



# Zionews

June 2019

**Grace and peace to you from the one who warms our days with grace, Jesus, our Lord.**

There are two things coming up this month that deserve special note.

First off, our usual Children's Messages will be on break for the summer. We are not doing away with them, just changing up their format for this summer. Deacon Carolyn and I will instead be walking through the different parts of our worship from June 2<sup>nd</sup> to September 8<sup>th</sup>. As a result, when the Children's Message happens in the service will move around. On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, it will be right after the Prelude. Through the summer, the Children's Message will then move down to right before the next section we'll talk about. On September 1<sup>st</sup>, it will be right after the Sending Hymn. As we wrap it up on September 8<sup>th</sup>, the Children's Message will go back to right before the First Reading. Join us, this summer, for this approachable walk through what we do in worship!

The second thing to note is that the Year of Scripture readings this month take us through Job. Job is a fascinating book that shows how the people of Israel have dealt with the theodicy question (why does God let bad things happen) through their history. The earliest portions of Job were probably shared well before the Babylonian Exile, which happened around 600 BC. The story of Job—chapters 1-2—was probably widely known before then as Ezekiel names Job in his list of faithful people (Ezekiel 14:14, 20). The latest part of Job, chapters 32 through 37, were likely written late in the Second Temple period, possibly as late as 400 BC. Whenever we read Job or start asking theodicy questions, we are in good company.



I cannot say that I find the “resolution” in Job all that comforting as I'm going through troubling times, but Job is a helpful reminder that God's ways are not our ways and God's thoughts are not our thoughts. Also, Job reminds us to pay attention to how we spend time with people who are going through hard times. Do we try and fix the situation, or offer bad or even wrong advice? Do we encourage unfaithfulness through verbal religious tripe? Or do we sit with them and listen, cry with them and feed them?

We all go through difficult times. God calls us to be church with those who are going through difficult times, not because God hates them, but because God wants us to be God's love for them when it feels like God is far away. We enter into the pain and hurt of other people, not as Job's so-called friends, but as friends of Jesus who reach out to be with those who hurt as Jesus reaches out to us.

May the Spirit who descended in the tongues of flame kindle your faith this summer!

Peace,  
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## Nickels and Noses for March

Please note that these numbers are two months behind due to the newsletter publication schedule.

### Worship Attendance (4 Saturdays, 4 Sundays)

6pm	142
8am	444
10:30am	556
Total	1142
Weekly Average	228.4

### Offering

Monthly Giving	\$40,587.96
Monthly Budget	\$34,673.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$134,850.14
Year-to-Date Budget	\$138,692.00

### Lenten Worship Attendance

Ash Wednesday	139
4 <sup>th</sup> Lenten Tuesday	53
4 <sup>th</sup> Lenten Wednesday	7
5 <sup>th</sup> Lenten Tuesday	54
5 <sup>th</sup> Lenten Wednesday	7
Maundy Thursday	121
Easter Vigil	38
Easter Sunday Total	410

*The attendance of the Good Friday Open Worship and the Tenebrae Service were not recorded.*

## Zion Annual Congregational & Friends Picnic



Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** and join your Zion friends at Shoreline Park at 12:30 for lunch and fellowship. Details in July Zionews

## Year of Scripture Readings for June

June 1 Job 1-4  
June 2 Job 5-7  
June 3 Job 8-10  
June 4 Job 11-13  
June 5 Job 14-16  
June 6 Job 17-20  
June 7 Job 21-23  
June 8 Job 24-28  
June 9 Job 29-31  
June 10 Job 32-34  
June 11 Job 35-37  
June 12 Job 38-39  
June 13 Job 40-42  
June 14 Psalms 1-8  
June 15 Psalms 9-16



June 16 Psalms 17-20  
June 17 Psalms 21-25  
June 18 Psalms 26-31  
June 19 Psalms 32-35  
June 20 Psalms 36-39  
June 21 Psalms 40-45  
June 22 Psalms 46-50  
June 23 Psalms 51-57  
June 24 Psalms 58-65  
June 25 Psalms 66-69  
June 26 Psalms 70-73  
June 27 Psalms 74-77  
June 28 Psalms 78-79  
June 29 Psalms 80-85  
June 30 Psalms 86-89

## Zion Vacation Bible School, 2019 To Mars and Beyond!

July 22-26 9 a.m. to Noon

Check this issue of Zionews or on the webpage at  
[www.zionsandusky.org](http://www.zionsandusky.org) for more info & registration form.

### Vacation Bible School Staff Workshop Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.



For all station leaders, small group leaders and everyone who will assist with Attendance important so that everyone knows what to do!

