaPiazza	15 Janet Zreliak	
2 Carrie Lemonovich	18 Ben Meyer	
2 June Malachosky	19 Mary Lou Rilee	
3 Janet Walleck	20 Victor Herschaft	
5 Jean Endler	21 Phyllis Hartman	
6 James Oelschlager	22 Nathan Smidt	
6 Hailey Smidt	23 Barbara Messerschmidt	25 Sarah Ali
7 Joshua Gielarowski	24 Stephen Kovach	25 Megan Richards
7 Dolores Preaux	24 Claire Lemonovich	26 Aiden Dill
8 Janet Oelschlager	24 Elizabeth Lemonovich	26 Nadene Hartman
11 Kylene Rose	24 John Lemonovich	26 James Lynch
12 Derek Nicodemus	24 Kate Lemonovich	27 Lois Dittmer
14 Maura Goodge	24 Penney Miller	28 Kim Erbrecht
15 Andrea Vogel	24 Brian Thomas	29 Gladys Cimarolli



June Anniversaries



11 Richard & Ruth Trudel	23 Steve & Lori Gauger
16 Curt & Catherine Watters	23 William & Nancy Koester
19 Kenneth & Carolyn Wuerthele	23 Brent & Marianne Miller
21 Eric & Kylene Rose	

Happy Father's Day!

Sunday, June 21 is Father's Day. We often look to our dads for support and guidance throughout our lives. We thank God for fathers who are examples of our Heavenly Father. Men who are godly, kind, loving, and patient leaders. Take a moment to thank your dad for all he has done for you. And don't forget, the men will be singing during the service!



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

June

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
June 7	8:00 AM	Joyce Wood	Augie Bishop
	10:30 AM	Bob & Diane Schmidt	Lara Luedeman
June 14	8:00 AM	Bernie & Jean Blanco	Matthew Liberatore
	10:30 AM	Brian & Megan Pasquini & Family	Carley Rockovich
June 21	8:00 AM	Bill & Carole Schrag	Josiah Ackerman
	10:30 AM	Ken & Carol Wuerthele	TBA
June 28	8:00 AM	Clara Hayes	Matthew Liberatore
	10:30 AM	Michael & Deborah Sterba	Chris Yellig
July 5	8:00 AM	Gene & Sharon Koop	Augie Bishop
	10:30 AM	Rose Steranko	Lara Luedeman
July 12	8:00 AM	Ron & Judy Meier	Josiah Ackerman
	10:30 AM	Kristen Neill	Carley Rockovich

EDERS	Peter Fisher Rob Oelschlager
ALTAR GUILD	Elsie DallaPiazza, Bernice DeBoe, Mary Hutula
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Melanie & Bill Becker, Shane Bryant, Michael Kozak
Ushers @ 10:30 am	Michael Kroeger, Vince Kimberland, Lois Sauro & Richard Quinlan

July

EDERS	Paul Klemash, Ken Wuerthele
ALTAR GUILD	Clara Hayes, Penny Miller, Mary Hutula
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Josh Gielarowski, Dale Miller, Barbara & Wayne Oechslein
Ushers @ 10:30 am	Ross Chilcott, Sam Dragan, Dan Harris & Chuch LaJeu- nesse

If you are unable to participate on the assigned date, please find your own substitute and notify the church office (412) 221-4776 or secretary@zlcg.org of the change.

Did you know that we have an awesome website?

If you haven't checked out our website (zlcg.org) lately, you're truly missing out on one of the best things we have going. Daily updates, interactive surveys, literally hundreds of sermon downloads, informative videos, thought-provoking articles, and pictures from recent church events are just some of what you'll find on your church's website.

Check it out: zlcg.org!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

June Unit - Three Women of Faith

The Three Women of Faith unit uses the Bible stories of Lydia, Dorcas, and Priscilla. These wise and courageous women of faith showed their love of God and Jesus through their faith and service. These women can be role models reflecting the image of God for all of us.

Read about these courageous women for yourself! Acts 16: 11-15, 40; Acts 18: 1-4; Acts 9: 36-42; Romans 16: 3.

