

JULY 2021

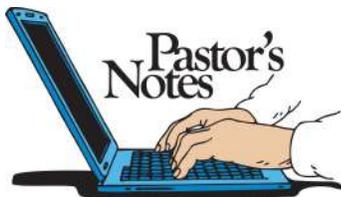
Zionews

Happy Independence Day!

I love celebrating the 4th of July. Reading through the Declaration of Independence. (The recording from last year will be on our Facebook page.) Watching fireworks. Memories of setting off fireworks. Enjoying the history of several signers of the Declaration being convinced that the day remembered would be July 3rd. Celebrating the freedoms of our country. What a day! I hope you take the time to celebrate and give thanks for our wonderful country.

The independence we won 245 years ago was a sign of our willingness to take responsibility for ourselves as a country, our desire to govern ourselves, and our solidarity in standing with our neighbors for all of our sakes. Remembering why our forebears were willing to declare independence can give us hope as a country for who we are and the vision the United States calls itself to embody.

I know that rugged individualism is a uniquely American idea, but the counterpoint of caring for our neighbors is also part of the American ideal, and one we seem to have forgotten about. I'm not going to try and place blame, because I think each of us is somewhat responsible for what seems to be the growing disregard for our neighbors. Instead I would like this Independence Day to remind us of the fullness of the American ideal--that we strive to be as independent and self-reliant as we can, while also not hesitating to ask our neighbor to help us when we need it.

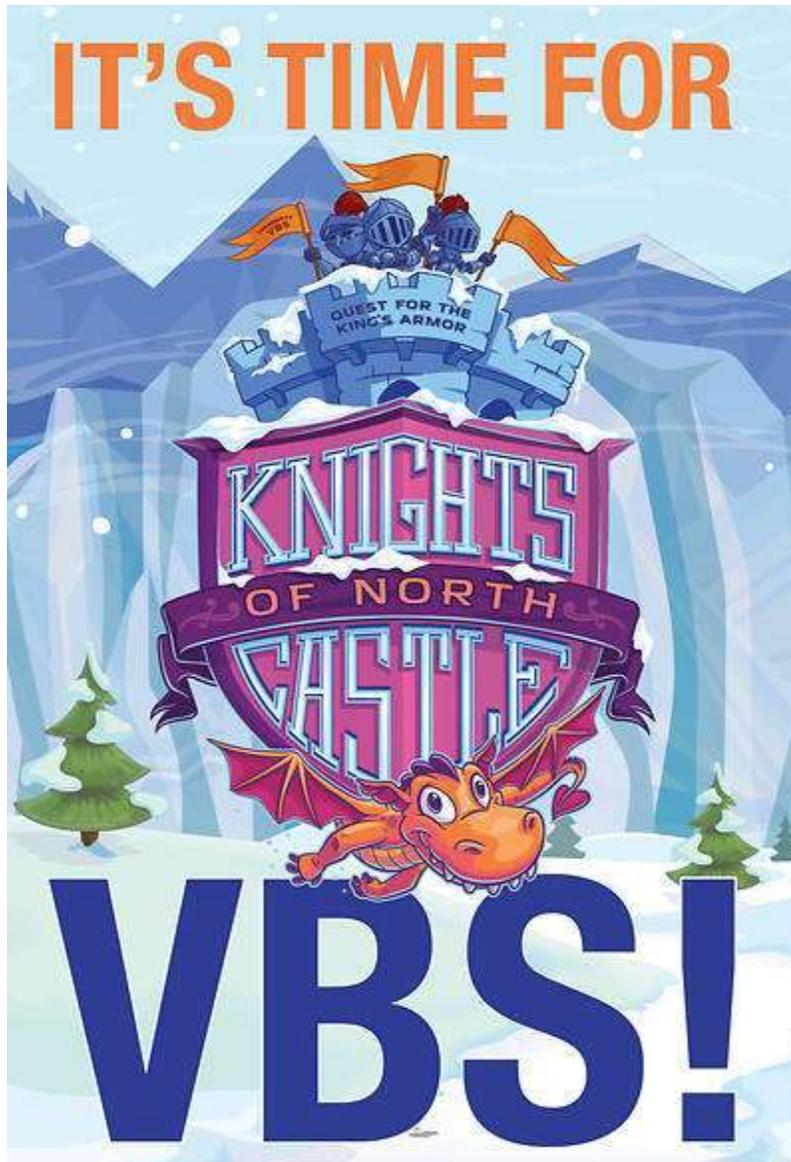


Part of being a rugged individual is recognizing when we need help and asking for it. Relying on our neighbors for help is how we become a community and a country that stands together. None of us can stand alone. None of us can be a country by ourselves.

