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When I graduated from the Seminary I was ready to be a pastor. But there were not enough churches anxious for a rookie to break into the starting lineup. I worked in a bank throughout the seminary years, and by September was certain I would be in that bank for the next twenty years. I interviewed with two churches but neither offered me a call. I was disappointed. Surely any church was better than none at all. Gradually my focus shifted as I considered a career in banking. There was no doubt God would take care of me, but what I wanted was not what I was getting. That became a lesson in patience. In October the Director of Placement told me I was on a call list to church in Toledo for a one year "contract." The pastor of that church was taking a year leave of absence for graduate work. They wanted someone to fill in for that year. That was unheard of! I could not conceive of going to a town with no guarantee and having to go through the process all over again with no job at all. On Friday I said I was not interested. On Monday the placement director said he was going to notify the congregation of my desire to be off the list but had just learned they had a meeting that Sunday and called me without knowing of my wishes. Then the District President called, as well as the pastor who would be gone for a year. They all encouraged me to accept a divine call I had said I would not consider. After a week of prayer and conversation with my wife we finally decided maybe God had a hand in this and it was worthy of a positive response. My sole reason for sharing this is to say we had a remarkable ten years in that congregation, made lifelong friends, had a successful ministry, and added three children into our home. And that led to coming to Zion. I don't believe God was pulling all the strings but there is no doubt in my mind God was with us in every moment and decision we made. His blessing touches so many parts of my life as is the same for you. Sometimes faith is more about trusting what we can't see than assuming our vision and wisdom is as good as God's. Faith does work.

Pastor Seeber

## Faith and Life: Luther's Catechism

The year 1517 is the year we mark as the date of the Reformation of the Church. Even though that is long ago, It is good to remember the role Martin Luther played in this movement. A Catholic monk, studying to be a priest, he was distracted from that goal when he discovered the Bible. The more he read, the more he was inspired and the more he wanted to learn about God's love. *(Not a bad place for us to start as well!)*

His world was very illiterate, and so it is no surprise that most had never read the Bible. One of his greatest gifts was to translate the Bible into German, and offer classes so his fellow citizens could begin to discover power and life of God's Word as revealed in Holy Scripture. (Until then, the only translation of the Bible was in Latin, and only the rich and well educated were schooled in Latin.) What a gift to the people this was, as he brought God's Word back into the language of the people! (Have we taken this gift too much for granted in our own lives for different reasons? Bible reading and study by all Christians is a "reformation" that would bring new life into all we do!)

Another of Luther's gifts to the Church is what we call "The Small Catechism." A catechism is a manual that gives basic instruction in a subject, usually by repetition. Luther wrote his "Small Catechism" to give parents an aid in the basics of Christian faith for their children. (And for pastors to be able to teach the faith to the parents!) Here is Luther's preface to the catechism which he wrote in 1529:

*"The deplorable condition when I was a visitor constrained me to prepare this brief and simple catechism or statement of Christian teaching. Good God! What wretchedness I beheld! The common people, especially those who live in the country, have no knowledge whatever of Christian teaching, and unfortunately many pastors are quite incompetent and unfitted for teaching.*

*Although people are supposed to be Christian, are baptized, and receive the holy sacrament, they do not know the Lord's Prayer, Creed, or Ten Commandments, they live as if they were pigs and irrational beasts, and now that the Gospel has been restored they have mastered the fine art of abusing liberty." (Luther did have a way with words!)*

The Book of Concord contains all the confessional writings of the Lutheran Church. The Small Catechism is one of those, and is only 14 pages long. It is divided into these six sections, with questions and explanations:

The Ten Commandments

The Apostles Creed

The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Confession and Absolution

The Sacrament of the Altar

Luther also included sections on Morning and Evening Prayers, Grace at Meals, and a Table of Duties (for pastors, teachers, leaders, parents, students, etc.) Five years after Luther's death, an addition was a series of questions and answers that Luther wrote to help prepare for Holy Communion.

