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One visit to Mom and Dad's was particularly memorable, not for what happened, but for what didn't. We arrived to find the house empty! I realized Dad must be must be working in the garden (his favorite hobby), but where was Mom? I walked through the sunroom into the backyard, and there she was — all 105 pounds of her, standing at the edge of the brick patio. (But what was she doing?) She had a slingshot, loaded with a marble, aimed at a bird feeder which was being emptied by a rather fat squirrel. I said, "*Mom! There is a house with windows behind that feeder. What if you miss and break a window?*" (I couldn't even believe Mom would even consider anything so violent!) Although squirrels are the bane of bird lovers, this was so out of character for Mom. But then came her calm reply (and trademark giggle) "*Don't worry, I can't even shoot it as far as the feeder!*" I then realized *she never intended to shoot it!* She didn't even have the strength to pull the rubber sling far enough to make a marble fly. This was only a show of force to intimidate the thief on the feeder. Her long-standing battle with her seed-stealing varmints was in full bloom that day! She laughed and put the slingshot away. I should have known that just as a leopard can't change its spots, my mom is incapable of doing physical harm. *She just wanted that squirrel to know she was around. (As if the squirrel cared!)* But she felt better and we had a good laugh. Sometimes we project our own fears and personalities into others and would do better to first see Christ in those we love. (And maybe even in those we don't love!) Mom always is teaching lessons, sometimes by what she does and sometimes by what she doesn't do. St. Paul talks about "wearing Christ" like a garment. When we learn to do that, even the squirrels know who they are dealing with, and so should I. I made an assumption that, in hindsight, didn't make sense. Another lesson learned. Another empty feeder, but Mom showed who was boss to the squirrels and to me!

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Pastor Seeber

### What should a Giving Campaign look like?

How many requests do you get by phone, email, or snail mail for donations and special gifts? Like many congregations, Zion used to have such campaigns, but we decided to forgo that effort for a simple reason. We believe our members will support what is important and valuable to them. We create ministries you ask for and programs you are excited to support. We believe that prayer will enable each member to figure out what makes sense for them in response.

Reminders are important, but no one can convince you to support anything that is not meaningful in your life. Our stewardship at Zion is simple. Each year we share with you our goals and you adopt a budget. Each week we report how we are doing in meeting that budget. (And ask would you rather add more ministry or start cutting ministry back.) Our budget is based on the past year's giving and spending. Our staff and ministry teams are very realistic and careful in estimating costs. Our finance ministry has been quite responsible in planning attainable budgets. And our Zion members have been faithful in supporting the budget (which is our blueprint for ministry.)

Zion exists only because Christ Jesus loves us. Our response seeks ways to celebrate that love in worship, spiritual growth, and servant love. It is all about being faithful with what we have been given. About sharing what has been given to us as a gift. The only obligation we have is to love. Jesus showed that such love is a willingness to give for the sake of others. We don't give so that God will love us, but because God loves us, we give!

Love for God and neighbor is about giving and sharing what is ours by grace alone. We do the best we can in taking care of what God so lovingly shares with us as gifts of love. We sacrifice because God has sacrificed for us. Pentecost reminds us what happened when a timid bunch of disciples let God lead

them out of a locked upper room. Their willingness to give in response has literally changed the world. Zion has continued that effort for over 150 years as we have consistently let the love of Christmas and Easter be our guide, rather than selfishness, timidity or fear.

Some suggest we should preach about money more often. Others complain that churches spend too much time talking about money. Sometimes our memory of Jesus chasing money changers out of the temple causes us to be hesitant to use the terms money and ministry in the same breath. But reality is that without money, ministry becomes very difficult to maintain or grow.

Money is used to hire people with specific skills to do specific tasks that others cannot or will not do. Money is used to heat, cool, and maintain a property that enables us to do things that we could not do without such a building. Money purchases resources for confirmation, Sunday School, and Preschool. It pays our insurance, and it supports a vibrant campus ministry at WMU. Our gifts enable radio ministry and support helping and healing ministries world wide.

