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For many years, tattoos were mostly seen on the arms of sailors or in the pages of National Geographic. While attending the seminary, I worked as a bank teller to earn enough to pay my tuition. In doing so, I also gained a practical education about life. A regular customer was a retired gentleman from a department store called Famous Barr. He sold and tailored suits for much of his life. He had a European accent, and wore a suit coat even on the hottest, most humid of summer days. One day he came with his social security check. His sleeve got caught on the edge of my teller window and slid all the way up to his elbow. *He had a tattoo!* It was a series of blue numbers on his forearm. I couldn't miss them, and then it hit me! He had survived the horror of a Nazi concentration camp! I quickly looked away, hoping he hadn't realized what I saw. There was no way I would have asked any question about what is so unspeakable, but I will never forget that tattoo. Even worse was the reminder it must have been for him every day of his life. So, there are tattoos and there are tattoos, but there are also indelible images and memories each of us carry in our lives we would rather forget. To ease such burdens we might find ways to share what we can't forget with someone we love or trust. Some burdens should never be carried alone. Other things we would never admit and do all we can to forget, but they never go away as we can't change the past. However, there is a love which is stronger than anything we seek to hide or try to forget. It is God's word of mercy and forgiveness. Our mistakes and unforgettable images from the past are impossible to erase. Yet, the miracle of Calvary is that Jesus made them part of his body and buried them in his tomb. His victory on Easter announces there is no burden we need carry alone. There is no pain or mistake he is not willing to forgive and forget. Always remember the image of the cross which paid for his gifts of healing, hope, and peace. Some things should remain hidden, others are ready to be lovingly shared, but nothing can escape the healing love of God. Pastor Seeber

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

We annually celebrate the anniversary of the congregation on the second Sunday in July. This year marks our 154th Anniversary!

In 1868, local businessmen finalized plans to begin Zion as a Lutheran congregation. No church hierarchy or pastors were involved. Five fathers felt a Lutheran congregation was necessary in downtown Kalamazoo and at a kitchen table they organized Zion.

The original church structure was located on Pine Street and attached to a one-room schoolhouse. A brick sanctuary was built in 1923, and the property sold to Bronson Hospital in 1955 when more space was needed. Our present sanctuary was built at that time, with an educational wing added in 1962. Recent renovations and expansion were completed in 2009. A variety of pastors, DCE's, teachers and musicians have helped to lead ministry over the years.

Zion has a long history of an ecumenical, multi-faceted and energetic approach to ministry. The educational, scientific, and artistic strengths of this community have always been part of the diversity and strength of Zion. Such a variety of gifts are revealed in Zion's dynamic and varied ministry efforts.

We have always been a strong emphasis on worship, outreach, and Christian education for all ages. When it was decided not to have a parochial school, a commitment to a strong ministry for children, youth, and families was made. Having a library, Director of Christian Education on staff, strong youth programs, and a preschool showed that commitment.

Beginning in the 1940's outreach ministries such as Braille, Lutheran World Relief Sewing, Campus Ministry, WKZO radio, and worship at the State Hospital are evidence of our members' passion for outreach and human

care. Many new outreach efforts have been added such as our regular support of Loaves and Fishes, Ministry with Community, Gospel Mission, the Deacons Conference, Servant events, and Little Dresses for Africa.

Music has always been central to Zion and we have been blessed with musicians, choirs, and even assistance from WMU and other area musical efforts. And the volunteer efforts of all of our members have continued to make Zion

For many years Stephen Ministry and Pastoral Care visitors assisted pastors in one on one ministry with members. We are currently discussing how best to restore such support. Midweek dinners and funeral luncheons have become mainstays of our support for our families. Our Prayer and Prayer Shawl Ministries have recently added even more ways for members to share Christ's love with each other when difficult moments arise.

