

ZION NEWS

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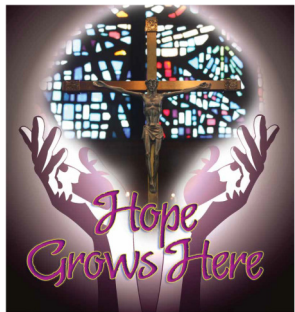
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Make your plans now to attend our 9th Annual **ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL DINNER AUCTION**. Tickets will be **available** beginning **Sunday, August 5th**. All tickets purchased and paid for by **September 16th** will receive a coupon for **1 free drink** of your choice. We are very excited about our theme, "Hope Grows Here"; about the new location, Glenwoodie Golf Club; and about the new caterer, Scrementi's. We are well underway and have lots of ideas to make this the most exciting auction ever, but

more help is always needed! Come to the meeting to see how you can be involved. Next Meeting is **Tuesday, July 31st at 5:30pm**.



August 2018

Dear friends in Christ Jesus,

On July 15th, our congregation bid farewell to Pastor Moldenhauer, Tabitha, and their two daughters – Allie & Katie. Earlier this spring he received a Call to leave us and begin serving in the Theology Department of one of the universities of our church body. This coming fall, he will begin serving as a professor of theology at Concordia University – Wisconsin (near Milwaukee).

Pastor Moldenhauer was ordained and installed to serve among us on Father's Day in 2006. For the past 12 years, he has been with us – ever ready to help God's people as the need arose in their lives.

This past year, he ably served Zion as our Interim School Principal. Now, with his departure, Mrs. JoAnn Hess, a long-time teacher with us, has kindly accepted our request to serve as principal at our school. Besides teaching in our school, she has also been our vice-principal for quite some time. This means that Mrs. Hess enters her new position *not* as a novice at all. Actually, in that role, she has experience in our school's administration. Our Board of Christian Day School is excited at her acceptance of the position and is confident that she will also prove to be a great blessing to our school and the children and families who utilize it!

When Pastor Moldenhauer began focusing on the duties of principal of our school in the spring of 2017, I took on more of the "pastoral ministry" duties of the congregation. Since that time, I have done all of the home and hospital visitations, weddings, funerals, Sunday morning Bible Class, etc. (Members of our Board of Elders have assisted me with some home visits.) Yet, while Pastor Moldenhauer was serving as principal, he continued to be a great help by preaching once each month at our weekend services. Now, with his leaving

Zion, I'll be preaching at all of our services excepting when an occasional guest preacher will be with us.

In a way, this is "new territory" for Zion. Since I arrived to serve among you in 2001, we have always had a second person to help with the pastoral ministry load – first, a deaconess, then vicars (student pastors) for two consecutive years, and then Pastor Moldenhauer when he arrived in 2006. Because of this new reality, I ask for your understanding if I don't attend every event. As you know me, I do love people and truly wish to be with you; yet, there might be times that I will ask to be excused from certain events – some meetings, graduation parties, etc.

As Pastor Moldenhauer told us in his farewell sermon, the Gospel of our Lord Jesus will go forward! And, it will be interesting and a joy to see how God makes that fact to be a reality in the years to come! St. Paul is absolutely correct when he asks his rhetorical question: "If God is for us, *who* can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31) That's because we know that the answer to that question is: "No One!"

May God bless us as we boldly and confidently go forward under the banner of our Lord Jesus Christ. In that Gospel we'll rejoice, knowing that the future is certain; in fact, *it's already won!*

See you in church!

Yours in Christ Jesus, our Savior,

Pastor Rock



WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR OLD PICTURES...

Please continue to look for old photographs of Zion – particularly from our original church and school building. We have received a few pictures already, but hope to obtain many more. If enough are obtained, we would like to show them on our website as well as make a display to show them at church. So... now is the time to go through those boxes of old pictures that you've been telling yourself *for years* that you are going to look at! Thank you! Pastor Rock



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NOTES

As this newsletter was being prepared, 13 of our Zion youth were preparing to attend this year's Higher Things Conference to be held at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS. The youth will leave at 3 AM on July 24th and drive straight through to the conference location. Opening worship at the conference begins at 2 PM that same day!

While there, the youth will participate in various activities with about 1,000 others who will also attend the conference. Besides attending worship services several times each day, they youth will also attend "breakout" sessions where they may attend classes on theological topics that hold particular interest to them. Each evening various activities of different types are held from which the youth may choose to participate.

This conference provides a rich experience to the youth that will, no doubt, influence them and help to form and shape them as they grow in years. *Please pray for our trip to be safe and that it would provide a great learning experience for our youth.* Thank you.

