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## High School Senior Recognition Sunday

**Sunday, May 15 | 8:15 a.m. service**

Jeremiah writes, *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* (Jeremiah 29:11)

High school graduation is almost here! Graduating seniors and their families are invited to worship on Sunday, May 15 at 8:15 a.m. for a special recognition and blessing. This is an opportunity for your Zion Lutheran church family to celebrate this important milestone, and offer prayers and support at this time of transition. A reception will be held in the Parish Hall following service.

## VBS | June 20-24, 2016

Vacation Bible School for Preschool age children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be **June 20-24, 2016!** Please add this joyful and fun week to your family calendar as you begin planning for summer vacation. Online registration is available through the Zion [website](#). Enrollment is limited this year. Register now to ensure a spot for your child!

- ◆ The Preschool program meets **9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** and is for children age 3 to those entering Kindergarten.
- ◆ Day Camp meets **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** and is for children completing Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Caring college age counselors from Camp Ewalu staff the Day Camp.

There is no cost to attend VBS. Monetary contributions or gifts in kind will greatly help to offset the program cost of \$52 for each Day Camp participant. Please consider making a contribution.

VBS is a team effort in which Ewalu counselors, Zion volunteers, parents, and campers serve together to make the program exciting and enriching. To make it all happen, we still need:

- ◆ Adult volunteers for the morning Preschool program (9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday) and the afternoon Day Camp session (1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Monday- Thursday)
- ◆ Kitchen helpers to prepare snacks for hungry campers (Monday-Friday mornings)
- ◆ Meals provided for the Ewalu counselors
- ◆ Chaperones for our Wednesday service and splash trip

If you can help one or more days that week, please contact [Pam Cantrell](#), or sign up to help via the link on the Zion [website](#).

**More ways in to pitch in for VBS on Page 10.**

# From the Corner : Global Mission and Me

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you (Matthew 28:19-20)*

Global mission has long roots in my life. When Rev. Ron Schardt, missionary from Papua New Guinea, preached at my home congregation, he made a lasting impression.

While at seminary the struggle to end apartheid was hot. Late one night my friend Rev. Abisai Shejavalia introduced me to a Finnish missionary (Rev. Iko Iamaki) that I might be encouraged to work for *Free Namibia* and perhaps go there as a missionary. Days/months/years passed. God's call brought me back to Dubuque and I was the pastor to the Shejavalia family and helped them prepare to return to South Africa; their beloved Namibia not yet free.

Years passed; I met many international pastors, missionaries and bishops ~ clearly mission is relationships!

Bishop Phil Hougen established the partnership between the Southeastern Iowa (SEIa) Synod and the Pare Diocese. This very partnership connected Peace Lutheran (Pella) with Mwanga Lutheran Parish in the Pare Diocese. Rev. Dr. Richard Whitaker (member of Peace) brought deep understanding, money and wisdom to the relationship.

In 2003 I joined a SEIa Synod journey to the Pare Diocese. I spent 4 days at Mwanga Lutheran Parish preaching, serving and living with Rev. Andrea Senkoro, Ntvona and their children. I carried with me 2 copies of the covenant with Peace Lutheran, each already signed by Peace members. The people of Mwanga Parish eagerly signed on and I returned with a copy for the people of Peace to display. When Rev. Senkoro came to Peace (Pella) with Severa (nurse) and Derek (math teacher), they worked and learned with us for 3 weeks. Lesley and I hosted Senkoro in our home for one of the weeks. A wonderful gift to have been both his guest and his host.

Long ago Dr. Lee Snook, a theology professor from our Luther Seminary (St. Paul, MN) said, "I met the Holy Spirit in Africa." I understand; I've been there; I see what the Holy Spirit is doing among a people: deep faith transforming lives and a nation that is just 53 years old. Such faith is wonderfully contagious.

My joy and privilege, as senior pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, is to go to Lambo Parish and the Pare Diocese with Lesley, Charlie & Heide Bursch, Karen Casavant, Anne Schularick, Michelle Wikner and Anna Norman-Wikner. We will depart June 20 and return July 5. I will preach at Lambo Parish on June 26 and maybe more often. (Preaching in Africa with a translator is a rare privilege: sermons are expected to be longer and the translation makes them even longer. Sometimes worshippers stand up so as not to fall asleep. Sometimes worshippers correct the translator.)

