

# ZIONNEWS



## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church April 2018

### *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

In this deed, God changed the world. Whether anyone liked it or not. And if you have been around long enough, you know that the world has continued to change, whether you like it or not.

There is a strong memory here of the 1960's, when there were so many people at worship that the wall had to be up, the Gathering Room was full, and there were even people around the mezzanine balcony. This also includes the memory of a Fellowship Hall filled with Sunday school children and a huge Luther League.

But the world has changed. Slowly, since 1968, the laws and infrastructure that encouraged people to be active members of congregations has come apart. From the repeal of the blue laws forcing people to not work on Sunday, which is what gave them time to go to church, to the rise of the perceived importance of club activities for college prospects eating away at the time that used to be filled by congregational activities and participation—even though only the smallest fraction of high school athletes and artists get significant college scholarships—the values expressed in our culture have directly impacted congregations in the United States. And no denomination has proven impervious.



This change in culture has also had an impact on those looking into becoming rostered ministers in the church. Zion has a great history of encouraging people into rostered leadership, but through the country, the number of people entering seminary is way down. As you know from the call process that resulted in me being your pastor and the time that Zion, Huron, and St. Paul have spent in looking for pastors, finding rostered leaders is a real challenge.

In just Erie County (so not even all of the FLAME), we have four pastors, two deacons, and six congregations. Of those four pastors, one is seriously looking toward retirement, and another knows it's not too far off. Aware of this reality, I suggested that we add *Chapter 20. Parish Authorization* to our constitution as we revised it. The constitution committee, the council, and ultimately you agreed to including it. Much sooner than I expected, conversations are beginning that will hopefully result in some kind of parish arrangement in Erie County.

We have begun this type of leadership sharing informally with St. Paul by sharing the responsibility of teaching confirmation class while both congregations were in the interim period looking for pastors. That sharing became a bit more formal with the hiring of Jennifer Parkison as the Shared Youth Ministry Coordinator between us and St. Paul. This year, we took another step and teaching confirmation with St. John's, Sandusky, as well as St. Paul. As we look forward to sharing more leadership positions and possibly other responsibilities, the time has come to look at formalizing these relationships.

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, the rostered ministers and one or two officers from each of the six ELCA congregations in Erie County will meet at St. Paul with Bishop Beaudoin and several other synod staff to explore how we might share leadership between the six congregations.

So the world continues to change. One of the promises from God is that we are always being made new. This will not be fully realized until Jesus returns, but neither does God wait. We should grieve the loss of a time when the church played a significant role in the culture of our country, but we also have to face present realities with hope and trust in God's mercy and love.

The Spirit is at work, as it always has been, moving over the chaos, bringing order, and creating life. There is good news in our changing culture because we are being encouraged by the Spirit to take our faith seriously in the face of a culture that discourages—and even mocks—participation in worship and other church activities. By looking at what kind of parish arrangement might be possible in Erie County, we get to think about how God is calling us to work together for the sake of the proclamation of the gospel through our congregational structure.

If we, who are the church, can learn to share leadership and resources, the Spirit will bring to us those who need to see that we do love each other and we can work together for the sake of the risen Jesus. What a message of hope in today's divisive culture!

*Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!*

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## **Pastoral Acts**

**February 16 – March 15, 2018**

### **IN MEMORY OF:**

**George Clements:** Dean & Karen Slater

**Carl Gysan:** Friendly "U" Association, Ken Fultz, Dean & Karen Slater

### **BAPTISMS:**

**Barrett Matthew Lewis: son of Corey & Victoria (Machor) Lewis** Feb. 18, 2018

### **FUNERALS:**

**J. Ralph Henry:** Date of Service: 2/24/18

**Carl W. Gysan:** Date of Service: 2/24/18

# Carolyn's Corner. . .

Why do we pray to God? Because Jesus taught us to do so: *"He said to them, When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation'"* (Luke 11:1-4).

The Bible has many other examples of Jesus praying to his Father in heaven; our example for what we should do. Through Scripture, we learn that we should pray not only for our personal needs, but for others: those we love and our enemies; And, in everything give thanks (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Prayer is how we communicate with God. In Philippians 4 Paul says: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." And, in 2 Chronicles 7 God appeared to Solomon and said, " ... if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Prayer allows us to participate in God's works. Does God need our help? No. God is all powerful and is ruler of everything in creation. Why do we need to pray? Because prayer is the means God has devised for some things to happen. Prayer, for instance, helps others know the love of Jesus. Prayer can clear human obstacles out of the way in order for God to work. It is not that God can't work without our prayers, but that God has established prayer as part of God's plan.

