

# Zion's Weekly Announcements

Sunday, May 23, 2021



**WELCOME IN CHRIST!**

The Holy Spirit called the church into being and continues to call us together. **Welcome to worship as we celebrate the Day of Pentecost!**

**Prayer:** Breath of God, inspire me by your Word. Fire of God, kindle in me a passion for serving others in your name. Amen!

### **Tongues of Fire**

Reminiscent of the



Pentecost account in Acts 2 when "tongues of fire" rested on the disciples' heads as the Holy Spirit birthed the church, images of flame symbolize the Spirit. Sometimes a tongue of fire is paired with a dove and set on a red background — other symbols of the Holy Spirit. Fire may also indicate spiritual fervor and zeal in a Christian's life.

### **WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE**

**1 John 4:2** - "By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God."

### **Summary of Today's Lessons**

#### **THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

*The Holy Spirit Brings the Dead to Life by the Righteousness of Christ*

In returning to His Father by way of the cross and resurrection, Christ Jesus sends "the Helper" to His Church, that is, "the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father." The Spirit testifies of Christ and glorifies Him by taking what is His and declaring it to the world in the

preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (John 15:26; 16:7, 14). He convicts the world of sin by the word of the Law, He forgives sins and justifies sinners by the Word of the Gospel, and He bestows the faith that says "Amen" to this righteousness of God (John 16:8–11). Therefore, the Lord pours out His Spirit on the apostles, that by their preaching, the Spirit should be given to His entire Church. As the multitudes are gathered from all the nations by "this sound," that is, by the preaching of "the mighty works of God" in Christ Jesus, so does God the Father pour out the Spirit of His Son "on all flesh" (Acts 2:6, 11, 17). The Lord God breathes upon the slain, and so shall they live; for so the Lord has spoken, and He shall do it (Ezek. 37:5–14).

### **OUTREACH THOUGHTS**

**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15:** Jesus told His disciples that when the Holy Spirit comes, He will testify about Jesus. He also said that they would be strengthened to testify about Him as well. What a privilege they had and we also have, with the Spirit's help, to testify about our loving and forgiving Jesus.

### **STEWARDSHIP PONDERINGS**

**Acts 2:1** – "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place."

Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival – a time of thanksgiving, bounty, and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that the New Testament takes on the meaning of a new harvest – the ripe fields of the nations. This includes bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord's praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.



## A SHARED EXPERIENCE

What comes to mind when you hear the word *Pentecost*? Many people think of a mighty wind, tongues of fire and multiple languages. But Acts 2 begins with another detail that's just as key: Jesus' disciples "were all together in one place." Because they were together physically and spiritually, the early believers didn't miss the life-changing, world-changing birth of the Church.

The pandemic, while changing our definition of gathering, also highlighted our need for interaction. If Jesus' first followers hadn't been assembled on Pentecost, they would've missed the outpouring of God's power and the indescribable joy God had for them. Think about what believers today might miss if we neglect to worship with other friends of Christ. Who would want to miss God's blessings, promises and joy?

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## BIBLE QUIZ

According to Acts 2, on Pentecost some people accused the disciples of being drunk. Why?



- A. Because they were still asleep at 9 in the morning.
- B. Because all the wine was gone.
- C. Because they were all speaking in foreign languages.
- D. All of the above.

Answer: (See Acts 2:4, 13.)

## RELAY FOR LIFE

**Date:** Saturday, June 26, 2021

**Time:** 5:00 PM-11:00 PM

**Location:** Zion Lutheran Church  
924 Bridge Avenue  
Albert Lea, MN 56007

**Rain Date:** Sunday, June 27, 2021

Sponsored by Zion's Beautiful Feet Team

**Co-Chairs:** Diane Hanson and Jeff Brown

**Decorated Luminary:** \$10

**Plain Luminary:** \$10

**Footsteps:** \$1 each

### You could win:

1. Relay for Life T-Shirt Quilt
2. Star Yard Ornament
3. Gift Basket
4. "Smokey Joe" WEBER grill (14")  
for a donation of  
\$2.00 for 1 Ticket or  
\$5.00 for 3 Tickets

All money raised goes to: "Zion's Beautiful Feet" Relay for Life Team.

Together we can make a difference!

Remember your loved ones who have died from cancer at Zion's Relay for Life Night!

Email us with their name at

[ZionRelayforLife@outlook.com](mailto:ZionRelayforLife@outlook.com).

**Flamingo flocking is underway!!!** 😊

**Be on the lookout for those beautiful birds!**

**Luminaries decorated:** \$10 each

**Plain luminaries:** \$10.

**Footsteps:** \$1 each

Elaine Nelson has made another beautiful quilt that that will up for donation. Diane & Dean Hanson donated a star yard ornament again. A

**Flamingos will be flocking on May 2!** 😊 .

# You are invited to our Relay for Life Team Event

at Zion Lutheran Church

on June 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-10:00pm.