We have catechisms at Zion, we can order for you if you want a personal copy. The text is available as well on various internet sites. In our midweek classes for 6th –8th graders, much of what we teach is based on the six chief parts of the faith. The Bible verses many are familiar with in modern versions of the catechism have been added in recent years.

What a better place to remember, review, or learn what we believe than this simple little handbook of the faith. And remember, the Catechism was written *to help parents teach their children, and is a helpful resource for every adult.* Each month we consider a part of the Catechism for review, in order to help remember what we should not forget.

**Catechism Review: The Lord's Prayer (part 7)****"Deliver us from Evil"**

We quickly say "lead us not into temptation" AND "deliver us from evil" as if that was the same thing. But it isn't. *Temptation is about an apple I wish to take a bit out of. Evil is about a serpent that wants to take a bite out of me.* This last petition or request ("deliver me from evil") might be the most powerful of all. It concludes this prayer Jesus taught in such a perfect way. In Middle Eastern countries, stories and parables were told as a way of remembering. And many of them were told in a style where the end causes you to go back to the beginning. They are like a circle or a cycle and their very form teaches more than just the words on a page.

Think about the first word of this prayer, "Father!" (it is about God.) And the last word is about "Evil." (Everything that is NOT God or that is opposed to God.) *Deliver us from evil* is the cry of every child to a father or mother (even when they don't know that is their request!) It is the cry of "protect me, guard me, wrap me in your wings, keep me safe from all that can destroy me."

This petition is not a demand, but rather a reminder that we are surrounded by evil and demonic forces. As every night reminds us of how dark and cold the world would be without the sun, so these words remind us that there is a darkness that is lurking, evil that is rumbling, and a force of destruction that (if it could) would separate us from the love of the Creator and the power of faith.

That was the purpose for Jesus' journey into our world — to chase the darkness away. To deliver us from evil. To chase the shades of night away — forever. In this prayer we acknowledge the battle, which is a true and necessary *holy war*, in which God comes to fight for our very lives and our eternal souls. Deliver us from evil indeed! Do you think it was a coincidence that Jesus was born in the

darkness of night, in a dark manger far from the bright lights of Jerusalem? Of course not! Or do you think it a quirk of fate that Jesus' climbed onto the darkest tree of all (called a cross) and was immediately enveloped in his agony by an eclipse in which the earth was shrouded (at high noon) by an event that attempted to blot out the sun? Of course not! God's entire plan of salvation, beginning in the Garden, repeated by the prophets, and announced when the Word became Flesh was to deliver us from ALL evil! From darkness! From death! From anything that can eclipse the Light of the World!

What a great way for Jesus to end his lesson on how to pray, what to say, and how to understand why the relationship with God is the answer to everything in life! These words remind us that the world is often a dark place. And that God's Son has come as the Light of the World to conquer sin, death, and the devil — in other words, *to deliver us from evil!* 1st Peter 5 reminds us: "*Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*" What a great description of a broken world, the forces of death, and the antithesis of God's goodness!

But there is more. This is not a mild request in which God's action is dependent on our faith! What this means is that God doesn't only deliver from evil IF we ask politely. God has already fought the war and won the battle. In these words we are encouraged to enter into the presence of the victory which already is our gift. Evil exists, but it can only destroy us if we embrace the darkness rather than bask in the light. The world isn't perfect and heaven will come later, not now. But this prayer reminds us that nothing can separate us from the love of God, the Good News of the Christ birth, or the victory of Easter. Yes, deliverance has come — as a gift of grace. And our last prayer lesson (in these simple words) reminds us to celebrate that we have been delivered, and we are now set free!

# Youth News

## **High School:**

### Baccalaureate

June 5 @ 10am

### Summer Study

June 16, 3pm @ Ritter's

June 29, 5:30pm @ Grube's  
House

July 19, 1pm @ Water Street  
Coffee on Oakland/Whites

August 1, 5:30pm @ Grube's  
House

August 17, 5:30pm TBD

## **All Youth:**

### Week of Service

Come do service projects with your family and other families at Zion, June 20-23 from 5:30pm—7:30pm. Come any or all days!

Free dinner before we get

started!!!

