

Zion Lutheran Monthly

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The Freedom of Being Expendable

Time for the front-page church-newsletter article for July, which, in predictable fashion, will try to synthesize the annual remembrance of our nation's independence with the theme of Christian freedom. But hopefully not in the way you might expect. By far the biggest challenge of being a Pastor of an active, growing church, the husband of an amazing (and busy) wife, and the father of two young children filled to the brim with personality is time management. Fitting 26 hours of responsibility into a 24-hour day is a challenge that many of us face on more days than we'd prefer. What's a Christian to do?

If you asked me ten years ago how to manage my time, I'd say the solution to being overly-responsibilitied is to sleep less and drink more coffee. I'm not as opposed to that solution as many my age are, but I think there's a better way.

As Christians, we believe in an all-powerful and all-knowing God who wants all people to be saved, coming to know and trust Jesus as their Savior. God has been on a mission of saving people from sin and death since Adam and Eve ate Eden's forbidden fruit. He has been sustaining and upholding creation by his powerful word ever since he spoke the words, "Let there be!" He gives daily bread and causes the rain to fall on the just and the unjust. All of this was going on before you were born and will continue long after you are gone.

So, where are you needed? Where has God made you indispensable? Odds are, the company can find another employee. The team can find another player and the band a musician. But you are the only wife your husband has; the only husband for your wife. Your children cannot recruit a mom or a dad if you decide not to show up in their lives. Only you can play the role of "child" to your parents.

There is freedom in being expendable; of knowing that the team, the company, the band, the school, or the group will be able to make it without you. Of being able to say, they may want me, but they do not need me.

When it comes to scheduling and priorities, a good place to start is recognizing where you are necessary and where you are expendable. Where has God said to you, "I need you here!" And where has he not? It takes a certain amount of humility to admit that you are not needed or that someone else can do it better. But there is freedom in recognizing that you are not the essential glue that holds everything you are involved with together. There is freedom in being expendable.

God bless your celebration of our nation's anniversary of declaring independence from British rule, making the logical connection to the indispensable work of Christ to set you free from the controlling influence of sin and the merciless masters of death and the devil to a life of peace with God and Spirit-given obedience and faith.

--Pastor Duncan

Chairman's Report

Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 14, 2016.

Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances

May Income	\$53,832.37
May Expenses	<u>\$54,465.63</u>
Unfavorable to Income	(\$633.26)



At the end of May, our year-to-date receipts are \$14,147.06 in excess of year-to-date expenses. We have a cash position totaling \$15,297.45. Weekly receipts from envelopes and offering plate are \$9.8K ahead of budgeted receipts.

Please continue to pray for Zion and support our ministries with your time, talents and treasures. May God continue to bless us as we boldly speak the name of Jesus to a world in desperate need of His grace.

2016/2017 Budget

At the Council Meeting held on June 9th, the 2016/2017 Budget was approved. The budget will be presented at the Voters' Meeting to be held between worship services on Sunday June 26th for final approval.

Audit Committee

At the June meeting, an Audit Committee was established to review the financial records of ZLCB. The committee includes the following members.

- Bob Schmidt (chairperson)
- Gene Koop
- Dale Miller
- Mary Lou Rilee



Christ's Blessings,

Jay Anderson

Chairman of ZLCB



Small Group Starting Soon: Looking for a good midweek Bible Study Small Group? We will be getting together in conjunction with our Service of Prayer and Preaching to study the books of James and Jude. Open to all ages, we encourage you to come! A sign-up sheet is in the narthex/greeting/entryway area. Looking forward to seeing you there! The Small Group study starts July 20th; childcare will be provided! Please sign up for the study by July 13th.

Food Bank

Collection for this month's Bridgeville area food bank is Sunday, July 10th. The "item of the month" is Cookies.

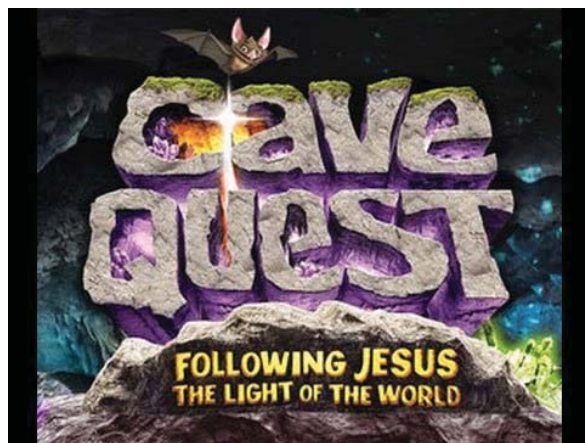
You are also welcome to help at the food bank every third Saturday of the month between 7:45 am and 12:00 pm at Bethany Presbyterian Church.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: CAVE QUEST

We had an awesome time at Cave Quest VBS! 120 children and 50 volunteers got together and learned about Jesus – the light of the world! We learned that Jesus gives us hope when we feel alone, courage when we feel afraid, direction when we're not sure what to do, love when we are in need of forgiveness, and his power to share the gospel with others.

