

FOR WE WALK BY *Faith*
NOT BY SIGHT.
2 Corinthians 5:7

Tidings Of Zion

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*And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples (Isaiah 25:7)*

The shroud of the pandemic that has covered us is slowly being lifted. Maintaining masks, distances, hygiene, getting vaccinated, appears to be destroying the virus on this mountain known as Zion Lutheran Church.

The shroud that is lifted reveals new hope and new truth, as we proclaim:

Alleluia! He is Risen!!
He is risen, indeed, Alleluia!!

We proclaim the Good News, entering the month of May witnessing the new life of the season. As we put away the snow shovels and snow blowers, and replace them with shovels, and seed, and roto-tillers and lawn mowers, we see signs of freshness in the springtime around us. Grass is growing, flowers are blooming, crops are going in the ground....boldly proclaiming the promise of new life.

We continue to proclaim the Resurrected Life of the Empty Tomb, and we rejoice in our well-being, and give thanks as we have enjoyed being back in the sanctuary for worship. The success of the guidelines adhered to are evident in rolling back some restrictions: we are worshipping in person, (with quiet Lutheran singing in masks!); Thursday night services are returning; Baptisms and First Communions are scheduled; and we will enjoy outdoor worship services again.

During the month of May, we are solidly into the season of Easter. Seven weeks of Easter, in which we marvel in the post Resurrection appearances of Jesus and hear of his teachings in the Gospel of John.

Life abounds in those Gospel teachings. Life in the Good Shepherd, Life in the Vine, and we abide together in the Spirit as we understand the mission of the Messiah sent for us. We are comforted by the Advocate who comes at **Pentecost** to counsel and comfort us. The Holy Spirit comes to guide our faith and encourage us on the mission.

Come to worship, on video or in person.
Be involved in the ministry of your church.
Be a part of the mission in Sharing Christ's Love.



Springtime is indeed a time of New Life.

He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!
Pastor David Petersen



Is Key in Serving God's People Together

Kindly let Pastor know of any prayer requests or calls that you feel needs to be made by him to better meet the needs of our congregation and those of our community. Pastor asks for your help in reaching all those in need and/or support. He is very grateful for your evangelism to our family here at Zion and our surrounding area as well. It takes a team to meet the needs of all and with your help, he won't miss those that need or want his pastoral words the most. Also, if you know of those that are currently on our prayer list doing better because of our healing prayers, please let Pastor know to take them off. We realize we all need prayers of healing, wellness and sympathy from time to time and would like to keep our prayer list as current as possible to reach those most in need each week.



Please see the below names of those currently on our prayer list and we ask you to provide your continued daily prayers for each.

David Fehrle, Dorothy Kemp, Brenda Veit-Shiloh, Barb Quigley, Chris Butler, Chris Hensley, Jerry Hall, Alice Lane, Chris and Sam Larson, Marilyn Smith, Arnie Conner, Toni Dice, Jeannie McGuinness, Sandy & Loren (relatives of Aryln Groen), Kay Veit, Luanne Carlton, Jean Kovarik (Julie Bredlau's Mom), Jackie Kuharich, Mickey Johnson, Carroll Verken, Reynold Johnson, Bill Ahlberg, Joanne Miller, Kendal Schmidt, Wanda Adamson, Marie Anderson, Linda Johnson, Junior Gonzales, Otha Bland, Penny Roe, Ardys & Bob Brockway, Yvonne Miralrio, Curt Gustafson, the Kozlowski Family, Paul & Wanda Watts and Family, Michelle Pearson, Kahlan Hensley, Mary Lou Bender, Anthony DeWitt, Jim Managlia, Craig Zvonar, Rev. Paul Gebo, The ALC Resurrection Church



Thank You to everyone who helped with the April 10th food truck. We helped 200 households and over 700 people. It was a wet and chilly day but our enthusiasm and energy was outstanding!! We had around 20 volunteers including 3 confirmation students. Wonderful team effort and once again - thank you to all!!

Our **NEXT** food truck is Saturday, May 22nd, so I hope to see you there. Please meet in the church parking lot at 8:45am. I appreciate your support of this important ministry.

