

From the Pastor's Desk

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Tidings Of Zion

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It is time to plant. Time to get the roto-tiller out, buy several bags of manure and compost and churn up the earth and make the ground ready for planting. After the ground is sufficiently turned over, Sue and I will carefully plant our tomatoes, beans, peppers, basil and other herbs, and flowers. It is a time for planting in preparation of new life in the garden. New life that reminds us of God's restorative nature in Creation.

In the church, we also set our sights on New Life. The festive season after Easter and leading up to Pentecost and Holy Trinity have revealed the goodness of God that exists in the breath of life that fuels our faith. The gift of the Holy Spirit, the presence of all Three Persons of the Trinity, remind us of the fullness of God.

As we enter into the long season, the Time After Pentecost, in the book of Joshua, we read:

choose this day whom you will serve

Joshua 24:15

Joshua reminds the ancient people as they are about to enter the promised land, that God has been steadfast in providing safety and honoring the covenant. Joshua reminds the people of a choice they have. Serve God or serve false gods. Paul in his letter to the Romans explains we can serve the flesh or the Spirit. (Romans 8). Life in the Spirit is defined by grace, peace, and harmony

The Season After Pentecost is a time for growing New Life in the Word. The Altar Guild gets a much-deserved breather as we settle into the "green season" without change until October. We focus on the life of the Church as it grows in the midst of the world. The lectionary will guide us through Gospel readings that cover the teaching of Jesus' ministry.

As we emerge from our COVID restrictions, we can re-connect with our church as we re-gather in the sanctuary, as we celebrate outdoor worship in the parking lot, as we welcome children into Vacation Bible School, as we work the Food Trucks, and as we present ourselves with renewed commitment to Sharing Christ's Love in joyful response to the grace we have received.

Pastor David Petersen



Fellowship Hour to Resume!!

Be looking out for June 6th - Coffee and Donuts will return in our fellowship hall after worship services on Sunday mornings as long as we have volunteers that are willing to sign-up and serve them. We ask that you please consider taking a turn at making coffee, picking up donuts and serving. We all look forward to our fellowship gatherings. We hope you will call the church

office at 815-547-6102 and signup for any Sunday that works for you to be a part of bringing this special time back for all of us.

We need YOU to help keep this going for Zion!



Let's celebrate Dan Druckrey



We will "finally" be celebrating Dan's retirement along with our congregational meeting on June 13th. Dan actually retired last year, but with the pandemic restrictions, we could not properly celebrate and give Thanks to Dan for all the many years he took great care of our church inside and out. Zion is very grateful for his work and service all those years. Please join us as we give our many **THANKS** to Dan and Mona on the 13th.

REMINDER

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, June 13th after worship service. Please be sure to bring your lawn chair and sunglasses for this outside worship service and the meeting. We ask all our Zion friends to come and let your voices be heard in voting for the 2021 budget and to officially vote for this year's 2021 council members.

An email will be coming shortly with a video attachment explaining the financial status of Zion that is represented in the budget you will be voting for. Jeff Ernest will be available for any questions after the Sunday, June 6th service.

Your vote is needed!

Vacation Bible School 2021



Come join us for Vacation Bible School!

Learn about the Gifts God has Created!

June 21-25

9:00am – 11:30am

Storytelling, Games, Snacks, Music, Skits, Crafts!
Several Animal Ambassadors will visit throughout the week!

Pre-Registration is recommended – as we are limiting the number of children to 30.

Call the church office 815-547-6102 or email zionoffice@zionbelvidere.org to register today!!

HELPERS & DONATIONS Needed PLEASE!!

Want to help with VBS? We NEED helpers for all areas! Any donations of juice boxes, individually wrapped treats, such as Rice Krispy bars, cheese & crackers, granola bars, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

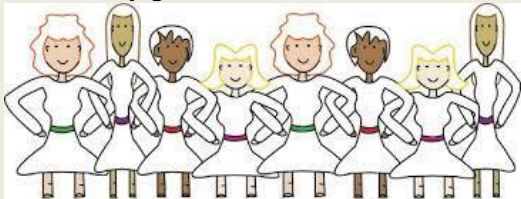
(NO PEANUT products please.)

