

ZION NEWS

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May, 2021

Dear friends in Christ Jesus,

As I began to “attack” this creative writing endeavor for this month, I reflected on what theme that I usually use for *every* May newsletter. The usual theme is something on the order of: ***“With the onset of summer, please don’t play hooky too much between now and September!”***

Of course, that theme speaks to the tendency of some to place the worship of creation to be a higher priority than worship of the Creator. That’s sad, but true – and that attitude is often to be found not only during the summer months.

Really, when you consider what it is that our loving God has done for us in His Son, it seems as if it would be a waste of time and ink to encourage God’s people to budget time each week to worship God! Yes, you’d think that no prompting, no encouragement would be needed to remind God’s Baptized Ones to remember to gather together to receive His gifts in Word and Sacrament.

But, of course, the reality is that we are all sinners who are going to sin. We all do allow things to look more “shiny” and more “enticing” to us than joining with fellow Christians to marvel at God’s love, forgiveness, and unbreakable promise to live with Him in heaven.

And so... I ask us all to ever keep in mind that the creation that we are tempted to worship at the expense of ignoring the Creator, well... all of that IS wasting away. On the Day of Days, the things that we often see to be so important and so precious in this life, will be “no more!” Only God will be present. Let us all pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to keep our eyes wide open to what is important and what is eternal and to keep the temporal (therefore temporary!) things in second place in our lives.

And so, I conclude this May creative writing endeavor as I almost always do: ***“With the onset of summer, please don’t play hooky too much between now and September!”*** ☺

Enjoy the summer and... see you in church!

Your friend in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Rock



ZLS – SCHOOL NEWS

Hello from **Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten!** The school year sure has sped by quickly. This last month we are putting in our all and finishing out strong. In Preschool we will finish the year with many hands on themes such as our Reptile week, I-Spy, ocean animals, and kites. In Pre-K we are gearing up to be real Kindergarteners next year. Along with Reptile week, Mother's Day gifts, ocean animals and ice cream; our last week of school will be our 100th day and this means we are 100 days smarter and definitely ready for Kindergarten. During Jesus time we are sharing the good news that Jesus is Alive and has saved us from our sins. We were able to spread this good news with the older kids during their school day. Blessings on your summer! *Mary Calonge*

6th/7th/8th grade - We finished a Poetry unit with a creation of individual Poetry books. Each student chose a topic such as the Rainforest, Cats, Dogs, Food, etc. The books contained a variety of poem types such as Haiku, Cinquain, Concrete, Free Verse, Limerick, and Reverso. The students also studied how to analyze poetry.

We have travelled around the World working on projects this year about each continent. We completed the Middle East and are finishing with Oceania. The students enjoyed learning and exploring different countries and better understanding their geography, cultures, government, and economies.

In Science, we are focused on forces and how they interact. We have created aluminum foil boats to see how well they float, model rollercoasters to see the effects of velocity, acceleration, and inertia, and created simple machines to see what works most effectively.

Jennifer Bennett

The end of April saw the students finishing up the soccer season. Thanks to all the Zion students who worked hard on the field showing a Christian attitude while playing! A **special thank you** also goes to Mrs. Courtney Selucky and Miss Lorraine Selucky for coaching this year's team!

The first day in May was the trackmeet. It was held at Illiana Christian High School in Dyer, IN. Again the Zion students worked hard and competed well against the other area Lutheran school teams. Thursday, **May 6th**, will be a busy day at Zion as the students set up for the **science fair** and rehearse for the "**Spring Fling**" concert. The science fair will be in the school from **6:00 until 7:00 p.m.** Bring your

chairs as the **concert will be outside** in the school parking lot starting at **7:00 p.m.** This is a new venue for us!

Congratulations to our **Kindergarten** students: Rylie Billone, Tim Jensen, Fabian Mancha Loya, and James Stacy!

Our **eighth graders**, Hannah Hammer and Brody Klecka, are looking forward to the **graduation ceremony** on Thursday, **May 27th**, at **7:00 p.m.**

Our **last day of school** is Wednesday, **June 2nd**, with closing Chapel, awards, and early dismissal.

We are **thankful for Mrs. Hess**, our 2nd and 3rd grade teacher and principal, who will be **retiring after 20 years here at Zion!** God has richly blessed us through her!

We **thank all the teachers and staff** for their work this school year in keeping our school safe so we could continue learning at Zion. What a blessing from God!