Due to COVID-19, The American Cancer Society has decided that our usual Relay for Life event cannot happen this year, but individual teams may host their own events. Zion's Beautiful Feat is hosting a team event. We hope to raise money for Relay for Life and show our community how amazing our church is. Rain date is June 27<sup>th</sup>.

## What is Relay for Life?

The mission of Relay for Life is to raise funds to improve cancer survival, decrease the incidence of cancer and improve the quality of life for cancer patients and their caregivers. Relay for Life explains why we relay: "At Relay, every person in the community has a chance to celebrate, remember, and fight back. And every person who participates joins others around the globe as part of this worldwide movement to end cancer. Everyone's reason to Relay is as unique as their own personal story."

## How You Can Help

We would love to have you volunteer. Please contact Diane Hanson at 373-8584.

- **Set up luminaries.** Join us from 2:00-4:00pm to set up luminaries around the church on June 26th.
- **Help at the bake sale booth.** We will need people to sell items at our bake sale booth and bring items out of the church as needed.
- **Sell donation tickets.** People can make donations for tickets to win prizes.
- **Help clean up.** Help clean up at 10:00pm
- **Bake yummy treats for the bake sale.** Make desserts, breads, cookies, cupcakes, bars, caramel corn, Chex mix etc. Deliver to the church on June 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 p.m. If this time does not work, please contact Diane Hanson to make other arrangements.



## Ways to Donate While Having Fun

You can purchase a foot and raffle tickets at the church and at the event.

**Purchase a foot for one dollar each.** Each foot will be placed on a rope that goes around our canopy. You can dedicate a foot in honor of a survivor, in memory of a loved one, to honor caregivers, or just to fight cancer. You will sign their name or your name to fight cancer on the foot. Buy as many as you like.

**Purchase donation tickets.** Tickets are one for two dollars or three for five dollars. Winners will be drawn at the event. You do not need to be present to win. We have four items. We have a beautiful Relay for Life t-shirt quilt made by Elaine Nelson, an outdoor star ornament made by Dean Hanson, a flamingo basket made by Toni Timm and a small weber grill donated by the church. Currently they are all displayed in the church.

## In Remembrance

At the event, we will remember those who have lost their lives to cancer. Pastor Matt will announce the names of those who have past and ring the church bell. If you know of anyone that you would like to have remembered, email the names to [ZionRelayforLife@outlook.com](mailto:ZionRelayforLife@outlook.com). If you are unable to email, contact Pastor Matt, Jeff Brown or Diane Hanson with the names.

## Show Your Support

Please attend this event and support those who have lost loved ones to cancer, support those who are fighting cancer and celebrate with the survivors. With your help, we can make this a Relay for Life to remember!

## + This Week's Calendar +

### Sunday, May 23, 2021 – Pentecost Sunday

9:00 AM – Online Service and In-Person Service with Holy Communion  
10:30 AM-12:00 Noon – Drive-in Holy Communion  
6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)

### Monday, May 24, 2021

### Tuesday, May 25, 2021

### Wednesday, May 26, 2021

9:00 AM – Quilters @ Zion (Quilting Rooms)

### Thursday, May 27, 2021

– Recording Sunday Service (afternoon)  
6:45 PM – AG Meeting Conference Room Hall) @ Zion

### Friday, May 28, 2021

– Pastor's Day Off

### Saturday, May 29, 2021 (Memorial Day Weekend)

– Recording Sunday Service

### Sunday, May 30, 2021 – Holy Trinity Sunday (Memorial Day Weekend)

9:00 AM – Online Service and In-Person Service with Holy Communion  
10:30 AM-1:00 PM – Drive-in Holy Communion  
6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)

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ON EACH OF THEM.

ACTS 2:3. NIV

**PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** The appointed Scripture readings for **Holy Trinity Sunday** – Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Acts 2:14a, 22-36, and John 3:1-17.

### Seventh Sunday of Easter May 16, 2021

In-Person Attendance: 79  
YouTube Views: 54  
In-Person Communion: 77  
Drive-In Communion: 2

### FOOD COLLECTION

The area food shelf needs your donations. We are collecting food for the local food shelf that is at First Presbyterian Church. Drop your food items in the tote by the church mailboxes.

### QUOTES FOR THE WEEKS

"The Holy Scriptures ... are nothing less than the ongoing Pentecost miracle."  
—Martin Kähler

"We are not here to be successful. We are here to be faithful."  
—Mother Teresa

### Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
and afternoon by appointment  
Friday: Office Closed • Saturday: by appointment

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