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ZIONNEWS

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church April 2017

***Grace and peace to you from God the Father and
our Lord Jesus Christ.***

Since you, as a congregation, were gracious enough to complete my rotation of chasubles, and since Bishop Beaudoin was wearing one, I guess I should take a moment and explain what they are!

Chasubles are a kind of liturgical garb worn for the celebration of communion. Their development traces back to Roman traveling garb that the church in the West adopted, much like albs. The word "chasuble" means "little house," as this poncho-like garment could be used as a makeshift tent, if needed.

The chasuble has changed some since those Roman beginnings, including a time when they were much shorter and had a pocket at the bottom to catch bits of communion bread that might fall. Today, chasubles are an expression of textile art that congregations might use as part of their communion celebrations. They are not necessary, but they can add to the beauty and meaning of a service.

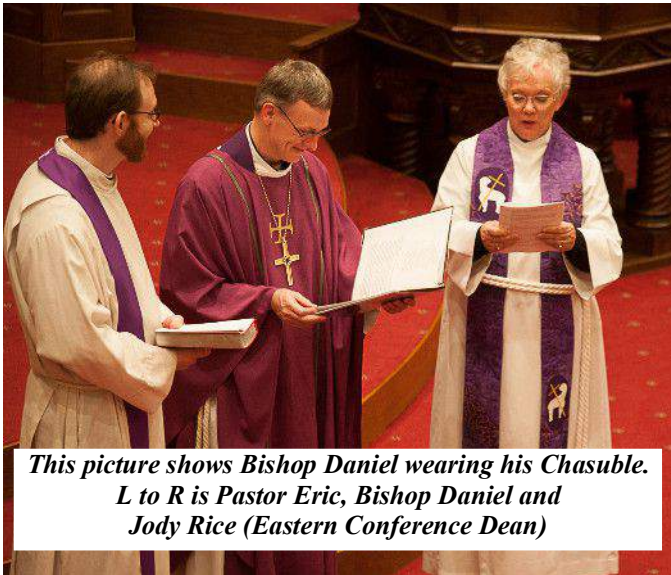
Chasubles are used many different ways. In setting with multiple rostered leaders, the chasuble can be worn by the pastor who will be presiding over communion to indicate what their role is in the service through their attire. In setting where the presider and preacher are the



Easter Services

Vigil of Easter
April 15, 2017
6:00pm

Easter Sunday Services
April 16, 2017
6:00am Sunrise Service
8:00am Worship
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship



*This picture shows Bishop Daniel wearing his Chasuble.
L to R is Pastor Eric, Bishop Daniel and
Jody Rice (Eastern Conference Dean)*

same person, the chasuble can be worn the entire service, as Bishop Beaudoin did, or it can be put on during the collection of the offering to mark the move from the service of the Word to the service of the Table. The latter option is my practice when wearing a chasuble. So when will I be wearing a chasuble? Since I've learned that this has not been a practice here at Zion, I'll wait a bit. You've given me a beautiful red chasuble, so it seems appropriate to me that I start wearing a chasuble at the Sunday services on Pentecost. After those services, I'll be interested to hear your impressions and feedback about the "church poncho."

Isn't getting to know each other fun?

And by the way...

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
PE

Pastoral Acts

February 16, 2017 – March 15, 2017

IN MEMORY OF:

Jim Mears: Randy & Christine Koch, Pauline Druckenmiller, Jack Doller, Donald & Sarah Bayer, Margaret Wahl, Rich & MaryAnn Bevington, Bob & Cindy Schwab, Peggy Schwanger

Howard Kearney: Phyllis Willis, Jeff & Rhonda Pollack, Dartball Team

Lois Ardner: Joan Mears, Leroy Lemmon, Sandy Thomas, Fred Groton, Joanne Hosey

In Memory of Birthdays of Carl & Severia Wiedeman:
Wayne & Donna Yontz

Muriel Lieb: Robert Lieb, Jim & Judy Smith, Chris & Mike Antel, Dr. Jay & Katy O'Neill, Beverly Bartels, Tom Bartels, Dennis & Jeannette Hahn, Pastor Phil Gardner