As school draws to a close for this 2020-2021 school year, **we thank God** for the opportunity to be in school all day, every day. He has mercifully and graciously blessed us this year with new friends and learning opportunities. We also turn our eyes to Jesus. His closing words to the disciples in Matthew 28:20 "...And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." He is faithful! Amen! *Rebekah Meissner*

ZLS - Music Notes

This month we sing "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (LSB 733) in Chapel. Isaac Watts was a pastor in England and lived from 1674 – 1748. He wrote over six hundred hymns, including "Joy to the World," and of those hymns, fifteen are in our hymnal. This hymn's text is based on



Psalms 90. The first phrase is "O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come..." We sing about God, our Creator, and how He is our refuge during our troubles throughout life. The tune, ST. ANNE, was written by William Croft (1678-1727) probably when he was an organist at St. Anne Church in London. The tune has been called "the most celebrated of all English tunes." We often sing it at the New Year's Eve or Day services. This hymn is also appropriate as we finish school and begin summer vacation.

Students in Kindergarten through eighth grade have been busy putting the finishing touches on the **outdoor "Spring Fling" concert** on **May 6th**. The Preschoolers and Pre-Kindergarteners are continuing to tap and feel the steady beat as they sing a variety of folk songs.

The **piano recital** will be on Sunday, **May 16th at 2:30 p.m.** We are excited to have this opportunity to play in front of an audience again. We ask that all attendees wear masks throughout the whole recital.
Rebekah Meissner



2021-2022 REGISTRATION

Zion Lutheran School registration is open for the 2021-2022 school year. You can find enrollment forms in the church narthex, in the school office, and in the rack by the Principal's office. Call the school office, 708-946-2272, if you have any questions.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS HAS RESUMED

We continue to recover "casualties" of the pandemic's onset last spring. The Adult Sunday Bible study has resumed meeting! The class meets from 8-8:45 am in the conference room.



**Sunday Morning
Adult Study**



Next **Dorcas Meeting** is Thursday, **May 13th @ 1pm** in the conference room. Hostesses: Rhonda Campbell & Debbie Falaschetti. Please use west entrance by the conference room and bring a mask.

Women's Bible Study: *"The Broken Way; A Daring Path Into the Abundant Life"* By Ann Voskamp

The "Broken Way" Ladies Bible Study began on **Thursday, April 29th**. Please let Karen Rock know if you plan to attend. Text or call (708) 601-9863, or email at karenrock301@gmail.com. We will meet in the conference room from **9:30am – 11:00am**. The book (paperback or Kindle) and study guide can be purchased from Amazon (From 3rd party sellers.) If you need help ordering and/or paying for your books, please let Karen know. The book is not required, but will add a great deal of depth to the study for participants. (Even if you don't read the whole thing!) . Also, anyone who cannot attend a day study, but who might be interested in an evening study, please also let Karen know. We'll meet weekly, and an end date for the study has not been determined as we won't be hurrying through the material. Please also feel free to invite any "broken" friends to come along!





LAST TWO “1-SESSION BIBLE STUDIES” TO BE HELD IN MAY

Beginning in February, a series of four, 1-session Bible studies has been offered to our congregation as well as others who are not members of Zion. Participants may come to the church or attend using Zoom conferencing software from their own home.

This month we will finish the series entitled *Engage*. The overall concept behind this series of 1-session studies is to help the participants “engage” real-life matters with the timeless, errorless Word of God. Each session begins with the participants viewing an 8-10 minute video. A brief study and discussion then follow the viewing of the video. Every session in the past has always finished within an hour. We expect that to be the same with these final two studies.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>STUDY TITLE</u>	<u>TOPIC TO STUDY</u>
Tues., May 11 th	“Hose”	What happens when life breaks down?
Tues., May 25 th	“Phone”	Did you ever get a phone call that you never wanted?

To sign up for the class or to learn more, please contact the Church office: zionbeecher@comcast.net or call 708.946.2271. We will provide the link to the Zoom session and the study material if you will be attending virtually. Otherwise, you may attend the class “in person” at church.

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

We will be having Red Potted Geraniums on the Altar for **Pentecost, May 23rd**. These geraniums are in 10” pots and cost us \$14.00 each. Plants will be available for you to take home following the Sunday, May 23rd service. If you would like to reserve a pot of geraniums, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex; or call Kay Bunte 708-946-2472 by May 16th. You can pay on May 23rd.