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also!" (Luke 12:34 ) Mary and Joseph prepared a place for their baby without ever knowing how He would accomplish what had been promised to them. But, in faith, they gave their lives and sacrificed greatly. After Easter, the disciples did the same thing as they allowed God to guide them back into the world as changed people. How will you regularly prepare to support ministry that DOES change lives?

What better way to show our love for a loving God? Your regular weekly contributions, special gifts, time and energy, or even putting Zion in your will — any and all are loving ways to give in response to what we receive. You are indeed special people! Thank you!

### Helping Others Ministry Thank You!

"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 13 boxes of health care items and 7 garbage bags of bath towels. Thank you, Zion families, for your generous response to this ministry. As Proverbs 19:17 says, "He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done."

Jayne Mayer

### Thank you!

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and calls, and for Pastor Brelje and Pastor Seeber's visits during my recent fall.

Carlton Rink

### Marriage Encounter Weekend

A marriage, like anything else good, can begin to get stale and be in need of refreshing. It can be a challenge to continue to give 100% to your spouse in today's world filled with jobs, kids' activities, and other necessary busy-ness.

A **Marriage Encounter** weekend is a getaway for you and your spouse, at which you will learn communication techniques, and will discover new things about yourself and each other. If you have been Encountered in the past, consider going on an Anniversary Weekend to recharge your marriage "batteries."

A weekend is coming up in Battle Creek September 27 - 29. Please take a brochure and register soon for this enlightening experience! **Pete and Chris Wilkins** will be happy to answer any questions you may have. You will never regret having done something great for your marriage, and to bring yourselves closer to each other and to the Lord!

### Outdoor Beautification

You are invited to join us as we care for and maintain the church grounds. Our clean-up days are **Wednesdays** from 8:30 to around 11:30. Break time and refreshments occur from 10:00-10:30. If you are interested, contact Jim Mayer at 375-8342 or just show up on the days listed below. If the weather is not cooperating, the workday may be rescheduled or canceled. All on the contact list will be contacted if we need to cancel.

#### Summer Work Dates:

July 10 (if needed), August 14.

#### Fall Work Dates:

September 11, October 16, October 30, November 9 (Final Fall Clean-up).

#### The Final Fall Leaf Clean-up is Saturday, November 9, 2019, Starting at 8:30 am.

A delay date will be the following Saturday, November 16, 2019.

**Calling all veterans, families of vets who have passed away, and active duty service personnel:** The salute and thank-you display that you see on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day is an ongoing project. I started it in 2003 at the height of the Iraq War, and have continued it to lovingly honor all Zion military service members, living and departed.

Please, if you haven't yet done so, send me a photo of you or your loved one (in uniform, if possible), with branch of service, dates of service, location of service, and highest rank attained. I will have a manila envelope in the workroom for you to put your information, and will update the display before Veterans' Day. I would like to fill the newest display board by then! Every person who has taken the oath to defend our Constitution and country has given so much to so many, whether they served on our soil or elsewhere in the world. Please help me keep this a living project by sending me your information!

Thank you!  
Chris Wilkins

## CATECHISM REVIEW: Apostles Creed (part 2)

Today we can jump on the internet to gather information on almost any subject. We forget that for most of human history, books (and especially libraries) were few and far between. For most of recorded time, even if there were books or scrolls available, they were available only to the rich and powerful.

For thousands of years, important information was shared orally. People would memorize important facts such as the names of grandparents, or the stories of where families came from. That is how they remembered.

The Apostles' Creed was one such gift. Like a hymn or poem, it was memorized and people would "teach the faith" by saying the creed. Rather than tell a child to "look it up," parents and grandparents recited the creed over and over until the next generation had it committed to memory. They then were able to carry the facts of the Christian faith wherever they went, and could teach others what we believe. The Creed is divided into three parts, as it proclaims the three different ways in which God reveals his presence and carries out his actions in our lives.