Some children heard or came to understand the gospel for the first time. As one little girl asked, "I will come back to life like Jesus, too?" What joy it was for the volunteer to affirm the gospel and our hope of eternal life! Children who did not have Bibles at home were also given one.



We collected a numerous amount of donations for 1st Trinity Homeless Ministry. We also collected \$525.63 for Operation Kid-to-Kid which will help families in America with much needed home repairs.

THANK YOU to those who offered support through monetary donations, words of encouragement and prayer. THANK YOU to all volunteers who offered their time and talents by sharing the Gospel to our VBS children and their families.

Sunday school sessions have ended for the summer months and will resume again on **Sunday, September 11th**.



Please mark your calendar for a meet and greet breakfast on July 24th! We will be having a breakfast between services for Vicar Joshua and his family.

More information coming soon!



Zion Youth News and Events

Please Pray for our
LCMS Youth Gathering
Participants!



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LCMS YOUTH GATHERING



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NEW ORLEANS | JULY 16-20, 2016

JULY Reading PLAN

Read the Bible in a Year!

1: 1 Samuel 28-31

2: 2 Samuel 1-3

3: 2 Samuel 4-6

4: 2 Samuel 7-9

5: 2 Samuel 10-12

6: 2 Samuel 13-15

7: 2 Samuel 16-18

8: 2 Samuel 19-21

9: 2 Samuel 22-24

10: 1 Kings 1-2

11: 1 Kings 3-6

12: 1 Kings 7-8

13: 1 Kings 9-11

14: 1 Kings 12-14

15: 1 Kings 15-17

16: 1 Kings 18-20

17: 1 Kings 21-22

18: 2 Kings 1-3

19: 2 Kings 4-6

20: 2 Kings 7-9

21: 2 Kings 10-12

22: 2 Kings 13-15

23: 2 Kings 16-18

24: 2 Kings 19-22

25: 2 Kings 23-25

26: 1 Chronicles 1-5

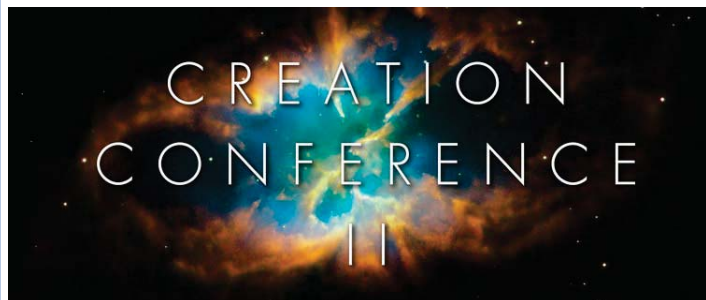
27: 1 Chronicles 6-10

28: 1 Chronicles 11-15

29: 1 Chronicles 16-20

30: 1 Chronicles 21-25

31: 1 Chronicles 26-29



Several years ago, Zion hosted its first Creation Conference. We had scientists and theologians come and present the evidence for the Biblical account of creation. Since then, we have had interest in a second Creation Conference. We will be cohosting the Genesis Seminar II August 12-14 right here at Zion. You can learn more about our cohost, Creation Science Fellowship of Pittsburgh at their website:

www.cfspittsburgh.org. Look for fliers and pamphlets with more detailed information on the speakers and an in depth schedule of events in the narthex.

An overview schedule for this three day conference is as follows:

Friday 7:00pm: All speakers will be introduced and each will summarize the scientific reason why he rejects comprehensive evolution. Q&A will follow if time allows.

Saturday 9:30am-12:30pm: Illustrated lectures by R. Gillmann, D. Wert, and R. Walsh.

Saturday 2:00-5:00pm: Lectures by Dr. Steinmann, A. German, D. Wert by power point.

Saturday 7:00-9:30pm: Dr. Siek on evolutionists admitting bias; more Q&A by panel.

Sunday 2:00-4:00pm: Dr. Steinmann on interpreting Genesis by letting scripture interpret scripture.

Please join us and allow highly qualified scientist and theologians help you to understand the creation-evolution controversy and to defend the Biblical account of creation in six literal days.



Come support your Zion Lions Softball team! They play at McLaughlin Run Park in Bridgeville.

The games are on our calendar, but games are often postponed due to inclement weather.

You can find softball schedule updates and changes at www.cvsl.net. See you at the games!