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CHURCH SPRING CLEANING

In order to maintain social distancing and still be able to have our church spring cleaning accomplished, we are setting up a chart of chores that would be done on a regular church cleaning day. Anyone who can help, as it fits in your schedule, can come to church and complete the chores you are able to do. If you

are comfortable working with a few friends, you are welcome to organize this yourself. We suggest these chores be completed before the end of May. The chart is posted in the narthex, please indicate the chores you have completed. Cleaning supplies are in the closet off the narthex where the coffee hour supplies are stored. Or, you are welcome to bring products and rags from home. If you have any questions, please call Elliott and Sharyn Pequette 708-212-6581 or Kay Bunte 708-946-2472.

THANK YOU for your help in keeping our church clean and beautiful.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

In order to keep the landscaping at our church and school maintained, we are asking for help. A chart, dividing up the areas of landscaping, is in the narthex. If you are able to help, please



sign up for the area you will be willing to take care of for the season. These tasks can be done as they fit in your schedule. If you want to set up a group of your friends work together and take care of a section, you are encouraged to set this up yourself. If you have any questions, please contact Elliott and Sharyn Pequette 708-212-6581 or Kay Bunte 708-946-2472. THANK YOU for your help in helping to keep the outside landscape of our church maintained.



ONLINE PTL PASTA FUNDRAISER

If you enjoyed the pasta you previously ordered from Zion PTL (or if you have never ordered the pasta), there is good news for you! Online orders may be placed at:

www.funpastafundraising.com/shop/zion-lutheran-school-ptl and the PTL will receive credit for each order. Thank you for your continued support of Zion Lutheran School and the PTL!



“ZION GARAGE SALE”

Zion Dorcas Society and Christian Growth are planning on holding a “garage sale” again this year on Thursday and Friday, July 15th & 16th from 8am – 4pm and Saturday, July

17th from 8am to 12 noon. While you are doing your “spring cleaning”, please put reusable, sellable items in a box marked “garage sale” and save them for our sale. Items may be brought directly to the gym on Saturday, July 10th through Wednesday, July 14th from 12 noon – 4pm. Please use west conference room entrance to the building. Any Senior Citizens that need us to pick-up items, or anyone needing to make special arrangements for drop off: call Kay 946-2472 or Alleen 946-6477. We **cannot** accept exercise equipment, TV's, or large appliances. Last year we raised over \$3000.00 for the boiler fund. If you can help with set up or work a day of the sale, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you for your support!

THERE'S STILL TIME!

Does your heart break when you hear about pregnant women in crisis who consider abortion their only option? If it were within your power, would you be willing to help? Not everyone is called to serve on the “frontlines” aiding these women desperate for an alternative. REDEEMING LIFE IS!



For the past seven years, Redeeming Life Maternity Home has met the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of single, pregnant women in Central Florida. And now we're expanding to Carpentersville, Illinois! We have established a new Christ-centered maternity home in your area which will serve vulnerable pregnant women and their babies! YOU can DOUBLE your IMPACT and help us unlock a \$40,000 matching gift! As of April 19th, we were only \$9,176 short of our goal to receive \$40,000 so we can realize a 100% match! Please help us!

To donate TODAY and unlock the match, visit

<https://www.rlom.org/expansion> You may also mail your gift to:
Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, P.O. Box 1496, Sanford, FL
32772-1496



Next “Drive-Up” Communion
 (after the 9am service)
Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 9th
Please call or email if you plan to come.



**CONSIDER GIVING PORTION OF YOUR
 PERSONAL STIMULUS PAYMENT**

Once again (and, we won’t debate the wisdom of *this* governmental action!) nearly every American family has or soon

will receive a so-called stimulus check. The stated reason for this money to be given out is to help our nation’s economy to recover due to the pandemic.

Please consider donating all, half, or at least a tithe (10%) to Zion.

For those whose pension, salary, or monthly income continues, please consider generously giving all or a goodly portion of your “windfall” to the work of the Gospel ministry of Zion. The next big expenditure that our congregation is facing is a restoration of our parking lots.

At the last meeting of the Voters Assembly it was discussed that we would encourage our members to give toward this most needed project. By doing so, when we do engage a contractor for the work, we will hopefully already have a substantial amount of the needed money already in hand!

Please consider giving all, a sizeable portion, or at least a tithe of the windfall money that you have or soon will receive. Thank you!

