

ZION NEWS - May

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the 11th Annual ... it's BACK! ... CAR BLESSING & CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY



*Sunday, May 3rd 12:30 - 4:00p
In the Zion parking lot*

*Come for the Blessing and show -
stay for FREE Food, Fun, and
"Car-Talk" with the Quad-
City Cruisers Car Club*



*Start your "Driving/Riding Season" right
... Bring your CAR, TRUCK, MOTOR-
CYCLE, and yourself.*



*All denominations of vehicles welcome.
Come one, Come All!*

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (Confirmation)

*will be celebrated
Sunday, May 17th*

*for the following young people
of Zion who will affirm their
Baptism:*

<i>Grace Babka</i>	<i>Jessica Elliott</i>
<i>Addison Flynn</i>	<i>Kate Kealey</i>
<i>Kaylyn Miller</i>	<i>Dustin Briggs</i>
<i>Anna Winn</i>	

A reception will be held in the Lounge immediately after worship, where these young people can be greeted, congratulated, and welcomed as 'adult' members of our Zion family!

Dear God, in the waters of baptism you make us your daughters and sons forever. May our daily affirmation and celebration of baptism be a light in every part of our lives.

GRADUATION Is ... Just Around the Corner!!



*Are you graduating this year?
Do you have a family member
graduating this year?
Please let us know by May 10th!*



*We'd like the names, schools and future plans
of graduates from high school, college,
tech/trade, and graduate schools. Call the Zion
office (322-3533) with the info. Thanks!*

**Graduate Recognition Sunday will be
May 24th.** We will host a reception for all gradu-
ates present that day in the Zion Lounge immedi-
ately following the worship service.



MORE SPECIAL MAY-DAYS



May 16th: Confirmation Rehearsal & Cook-out	11:30a
May 17th: Last day of Sunday School (get your SPARK Family Summer issue!)	
May 20th: Community Dinner	6:00p
May 27th: Zion Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall	3:00-6:00p
EVERY Sunday: as always ... see YOU in Church!	

From the Pastor ...

*O Holy Spirit, root of life, creator,
cleanser of all thing: anoint our wounds,
awaken us with lustrous movement of
your wings. (ELW # 399)*



‘Root, creator, cleanser, anoint, awaken, movement, wings.’ This is a Busy, Active, Living and Mighty (BALM) Spirit. *Eternal vigor, saving one, O holy wisdom, soaring pow’r.* These images of the Holy Spirit do not leave us planted in one place. Whether we are marathon joggers, walk the park regularly, use a cane or a wheel chair, the Holy Spirit is going to move us- our hearts, our minds, our bodies, our spirits. Created, cleansed and anointed in the waters of baptism we are sent into the world to be busy, active, living and mighty.

Our Easter lessons have been describing disciples who are to be witnesses of the resurrection and signs of resurrected life. There are as many ways to do this as there are human beings. Our Gifts Fair gave us the opportunity to explore new ways to witness to the resurrection, within Zion’s doors, and in the community. If you didn’t fill out a commitment card, I encourage you to notice how the Holy Spirit is moving you in the weeks ahead and become active in a ministry here at Zion.

On Pentecost, at the end of May, we will celebrate the pouring out of the Spirit on the disciples. This action gave them the power to be the body of Christ, the church. The body of Christ is never stagnant. Even for those who are filled with the spirit through quiet meditation, our hearts are always being stirred, set on fire to tell others about God’s love in Jesus Christ.

The last verse of this hymn sings, “encompass us with wings unfurled, and carry us, encircling all above, below, and through the world. May you feel the lustrous wings that awaken you and send you into the world.

Pastor Karen Ullestad

Zion Members Participate in Synod Activities

Kris Preston will sit on the synod’s Global Mission Commission. This group coordinates the Malaria Campaign, the Synod Companionship, Mission Supporters, and the Peace Not Walls working groups.

Jenny Winn has agreed to serve on the Synod Council. The council provides vision and direction for the synod’s ministry. Thank you to both Kris and Jenny for their willingness to serve.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God’s work. Our hands.

God’s newest gifts ...



Alexander Robert Ciccotelli

born April 2, 2015

to Kirsten & Anthony Ciccotelli

(and proud grandparents Dave & Deb Wright)

“I love these little people; and it is not a slight thing when they, so fresh from God, love us.” *Charles Dickens*

We rejoice in welcoming “home” the following new members of Zion...



