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God is Still With Us

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

Wow how life has changed for us right now. We find ourselves not able to gather in groups of more than 10; of businesses closed or open under strict restrictions; of restaurants relegated to carry out or delivery only; of schools shut down; of hospitals geared up for an epidemic; the requirement for everyone to wear masks everywhere; and of empty houses of worship.

But even though we can't physically meet together, we can still worship together.

1. We are broadcasting live on the radio on WCSM – AM, FM and audio online.

2. We are recording each worship service and uploading it to YouTube and sharing it on Facebook, Facebook Instant Messenger, email and evening by text message- if we have your email and mobile phone number. If you're not getting the recordings, and you want to get them please call the church office and talk to Kathy or Ann.

3. I am also recording and uploading Daily devotions that can last anywhere from 5 to 15 minutes, depending on the scripture I'm using for the devotion. Im using the daily lectionary used by Sola Publishing.

4. We also have some folks making checks by phone on your welfare and needs.

5. I remind you that Facebook has some excellent other devotions on Scripture by Sola Publishing and by NALC Clergy.

We will return to worship soon. I miss all of you very much and can't wait to be among you again at Zion.

In the meantime, go in peace and serve the Lord the best you are able.

Pastor Bill

May Birthdays

Wishing a Happy Birthday to the following members of Zion Lutheran Church. We invite you to pray for the following people on their special day.

1–Stephen Glass, Isabella Torsell
3–Elizabeth Ackroyd, Marlene Rutschilling, Lane Houston
4–Edwin Danner, Nicholas Kiel, Ingrid Miller
5–Sandra Yahl, Mary Merricle
6–Brookelle Grunden
7–Calvin Morris
8–Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Russell Hunter
9–James Freewalt, Mark Hegemier, Kyle Schmehl
10–Addison Masonbrink
11–Robert Fitzgerald, Phylis Lutterbeck, Michele Miller
12–Michael Hoenie, Dianne Storer, Judith Von Blon
13–Debra Sudman, Lucas Falasco
14–Allison Ankerman, Richard Allan Broyles, Eileen Zimmerman
15–Justin Weber
16–Amy Berner, Jeremy Hoenie, Robert Sudman
17–John Ankerman, Amanda Prichard, Michael Sudman
18–Allison Ackroyd, Janet Doute
19–Sarah Torsell
20–Brent Miller II, Haylee Opperman
21–Joseph Hegemier, Bryan Sands
22–Raegen Alley
23–Janice Daugherty, Amber Paul, John Vogel, Marc Yahl
24–Joyce Ross
25–Jill Gasson, Ruth Hoenie, Braylon Lampert, Jeffrey Suchland
26–Doug Stetler
27–Maddox Vogel
28–Dustin Cernan, Chloe Gibson
29–Martha Meyer
30–Emily Leonhard

If your name was omitted or a correction needs to be made in this list of birthdays, please contact the church office, 419-394-3115.

June Newsletter Article Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for our June Newsletter is **Friday, May 15.** Please submit all articles to the church office by 3:30 p.m. Here are the various ways to submit your articles to us:

- Fax: 419-394-1239
- Bring it to the church office by the deadline.
- Write us a note on the "I Worshiped Today"
- Leave a message on our answering machine: 419-394-3115 after 4:30 p.m.
- Send your article by e-mail:
  kbishir@hotmail.com
  orzionlutheranstmarys@bright.net

May Loose Offering

Our loose offerings each Sunday for the month of **May** are earmarked to support OESTERLEN SERVICES FOR YOUTH.

Office to be Closed

The church office will be closed on **Memorial Day, Monday, May 25**. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, May 26, at 8:30 a.m.