Prayer helps us to know and experience God. Psalm 46:10: "(God) says, 'Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.'" Prayer is more than just us talking to God ; it also includes us listening for God to speak , to hear that small, still voice that Elijah experienced in 1 Kings 19:13.

Prayer strengthens the bonds between believers when we pray with other believers and is a witness to those who might doubt the power of prayer.

Prayer fulfills emotional needs. According to author, C.S. Lewis, "God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other."(from, *Mere Christianity* (book 2, chapter 3, "The Shocking Alternative."))

As you pray, think about what you are doing and know that God is truly present and hearing your every word!

Blessings,  
Carolyn

Deadline to submit articles and announcements for May's Zionews is day, April. 20, 2018. Please submit articles in a digital format. Email submissions to Lori Harris - [loriharris@zionsandusky.org](mailto:loriharris@zionsandusky.org)



**BASKETS  
OF PROMISE**

**Thank You** to everyone who donated items for the Baskets of Promise. With your support, we were able to donate more than 50 completed personal health care kits to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed to those whose needs are great. So little from us means so much to others!

## Pastor Eric's Small Group

Pastor's next Small Group is meeting every Monday at noon through April 30th (except the Monday after Easter). This lunchtime small group will be reading and discussing *Crossing the Bar: Home by Another Way*, by James G. Johnson. James was a pastor in the ELCA, but is now the owner of the Bull 'n Bear Saloon and Casino in Red Lodge, Montana. This book is full of stories from his experience as a bartender who was a pastor and offers insights into how we as "church people" might build relationships with those who think of themselves as "bar people." The book is available from Pastor Eric. Anyone who can make the time and is interested is invited to attend.



## Church Clean-up

Attention all Ministry Teams and Committees: On Sunday, April 29th, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, there will be a church wide clean up! We need all Committees that have items stored here to do an inventory of their items, where it is stored, and when it is used. We will be cleaning out, throwing out, and straightening up. We need each committee's inventoried list by Monday, April 23rd. Please email your list to [loriharris@zionsandusky.org](mailto:loriharris@zionsandusky.org) or drop off to the church office during the week.

Those receiving First Communion on Maundy Thursday were:  
**Anna Ferbeck, Mylee Johnson, Max Lazzara, Trevor Pearston, Sydnie Riedy, Hunter Scally, Addison Stradtman** and **Claire Stradtman**. Please keep each of these young folks in your prayers as they take their faith journey.



## We have two opportunities for you to discuss the Lectionary readings each week!

- ➔ Common Lectionary Text Study with Pastor Eric and Pastor Katie Suggitt. The group meets every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at Mr. Smith's Coffee House.
- ➔ Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m., in the Stellhorn Library, the former "Men's" Bible study extends an invitation to any and all who would like to join their time of discussion.

## Remember - New Entry System

We have implemented a Keyless Entry System for the Portico Door closest to the Parking Lot. This is an effort to keep our members, staff and property secure. The system is ready and certain trained individuals will be assigned a card or key fob with a deposit of \$20. A schedule will be entered with the ability to lock/unlock the door for entry.

If you have any questions please contact any member of the Property & Facilities Ministry Team or Lori Harris.

## April NEWS from ZELCW

Greetings to all. I can't believe how March has flown by! When I was teaching, March seemed to be the longest month of the school year. Now, time flies, when you're having fun!

By the time you read this, the Maundy Thurs. breakfast at First Community Church will be past. I hope those of you who attended enjoyed it. They always put on such a meaningful program and the breakfast and fellowship is always good, too!

I have a little correction to last month's article: Talking about the countries served by LWR, it was suppose to be that LWR is now serving 6 MORE countries in addition to previous years.