We talk about each section as an "Article" of the creed. Since Scripture reveals to us a "Triune God" (one in three, or three in one) we talk about God in three different articles: Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit. Each Article of the Creed is a summary of what we believe about God. And each deals specifically with one aspect or "personality" of God. While we talk about the three "persons" of the Trinity, this can confuse some into seeing God as having three heads and three bodies. But the concept really is about the three distinctly different ways that God comes to us, as ONE!

There is not a 'daddy god, a child god, and a wispy, spirit god' ... there is ONE GOD and we believe in all that God is, has always been, and will always be. Our problem is that we

are limited to our own experience and ability to use reason and language to explain what is beyond our ability to completely understand or explain. Hence, "faith!" And so we begin: **"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth."**

Rather than getting sidetracked by those who argue whether such language is politically correct, it is more productive to understand what Scripture and the Church have always taught, and accept at faith value what this proclaims about our God. "Father" means that God is the source of ALL life. "Almighty" means nothing and no one has more power. There is no life without God and God alone is responsible for all life. It is not for us to say "how" God has produced life, but rather to confess that Life is ultimately a gift from God.

The implications of that are tremendous! This means God is responsible for the purpose and the nurture of all that is. In this statement of the ALMIGHTY FATHER, we confess that God is up to the task and celebrate that we have such a God, who is tied to us and takes care of what is needed in a powerful way.

But God is not just the "father" of a family of people, but the CREATOR of everything. (Get that? EVERY THING!) That certainly leaves nothing out; not mold, sunsets, gamma rays, starlight, jelly fish, hummingbirds, poison ivy, or mountains, or ... well, you get the point. And if God is the Source of every thing, then God is also the owner. God (not you or me) determines the purpose of each thing. God is the landlord and the patriarch of every clan. We believe the only response to such a loving God is to care for all that God has made. That means it is for us to seek to learn what and why God has created, and use and support all LIFE and all THINGS to his glory! We aren't the deciders, but rather the stewards of great mysteries and gifts. To be responsible takes constant faith and prayer. That is being responsible and faithful with the gift of creation and the gift of life. - tws

## WORSHIP NOTES

This article discusses our **“Worship Postures.”** How do you sit when you read a book? Do you sit at the same seat at the table every night? How do you stand when you greet a stranger? What do you do when you approach a long lost friend? What is your facial expression when you are confident, and how could someone look at you and know you are worried or afraid?

Posture is something we do without thinking, and yet our posture betrays our emotions, our innermost feelings, and our needs. To accentuate praise we might stand, or raise our arms. If we desire to stress humility or reverence before God, we might kneel. We sit to listen, or merely to take a rest. Visual elements of worship are as necessary and important as verbal. We participate in worship with our body, as much as with our hymns of praise or the silence of prayer.

People stand and people sit. We walk to receive communion and close eyes in prayer. We reach out to share Christ's peace and smile as a way to welcome. Pastor faces the altar and faces the people. Hands reach out in greeting or are folded in prayer. The sign of the cross is lifted over bread and wine, in baptism, or in benediction as we go into the world. Posture is very much a part of worship.

The hymnal gives directions or “rubrics” that suggest what posture we might adopt. The point of our actions is to involve our entire body in the act of serving God in worship — different postures denote different feelings (much like a frown or a smile.) And we do them together because we are “one body.” For instance, when our legs start running, our hands and heart usually follow along.

And yet at different times and places our posture might change. These “rubrics” are suggestions to aid in worship. Whether we bow our heads or not in prayer is not what

determines whether heaven will be our home. All these suggestions are colored by reality and experience. For instance, some love to stand for prayer, and others can't because of the pain of arthritis or the reality that their four year old keeps trying to wander away. And so, what's a mother to do??? I guess the most important thing for all of us is to seek to understand why a particular posture is suggested. And, at the same time, reflect upon what postures in worship are distracting and hamper worship.

And then, we might well remember that we are only speaking of our formal worship service — what postures will our worship of God take on at work, or home, or play? In those settings you and not the pastor are the “worship leader,” and your “posture” there is just as important as when we are here at Zion.

### For Parents with young children:

You spend a lot of time at home helping your children to learn through practice and the formation of good posture. There are certain places to sit and stand. There are times to touch and times not to touch. There are times to say thank you and times to sit quietly in a corner. Posture is part of all that you do.