Our high school youth group does NOT have a line item in our church's budget. To fund their trip, they sell pizza by the slice at the Beecher 4th of July Food Court. The brutally hot weather of the recent July 4th weekend greatly impeded our sales and profits. As a result, our youth are in dire straits to have sufficient funding for their trip. In past years, many of our members have graciously given gifts of cash (or prepaid debit cards) to the youth for their trip. *This year – more than ever before – they could use any donations that our members can provide. If you wish to help our youth with this trip, you may give a donation to Barb Harvey, our youth leader, or to Pastor Rock. Thank you very much!*



UPDATE ON COVERED WALKWAY PROJECT

Our building architect fell behind in his work. We hope to receive his finalized blueprints very soon. Those blueprints will then be given to our chosen contractor who will take them to the Village Hall for the needed building permits. The delay has

been quite frustrating; yet, we go forward trusting that God is well aware of these unexpected delays and that He will make good come out of it all!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RECAP

Our annual Vacation Bible School was held the last week of June. There were approximately 50 youth who attended during the course of the week. Also, we were thrilled that so many adults and older youth stepped up and volunteered to help make our VBS a wonderful, successful time again this year!

Thank you to everyone who was involved in this most worthwhile effort to bring the saving Gospel to not only the youth of our congregation, but also to so many others as well! A special thanks goes to Sarah Macari for once again this year serving our Lord (and us!) as our overall Vacation Bible School Director.



Ice Cream Social

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL OPENING SERVICE – AUG. 19TH

The Opening Worship Service of Zion Lutheran School is set for

Sunday, Aug. 19th at 1 PM. Immediately following the service, students, their families, and our school staff will enjoy an ice cream social in the Fellowship Hall sponsored by Zion's PTL. Our entire congregation is invited to attend the Opening Service. Come hear the Word of God and enjoy the excitement of the students and staff as they eagerly anticipate the beginning of a new school year! The first day of classes is set for Tuesday, Aug. 21st. (Preschool classes begin the following two days.)



WORSHIP IN THE PARK! SUNDAY, SEPT. 9TH!

Our Board of Elders has accepted an invitation from our two sister Beecher congregations to worship with them on Sunday, Sept. 9th. Worship

will be held at Firemen's Park in Beecher and will be followed by a potluck meal and games for children. Full details will be made known in the September edition of this newsletter. So, for now:

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, Sept. 9th!



THANK YOU!

“A huge thank you to everyone who wished us well as we left Zion. Thanks for your kind words, cards, letters, and gifts. These were a wonderful reminder of the kindness we have known during our years in Beecher. May the Lord’s peace remain with you all: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” (2 Corinthians 13:14) Pastor, Tabitha, Allie, and Katie Moldenhauer”



**Special Monthly Worship & Luncheon
(11:00am)**

Thursday, August 16th

**Attention all seniors, retirees or anyone
available on the 3rd Thursday of the
month!!**

You are encouraged to attend this monthly Worship services, no matter what your age. We are encouraging everyone who is available to come to this special worship service and luncheon. Following the communion service, you will be served a luncheon which is sponsored by private donations of individual members of Zion and served by some of our members. This event is held on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Please join us at 11:00am for a time of worship and fellowship. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Thank you to all who helped Zion with the July 4th festivities – pizza booth, taco booth, bingo tent, parade. Couldn’t have done it without you!





YOU'VE GOT MAIL!

[Note – Correspondence addressed to our congregation-at-large periodically is delivered. Shown below is one such letter that recently arrived.

From Lutherans For Life

Dear members of Zion, In June and again in July, we received checks from your congregation totaling nearly \$50! We will gratefully use these gifts toward our combined efforts to speak for “life” in this world that all so

often embraces “death” – thinking that it is the answer to the difficulties found in this world. We offer our most sincere appreciation for your gifts to this ministry that we share with you and fellow Lutherans around the world. In truth and love,

/s/ Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director

From Deaconess Sarah Gaffney – Voice of Care

Dear members of Zion, Thank you for your support of Voice of Care through your allowing me to give our Disability Awareness presentation during your Vacation Bible School this past June. It is our hope that through conducting the awareness presentation with children, any “stigmas” may be eased in people’s minds. And, with that accomplished, congregations will be more inclusive in their outreach with the Gospel. Thank you for partnering in this!

/s/ Deac. Sarah Gaffney, Voice of Care



ARE YOU ALLOWING MONEY TO SLIP AWAY?