We have some good things coming up in the next couple of months. On **Sat., April 21, 2018**, the **Eastern Conference** of the WELCA **Spring Assembly**, will be held at St. John's, Fremont, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with a coffee hour. The theme will be "Problem Solving For Our Troubled Times". The Program will be by Pastor Scott Mauch, LIFT Pastor. Lunch will be provided at noon. There is no cost. There are several items needed for the In-Kind Gifts Offering, for the Bridge of Hope, in Fremont. Please, check the bulletin board for details, directions, and a sign-up sheet. Please, **RSVP by April 15th**. You may also RSVP by calling Karen Schwochow at 419-332-7341 or emailing her at [karen.st.johns@gmail.com](mailto:karen.st.johns@gmail.com). Hope many of you ladies can join us! It should be a good day!

Our **Annual Spring Fling** will be on **Tuesday, May 15th**, starting at 6:00, with a potluck supper. Beverages and place settings will be provided. The program this year will be, "Everybody Needs Fiber". Amy Lowery, from Great Lakes Fibers, will discuss the Alpaca and Llama that she raises on her farm, how the fiber is processed, and it's various uses. Our own, Pat Cassidy, will be demonstrating spinning fiber into yarn and also rug hooking. Last year, Pat had 2 tables of displays of many of her creations, which everyone enjoyed viewing. Proverbs 31:13, reads, "She seeks wool and flax and works willingly with her hands." These two ladies, certainly do this! So, please, mark your calendars, for this is sure to be a fun and interesting evening combined with great food and fellowship!! All are welcome! There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board, in the near future, in order to give us an approximate number. Hope to see you there!!

I hope everyone had a most Blessed Easter! **CHRIST HAS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! Thank God!**

Blessings!  
Carla Mitchell  
President ZELCW



### ZELCW Circle Meetings

*Agape* Wednesday, April 4th  
7:00 p.m. @ Zion's Library

*Circle of Friends* Wednesday, April 4th  
7:00 p.m. @ Zion's Chapel

*Priscilla* Thursday, April 5th  
9:30 a.m. in Zion's Kitchen Annex

*Book connection* Wednesday, April 25th  
2:30 p.m. in Zion's library

# ***SHARED YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS FOR APRIL***

## ***He is Risen!***

Happy Easter and joyful spring tidings to you all.

### Important dates for April and May

April 15 and 29 we will have our Bible study ad prep meeting for Houston. We will meet at 7 p.m. at St. Paul.

April 12 we will be having a fundraising night at the Texas Roadhouse!  
Come on out for a fun night of food and fellowship while helping us make our way to Houston.

Saturday May 5 we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo by heading to Fremont and getting a workout at the batting cages. I suggest bringing \$20 for the activities and food. We will meet at St. Paul to leave for Fremont by 10:30.

Cedar Point is offering to have groups volunteer for their first 2 weekends that they are open. Jobs include ticket taking, sweeping the midways, and assisting in cleaning and trash removal. They will donate \$6 per person per hr. worked with a \$2.50 per hr. bonus for a job well done. For those working at least 8 hrs. You will receive a ticket to the park to use at a later date if you work both weekends you get 2 tickets. This is a great opportunity for us to get out in the community while raising funds at the same time. I am currently looking into more details and will share as soon as I hear back (keep an eye on the bulletin).

April 19 we will be having another meeting for the 2019 youth gathering. We will meet at Down Thyme Cafe in Fremont. We will be discussing Bible study topics as well as ideas for meditation time on Saturday morning.

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## ***Calling all Graduates!***

Are you or someone you know graduating from high school or college this spring? We want to honor you during worship and need your information. Please let the church office know by calling 419-625-2112, or find us on Facebook @ Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. We need to know your name, where you are graduating from and what your future plans are for college, military, work, etc.



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*You are invited to attend the wedding of  
Stephen Lippert & Harriet (Hallie) Minich  
on Saturday, April, 28, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.  
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
503 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio*