This mission trip for the 8 of us will cost close to \$35,000. Zion's Lambo Engagement fund (\$6000 + \$1000 anonymous donation + \$1500 funds raised) helped with \$5000 for travel. Of the remaining \$3500 Engagement Fund dollars, we plan to buy books (Swahili and English) for Lambo's school.. Then we will listen to Lambo Parish leaders as to where \$3000 could best support the congregation's mission.

For this Lambo Mission Team we are in part an effort to help the whole people of Zion Lutheran Church see the import of this partnership and be more fully engaged in the significance of the global mission within the mission we share. The 8 of us are investing \$30,000 to help this happen. Our presence will also renew the confidence Lambo Parish can have in our covenant relationship since 2004.

1 Corinthians 15:58



In the name of Jesus.

# The Present Moment

On my way to the church in the morning, I drive down the new extension of Oakdale Boulevard and take a right on to Dubuque Street to travel into Iowa City. Over the past two months I have noticed a large red-tailed hawk perched in a bank of trees on the outskirts of the quarry. As the morning light reddens the trees, the white-breasted hawk stands out in relief, magnificent, as if on center stage.

Looking for the hawk has become a part of my daily ritual. As I approach the intersection with Dubuque Street, I slow my car to a crawl and scan the trees on my right. If I do not see her there then I check the stand of trees on the left and those lining Dubuque Street. One time I thought that I had totally missed her until I spied her perched on the topmost point of the double nickel sign. For me there is something quite reassuring in her presence. Like a sentry, she is at her post, watching over the world with her careful eye. In reality, I know that she is looking for breakfast, for the least bit of movement in the field below that can translate into a meal. Yet encountering her there with regularity has reminded me of another bird we meet here at the end of the Easter season.

At Pentecost, this year on May 15, we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming upon the followers of Jesus as they gathered in the Upper Room. Although in this scene the Holy Spirit is depicted as a rushing wind and flames of fire, the Holy Spirit commonly is characterized as a dove that descends upon Jesus at his baptism. The Holy Spirit as a dove denotes peace and gentleness. Unfortunately for me it also conjures images of timidity and domestication. One morning on my commute I did not see the hawk in her normal spot. As I turned on to Dubuque Street I caught something out of the corner of my eye. On the ground, roughly fifteen feet from the road, there was the hawk with outspread wings. No doubt she had just landed and sunk her talons into her unlucky target. She looked up as my car passed by and in her face I saw the heat of the chase, a wildness and ferocity that cannot be tamed.

It made me wonder; what if the Holy Spirit behaves more like a hawk than a cooing dove? Does the Holy Spirit watch over me with the same attentiveness as a hawk surveying an open field? Does the Holy Spirit know my every movement, my patterns and habits, in the same way the hawk studies its prey? If I pray for God's hand to be upon me, could I actually be asking for a bird to streak down from the sky, grab me in its talons, and carry me who knows where? As we celebrate the festival of Pentecost, we contemplate the nature of the Holy Spirit once again. We encounter God's fierce and wild love for us which at the same time grants us great comfort and yet fills us with holy fear and awe. As you move through this next month, I encourage you to lift your eyes to the trees and skies. The hawks will be keeping their post and as they do, they might teach us about the Holy Spirit.

*Pastor Lutz*

## Vicar's View

As I write this, spring is finally becoming a reality. The sun is shining, temperatures are starting to warm up. I heard on the radio this morning that farmers are getting ready for planting by doing maintenance on farm equipment and preparing the soil to receive the seed for a new year's crop.

I, too, am thinking about nature, specifically what surrounds my house. Grass, lilacs, flower beds, shrubbery all demand my attention with the promise of rapid and sometimes chaotic growth. As a homeowner I have a duty, a responsibility, a privilege to care for the house and land that I have. This privilege is emphasized for me as I realize that I might not be owner of that house and grounds much longer. With my graduation from seminary a year from now, odds are that my wife Karen and I will be moving to another town and another house. So, the focus of my identity in regards to the house has changed from being an owner to being a steward.