From: Zion Voters Assembly

Revenue & Expense Report		
Recap Month – March 2021	This Year	Last Year
Beginning Balance	\$110,271.03	-\$12,869.86
+Receipts	49,056.47	53,638.69
-Expenses: Payroll, Taxes	37,072.07	37,058.72
Bills Paid	21,128.18	22,896.12
Ending General Fund Balance	\$101,127.25	-\$19,186.01
Loans, Payables Due	0.00	0.00
Current Status of General Fund	\$101,127.25	-\$19,186.01

**OPTIONS FOR FAITHFUL WORSHIP
OFFERED BY ZION:**



- **“Livestream” of Sunday morning worship service**
Watch and listen to Zion’s Sunday morning worship service as it is broadcast “live” from our own church on FaceBook or YouTube. Requires internet access. Go to this link to subscribe to Zion’s own YouTube channel: [Zion Lutheran YouTube](#) and facebook.com/zion.church.94 for FaceBook. (The services are recorded and kept there for later viewing if you miss the live broadcast.)
- **“PhoneLiveStreaming” of Sunday morning worship service.** This option is mostly for those who do not have internet capability. Call (toll free) **1-844-806-7617** to register your phone (landline OR cell) to automatically receive a call when Zion “goes live” for our Sunday worship service. You may also call this number anytime during the week to listen to a recording of the last worship service/devotion done by Zion.
- **Midweek Video Devotions** Pastor Rock continues to offer midweek devotions on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week, usually at approx.. 11:30 AM. These are “livestreamed” on Facebook or YouTube and using the “PhoneLiveStreaming” tool.

Options for Faithful Worship Other than Zion:

Lutheran Hour Ministries

<u>Station</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
WGN	Chicago, IL	720	AM	Sun	6:00 AM
WRMN	Elgin, IL	1410	AM	Sun	9:00 AM
WKEI	Kewanee, IL	1450	AM	Sun	9:00 AM
WJOB	Hammond, IN	1230	AM	Sun	10:00 AM

Worship Anew

DIRECTV – Sunday at 10:30am - channel 377
Comcast Cable – Sunday at 11:30am - channel 138
WPWR50 (CW) – Sunday at 8:00am – (antenna 50)
(Online viewing at www.worshipanew.org)

David Mills (Chair) 7/31/23
Chuck Krug 7/31/23
Adam Miller 7/31/23
Jerry Storbeck 7/31/23

Trustees - Minimum 5 (to vote 3) 3 Years

Mike Boudreau 7/31/24
Ben Mills 7/31/24
Elliott Pequette 7/31/22
Bill Shapkauski 7/31/22
Paul Eggert 7/31/22
Tony Triola 7/31/23
Landis Wehrmann 7/31/23

Finance- Minimum 5 (to vote 3) 3 Years

Rhonda Campbell 7/31/24
Bill Shapkauski (Chair) 7/31/24
Arlene Leodler (Secretary) 7/31/24
Ron Stluka 7/31/22
Donna Barber 7/31/22

**Christian Day School- 3 Years
Minimum 5 (to vote 3)**

Kim Daugherty 7/31/24
Sarah Macari 7/31/24
Greg Hammer (Chair) 7/31/22
Laura Mills 7/31/22
Roger Phillips 7/31/22
Brad Johnson 7/31/23
Janice Boicken 7/31/23

**Parish Education- 3 Years
Minimum 5 (to vote 3)**

Dan Bockelmann (Chair) 7/31/24
Jana Hopper 7/31/24
Vacant 7/31/22
Bev Cooper 7/31/22

Kay Bunte 7/31/23

Board of Stewardship/Outreach- 3 Years

Minimum 5 (to vote 3)

Vacant 7/31/24

Margie Cook (Chairman) 7/31/24

Rhonda Campbell 7/31/22

Debbie Falaschetti 7/31/22

Jacob Mills 7/31/22

Janice Brands 7/31/23

Pat Dermody 7/31/23

Karen Rock (Ex-Officio)

House/Endowment- Fund

Greg Hammer - Treasurer/Chairman

Donna Barber

Wendell Wehling

John Wunderlich

Teller Committee

Robert Barber – Chairman

Capital Projects Fund

Bill Shapkauski – Treasurer

St. Paulus Cemetery Board

Zion Members

Gerald Bachert

Tim Ohlendorf

Doug Short

Steve Squier

St. Paul Members

Fred Hoffmeyer

Stan Weishaar

Steve Weishaar

Wil Gronewold Scholarship Fund Committee

Art Blum

Principal

Pastor Ron Rock

Good Samaritan Committee

Roy DeGroot

Ron Stluka

David Mills

Kay Bunte

Dorcas Society

Kay Bunte, President

Debbie Falaschetti, Vice President

Janice Streng, Secretary

Rhonda Campbell, Treasurer

Christian Growth

Janice Streng

L.W.M.L.