This Fourth of July, let's celebrate our togetherness as we celebrate our Independence.

Peace,
PE





Ages 4 through 5th grade

August 2-6

9 a.m. - noon

**Registration forms available in Zionews or
in gathering room at Zion**



Nickels and Noses for May

As a reminder, these numbers are two months behind to account for the bookkeeping schedule.

May Offerings

	Monthly	Year to Date
Actual	\$36,209.53	\$169,178.91
Budget	\$36,575.00	\$182,875.00



Zion's offering envelopes are currently sent directly to members every other month. If you are not getting them and would like to, please contact the office.

If you have a regular amount you like to give in support of Zion's mission and ministry, consider talking with your bank about setting up an automatic draft from your checking account. You can also give regularly or occasionally through Tithely, either through Zion's app or by texting the word "give" to 844-683-7315 and following the instructions.

If you support Zion regularly without the envelopes mailed to you, you are encouraged to call the office and have your name removed from that mailing list.

May Attendance

5 Saturdays, 5 Sundays

	In Person	Online	Total	Average
Saturday	137	156	293	59
Sunday	544	644	1,188	238
Total	681	800	1,481	296

Adult Forum Update

Both the Stellhorn Library Adult Forum and the Room 205 Adult Forum will resume meeting in person on Sunday July 11th between services.



Adult Forum

The Stellhorn Library Adult Forum will continue to use the Facebook Room along with meeting in person so those who join us online can still be part of the conversation.

The Adult Forum taught by Elaine Conley will be starting again on July.11tn in Room 205. We will have a short Bible Study and discuss at that time what we want to do next. Hope to see you there.

Carolyn's Corner . . .

I've recently been thinking about the importance of the family structure, not only for the well being of the child, but also its role in the community. From the day the first child is born, communication is key. When the newborn is hungry or needs a dry diaper, they let you know. As the child grows and their needs change, they continue to communicate their needs and it's up to the parents to be able to know what those needs are.

The Handbook of Family Communication, editor Anita Vangelish who is a professor at the University of Texas, "Communication is what creates families. It's where we most often turn for support. It is the means to our support system.

Communication provided emotional and esteem support, making us feel better when we can share happy moments or when we're doing well. From this we can gain emotional support and the sense of belonging, with our families providing a home base - a place where we feel accepted and a sense of belonging, no matter what.

Communication with our families is one of the first places where we can find informational support - how to do things and why things happen as they do. And of course, tangible support. Did you ever receive financial support or a care package from home?

It's especially important to keep the lines of communication open. It's easy in our busy world to let time pass by without talking to a loved one. And, talking is the best way. It's so easy for an email or text message to be misinterpreted, because of the speed and conciseness they offer as well as the lack of emotion they are able to convey.

As children leave home, it's important to find a balance for communication. We do want them to stay in touch, but we must also realize they are creating their own lives and space; this is a large part of what college or otherwise leaving home is about.

As Christian parents, we realize that at the root of all this communication is that we teach our children about God, as the ultimate father teaches us to love and care for one another. God wants us to communicate with him and we do that through prayer. It's up to the family to do this. And we, the church are here to support and assist you.

Blessings,
Deacon Carolyn

A great big thank you to

Mary Ann Bevington

for the wonderful bulletin boards she designs for our downstairs

Children of Zion space!



OHgo is coming to Zion!

OHgo will be using Zion's parking lot to distribute food boxes on July 28th and September 22nd. We will need a few volunteers to work with the OHgo team assisting as needed. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Nancy Stewart at 419-656-4080. We will get more information as the dates draw closer.



face masks
are encouraged

We are OPEN!!

As we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, please remember some of our members, especially the children, have not been vaccinated. Face masks and social distancing are encouraged but not required. We will continue to modify our procedures until we are again operating normally in our church.

WORSHIP HELPERS SCHEDULES

Prayers of the People



July	4	Judy Mears
	11	Carla Mitchell
	18	Betty Bickley/Sarah Mears
	25	Judy Burrows

Lectors

		8:00 am	10:30 am
July	4	Mark Stuckey	Kay Thompson
	11	Jarrold Todi	Karen Wu
	18	Addison Stradtman	Martha Thompson
	25	Jean Bossetti	Aiden Cox



Children's Message



July	4	Pastor Eric/Deacon Carolyn
	11	Hope Bailey
	18	Laurie Mears
	25	Jon Carver

Greeters (10:30 Service)

July	4	Bill Bossetti
	11	Beth Wimmer
	18	Elaine Conley
	25	Bill Bossetti



Soundboard

July	4	Andy Castello/Schimmels	Dean	Tim
	11	Andy Castello/Schimmels	Janet	John
	18	Andy Castello/Schimmels	Andrew Castello	Tom
	25	Andy Castello/Schimmels	Andy G	Greg

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting

June 9, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. via Hybrid (Zoom and In Person)

CALL TO ORDER:

President, Martha Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Rev. Bodenstab, Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt, Andrew Castello, Savannah Castello, Faye Gast, Tom Kinsel, Darlene Lowery, Sheree Miller, Carla Mitchell, Roslyn Orticari, Nancy Stewart, Martha Thompson, Jarrod Todi, Kevin Yontz, and Recording Secretary, Lori Wobser.