Having children fold hands and close eyes in prayer is not the only way a prayer “works” but it is good practice to teach how not to be distracted when praying. Standing and sitting in worship when mom and dad stand or sit helps them to learn what is going on and why. You can use each moment in worship as a teachable moment, if you remember that everything that we do is happening for a reason. Readings, hymns, bread and wine, water of baptism, and yes, even posture, all are part of responding to God's love and sharing that love with each other. Your kids want to know why we do what we do... don't be afraid to think about how you can help them to learn — even through our posture in worship.

Blessings! Pastor Tim

# Youth News

## **High School:**

### Summer Study Dates

We will once again be meeting up for an hour or so for discussion on a famous quote and how it relates to the Bible, each of the following dates and locations:

**Mon, July 1 at 3pm**

Biggby on Stadium

**Tues, July 23 at 3:30pm**

Y'OPA in Portage

**Thurs, Aug 8 at 3pm**

Treat Street

## **Middle School Youth**

### Confirmation Camp

ALL students entering 6th–8th grades are requested to be at Confirmation Camp August 12-14th from 9am–1pm each day. Call the office for more info!

## Echoes

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

Thirteen high school youth are headed to Minneapolis from July 10-15. They are:

Lauren Alsvig

Nick Alsvig

Andrew Bickel

Ben Bickel

Caila Chapman

Grace Dinda

Audrey Dorman

Avery Eastman

Riley Eastman

Gunnar Fredericks

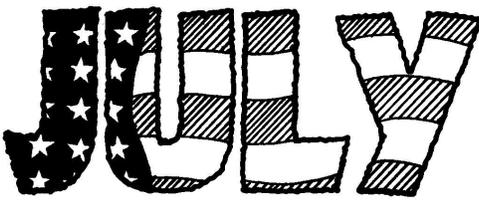
Jack Fredericks

Hunter Laurin

Drew Watson

Please keep these students in your prayers as they hear, see, and be a part of God at work. They will join with over 25,000 other youth from across the world in making God's name known.

# JULY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <b>3:00</b> High School Summer Study Biggby <b>6:30</b> Personnel	<b>2</b> <b>6:30pm</b> FOJ Ministry	<b>3</b> <b>8:30</b> LWR Sewing	<b>4</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 	<b>5</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>6</b> <b>5:30</b> Communion Service
<b>7</b> <b>8 and 10:00</b> Communion Service	<b>8</b> <b>6:30</b> Endowment	<b>9</b> <b>5:30</b> Finance	<b>10</b> <b>8:30</b> Outdoor Beautification  <b>8:30</b> LWR Sewing  National Youth Gathering	<b>11</b> <b>6:00</b> Property  NYG	<b>12</b>  NYG	<b>13</b> <b>5:30</b> Communion Service  NYG
<b>14</b> <b>8 and 10:00</b> Communion Service  NYG	<b>15</b> <b>9:00 – 12:00</b> FOJ Summer Camp ⇒ <b>5:00</b> Campus Ministry <b>6:30</b> BOD NYG	<b>16</b> ⇒ <b>6:00</b> Worship Planning Team	<b>17 8:30</b> LWR Sewing ⇒	<b>18</b> ⇒	<b>19</b> ⇒	<b>20</b> <b>2-4:00</b> Prayer Shawl @ Biggby's  <b>5:30</b> Communion Service
<b>21</b> <b>8 and 10:00</b> Communion Service	<b>22</b> <b>7:00</b> ZWBG	<b>23</b> <b>3:30</b> High School Summer Study YO-PA	<b>24</b> <b>8:30</b> LWR Sewing	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>5:30</b> Communion Service  <b>7:00</b> Growlers Game
<b>28</b> <b>8 and 10:00</b> Communion Service  <b>9:00</b> Family Ministry	<b>29</b> <b>9:00 – 12:00</b> FOJ Summer Camp ⇒	<b>30</b> ⇒	<b>31</b> <b>8:30</b> LWR Sewing ⇒			