Fifty years ago an Endowment Fund was established to support ministry an annual budget would never be able to finance. This has provided church worker scholarships, mission support, creation of new ministry efforts, and major support for upgrades to property, as well as support for Friends of Jesus Preschool, WKZO radio ministry, and Campus Ministry. Over the years, well over one million dollars for mission and ministry support has been gifted for this mission.

We remain faithful to our Lutheran heritage, but allow God's Holy Spirit to lead us through the gifts He shares. Zion's history will always be related to its vision, which is not about buildings but building the body of Christ. Our property, people, and resources are gifts God entrusts to us today, so others in the future will be touched by Zion's ministry.

Our history is always joyfully lived in the present but pointed toward an intentional future. We are blessed to be a blessing!

The Small Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther

“Catechism” is from a Greek word meaning “to teach orally.” The historic branches of Christianity have catechisms to outline their explanation of the articles of Christian faith. One of the highlights of the Reformation was The Small Catechism which Luther wrote as a handbook for parents to teach the faith to their children at home.

Luther’s belief was all Christians (not just priests) should learn the basis and basics of faith. He felt it was important for parents to be the primary teachers of the faith to their children. The six segments of this handbook of faith are: Commandments, Apostles’ Creed, Baptism, Communion, Lord’s Prayer, and Confession and Absolution.

Luther wrote this with a series of questions and answers to facilitate dialog between parents and children. What many don’t realize is the many Bible verses that were added to future revisions of the Catechism (beginning in the late 19th century) were not in Martin Luther’s original text at all! Over the next months, we will again explore, section by section, the chief parts of our Christian faith. This is always a wonderful review for each of us and to remember the basics of our faith.

Next month our topic is the Commandments. They were the heart and core of the covenant promise between God and Israel at Sinai. They are recorded in Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:4-21.

The Law (as they are called) was shared to introduce Israel to God and reveal his purpose and plan for them to become a Light to the nations. How faithful people live proclaims our love for God and reveals to the world what it means to believe in God. Israel refers to these as the Ten Words or the Law.

Because the Law was ultimately forgotten, misunderstood, or ignored, Jesus came to put

these words into the flesh of his life! (That is why John began his Gospel by saying, “And the Word became flesh!”) This was John’s way of saying Jesus showed, by his example, what love for God and neighbor looks like in the real world. (A holy “show and tell!”)

Luther’s little handbook explains these basics of faith, beginning with the commandments. Over time, faith leaders assigned numbers to commandments, but that was not the same for all Christians.

The Hebrew text begins, “You shall have no other gods before me, you shall make no graven images.” Lutherans and Catholics make that one commandment, while the Orthodox and Reformed make them two. Obviously that changes the numbering of all. So for Roman Catholics or Lutherans, “Remember the Sabbath is #3. For Orthodox or Reformed it is #4. And when it came to the last words, Lutherans and Catholics have “don’t covet your neighbor’s wife” as #9 and “don’t covet anything that is your neighbor’s” as #10. Orthodox and Reformed make these into one: “Don’t covet!”

But remember: It is the WORD and not what number that is assigned to it that is important!

Although the numbering is different the words are all the same. It is what God says that is most important.

Numbering helps us remember. The first part of the Law talks about our relationship to God (no other gods, no idols, don’t take God’s name in vain, remember the Sabbath), while the last commands deal with our relationships (or love) with people, such as honor parents, don’t murder, don’t commit adultery, don’t steal, don’t bear false witness, don’t covet.

Jesus later restates the whole law by saying it’s all one. Love God! Love neighbor. That is the essence and meaning of the commands. In other words there is only one law which is God inspired Love. (continued next month!)

Our Board of Directors for 2022-2023

Joe Zerbel	(President Elect)
Garr Gast	(President)
Dave Alsvig	(Past President)
Dana Butt	(VP Personnel)
Don Klug	(VP Finance)
Ron Masek	(VP Property)
Judy Adlam	(Director at large)
Fritz Klug	(Director at large)
Lynne Gerfen	(Director at large)
Adam Brege	(Director at large)
Rita Linnenkugel	(Director at large)
Sue Bickel	(Director at large)

The responsibilities of the Directors for the administration and operation of our ministries are as follows:

Be a spiritually growing and supportive resource for the entire congregation.