Stewardship, a loaded and wonderful word. Loaded, because for many in the church this word refers only to how much money we give to the church. Perhaps for some it is held in the same regard as the word "taxes". Wonderful, because the way it is used in scripture is so much more than the narrow reading we have given it. Stewardship refers to one who looks after or manages another's affairs or goods. It refers to everything from care for and managing people who work the land, to the best use of resources, to caring for buildings and the lands so that they will continue to produce and be effective for years to come.

As we move into the rebirth of spring and the excitement of the birth of the church at Pentecost, we too should consider our stewardship; of ourselves and the skills and abilities we have, of our church grounds and buildings, of our resources financial and otherwise. As those created by God to be caretakers, stewards, of the good things of this world and of God's church, how are we doing? Are we being generous in how we share the gifts and abilities that God has gifted us with? Are we sharing those abilities in how we volunteer at church or in the world? Or do we hold them close, using them only for our own profit and gain? Are we generous in sharing our financial resources, with the church and other organizations and people? Scripture talks about a tithe (one tenth) of your income as the ideal for sharing with others. I prefer to talk about first fruits giving; are we being generous to others first or from what is left over? Another way to think about financial stewardship is through percentage giving; are we designating a portion of our income to share with others, recognizing that what we share is not ours to begin with, not something we own, but it comes from the one who created all things? Do we view what we have, both in our person and in our possession, as something that is "ours" or as something that is first and foremost a free gift from God?

I am a steward of the house that I live in. My wife bought it well before she met me. We will probably be moving from it fairly soon. So it is a gift given to me for a time. My call is to be a good steward of this gift. To use my handyman skills and sweat to care for it, to invest in its upkeep, to make sure that when the next owner comes along they will have a strong, solid, beautiful home in which to live out their dreams. To build their family. To steward until the next owner comes along.

God's Blessings,  
*Vicar Brian*

# Congregational Happenings



## Message from the Council

*Randy Willman, Council President*

Highlights from the April council meeting include: (1) appointment of Warren Boe as treasurer. (2) an update on the process audit being conducted at the present time. (3) a review of the EZE project financials and completion issues. (4) Mike Moran, Mary Merulla, Linda Barrow and Judy Sutherland will represent Zion as voting members at the upcoming Southeastern Synod Assembly in May. (5) Council approved a \$7000 gift to the Synod as a part of the 2016 assembly. (6) updates/thanks were received from Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Free Lunch program. (7) discussions continue on shaping Zion's strategic plan as we move through 2016.

## Farewell from Lori Cassady, Administrative Assistant

It is hard to believe that four years have gone by since I started work at Zion! The time has gone fast. My last day will be May 13. This job has been the perfect pre-retirement part-time job for me. I have enjoyed making relationships with the congregation members and staff. What I will miss the most about Zion are the people. I am moving to Twin Lakes in north central Iowa to read books in a hammock and watch the boats go by! Visitors are always welcome. As Bob Hope used to say, "Thanks for the memories!"

*-Lori Cassady*

## May Membership Updates

### Birthdays

Maureen Knowling (24),  
Dora Van Winkle (30)

### Baptisms

August Ahlers,  
parents are Ryan and Lynn Ahlers

Nora Ann Erdhal,  
parents are Colbin and Jen Erdahl

Lydia Caroline Johnson,  
parents are Jarod and Laurie Johnson

Declan Waldschmidt,  
parents are Anthony and Brenna  
Waldschmidt

Cortney Jensen,  
Christian Penick, sponsor

### Confirmed

Ian Nessler

### Deaths

Colleen Lewis (4/13)  
Dwayne Jensen (4/16)

# Worship Happenings

## May Music Schedule

Sunday, May 1:	Choristers and Junior Choir Final
Sunday, May 8:	Cherub Choir
Sunday, May 15 (Pentecost):	Senior Choir Final, Zion Brass Final
Sunday, May 22:	Special Music
Sunday, May 29:	Kleiner Chor Final

## Choirs Conclude Their Year of Musical Service

During April and May Zion's choirs, both vocal and instrumental, conclude their year of musical stewardship before taking their summer break. These choir members have been faithful in their rehearsals and have enriched our worship throughout the year. We pray their music has been a blessing to you in your worship life and we wish these musicians a refreshing and renewing summer break.