## JULY 2019 WORSHIP LEADERS

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Head Ushers 8am	George Hayward	Dave Newman	George Geissel	Dave Mayer
Head Ushers 10:00am	Wayne Skalnican	Mark Hampshire	Dave Borak	Pete Wilkins
Greeters Sat 5:30pm	Mary and Gordon Berkousen	Kathleen Jordan	Dee Wentzel	Don and Marge Heath
Greeters 8:00am	Ted and Lucy Maxson	Bob and Barb Nutsch	George and Ellie Hayward	Donya Dobbins
Greeters 10:00am	Pete and Chris Wilkins	Rollie and Sharon Preuss	Steve and Debbie Weber	Dick and Sue Ann Coffinger
Communion Assistants Sat 5:30pm	Rita Linnenkugel	Kathleen Jordan	Mike Schlack	Dee Wentzel
Communion Assistants 8:00am	Jon Tomer Cyndi Bremer Ted Maxson	Dave Newman Richard Rakow Linda Stieve	Matt Simmons Ken Toy Jim Mayer	Jon Tomer Rita Linnenkugel Ted Maxson
Communion Assistants 10:00am	Troy Cosgrove Janis Dinda Garr Gast	Lorraine Hanna Steve Nuyen	John Roggow Dan Seng Linda Seng	Rollie Preuss Nick Sward Chuck Wendling
Acolytes 8am	Maren Hampshire Aly Hampshire	Landon Bauer Alex Kiessling	Claire Alsvig Kurtis Scheffler	Kate Phillips
Acolytes 10:00am	Riley Ketchum Sean Skuratowicz	Audrey Hamilton Jacob Waterlander	Curtis Chapman Matthew Devine	Megan Brennan Rudy Linebaugh
Lectors 8am	Dave Mayer	Carolyn Daenzer	Barb Nutsch	Linda Stieve
Lectors 10:00am	Rollie Preuss	Chris Wilkins	Alison Carlson	Janis Dinda
Altar Ministry Sat. 5:30	Mary Vandenberg <b>One Needed</b>	Joey Miller Elsie Autry	Marge Heath <b>One Needed</b>	<b>Two Needed</b>
Altar Ministry 8:00am	Vicki Holt <b>One Needed</b>	Joey Miller Elsie Autry	Carol Daenzer Vicki Holt	Joe Zerbel Larry Zerbel
Altar Ministry 10:00am	Deb Klug Dee Wentzel	Joey Miller Elsie Autry	Toni Dembski Dee Wentzel	Joe Zerbel Larry Zerbel
Sound	8:00 – Vicki Holt 10:00 – Vicki Holt	8:00 – Neil Segerdahl 10:00 – Neil Segerdahl	8:00 – Vicki Holt 10:00 – Nick Alsvig	8:00 – Neil Segerdahl 10:00 – Neil Segerdahl/ Andrew Bickel
Coffee Fellowship	No Coffee	Benno and Carol Rosin	Larry Harding	Maritrose Meimers

## Friends of Jesus Preschool

Where is summer? Even though the weather doesn't seem to want to admit it – summer is here! By the time you are reading this the first of three summer camps at Friends of Jesus Preschool will already be completed. All of our camps filled up quickly this year and we're looking forward to making fun memories with all our campers!



Although the calendar says "summer", the Friends of Jesus staff is already busy planning for the upcoming school year. Our annual Teacher Retreat was held on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. We planned everything from Bug Blast Off to Graduation and EVERYTHING in between. The Friends of Jesus staff has just completed a two day very in depth professional education training entitled, "Essential Instructional Practices in Literacy, Prekindergarten." We learned so much and are ready to put these new skills into practice during our upcoming school year. During this summer we have some nice changes coming to our preschool space. Nick Alsvig is building new benches for us as his Eagle Scout project. We will be replacing the worn carpeting in the classrooms as well as the large area rug in the hallway. We'll also be upgrading the storage shelves in our large storage closet. We work constantly to make our space efficient, usable and inviting for our students and their families.