**Can't assist during VBS week?**  
**Join us Monday, July 8 & Tuesday July 9**  
**from 1 – 6 p.m.**  
**to prepare craft projects and stage designs**

## *Carolyn's Corner . . .*

Have you ever known a child who lived in a garbage dump and was sold by human traffickers as a slave? Or was homeless and lived in a car and wore the same clothes to school every day because they had no place to shower or do laundry? Have you known a young person who found their parent attempting to commit suicide by strangling themselves? Or had to deal with a parent on drugs – or suffering from aids? Do you know a child who goes home to abuse or has nothing to eat day after day? These are just a few of the stories shared by 15 teens from local schools as they received scholarships during the Firelands Positive People Awards Breakfast.

As we look around our communities and see students going to school, sports events, first jobs and living their lives, we don't think about what their home life might be like. When I was a teenage the biggest problem I had was how I was going to get my chores done in time to go to my friend's house. I had no idea that others might be living differently. Many years later I discovered that one of my classmates was abused by his father when he was in an alcoholic rage; that my best girlfriend suffered incest; another classmate had an illegal abortion.

We all have our personal, private stories that might be difficult, if not impossible to share. These fifteen Positive People high school seniors have used their life experiences as a stepping stone to a future that will take them out of their circumstances and give them opportunity to make their lives matter to themselves and to others. Each one of them has hope and most of them give God credit for being with them in their tough times. All of them have an adult (teacher, counselor, neighbor, friend) who cares enough to be there.

As we interact with children and youth, we must be aware that they all have stories that may be very different from our own. We may never be privileged to know what that story is, but what we can offer is a smile and a positive comment. Who know, maybe you will be the one chosen to hear their story!

Blessings,  
Carolyn



## **Christmas in July!**

**Monday, July 15**

**2 - 8 p.m.**

Join friends and family during this less hectic time of the year for fellowship & snacks as we update and make additional Chrismons for Zion's Christmas trees.

**Come when you can, leave when you must  
All are welcome - bring your friends!**



# June 2019 Worship Leaders



	6/2/19	6/9/19	6/16/19	6/23/19	6/30/19
<b>Wine</b>	Tom & Cindy Patterson	Jon Carver & Andrew Castello	Judy Burrows & Carol Albert	Dick & Marlene Long	Kris Stradtman & Randy Koch
<b>10:30am</b>	Susan Jeffery & Chet Leser	Ron Dabs & Dan Willey	Earl & Bea Rosen	John & Judy Mears	Chet Leser & Lyle Marquardt
<b>Lectors</b>	Jarrold Todt	Andy Castello	Mark Stuckey	Dean Meyers	Dick Long
<b>10:30am</b>	Aidan Cox	Kay Thompson	Linda Reichenbach	Hope Bailey	Vicki Boesch
<b>Prayers</b>	Carla Mitchell	Karen Slater	Judy Mears	Marj Burton	Betty Bickley
<b>10:30am</b>					
<b>Children's Message</b>	Pastor Eric or Carolyn	Pastor Eric or Carolyn	Pastor Eric or Carolyn	Pastor Eric or Carolyn	Pastor Eric or Carolyn
<b>8:00am Soundboard</b>	Andrew Castello	Dean Meyers	Janet Stradtman	Andy Gundlach	Andy Castello
<b>10:30am</b>	John Nejedly	Tim Kostel	Dan Willey	John Nejedly	Tim Kostel
<b>8:00am Gathering Hosts</b>	Sandra Like & Marj Burton	Roger & Deb Gundlach	Jim & Jeannie Johnson	Dick & Marlene Long	Linda Kerst & Joan Mears
<b>10:30am</b>	Sandra Like & Rebecca Brown	Earl & Bea Rosen	Lyle Marquardt & Karen Dehn	Mike & Hope Bailey	Bob & Cindy Schwab
<b>Greeters</b>	Dave & Pat Volz	Earl & Bea Rosen	Dianne Farrar	Lila Bertsch	Virginia Lillian

### Ushers:



8:00am Bill Wood, Chris Antel, Bill Biehl, Andy Castello, John Castello, and Terry Pearston

10:30am Gary Gangluff, Julie Kessler and Joyce and William Dahnke

### Care & Share:



6/3/19	6/10/19	6/17/19	6/24/19
Kay Eash, Dick Long, Bruce Bravard, and Chris Hamilton	Hope & Mike Bailey, Vicki Boesch and Alan Mitchell	Carol & Ron Albert and Nancy & Tom Kinsel	Hope & Mike Bailey and Barb & Roger Newton