## Echoes

*God IS at work through people in our congregation...here is their story:*

Back in May a handful of students ages 4-18 packed 100 bags that would eventually be taken by congregation members and handed out to those in need throughout the community. These bags contained common everyday items for you and me...socks, Kleenex, snacks, chapstick, electrolyte powder, water bottles, a mask, toothbrush/toothpaste, and a blanket. We also included a hand colored card from the students.

Not only were the students an echo of God's love through this project, but they enabled the congregation to be one as well! People were encouraged to take one or more bags, as many as they could hand out, and share or be a "blessing" to someone in need.

If you missed this opportunity or want to expand our efforts of being an echo of God's love, join us on June 23rd at 5pm when we pack even more care kits for multiple organizations and people in need! Anyone and any age can participate, watch for the sign up.

# Family Life

## Family Ministry News

### Family Events

**-Family VBS June 20-23,  
from 5:30pm—whenever**

**-June 23 at 5:00pm: Congregational Servant  
Event**

**-Growler's Game August 13 (sign up coming)**

### **Why?**

What is your "why?" Perhaps you've never thought of it? Maybe you've known since you were a teen. Either way, your "why" shapes who you are and influences the decisions you make. In a world full of distractions and "standards" it is easy to be sidetracked from your "why." All the decisions you make as a family should be ones that support your family "why." Identifying what that is can be difficult and take time. But the importance of knowing why you do what you do (and what you don't do) really helps overall direction and understanding identity.

As a Christian your "why" should be impacted by your faith (relationship with God). This includes the way you think, the way you interact with others, and the priorities you set.

As summer gets into full swing, church attendance takes a dive. Even if you are not present, be sure to keep your relationship with God a priority. Why? Because that's the Greatest Command...love God, love others.

# Congregational Servant Event!!!!



## Care Kit Packing Thursday, June 23rd 5pm, dinner included

**For the past 5 years we have gathered together as a congregation and used our hands, feet, and brains to share the love of Jesus with others. This year is no different! Join us on Thursday, June 23rd starting at 5pm for dinner and care kit packing. We will be packing kits for the YWCA, more blessing bags, and an organization called Phil's Friends who brings the love of Jesus to those who have cancer. Watch for the sign up on the kiosk at church or call the church office if you want to serve!**

## **CAMPUS MINISTRY**

One of the neat blessings of campus ministry is getting the chance to do the weddings of former students.

In May, I had the opportunity to travel to the Washington DC area to officiate the wedding of one of our former students named Judith.

Judith came to WMU from Malaysia. She was one of the international students that was a big part of the monthly International Student Dinner Gatherings that we had at Solid Grounds from 2012-2017.

One of the hardest things about campus ministry is when students graduate and move on. But, one of the wonderful things is to see former students find jobs and careers that they love, and then eventually fall in love and get married.

Melody and I had the chance to celebrate with Judith and her husband Michael and their families as well.

On Tuesday evenings, there are 4 WMU students and I volunteering at the YWCA.

On Wednesday May 25th, we started a new fellowship and outreach event at Solid Grounds.

Throughout the summer, I will be grilling out for WMU landscaping/maintenance and other staff workers once a week during the lunch hour.

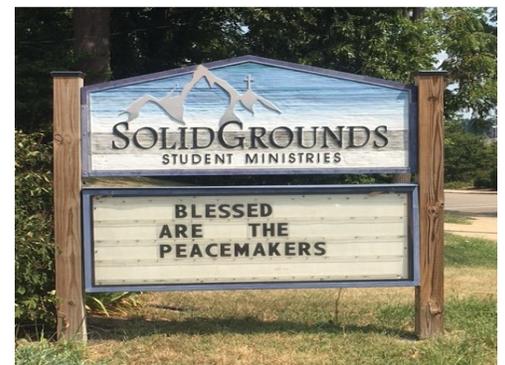
There was a recent survey among WMU staff and faculty regarding their views of the current direction of the university and of the current administration.

Sadly, only 15% have a positive or optimistic view.

The goal of the weekly cookout is to build on the connections I have made with current WMU landscaping/maintenance workers, as well as other WMU staff and faculty, and hopefully create a community where we can support the workers on campus and possibly create other ministry opportunities.