Our roster for fall is quite full. We do have limited openings in the 3's class. If you, or anyone you know, is seeking faith-based, high-quality, family friendly preschool – please give us a call – we love to give tours of our happy, always improving space!

Praying for sunshine –

Melissa V.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY REPORT: JUNE 2019

This past Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 5 WMU students, one member from Zion, and I volunteered with Habitat for Humanity. We had a very positive experience and plan on having another volunteer day with Habitat in July. As soon as we have the date picked out, we will have a sign-up sheet on the kiosk for members of Zion to sign up.

This summer, we are having our Bible study at Solid Grounds on Tuesday evening at 8PM. There are anywhere from 5-8 students that are attending the study.

On Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 5:00-6:30PM this month, I have had a chance to meet and interact with incoming freshmen at a session called the Involvement Zone during orientation. There have been 4 orientation sessions thus far and for the students that I have talked with that seem genuinely interested in being a part of Solid Grounds this upcoming school year, the things that interest them the most are our Bronco Buddy mentoring program and being a part of a community.

This past Tuesday, Solid Grounds hosted the monthly circuit conference, where area LC-MS pastors gather to share and support one another. On Wednesday, I attended a Campus Pastor's meeting in East Lansing. The LC-MS campus pastors from Michigan State, U of M, EMU, CMU, and I met to share ideas and encourage one another.

The parking lot at Solid Grounds has been repaved and looks fantastic. A big thank you to Dave Borak for all of his efforts to organize the work that was done. God's blessings and peace to you all!

Pastor Mark



**Book Review.** *Rainsongs*. Sue Hubbard. The Overlook Press. 2018.

This book was a surprising find. I think the title of the book and the landscape of Ireland are what interested me in picking it up. Or maybe it was the cover, which reminded me of the driving vacation Roxanne and I took in Ireland several years ago. Whether or not you decide to look at this book, at least look on the internet for the "Skellig Islands" to get a glimpse of the setting for much of this story. (And if you are fans of Star Wars, you will recognize the setting of the last film.)

If you know that this story is about grief, loss, and recovery, and situated in Ireland (known for its barren fields and rainy weather), maybe you can start making some of the connections that I did. The scenery and images were familiar, and maybe that is why any of us read what we read. For isn't every day a search for something familiar or a search for someone we can relate to? Because I have seen the rocky and barren soil, wandering sheep, the narrow roads, and the overwhelming sight of the ocean and those islands, her writing came alive for me.

The plot of this book centers on a woman from England, recently widowed, who returns to her childhood County Kerry. Her goal is to find recovery and healing. In a setting where she sought escape, the quiet forced her to also deal again with the loss of her only son twenty years earlier. The stark landscape, and the gray and rainy weather certainly don't seem to be the best setting for healing and a positive outcome.

The story is about reflections of missed opportunities and loss. And to make the setting more complicated, she finds herself pulled into the crisis of a battle of wills between a rich hotel operator and an old local hill farmer named "Paddy." (Of course there has to be a "Paddy," it is Ireland after all.) All the ingredients for an interesting

journey are part of this novel. Here is a sample passage: *"Making their way back, their skin tingling with salt, they'd climbed up on rock to look at the stone shelters where monks had waited for good weather before setting out for the Skelligs ... But why should anyone want to live on a rock in the middle of the ocean? ... She thought, that was the point. That all those centuries ago people believed that if they lived in extreme places they'd, somehow, be closer to God. It was their souls that mattered, not their bodies... God was a real presence in their lives in a way that it was hard for modern people to understand."* [100-101]

Throughout the book, in the struggles she encounters, she keeps looking at the Skellig Islands — barren rock formations, miles away from land, that stand like sentinels in the stormy seas that surround them. They look so close, but I was amazed to find out they are actually 8 miles from land. Trying to imagine how monks got out to those islands in the 6th or 8th century is beyond belief. It is difficult to imagine anyone intentionally living in such a desolate and isolated place in a country that already struggles with lack of food, sunshine and success. Just as the woman in this story left her former life to wrestle with her grief, monks, centuries earlier, had travelled into isolation to wrestle with their search for God.