BAPTISM:

Kinley Laurene Wargo: Daughter of Melissa Wargo

WEDDING:

None to report

FUNERALS:

Muriel C. Lieb: Service on March 9, 2017 by Rev. Phil Gardner

*Christ
is
Risen!*



Carolyn's C o r n e r

Easter is coming! Have you ever imagined what it might have been like to be one of those people at the cross? What might you have thought? Or done? Would you have been afraid or angry? Might you have been one of the folks shouting, "Crucify him!?" It's easy for me to say that I would have known that Jesus was special and fought for his life to be spared . . . but would I? If I had been part of that mob, what would I have done?

And what if you had been one of those who went to the tomb and discovered it empty? We can't know what might have happened because we weren't there and we have the benefit of knowing the rest of the story. Matthew tells us that when the angel told the women Jesus was not there, they hurried off to tell the disciples and Jesus met them. Matthew reports that they were filled with fear and great joy and when they met Jesus they "took hold of his feet" and worshiped him.

As we journey through Holy Week and celebrate Christ's resurrection, may we remember that because of this incredible miracle, we are cleansed from our sins and made right with God!

Easter Blessings,
Carolyn

**BASKETS
OF PROMISE**



Please join us in the Gathering Room at 6 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 13th to assist as we assemble the Baskets of Promise. These will be distributed by Lutheran World Relief to those who might otherwise not have some of the basics of life.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017

8:00 am Worship

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Worship

Maundy Thursday

April 13, 2017

7:00pm Worship

Good Friday

April 14, 2017

Noon Worship

Tenebrae Service

April 14, 2017

7:00pm Worship



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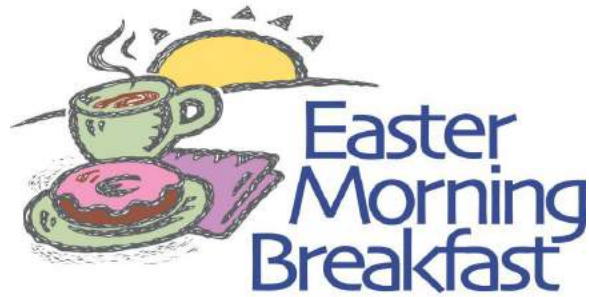
10:30am Worship



During Maundy Thursday worship service the following young members of Zion will participate in their First Communion:

Margaret (Maggie) Farley, Emily Terry, and Madison Yontz.

Please keep them in your prayers as they take another step in their faith journey!



You are invited to Easter breakfast!

Sunday, April 16th
9:30-10:15 a.m.

Join your friends in Zion's basement for **fellowship and food as we celebrate our Savior's resurrection!**

Children of Zion



The Children of Zion meet each Sunday morning from 9:15-10:15 in the basement for stories, songs, creative activities fun! Everyone from 2 years old through 5th grade is welcome - come and bring your parents! Check the kiosk in the gathering room for more information. Those who are 6th through 8th grade meet upstairs.

SCAASP Sandusky Churches Adopt -A-School Partnership is a TEAM EFFORT!

