

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH – BETHALTO, ILLINOIS

August 6, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Requests that you would like to have included in the prayers this morning may be given before the service to the pastor or pastors who are in the Ministry Center. If **possible, printed requests would be most appreciated.**

Total Saturday/Sunday Worship Attendance for 7/30/17 was 451 compared to an attendance of 410 on 7/31/16.

Upcoming Events:

August 7 Yoga
 August 9 Zumba
 August 12 Run/Walk Culp Lane Park
 August 16-17 Preschool Welcome Picnic
 Sept. 15-17 Church Campout

Bible Studies and Small Groups for Adults

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 3:18a)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday	9:30 am	Reading Romans with Luther	Dottie Rogers	East Conf. Room (Near Elevator)
Sunday	9:30 am	Reading Romans with Luther	Pastors	Adult Ed Room (Basement)
Sunday	9:30 am	Reading Romans with Luther	Ken Ray, Brian Huffman	Old Conf. Room (Basement)
Sunday	9:30 am	Reading Romans with Luther	Various	West Conference Room (South end Min. Center)
Sunday	9:30 am	Reading Romans with Luther	Marla Ray	Copy Room (Min. Center)
Tuesday	9:00 am	Pericopes <i>A study of the weekly church readings</i>	Pastor Kale	West Conference Room
Wednesday	10:30 am	Reading Romans with Luther	Bruce Dorris	West Conference Room

Offering Update as of July 30th

Offerings Received Last Week	\$12,363	Offerings Received YTD	\$506,491
Offerings Budgeted Per Week	\$18,167	Offerings Budgeted YTD	\$581,333
Resulting Shortfall Last Week	\$5,804	Resulting Shortfall Last Week	\$74,842

Amount owed to Bank for Line of Credit - **\$69,000**

Join us help Flat Luther reach 500 places in honor of the 500th celebration of the Reformation this year! As you travel (even in town!) take Flat Luther with you and take pictures of his adventures. **Be sure to mark** his travels on our “Where in the world has Flat Luther traveled?” map and write down the location on the board. Post pictures on Facebook with #FlatLutherZion. You can find all pictures on Zion’s Facebook page! *Flat Luthers are available* in the Ministry Center. \$1 donations are appreciated, but not required. Have a great summer!

Pastor Mark will be on vacation until August 8. He will be back in the office on August 9.

DCE Kristen is on vacation August 1—15.

Consecrated Stewards kicks off in September: The following positions are needed for members who are interested in helping Zion improve its stewardship of the resources God has blessed us with as a church.

General Chair: Provide overall supervision of the process; help in the recruiting of the leadership teams; order materials; serve as liaison with Mark Frith and help keep the process in prayer and be an example in making your own commitment.

Event Chair: Arrange for the Leaders Luncheon and arrange for the Celebration Luncheon and help keep the process in prayer and be an example in making your own commitment.

Spiritual Growth Chair: Coordinate Bible Study arrangements with the pastors; recruit and supervise “announcers” and “witnesses” and keep the process in prayer and be an example in making your own commitment.

Publicity Chair: Prepare posters; coordinate newsletter articles and bulletin announcements; arrange for printing of reservation cards and commitment cards; prepare and coordinate mailings; prepare two sets of card labels for reservation calls and keep the process in prayer and be an example making your own commitment.

Financial Secretary: Prepare the congregational giving profile; personalize thank you letters and keep the process in prayer and be an example in making a commitment.

Reservations Chair: Confirmation reservations for the Leaders Luncheon and keep the process in prayer and be an example in making your own commitment.

Adult Choir practice starts on Wednesday, August 23, at 7 p.m.

Guitars Needed: Zion Lutheran School would like to start a guitar band. If you have a guitar that you no longer want or need, please consider donating it to Zion Lutheran School. Contact Elizabeth O’Dell (540-1523) for more information.

Attention Parents of 6th Graders: It’s time to register for Confirmation classes! If your child is entering 6th grade, they will begin classes in the fall. *There are requirements prior to starting Confirmation*, so please contact DCE Kristen to register as soon as possible! kwyzard@zionbethalto.org.

Confirmation Parent Meeting for all 6th—8th grade parents of youth in public school Confirmation classes will be August 27. Please join us in the east wing of the Sanctuary either directly after the 8 a.m. service or directly after the 11 a.m. service. Thank you!

Help us welcome our preschool families: August 16 & 17, preschool families will be coming here to visit their classroom, and we’ve got a great opportunity as a congregation to make them feel welcome! Join us in putting together some food and family fun from 5—7 p.m. those evenings, so we can show the preschool families how glad we are to have them here! Sign up to help out in ministry center after church, it’s going to be a great time!

NEW! Zion’s FIT Club: Join us for some fun and fitness! We have coordinated our current efforts under a new name: FIT club! Join us (and bring friends!) for the following weekly events through August:

Yoga: Mondays—8 p.m.—ministry center

Zumba: Wednesdays—6 p.m.—school gym

Walk/Run: Saturdays—8 a.m.—Culp Lane Park

August 21: “Rethink Your Drink” Guest speaker discussing the effects of sugar. 7 p.m.—Ministry Center

August 31: Kids in the Kitchen. Our leader will help kids cook their own healthy meal. (RSVP required). Time TBD.

This quarter (June—August), free will donations will be accepted in lieu of collections, and all donations will go to Riverbend Family Ministries in Wood River.