Call the office, email or come to the VBS meeting on June 8th at 7:00pm

Questions? Call the office or Pat Castro at (815-520-5660)

CALLING ALL WOMEN OF ZION

(sorry gentlemen-not this time)



We invite you to come join us in planning for the direction we want to take the Women of Zion group. We would love to hear any ideas you may have and would like to share with you some ideas we have been thinking about this past year. We hope to see you Tuesday, June 8th at 5:00pm in the church!

Kris Beever



Pick Up the Phone

It may be Pastor Petersen
or a friend from church
calling to say "Hello"



COME
ONE,

Zion Sponsored Rock Painting

The Zion Witness Team would like to invite all adults and kids to join us for fellowship, a chance to show your artistic talent, and an opportunity to spread God's love in our community. We will be painting rocks that will be hidden around Belvidere or shared with friends and family. Each rock will have a Zion sticker on the back inviting the finder to our church and website. Please join us for this fun outside activity.

Saturday, June 12th from 1:00-3:00pm
at the Zion Parking Lot

All supplies will be provided. Bring your own refreshments if so desired.

We hope to see you there.

Questions? Contact Kris Enright at 815-985-1794



Hang Out with Pastor Come In and Chat

As vaccinations are completed, and if it has been a while since you have been in the church building and you want to come in, Pastor Petersen will be scheduling appointments! Come in on a Tuesday to hang out! Any Tuesday afternoon into the early evening, one person, couple or family unit at a time for half hour interval visits. BYOB and we can chat, safely distanced, wherever you like: in the sanctuary, in the narthex, in the choir loft, down in the basement, outside on the picnic table...wherever! IF Tuesdays don't work for you – call Pastor for another day! Call Pastor's cell **815-408-0242** to schedule your time, or see the signup in the entryway on the bulletin board.
I look forward to our time together!

Appreciating Zion's Peace Garden

We invite you to stop by and take in the beauty of God's creation and "Give Thanks" for the Brandmire's labor and loving touch. Rodney and his wife, Deborah, took time to clean up this beautiful space that has in turn created peace and joy at our back entrance. It is a beautiful welcome to all our friends and visitors.

Northern Illinois Synod Assembly

Delegates from Zion Lutheran will be Pastor Petersen and Terry Miller. The Northern Illinois Synod Assembly will be a digital event on Friday, June 18 and Saturday, June 19, 2021. Voting members will participate on Zoom. Visitors can watch a livestream right here: <https://nisynod.org/annual-events/assembly>.



UPDATE on Sound System Upgrade Project

Over the past month, we have been finalizing equipment for the sound system upgrade. This new equipment will include microphones, speakers in the church, choir loft and Fellowship Hall with a new amplifier and mixing unit. Additionally, we have designed portions of the system to be mobile in order to save cost. As indicated last month and earlier, the cost of the project is estimated to be around \$15,000 to complete. This upgrade will greatly improve our in-person worship experience along with our Facebook Live or other video ministry via email or website.

The council decided that we would do a fundraiser for this sound system

project. Additionally, one of our church families has agreed to make a matching donation for a portion of the total cost, based on how much we are able to raise from the congregation during this fundraising activity. **I am**

happy to report that as of this writing, members have donated over \$2,000 (Thank You Very Much!) and an additional \$2,000 in a matching donation has been committed to the project. (Thank You!)



We still have a long way to go on our fundraising, so, if interested in supporting this needed sound system upgrade, please indicate on your weekly giving or other envelope "Sound System". Thank You in advance for supporting this project!

Face Masks and Other Church Restrictions UPDATE

The council has made the decision to stop the requirement for wearing masks for those in groups of 20 or less while in the church. However, we will continue with masks during our church services or larger gatherings until further notice. Those that are not yet vaccinated are encouraged to continue wearing masks along with those that feel more comfortable with a mask. We ask those not yet vaccinated to use the honor system and to wear a mask to protect yourself and others. We also encourage you to get vaccinated as soon as you can.

No more temperature checks will be done. Communion will continue to be prepackaged at this time. The collection plate will remain at the back of the church for the time being as well.

Fellowship time after service will resume June 6th with tables spread out in the fellowship hall.

These same guidelines will be used during Thursday evening worship at 7:00pm.

Your church council will review monthly what is happening with the pandemic and will adjust worship guidelines accordingly.



