

# ZION'S MESSENGER April 2018

## FROM ZION'S COUNCIL PRESIDENT, TRICIA KASTEN

Recently while researching some quotes for work, I came across this one that was very timely for the season.

*"The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created Spring."* Bernard Williams

What a beautiful time in the church year. I love the smell of the spring flowers and hope that the season of spring and Easter bring. Halleluiah! Christ is risen! A promise is fulfilled.

Seeing this congregation work together as a family during this interim gives me great hope for Zion's future as well. Let's continue on this path together & see where it takes us. *"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."* Romans 12:12

## NEWS FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

**SPRING IS COMING!!** Among all the things we think of doing in spring is...cleaning!! Clean the yard, the basement, the closets, the garage and children: "clean your room". We find more stuff, don't we? Well, we will get in the mood for that kind of cleaning at Zion this spring too. We have lots of "stuff" that has filled closets, rooms and offices that need weeding out. Mark your calendars, we will need help to do this. The time set for this will be approximately the last week of May. A dumpster will be in the parking lot to dispose of our "stuff". Prior to filling the dumpster, moving of items to a location for any re-possessing of items will be made available.

We all know, the freshness of spring makes all of us feel so good. Maybe that same feeling will help as we get the clutter out of the way at church. Come, be a part of getting rid of excess "stuff". Stay tuned to Sunday bulletins and May Messenger for spring cleaning!

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED FOR APRIL:** Altar Care, Assisting Ministers, Lectors, Greeters, Linens, Communion Assistants & Fellowship. If interested in volunteering during the worship services, please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex.

**OWLZ** - Older Wiser Lutherans of Zion is a group of age 40+ people who get together at 5:30pm for dinner and fellowship. Our next night out is April 19th at Dick & Joan's. Sign-up in the narthex.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT!** Women of Zion & friends meet at 6:00pm for dinner the 4th Tuesday of each month at varying local restaurants. Women of all ages are welcome! Our next night out is April 24 at Cinders off of CE. Sign-up in the Narthex or call Sue Joosten at 739-0705 to sign-up.

**2018 CALL COMMITTEE** - The call committee has been in contact with the synod and we have received names. For confidentiality reasons, the synod does not allow us to share the names or information of the candidates. The first round of the interview process via phone has begun following the synods guidelines.

Thank you and keep us in your prayers as we go through the process in finding a pastor. Thank you.

Sarah Hestres - Chair, Tony Hawley, Amanda Kuba, Colleen Malchow, Gary Neumann, Jim Schley

## OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Currently we have twenty-four members of Zion who are confined to their home or a facility for assisted living or nursing care. For years we have had dedicated folks at Zion, men & women, who have faithfully visited and brought Holy Communion to them. At this time there are eight members involved in this important ministry. When folks are unable to attend church, the church comes to them! Sharing memories of your faith journey, reminiscing, telling stories and praying together. Will you consider being involved with our homebound in this way? The blessings of this work are countless!

There might be some members that we don't know of that are in need of this care team ministry. Please feel free to tell us YOUR NEEDS or if you have a family member IN NEED, call us. Call the Care Team Leaders, Vivian Schutte (738-9177) or Gwen Schwandt (733-5716). If more convenient call the Church Office.

God's work, our hands and feet reaching out to others, truly a blessing!

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## FROM THE DESK OF MATTHEW WALSH, MUSIC MINISTER



The end of the academic year is coming, but things aren't slowing down! It's a wonderful feeling to know that we won't be losing too much steam as we head into summer at least from my vantage point. While you may not be able to sense it every day, there is a lot of activity happening at Zion, and it is great to see this life spring forth.

As we move forward there are a few things that I know you will get excited about. The first thing is this summer I would like to work to put together a multi-generational music program. It isn't a musical, so acting and dancing aren't required, just your voice. There are no requirements for this musical, except that reading would be a big plus, but not 100% necessary. The program is called "A Reason to Rejoice." The choir has done a few pieces from the larger work, and they are lot of fun.

The writer of the program writes: "A Reason to Rejoice is a celebration of faith which expressed themes from early Hebraic origin to those of joy in creation, a waiting world, the life and crucifixion of Jesus, and the message of love and hope that is now ours."

We would meet during the summer time, and then perform the work in late summer. Specific dates are still being worked out, especially since I have a baby coming in July. I ask that you and your families would pray about this and consider joining this adventure for some fun and fellowship with others.

The other opportunity we have coming is much later this year, happening in the fall. This year we would like to bring organist Michael T.C. Hey to Zion. Michael graduated from The Julliard School in 2014, and then in 2015, less than a year later, was appointed the Associate Director of Music and Organist of Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. Michael is a native of Wisconsin, having grown up in Milwaukee.

We enjoy bringing people here to play our magnificent instrument, but it costs money. Our programs last year received great reviews of "wonderful hospitality" and "appreciation for holding events for the community." We need your help to continue offering great programs, and you won't be disappointed with Michael's program. Would you please consider your continued support of the "Friends of Music" fund? It is because of your help we were able to fund the Gargoyle Brass, and the Diapason. Both events gave Zion great publicity.

