

Zionews

April 2019



Blessing from the God who gives us new life in Jesus!

Transitions remind us that change can be a gift from God. This month, we see two distinct transitions: the transition from winter to spring, and the transition from Lent to Easter. The pairing of these two transitions is intentional--at least in the northern hemisphere.

As March turns to April and as winter finally gives way to spring, we can see change as God's gift. The time of rest and cold in winter gives way to new life--plants of all kinds putting forth shoots and buds, the winter crop coming up for the spring harvest, the warming and lengthening of days for activity and enjoying God's creation. The move from winter into spring shows us how God cares for creation.



This month, we also experience the transition from Lent into Easter. As we finish our annual journey to Jesus' cross, we hear again the good news--how not even death cannot separate us from God's love for us! We will sing and ring in this good news as we praise God on Easter.

I do wish that change was always good. That would alleviate the ambiguity that often comes with change. But there are times when change is bad: the death of a loved one, a negative medical diagnosis, cash flow issues, loneliness and despair. Change is not always good. But we can face change and transition with hope because of Jesus.

As we hear again the story of Jesus' time from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his resurrection, the Spirit assures us of God's love. Whatever transition or change might come into our lives, God's love is constant. Even Jesus, who was crucified because of a corrupt government, who was abandoned in his time of trial, who lived as an itinerant teacher, experienced the ambiguity of change and transition. But through his crucifixion, death, resurrection, and ascension, Jesus brings the changes and transitions of our lives into the life of God.

May you find comfort and hope in the midst of transition and change because of Easter!

Peace,
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Year of Scripture for April

April 1 1 Samuel 18-20
April 2 1 Samuel 21-24
April 3 1 Samuel 25-27
April 4 1 Samuel 28-31
April 5 2 Samuel 1-3
April 6 2 Samuel 4-7
April 7 2 Samuel 8-12
April 8 2 Samuel 13-15
April 9 2 Samuel 16-18
April 10 2 Samuel 19-21
April 11 2 Samuel 22-24
April 12 1 Kings 1-2
April 13 1 Kings 3-5
April 14 1 Kings 6-7
April 15 1 Kings 8-9



April 16 1 Kings 10-11
April 17 1 Kings 12-14
April 18 1 Kings 15-17
April 19 1 Kings 18-20
April 20 1 Kings 21-22
April 21 2 Kings 1-3
April 22 2 Kings 4-5
April 23 2 Kings 6-8
April 24 2 Kings 9-11
April 25 2 Kings 12-14
April 26 2 Kings 15-17
April 27 2 Kings 18-19
April 28 2 Kings 20-22
April 29 2 Kings 23-25
April 30 1 Chronicles 1-2

Nickels and Noses for February

Please note that these numbers are two months behind due to the newsletter publication schedule.

Worship Attendance (4 Saturdays, 4 Sundays)	
6 p.m.	154
8 a.m.	296
10:30 a.m.	410
Total	860
Weekly Average	215

Offering	
Monthly Giving	\$36,027.63
Monthly Budget	\$34,673.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$63,067.89
Year-to-Date Budget	\$69,346.00

What are they wearing?

Part of the tradition of liturgical worship is vestments. Some you might see at Zion are chasubles. Chasubles are a communion vestment that serve as a visual cue to the congregation that communion will be celebrated. Many clergy who wear chasubles wear them for the entire service. Pastor Eric puts one on at the transition to the Meal portion of the communion service to show the shift in focus. If we had two pastors under call at Zion, the one presiding at the Meal would wear a chasuble during the entire service.



Carolyn's Corner . . .

Have you ever prayed the Psalms? While Scripture gives us examples of Jesus praying spontaneously, we also hear him drawing on his Jewish tradition and education to pray the Psalms. The Gospels tell us several things Jesus said as he was on the cross. For example, in Matthew 27:46 Jesus says, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" These words are also found in Psalm 22:1 which is one of several Psalms that are called **lament** Psalms. Laments are those where the psalmist was calling for God to hear him/her, to complain about their suffering and/or oppressors. Why do you suppose Jesus called this particular Psalm out to God as he hung dying on the cross?

And, according to Luke 23:46, at the moment of his death, Jesus quotes Psalm 31:5, "Into your hand I commit my spirit . . ." this Psalm is also a lament. Here though, I believe we hear Jesus issuing a statement of trust in God – trust that God's promise of eternal life for all who believe is being fulfilled through Jesus death and resurrection; that Jesus' death was/is for all people.