May 1 will be the Sunday the Junior Choir and Choristers sing their final worship service. They have chosen two anthems adapted from the psalms. In Psalm 100 we are reminded to sing joy unto the Lord and to come before his presence with a song. Psalm 17 is a prayer that God will guide and guard us and "keep us as the apple of his eye". What wonderful songs of faith Zion's dear children have learned!

Our little children in the Cherub Choir will bring smiles as they sing on Mother's Day, May 8. They will encourage us all to sing songs of joy, gladness, peace and love. They also pray for God to bless our families on this special day.

The Senior Choir closes out its year of service with a choral "singing Sunday" on May 15. They will sing a wide variety of anthems reflecting different styles of music and different scriptural texts. Since this is Pentecost Sunday, music will reflect this special day with *Come Holy Spirit* and *I'm Gonna Sing 'Til The Spirit Moves in my Heart*. The choir will also sing the Renaissance anthem by Gallus, *Ascendit Deus*.

May 15 will also be the final Sunday for The Zion Brass. The Kleiner Chor will conclude their year of musical stewardship on May 29.

## Summer Music

Now is the time to start thinking about summer music at Zion. We have so many musicians at Zion but busy schedules during the year don't always allow us the opportunity to participate in worship services. How about sharing your music during summer worship! Solos (vocal and instrumental), ensembles (vocal and instrumental) and family choirs are welcome. Even children and youth are encouraged to be part of worship in this way. A signup sheet will be available on the Volunteer bulletin board in the main hall.

## Organ Recital

**Monday, May 2 | 8:00 a.m.**

Dan Laaveg, who participated in Zion's music program and Zion's worship for several years, will present an organ recital at the Riverside Recital Hall. This will be Dan's master recital as part of his studies towards a degree in organ performance.

# MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Plant Sale <b>8:15a &amp; 10:45a Worship</b> 9:30a Fellowship 9:30a Learning  6:00p HS Youth Group	2  9:30a SAHM's Group  7:00p Prayer Group	3 6:30a Men's Bible Study  5:30p Men's Ministry Team 6:00p Mental Health Team 7:00p Global Missions Team	4 8:30a Shalom 9:45a Staff Meeting  1:30p Rostered Leaders 4:30p Cherub Choir 5:00p Family Meal	5 <b>Ascension Day</b> 11:00a Communion @ Briarwood 3:00p Communion@ Oaknoll  6:30p Senior Choir <b>7:00p Ascension Worship</b> 8:00p Zion Brass	6 Synod Assembly  7:00p Friday Fun Night for Jr. High	7 Synod Assembly  9:30a Family Mother's Day Party  <b>5:15p Worship</b>
8 <b>8:15a &amp; 10:45a Worship</b> 9:30a Fellowship 9:30a Learning  4:00p Free Lunch Prep 6:00p HS Youth Group	9  11:00a Free Lunch  7:00p Stephen Ministry Supervision	10 6:30a Men's Bible Study 10:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry  2:00p Home Communion Team  6:30p Council Meeting 6:30p Journeymen Bible Study	11 8:30a Shalom 9:45a Staff Meeting	12  6:30p Senior Choir 8:00p Zion Brass	13	14  <b>5:15p Worship</b>
15 <b>Pentecost</b> <b>8:15a &amp; 10:45a Worship</b> 8:15a HS Recognition 9:30a Fellowship 9:30a Adult Learning  6:00p HS Youth Group	16  9:30a SAHM's Group 11:30a Senior Singles  7:00p Prayer Group	17 6:30a Men's Bible Study 9:30a Gather Bible Study  5:00p Property Team 5:30p Men's Ministry Team 6:30p Stewardship	18 8:30a Shalom 9:45a Staff Meeting  1:30p Afternoon Book Club 1:30p Health & Caring Team	19	20  11:30a Prime Timers	21  8:00p Lutheran Men in Mission Breakfast  <b>5:15p Worship</b>
22 <b>Holy Trinity</b> <b>8:15a &amp; 10:45a Worship</b> 9:30a Fellowship  12:00p Family Picnic	23  7:00p Stephen Ministry Supervision	24 6:30a Men's Bible Study  6:30p Journeymen Bible Study	25 8:30a Shalom 9:45a Staff Meeting  1:30p Afternoon Reading Group	26	27	28  <b>5:15p Worship</b>
29 <b>8:15a &amp; 10:45a Worship</b> 9:30a Fellowship 9:30a Learning	30 <b>Office Closed/ Memorial Day Observance</b>	31 6:30a Men's Bible Study				