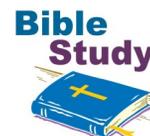
One final note, with summer nearing the Appleton "Lunchtime Organ Recital Series" will be starting up very shortly. Keep your eyes open for the dates which Zion will be hosting, I know of at least two recitals happening at Zion, one of which will be my recital. These programs happen at noon on Wednesdays, with some extra recitals on Thursdays at noon, and some evenings. The recitals during the day last only 30 minutes and are well worth going to hear. Each week we are at a different church, hearing a different instrument, and in Appleton we are blessed with many wonderful instruments. Like I said before, there are a lot of things happening here at Zion. Please continue to pray for the music ministry and thank you for all of your wonderful support.

Matthew Walsh

**SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:** Are you a **Senior in High School** and an active member of **Zion**? Get a Scholarship application from the Church Office window ledge beginning April 1, 2018. The awards are based on accomplishments, grade point, need, and an essay on the impact of Jesus Christ and the Christian faith in the life of the applicant. Only Zion members are eligible. ALL PARTS of the application (including reference support letters) must be **IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY NOON ON SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018**. Call the church with questions.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS - THANK YOU** to all that contributed your old Christmas lights, extension cords, brass fittings and copper pipes to the recycling campaign. What a great way to help support Zion and recycle at the same time! This year the campaign brought in \$78 for the Organ Fund! Due to the success, we will continue to collect items year round and the box will be in the hallway outside the chapel. As you begin your spring cleaning, put your wires, brass and copper into a bag and drop it off at church. (Exclusions: iron and steel items cannot be recycled under this campaign).

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** meets Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am in the conference room.





# APRIL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00am Worship 9:00am Easter Breakfast 10:30am Worship 	2 Church office closed No evening worship service	3 1:00pm Staff Mtg	4 9:30am Book Study 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir	5 9:00am LEAVEN 9:00am Disciples' Closet	6	7
8 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Confirmation 9:15am Fellowship 10:30am Worship	9 4:00pm ABS in Conference Rm 6:00pm Worship 6:30pm Neighbor Book Mtg	10 9:00am Zion Place 1:00pm Staff Mtg 2:00pm Property Mtg 5:30pm Worship/ Music Mtg	11 9:30am Book Study 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir	12 9:00am LEAVEN 9:00am Disciples' Closet	13	14
15 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Confirmation 9:15am Fellowship 10:30am Worship - Sunday School Bells	16 6:00pm Worship 6:45pm Council Meeting	17 1:00pm Staff Mtg	18 9:30am Book Study 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir	19 9:00am LEAVEN 9:00am Disciples' Closet 6:30pm Neighbor Care Mtg 5:30pm OWLZ at Dick & Joan's	20 Newsletter Deadline First Communion Class & Lock-in	21 First Communion Class & Seder Meal Friendship Event for ABS
22 <b>First Communion</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Confirmation 9:15am Fellowship 10:30am Worship 	23 6:00pm Worship	24 1:00pm Staff Mtg 6:00pm Women's Fellowship - Cinders	25 9:30am Book Study 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir	26 Assemble Newsletter 9:00am LEAVEN 9:00am Disciples' Closet	27	28
29 <b>Volunteer Recognition</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Confirmation 9:15am Fellowship 10:30am Worship - Sunday School Sings	30 6:00pm Worship					

**SPECIALS & MEMORIALS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED:**

**Mary Gammelin** in loving memory of her dad, Rev. W.H. Gammelin on his Feb. 25th birth date, *designated for the Organ Fund;*  
**Harry Hameister** in memory of Karen Hameister and in honor of Amy Baehman's & Karen Meyer's birthdays, *designated for the Organ Fund;*  
**Kakie Lynch Family** in her memory, *designated for the Organ Fund;*  
**Roy Schumacher Estate** in his memory, *designated for the General Fund;*  
**Gwen Schwandt** in memory of lola Schwab, *designated for the Organ Fund.*

*Thank You*

**FLOWERS GIVEN BY: The Clarence Klitzke Estate** on the anniversary of Irene Klitzke's death.

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**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Appleton, WI January 15, 2018 Council Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 6:50 PM by President, Deb Reis.

Attendance: Pastor John Czarnota, Deb Reis, Tricia Kasten, Candy Korzilius, Marilyn Hetzler, Gwen Schwandt, Janice Weber, Carl Abendroth

Absent: Dave Murphy

Opening Prayer: Deb Reis had meditation and the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda: Tricia moved to approve the agenda. Seconded and passed.

Approval of Minutes: Gwen moved to approve the minutes. Seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Gwen questioned if the steeple and roof repair funds are now lumped together as one. The response was yes. Gwen asked if we have received \$500 for the Diapason magazine from the organ builder. She will check on that. It was also noted that \$5,000.00 needs to be returned to the Foundation from the organ fund.

Pastor's Report: This will be Pastor John's last council meeting with us. He also noted that he wrote his last newsletter article. A bridge pastor has been arranged for and a name will be released at the appropriate time. Tricia will be the council liaison for the staff during our time of transition. The Call Committee is doing a good job. They are scheduled to meet with Pastor Amy concerning the call process. The committee will be meeting with Pastor John to do a mock interview.