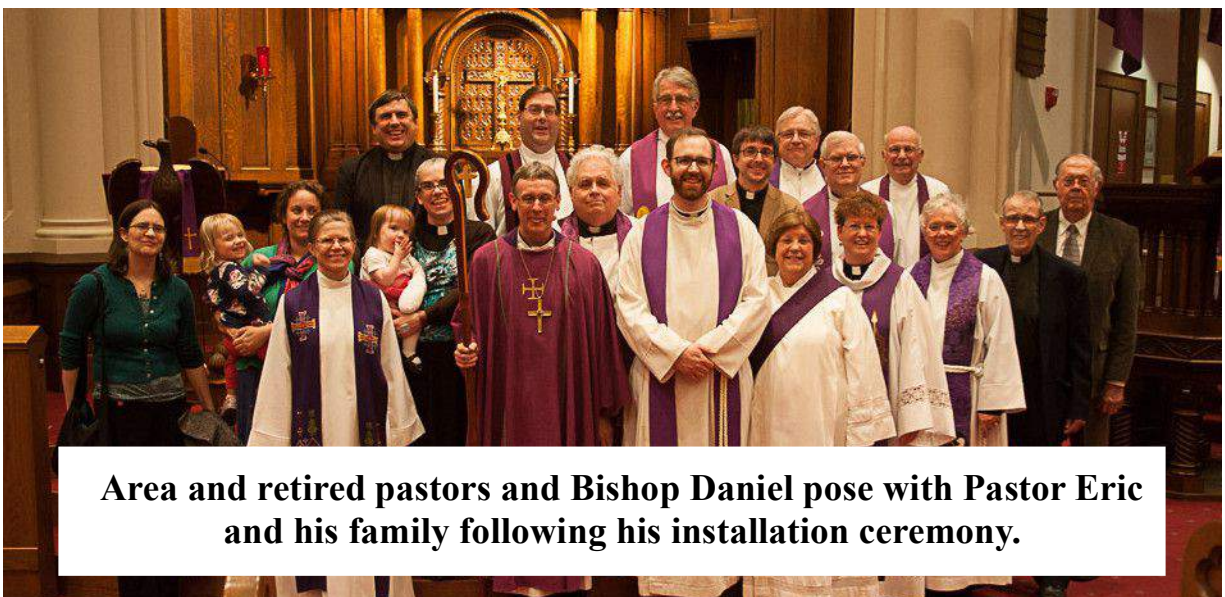
Every 2nd Wednesday at 4:30 is Kids' Cafe at the Nehemiah Center. We prepare and serve a meal to the children at the Nehemiah after school program. Many of the children are from Zion's adopted Osborne Elementary School. The next Kids' Cafe is April 12th from 4:30 - 6:45pm.



Please consider behind the scenes prayers for ALL schools, students, and staff

Worship Leaders for April

Dates:	4/02/17	4/09/17	4/16/17	4/23/17	4/30/17
8 am Wine 10:30 am	Randy Koch & Kris Stradtman Suzanne Jeffery & Chet Leser	Tom & Cindy Patterson Dan Willey & Ron Dahs	Randy Koch & Kris Stradtman George Clements & Chet Leser	Tom & Cindy Patterson John & Judy Mears	Randy Koch & Kris Stradtman Dan Willey & Ron Dahs
8 am Lectors 10:30 am	Andy Gundlach Laurie Mears	Jean Bossetti Sylvia Gembka	Dean Meyers Carla Mitchell	Roger Gundlach Bill Steinfeldt	Andy Gundlach Laurie Mears
8 am Prayers 10:30 am	Judy Mears	Laura Stellhorn	Betty Bickley Ann Cerny	Carolyn Steinfeldt	Marjorie Burton
Children's Message	Connie Castello	Dale Cerny	Marjorie Burton	Laurie Mears	Dale Cerny
8 am Sound Board 10:30 am	Dean Meyers John Nejedly	Andy Gundlach Tim Kostel	Janet Stradtman Bob Butler	Andy Gundlach Tim Kostel	Dean Meyers Bob Butler
Greeters	Faye Gast	Lyle Marquardt	Greg, Tami, and Sara Schultz	Bill Bossetti	Virginia Lillian



Area and retired pastors and Bishop Daniel pose with Pastor Eric and his family following his installation ceremony.

ZELCW NEWS

Happy spring! Hopefully, it will soon feel like it and stay that way!

I want to start by thanking those volunteers who have helped with the Lenten meals. It has made it fun and a joy to serve. Volunteers are: Marj Burton, Vicki Boesch, Julie Kessler, Rich & Mary Ann Bevington, Lyn & John Parker, Greg & Tami Schultz, Juanita & Al Mitchell, Darlene Lowery, & Carolyn Steinfeldt. The fellowship and food have been wonderful, so please, join us either Tues. evenings at 6:00 p.m. or Wednesday's at noon.