God's blessings to you all.

Pastor Mark



# LETTER OF THANKS

Greetings from the Groth Family!

We are nearing the end of our second year!

Call Day, April 26th, has officially come and gone, we will remain on campus with a local call to Salem Lutheran Church - Affton, MO. Our Vicarage will officially begin August 1st. We were given the opportunity following the Call Day Ceremony to meet with Pastor Wayne Huebner, the head Elder Steve, and the current Vicar Nick Palmer and his wife Vanessa Palmer, whom we know from campus. It was encouraging to sit and talk/learn about the church, and what is expected in the year to come. It sounds as though we will have many great experiences and opportunities to both learn and grow in the upcoming year. I will be teaching almost everyday of the week and preaching almost half the time.

Three weeks of class remain. Followed by a trip to Israel, in which we are currently preparing for class with mapping the areas we will visit in Israel. There are about 40 hours of pre-course work to be done. I am blessed to have Emily auditing the class alongside me. We will Celebrate our 11th year of Marriage while in Israel. The Kids will be well loved back home in Paw Paw, MI for 3 weeks, where both sets of Grandparents reside.

This summer I hope to sit through the language classes one more time, and am grateful for the opportunity to do so. It is not a requirement, I passed language with high marks, it's a preference, to help solidify the vocabulary, grammar, and syntax to memory. They will take a lifetime of study to master.

We are planning one summer get away with the kids before the vicarage, to relax and have some fun together as a family before August 1st. Hopeful to find something both budget and family friendly.

This semester has been such a joy. Reformation History and the Lutheran Church is top on my list, I've enjoyed conversations with the professor during every class period. My classmates have gotten used to the fact that I will always have something to contribute.

We are so grateful to have you on this journey with us. Thank you for your continued support financially and in prayer. We would not be on this journey without your help, we are forever grateful, you make seminary possible for us. It's because of you that we have made it halfway through. Here is to another two years of being in this together!

In Christ Jesus,  
Jason, Emily, Gideon, Esther, Martha, and Joanna Groth

Psalm 119:105  
*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

**Book Review: “A Hobbit, A Wardrobe, and a Great War.”** How J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis rediscovered faith, friendship, and heroism in the cataclysm of 1914-1918. Joseph Laconte. Thomas Nelson. 2015.

If you have read the “Chronicles of Narnia” or “The Lord of the Rings” you will certainly enjoy this book. If you have not, you will want to after reading this book.

This book deals with the realities of that world wide conflict, the horror of war in the trenches of Europe, and how it affected the lives of Tolkien and Lewis who became life long friends and two of the most famous authors of their time.

The Chronicles of Narnia is a favorite book of many children and families, with its fairy tale approach to some difficult issues. The Lord of the Rings is influenced by the same issues but is deeper and darker. Both Lewis and Tolkien were forced into British army and the horrific conditions of battle in Europe. ,

We have been overwhelmed by the COVID pandemic, cultural change, a war in Europe, and the sensationalism of instant digital media. For many these seem to be the worst of times, but none have any clue what things were like during World War I, which was referred to as the Great War. Russia experienced 1.7 million deaths and another 5 million wounded. Germany lost almost 2 million soldiers during that same time. The generation of German men was reduced by 35% during those four years as almost two million soldiers died. 2 million French troops died, which was 25% of the men in that country. 3 million British troops were either killed or wounded.

We do all we can to avoid any conflict or pain, and yet the first World War was perceived by many in Europe and the U.S. as a noble endeavor to stop the spread of war. In the introduction to this book, Laconte writes

that despite the darkness of those times, both Tolkien and Lewis “deeply aware of the beauty and mortality of the world insisted that war could inspire noble sacrifice for human purposes.” [xiv]

Their great works were written after the War with all of the loss and darkness that people were enduring. Laconte explains Lewis and Tolkien used their experiences as soldiers and professors of English to deal with the spiritual calamity of war and the response to such horrific realities. He further writes:

“Believers and sceptics alike may be surprised to learn how two of the most celebrated writers of the twentieth century responded to the Great War: how they deployed their Christian conscience to challenge a prevailing culture of postwar grief, gloom, and unbelief ... they suggest war is a symptom of the ruin and wreckage of human life, but that it points the way to a life restored and transformed by grace.” [xviii]

(These seem pretty relevant topics even today!) The relationship of these two life long friends is of more than passing interest as Tolkien grew up in the Church and Lewis was an atheist before the war and the maturing of his relationship with Tolkien. This is a fascinating biography of both men, as well as an introduction to their writings and the themes so important even today.