**Committee Reports:**

Property: Gary Neumann needs a place to paint the steeple louvers. The parsonage basement was suggested. Gwen recommends a cleaning service to care for the mats in the Winnebago St. entrance. Council okayed this.

**Business:**

Foundation meeting: Finances of Foundation were reviewed, and it was noted that most of it is invested. It was suggested that the congregation be made aware of the deficit we are running. Gwen will draft a letter to go out to the congregation.

Nominating Committee: Committee to meet on January 16, 2018. They have a list of names and will be calling on people. The ballot will be on an extra sheet separate from the annual report.

Staff reviews: All staff, except Steve Smith, have scheduled a review. Grace's job description needs to be revised and she will be working on it. Staff structure needs to remain stable at this time.

Annual Meeting: Deb to visit with Jodi. Gwen will check into ordering pizza and let Jodi know. Congregation will be asked to bring dessert.

Staff bonuses: Tricia moved to give \$75.00 bonuses to all (6) staff members. Seconded and passed.

Goodbye for Pastor John: Sunday, February 18, 2018. Janice moved to have one service at 9:00am that day. Children will be dismissed at 9:15am for Sunday School. Seconded and passed. Celebration brunch to follow service. Council will take care of the kitchen.

Constitution: Tricia moved that the Constitution as written be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting.

Seconded and passed. A proposed continuing resolution was presented for addition to the Constitution: Marilyn moved to add – Congregation members cannot be eligible to serve on Council if they have a house hold member or spouse on staff.

Motion made to adjourn by Gwen. Seconded and passed.

Meeting closed at 9:05pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Candy Korzilius

These minutes were approved at the Council Meeting on March 19, 2018. (No meeting if February.)

**APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED!  
PLEASE SIGN-UP IN THE NARTHEX TO HELP OUT  
WITH EACH SUNDAY'S SERVICES. THERE ARE  
MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR YOU**

*"You're talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."* Leo Buscaglia

**Regularly scheduled worship assistants:**

**Altar Care**

6:00 Vera & George Zimmer

**Greeters**

8:00 Shorty Managan

**Ushers**

8:00 Dave Rades, John Becker, Lyle Butts, Dave Weber  
Carl Abendroth, Karen Arnoldussen

10:30 Tex Goehring, Carl Schelm, Lynn Walter

6:00 Duane Schoepke



**CHANGE TO ALTAR FLOWERS:**

Effective immediately, the cost of purchasing altar flowers for Zion's worship services is now \$45. We've had to increase the amount because Zion is being charged a delivery fee since we are not ordering flowers on a weekly basis. During the summer, if you have a garden or access to cut flowers you'd like to share in the sanctuary or chapel, please bring them in your own vase or use one of the church's. They can be put on a wood flower stand.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS -**

Eligible Thrivent members can direct available Choice Dollars to Zion! Call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt or online at [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice). You must sign-up each month.



**April 2018 NEWS**

Happy Easter! We are celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and we are also celebrating the decision of the Community Foundation to award Fox Valley Lutheran Homes a grant! We're able to hire a part-time Administrative Assistant by the terms of this Bright Idea Fund within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region. I hope to have the chance to talk to you and tell you more about this! The date for our Annual Meeting is April 28, 2018: gathering and registration at 8:30; meeting at 9:00 a.m. Every Partner Congregation is entitled to 2 or more delegates. If you are not sure about your delegates, please call our office and ask for information. Please continue to send us the names and addresses of your delegates. If you have already done so, thank you. We will be electing new Board members at this meeting, so please prayerfully consider adding your name to this slate. I have Board Recruitment Booklets available to let you know more about the position that I'd be happy to share with you. The term is 3 years; we meet the 3rd Monday of the month at 4PM. Please consider sharing your time and talents with us in this valuable ministry. Hope to see you at our Annual Meeting or anytime for a tour of our wonderful facility! Becky Luett, Deacon Executive Director



**CROSSWAYS DISCOUNT FOR ZION YOUTH & FAMILY TO ATTEND CAMP:  
50% OFF!**

Crossways will again be providing this year a **50% discount** to all youth campers (completed Grades 1-12) and families from Zion Lutheran Church. Crossways is grateful to be a part of the Zion Faith Community and is offering this discount in appreciation for our partnership in ministry.

For more information and to register, please visit their website at: [www.crosswayscamps.org/register](http://www.crosswayscamps.org/register). This discount is not automatically applied online. After you register, please call Liz at 882-0023 or email: [liz@crosswayscamps.org](mailto:liz@crosswayscamps.org) to confirm the discount.

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## **Worship Opportunities**

**Monday:** 6:00 p.m. ♦ **Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Fellowship on Sunday:** 9:15 a.m.

Reverend Chuck Fluegel  
Matthew Walsh  
Jodi Hoesli  
Grace Van Eyck  
Nao Bee Moua  
Amanda Van Dyke  
Ashley Brei  
Steve Smith  
Elmer Luedtke

Supply Pastor  
Music Minister  
Secretary  
Finance Manager  
Church Custodian  
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