On **Sat., April 8th**, the **Eastern Women's Spring Conference** will be held at **St. Paul Lutheran Church**, Mills St., Sandusky. There is a sign posted with details along with a sign up sheet on the hallway bulletin board. It begins at 9:00 a.m. and should end around 1:00 p.m.. This event allows for a good opportunity to meet other Lutheran women in our conference. There will be a service, brunch, and then the program will be given by Jeanie Wertenback, from the Erie Co. Health Dept., on "Infant Mortality". In kind offerings of layette items will be gladly accepted. The only cost will be a free will offering. All women are welcome, so please, come and join us!

The Women of **First Faith Community Church**, 225 E. Jefferson St., have invited us to their 48th annual **Maundy Thursday Breakfast**. The date is **April 13** and will begin at **9:00 a.m.** The program title this year is "Overheard Conversation". Please, RSVP by noon on Mon. April 10 by calling their church office (419-625-8247) between 9:00 and noon, or you can sign up on the sheet hanging on the hallway bulletin board, by Mon. noon, April 10. This is always a nice gathering of many churches with wonderful fellowship and good food!

Zion will host our **annual Spring Fling potluck**. The date will be **May 23**. It will start at 6:00 with the program starting soon after dinner. Anyone who has some talent they would like to share, for "Zion's Got Talent", please call, Vicki Boesch. It's not too late to sign up! More details later.

I want to give a big THANK YOU, to my committee; Vicki Boesch, Cindy Schwab, Carole Crouch, & Mary Ann Bevington for helping to decorate and set up for Pastor Eric's installation reception. THANK YOU, also, to the choir, council members, call committee members, and anyone else who brought food, served, or helped in any other capacity. It was a most delightful evening and it is so nice to have Pastor Eric and his family a part of Zion's family.

God's blessings to all as we continue on our Lenten journey of reflection & renewal!

Carla Mitchell,
Pres. ZELCW

ZLECW Monthly Group Meetings

Circle of Friends

Wednesday, April 5
7:00 pm
Zion Chapel

Agape

Wednesday, April 5
7:00 pm
Zion Library



Book Connection

Wednesday, April 26
2:30 pm
Zion Library

Priscilla

Thursday, April 6
9:30 a.m.
1714 Courtney Lane,
Huron

In April you will see a change in the offering envelopes that are mailed to your home. Included in the packet will be two additional purple edged envelopes. The three envelopes are marked:

Benevolence. As discussed at the Annual Meeting, the amount designated to Benevolence has been significantly reduced from budget. The Foundation will match your giving to ELCA Mission Support up to \$15,000. This will be your opportunity to make donations above your normal giving.

Where does my offering go?

Benevolence (purple edged envelopes) goes to (ELCA Mission Support).

This church wide offering helps:

- grow the ELCA in the United State
- grow Lutheran churches around the world
- support church wide ministries
- support and develop future leaders in the ELCA
- invest in technology and communications
- social issues and work for justice
- grow and sustain financial resources
- research and strategic planning
- ecumenical and interfaith relationships



General Offering - (white envelopes) includes personnel, utilities, committees, and worship service expenses; operating expenses of this congregation.

Debt Retirement - (red edged envelopes) is repayment for the loan to the Foundation (roof and other past capital improvements).



Do you have someone who is graduating from high school or college?

Please let the office know as soon as possible their name, where they attend school and what their plans are for the future (college plans, military, employment, travel, etc.). We want to include our students in the Zionews and honor them during worship.

Care & Share

Care & Share is always in need of various food items but has asked that Zion members bring in CATSUP, MUSTARD and SALAD DRESSING. In addition they are always in need of baby food, diapers and plastic bags. We ask that you please donate only new and unopened items.



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Church Websites

www.zionsandusky.org (Zion Lutheran Church)
www.nwos-elca.org (Northwestern Ohio Synod)
www.elca.org (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

Coordinator for Shared Youth & Family

St. Paul and Zion Lutheran Churches of Sandusky, OH are seeking an individual to serve as Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministries for joint Christian educational opportunities in a part-time capacity (20-25 hours a week). For a position description or more information contact Carolyn @ csteinaim@zionsandusky.org or 419-625-2112.