# Worship Happenings

## Worship Highlights for May 2016

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 1

- Saturday 5:15 p.m., Sunday 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
- Receiving of New Members – 10:45 a.m.
- Noisy Offering

### The Ascension of Our Lord – May 5

- Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 8

- Saturday 5:15 p.m., Sunday 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
- Blessing of Women & Girls
- Final Day of Sunday School
- Noisy Offering

### Festival of Pentecost – May 15

- Saturday 5:15 pm, Sunday 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
- Milestone Ministry – Blessing of High School Seniors – 8:15 a.m.

### Holy Trinity Sunday – May 22

- Saturday 5:15 p.m., Sunday 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – May 29

- Saturday 5:15 p.m., Sunday 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
- Final Sunday before beginning Summer Schedule

## New Members Received May 1, 2016

The following individuals will be received into membership at Zion on Sunday, May 1: Liz Clefisch; Kaitlyn Caffrey; Bettylou & J. Felix Mejia; Kathy Leaven; Diane, Luke, Calin & Logan Brunkhorst; Beth Dessner, David Cook & Grace Cook; Ashley & Patrick Campbell; Linda Gies Miller; Rachel, Kyle, Emilia and Adelyn Mejia Sounhein.

*Almighty God, by the love of Jesus Christ you draw people to yourself and welcome them into the household of faith. May we show your joy by embracing new brothers and sisters as we bear your creative and redeeming word to all the world. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others, following the example of Jesus Christ, our servant and Lord. Amen.* From the ELW, page 75.

## Lambo Mission Prayer Partners

The Lambo Mission Team is seeking prayer partners before, during and after their journey. A sign-up poster is displayed on an easel in the parish hall. Resources will be provided.

# Learning Happenings

## Adult Learning: May 2016

May 1, 8 and 15 | Gathering Room

Lutheran Basics: The Small Catechism

May 22 | Gathering Room

Blue Zones: Nutrition and Plant-based diets

## Lutheran Basics: The Small Catechism

May 1, 8, and 15 | 9:30 a.m. | Lower Level, Gathering Room

Martin Luther used the Small Catechism as a guide to his devotional life from the time it was written (c. 1529) until his death. We find in this little document the foundation for our particular take on the Christian tradition as Luther examines the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments. If you are a relative newcomer to the Lutheran church or just want to get a refresher, join us for this walk through Luther's Small Catechism led by Vicar Brian Middleswarth.

We are using the translation by Robert Kolb and Timothy Wengert which appeared in the Book of Concord that was printed in 2000. Feel free to bring other catechetical books you may have used in the past, but it is important to have everyone working from the same text.

## Blue Zones: Age Defying Diet - Blue Zones Foods and Nutrition Tips

May 22 | 9:30 a.m. | Lower Level, Gathering Room

There is no one diet that is best for everyone, however there are foods that can enhance healthy longevity. Come and learn how to incorporate more of these foods into your life. There will be tasting too!

## Last Day of Youth Sunday School is May 8!

We'll wrap up the year with special activities in the classroom. Children will be dismissed early at 10:10 a.m. so that all may enjoy milk and cookies in the Parish Hall.

## May 8 Sunday School Teacher Recognition

As another Sunday School year comes to a close, Zion gratefully recognizes the 35 dedicated volunteers who have so lovingly and graciously stepped into the classroom to teach our children and youth. Their steady influence and cheerful enthusiasm, as well as their ability to connect with our children and youth, are a tremendous gift to Zion. On May 8, we will express our appreciation.

# Learning Happenings

## Zion Library News

As the days of spring grow warmer, many of us begin to think about preparing our garden beds for spring planting. Your library team would like to draw your attention to two (2) appropriate books for the season: [PLANTS OF THE BIBLE and How to Grow Them by Allan A Swenson](#) (635 SWE) and [STORIES TOLD UNDER THE SYCAMORE TREE Lessons from Bible Plants](#) by Samuel J Hahn (220 HAH).

The first title discusses how, when, and where to plant flowers, vegetables, herbs, fruits, and trees all found in the Bible. The appendices provide sources for seeds, plants, roots, and bulbs, a huge list of horticulture libraries around the country, and even how to create a windowsill children's Bible garden.