Serving with you all in God's peace,
Mary Lightfoot



On **Sunday, June 13, 2021** we will be meeting as a congregation for our annual meeting that should have taken place in January. Because of our vaccinations and the easing of Covid restrictions, we ask that you please plan to attend our worship service in person on the 13th. There will be a brief meeting to follow service and your vote is needed to accept the 2021 budget and council member approvals. We look forward to seeing you all there!!

Turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon app to generate donations.

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Your Amazon Shopping Can Benefit Zion

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select “Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church” as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They’ll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on “AmazonSmile” within Programs & Features
3. Select “Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church” as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

*** SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY ***

Scholarship applications are now available to Zion’s graduating seniors and Zion’s adults who wish to continue their education including college and university courses, technical classes, specialized certifications, and the military.

Please call the Zion office or contact Jean Twynning directly at twynning@hotmail.com

Jean may also be reached at 815-988-4385. An email address or a postal address is required to send the application.

Applications are due June 4, 2021
and will be awarded during the summer.



PASTOR IS ON CALL

Should you require immediate pastoral care, or desire to speak to Pastor Petersen outside our normal/limited office hours, you may reach Pastor Petersen direct by his personal gmail address:

revdjp2019@gmail.com

Or by his cell:
815-408-0242



Mowers STILL Needed!!

Our property team has graciously volunteered to mow our church grounds at no cost this summer.

They are, however, hoping to recruit a few volunteers to help ease the load each month, if you are able to give up a couple of hours to take a turn in the mowing, please contact John Bender or the church office. Thank You!!

Sound System Upgrade Project

Many of you have indicated during this past year of online worship that Zion needed to do something to improve the sound system in the church. Over the past couple of months, we have been investigating and trialing some new sound equipment. Based on the equipment trial and your feedback, the council has voted to move ahead with upgrading all of the sound equipment in the church Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. This upgrade will enhance the sound of our in-person worship, as well as our on-line and video ministry outreach on Facebook or via email link for those unable to attend church. Since the cost of this project is around \$15,000 to complete, 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. Since timing of this project is important and there is a several-week lead time for equipment, we would like to see how much we are able to raise during the month of May. If you are interested in supporting this much-needed sound system upgrade, please indicate on your weekly giving or other envelope "Sound System". Thank You in advance for supporting sound improvement!



Gary Yunto



Terry Miller and Pastor will be attending and representing Zion at this year's Synod Assembly in June.



Mark Your Calendars

Thursday Night Services will be starting once again on Thursday, May 20th at 7:00pm



VBS will take place June 21st – 25th!! Be looking for more information to come.

Northern Illinois Food Bank Truck will be back at Zion on Saturday, June 26th.

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If so...we are LOOKING FOR YOU!

Zion Lutheran is considering installing one or two raised garden beds in the open area behind the church. This will only be done if there is adequate interest in maintaining the garden for the entire growing season. Are you or your family, your group or your committee interested in adopting a garden bed for the summer? You will be responsible for planting, weeding, watering, and of course harvesting the garden. The bounty from the garden can be enjoyed by the gardeners and shared with Zion members. If the timing of the harvest is just right, the food can also supplement the Northern Illinois Food Truck. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact John Enright at 815-544-8398.



Greetings Zion,
I want you to know that I will be moving to Arizona for a job transfer in early May. I will miss my Zion family and appreciate all your kindness and friendship over the years. This is a wonderful congregation who makes a difference in the community and I have been honored to be a part of it. I will definitely keep in touch and try to make it back occasionally for worship. God bless!
Mary Lightfoot