Send resume to:

Carolyn Steinfeldt
503 Columbus Ave.
Sandusky, OH 44870

Church Council



*Proposed
Minutes not yet approved*

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting March 8, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: President Richard Bevington called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Carol Albert, Richard Bevington, Karen Dehn, Andy Gundlach, Jim Johnson, Nancy Kinsel, Judy McEowen, Carla Mitchell, Wendy Schonhardt, Carolyn Steinfeldt, AiM and Lori Harris, Recording Secretary. Absent, excused; Tim Kostel & Darlene Lowery.
Guest; Kristina Wood

OPENING PRAYER & HYMN: Richard Bevington led Council in prayer and singing the Doxology.

GUEST: Kristina Wood gave an introduction to the “Faith Collaborative of Erie County” model. A meeting earlier had representation from 18 area churches. Further discussion is expected.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Earl & Bea Rosen was read. They are stepping down as Ministry Leaders from Helping Hearts. Replacement for that role will be sought.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Carla Mitchell made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. (Add to Old Business - Council Retreat & Installation Service and to New Business add - Faith Collaborative of Erie County) Carol Albert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Wendy Schonhardt made a motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2017 as written. Carla Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Carolyn Steinfeldt – Carolyn shared her written report and noted that the Augsburg Book Fair would be set up in the Chapel. She thanked everyone who has helped out during this transition time. Council President Richard Bevington thanked Carolyn for all her extra hours and work the past two years.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Andy Gundlach reviewed the Invoice List totaling \$23,325.51. Carla Mitchell made a motion to approve the invoice list, Judy McEowen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Carol Albert made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Carla Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FLAME: Judy McEowen shared the written report.

MINISTRY TEAMS REPORTS:

Faith Formation – Carla Mitchell shared the written report and passed around the sign-up sheet for a dish to share at the Installation Service and the Easter Breakfast.

Worship/Music – Carol Albert has been securing Worship Leaders for upcoming services. The Plexiglas on the free standing Altar will be replaced. The Policies and Procedures will be reviewed and revised to reflect current procedures. Carolyn encouraged all Ministry Team Liaisons to review and meet with her regarding updates and changes.

Parish Life – Darlene Lowery absent – no report.

Outreach – Judy McEowen shared the written report.

Youth/Young Adult – Karen Dehn reported the update on the Shared Ministry Youth Leader position. Karen and Carolyn have been meeting with other area churches planning for the 2018 Youth Gathering.

Finance/Administration – Jim Johnson reported that Offering Recorders have been scheduled. Training is underway. A new line item appears on the Consolidated Fund Activity Report – Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

Property/Facilities – Tim Kostel absent, team did not meet this month. No report.

Mission/Stewardship – Wendy Schonhardt reported on the activities of SCAASP and Nehemiah Center. Nancy Kinsel is involved with the Global Mission Team; she gave an update on activities.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Council Retreat – April 22, 2017 9 am (breakfast and lunch provided) at Pine Lake Condo Clubhouse. Members instructed to bring Council book.
- Installation Service details were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Faith Collaborative of Erie County discussed further. Jim Johnson made a motion to continue the investigation. Nancy Kinsel seconded the motion. Motion carried..

APRIL PRAYER & HYMN ASSIGNMENT: Nancy Kinsel, Vice President

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m. with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Harris, Recording Secretary

- April 5, 2017 Executive Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- **April 12, 2017 Council Meeting 7 p.m.**

Deadline to submit articles and announcements for May's Zionews is Friday, April 21, 2017. Please submit articles in a digital format. Email all submissions to Lori Harris - loriharris@zionsandusky.org

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April 2017

WORSHIP SERVICES: SUNDAYS 8:00 & 10:30 AM and SATURDAYS 6:00 PM

Communion is Offered at Each Service

10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service is Broadcast Live on WLEC 1450AM
and on the World Wide Web at WWW.WLEC.COM
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is handicapped accessible.

Sunday School, 9:15 AM: 2 yrs. – 12th Grade
Adult Sunday School, 9:15 AM - Stellhorn Library
9:15 AM Informal Bible Study - Rm. 205

Rev. Dr. Eric L. Bodenstab

Director of Faith Formation: Carolyn Steinfeldt, AiM