The second title discusses 52 (of the over 120) notable species of plants referred to in the Bible from which we can learn valuable life lessons. This book not only provides information about plants of the Bible, but can be used as a devotional guide as well as a source for children's stories.

Perhaps you will find something in one of these books that will add to your gardening fun this year!

## VBS | Kool-Aids Wanted!

Serving as a Kool-Aid camp counselor is a great way for Junior High and High School age youth to spend some of their summer vacation! Ethan Fields, Zion's Youth Director, will be leading the Kool-Aids in a leadership program throughout the week. Ethan will be teaching and promoting leadership skills to the Kool-Aids as they work with the VBS kiddos, developing the abilities of these tweens/teens to engage, encourage, and support the younger children. If your son or daughter would like to volunteer, please contact Ethan Fields at [youthatzion@gmail.com](mailto:youthatzion@gmail.com) or Pam Cantrell, [pam@zionlutheran-ic.org](mailto:pam@zionlutheran-ic.org). Youth can also sign up to volunteer through the Zion [website](#). We'll work to accommodate busy summer schedules—there's a place for them here at Zion!

*There will be an orientation session for youth volunteers on Sunday, June 19. We'll meet at Zion at 4:30 p.m. for orientation then join up with the Ewalu counselors for a picnic. If your son or daughter will be volunteering at VBS, please be sure to set aside this date/time so they can attend.*

## VBS | Craft Supplies Needed!

We need 2 liter soda bottles, clean and dry, with caps. A collection box will be available near the coat racks starting May 1.

# Intergenerational Happenings

## Junior High Friday Fun Night

**Friday, May 6 | 7:00 p.m.**

Come to Zion for the final Friday Fun Night for the 2015-2016 school year! We'll play our favorite games from the year and eat delicious snacks!

## High School Youth Group

**Craft Night**

**Sunday, May 8 | 6:00 p.m. | Youth Room**

Come to craft night! We'll make some new decorations for the youth room and seniors can decorate their own ceiling tiles for remembrance in the youth room!!

## Youth Group Picnic

**Sunday, May 15 | 6:00 p.m.**

Families of high schoolers are invited to meet at North Market Square Park for outdoor games, a barbecue, and a last chance to hang out all together before summer! 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their families are also invited to find out what high school youth group is all about!

## Mark Your Calendar!

**SAHM's Meetup @ North Market Square Park**

**Mondays in May – May 2 & May 16**

Meetup at 9:30am. Now that Spring has arrived, we'll meet at North Market Square Park (just north of Zion a couple of blocks). If it's rainy, come to the Gathering Room @ Zion, otherwise we'll plan to be outside.

All stay at home parents/caregivers welcomed. Bring your kiddo if they are still home with you. If they've gone off to school on Mondays, come on your own. Friends always welcome! Snacks for kiddos & coffee for grownups provided. Questions? Contact [Mary Merulla](#).

## Family Events for You & Yours; May – August

The Early Childhood Ministry Team is holding summer picnics in the park as well as a fun Mother's Day activity. Check the activity schedule and mark your calendar to attend!

### Mother's Day Party at Emerson Point Assisted Living

**Saturday, May 7 | 9:30 – 11:00am**  
**1355 Shannon Drive, Iowa City, 52246**

This is a Mother's Day Party hosted by Zion at Emerson Point Assisted Living. This will be a fun event filled with games, crafts, singing, and service. Our time will be spent with each other and with the residents of Emerson Point. We'll enjoy a light breakfast of fresh fruit and coffee cake and other tasty treats, sing some songs that we all know and can learn easily, play some games, and do some crafting. Come with your child to this activity and put a little sunshine into someone else's day!!

### Picnics in the Park

**May 22 @ 4:30 – 6:00 OR Noon – 2:00 – North**

**Ridge Park in Coralville.** *(Details regarding shelter & time not confirmed at time of printing.)*

**June – Family meal at VBS 6/24**

**July – Pop Up Picnic! Date & Time TBD**

**August 21 @ 4:30 – 6:30pm – City Park** *(Details regarding shelter not confirmed at time of printing.)*

Bring a dish to share. Table service and drinks provided. Feel welcome to invite friends.