*Into your hands I
commit my spirit
Psalm 31:5*



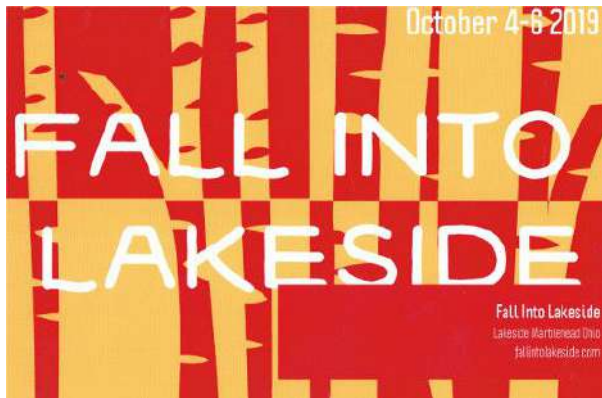
Jesus knew and relied on the teachings of his faith. He knew he was about his Father's work and, while his humanness caused him to question, he also prayed to God shortly before Judas' betrayal, "not my will but yours be done." What faith these words offer!

Blessings,
Carolyn

Photo Directory on its Way!

Photos for new Zion congregational directory will be scheduled for May 9, 10, 13 and 14. Look for appointment scheduling info in the Gathering Room. Please consider participating. All you do is make an appointment, then come and have your photo taken. There is no cost unless you choose to purchase photos.





Fall into Lakeside is a new statewide mini-youth gathering that is being planned by the synod youth leaders. This gathering will take place October 4 - 6 at Lakeside, Ohio. The event will consist of breakout sessions, faith formation, service projects, speakers, the band Attaboy and worship with Bishop Beaudoin. For more information about how to sign-up you may email Jenn Parkison jennparkison@gamil.com

Meet at
**OSBORNE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**
THURS. May 2, 2019
3:00 to 3:30PM

To Pray for Staff, Students and Families!



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Special Congregational Meeting
February 24, 2019 - 9:15 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Carla Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. The recording secretary Lori Harris confirmed a quorum was present. (Total members from sign in sheets: 74)

OPENING PRAYER:

Pastor Eric said the opening prayer.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Don and Barbara Hanck were present to update the congregation on the Capital Campaign.

For budget clarification the screens will be purchased from the Facility Fund, the Sound System will be purchased out of the Capital Campaign Fund.

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON SCREENS:

A motion was made to purchase the screen(s) in the Sanctuary, the motion was seconded. There was discussion, as well as the reading of letters submitted from members unable to attend the meeting. Distribution and counting of ballots followed. The motion carried (All yes votes with the exception of one no vote).

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m. with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Harris, Recording Secretary



April 2019 Worship Leaders



	4/7/19	4/14/19	4/21/19	4/28/19
8:00am Wine 10:30am	Tom & Cindy Patterson Dan Willey Chet Leser	John & Judy Mears Ron Dahs Suzanne Jeffery	Kris Stradtman Judy Burrows Lyle Marquardt Carla Mitchell	Andrew Castello Randy Koch Earl & Bea Rosen
8:00am Lectors 10:30am	Jarrold Todi Jean Bossetti	Addison Stradtman Alaina Keegan	Judy Mears Laurie Mears	Mark Stuckey Martha Thompson
8:00am Prayers 10:30am	Judy Mears	Carla Mitchell	Betty Bickley Ann Cerny	Karen Slater
Children's Message	Pastor Eric or Carolyn	Laurie Mears	Marj Burton	Nancy Kinsel
8:00am Soundboard 10:30am	Andrew Castello John Nejedly	Dean Meyers Dan Willey	Janet Stradtman Tim Kostel	Andy Gundlach John Nejedly
8:00am Gathering Hosts 10:30am	Bill & Barb Biehl Earl & Bea Rosen	Jim & Jeanette Toft Al & Juanita Mitchell	<i>No Coffee Hour</i> Easter Breakfast Greg & Tami Schultz	Tom & Nancy Kinsel Julie Kessler & Vicki Boesch
Greeters	Linda Reichenbach	Bill & Joyce Dahnke	Bill Bossetti	Carolyn Dehn



Ushers:

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

10:30am TBA

Care & Share:



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4/1/19	4/8/19	4/15/19	4/22/19	4/29/19
Virginia Neuman, Alan Mitchell, and Roger & Barb Newton	Jeannie Johnson, Bruce Bravard, Vicki Boesch, and Tom Kinsel	Ron & Carol Albert, Dean Meyers, and Alan Mitchell	Virginia Neuman, Chris Hamilton, and Roger & Barb Newton	Kay Eash, Dean Meyers, and Nancy & Tom Kinsel



Lent Week 5

Saturday, April 6
Sunday, April 7
10:30am
Tuesday, April 9

Lent 5 Worship at 6:00pm
Lent 5 Worships at 8:00am &

Wednesday, April 10

Soup Supper at 6:00pm
New Member Classes at 6:15pm
Worship at 7:00pm
Lenten Worship and Lunch at 12:00pm

Holy Week

Saturday, April 13
Sunday, April 14

Palm Saturday Worship at 6:00pm
Palm/Passion Sunday Worship at 8:00am &
10:30am

Thursday, April 18

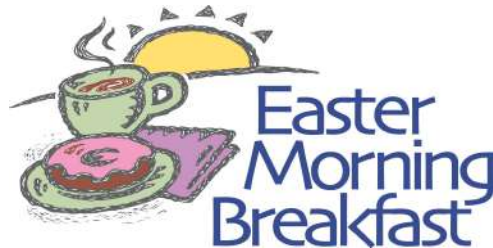
Maundy Thursday Worship with First
Communion at 7:00pm

Friday, April 19

Community Good Friday Service 12:00pm
Tenebrae Cantata at 7:00pm

Saturday, April 20
Sunday, April 21

Easter Vigil at 6:00pm
Easter Day Worship at 8:00am & 10:30am



Easter Breakfast Pot Luck

Bring a dish to Share!

Join your fellow Parishioners for and Easter Morning breakfast at 9:00am on Easter Morning!

Women's Study Groups

Wednesday April 3rd

Agape @ 6:00 pm at Zion in the Chapel

Thursday, April 4th -

Circle of Friends @ 7pm at Zion in the Library

Wednesday, April 24th -

Priscilla @ 9:30 am at Zion- Kitchen Annex

Book Connection @ 2:30 at Zion in the Library



Deadline for May Zionews is Tuesday, April 23.
Please email announcements and articles to Lori Harris - loriharris@zionsandusky.org

Youth and Family happenings April 2019

April 7


Epic: at 5pm those in grades 6-8 join us as we have a short Bible study & play games. Stay for a meal at 6pm and fellowship with the high school youth.

Pathfinders: 6pm join us for a meal and fellowship then stay for or continued look at the Netflix series 13 Reasons Why. We will be finished by 7:30 This takes place at Zion!



April 28

Everyone: 12:30 We will meet at St. Paul for a picnic lunch then travel to Fremont to go to the batting cages. \$10 will cover cost of the cages as well as Dairy Queen afterwards! Permission slips will be available at the April 7 meetings.



I would like to celebrate graduating seniors so if you are one or know one please call the church office or send me an email at jennparkison@gmail.com text work as well at 419-656-8859

We will be having a family brunch at St. Paul in lieu of family night in May so mark your calendar and join us 10 am May 12 @ St. Paul for worship food and fellowship as we also honor moms.

Memorials February 16 – March 15, 2019

IN MEMORY OF:

John Stewart: Judith Gerlach, Rich & Mary Ann Bevington

Michael McEowen: Richard & Marlene Long, Rich & Mary Ann Bevington

Laura Stellhorn: Sandusky Choral Association

Joyce Leimbach: Sandusky Choral Association, Rich & Mary Ann Bevington, Tim Fleck

Steve Yontz: In memory of our loving son, by Wayne & Donna Yontz

IN HONOR OF:

The 70th Birthday of Rich Bevington: his family

BAPTISM:

Aaliyah Marie Harper daughter of Calvonte Harper & Breanna Armstrong 2/17/19

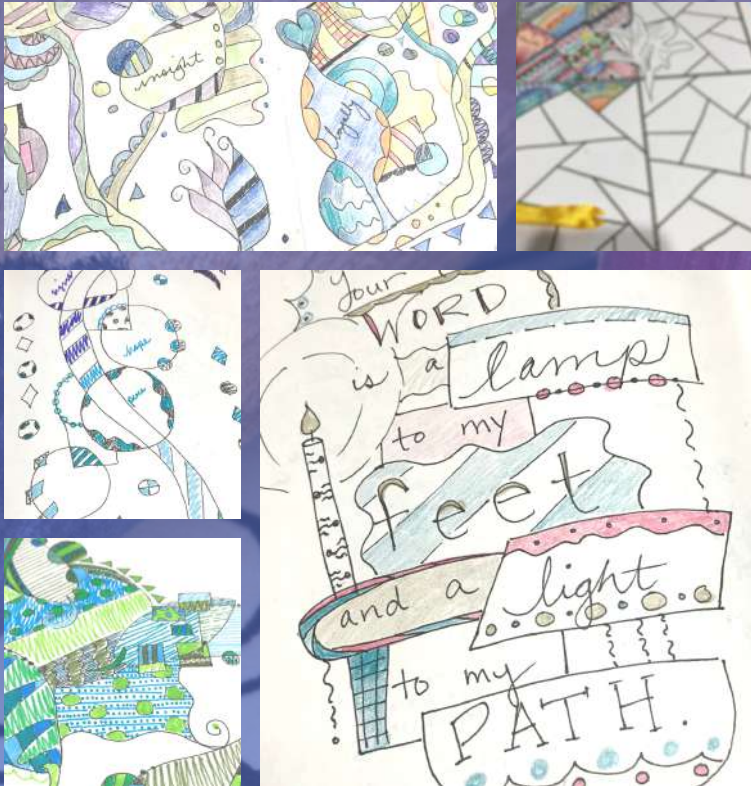
WEDDINGS:

None to report

FUNERALS:

Bonnie L. Kubitz date of service 3/14/19

Praying in Color WORKSHOP



APRIL 6, 2019

10:00AM-12:00PM

**Zion Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

503 Columbus Ave
Sandusky, OH

\$5 a person

Sign up on the bulletin board or contact
the office at 419-625-2112 or
zionalc@zionsandusky.org.

**Members, friends, and
neighbors welcome!**

Praying in Color is a doodling-inspired prayer practice for everyday life created by Sybil MacBeth. No artistic ability, contemplative nature, or prayer expertise necessary—if you can't draw, can't sit still, or don't know what to pray, this technique may be right for you!

Join Deacon Erin Bodenstab and your Zion friends and family as we explore this practice and how it can be used to engage and memorize scripture—just in time to go deeper into Holy Week or enrich your Year of Scripture.

You may wish to bring your favorite pens, pencils, or coloring supplies. Your payment will cover basic materials and also help us make a contribution to ELCA Good Gifts.

Please sign up in advance if possible.

Walk ins are welcome but we will not be able to guarantee supplies.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting
March 13, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER:

President Carla Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Rev. Bodenstab, Carolyn Steinfeldt, Carol Albert, Chris Antel, Marjorie Burton, Andy Castello, Savannah Castello, Karen Dehn, Tom Kinsel, Stephen Lippert, Lyle Marquardt, Carla Mitchell, Barbara Newton, Martha Thompson and Lori Harris, Recording Secretary.

Not Present: Jenn Parkison

Guests: Nancy Kinsel, Vicki Boesch, Barbara Hanck

GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

Nancy Kinsel and Vicki Boesch were present to discuss the "Fall into Lakeside" program they have been helping to organize. This event will be for Youth in the area (Middle School/High School Gathering - grades 6-12). Early Registration fee is \$95. Additional funding sources are being sought.

Barbara Hanck was present to give Council an update on the Capital Campaign. The committee met prior to this meeting with two Architects. Marketing materials have been prepared; the pledge process will begin shortly.

OPENING DEVOTION & PRAYER:

Pastor Eric led the Council in devotion on Deuteronomy, followed by a prayer. The Spiritual Gift Assessment was tallied.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was accepted as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was read.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of February 13, 2019 were approved, as corrected.

STAFF REPORTS:

Pastor Eric – written report submitted.
Carolyn Steinfeldt – written report submitted.
Jennifer Parkison – No report submitted.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary/Treasurer, Marjorie Burton – The Treasurer's report and financial reports were reviewed and discussed.

MINISTRY TEAMS REPORTS:

Worship & Music – Carol Albert – Report submitted.
Faith Formation – Chris Antel – Will meet on March 27.

Stewardship & Administration

Reported that some employers promoting paid volunteer hours.

Youth & Young Adult – Karen Dehn – Fiscal agent for Fall into Lakeside will be the Synod.

Property & Facilities – Barb Newton - Report was submitted.

Parish Life – Lyle Marquardt – Gathering Hour discussed.

Mission & Outreach – Martha Thompson & Tom Kinsel – Meeting to gather information about the various committees.