## Pastoral Acts - April 16 – May 15, 2019

### IN MEMORY OF:

**Mary E. Shirk Bevon:** by Annette Gallagher

**June A. Thomas:** by Shirley Romoser, John & Kathy Essex, Doris Suman, Carol Steuk

**Nick Denslow:** by Patti, Julie, Cheryl, Logan & Luna

**G. Nancy Weeks:** by Dean & Karen Slater, Carol Steuk, Randy & Christine Koch, Gary Gangluff, Doris Suman, Dale & Ann Cerny, Lila Bertsch, Jim & Jeannie Johnson, Richard & Marlene Long, Patty Pascoe, Carol & Dick Smith, Dave & Karen Eckert, Jim & Deborah Galloway

**Evelyn Laepply (*for Mother's Day*):** by Evelyn Lynn

**Joyce Leimbach:** Jim & Barb Thom

### FUNERALS:

**June A. Thomas** date of service 4/22/19

**G. Nancy Weeks** date of service 5/9/19

### WEDDINGS:

**Evan J & Lauren M. (Karr) Neidler,** married 4/27/19 by Rev. Dr. Eric L. Bodenstab

### BAPTISMS:

**Grace Violet Wobser:** daughter of Audrey (Behrman) & William Wobser IV

### NEW MEMBERS / TRANSFER IN:

**Kenneth L. Mastropaolo** letter of transfer

**Laura L. Mastropaolo** letter of transfer

**Castera W. Mastropaolo** letter of transfer

**Cathy E. Nye** letter of transfer

**Marilyn E. Ries** letter of transfer

**Jon C. Carver** letter of transfer

**Aidan C. Cox** *Affirmation of Baptism*

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## Zion Foundation News

At the March meeting the Zion Foundation awarded over \$21,000 to several local and statewide organizations including:

- Stein Hospice's Camp Good Grief: [www.steinhospice.org/camp-good-grief](http://www.steinhospice.org/camp-good-grief)
- Fall into Lakeside: An ELCA Region 6 Youth Gathering, [fallintolakeside.com](http://fallintolakeside.com)
- The Park Bench Project: A joint gift from First Congregational, Sts. Peter and Paul, and Zion in recognition of Sandusky's Bicentennial.
- Northwestern Ohio Synod Mission Support: For both general support and our three mission partners—Redeemer Lutheran, Toledo; Salem Lutheran, Toledo; and St. John by the Bay, South Bass Island.
- Salem Lutheran's Adult Empowerment Program: [www.salemlutherantoledo.org/Empowerment\\_and\\_Leadership](http://www.salemlutherantoledo.org/Empowerment_and_Leadership)
- Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio: [www.lomocamps.org](http://www.lomocamps.org)

Deadline for submitting articles and announcements for July's Zionews is Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Please email submissions to Lori Harris. [loriharris@zionsandusky.org](mailto:loriharris@zionsandusky.org)



## Giving through Thrivent's Charitable Donations

Generous giving can be supported by choices you make, if you are a participating member of Thrivent Financial Services.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars.** Members who participate in a Thrivent insurance or investment program can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of their charitable giving. By simply directing their Choice Dollars members can choose an enrolled nonprofit organization, including Zion Lutheran Church, Sandusky, to receive monetary donations from Thrivent Financial's giving programs. Visit <Thrivent.com/thriventchoice> to designate your choice online, or call (800) 847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted, for a representative to work with you.

**Thrivent Action Teams.** Thrivent Financial also sponsors Thrivent Action Teams to positively impact our community through program planning and support of \$250 in seed money to begin projects that need funding. Thrivent has supported Zion outreach projects like the 2018 God's Work Great Cookie Bake to thank staff in area care facilities, and Zion's Sandusky Founder's Day parade float. Each Thrivent member is eligible for support toward two projects each year.

If you are not yet aware of these stewardship benefits as a Thrivent member, or have not yet considered how you might support Zion using one of your charitable benefits, Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt can help with questions about directing your Thrivent dollars, or identifying a Zion ministry team that would benefit from support of Thrivent seed money.



**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...**

## **ZION WILL BEGIN SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION**

### **FROM NOW UNTIL JULY 15TH!**

**WE PLAN TO GIVE AWAY OVER 800 BOOK BAGS.**

**24 PACK CRAYONS, YELLOW NUMBER 2 PENCILS, GLUE STICKS, BLUNT SCISSORS, ERASERS, AND FOLDERS. PLEASE PLACE IN THE OFFICE OR GATHERING AREA.**

### **Attention all middle school & high school students:**

It is time to register for the FALL INTO LAKESIDE youth gathering Oct 4-6. Come and share music, games, workshops, and worship in beautiful Lakeside.