This book explores the dangers of equating the kingdom of God with the kingdom of men, remembering there were Christians on both sides of the trenches all praying to the same God as they killed each other. Both writers also explore the reality that progress, science, and the wisdom of enlightened men and women can often forget the lessons and power of faith. This is an easy read, and as mentioned earlier, will help to understand the background of two great works of fiction and how their Christian faith inspired them to write what they wrote.

Pastor Seeber



- 6/1 Alyson Hampshire, Maren Hampshire, Robert Rosenthal, Jeff Schommer, Ruth Stokes
- 6/2 Morgan Freeby, Lynette Gumbleton, Jon Tomer
- 6/3 Jason Emig
- 6/4 Briley Vander Veen
- 6/5 Cynthia Krill,
- 6/6 Vicki Holt, William Ohland, Amy Woznick
- 6/7 Rolland Preuss, Sam Proos, Philomene Rettman
- 6/9 Margo Bridges, Christopher Hurry
- 6/10 James Siek, Joshua Vickery
- 6/11 Candace Buetow,
- 6/12 Hanna Brege, Kim Stoner, Kimberly Stiegemeyer
- 6/13 Marilyn Fager, Renae Morgan, Michael O'Connor
- 6/15 Phyllis Huberty
- 6/16 Tricia Dinda, Roberta Thomas
- 6/17 Susan Buchtrup, Nancy Heineman, Philip Parr Jr., John Skuratowicz
- 6/18 Pam DeMorrow, Paul Gilbert,
- 6/19 Larry Harding,
- 6/20 Megan Collins, Donya Mosher, Tom Proos, Sarah Schierbeek
- 6/21 Benjamin Bickel, Michael Hovde, Dillon Wollberg
- 6/22 Joye Mayer
- 6/23 Natalie Asaro, Tessa Butt, Kathleen Jordan, Daniel Woodford
- 6/24 Barbara Witkoske
- 6/25 Patricia Anne Madison
- 6/27 Ryan Bickel, Angela Bowers, Scot Miller
- 6/28 Cynthia Cosgrove, Bobbie Dorow, June Ver Sluis
- 6/29 Daniel Wilson
- 6/30 Megan Brennan, Heidi Fuhrman Patricia Kaukola-Weber

## PARISH REPORT

### Deaths

Eleanor Strunk 4/28/2022

### **Staff Anniversaries**

Congratulations to the following staff for their service to Zion (June):

Pastor Seeber	6/01/1987
Pastor Brelje	6/01/1994
Michelle Devine	6/19/2006
Rebecca Craft	6/07/2012
Grayson Nye	6/01/2015

**SUMMER BIBLE STUDY** ...Do you want to be more aware of God's presence? Do you want to get to know others in the congregation? Consider joining an 8-week summer Bible study! These servant leader journeys will consist of 4 or 5 people doing daily Bible readings/ journaling on their own and meeting together for 1 hour each of the 8-weeks. We are looking to have a women's group, a men's group, and a couple's group. If you are interested, please let Aaron know at [dcegrube21@gmail.com](mailto:dcegrube21@gmail.com), or when you see him. Studies start mid-June and/ or mid-July.

Accepting donations for this year's Grateful Hearts / Thankful Hands

**BAZAAR** ..... As of June 1st, ONLY 172 days until the bazaar. Looking for crafts, canned goods and treasures! And, leftovers from your garage sales.

Use the sign in sheet provided for crafts and food items.