Britt Vickstrom
by transfer
April 14, 2014

Christian Education ... Fellowship ... and Fun!

SUNDAY SCHOOL 'SCOOP'



Sunday School 'Scoop'

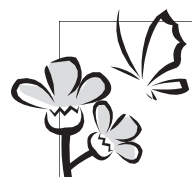
It is hard to believe we are starting to wrap up another year of Sunday School. While we have not had a large number of students each week, we have been blessed by a very regular group of wonderful children.

We are planning two special events for our last two weeks of Sunday School this year.

May 10th we will be focusing on Love, Jesus love for us, our love for others and all that is

LOVE! We are inviting all ages to join us in Fellowship Hall as we celebrate LOVE. We will be singing songs and reading stories of Jesus love for us, as well as many other activities showing love. We will also be recognizing our Prayer Partners who have showed their love as they have prayed for our youth through out the past year.

May 17, our last day for the year. All ages will be meeting in Fellowship Hall. We will meet as a group for a special cooking lesson and to wrap up our year. Be sure to join us for the fun!



Confirmation News ...

Well, peeps, we're in the home-stretch for this year ... We'll still meet on May 6th, and the **Community Dinner on** May 20th, when we will be helping out with set-up, serving, clean-up, and smiling through it all.

Pastor Karen will be in touch with 8th Grade families about Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) coming up on May 17th. Then... **HAVE A GREAT SUMMER—See YOU in Church!**

And for Adults ...

Faith Talks —

Sunday mornings 10:15 in the Chapel

May 3rd & 10th:
our Faith Talks will focus on the parables of Jesus and how they "invite us into a way of knowing God that goes deeper than simple statements of fact." Grab some coffee and plan to join us.



And don't forget...

T.G.I.S. [Thank God It's Sunday!]
Fellowship & Hospitality
In the Lounge

The coffee pot's on (and hot water), the treats are de-lish, and the conversation friendly and casual.

Taste, see, and hear that the Lord is good!

ATTN: Zion College Students



Apply for Scholarships Now!

There is still time to get your applications in, but the due-date is coming fast - May 17th!

The application form has changed, so please look on our www.ziondavenport.org website—it is available at-a-click on the homepage. Get yours filled out and turned in no later than Sunday, May 17th. We also have copies in the Zion office. Stop and get one if you can't access it online.



ATTN: Zion Members
S.O.S. (Support our Students!)

Thank you, THANK YOU, THANK YOU Zion, for contributing over \$600 to the Zion Scholarship fund through your Lenten midweek offerings! This has the potential to help several Zion college students who apply for scholarships. **Donations to the Fund are still very welcome** — college is quite expensive and our college kids can use all the help we can give them!

... Reaching out in Love ...

Janine's jottings ...

**Neighborhood & Community
Outreach Ministries**



Thank you to all for sharing your time and talents with each other and the community.

God's Peace. Janine

Zion's May Community Dinner

On Wednesday May 20th at 6:00pm, we will be holding Zion's own version of "Cinco de Mayo"+ 15 days. We will be serving taco casserole, rice and beans, veggies and dessert. Join us for food, fun and fellowship. Check out the signup sheets on the bulletin board across from the office.

Farmers Markets:

Beginning May 2nd the Summer Farmers Markets open. There are a variety of locations and times so check local newspapers for more information. These are wonderful places to buy fresh local foods.

Food Pantry News ...

The pantry continues to stay busy. In March we served 131 households which benefitted 448 individuals of which 180 were children. The pantry hours are Monday and Thursday 3:30-5:00. Please consider helping out with a shift.

Amazing and unexpected things have been known to happen such as the many acts of kindness that are witnessed taking place regularly. Those who serve at the pantry see neighbors helping each other get boxes and sacks of food to vehicles, they hear words of encouragement given and they hear many thank yous for what is provided. The pantry is a place where people experience God's presence through the helping hands of neighbors.

This ministry has and is blessed by the many ways that each of you supports it through the giving of your time, your talents and your resources. This is just one way God's work is done through our hands.

PS: Something new this summer at Zion ...

WARM WELCOMING WEDNESDAYS!

Summer opportunities for food, fellowship, and fun in June, July and August!

Check the article on p.6 of this Zion News, and watch for more details in your bulletins.