Items Being Collected for NALC Disaster Relief and LWR

Collected throughout year

*One Bath towel (approximately 52" x 27" and 20" x 40" for LWR), or any other size, dark colors recommended
*One wash cloth
*Two bars of soap, equaling 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapper
*One adult size toothbrush in original package
*One tube of toothpaste, except buy two if giving sample sizes
*One package of dental floss
*One sturdy comb, remove package
*One metal nail clippers (with or without attached file), remove packaging
*One deodorant, any kind or size
*Two lightweight cotton T-shirts (no onesies)
*Two long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (with or without feet)
*Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 36" or 52" square
*Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
*One jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
*Two pairs socks
*One hand towel, any color for NALC, dark recommended for LWR
*Two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
*Two diaper pins or large safety pins
*One cloth bag or backpack for NALC
*One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps for LWR
*Four notebooks of wide or college ruled paper, no loose-leaf paper, 8"x10 ½" size
*One 30 centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
*One pencil sharpener
*One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
*Five to six unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
*Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
*One eraser, 2 ½" for LWR, any size for NALC
*One box 16 or 24 crayons
*Twelve sheets assorted construction paper
*One calculator for high school (for NALC)

The Zion Women Mission Action Committee encourages you to donate any one or more of the items listed above. You may bring your items to the church during the week or with you to worship and place the items in one of the boxes located by the elevator. If you are unable to bring the items listed above but wish to give a donation toward the purchase of these items, please earmark and envelope "Personal Care Kit" and place it in the offering plate.

2020 Altar Flower Chart

The first part of the 2020 Flower Chart is available on the bulletin board by the alley entrance. We invite you to select the date you wish to provide flowers. On the Tuesday before the date you selected, order your arrangement from your favorite florist, and contact the church office, 419-394-3115, to let us know what information you would like included in the bulletin. Upcoming dates available:

- May 17
- May 24
- May 31
- June 7
- June 14
- July 5
- July 12
- July 26

Wear Red

Pentecost is **Sunday, May 31.** We are inviting each of you to wear ***RED*** to worship. Red reminds us of the tongues of fire that appeared to disciples on that day.

Flood Bucket Campaign

The Men In Mission are having a flood bucket campaign. The men are providing the buckets (by alley entrance) to fill with the supplies for cleanup following a disaster. A list of supplies for the buckets are taped to the inside of the bucket for your convenience. Take a bucket, fill it and bring it back to the church. This project has been funded by Thrivent. The men will be colleting the buckets year-around.

Prayer List

We invite you to pray daily for the people on this list who are family or friends of our members:

- Larry Wilkins
- Janet Dicke
- Tanner Fortman
- Judy VonBlon
- Marvin Opperman
- Juli Clark
- Brent Paulus
- Nancy Brown
- Ava Faler
- Steve Knoth
- JoAnn Cooper
- Becky Olberding
- Adam Poe
- Bob Lutz
- Adam Daugherty
- Autumn Regula & Regula Family
- Sandi Deerhake
- Gene Lake
- Connie Claybaker
- Diane Applegate Swartz
- Lois Axe
- Rick Weise

- Gary Katterheinrich
- Barbara Franks
- Christine & Rob Poe
- All those living with or around the Corona virus and the Flu
- Mike Rubin
- Michelle Kennedy
- Sean Lawler
- Andrew Johnson
- Michael Carroll
- Nathan Adams
- Eli Handy
- Brad Platt
- Jacob Yahl
- Daniel C. Lukac, IV
- Jason Gross
- Kyle Schmehl

ZWNALC NEWS

We hope all of you are keeping safe and well! Since Bible studies are not happening as a group, hopefully you are still studying the Bible at home.

The Lenten Fundraiser envelopes can be turned in at the church office at any time. This is what we use for budgeted items.

Thank you Note . . .

*from Trinity Lutheran Church, Warrenton, VA. "I hope you are all well! We are so thankful for your steadfast support over the years. We are live streaming our services on Facebook and Zooming our confirmation and first communion classes. God is with us–we'll get through this!"