Provide administrative leadership for the encouragement and support of the Staff and Ministry Teams so ministry develops quickly and is supported fully.

Serve as communication link between Congregation and Staff.

Annually present to the congregation a financial plan for ministry, engage in good stewardship of congregational resources, administer legal matters on behalf of the Congregation, and be responsible for the process of calling, hiring, and annually evaluating Staff.

Support and engage in an ongoing, long-range planning process, which assesses the needs and gifts of congregation and community, so that ministry planning is constant and informed.

Actively support and encourage the Staff

and Ministry Teams, and assist the Staff in the resolution of any conflicts or misunderstandings.

The responsibilities our ministry staff are to:

Provide spiritual guidance and leadership for the congregation and lay leaders.

Provide guidance, support, training, and encouragement for Ministry Teams.

Serve as a communication link between Ministry Teams and Directors.

Assist in the development of new ministry teams, upon recommendation from Directors, Congregational members or existing Ministry Teams.

Support, encourage and assist Ministry Teams in their efforts.

Our ministry teams are the members of Zion who are involved in the actual programs and efforts of ministry. Their role is as follows:

In response to the Congregational vision and strategy for ministry, plan, execute, and evaluate a specific ministry program.

Recruit volunteers for this specific ministry, and communicate closely with the Staff as to ministry goals and needs.

Prepare and deliver to the Directors an annual report of ministry, with goal setting and budget requests for next fiscal year.

Develop training and recruitment necessary to maintain this ministry. Provide regular communication with the Congregation.

Annual Report Coming Later This Summer

We will prepare an annual report of ministry for the past year that will be available near the end of summer. If you would like to assist in ministry, on one of our teams or in any way, please let us know what you would like to assist with. Thanks so much!

Youth News

High School:

National Youth Gathering

July 8-13th! Watch along with us
at lcmsgathering.com

Summer Study

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

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

August 17, 5:30pm TBD

Middle School:

Confirmation Camp

Confirmation Orientation Camp
is August 9th and 10th from
9am–1pm. Please make this a
priority as 6th graders will be
having 1st Communion
instruction and 7th and 8th
graders will start building
community!

Echoes

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

- 192 Blessing Bags (plus an extra 20 or so “leftover”) were given to Ministry With Community.
 - 72 Personal Care Kits were given to the YWCA for their workings with human trafficking victims.
 - Over 250 cards were colored and sent to cancer fighters.
 - Dozens of people were fed at the YWCA from freezer meals we made.
 - Over 35 nurses received snack packs at their work
 - 40+ residents at nursing homes got a little pick-me-up with a homemade cookie and a handmade card.
- This is our “Week of Service” by the numbers.
- There are so many other ways our congregation was “God at Work” and so many other people were impacted by our efforts. Thanks to all who answered the call and chipped in to help!
- Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Family Life

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Family Events

-Congregational Tailgating after the outdoor service on July 17th. Join us in some fun with others!

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-Growler's Game August 13th. Email Aaron at dcegrube21@gmail.com or call the church office for tickets 382-2360

SABBATH

Summer is usually the time for outdoor fun and relaxation...especially in Michigan! It's a time when everything slows down, including travel sports and such, and everyone just has "more time." Or at least it should... We've become a society where it is highly encouraged to go, go, go. I heard a phrase from a friend that said "If the devil can't make you bad, he'll make you busy." I can definitely resonate with that statement! I feel like the devil employs busyness as an attempt to appeal to our innate desire to 'work.' That's how we're wired! In fact God took 6 days of work to create the world and only rested 1 day. And yet, when was the last time you had a full day of rest...or even an attitude of rest? I'm not sure our behavior is a good model for our kids...in fact I think it's becoming harmful! When we don't take a break and rest, we become unhealthy: physically, mentally, spiritually. Our rest is necessary! So with summer hitting it's midpoint, be sure to force some rest time into your schedule. And reflect on your relationship with God...personally and as a family.