### **KALAMAZOO LOAVES & FISHES**

**June is Healthy snacks with low sugar and sodium.** Gray donation tubs are under the church office window. Thank you!

*Thank you!!*

### HELPING OTHERS MINISTRY

"WOW, what a lot of stuff!" This is how excited Ministry with Community was when they saw all the boxes and bags of health care items we were delivering to them. We had 25 boxes of health care items and 3 garbage bags of bath towels. Thank you, Zion families, for your generous response to this ministry... Matthew 25:40 tells us the Lord regards our gifts to the needy as gifts to Him... "for I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine you did for me."

With great appreciation, Jayne Mayer

Thank you for allowing our Firm to use the Gathering space for our Medicaid Planning seminar on May 5th. We had an excellent turnout with 88 attendees. Everyone enjoyed Kelly Quardokus' presentation as well as the Taco Bar catered by QDOBA.

A number of our guests commented on Zion's beautiful facility. Dave Mayer and I may have done a bit of recruiting.

Special thanks to Lucy Maxson for directing our guests through the food lines. Additionally, thank you to Lucy, Ted Maxson and Mary Lou Wright for helping us with the cleanup.

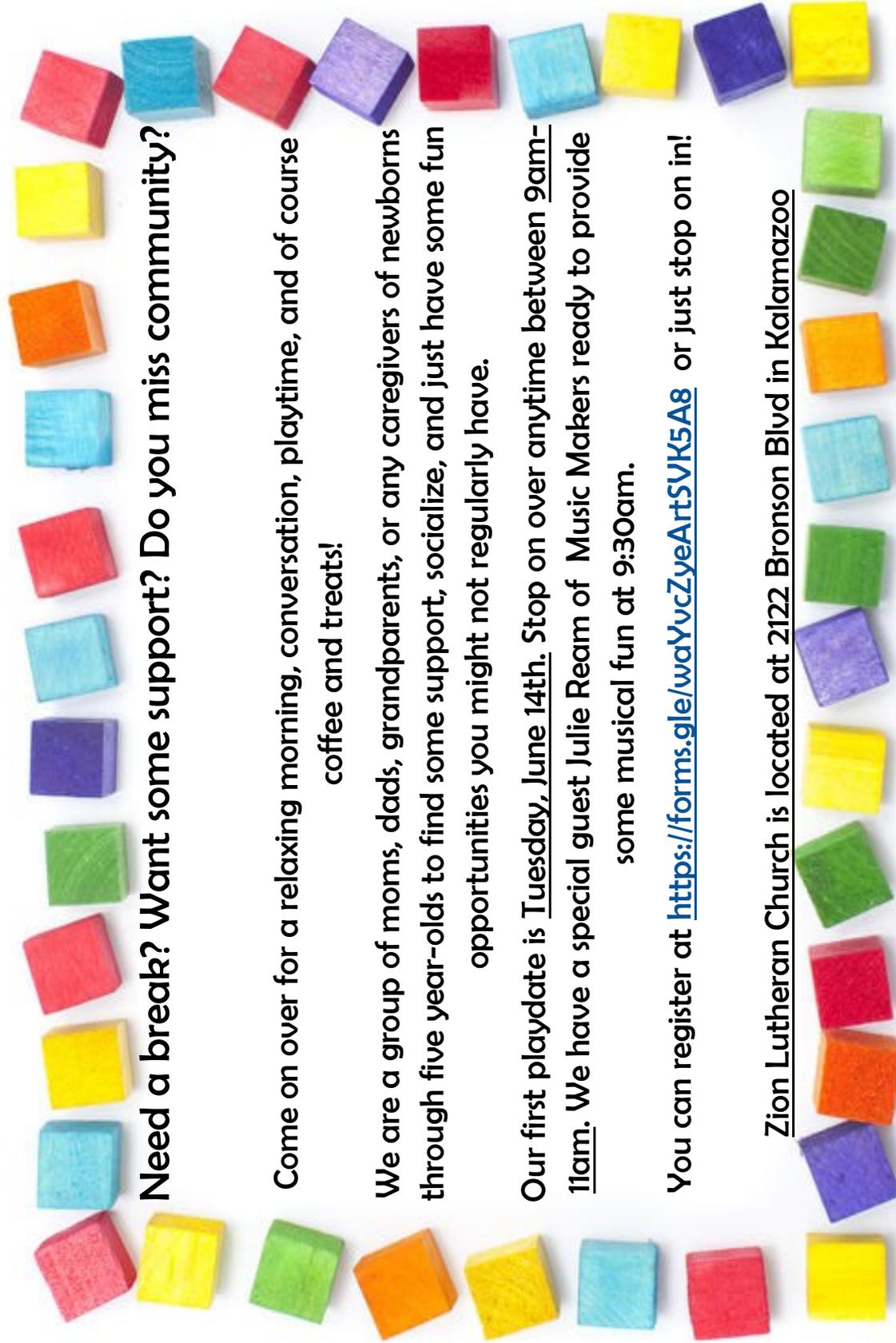
John Buetow

Special thank you to all that helped support our Youth Trip funding by enjoying the **Weekly Coffee Bar**

## PIANO CONCERT

*Come join us for a very special concert organized by Grayson Nye.*

**Wednesday, June 29th at 6:30p.m.**



**Need a break? Want some support? Do you miss community?**

Come on over for a relaxing morning, conversation, playtime, and of course coffee and treats!