And isn't that pretty much what grief is like, and the journey to recovery is all about? The set up in this novel is pretty powerful. While there is not an overtly Christian message, in her writing, there are hints. It dovetails well with the search on our own secular culture for hope and peace in a world that has lost the power and presence of Christian faith.

The Skellig rocks, standing like empty fortresses in a raging sea, look remarkably similar to the stone spires of so many empty cathedrals today. Where are we to find peace today? *Rainsongs!* What a great title and hint at the book's journey. Pastor Seeber



## BAZAAR CORNER

### GRATEFUL HEARTS THANKFUL HANDS

The ninth annual Grateful Hearts Thankful Hands Bazaar is on its way. Will you be ready to participate?? It's not too early to be working on your projects, gathering supplies and materials, and putting your hands and hearts to the task of making the 2018 Bazaar the best yet. **The date to mark on your calendar is Saturday, November 17th**, but we'll need your finished projects by the end of October. So it's certainly not too early to begin!

If you're in a quandary about what you could make here are some ideas:

- Doll clothes for 18" or 16" dolls
- Kitchen hand towels
- Knitted wash or dish cloths
- Aprons
- Microwave bags for potatoes, corn, etc. or microwave bowl holders
- Baby items including quilts, Afghans, sweaters, caps, booties, or toys
- Items for children: play capes, finger or hand puppets, crayon totes, toys; hair ribbons or bows, jewelry
- Canned goods: Jellies, jams, pickles, fruit, relishes, etc.
- Christmas ornaments and other decorations
- Jewelry of all kinds
- Pottery
- Note cards
- Pillows or pillow covers, table runners, place mats, table toppers
- Purses, handbags or totes
- Knitted, crocheted, or fleece scarves, mittens, hats for men, women, or kids (please size these if possible)
- Herbal or seasoning mixes
- Potted plants or herbs

You will be receiving more news about how you can help during the coming weeks so

make sure to watch for postings in the Sunday bulletin, Harbinger, and/or bulletin board for notices, articles, and sign-up sheets. And it's always the right time to keep the Bazaar and the people working on it in your prayers. Be sure to visit our webpage at [zionbazaar.com](http://zionbazaar.com) and share it with your friends and neighbors.

Bazaar Contacts:

Attic Treasures and Book Nook: Linda Mayer (375-1241), Jayne Mayer (375-8342)  
 Knit and Crochet: Janis Dinda (569-0322)  
 Ornaments: Marti Nuyen (342-8714)  
 Sewing/Crafts: Sharon Preuss (553-3385)  
 Gifts in a Jar: Jeanette Meyer (381-9078)  
 Zion's Table (baked or canned goods):  
 Amy Nelson (345-6155), Jeanette Meyer (381-9078)



### Can You Help Us????

The Grateful Hears/Thankful Hands Bazaar committee is still in need of the following items for this year's Bazaar; if you can donate any of the following it would be greatly appreciated:

- Baskets, especially small ones
- Decorative planting containers
- 100% wool sweaters in any condition or wool blended with other natural fibers
- Sterling silver or silver plated spoons and forks
- Lace edgings or other trims 1/4 " to 1" wide

You can drop off any of these items in the box in the workroom. If you need help transporting items, please call Sharon Preuss (553-3385) or Janis Dinda (569-0322).



- 7/1 Elsie Autry, Andrea Glass,  
Marshall Hay, Derek Ketchum,  
John Stiegemeier
- 7/2 Keith Kenter, Alison Switalski
- 7/5 Thomas Bremer, Sarah Van Alsten
- 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 Brent Butler, Michelle Larason
- 7/12 Eloise Powell
- 7/13 Don Griesbach, Corey Hendricks,  
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
- 7/22 Shirley Rohrer, Lindsay Scheffers,  
Adrianna Schoonbeck, Greg Schurig
- 7/23 Jacob Gumbleton, Glen Kellam,  
Sean Skuratowicz
- 7/25 Erin Emig, Kelly Thiede,  
Nathan Woodford
- 7/26 Sarah Jenkins, Joseph Stoner
- 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, Joshua Woodford