Congregation Tailgating

Join us after worship on Sunday, July 17th for a fun congregational get together! We'll provide everything for a delicious lunch right after our 10am parking lot worship service. (Plan on somewhere around 11am)

Please sign up on the kiosk or by calling the church office by July 10th, so we have some idea of how much food to get.



CAMPUS MINISTRY REPORT

Back in mid-March, I stopped in East Lansing while returning from a pastor's conference in Frankenmuth. I spent the afternoon visiting with Pastor Dave Dressel, who served as the pastor of Martin Luther Chapel at MSU for nearly 40 years. In many ways, Pastor Dressel has been the "grandfather" of campus ministry in the LC-MS, and has been a tremendous mentor for me over the years.

During our visit, one of the things that we talked about was the effect COVID has had on campus ministry. I made the comment that it seems as though COVID is in the "rear view mirror." He said he doesn't think we are quite there yet, and that a significant number of the community members of Martin Luther Chapel and MSU students have still not returned to in-person worship and activities.

Recently, both Melody and I learned first hand that COVID is still with us as we both tested positive. Thankfully, the symptoms have not been as severe for Melody as we had worried they might be, due to her lung condition.

However, the symptoms still have drained both of us. We have been dealing with the typical symptoms of coughing, sore throat, shortness of breath, and feeling like we have little energy. We both feel we are getting some energy back and look forward to getting stronger and healthier each day.

In terms of ministry events and activities this past month, there are 4 WMU students and I that continue to volunteer at the YWCA downtown on Tuesday evenings, spending time with the kids whose moms are staying at the shelter for victims of domestic violence.

One day a week, during the lunch hour, we have had a cookout/meal at Solid Grounds for WMU landscaping, maintenance, and other staff members. This has been a great opportunity to continue to build friendships and connections with members of the WMU community.

In July and August, there are several projects that we will be doing inside Solid Grounds. We will be painting in both the living room and the kitchen area of Solid Grounds, as well as putting in some tile flooring in the kitchen. The old floor in the kitchen is in need of a facelift.

Over the past couple of years, I have appreciated so many of you asking about my father and how his health is doing. He has been dealing with congestive heart failure for a little over 4 years. His health is slowly getting worse. My sister Sarah, who lives in Knoxville and has the most contact with them, let me know that hospice came and did an initial interview with our parents. She said dad's health has slipped quite a bit. We are thankful that hospice will now be working with our dad. I truly appreciate the prayers and concerns for my dad's health, as well as Melody's.

God's peace and blessing to all of you!

Pastor Mark



Book Review: "Reading Buechner." Jeffrey Munroe. IVP. 2019

Many have read books, articles, or daily email posts written by Fred Buechner. He is one of our most gifted Christian writers. He uses creativity in his fiction, non fiction, and sermons to paint pictures in our mind of God's presence and power in our midst. He has an incredible way of showing the sacred in the mundane, and helping to make God's promises and love real in the everyday lives of all of God's children.

This book will be a helpful introduction to any who have never read his work before. For those who have, this book is most helpful in explaining why he has written what he has written, and how the order of his books has followed the seasons and stages of his living. He is one of my favorite writers and I turn often to him for inspiration and reminders of the many ways that God speaks in real ways to us today.

Jeffrey Munroe has divided the works of Buechner into different categories such as memoirs, novels, popular theology (discussing theology using everyday terms and examples anyone can understand), and preaching.

Munroe uses each section of the book to better explain the process and purpose of his writing. Munroe has made a study of Buechner and has done a masterful job of introducing or explaining Buechner so that both someone new or someone who has read all of his works will get pleasant surprises from this book.

I would never have realized many of the books Munroe categorizes as memoirs are autobiographical. But now that I think back, it really makes sense. They work well whether you know Buechner's life story or not.