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| 1 Bob Brunschon | 10 Emily Bredlau | 18 Jared Wick |
| 2 Kari Schmidt | 12 Wanda Adamson | 19 Luanne Carlton |
| 4 Leah Baird | June Morgensen | Evan Wick |
| Andrew Mallegni | Brittney Bender | 20 Kendal Schmidt |
| 5 Susan Petersen | 13 Burton Sandberg | 22 Racy Zediker |
| 8 Justin Kozlowski | James Heron | Cody Ahls |
| John Kozlowski | 14 Doug Shiloh | 23 Lois Bender |
| 9 Gretchen Mallegni | 16 Brianna Brunschon | Sam Larson |
| Chloe Balsitis | 17 Olivia Bahena | 25 Jeremy Nogacz |
| Kayden Schmidt | 18 Melissa Bahena | 26 Janet Anderson |
| | | 29 Linda Kozlowski |



From the Treasurer

General Fund

04/2021	Beginning Balance	\$44,482.25
	Total Income	\$36,677.51
	Total Expenses	<u>\$16,908.16</u>
	Balance	\$64,251.60

Building Fund

04/2021	Beginning Balance	\$15,726.54
	Total Income	\$ 3,772.00
	Total Expenses	<u>\$ 2,282.05</u>
	Balance	\$17,216.49

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Monday & Wednesday
10:00 - 1:00pm

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Staff

Rev. David J. Petersen
Pastor

Jeff Ernest
Council President

Mary & Dan Albrecht
Sunday Musicians

Dan Albrecht
Thursday Musician

Dawn Calkins
Choir Director

Pat Castro
Sunday School Director

Diane Vorndran
Financial Secretary

Sharon Yunto
Treasurer

Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9:00am
(Limited Seating
due to Covid-19)

Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Find Worship Videos at
www.zionbelvidere.com

OR

On Facebook at
[ZionBelvidere+](https://www.facebook.com/ZionBelvidere/)

Council Members

Term Through January 2022
Kris Beever
John Bender
Pat Scherf
Rod Brandmire
Jen Downey
Marge Olson
Donna Brookbank
Tanya Hoemke

Term Through January 2023
Cheryl Sturges
Kris Enright
Gail Walsh Knitter

Term Through January 2024
Jeff Ernest

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JUNE		1 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) Worship/Music Mtg-5pm	2 Office Hours: 10-1 Sewing/Quilting - 9:00am Zoom Bible Study-9:30am	3 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) Choir Practice – 5:15 Bell Choir Meet - 6:00 7:00 pm -Thursday Worship Service	4 Office Closed (Contact Pastor)	5
6 Sunday Worship @ 9am Coffee & Donuts Start-Up Altar Flowers Start-Up	7 Office Hours: 10-1 Witness Meeting: 7:00pm	8 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) Altar Guild Mtg-4:00pm Women of Zion Mtg-5:00 VBS Meeting - 7:00pm (Christian Nurturing)	9 Office Hours: 10-1 Sewing/Quilting - 9:00am Zoom Bible Study-9:30am	10 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) Choir Practice – 5:15 Bell Choir Meet - 6:00 7:00 pm -Thursday Worship Service	11 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) Council Reports Due	12 Rock Painting 1:00-3:00pm
13 Sunday Worship @ 9am (Outdoor Service Planned) Annual Congregational Meeting (after service) Retirement Celebration	14 Office Hours: 10-1	15 Office Closed (Contact Pastor)	16 Office Hours: 10-1 Sewing/Quilting - 9:00am Zoom Bible Study-9:30am Council Meeting:7:00pm	17 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) Choir Practice – 5:15 Bell Choir Meet - 6:00 7:00 pm -Thursday Worship Service	18 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) NISYNOD Assembly via Zoom	19 NISYNOD Assembly via Zoom
20 Sunday Worship @ 9am	21 Office Hours: 10-1 VBS 9:00-11:30 Pioneer Lunch – 11:30am Witness Meeting: 7:00pm	22 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) VBS 9:00-11:30	23 Office Hours: 10-1 VBS 9:00-11:30 Sewing/Quilting - 9:00am	24 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) VBS 9:00-11:30 Choir Practice – 5:15 Bell Choir Meet - 6:00 7:00 pm -Thursday Worship Service	25 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) VBS 9:00-11:30	26 NIFB – Food Truck 10:00-11:30am
27 Sunday Worship @ 9am Heritage Day Parade	28 Office Hours: 10-1	29 Office Closed (Contact Pastor)	30 Office Hours: 10-1 Sewing/Quilting - 9:00am Zoom Bible Study-9:30am			