Please don't forget about the ability that most members have to donate what are called “Choice Dollars” to Zion! **So far this year, our congregation has received \$3,165 through**

the Thrivent Choice program! Now that is *nothing* to take lightly! If you are a Thrivent member and are not aware how you can participate in this program, please contact your representative right away! And, please remember, the Choice Dollars do NOT come out of your pocket whatsoever! You either direct that money under your control to an organization such as Zion, or the money goes away – but NOT into your insurance and/or investment account. *Please* get details from your Thrivent agent about this program.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE...

**CONSIDER ZION LUTHERAN
SCHOOL FOR YOUR
CHILDREN!**

AS THEY GROW PHYSICALLY...

HELP THEM ALSO GROW SPIRITUALLY!

Now, more than ever, Zion Lutheran School makes sense for your child. In this world seemingly “anything goes” and, in fact, political expediency *forces* public institutions to tolerate (and even embrace!) worldly values that are contrary to the eternal Word of God. Yet, in the face of that, Zion’s school continues to base its very essence on the Name above all names – Jesus Christ!

Zion Lutheran School is not encumbered by state and federal laws that force families to accept morals and values that are contrary to those values which parents wish to instill in their own children. In fact, Zion’s school is considered by most parents to be an *extension* of those principles that the parents urgently hope that their children embrace in their own adult years!

Zion Lutheran School has continued to excel in all the facets of education that one would expect of a grammar school *and so much more!* Consider the following:

- ✓ Zion Lutheran School graduates consistently and disproportionately place in the upper ranks of class standings during their high school years regardless where they attend high school.
- ✓ While attending Zion, every student has the opportunity to participate in every activity that interests them, thus allowing each student (even “late bloomers”) to participate in activities without the fear of “not being good enough.” Zion graduates may complete grade school with a wide variety of experiences.
- ✓ Christian values are observed throughout the school day. The students are held to be accountable to one another, to those in

authority over them, and to God, thus instilling the students with respect for all people. With such respect, they are better prepared to enter their adult years.

- ✓ Dedicated teachers and staff consider their work with the students to be a “calling” – not merely a “job” – and therefore provide personal attention to each student.
- ✓ Low student/teacher ratios allow the above point to be a reality.
- ✓ Over the past few years, Zion students have...
 - ...earned high honors in math and other competitions with much larger schools.
 - ...excelled in fine arts contests.
 - ...been active in an afterschool robotics program.
 - ...won multiple athletic championships.
 - ...participated in choral singing, musicals, & plays.
 - ...had an Illinois State Spelling Bee finalist.
 - ...daily been exposed to the Word of God.
 - ...participated in multiple service projects.
 - ...worshipped together in weekly chapel services.

Prayerfully consider enrolling your child or grandchild in Zion Lutheran School for the upcoming school year. Our teachers and staff stand ready to serve you and your children to the best of our God-given abilities. **Enrollment for the 2018-19 school year is set for Aug. 1st from 7-11 AM and 1-7 PM. Call for more information: 708.946.2272.**



**“HOPE GROWS HERE” -- 9TH ANNUAL
DINNER AUCTION**

Scrementi's Catering at Glenwoodie Golf Club
19301 S. State St., Glenwood, IL
Saturday, October 27th.



Dear Members of ZION,
Please open your hearts and consider making a donation for the
Zion School and Church Dinner Auction.

We have **4** possible options for you to make your contribution:

**1 Gifts – TRAVEL, ENTERTAINMENT, ELECTRONICS,
SPORTS & HOBBIES, FOOD/WINE DINING
EXPERIENCES are some of the possibilities.**

**2 Sponsorship Ads Includes: Donor Billboard Sign Listing
Full Page Ad (approx. 8X10 inches) + 8 tickets - \$750
Full Page Ad (approx. 8X10 inches) + 4 tickets - \$500
Full Page Ad (approx. 8X10 inches) + 2 tickets - \$250**

**3 Standard Ads
Full Page Ad (approx. 8X10 inches) - \$100
Half Page Ad (approx. 8X5 inches) - \$50
Business Card size Ad - \$25**

**4 Fund-an-Item
School/Church improvement funds achieved via auction at
the event.**

• All donors will be listed in the ad book. **Deadline for donations
is October 7th.**

• **Tickets will be \$50 per person.** Available in the School or
Church Office beginning August 5th. Only **200+** tickets will be sold
this year so don't hesitate to get yours! *Tickets purchased by
September 16th, will receive a FREE Drink Ticket!*

Donation Wish List and Auction Donation Form available in the
Church Office and Narthex.

Come and support Zion's Mission and Ministry!

*All donations support Zion Lutheran Church & School and are tax
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