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July 2016



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.

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
 \$54,465.63

 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

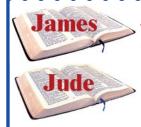
Mary Lou Rilee



Jay Anderson

Chairman of ZLCB





<u>Small Group Starting Soon:</u> 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.



STUDNEDAY

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 11**th.



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!





















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

8: 2 Samuel 19-21

6: 2 Samuel 13-15

7: 2 Samuel 16-18

9: 2 Samuel 22-24

10: 1 Kings 1-2

11: 1 Kings 3-612: 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!

Help us welcome Vicar Ulm to Zion



Vicar Joshua Ulm will begin his year with us starting July 18th, with his installation scheduled for July 24th. We will be collecting items for Joshua and his family in the coming weeks and will present it to him on his first day of work, July 18th, to welcome him to Zion. Donations of restaurant gift cards, grocery store gift cards, pantry items, or cash will be accepted up until July 10th. Donations will be collected after services. For any questions, please contact the secretaries by email secretary@zlcb.org or by phone 412-221-4776.

Did you see Zion in the Newspaper?!?

Zion made the news last month for our FREE Car Wash! Thanks to everyone who helped make the car wash a huge success whether that was by washing cars, making food, bringing your car to be washed, or telling your friends to bring their cars. Every bit of help was much appreciated. See you all next time!

You can read the full article on the Trib Live website (triblive.com). Just type the headline into the search bar for an easy way to find it!

BRIDGEVILLE AREAS

Thursday, June 16, 2016

BRIDGEVILLE - SOUTH FAYETTE - COLLIER

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South Fayette church cleans cars, hopes to cleanse souls

pr DAVID MAYERNIK JR.

Doug Krantz admits
cleaning windows lan't h

strong suit.
Dispensation from that
particular task was his
only request before deciding to help at Zion Luther
an Church's semi-annual

"They all respected me when I said I don't do windows because I Just streak them up So, everybody does what they're comfortable with and it works out, he said.

he said.

Krantz, of South Fayette,
moved to Pennsylvania last
August after living 30 years
in Indianapolis.

"I came to the church, and everyone was so friend by I just stayed. When they said, "Time for a car wash," I realized I haven't washed my car or detailed it since I moved to Pennsylvania. Em going to spend the day

This was the eighth time since the Nev. Duncar McLellan took over as pastor in 2011 that the South Fayette church has sponOver a four-hour period, about 15 church members washed 40 cars, including lires, windows and interi-

Food and beverages were provided for waiting driv-

ers.
The church tries to perform the service twice each year around Memorial Day

t is because, one, it gives as a chance as a church o come together and to tave fellowship with each ther. McLellan said, "but iso, the church gets a bad up for always wanting rour money. Everything the hurch does, there's this underbanded 'said we want sour money." Attached to it.

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McLellan said some drivers were confused the carewash came with no charge thacked.

tions of some people. They come in and sag. 'What are you raising money for?'
"We kind of joke around want to give us money. come back (Sunday) morn

The car wash provides a valuable service for those who can't afford a full detail on their car or physically can't wash their car, he said.

Firstor has the expression 'big dumb fun,'
Krantz said. 'And if we do something just because it's fun, it's 'big dumb fun.' So, washing cars is 'big dumb

Jay Anderson, president of the Zion Lutheran congregation, has taken part in the car wash eight times.

to get our face out in the community People come here who are not members of the church and I remember, in past years especially they would say. Let me give you something, Let me pay you something for doing this. And we said. No, we're no taking averthing Come to

Doug Krantz of South Fayette dries off a vehicle during a free car wash June 4 at Zion

to reach out the hand. Hopefully, they hear the message and come back." At 6 Sect, 4 inches tall, Anderson, of Mt. Lebance.

That's really where I'm or most valuable to the tear McLellan hopes driver leave with more than a clean vehicle. us to say, 'Let's talk about things that are free. Let's talk about solvation. Let' talk about God's free gift to you in Christ. A whole lot better than a clean car

Speaking of Zion being in the News, check out the latest issue of the Pittsburgh Lutheran for articles about Zion. A big shout out/ tip-of-the-hat to our team who has taken on the responsibility of publishing and improving this valuable communication resource for the LCMS congregations in the greater Pittsburgh area! Way to go team!

Service Participants

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

- 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 Haves
- 20 Tim Wood
- 23 Lara Luedeman
- 24 Doris Oelschlager
- 25 Frank Hervert
- 26 Ella Hunsberger
- 26 Kristen LaJeunesse
- 30 Eric Hunsberger
- 31 Nathaniel Howcroft



- 7 Vince & Ginny Kimberland
- 16 Norman & Helen Erbrecht.
- 17 John & Katie Gielarowski
- 26 Paul & Nancy Klemash
- 31 Andy & Rochelle Klemash





Committee Meeting





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Now the	Lord is the	Spirit, a	nd where	1	2
	the Spirit of the LOrd is, there is					
		Free				
	2 Corinthians 3:17					
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship	7:00 pm Trustees Meeting		7:00 pm Mid Week Service	10:00 am Bible Study		8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast
w/ Communion	Happy			7:30 pm Elders Meeting		
	July			8:30 pm Zion Lions Softball Game		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School			7:00 pm Mid Week Service	10:00 am Bible Study		8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast
10:30 am Worship w/ Communion & Youth Gathering Commissioning				7:30 pm Church Council Meeting		
FOOD BANK COLLECTION				7:00 pm & 8:30 pm Zion Lions Softball Double Header	LCMS Youth Trip	LCMS Youth Trip
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship			7:00 pm Mid Week Service	10:00 am Bible Study		8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast
w/ Communion 11:45 am Board Of Education Meeting			8:30 pm Zion Lions Softball Game			
LCMS Youth Trip	LCMS Youth Trip	LCMS Youth Trip	LCMS Youth Trip	LCMS Youth Trip		
24 Vicar Installation 8:00 am Worship w/ Communion	25	26 6:30 pm Sunday	27 7:00 pm Mid Week	28 10:00 am Bible	29	30 8:00 am Men's Bible
9:30 am Meet the Vicar Breakfast 10:30 am Worship		School Meeting	Service	Study		Breakfast
w/ Communion 1:35 pm Zion Day at PNC Park		7:00 pm Zion Lions Softball Game				
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Sunday morning worship at 8:00am and 10:30am



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