However, once you understand the stage and state of life that inspired each of these

books you will get even more out of them that you did the first few times you read them. For him to be so willing to share himself, under the cover of his stories, bring a personality and passion to the work which is what pulls readers in and makes them hungry for more of his writing.

Munroe explains it this way: "*Buechner always ventures into theology with a pastor's heart. The best pastoral answer in the face of an inexplicable tragedy isn't an answer at all. It is presence, a notion Buechner returns to repeatedly. This side of eternity, we won't ever get all the answers.*" [p. 49]

Buechner went to divinity school but never served as a pastor. He taught high school and college students for this early years and then has spent all his time writing since then. An experience at Harvard was especially life changing for Buechner as Munroe explains:

"Buechner unwittingly caused a stir when he prayed before his first class, which his professors at Union had regularly done. He did not know this sort of display was out of fashion at Harvard, and would soon come to realize he was far away from many of his students, some of whom were humanist atheists. He couldn't fathom why they were in divinity school: "To attend a divinity school when you did not believe in divinity involved a particularly depressing form of bankruptcy...his sense was the pluralism the school was so proud of had devolved into factionalism and if factions grind their separate axes too vociferously, something mutual, precious, and human is in danger of being ^{drowned} out and lost." [p. 51]

Due to such experiences, his life journey, and his desire to bring faith into the real world Buechner has been able to utilize language and imagery to help make faith more real and God more approachable. This is a wonderful reference and resource for reading Buechner's many works. Pastor Seeber



- 7/1 Derek Ketchum,
 7/2 Keith Kenter,
 7/5 Thomas Bremer
 7/6 Judith Erdmann, Rebecca Miller
 7/7 Dick Coffinger
 7/8 Steve Emig, Sergey Madison,
 Sondra Phillips, Jack Sauer
 7/9 Larry Brelje, Aidan Brennan,
 Mary Sperti
 7/10 Terry Adlam
 7/11 Michelle Larason
 7/12 Eloise Powell
 7/13 Don Griesbach, Corey Hendricks,
 Lachan Jaarda, Sydney Ketchum
 7/14 Lucy Maxson
 7/15 David Dorman, Indy Linebaugh,
 Jeannine Longjohn,
 Craig Van Alsten
 7/20 Katie Freudenburg,
 Gabriel Hampshire
 7/21 Mary Besser, Kyle Fill
 7/22 Shirley Rohrer, Lindsay Scheffers,
 Adrianna Schoonbeck, Greg Schurig
 7/23 Jacob Gumbleton, Wil Kellam,
 Sean Skuratowicz
 7/24 Daniel LaPorte
 7/25 Erin Emig, Oliver Emig,
 Shea LaPorte, Kelly Thiede,
 Nathan Woodford
 7/27 Amanda Militzer
 7/28 Lydia Decker, Mark Sperti
 7/29 Troy Cosgrove, Cheryl Roggow,
 Mark Schwerin
 7/30 Luke Johnston, Arlene Masek,
 Dennis O'Brien
 7/31 Michelle Devine

Parish Report

Deaths

Elsie Autry

6/5/2022

Save the Date

Saturday, July 30th 1—4pm

Carol and Benno Rosin

67th Anniversary Gala

All are invited to come share in fellowship and “storytelling” as Carol and Benno continue their amazing journey together.

IT's Back ..

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend

Sept 30th—Oct 2nd

Country Inn & Suites, Battle Creek

Resources for more information:

GodLovesMarriage.org,

Mark & Jan Chilcott 269.998.6147

Pete & Chris Wilkins 269.381.6324

Gain new understanding of yourself, your spouse while growing in love for each other and your marriage.

KALAMAZOO LOAVES & FISHES

The wish list item for **July is Canned Fruit-no sugar added**. Please put your donations in the gray tubs under the church office window Thank you!