**Zion's NEXT
COMMUNITY DINNER**



**will be Wednesday, May 20th
6:00-7:00p**

A bit late, but still in the spirit of cinco-de-mayo, we will serve up some faves with an ethnic flair...



**Taco "hot-dish"
Beans/Rice
Fresh Veggies
and Desserts**



Sign up to bring what you can and/or help serve and clean up on the bulletin board across from the office now, and plan to be

"blessed in being a blessing"
to our neighbors, friends, and our Zion family!

Remember, ALL are welcome to dine at these meals — WE are part of the community too!

Seniors, Small Groups, and Such



OWL's (60+ Fellowship)

It's May and it looks like Spring is finally 'springing,' so let's get out and enjoy ... with lunch, of course!

Thursday, May 28th 11:30am
C.A.S.I.

W.Kimberly Rd, Davenport

Zion's Older Wiser Lutherans are still 'going strong' with a lively group of up to 25 or so in any given month—let's keep that momentum—and FUN—going through the summer!

Please call Grace Haller or Kathy Longlett if you plan on joining us.

ALL 60+ers WELCOME!

(We even make exceptions for 50-something 'youngsters' :)



Morning Book Review

Date: Monday, May 18th, 9:00am

Place: Zion's Lounge

Book: **Proof of Heaven**

By Eben Alexander, M.D.

Dr. Alexander was one of those scientists who didn't believe in the near-death experiences he had heard about, until ... his own brain was attacked by a rare illness and he lay in a coma for seven days. Then, as his doctors considered stopping treatment, his eyes popped open. He had come back...

Availability: check libraries & book stores.

ALL are Welcome!

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who sent cards or came to our mother-daughter birthday party. It was a delightful, memorable day!

Thanks also to those who participated in our "people-and-pet" project. The people who visit the food pantry will certainly appreciate it, and the pets will shout out a 'woof-woof!' or 'meow-meow!'

Eva Hammond & Lois Kundel



Birthday Blessings to these Zion Seniors who celebrate during the merry month of May!

- 5/02 Mary Lou Kelley
- 5/07 Vivian Hillard
- 5/07 Rex Hutchison
- 5/12 Judith Sumpter
- 5/12 Mary Ann Wohlers
- 5/15 Priscilla Anderson
- 5/16 Jerome Claussen
- 5/21 Kathleen Anderson
- 5/21 Donna Rome
- 5/26 Judie Vollenweider



Zion Men's Group



The Zion Men's group (ALL welcome!) will meet on Saturday, May 23rd (one week later than our 'usual') at 8:00am at the Hickory Gardens restaurant in Davenport.

ALL men are welcome to be a part of this monthly morning of breakfast, fellowship, and brief Bible study led by Tom Handlen or one of the 'regulars' of the group. Join us - bring a friend!

Feel free to call Tom (391-0825) if you have questions or are interested in coming for the first time.

Figures & Financial Facts:



Regular & Loose Offerings—April 2015	\$ 18,630.76
<i>Expenses paid out— April 2015</i>	<i>- \$(18,940.41)</i>
<i>Difference</i>	<i>- \$ (309.65)</i>

Lenten midweek offerings rec'd	\$1,203.00
<i>distributed to Campership & Scholarship funds</i>	
Maundy Thurs/Good Fri. offrags rec'd	\$1,005.00
<i>distributed to Food Pantry fund</i>	

Food Pantry fund balance @ 4/30/15 \$ 4,261.43

God's work, our hands.

NOW HEAR THIS ... AND THAT!



- - - PROPERTY Lines - - -

Property Committee has two projects in the works for 2015. What are they you ask? Well, here is a quiz for you to find out.

- What will it cost to replace the shed doors?
- How much will it cost to replace the lighting in the Sanctuary with LED light bulbs?
- What is the cost to replace flooring from the north entrance to the south entrance (8th street door)?
- What did it cost to fix the stairs and new carpet by the west entrance?
- How much will it cost to clean, seal and re-stripe the parking lot?

There are several large projects the committee will be working on in the next year or so. One ongoing project is cleaning the pews. Yes the pews in the Sanctuary look nice, but there are pews in the lofts, back balcony, in the Narthex, Pastors pews and downstairs in the hallways. This is a huge project that many hands are needed. There will be an indoor clean up day (s) scheduled soon. We will be fixing holes in the walls, painting, cleaning windows and cleaning the pews in the balconies and Narthex.