## Worship Leaders for April

<i>Dates:</i>	<i>04/01/18</i>	<i>04/08/18</i>	<i>04/15/18</i>	<i>04/22/18</i>	<i>04/29/18</i>
<b>8 am Wine 10:30 am</b>	Tom & Cindy Patterson  John & Judy Mears	Randy Koch & Sarah Mears  Suzanne Jeffrey & Lyle Marquardt	Andrew Castello & Kris Stradtman  Ron Dahs Dan Willey	Tom & Cindy Patterson  Lyle Marquardt & Chet Leser	Andrew Castello & Kris Stradtman  John & Judy Mears
<b>8 am Lectors 10:30 am</b>	Sarah Mears  Dale Cerny	Jean Bossetti  Carla Mitchell	Roger Gundlach  TBA	Andy Gundlach  Sarah Mears	Addison Stradtman  Alaina Keegan
<b>8 am Prayers 10:30 am</b>	Judy Mears	Betty Bickley  Ann Cerny	Doris Suman	Marjorie Burton	Laura Stellhorn
<b>Children's Message</b>	Laurie Mears	Nancy Kinsel	Dale Cerny	Pastor Eric or Carolyn Steinfeldt	Marjorie Burton
<b>8 am Sound Board 10:30 am</b>	Andy Gundlach  John Nejedly	Dean Meyers  Bob Butler	Janet Stradtman  Tim Kostel	Dean Meyers  John Nejedly	Andy Gundlach  Tim Kostel
<b>Greeters</b>	Al & Juanita Mitchell	Vicki Boesch & Julie Kessler	Sue Pomerson	Rich & Mary Ann Bevington	Al & Juanita Mitchell
<b>8 am Gathering Hosts 10:30 am</b>	Sandra Like  Sandra Like	Virginia Lillian & Connie Castello  Wendy Schonhardt & Carole Crouch	Bill & Barb Biehl  Wendy Schonhardt & Sue Pomerson	Sharon Lavey & Darlene Lowery  Vicki Boesch Julie Kessler	James & Jeanette Toft  Elaine Conley

### April Ushers:



(8:00) Bill Wood, Chris Antel, Bill Biehl, Andy Castello, John Castello, and Terry Pearston

(10:30) Earl & Bea Rosen, Bill Bossetti, and Walter & Deborah Kaufmann

### Care & Share Volunteers

April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27
Kay Eash, Vicki Boesch, Gisela Ohly & Laura Stellhorn	Carol & Ron Albert, Pat Bricker-Cook, & Lyle Marquart	Jeannie & Jim Johnson, Barb & Roger Newton	Karen & Dean Slater, Chris Hamilton, & Alan Mitchell

## Sandusky Choral Society

The Sandusky Choral Society, under the direction of Heather L. Carman, will present their annual Spring concerts on April 13 and April 15, 2018. Accompanist for the group is Dennis Stoneham.

The Friday evening concert will take place at Trinity United Methodist Church, 135 Adams Ave., Port Clinton. Concert time is 7:30 p.m.

The Sunday afternoon concert will take place at Grace Episcopal Church, 315 Wayne St., Sandusky. Concert time is 3:00 p.m.

A reception will follow each concert in the church fellowship hall.

Tickets are \$6.00 and may be purchased from any chorus member or at the door the day of the concert.



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### *As we were . . .*

Jacob Dornbirer was born in Switzerland on July 31, 1825. He came to the United States in 1855, where he settled in Fremont, Ohio. For a time he worked at the June Engine Works, where he met the Rev. Henry Lang. Rev. Lang encouraged him to enter the Lutheran ministry. In 1858, Rev. Jacob Dornbirer was ordained as a Lutheran minister, and in the same year he married Elizabeth Trott. In his early ministry, Rev. Dornbirer served at churches in Thompson Township, Bellevue, Venice, and Loudonville.



Rev. J. Dornbirer

From 1879 until his death in 1891, Rev. Dornbirer was the pastor at Sandusky's Zion Lutheran Church. While he was pastor, the church met in the former Beatty Church in Washington Square.

According to an article in the *Lutheran Standard* of May 2, 1891, during his years in the ministry, Rev. Dornbirer preached over one thousand sermons, baptized 1217 infants, confirmed 530 young people, married 315 couples, and officiated at 397 funerals.

In April of 1891, Rev. Jacob Dornbirer suffered serious injuries when he was thrown from his buggy, by the falling of his horse. He died on April 12, 1891. Funeral services for Rev. Jacob Dornbirer were held at Zion Lutheran Church in April 16, 1891. There was such a large turnout for the services, that only a portion of those who wished to attend could be accommodated in the church. At the time of his death, Rev. Dornbirer was survived by twelve children; he had lost both an infant son and his wife

Elizabeth in 1883.