Rhonda Campbell

Altar Committee

Peggy Stoeven (Chair)

Senior Choir

Adult Handbells

Jessie Svenningsen-Vales

Banner Committee

Kay Bunte

Audit Committee

Margie Cook (Chair)

Janice Streng

June Becker

Call Committee 2021

Christa Adam

Kay Bunte

Paul Eggert

Greg Hammer

Ron Janota (Chair)

Brad Johnson

Dave Mills

Mindy Nykaza

Will Streng



PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE FORMED AND AT WORK!

On April 18th, our Northern Illinois District President, Pastor Allan Buss, was with us for the morning. He first preached a wonderful Gospel-filled sermon for us.

Following worship, he then met with the members of the Pastoral Call Committee. At the committee meeting, Rev. Buss outlined the steps that a congregation uses to extend a call to a pastor.

Various members of the committee are now already gathering facts about our congregation to complete a “self-study” document. That tool will be of assistance not only to Zion as various candidates are considered to be called; but it will also be of assistance to the man who is eventually called. Supplied with this “background information” he will be better informed as he prayerfully considers our call to come to Zion. That information will include facts about Zion, our present ministry, and the communities where our members reside.

Also, as part of our preparation to extend a Call to our next pastor, an “every member survey” will be done. The results of this survey will be compiled by the Northern Illinois District. Within that, the district has informed us that the survey must be completed “on-line.” When the “link” to the survey is known, our church office will send it to every household for which we have an email address. You will have approximately 14 days to complete the short survey.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET CAPABILITY, please call Terri in the church office. Inform her of your situation. She will take down your name and phone number and provide it to an Elder of Zion. He will contact you to set up a time for you to complete the survey. You will provide your answers to him while he fills in the on-line questionnaire with the answers that you provide.

Of course, we want everyone’s input on this survey. So please don’t let your lack of internet access keep your input from being included in this congregational survey! Our Elders will help you.

We hope to receive the link from the district office in the next 10-14 days. As soon as we know it, we will send the link via email and begin this part of the process.

May the Holy Spirit bless our congregation’s efforts and especially the work of our Pastoral Call Committee. The committee members are: Christa Adam, Kay Bunte, Paul Eggert, Greg Hammer, Ron Janota, (Chairman), Brad Johnson, Dave Mills, Mindy Nykaza, Will Strenge. Please thank them for their service to our beloved Church and, of course, pray that God would bless their work in our behalf.



FROM THE BOARD OF ELDERS

Zion's Board of Elders met on Tuesday, April 27th. As usual, a number of topics came before the board for review and discussion. Ron

Janota, vice-chair of the Elders is also serving as the Chairman of the Pastoral Call Committee. He updated the board on the progress of that committee since the Board of Elders works so closely with Zion's pastor. (Please be sure to see another related article on page 15 in this newsletter regarding the Pastoral Call Committee.)

Much discussion was held regarding the changes to our worship practices that we adopted a year ago when Zion "opened up" for public worship. Unanimously, the Elders decided to begin to alter some of our practices that were enacted last June. Here is a summary of the upcoming changes and when you can expect them to be enacted.

- **Beginning Immediately** Communion Distribution at all services will allow for those who wish to approach the altar to receive this Sacrament to do so.
 - After Pastor and the assisting Elders have communed, they will take the Sacrament into the nave. Those who desire to receive the Sacrament where they are seated may do so. Simply motion with your hand or in some manner make them aware of your desire to receive the Sacrament in your pew.
 - After communing those in their pews, Pastor and the Elders will return to the chancel. Pastor will stand in the middle. The two assisting Elders will stand on either side of him. Approach the Lord's Altar using the center aisle. While standing in front of Pastor, he will drop the Body of Christ into your palm. Immediately consume it.
 - Then move in front of the Elder who is standing on the side of the church where your pew is located. Take the cup out of the tray that he will be holding and consume the Blood of Christ.
 - As you make your way back to your pew, place the empty cup in the box that will be on the end of the first pew. (These are the same boxes that we used "pre-Covid.")
 - **PLEASE NOTE** Everyone is asked to wear a mask while moving within the church – only remove the mask long enough to consume the elements.