Answers to the quiz will be in the June Zion News. Thanks!



Give **SOMEONE** the gift of **LIFE** this month ... at the

**Zion Blood Drive
Wed., May 27th
(3:00-6:00pm)**

Call Becky Hupp (529-4477) or the Zion office (322-3533) to set up your appointment. Giving blood only takes about an hour total, and your donation has the potential to save up to 3 lives! *Plus, free cookies & juice!*

Our goal is 15 units. We CAN do it, Zion!

Must be 17 years of age, in good health, and have not donated in the past 50 days to donate at this drive.



**WARM WELCOMING WEDNESDAYS!
Summer 2015 at Zion**

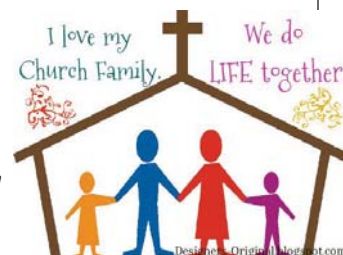
Join us each Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm
for Food, Fellowship and FUN!

The Grill will be fired up, so you can bring your own grilling meat, or just bring a brown-bag supper.

Activities will vary each week: Bible study, Movies, Games, Crafts, etc...

The third Wednesday each month will be "service" night with the Community Dinner

Watch for the June events to be announced soon!



ALTAR FLOWERS 'GIVING' - MAY



- May 3 - OPEN
- May 10 - Mary Ann Wohlers
- May 17 - OPEN
- May 24 - **Geraniums for Pentecost!**
**special sign-up posted*
- May 31 - Don Hollmer & family

Want to give flowers (or an alternate offering) but not sure how? Instructions sheets are available in the hallway underneath the flower chart.

Remember, you can give flowers for the altar—or— an alternative offering to one of Zion's special funds (ie: Brown Bag,

Red Geraniums for Pentecost - May 24th



We are ordering 6" potted Geraniums and need folks to sign up to donate them. Sign-up is posted next to the flower chart across from the church office.

USHERS - May

Al & Wanda McDonnell,
Mike Harrison

Ushers needed for ALL services - Contact the Zion office if you could give a month or two.

ACOLYTES - MAY 2015



- May 03 - Jessica Elliott & Brian Sanders
- May 10 - Mateo Villagomez & Kaylyn Miller
- May 17 - Katey Harrison & Cristina Lopez
- May 24 - Anna Winn & Addison Flynn
- May 31 - Grace & Sarah Babka

ATTENDANCE in APRIL

- Apr. 2 70 (Maundy Thurs.)
- Apr. 3 87 (Good Friday)
- Apr. 5 227 (Easter!)
- Apr. 12 116
- Apr. 19 93
- Apr. 26 127

Greeters for May 2014

(One Svc - 9:00am)

- May 3 — Merle & Janet Keppy
- May 10 — Deb & Randy Hughes
- May 17 — Bob & Sharon Tank
- May 25 — Bob & Sharon Tank
- May 31 — Jon & Anne Flynn



We need Greeters! Call Grace Haller (324-8463) to help us.

Communion Set-up & Clean-up - MAY -



- May 3 - Darrell & Kathy Longlett (glasses)
- May 10 - Mary Lou Vikdal (intinction)
- May 17 - Harrison family (intinction)
- May 24 - Winn family (intinction)
- May 31 - Babka family (intinction)

Lectors— May 2015



- May 03 - Char Engstrom
- May 10 - OPEN
- May 17 - OPEN
- May 24 - OPEN
- May 31 - OPEN

Assisting Ministers - MAY

- 5/03 - Joseph Obleton
- 5/10 - OPEN: Need 1
- 5/17 - OPEN: Need 1
- 5/24 - Janine Johnson
- 5/31 - Char Engstrom



TELLERS - May



- 5/03 Chuck Dau, Lisa Zosulis, Carl Engstrom, Eva Hammond
- 5/10 John & Roxeann Ford, Jim & Sherry Koens
- 5/17 Stu Goldsmith, Delores Smith, Matt Engstrom
- 5/24 Mark & Beth Meyer, Gene Rome, Sue Keller
- 5/31 Mark & Beth Meyer, Jerry Grady, Lisa Zosulis