## Parish Report

### Deaths

Marilyn Brownell 4/7/2019  
Gilbert Reinkensmeyer 5/24/2019  
Robert Janke 6/5/2019  
MaryAnn Ohland 6/5/2019

### Baptisms

Connor Christopher McGill 6/9/2019  
Michael James Nutsch 6/23/2019

## Helping Others Ministry

Coming soon at the end of July, we will begin collecting school items for our Friends of Jesus preschool and Community in Schools Kalamazoo. Please be watching for the display in the hallway with more information.

## 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!



### Zion Women's Book Group

July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00—The Great Alone by K. Hannah

August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00—Spaceman by M. Massimino

Contact Yvonne Wordell with questions at 269-321-7984.

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - May 2019**

INCOME & EXPENSE	Current Month			Year-To-Date		
	Budget	Actual	Over/Under	Budget	Actual	Over/Under
<b>INCOME</b>						
Zion (Giving + Interest)	50,159	44,636	5,523	706,100	692,183	13,917
Friends of Jesus	7,109	6,228	881	91,117	96,133	-5,016
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57,268</b>	<b>50,864</b>	<b>6,404</b>	<b>797,217</b>	<b>788,316</b>	<b>8,901</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Staff Support	28,452	28,580	-128	341,696	339,919	1,777
Office Operations	1,347	843	504	15,309	17,007	-1,698
Church Property	10,008	13,544	-3,536	94,894	95,516	-622
Education Ministry	865	823	42	12,300	11,585	715
Evangelism/Missions	200	0	200	800	690	110
Worship Ministry	325	412	-87	6,200	6,356	-156
Other Ministries	115	533	-418	4,100	3,508	592
Music Ministry	3,193	2,725	468	39,813	29,176	10,637
Finance Ministry	10,306	10,368	-62	123,772	124,077	-305
FoJ Operations	10,209	10,368	-159	82,930	84,765	-1,835
Zion Haus Ministry	200	195	5	4,350	6,561	-2,211
Missions - General	5,004	4,920	84	69,700	69,156	544
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70,224</b>	<b>73,311</b>	<b>-3,087</b>	<b>795,864</b>	<b>788,316</b>	<b>7,548</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>-12,956</b>	<b>22,447</b>	<b>9,491</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,353</b>

**SOLID GROUND - May 2019**

Solid Ground Income	7,388	5,973	1,415	116,861	112,294	4,567
Solid Ground Expenses	9,062	8,667	395	116,874	116,361	513
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>-1,674</b>	<b>-2,694</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-4,067</b>	<b>4,054</b>

BALANCE SHEET	6/1/2018	5/31/2019	YTD Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	29,683	21,918	-7,765
Investments	159,631	160,631	1,000
Other Assets	-8,125	1,026	9,151
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>181,189</b>	<b>183,575</b>	<b>2,386</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Payroll	3,235	4,388	1,153
Dedicated Funds	163,306	164,539	1,233
Unrestricted Funds	14,647	14,647	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>181,188</b>	<b>183,574</b>	<b>2,386</b>

**MORTGAGE LOAN BALANCE - \$900,776**

**Dedicated Accounts with Balances over \$2,000**

FOJ Estate Gift	5,099	Youth Ministry	11,186
FOJ Grushon Scholarship	2,607	Pews	12,514
Equipment Fund	8,203	Benevolence	4,476
FOJ Fundraising	13,026	New Staff	50,000
Major Maintenance	2,613	Savings	46,500

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U.S. POSTAGE  
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PERMIT NO. 479  
KALAMAZOO, MI

2122 Bronson Boulevard, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

# Congregation Pig Roast!

August 18th

Live music and bounce house begin at 4:30

Dinner begins at 5:30



**BOUNCE HOUSE!**

**DUNK TANK!**

**LIVE MUSIC!**

**Please bring a  
dish to share!**

**CONGREGATION**

**AND FRIENDS**

**ARE ALL INVITED!**