The Board for Older Adults is again sponsoring the “Christmas in July” giving tree containing items requested by the Zion school and preschool teachers for their classrooms for the upcoming school year. The tree will remain in the Ministry Center until August 6. Items may be selected and returned to the church and placed in a specially marked container with the original request tag attached. Thanks for the support in the past and your continued generosity.

Church Campout: The church campout is September 15-17 at the Illini Campground in Eldon Hazlet State Park at Carlyle Lake. Please join us for a weekend of fellowship for all ages. There will be a fellowship meal Saturday evening featuring Mike Lenger's delicious ribs. Each family is asked to bring a side dish for this meal. Sunday morning there will be a worship service at 9 a.m. The cost is \$20 per night or \$10 per night for tent campers. Please make reservations and pay at the church office. If you have any questions, please call Ray or Debbie Rantanen (377-0223).

All Monthly Youth Activities Resume in September! We've changed some things, so please read the information below carefully. See you in September!

Jr. High Nights (5th—8th grade) are the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, 4—6 p.m., starting September 17.

M&B's is for Sr. High (9th—12th grades) and is the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at the Pfeiffer's home, 4—6 p.m., starting September 17.

Sr. High Nights (9th—12th grades) are the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, 4—6 p.m., starting September 10.

Every 5th Sunday will be a special event for all Jr. & Sr. High youth. The first 5th Sunday is a bonfire on October 29, 6 p.m.

Sign up for text reminders!

Jr. High Students: Text @ZionJH to 81010

Jr. High Parents: Text @ZionJrP to 81010

Sr. High Students: Text @ZionSH to 81010

Sr. High Parents: Text @ZionSrP to 81010

Confirmation Students & Parents: Text @ZConf to 81010

National Youth Gathering 2019 Info: Text @ZionNYG to 81010

The Parish Nurse, Cathie Ketterer, is recovering from knee surgery (June 28). She will be off approximately 6 weeks.

Cafeteria Manager Needed: Zion Lutheran School is looking for new Cafeteria Manager who would help run the lunch program for our elementary school children. This is a paid part time position. The approximate hours of service Monday through Friday, would be 10:30 a.m.—1 p.m. The Cafeteria Manager would pick up the prepared food from Meadowbrook Intermediate School (a quarter mile from Zion) and serve to the children during their lunch periods. Some training would be required but provided. To learn more or if interested, please contact the school office at 618-377-5507.

Lunch Room Volunteers: If you love interacting with children and could spare a few hours one day or several days a week, Zion Lutheran School would really appreciate your help. In an effort to keep our school lunch program affordable for our families, we would like to secure volunteers each day to assist the Cafeteria Manager in serving lunches to the school children. This would require about a 2 1/2 hr. time commitment on the day you are assisting. If you think you could assist the school as a lunch room volunteer, please contact the school office at 618-377-5507.

A Study of "Martin Luther and the Reformation" will be led by Pastor Meyer this coming September and October. Sessions will be held on Wednesday mornings from September 6 through October 18 in the church council room from 10:30 a.m. till noon as well as on Thursday evening from September 7 through October 19 in the church council room from 7—8:30 p.m. Pastor Meyer will supplement his lectures with a power point presentation containing pictures of Reformation sites from his visits to Germany in 1983 and 2016. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Ministry Center beginning August 20. This study will highlight how God used an obscure monk to reform the church of his day and why we continue to celebrate the Reformation 500 years later.

Back to School Trivia Night! Metro-East Lutheran High School class of 2020 is sponsoring a Back to School Trivia Night on Saturday, August 26, beginning at 7 p.m. Tables will be of ten. Adults are \$10 and students are \$5. Contact Mrs. Covarrubias at MELHS for table reservations at shanna.covarrubias@melhs.org. Individual tickets will be sold too. All payment will be at the door on the night of the Trivia Contest.

2018 Croatia, Slovenia and Adriatic Coast Tour: A Croatia, Slovenia, and the Adriatic Coast Tour for October of 2018 is being planned by Pastor Mark and Kristi and Pastor Willy and Stephani. There will be an informational meeting at the church on September 12 at 7 p.m. Collette representative, Lora Carlson, will be present to give details about one of Europe's hidden cultural gems. This will be a 12-day tour to some medieval cities along the sparkling blue waters of the Adriatic Sea. For more information or to sign up for the meeting, contact one of the pastors or their wives.

ACTIVITIES

MONDAY:	Braille (Edwardsville) Matins Choir Yoga	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
TUESDAY:	Pericopes Braille (Wood River) Quilters Board for Older Adults	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:	Quilters NO Parish Nurse Bible Study Zumba Men's Club (at Gatehouse)	8 a.m.-12 p.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY:	Zion Braille Mission Board School Board	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY:	Walk/Run Club – Culp Lane Park Women's Bible Study – "Made to Crave" Sisterhood of Stitching	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday:	6:00 p.m.
Sunday:	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School:	9:30 a.m.

Rev. Mark Hofferber, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kale Hanson, Associate Pastor
Seminarian Josh Mork
Miss Kristen Wyzard, DCE
Mrs. Patti Epping, Secretary

Mr. Joseph Snyder, Principal
Mrs. Annalisa Roggow, Preschool Director
Mrs. Renee Hardwick, Secretary

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