GRATEFUL HEARTS/THANKFUL HANDS

Do you raise chickens and have extra eggs? Are you a beekeeper with extra honey? In the spring do you tap trees and have extra maple syrup? Do you create jewelry? Do you have a favorite pie or cake that is often requested? Any of these items, plus many more, would be wonderful additions to our bazaar! Please prayerfully consider ways you could contribute to our November Bazaar. We welcome new ideas as well as the many items that have been donated in the past. Any questions you may have can be answered by Jayne Mayer, 375-1241.

HELPING OTHERS MINISTRY... Coming Soon...

Toward the end of July we will begin collecting school items for Community in Schools Kalamazoo. Please watch for the hallway display for more information.

For anyone interested in local history, an interesting exhibit through **September 18 is at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum downtown.** It shares the history of the Kalamazoo Boxing Academy that was a big part of the lives of one of our families, **Margo and Eddy Bridges.** Eddy was a boxer/trainer and helped found the academy whose purpose was to give young kids a reason to stay off the streets and out of trouble. His granddaughter created a documentary (which will eventually be aired on PBS) you can view there, or watch on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5dnaNclZCk82wKJp0QqLwcY78t8Y1euw>

EMAIL ISSUES: PLEASE CHECK YOUR SPAM/JUNK MAIL FOR ZION EMAIL. SEEMS SOME OF OUR MESSAGES ARE GOING TO THOSE FOLDERS. ADDING ZION TO YOUR EMAIL CONTACT LIST MAY HELP.

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 July playdates are Tuesday the 12th and 26th.

Stop on over anytime between 9am-11am.

You can register at <https://forms.gle/waYvcZyeArtSVK5A8> or

or just stop on in!



Zion Lutheran Church is located at

2122 Bronson Blvd in Kalamazoo

JULY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:00 Worship 10:00 Worship	4 Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED	5	6 9-Noon Sewing Group	7	8	9 5:30 Worship
10 8:00 Worship 10:00 Worship	11 6:30 Endowment 6:30 Personnel	12 9 -11 Zion Play-Date	13 9-Noon Sewing Group	14 Noon Finance	15 Nat'l Youth Gathering	16 5:30 Worship Nat'l Youth Gathering
17 8:00 Worship 10:00 Worship 11:00 Congregation Tailgate	18 6:30 BOD	19 1:00HS Study WSCJ (at Oakland & Whites)	20 9-Noon Sewing Group	21	22	23 1 -4p Rick Harding Remembrance Gathering 5:30 Worship
24 8:00 Worship 10:00 Worship	25	26 9 -11 Zion Play-Date	27 9-Noon Sewing Group	28	29	30 1-4p Rosin Anniv Gala 5:30 Worship
31 8:00 Worship 10:00 Worship						

June 2022							August 2022							
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JULY 2022 WORSHIP LEADERS

	JULY 3	JULY 10	JULY 17	JULY 24	JULY 31
Acolytes 8:00am					
Acolytes 10:00am					
Head Ushers 8:00am	Steve Weber Mark Schoonbeck	Stan Leitz John DuBois	Larry Harding Rich Rakow	Matt Simmons Alan Sarver	Steve Weber Mark Schoonbeck
Head Ushers 10:00am	Steve Nuyen Dennis O'Brien	Joe Zerbel Garr Gast	Ken Lundquist Dave Borak	Steve Nuyen Dennis O'Brien	Joe Zerbel Garr Gast
Communion Assistants Saturday 5:30pm	Ted Maxson	Roxanne Seeber	Kathleen Jordan	Joanne Bowes	Roxanne Seeber
Communion Assistants 8:00am			Mike Schlack	Rita Linnenkugel	Matt Simmons
Communion Assistants 10:00am	Jim Mayer	Garr Gast	Karen Stokes Chapo	Jon Tomer	Janis Dinda
Lectors 8:00am	Carol Daenzer	Andrew Niedbala		Carol Daenzer	Andrew Niedbala
Lectors 10:00am	Rollie Preuss	Alice Tomer	Chris Wilkins	Alison Carlson	Janis Dinda
Altar Ministry Saturday 5:30pm	1. Dee Wentzel 2. Mary Lou Wright	1. Mary Lou Wright 2.	1. Dee Wentzel 2. Mary VandenBerg	1. Diana Moulton 2. Dee Wentzel	1. Dee Wentzel
Altar Ministry 8:00am	1. Larry Zerbel 2. Joe Zerbel	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
Altar Ministry 10:00am	1. Larry Zerbel 2. Joe Zerbel	1. Vickie Asaro 2.	1. Carrie Chapman 2. Jayne Mayer	1. 2.	1. 2.