Two of Rev. Dornbirer's sons became Lutheran pastors, and four of his daughters married Lutheran pastors. He was the maternal grandfather of Rev. Theodore Stellhorn, Jr., who served in the Lutheran ministry for over sixty years. Rev. Stellhorn was assistant pastor of Zion Lutheran Church from 1928 - 1949, main pastor from 1949 - 1955, and senior pastor of Zion from 1956 - 1969.

Rev. Jacob Dornbirer was buried at Sandusky's Oakland Cemetery, next to his wife Elizabeth.



# Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission

Grace, Castalia St. John's Union Corners St. John's, Bellevue St. Paul, Sandusky

St. Peter, Norwalk Trinity, Sandusky Zion, Sandusky Zion, Huron

[www.flame-elca.com](http://www.flame-elca.com)

Your FLAME Board met on March 19, 2018 at St. John's.

Things are turning green and that means it's time for the Giving Garden. If you are unaware, the Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission, and that means YOU, sponsors a community garden at donated property on Milan Rd behind St. John's Church. Volunteers till, sow, weed, grow, and harvest a bountiful garden to feed the hungry in our community. Your help is needed. The garden will again be under the direction of Jeff Justi and crew. The first meeting is Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm at St. John's. So, if you like to play in the dirt, come out and see how you can help.



As you are aware, our area has a Shared Ministry Team that has been meeting for two years. All FLAME pastors and any congregation representatives are invited to join the conversation on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 at St. Paul. There is a light lunch provided so please call St. Paul's office at 419-625-6800 for a reservation by Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting and conversation to examine the future of Erie County's Lutheran congregation arrangements. Watch for announcements and additional details.

The JOY Time Choir performed at the Ability Works Talent Show on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's. Please share news about this ministry to any families who may have adults with developmental disabilities. We are also seeking any volunteers to help us with this FLAME ministry.

Lifetree Café meets twice a month at the Huron Library. Come for intriguing videos and insightful discussion. Watch for the upcoming April dates and give it a try.

We have several youth making plans to attend the national ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston Texas this summer. Please support their fundraising efforts. See some dates below.



**SANDUSKY 2018** As part of the Sandusky Bicentennial Celebration area churches have been asked to share their church's history by hosting an Open House. Trinity will host an Open House on May 20<sup>th</sup>. View Trinity's history, the history of Venice, visit our worship space and columbarium, and enjoy a Toft's sundae bar from 2-4pm. Zion, Sandusky, St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, and First Congregational UCC plan to host a 3-church Block Party on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. St. Paul's is making plans for their Open House and details will be released soon. Please support these FLAME congregations as they shine in the community.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FLAME CHURCH NEWS:

Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>: St. Paul's 11:30, Shared Ministry Team

Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>: St. Paul's, Open Discussion about arrangement of Erie County Lutheran Parishes. TTBD

Thursday, April 12: St. Paul's JOY Time 6-7:30 pm, Fun Ministry for adults with developmental disabilities.

Monday, April 16: St. John's, Giving Garden organizational meeting 6 pm

Monday, April 16: St. John's FLAME Board meeting

Saturday, April 21: St. John's Fremont, Eastern Conference Women of the ELCA Spring Assembly, 9am-1 pm

Sunday, April 22: Welcome Table, St. Paul, noon-1:30, community meal, handicap accessible, all are welcome

Sunday, May 20: Welcome Table, St. Paul, noon-1:30, community meal, handicap accessible, all are welcome

Sunday, May 20: Trinity Open House and Venice History as part of the Sandusky Bicentennial Celebration, 2-4 pm.

Sunday, May 20: St. Peter, Norwalk, Chicken BBQ, 11:30-1 pm to support youth,

Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9, 2018: Bowling Green, 2018 NWOSynod Assembly "Year of Purposeful Prayer"

June 18-22: Lutheran Outdoor Ministry of Ohio, Day Camp, Zion Huron (sponsored by both Zion-H and St. John's)

June 27-July 1: Houston, TX, ELCA Youth Gathering

July 22: Zion, Sandusky Block Party as part of the Sandusky Bicentennial Celebration.