--God bless, Pastor Dennis

Member Address Changes

MS JENNIFER HINSCHLAGER
1308 28TH ST S #1
ARLINGTON VA 22206
419-733-8292

MISS YVONNE STROHMEYER
VANCREST OF SAINT MARYS
1035 HAGAR ST APT 605
SAINT MARYS OH 45885

ADAM JOHNS
1030 CHICORY COURT
CELINA OH 45822

Memorials

Gifts was given in memory of Richard Burd by Ed & Linda Yahl, Walter P. Yahl Family, Bob & Virginia Hurm, Ralph & Carol Peyton, Harry & Nora Staunton and John & Janet Yahl.

A gift was gift the Roof Fund in memory of Terry Finke by Darrell & Joan Mendenhall, Don & Susan Nuss, Carol Schlosser, Harold & Betty Hussey and Joyce Finke.

"Where flowers bloom, so does hope."
—Lady Bird Johnson

May 2020 Calendar - Subject to Change!

S/3	8 a.m. **WCSM**	Traditional Worship Service*
T/5	7:30 p.m.	Congregation Council–Zoom
S/10	8 a.m. **WCSM**	Traditional Worship Service
F/15	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Article Deadline
S/17	8 a.m. **WCSM**	Traditional Worship Service*
S/24	8 a.m. **WCSM**	Ascension Sunday Worship*
M/25		Memorial Day/Office Closed
T/28	3:30 p.m.	Council Report Deadline
S/30	9:00 p.m	Joint Vacation Bible School at WSUMC

Holy Communion

Financial Information

Our current financial information for Zion is as follows for **year-to-date** for the month of April 2020:

- Beginning Bank Balance $5,483.62
- April Income YTD (+) $94,831.52
- April Expenses YTD (-) $93,386.22
- Payroll WH/Benevolence (-) $2,095.51
- April Ending Bank Balance $4,833.41
- Balance on Roof Loan $130,227.84

"In life, there are many promotions in spiritual growth, but there is no graduation."

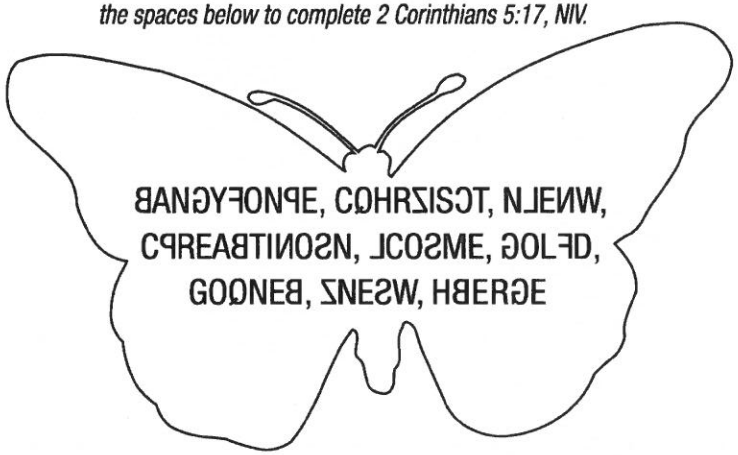
—T.J. Bach

PUZZLE

TransformationPOWER

Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly,
God transforms us from old to new.

Directions: *Cross out the backward letters. Write the remaining letters in order in the spaces below to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.*



Therefore, if _ _ _ _ _ _ is in _ _ _ _ _ _ ,
the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ has _ _ _ _ :
The _ _ _ has _ _ _ _ ,
the _ _ _ is _ _ _ _ !

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: anyone, Christ, new, creation, come, old, gone, new, here

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Assistant Secretary . . . . . *To Be Announced*
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Assistant Treasurer . . . . . *Marion Slater*

COUNCIL AT LARGE: *Cheryl Macklem, Lisa Hollenbacher, Marion Slater, Darl Bishir, Pete Ackroyd and Ryan Yahl*
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***Chairperson**