OPENING DEVOTION & PRAYER:

Pastor Eric opened with a devotional and prayer.

AGENDA:

Agenda amended and reflected in Old Business.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you note from Ron and Carol Albert was read.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the May 12, 2021 Council meeting stand as submitted.

CLERGY REPORTS:

Pastor Eric – Written report submitted. Report filed as submitted. Pastor Eric also stated that help is needed with content for the new website.

Deacon Carolyn – Written report submitted. Report filed as submitted. Deacon Carolyn stated that the microgrant for the crockpot ministry was approved. The next step will be a meeting of all committee members. Care and Share will distribute.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Martha Thompson, President – No report submitted.

Vice President, Carla Mitchell – No written report submitted. Carla spoke about Grant Day with the NWOS. She and Nancy Stewart represented Zion and picked up the grant check. It was a wonderful day, many families present, celebrating the many churches and all of the great ideas, not only for the microgrants but also the ministries carried out throughout covid.

Secretary/Treasurer, Tom Kinsel – Financial reports filed as submitted. Positive flow in May. Optimistic that offerings will increase as we open. As we open back up, expenses will increase.

MINISTRY TEAMS REPORTS:

Worship & Music – Sheree Miller – Written report submitted. We will be returning to wine and bread once the last box of pre-filled juice/wafers is finished.

Faith Formation – Jarrod Todi – No written report submitted. VBS is set for August 2nd-6th. Rally Day discussed as a kick off for entire church. Discussion taking place regarding Lakeside Marblehead on Oct. 2nd, time of bible study, activities, etc.

Stewardship & Administration – Roslyn Orticari – Verbal report: talking to Lori and various church

council members working on the part time church secretary situation. We need to move forward with this and have discussions and committee meetings.

Youth & Young Adult – Andrew Castello and Savannah Castello – Written report submitted. Vicki sent out a letter detailing dates for meetings and dates for Youth Gathering.

Property & Facilities – Faye Gast – Written report submitted. Kevin made temporary repairs to the wallpaper coming down in various places in the sanctuary. He discovered that the wall has deteriorated in the bell choir area and needs further repair. A few lights that are high and in precarious areas need replaced. We are waiting on Bailey Landscape to begin work on the debris removal and reseeding of the lawn. A new copier contract has been signed with Accurate Business Machine. A new key card system is to be installed by Accurate Business Machine. Darlene has restained/sealed 3 of the outside benches. The storm window that blew out during a winter storm needs to be replaced.

Parish Life – Darlene Lowery – Written report submitted. Discussed the coordination of an Ice Cream Social in the church parking lot. Use of large yard version games such as Connect Four, Jenga, Bowling, etc. Parish Life is reviewing funeral procedures and costs involved for luncheons. Possibility of using the games at the Gazebo Concert Series.

Mission & Outreach – Nancy Stewart – Written report submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motel Overcharge Reimbursement: As stated at last month's meeting, there had been some abuse of the church credit card as used for Good Samaritan assistance. A motel had kept the credit card on file with the person's room and that person was able to charge extended stay of three days. We were also charged for property damage. On May 10th, two charges in the amounts of \$73.69 and \$100 had been reimbursed. As of June 12th, the room charges were being reimbursed and were in pending status with Bank of America.

Constitution Changes: Adding the phrase "in person" for quorum to C10.04 and adopt C10.08 regarding remote meetings. Motion made to present constitutional changes at the next Congregational Meeting. Motion carried.

Reopening Update: A motion was made to remove ropes from pews, remove drinking fountain covers, return hymnals to all of the pews, open up the balcony, return to normal gathering time after services with drink and cookies, take all plexiglass barriers down, return to buffets as pre-covid at luncheons when the Erie County Health Department says it is ok, resume sharing of the peace, cease spraying at this time and save spray for cold and flu season. Motion carried.

JOYTime: Pastor Eric met with Vicki Boesch and Cathy Wobser. Cathy will be bringing in the funds that they currently have and we will be setting up their finances.

They are in the planning stages of when they would like to have their meetings and when they will begin.

Continuing the Process of Part-Time Secretary Position: Stewardship and Administration need to meet.