Service Participants

Date	Time	Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery
July 3	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ron & Judy Meier Chuck & Debra LaJeunesse	Joey Ackerman Leah Luedeman	Deb Sterba Adele Goodge
July 10	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Wayne & Barb Oechslein Eric & Michelle Hunsberger & Family	Augie Bishop Carley Rockovich	Megan Meyer Lara Luedeman
July 17	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Brian & Megan Pasquini & Family Jay & Kim Anderson	Ava Pasquini Lara Luedeman	Alissa McLellan Jessica Boyle
July 24	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	Bernice DeBoe Norm & Brittany Dill & Family	Josiah Ackerman Leah Luedeman	Linda Kroger Tess Carter
July 31	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Gene & Sharon Koop John & Katie Gielarowski & Family	Matthew Liberatore Anna Gresh	Kristen Neill Christine Chilcott
August 7	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	Wayne & Kathleen Conn Michael & Lind Kroeger	Ava Pasquini Augie Bishop	Susie Bishop Megan Pasquini
August 14	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	Jason & Pam Trentini & Family Jim & Marylou Neill	Josiah Ackerman Carly Rockovich	Marian Oelschlager Jenna & Stephanie Eckels



Month	Elders	Altar Guild	8:00 AM Ushers	10:30 AM Ushers
July	Paul Klemash	Clara Hayes Sandy Bryant	Brian Pasquini, Dale Miller, Barbara & Wayne Oechslein	Kari & John Gresh, Loren Luedman & Ted Siek
August	Michael Kroeger Neil Ackerman	Janet & Marian Oelschlager	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier & Jack Oelschlager	Debbie Ford, Vince Kimberland, Bill Koester, & Lois Sauro

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@zlc.org of the change.

Visit our website for past sermons, informative videos, thought-provoking articles, pictures from recent church events, and updated information about upcoming events. Check it out: zlc.org

July Birthdays

1 Lawson Luedeman

2 Shelley Killinger

3 Karen Bauer

3 Joann Brookfield

3 Corey Larson

5 Timothy Albert

8 Roxanne Burgh

8 Megan Hartman

8 Richard Trudel

9 Neil Ackerman

9 Florence Boehme

10 Anthony Vallelunga

11 Clara Hayes

11 Brenna Long

11 Dione Vallelunga

12 Mamie Papeaka

14 John Oelschlager

15 Brad Boyle

15 Robert Liberatore

16 Timothy Albert

16 Tommy Gielarowski

18 Emily Trentini

19 Robin Reihner

20 Paul Hayes

20 Tim Wood

23 Lara Luedeman

24 Doris Oelschlager

25 Frank Hervert

26 Ella Hunsberger

26 Kristen LaJeunesse

30 Eric Hunsberger

31 Nathaniel Howcroft



July Anniversaries

7 Vince & Ginny Kimberland

16 Norman & Helen Erbrecht

17 John & Katie Gielarowski

26 Paul & Nancy Klemash

31 Andy & Rochelle Klemash

**Happy
Anniversary!**





July 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom.</p> <p>2 Corinthians 3:17</p>				1	2
<p>3</p> <p>8:00 am Worship w/ Communion</p> <p>9:30 am Bible Class</p> <p>10:30 am Worship w/ Communion</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 pm Trustees Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	5	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 pm Mid Week Service</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 pm Elders Meeting</p> <p>8:30 pm Zion Lions Softball Game</p>	8	<p>9</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast</p>
<p>10</p> <p>8:00 am Worship w/ Communion</p> <p>9:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Worship w/ Communion & Youth Gathering</p> <p>Commissioning</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOOD BANK COLLECTION</p>	11	12	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 pm Mid Week Service</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 pm Church Council Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm & 8:30 pm Zion Lions Softball Double Header</p>	15	<p>16</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast</p> <p>LCMS Youth Trip</p>
<p>17</p> <p>8:00 am Worship w/ Communion</p> <p>9:30 am Bible Class</p> <p>10:30 am Worship w/ Communion</p> <p>11:45 am Board Of Education Meeting</p> <p>LCMS Youth Trip</p>	18	19	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 pm Mid Week Service</p> <p>8:30 pm Zion Lions Softball Game</p> <p>LCMS Youth Trip</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>LCMS Youth Trip</p>	22	<p>23</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast</p>
<p>24 Vicar Installation</p> <p>8:00 am Worship w/ Communion</p> <p>9:30 am Meet the Vicar Breakfast</p> <p>10:30 am Worship w/ Communion</p> <p>1:35 pm Zion Day at PNC Park</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	25	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 pm Sunday School Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm Zion Lions Softball Game</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 pm Mid Week Service</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p>	29	<p>30</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast</p>
<p>31</p> <p>8:00 am Worship w/ Communion</p> <p>9:30 am Bible Class</p> <p>10:30 am Worship w/ Communion</p> <p>11:45 am Events Committee Meeting</p>	<p>Zion Lutheran Church</p>		<p>3197 Washington Pike</p> <p>Bridgeville, PA 15017</p> <p>Phone: 412-221-4776</p> <p>Web: zlc.org</p>			

Sunday morning worship at 8:00am and 10:30am



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