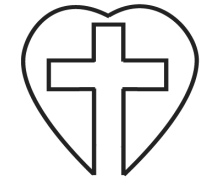


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# Tidings of Zion

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## Mark Your Calendar!

These are the events at Zion Lutheran Church that are coming in the next few months that you will not want to miss! Mark your calendar!

**May 15: Trivia Night** – A fundraiser for the youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering this July in Detroit.

**May 17: Fun Fair** – A celebration of Zion's Sunday School program.

**June 7: Senior High School Brunch** – Celebrating our graduates.

**June 13: Zion Outreach Event** – Going out into the community to be "...a caring congregation committed to sharing Christ's love with the world."

**June 19-20: ELCA Synod Assembly** – At Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. <http://nisynod.org/assembly/>

**June 22-26: Vacation Bible School** – Theme: Hometown Nazareth! Register now at the new Zion Lutheran Church website: [www.zionbelevidere.com](http://www.zionbelevidere.com)

**July 11: Zion Outreach Event** – Going out into the community to be "...a caring congregation committed to sharing Christ's love with the world."

**July 15-19: ELCA Youth Gathering** – in Detroit City! [www.elca.org/YouthGathering](http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering)

**July 27-August 1: Leadership Lab** – At Augustana College. See Pastor Scott for details. <http://www.leadershiplab.net/>

**August 11-16: Boone County Fair** – Zion Lutheran Church will be there! <http://www.boonecountyfair.com/>

**August 22: Zion Outreach Event** – Going out into the community to be "...a caring congregation committed to sharing Christ's love with the world."

We are going to be busy this summer!! Peace, Pr. Scott

"Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord Christ." - Colossians 3:23-24

## May Highlights

Geranium Orders Due May 10

Pioneer Club May 11

Women's Retreat on May 16

Sunday School Fun Fair May 17

The Day of Pentecost May 24

Memorial Day May 25  
Office Closed

Church Clean Up Day May 30

## Our Staff

Rev. Scott Stolberg	Senior Pastor
Rev. Bill Nelson	Visitation Pastor
Mary Lightfoot	Council President
Dawn Brunschon	Youth Director
Pat Castro	Sunday School Director
Carleen Courtney	Music Director
Vicky Goltermann	Sunday School Music
Dan Albrecht	Worship & Praise
Kathy Martin	Secretary
Dan Druckrey	Custodian



## Worship Schedule

September—May  
Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

June—August  
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.  
Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.  
Nursery Available

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## High School Youth

Thank you to everyone that was able to help with all of the activities last month. It was a busy month!

Thank you to our youth who volunteered their services for the Army Johnson Classic. They helped by handing out water to the runners in the 10k run.

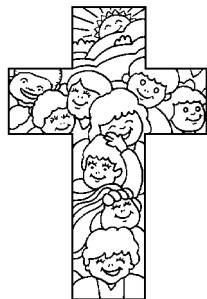
*Coffee Hour* **May 10**. Please drop off your baked goods by 8:30.

*It's Trivia Night at Zion!* Get your friends here for a fun night of questions and laughs. High School will be serving, cleaning kitchen and runners for the game. So mark your calendar for **May 15!!**

*Sunday School Fun Fair* is **May 17**. We are in need of people to set up, run games and tear down the fair. This takes place from 9:30-10:25 downstairs. I will expect to see you there unless I hear differently from you.

Please mark your calendars for **June 7** after the 9:00 service. We will be helping set up, serve and clean up the high school graduation breakfast. This is the last Stepping Stone for our graduating seniors. Please donate a baked good and your time to honor your friends.

Need volunteer hours? Activities to put on your college applications and scholarship forms? Zion's Vacation Bible School is a great way to earn those hours and build your resume. It shows leadership, commitment, dedication. The dates this year are June 22-25. See Dawn to sign up to help.



### Sunday School

**May 10**, Sunday School students are **singing** at the 10:30 service. We will be **greeters** for that service as well.

Last day of Sunday School is **May 17**. Please join us to celebrate with our annual Fun Fair activities at 9:30 – 10:20.