FLAME – Meeting was attended by Martha Thompson and Stephen Lippert. Highlights reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Capital Campaign – report given earlier in meeting.

Safety & Security – Walkthrough recently conducted by Fire Department personnel. Police walkthrough will be on 3/25. Training of key people to follow.

NEW BUSINESS:

Congregational Easter Breakfast – everyone invited between services.

Wedding Fees 2020 – Fees for Weddings were discussed for 2020. A motion was made to accept the fee structure for non-member weddings as follow: Pastor \$200, Organist \$200, Wedding Hostess: \$100, Parish Fee: \$250. Standard fee of \$35 for Prepare/Enrich Premarital materials still applies. The motion was seconded and carried. Member fees to be determined at a later date.

Transfer of Membership: A motion was made to accept into the membership of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church: Ken, Laura & Cas Mastropaolo and Cathy Nye by Letter of Transfer. Motion was seconded and carried.

Adult Baptism into Membership: A motion was made to accept into the membership of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church by Baptism: Aidan Cooper Cox. The motion was seconded and carried.

Staff Holiday Paid Days Off: With the closing of the office on Fridays there are two Holidays (Fridays) that were paid, so to adjust the schedule a motion was made that two half days (Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve) would each be a full day off to make up one of the days and the other day would be an extra vacation day. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m. with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Harris, Recording Secretary

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APRIL 2019

All calendar activities will take place at Zion unless otherwise specified.



Youth Activities/Events as of 3/20/2019 All Youth Meetings for April will take place at Zion unless specified. Please contact Jenn Parkison for more information on these activities. Jenn will contact youth regarding any changes to schedule. Jenn: 419-656-8859 or Jennparkison@gmail.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Easter Garden Deadline 4:30 pm Sandusky Concert Assoc. 5:30 pm Temple Caretakers 6:30 pm Quilters 7:00 pm Troop 8 Scouts 7:00 pm Firelands Chorus	2 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am Saturday Worship Planning 12:00 pm Year of Scripture Small Group Study with Pastor Eric—Mr. Smith's 1:00 pm Lectionary Study-Mr. Smith's 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:00 pm Year of Scripture Study with Elaine 6:15 pm New Members Class	3 7:30 am Lectionary Study 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am Shared Youth Ministry Mtg. 12:00 pm Lenten Lunch 6:00 pm Agape 7:00 pm Circle of Friends	4 9:30 am Priscilla 5:30 pm Cherub Choir Practice 6:00 pm Year of Scripture Study with Carolyn 6:15 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 10:00 am Praying In Color Workshop 6:00 pm Worship
7 8/10:30 am Worship Services 9:15 am Children of Zion 9:15 am First Communion Exploration 5:00 am EPIC 6:30 am Pathfinders	8 Easter Memorial Deadline 5:30 pm Temple Caretakers 6:30 pm Quilters 7:00 pm Troop 8 Scouts 7:00 pm Firelands Chorus	9 9:00 am Quilters 12:00 pm Year of Scripture Small Group Study with Pastor Eric—Mr. Smith's 1:00 pm Lectionary Study-Mr. Smith's 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:00 pm Year of Scripture Study with Elaine 6:15 pm New Members Class 7:00 pm Lenten Service	10 7:30 am Lectionary Study 9:30 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Lenten Lunch 7:00 pm Council	11 9:30 am Year of Scripture Study with Marj 1:00 pm 2019 Lakeside Planning –Down Thyme Café, Fremont 5:30 pm Cherub Choir Practice 6:00 pm Year of Scripture Study with Carolyn 6:00 pm JOY Time—St. Paul 6:15 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13 6:00 pm Worship
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21 8/10:30 am Worship Services 9:15 am Easter Breakfast 	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23 9:00 am Quilters 12:00 pm Year of Scripture Small Group Study with Pastor Eric—Mr. Smith's 1:00 pm Lectionary Study-Mr. Smith's 7:00 pm Year of Scripture Study with Elaine	24 7:30 am Lectionary Study 9:30 am Staff Meeting 2:30 pm Book Connection 4:00 pm Faith Formation 6:00 pm Property & Facilities	25 9:00 am Card Making 9:30 am Year of Scripture Study with Marj 1:00 pm 2019 Lakeside Planning –Down Thyme Café, Fremont 5:30 pm Cherub Choir Practice 6:00 pm Year of Scripture Study with Carolyn 6:15 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice	26 OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal	27 1:30 pm Wedding 6:00 pm Worship
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