****OUTSIDE WORSHIP****
Sunday, May 16th at 9:00am
Bring your chairs & sunglasses!!



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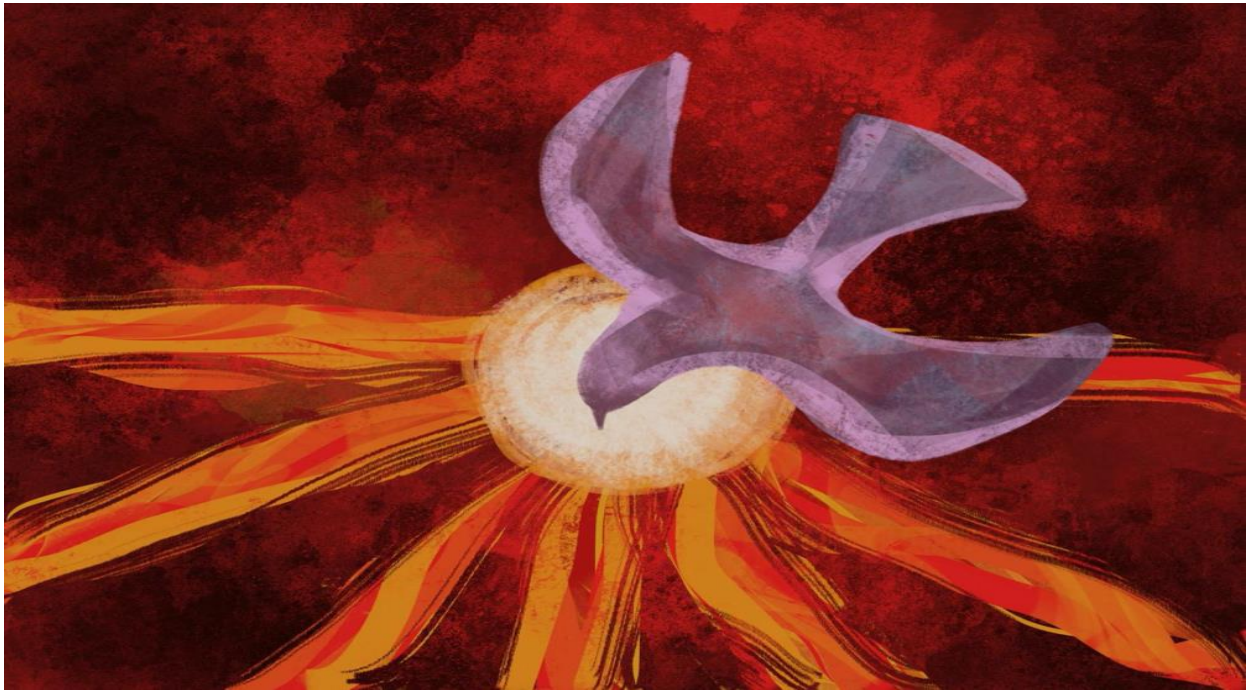
PIONEER CLUB NEWS



Pioneer Club will be meeting for lunch and **BINGO** on May 17th at 11:30am. We will be ordering chicken, mashed potatoes, salad and cookies from Pacemaker. The cost will be \$5.00 per plate. Just as a precaution...please bring your own table service and beverage. We will have coffee available. Under the **B-4** will be at a table, Under the **I-17**, it's on the 17th, Under the **N-20**, we haven't met since 2020, Under the **G-30**, we will meet at 11:30, eat at noon and under the **O-50**, will be our maximum. **BINGO!!!**

Please contact Patti Lee at 815-988-0935
IF you plan to attend
(to help with planning of the food)

Congratulations to our 2 High School students on being inducted into the BHS National Honor Society!
Emma Cordray and Shelby Hansen



Pentecost

50 days after Easter we mark the gift of the
Holy Spirit on Pentecost ~ May 23rd

1. Watch the **RED** stole video on Facebook and vote for the **RED** stole
Pastor Petersen will wear on Pentecost Sunday this year!!
#1 to #5....most votes wins!!
2. Wear **RED** on Pentecost Sunday. Get into the “Spirit” of Pentecost and
wear **RED** as you worship in church or on video.
3. Read Acts 2: 1-2, 4.



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! Beginning May 11th, come in on a Tuesday to hang out.....Tuesday afternoons into the early evening, one person, couple or family unit at a time for scheduled 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, wherever!

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!