Financial Report for May 31, 2022

ZION: May Giving is over budget by \$17,738. Expenses are over budget by \$22,903.
 May ended with a Net Loss of \$5,165. YTD Net Income Loss is \$7,372, over budget by \$1,284.
 Questions? Please email Don Klug at dakdkw@msn.com

FRIENDS OF JESUS PRESCHOOL: Income is under budget by \$1,698. Expenses are under budget by \$4,982. May Net Loss is \$3,284. YTD Net Income Gain is \$7,372, over budget by \$15,089.

Solid Ground: Income is under budget by \$1,425. Expenses were under budget by \$35.
 May Net Loss is \$1,390. YTD Net Income is \$0, under budget by \$3,860.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH	Current Month			Year-To-Date		
	Budget	Actual	Over/Under	Budget	Actual	Over/Under
INCOME						
Zion Giving & Misc.	47,425	65,163	17,738	715,000	757,838	42,838
EXPENSES						
Zion Staff Support	31,867	30,241	1,626	384,721	370,964	13,757
Office Operations	903	3,717	-2,814	14,430	29,517	-15,087
Church Property	8,825	7,314	1,511	89,100	106,557	-17,457
Education Ministry	1,100	1,277	-177	11,000	10,934	66
Evangelism/Missions	50	0	50	500	500	0
Worship Ministry	487	327	160	6,150	7,488	-1,338
Other Ministries	155	181	-26	2,510	2,693	-183
Music Ministry	2,500	2,200	300	29,100	28,704	396
Finance Ministry	9,370	31,416	-22,046	112,440	128,115	-15,675
Zion Haus Ministry	259	478	-219	3,235	6,093	-2,858
Missions - General	5,200	6,468	-1,268	70,470	73,645	-3,175
Total Expenses	60,716	83,619	22,903	723,656	765,210	-41,554
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	-13,291	18,456	-5,165	-8,656	-7,372	1,284
FRIENDS OF JESUS PRESCHOOL						
INCOME						
FOJ Income	4,430	2,732	-1,698	46,453	7,800	-38,653
		0	0			
FOJ Staff Support	4,102	0	-4,102	46,170	231	45,939
FOJ Operations Expenses	880	0	-880	8,000	197	7,803
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	-552	2,732	3,284	-7,717	7,372	-15,089
SOLID GROUND						
Solid Ground Income	7,553	6,128	-1,425	121,656	116,644	-5,012
Solid Ground Expenses	9,482	9,447	35	117,796	116,644	1,152
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	-1,929	-3,319	-1,390	3,860	0	-3,860
BALANCE SHEET						
	6/1/2021		5/31/2022	YTD Change		
ASSETS						
Cash	86,738		70,269	-16,469		
Investments	188,271		189,391	1,120		
Other Assets	8,046		3,430	-4,616		
TOTAL	283,055		263,090	-19,965		
LIABILITIES						
Payroll	5,030		2,616	-2,414		
Dedicated Funds	132,481		121,187	-11,294		
Unrestricted Funds	145,544		139,287	-6,257		
TOTAL	283,055		263,090	-19,965		
MORTGAGE LOAN BALANCE						
	\$581,556					
Dedicated Accounts with Balances over \$5,000						
Youth Ministry	\$8,343		Ins. Claim Water	\$5,283		
New Staff	\$50,000		FOJ Fundraising	\$11,518		
Ins. Payments	\$12,773		Future Debt	\$22,039		



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