Questions? Contact [Mary Merulla](#).

# Intergenerational Happenings

## Care Packages Away

Young adults who are away at college or on some other adventure will be receiving care packages from Zion the last week in April. The Confirmation classes met April 20 to assemble and mail care packages as their last service project of the year. Packages included popcorn, granola bars, drink mix, mini chocolate bars, and a handmade greeting card. It's our way of letting our young adults know that their church family is thinking of them and wishing them blessings on their way.

## Men's Ministry Events

### Men's Monthly Breakfast

**Saturday, May 14 | 8:00 a.m. | Parish Hall**

Every second Saturday each month and includes a short faith-building topic!

**Saturday, May 14 | 1:00 p.m. | Hawkeye Baseball home game vs. Michigan State - meet outside stadium 12:50 p.m. to sit together!**

### Prime Timers

**Fri., May 20 | 9:30 a.m.**

Prime Timers will meet at Ronnenburg in Amana for lunch and fellowship.

### Senior Singles

**Mon., May 16 | 11:30 a.m.**

Senior Singles will meet at Red Lobster in Coralville for lunch and fellowship.

## Cubs Trip Planned for Zion!

Zion will be renewing its tradition for an outing to Wrigley Field on Thursday, August 18, 2016, to see the Cubs play the Milwaukee Brewers. Total cost will be approximately \$80 per person, which includes round trip bus fare and a seat in the Terrace.

Reserved Infield section. Contact [Kristi Ferguson](#) at 351-3714 if you're interested. A sign-up sheet will also be available between services for the first three weeks in May.



Noisy offering was collected during each Sunday in April.

## Outreach Happenings

### Lutheran World Relief – All Zion Project of Hope and Caring — Sudsy Summer

Throughout the summer – June, July, and August – we will be collecting bar soap as part of our All Zion Project of Hope and Caring. Bring bars of soap (in their original packaging) to the collection wash tubs in the narthex. Soap collection is part of our Lutheran World Relief efforts. Soap keeps hands clean, germs at bay, and helps people present themselves with dignity. Help fill the tub!

### ToGather Together

ToGather Together (TGTg) provides free school supplies for over 3,700 children & youth in need in Johnson County. TGTg is a project started by the Consultation of Religious Communities and involves approximately 30 different faith communities, many businesses, Johnson County social services groups and many, many individuals. As the need continues to grow in our area we are seeing an increase in requests -- what started as an effort to provide supplies for 200 children from the years 2000-2007 has now grown to over 3,700 children & youth.

TGTg is seeking funds to purchase school supplies to support children & youth in Johnson County. If you are interested in providing monetary donations please send a check to “ToGather Together” at P.O. Box 2025, Iowa City, IA 52244.

To learn more about getting involved or for any questions, please contact a co-director: [Karrie Craig](#) or [Marsha Lowe](#).

Thank you for your continued support of ToGather Together.

### LCM Grateful to Zion Parishioners

There is no shortage of goals or challenges before the Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) Council. Two of the many goals this year are to become better fiscal managers and become more sophisticated fund raisers. We engaged in professional development on the subject, began working on the alumni list, the donor list, and asked each LCM Council member to pledge a monetary gift for this budget year. We were being proactive. Then word came from the synod that funding was being cut for this fiscal year. It was evident we were going to have to shift into a higher gear to meet our budget. We prayed Philippians 4:6 “Don’t worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a grateful heart.”

Zion Lutheran Church is a friend of and a generous supporter of the LCM. Your gifts have been both plentiful and timely. On April 9 & 10, LCM’s Chaplain, Sarah Goettsch, delivered a poignant and powerful sermon in which she brought to life the multiple dimensions of LCM’s mission as a special ministry to young adults, providing an inviting environment to reflect on spirituality and life, and to proclaim Christ’s Love and Grace to students, faculty, and staff in a secular academic setting. Zion parishioners were asked to support LCM with prayer and financial support. We don’t have a total on the prayers (please keep them coming), however, we are blessed beyond belief with financial support totaling, to date, \$2,808!! The LCM Council is humbled and grateful for your generosity. Thank you, Zion Lutheran Church parishioners.



**Summer Worship Times**

**June, July and August**

**Saturday: 5:15 p.m.**

**Sunday: 8:15 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.**

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