The last day of Sunday school is Sunday, June 28th.

VBS NEWS

Registration is open for Everest VBS - Conquering challenges with God's might power! Cost is \$15 per child or a maximum of \$40 per family. Look for registration forms in the narthex. Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 17th.

FREE t-shirts - each child will receive a free t-shirt when registration forms are received by June 1st!

More information about the program is available on Zion's website at www.zlcb/vbs.

"He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others."

~2nd Corinthians 1: 4

Attention Crew Leaders and Crew Helpers!

The VBS Crew meeting is Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:30 pm in the church basement.



MISSION-DRIVEN



At some point, I'd like to write an article about how the Pastoral Call Process works, and what it means when your Pastor receives a Call to another congregation. After playing my role in any number of Call processes, I'd also like to write a short instruction manual: "How to Call and Pay a Pastor," because it is my impression that members of congregations want to do the whole Call Process right, but just don't know how to do it. But I don't want to write about this today. Instead, I want to share with you what some of my thoughts about Zion were while I was considering several Calls to be the Pastor of other congregations.

First, the good. I really appreciate the autonomy you've given me as your Pastor to explore ministry avenues that were not part of my "job description," such as: the Vicarage Program, going back to school at PTS, hiring a music director, starting a Stephen Ministry, doing service projects/ mission trips, starting men's and women's retreats and Bible studies, coordinating a youth position with Young Life, etc. We've done some pretty cool things together of the last five years: paid off our debt, refreshed the sanctuary, installed air conditioning, and offered a number of services to the community (car washes, Free Coffee Friday, Oktoberfest, Harvestfest, and others). We don't have any trouble winning the South Fayette Chili Cook-off; our softball team, on the other hand. It's coming, guys. It's coming! There's a lot going on; and this is a good thing.

But I need to take you to task for one thing. And it's a pretty important thing. A little over a year ago we did a "friendship Sunday." We had over 80 guests and visitors in church that week. The take-away was a simple one: when you invite people to church, they come. How many friends have you invited to church since? Did you re-invite the people who came? My criticism of Zion is this: I don't know how often you talk with the people you know about Jesus; but what I can see—who you bring to church with you—is, to be brutally honest, disappointing.

But what if "it's not you, it's me"? While I was considering the Calls I received, and came to the uncomfortable realization that we, as a whole, don't invite people to come with us to church—and struggle to be "missional" in general, I had time to do some introspection: what if this is not a problem with the church, Pastor, what if you're the problem? What if you're holding them back? What if you're not communicating the dire need to spread the good news of Jesus Christ if not to the ends of the earth, at least to the end of the block? Zion needs to be a mission-driven congregation more than it needs me to be its Pastor. If Zion cannot become a mission-driven congregation with me as its Pastor, I need to get out of the way so you can call a Pastor who can lead you to being mission-driven.

You've been very good to me and my family. You've been generous with us and have given me tremendous freedom to have time with my family—Alissa and the kids, as well as extended family in North Carolina and Minnesota. So now I'm asking you for one more thing: pray. Pray that Zion would be used to reach this community with the Gospel of Jesus. Pray that we would be more focused on the lives and souls of people who aren't here—who don't know that they are loved by God and redeemed by Jesus. Pray that we would not be afraid to speak the name of the Savior. Pray that, as a congregation and as people, we would be mission-driven.



ONLINE GIVING

now available

Earlier this year, we did a survey to determine whether there was any interest in Zion offering Online Giving. Based on the survey results we have decided to begin offering an electronic option for those members who would like to use this service.

Therefore, we are pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular and special offerings. Contributions can now be transferred automatically from your checking or savings account. The secured service provider is Vanco Payment Service, which is used by most LCMS churches throughout the country. As you know weekly offerings can fluctuate significantly from week to week due to vacation, travel, illness and other circumstances, but when contributions are automated there tends to be less fluctuation in giving throughout the year.

For those individuals who are interested in signing up for the Online Giving just follow the instructions below.

To set up your electronic donation on our web site:

Go to www.zlcb.org

Click on the *Online Giving button*

Click on the *Create Profile button*, then

Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact Bob Schmidt.

Chairman