## Thank You Notes

The High School group would like to thank Ken and Jean Anderson for donating the eggs for our wonderful Easter Breakfast. We also want to thank Mike and Gretchen Mallegni for cooking the breakfast. Thank you for your time and resources. I'm not sure we could have managed without your help!  
Thanks again, *Dawn Brunschon*

Thank you for all of your prayers, words of kindness, care, compassion and cards that came our way after the passing of my mother. It was very much appreciated.  
*John Enright*

### April 9, a night no one will forget...

I called the church about 6:30, Pastor answered. I said I might be a little late for worship but I planned to be there. He said service will go on as scheduled for anyone who comes, but safety is first. I grabbed my phone (which I never do) and a weather radio and made it to church just in time.

We had a small group for worship that evening, and with sirens blaring, Pastor decided to hold the service in the basement nursery. The alert was constantly sounding on my weather radio and interrupting. Then the big OOPS happened—I accidentally moved the switch to the “off” position. For the remainder of the service, there were no alerts from the radio, and we all felt a little safer (minus the power going out) but we had no idea what was going on outside.

Pastor and his wife, Wendy said they would stay at the church if anyone was uncomfortable about going outside. This was very comforting, however I needed to get home and see how everything was going there. Upon exiting the church, I saw a large piece of metal in the parking lot and knew there was a problem somewhere close by. Thanks be to God, Belvidere was spared any major destruction.

More importantly, thanks be to God for the Stolberg's. Their unselfish desire to be there for us, and to not just 'go home' shows the character I can appreciate in the leadership of Zion.

Thanks for being there. Thanks for being here. *Dave Jacobson*



Thanks be to God, Belvidere was spared.

**Pioneer Club**

On Monday, May 11th, the Pioneer Club’s “welcome mat” will be out for Will Resin. Share in the Noon ‘carry-in’ meal before hearing from Will, of Wild Birds Unlimited, about helpful hints on Summer bird feeding.

Please bring your place setting along with a salad, casserole, vegetable, meat dish, deviled eggs, jello or dessert; beverage provided. Guests are always welcome!

**Social Ministry**

Social Ministry is now collecting items for **Mother`s Day gifts**, so if you have any regift items, new items, tissue paper or bags that children might like to give to their moms, please place these in the Social Ministry box in the Narthex through May 3rd. As in years past, this project helps the Day Care children give something special.

**Remember to turn in your Geranium Order Form by May 10**

Cost per plant is \$4.50. You may also order by calling the church office at 547-6102. The geraniums will be planted here on the church grounds following Pentecost Sunday.

**Zion’s Church Clean Up Day**

Join us for Breakfast from 7–8 a.m.  
 Saturday, May 30th  
**Clean Up** is from 8:00—Noon



**Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church/Poplar Grove**

is hosting a Scandinavian Smorgasboard  
 Full menu featuring specialties such as Lefse, Fish balls, meat balls,  
 Scandinavian pastries, salads, and beverages.  
 Saturday, May 9th from 4:00—7:00 pm  
 Adults: \$13; Children ages 5-12: \$5; Children under 5: Free

**More Youth News....**

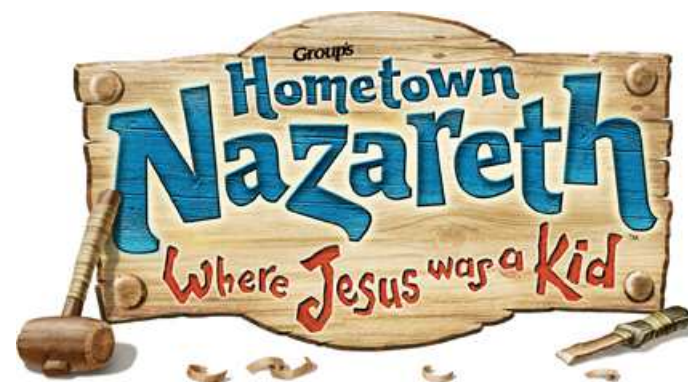
**Sunday School Fun Fair**

The annual Fun Fair will take place on May 17th during the Sunday School hour. There will be games, prizes, snacks and lots of FUN, FUN, FUN! This will be the last day of Sunday School until the Fall schedule begins.

**Vacation Bible School**

June 22 thru June 26 for Ages Kindergarten thru 5th Grade  
 Invite your neighbors to attend with you!

There are many ways you can help this year to make this week successful by donating your time or resources. Whether it be volunteering to teach, helping the students sign in, getting crafts together, bringing in a needed item for either food or craft supplies or just being a friendly face to those children in need of a place to find God for a week. No matter what your contribution, WE NEED YOU!