Time to join the fun!

Need more info?  
<http://FallintoLakeside.com>

Questions? See Nancy Kinsel or Vicki Boesch



**SCAASP**



**BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY**

**AUGUST 3, 2019 12PM to 3PM**

**SANDUSKY BAY PAVILION**

**WE WOULD LOVE PARTICIPATION FOR OUR ZION BOOTH OR FOOD/BOOK BAG DISTRIBUTION. CALL LINDA KERST 419 357 2897**

**DRAFT**

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
May 8, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.**

**DRAFT**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Carla Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Rev. Bodenstab, Carolyn Steinfeldt, Carol Albert, Marjorie Burton, Karen Dehn, Tom Kinsel, Stephen Lippert, Lyle Marquardt, Carla Mitchell, Barbara Newton, Martha Thompson and Lori Harris, Recording Secretary.  
Absent/excused: Chris Antel & Savannah Castello.  
Guest: Don Hanck

**OPENING DEVOTION & PRAYER:**

Pastor Eric led the Council in a "Timing is everything" devotion written by Pastor Doris Mars, prayer followed the devotion.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The amended agenda was approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence was read.

**GUEST:**

Don Hanck was present to discuss and answer questions regarding Wedding Fees and to give updates on the Capital Campaign.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of April 10, 2019 were approved.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Pastor Eric** – written report submitted.  
**Carolyn Steinfeldt** – written report submitted.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Secretary/Treasurer, Marjorie Burton** – The Treasurer's report and financial reports were reviewed and discussed.

**MINISTRY TEAMS REPORTS:**

**Worship & Music – Carol Albert** – Cantata Sunday is scheduled for 6/2/19. Pastor Eric and Deacon Carolyn will provide Children's Messages throughout the summer.  
**Faith Formation – Chris Antel** – Absent, report submitted.  
**Stewardship & Administration – Andy Castello** – Nothing to report.  
**Youth & Young Adult – Karen Dehn** – Graduation recognition will be May 26.  
**Property & Facilities – Barb Newton** - Report was submitted. Added to the report – Wood doors facing Columbus Avenue need service, work order has been submitted..  
**Parish Life – Lyle Marquardt** – Nothing to report.  
**Mission & Outreach – Martha Thompson & Tom Kinsel** – Discussion on "Intentional Evangelism."  
**FLAME** – Report submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Capital Campaign** – report was given earlier in the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Rally Day** discussion including Volunteer Appreciation.
- **Council Retreat:** Council will meet on June 12, 2019 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. for a Council Retreat and June Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m. with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Harris, Recording Secretary





Vacation Bible School Information  
Zion Lutheran Church, 2019  
July 22-26



Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Age Information

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Last school grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical Information/Other

Emergency Contacts

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dismissal Information

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

Other Information (church use only)

Are parents helping with To Mars and Beyond VBS? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form to: Carolyn Steinfeldt






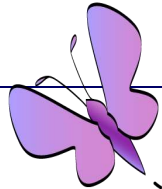

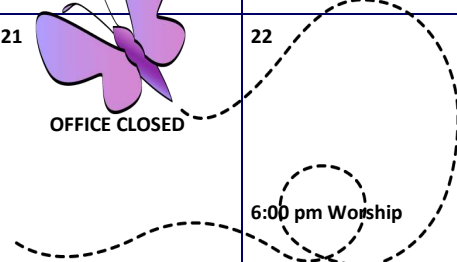



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There may be occasion during VBS for photos to be taken of the children. **If you do not want your child photographed, please sign:** \_\_\_\_\_



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 6:00 pm Worship
2 8/10:30 am Worship Services 9:15 am Adult Forums 	3 4:30 Sandusky Concert Assoc. 5:30 pm Temple Caretakers 6:30 pm Quilters 7:00 pm Troop 8 Scouts Court of Honor	4 9:00 am Quilters 12:00 pm Year of Scripture Small Group Study with Pastor Eric—Mr. Smith's 1:00 pm Lectionary Study—Mr. Smith's 7:00 pm Year of Scripture Study with Elaine	5 7:30 am Lectionary Study 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Agape 6:00 pm Circle of Friends 4404 Woodridge Dr., Sandusky	6 9:30 am Priscilla 6:00 pm Year of Scripture Study with Carolyn	7 OFFICE CLOSED 4:00 pm Youth at Cedar Point Beach	8  6:00 pm Worship
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