- **Beginning Weekend of May 8/9** Two Changes Begin
 - Entrance into the church will also be available using the East doors (nearest the Bell Tower) and the West entrance that enters into the hallway that goes past the Conference Room besides the entrances near the covered walkway.
 - Temperatures will no longer be taken as worshippers enter the building. (Our school ceased doing this for students some weeks ago.)
- **Beginning Weekend of May 15/16** Change to Begin
 - Hymnals and Bibles will remain in the sanctuary
 - Attendance Cards will be back in the pews. (The signup sheets on the clipboards will remain in place if you wish to utilize that method of registering your attendance.)

These are the present plans that the Elders have developed. Very possibly these plans will be altered to accommodate needed changes. Please keep in touch with your Elder or Pastor regarding your thoughts and suggestions. May God bless us as together – brothers and sisters in Christ – we seek to wisely navigate these largely uncharted waters.



DINNER AUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 11th @ 5:30pm

(All are welcome to join!)

Save the Date: Saturday, October 23rd

SENIOR WORSHIP

Thursday, May 20th @ 11am

(no luncheon)



ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

You are welcomed and encouraged to arrange for flowers to be put on the Altar in memory of loved ones, in honor of birthdays, anniversaries, or any special occasion you choose. You may order the arrangement from the florist of your choice or Beecher Florist (708-946-2541). Please make delivery arrangements with your florist. There is a calendar in the church office for you to choose your special day in 2021.





LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS: There are a couple of ladies in our congregation, who make LWR Quilts all year long. They would accept material, sheets, etc. to be used in making quilts. This can be left in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Guritz, Arlene Leodler or Kay 708-946-2472.

The **2021 Offering Envelopes** and **2020 Contribution Statements** are in the church office. If you would like envelopes, and haven't had them in the past, please email or call the church office and we can supply you with a fresh box!



REMINDER: SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS IN JUNE.

NO Worship Services on the following days: Saturday, May 29th; Monday, May 31st (Memorial Day); or Saturday, June 5th. Monday 7pm Worship begins June 7th and runs through August 30th.
(Sundays remain the same at 9am.)

“**Thank you** to everyone who helped to make Irma Loitz's 100th birthday special. Those who sent cards & prayers, the school children who sent handmade cards and members who came to the house to sing Happy Birthday. God's blessings to all.” *Lynn Loitz*





YOU'VE GOT MAIL! [Note – Correspondence addressed to our congregation-at-large periodically is delivered. Shown below is a letter that arrived since our last newsletter.]

From the Brandmahl's, our 'adopted' Seminary family

Members of Zion,

Thank you for your continued generosity and kindness. With only about 3½ months left of vicarage, your prayers are greatly appreciated! We pray you are all doing well.

/s/ Joshua, Ashley, & Josephine Brandmahl
(Your adopted Seminary family)

[Pastor's note: **Link to Vicar Josh Brandmahl's Spring 2021 Newsletter:**

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:7a51359a-3f82-4aac-992b-0f0e9ebd45e9>

If you wish to contact them directly, their postal address is: 1910 Gugino MD, Reese, MI 48757 (that address looks wrong, but it IS correct!)]

Please note that bulletins are usually printed on Tuesdays. Events and information might change after they have been printed. Please check your email, FaceBook, the church website, or phone the church office if you have questions or need to verify any information. Thank you!

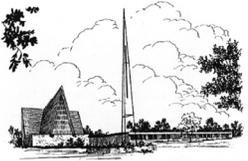


**SAVE THE DATE –
SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH**

Mrs. JoAnn Hess is concluding her teaching ministry in our Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

this year. She has been on Zion's staff since the 2001-2002 school year. During her years at Zion, she served first as a teacher, then as a teacher and vice-principal for a number of years. And now, for the last three years she has served God among us as our principal and as a teacher. Zion's Board of Christian Day School wishes to acknowledge her service among us and within our church body on Sunday, June 13th. Please plan now to worship that morning and join us in thanking God for JoAnn's service to His Church on earth and especially among us here at Zion. More details will be given in the next *Zion News*.

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Mother's Day, May 9th

Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Proverbs 31:28-29 ESV