**DRAFT**

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
March 14, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

**DRAFT**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Richard Long called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Rev. Eric Bodenstab, Carolyn Steinfeldt, Chris Antel, Andy Castello, Karen Dehn, Andy Gundlach, Tim Kostel, Richard Long, Darlene Lowery, Carla Mitchell, Wendy Schonhardt and Lori Harris, Recording Secretary. Not present; Jennifer Parkison (not scheduled to attend), Carol Albert, Judy McEowen, Savannah Castello.

**OPENING DEVOTIONS:**

Pastor Eric said the opening prayer; the devotion was Chapter 2 of “Dwelling in the Word.”

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no correspondence.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The February 14, 2018 minutes were approved with a correction.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Pastor Eric – referred to his submitted report and discussed the Good Friday Open Worship (noon – 3 p.m.) and the Easter services.

Carolyn Steinfeldt – report submitted and also presented the names of those interested in becoming Zion Members on Easter, April 1, 2018 and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be confirmed on May 20, 2018.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT:**

Richard Long reported that according to the by-laws the Executive Council could appoint a fourth check signer. **Carol Albert** was appointed and accepted check signing authority. The Shared Ministry met; Rich Bevington has agreed to continue to represent Zion.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Andy Gundlach presented the Treasurer’s Report and Invoice List.

**MINISTRY TEAMS REPORTS:**

**Property/Facilities** – Tim Kostel shared the written report; the Church Clean Up day will be April 29, 2018, the new keyless entry system has been installed. A new committee “Church Safety and Security” has been established. Tim made a motion to add as a continuing resolution and amend the Property & Facilities Ministry Team to include Church Safety & Security under the Property/Facilities Ministry Team. Carla Mitchell seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Faith Formation** – Chris Antel highlighted the submitted report.

**Worship/Music** – Nothing to report.

**Mission/Stewardship** – Wendy Schonhardt gave a brief verbal report. President Richard Long invited everyone to tour Care and Share to better understand that ministry. 750-800 families are serviced each month. Hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9-11 a.m. and Friday 9 – 11 a.m.

**Finance/Administration** – Nothing to report

**Parish Life** – Darlene Lowery reported that Greeters and Gathering Host assignments for March are being scheduled. Darlene has been involved with the March 24 “March for Life” campaign and also the July 22 Block Party which is part of the Sandusky Bicentennial Celebration. Planning is underway and more information will follow.

**Youth/Young Adult** – Karen Dehn deferred to Jennifer Parkison’s submitted report.

**Outreach** – written report submitted.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Capital Campaign – Roger Gundlach has agreed to be on the Capital Campaign Committee.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Darlene Lowery made a motion to appoint the following members to attend the 2018 Synod Assembly with **Pastor Eric and Carolyn - Richard Long, Carla Mitchell, & Andy Castello**. Tim Kostel seconded the motion, motion carried.
- Carla Mitchell made a motion to accept the Adult New Members and Confirmands presented by Carolyn Steinfeldt –  
Adults: **Connie Hartung, Garth Hartung, Rudy Hartung, Linda Kerst, Tom Kinsel and William Olejniczak**.  
8<sup>th</sup> Graders: **Malory Chapman, Lauren Laser and Evan Terry**.
- For Confirmation Pastor Eric will officiate May 20, 2018 at the St. Paul 8 a.m. worship service and 10:30 a.m. at Zion. St. Paul will compensate the cost of a supply Pastor for the Zion 8 a.m. service. This will allow combined class to be confirmed in their home church.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. with The Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

**Lori Harris, Recording Secretary**



### 2018 Congregational Council

**Carol Albert**  
Worship & Music

**Chris Antel**  
Faith Formation

**Andrew Castello**  
Finance & Administration

**Karen Dehn**  
Youth & Young Adult

**Andrew Gundlach**  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Tim Kostel**  
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# April 2018

**Communion is Offered at Each Service**

**Worship Services: Sundays 8:00 & 10:30 AM and Saturdays 6:00 PM**

10:30 AM Sunday Worship Service is Broadcast Live on WLEC 1450AM  
and on the World Wide Web at [WWW.WLEC.COM](http://WWW.WLEC.COM)  
*Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is handicapped accessible.*

Sunday School, 9:15 AM: 2 yrs. – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Adult Sunday School, 9:15 AM - Stellhorn Library  
9:15 AM Informal Bible Study - Rm. 205

**Rev. Dr. Eric L. Bodenstab**  
Carolyn Steinfeldt, ELCA Deacon