**Reminders to Confirmation Students & Parents**

Wednesday, April 29th at 5:30—Serving Appreciation Dinner  
 Sunday, May 17th at 9:15 a.m.—Help at the Sunday School Fun Fair

**KICK Volunteers**

Remember to RSVP for the Appreciation Dinner.



Reminder:  
 Summer  
 Worship  
 Schedule  
 begins  
 June 7th at  
 9:00 a.m.

**Recipe Night** (Sponsored by Women of Zion)  
 Tuesday, May 12th at 6:30 PM here at Zion Lutheran Church

Learn how to fuel your body for success at this special night. Also be intrigued by the health talk featuring recipes from the **Maximized Living Nutrition** plans. Enjoy recipes of smoothies, appetizers, entrees and desserts. You don't want to miss out, so reserve your seat today!

**Women's Retreat Reminder**  
 Saturday, May 16 at 9:00 a.m.

Master Gardener, Sandy Erickson will be here to answer any questions you have about your flowerbeds, garden or yard this Spring. Maybe you need to know which plants are best for a sunny or shady area. Which plants work best in a container on the deck?

**Submit your questions no later than Sunday, May 3rd.** Leave these questions with Kathy in the office or in the Women's mail slot outside the office door. Be sure to bring a friend to this event!

**Women's Circle reminder**  
*Deborah Circle* will meet on Tuesday, May 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the Steam Plant Restaurant.

**Sympathy**  
 Our thoughts and prayers are with  
 John Enright upon the loss of his mother, Irene  
 Pastor Stolberg and his family upon the loss of his father, Randy  
 Maurice Hagen upon the loss of his brother, Gary  
 Sharon Yunto upon the loss of her sister-in-law, Janice  
*Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

**Baptism**  
 Elleney Marie Ogan, child of Brad & Melita Ogan, on April 12



**MAY BIRTHDAYS!**

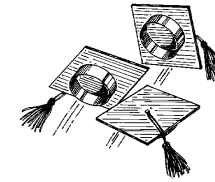
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| 5 - David Schumann    | 16- Wyatt Hulstedt |
| 6 - Melvina Haskins   | Dave Ernest        |
| Jody Conro            | 17- Brant Faulkner |
| Emily Ernest          | 19- Nancy Brendum  |
| Cathy Benjamin        | Rose Schlickmann   |
| 7 - Beth McCuen       | 21- Carl Persson   |
| Emma Rittschof        | 22 - Brad Johnson  |
| 8 - Monica Sotelo     | Jace Cordray       |
| 9 - Ruth Kaschub      | 23- Emma Cordray   |
| Alexis Langley        | 24- Dan Ortiz      |
| 10 - Phyllis Cullison | 25- Audra Wakeley  |
| Skylar Schmidt        | Pedro Sotelo       |
| 14 - Janet Schultz    | 28- Sally Holmes   |
| Gracie Thies          | Johnathon Bredlau  |
| Rodney Johnson        | 29- Floyd Anderson |
| John Clark            | 31- Erik Meyers    |



**Celebrate your day!**



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**Graduation Blessing and Brunch**

Zion will recognize our High School Seniors on Sunday, June 7th at the 9:00 worship service. Following the service on June 7th, the graduates and their families will enjoy a Brunch in the fellowship hall.

Applications for Zion scholarships have been mailed out and need to be returned by Tuesday, May 26th.

**Calling all Musical Talents!**

We are hoping to fill the summer with solo or duet singers and instrumentalists at the Sunday morning worship services. The music director, Carleen Courtney, is happy to work with you in selecting a piece and/or accompanying you.

Please call Carleen at 608-563-5599.

**From the Treasurer**

**General Fund**

1/01/15	Beginning Balance	14,414.67
	Receipts (Income)	64,674.83
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>62,521.14</u>
	3/31 Balance	\$16,566.36



**Building Fund**

1/01/15	Beginning Balance	19,944.45
	Income	11,635.51
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>11,530.08</u>
	3/31 Balance	\$20,049.88

**Council Updates**

- The Air Conditioner in fellowship hall has been repaired and is in good working order for the summer months.
- A Changing Table has been installed in the men’s bathroom, now creating equal changing opportunities for both moms and dads.
- The Church Clean Up date is set for Saturday, May 30th beginning at 8:00 a.m.