May Birthdays

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|----|------------------|----|----------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Pastor Petersen | 14 | Janet Schultz | 23 | Emma Cordray |
| 5 | David Schumann | 15 | Justin Downey | 24 | Daniel Ortiz |
| 6 | Jody Archer | 16 | Wyatt Hulstedt | 25 | Deana Gass |
| | Melvina Haskins | 19 | Nancy Brendum | 28 | Johnathon Bredlau |
| 10 | Phyllis Cullison | 22 | Jace Cordray | | |
| | Skyler Schmidt | | | | |



From the Treasurer

General Fund

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| 03/2021 | Beginning Balance | \$39,585.36 |
| | Total Income | \$17,369.33 |
| | Total Expenses | <u>\$12,472.44</u> |
| | Balance | \$44,482.25 |

Building Fund

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| 03/2021 | Beginning Balance | \$15,051.24 |
| | Total Income | \$ 5,253.00 |
| | Total Expenses | <u>\$ 4,577.70</u> |
| | Balance | \$15,726.54 |

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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)

Register Online
at www.zionbelvidere.com
tab under resources

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



Pentecost Geraniums

On the day of Pentecost, May 23rd, we will display red geraniums in the alter area.

RED is the liturgical color for this day. **RED** recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on this first Pentecost.

You may give these plants as a gift, in honor of or in memory of someone. Since this year there is a lot of landscaping taking place around the church, (there will be limited planting areas) you may pick up your geranium(s) to plant at home after the service.

Cost of each plant is \$5.00.

Please fill out this form and return to church **by May 10th**.

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Given as a Gift.

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Given in Honor of: _____

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Given in Memory of: _____

Donors Name

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I will pick-up my Geraniums



Zion Lutheran Church is excited to welcome those prepared to take their First Communion.

Below, is the schedule for the 2021 First Communion students and parents. The sessions and church service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church.

Saturday, May 1st | 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. (Lunch provided)

Our first session will provide an introduction to the sacrament of Holy Communion. We encourage both students and parents to attend.

Saturday, May 8th | 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. (Lunch provided)

During our second session, we will bake our communion bread, which will be used for you and your family as you take your First Communion. We encourage students and parents to partake in the baking. After, we will continue our discussion and teach of Holy Communion.

Sunday, May 16th | 9:00 a.m.

Communion Students will receive their First Communion surrounded by family, friends and congregation members, as we hold an outdoor service.

Please contact Pastor Petersen if you are interested in taking this next step at revdjp2019@gmail.com or by calling 815.408.0242.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  2 Sunday Worship @ 9am (Limited Attendance) Sunday School – 10:15 Zoom Bible Study: 10:30 Confirmation Class: 12-1:30 9 Sunday Worship @ 9am (Limited Attendance) Sunday School – 10:15 Confirmation Class: 12-1:30 |  3 Office Hours: 10-1 Witness Meeting: 7:00pm 10 Office Hours: 10-1 | 4 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) Worship & Music Worship/Music Mtg-5pm 11 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) Christian Nurturing Meeting - 7:30pm | 5 Office Hours: 10-1 Sewing/Quilting - 9:00am Zoom Bible Study 10:30am 12 Office Hours: 10-1 Sewing/Quilting - 9:00am Zoom Bible Study 10:30am | 6 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) Bell Choir Meet - 6:00 13 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) Bell Choir Meet - 6:00 | 7 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) 14 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) Council Reports Due | 1 1st Communion Class 12:00-1:30 |
| | | | | | | 8 1st Communion Class 12:00-1:30 |
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| 16 Sunday Worship @ 9am (Outdoor service planned) 1 st Communion Day Sunday School – 10:15 Zoom Bible Study: 10:30 Confirmation Class: 12-1:30 | 17 Office Hours: 10-1 Pioneer Lunch – 11:30am Witness Meeting: 7:00pm | 18 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) | 19 Office Hours: 10-1 Sewing/Quilting - 9:00am Zoom Bible Study 10:30am Council Meeting - 7:00pm | 20 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) Bell Choir Meet - 6:00 7:00 pm -Thursday Worship Service | 21 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) | 22 NIFB – Food Truck 10:00 to 11:30 am Confirmation Class 9:45 - 11:30 |
| 23 /30 Sunday Worship @ 9am (Limited Attendance) 23 rd -Sunday School – 10:15 (last day) 23 rd - Zoom Bible Study - 10:30am (last day) | 24/31 Office Hours: 10-1 Finance Meeting: 5:30pm <hr/> 31st – Office Closed | 25 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) | 26 Office Hours: 10-1 Sewing/Quilting - 9:00am Zoom Bible Study 10:30am | 27 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) Bell Choir Meet – 6:00 7:00 pm -Thursday Worship Service | 28 Office Closed (Contact Pastor) | 29 |