Offering Envelopes: Discussion regarding issuing envelopes for a full year, monthly, bi-monthly. We made the decision several months ago to switch to the bi-monthly mailings as the postal service was slow in delivering and it saved us money on the shipping cost.

We will run an announcement in the bulletin and Zionews stating that if you are giving electronically or directly through your bank and do not need to receive offering envelopes, or if you are using the "My Offering" blank envelopes located in the pews and do not wish to continue to receive the monthly envelopes, please contact the office so that we can discontinue the printing and shipping of those envelopes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance Committee: In progress. Two more members needed for the committee.

Weekly Bulletin Mailing: A motion was made to cutdown the weekly mailing as much as possible. Motion carried. There will be announcements made in both the final mailing of the weekly service bulletin as well as in the Zionews and worship announcements stating that if you wish to continue to receive the bulletin mailing, please contact Lori in the office via phone or email and she will add you to the shut-in mailing list for those still receiving the bulletin.

Budget Requests for 2022: Ministry Teams need to submit their budget requests before the August Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Lord's Prayer lead by Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Wobser, Recording Secretary

Readings for July

Jul 04	Ezekiel 2:1-5	Psalms 123	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
Jul 11	Amos 7:7-15	Psalms 85:8-13	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
Jul 18	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalms 23	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Jul 25	2 Kings 4:42-22	Psalms 145: 10-18	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21



Zion will continue to live stream the weekly services on YouTube for the summer. You can still join us in worship at 6:00pm on Saturdays and at 8:00am and

10:30am on Sundays even if you are not ready to return to the sanctuary. All three weekend services are on our YouTube page "The Hill of Zion Sandusky". The 10:30am Sunday service will continue to be broadcast live on WLEC 1450 AM and 93.5 FM.



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Happy 4th of July!

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.
¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ***“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”***

Galatians 5:13-14



Facebook QR

Rev. Dr. Eric. L. Bodenstab, Pastor
Carolyn Steinfeldt, ELCA Deacon

Follow us on Facebook @ *ZionELCSandusky*
Or on YouTube @ *Hill of Zion Sandusky*



YouTube QR

Our 10:30 a.m. service is broadcast each Sunday on WLEC 1450 AM & 93.5FM



Love. Grow. Serve.

We Need You For Ministry!

Do you have a gift for talking to and teaching children? We could use your gift on Sundays to share the Children's message. We also need prayer intercessors on Sunday. If you would like to lead others into intercessory prayer, we have prayers prepared for each week. We just need you to read them. Our other area of need is baking cookies. We had a long-time cookie baker step back and that leaves an opening for the second Sunday of the month. You can bake the prepared cookie dough we purchase in the kitchen at Zion on either Thursday or Friday during normal office hours of 8-5 prior to that Sunday. If you would like to share your time and talents please contact Lori in the church office.



VBS Registration Form



Knight's Name _____

Email Address _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ Next school grade _____

Home Church _____

Friends of your child at this church _____

Special Needs/Allergies/Medical Information/Other help info: _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

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

Photo Release: Zion Lutheran Church/VBS has my permission to use my child's photograph publicly in VBS materials. I understand the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee, or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____

----- *(for church use only)* -----

Assigned to Knight Group: _____

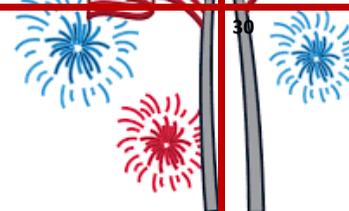
Are family members helping with Knights of North Castle? _____ If yes where? _____

July



Please check with your ministry team leader to see if you are meeting in person, hybrid, or virtually.

All Saturday and Sunday worship will be in person and online unless we are at level 4.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:30 am Priscilla	2	3 6:00 pm Worship
4 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am WLEC Broadcast	5  OFFICE CLOSED	6 9:00 am Quilters 1:00 pm Text Study—Facebook Group 6:00 pm Executive Committee 7:00 pm Scout Meeting 7:00 pm Gazebo Concert Series	7 7:30 am Lectionary Study 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm VBS Workshop	8 	9	10 6:00 pm Worship
11 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Youth Meeting—Basement 9:15 am Adult Forum w/ PE on Facebook 9:15 am Adult Forum w/ Elaine Rm 205 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am WLEC Broadcast	12 10:30 am Praying in Color—Zoom 2:00 pm Temple Caretakers—Library 6:30 pm Quilters	13 NO Quilting 11:00 am Memorial Service for Michael VanBarg 1:00 pm Text Study—Facebook Group 7:00 pm Gazebo Concert Series	14 7:30 am Lectionary Study 9:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Council	15	16 	17 6:00 pm Worship
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