We are a group of moms, dads, grandparents, or any caregivers of newborns through five year-olds to find some support, socialize, and just have some fun opportunities you might not regularly have.

Our first playdate is Tuesday, June 14th. Stop on over anytime between 9am-11am. We have a special guest Julie Ream of Music Makers ready to provide some musical fun at 9:30am.

You can register at <https://forms.gle/waYvcZyeArt5VK5A8> or just stop on in!

Zion Lutheran Church is located at 2122 Bronson Blvd in Kalamazoo

## JUNE 2022 WORSHIP LEADERS

	JUNE 5	JUNE 12	JUNE 19	JUNE 26
<b>Acolytes 8:00am</b>				
<b>Acolytes 10:00am</b>				
<b>Head Ushers 8:00am</b>	Steve Weber Mark Schoonbeck	Dave Mayer John DuBois	Larry Harding Rich Rakow	Matt Simmons Walter Kohnke
<b>Head Ushers 10:00am</b>	Ken Lundquist Dave Borak	Steve Nuven Dennis O'Brien	Joe Zerbel Garr Gast	Ken Lundquist Dave Borak
<b>Communion Assistants Saturday 5:30pm</b>	Roxanne Seeber	Kathleen Jordan	Ted Maxson	Joanne Bowes
<b>Communion Assistants 8:00am</b>	Mike Schlack	Rita Linnenkugel	John Buetow	Matt Simmons
<b>Communion Assistants 10:00am</b>	Janis Dinda	Lorraine Hanna	Steve Nuven	Garr Gast
<b>Lectors 8:00am</b>	Candy Buetow	John Buetow	Carol Daenzer	Dave Mayer
<b>Lectors 10:00am</b>	Janis Dinda	Rollie Preuss	Jill Hamilton	Erin Hampshire
<b>Altar Ministry Saturday 5:30pm</b>		1. Diana Moulton 2.		1. Diana Moulton
<b>Altar Ministry 8:00am</b>	1. Larry Zerbel 2. Joe Zerbel	1. Carol Daenzer 2.	1. Larry Zerbel 2. Joe Zerbel	1. Linda Mayer 2. Jayne Mayer
<b>Altar Ministry 10:00am</b>	1. Larry Zerbel 2. Joe Zerbel	1. Carrie Chapman 2. Dee Wentzel	1. Larry Zerbel 2. Joe Zerbel	1. 2.

# JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9 - Noon Sewing Group	2	3	4
5 Pentecost 8:00 Worship 10:00 Worship <b>(Baccalaureate)</b>	6  6:30 Personnel	7	8 9 - Noon Sewing Group	9 Noon Finance	10	11 5:30 Worship
12 8:00 Worship 10:00 Worship	13	14 Flag Day 9 - 11 Cares Play Date	15 9 - Noon Sewing Group	16	17	18
19 Father's Day 8:00 Worship 10:00 Worship	20  6:30 BOD	21 June Solstice (GMT)	22 9 - Noon Sewing Group	23 3:00p HS Summer Study (at Ritters)	24	25 5:30 Worship
26 8:00 Worship 10:00 Worship	27	28 9 - 11 Cares Play Date	29 9 - Noon Sewing Group	30 5:30 HS Summer Study 6:30p Piano Concert		

May 2022  

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July 2022  

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## Financial Report for April 30, 2022

**ZION:** April Giving is over budget by \$3,154. Expenses are over budget by \$8,694.

April ended with a Net Gain of \$403. YTD Net Income Gain is \$11,106, over budget by \$6,472.

Questions? Please email Joni LaPointe at jbaocg215@gmail.com

**FRIENDS OF JESUS PRESCHOOL:** Income is under budget by \$4,725. Expenses are under budget by \$4,742. April Net is \$0. YTD Net Income Gain is \$4,640, over budget by \$11,805.

**Solid Ground:** Income is under budget by \$319. Expenses were over budget by \$428. April Net Loss is \$966. YTD Net Income Gain is \$3,319, under budget by \$2470.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH	Current Month			Year-To-Date		
	Budget	Actual	Over/Under	Budget	Actual	Over/Under
<b>INCOME</b>						
Zion Giving & Misc.	66,125	69,279	3,154	667,575	692,675	25,100
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Zion Staff Support	31,887	30,071	1,816	362,854	340,723	12,131
Office Operations	1,503	12,669	-11,166	13,528	25,780	-12,252
Church Property	4,725	3,044	1,681	80,275	89,243	-18,968
Education Ministry	1,100	556	544	9,900	9,656	244
Evangelism/Missions	50	0	50	450	500	-50
Worship Ministry	688	1,644	-956	5,863	7,161	-1,498
Other Ministries	130	97	33	2,355	2,512	-157
Music Ministry	4,000	3,600	400	26,600	26,504	96
Finance Ministry	9,370	9,404	-34	103,070	96,699	6,371
Zion Haus Ministry	259	933	-674	2,976	5,615	-2,639
Missions - General	6,470	6,858	-388	65,270	67,176	-1,906
Total Expenses	60,182	68,876	8,694	662,941	681,589	-18,628
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>5,943</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>-5,540</b>	<b>4,634</b>	<b>11,106</b>	<b>6,472</b>
<b>FRIENDS OF JESUS PRESCHOOL</b>						
<b>INCOME</b>						
FOJ Income	4,725	0	-4,725	42,023	5,068	-36,955
			0			
FOJ Staff Support	4,102	0	-4,102	42,068	231	41,837
FOJ Operations Expenses	640	0	-640	7,120	197	6,923
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-7,165</b>	<b>4,640</b>	<b>-11,805</b>
<b>SOLID GROUND</b>						
Solid Ground Income	9,531	9,212	-319	114,103	110,516	-3,587
Solid Ground Expenses	9,750	10,178	-428	108,314	107,197	1,117
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>-219</b>	<b>-966</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>5,789</b>	<b>3,319</b>	<b>-2,470</b>
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>						
	6/1/2021	4/30/2022	YTD Change			
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash	86,738	91,140	4,402			
Investments	186,271	189,287	1,016			
Other Assets	8,046	8,977	931			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>283,055</b>	<b>289,404</b>	<b>6,349</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Payroll	5,030	2,557	-2,473			
Dedicated Funds	132,481	125,579	-6,902			
Unrestricted Funds	145,544	161,268	15,724			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>283,055</b>	<b>289,404</b>	<b>6,349</b>			
<b>MORTGAGE LOAN BALANCE</b>	\$593,195					
<b>Dedicated Accounts with Balances over \$3,000</b>						
Youth Ministry	\$7,730	Ins. Claim Water	\$5,778			
New Staff	\$50,000	FOJ Fundraising	\$11,518			
Future Debt	\$4,286	Benevolence/Wise	\$5,476			
		Insur. Checks	\$12,773			

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