

# Through Zion's Window

June 2019



*Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'* (Luke 24:45 -49)

Dear Friends in Christ,

It must have seemed an impossible task. Though crowds often gathered around Jesus and many claimed to follow Him during his time on earth none spoke up for Him on that fateful Friday, the day of His execution. Jewish tradition holds that the Messiah will not die so, after Jesus' death, the movement would have shrunk even further. Only a small core would have held firm: The 11 remaining Apostles, maybe the 70 that were sent out earlier, a few other faithful like Mary and Martha. Jesus tells these few that they are to carry the message of repentance and forgiveness to all the nations.

Estimates of the world's population at that time vary from 50 million to 150 million. Assuming 100 followers and 50 million people then each disciple need only speak to 500,000 people to get the word out! There is no mass media, no offshore pirate radio, no Twitter or Facebook. To get the word out the disciples would have to employ what we called in the Marines "LPC's" or "Leather Personnel Carriers", better known as shoes. The disciples would have to walk hundreds or thousands of miles. An impossible task except for one, not so small, detail. The disciples aren't alone; their mission doesn't begin until they have been "clothed with power from on high." God is with them and, though it is their feet that will walk the miles and their mouths that will speak the words, it is God's work. Those disciples carried a Word the world was desperate to hear: God loved them enough to die for them and He was a forgiving God.

And that is a message the world still desperately needs to hear. Despite all our technological advances, improvements in health care and diet, and the movement of more and more people out of extreme poverty throughout the world there is still a sense of despair. Suicide and violence remain high, especially in the advanced world. Expectations to fit in, be popular, and have "Barbie and Ken" images of beauty and success create ever more feelings of failure. The mass media that didn't exist in the time of the early disciples air programs that popularize bullying and demonizing of others who don't look like us, think like us, act like us, or talk like us.

As Pentecost approaches (June 9) we need to remember that we too are "clothed with power from on high" and are invited to participate in God's work in the world. Like those early disciples we must decide if we will risk being God's feet and mouth in a world that doesn't want to hear His Word. We carry a message that God's love and forgiveness doesn't depend on beauty, clothing style, or bank account. And even after 2000 years that is a message that still needs to be spoken.

*Pastor Doug*



May 5th, 2019 Council Minutes – The meeting was brought to order by President Jerry Liesener at 10:20 am. Devotions were led by Franklin Walter. Jerry Liesener discussed not having council meetings during the summer months, this common practice was discussed. Decision was agreed upon by council members to only have a meeting in summer if there becomes a need to have a meeting.

A motion was made to approve the secretary's report for April as printed, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report, motion carried.

Parish Ed – last day of Sunday School will be May 19th.

Evangelism – The Lake Walk for Cancer on Saturday, May 4th was a success with Zion well represented. May 19th we'll celebrate the last day of Sunday School and graduates, and Blue Jean Sunday (church clean up). A reminder was made that we will worship with Cross and join in the picnic afterward on June 23rd at Harnischfeger Park.

Building and Grounds – The basement floor will be waxed on June 17th and 18th. Help will be needed with clearing out rooms for the waxing to be done. Bushes were removed and mulch was donated to Zion by Jim Lunson.

New Business – Ventures for People presented at church today and council decided to sponsor 6 children in Haiti, for an education grant of \$160 each, for one year. Christine Siedschag made a motion to approve the Ventures for People sponsorship, Wendy Egholm seconded, and all were in favor. A reminder was made that Pastor Doug will hold a class after worship on May 12th to review the new ELW worship hymnal.

The next Council meeting will be September 8th (unless one is needed prior to this date). Motion was made by Franklin Wolter, seconded by John Siedschag to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 am, motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanine Heinrich



PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Doug's cell phone number has changed-  
262-490-8737

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

03 – Luke Petersen  
 12 – Amanda Loudon  
 19 – Kyle Schultz  
 20 – Bruce Petersen  
 20 – Courtney Liesener  
 21 – Lynn Clemans  
 23 – Shari Franke  
 25 – Adam Jaeger  
 27 – Ella Michalowski  
 28 – Suzy Rather  
 30 – Millie Moldenhauer  
 30 – Sandy Jaeger  
 30 – Vickie Schlieve

**JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER**

09 - Pentecost  
 14 – Flag Day  
 16 – Trinity Sunday  
 16 – Father's Day  
 21 – First Day of Summer!

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**

04 – Steve & Cindy Wagner  
 15 – Lester & Carol Schuett  
 21 – Steve & Amanda Loudon  
 23 – Franklin & Karen Wolter  
 30 – Scott & Anna Gramling

**ACOYLTES**

02 – Kristofer Schultz  
 09 – Nolan Altreuter  
 16 – Kyle Schlieve  
 23 – Kristofer Schultz  
 30 – Nolan Altreuter

**GREETERS**

02 – Sandy Jaeger  
 09 – Shorty & Carol Schuett  
 16 – Franklin & Karen Wolter  
 23 – Heidi Tunak  
 30 – Allen & Mary Lee Petersen

**PROJECTION OPERATOR**

02 – Heidi Tunak  
 09 – Cindy Wagner  
 16 – Suzy Rather  
 23 – Jeannine Heinrich  
 30 – Carrie Wendorf

**USHERS**

**\*Franklin Wolter Team**  
 John & Christine Siedschlag

**ASS'T MIN**

02 – John Siedschlag  
 09 – Jerry Liesener  
 16 – Anna Gramling  
 23 – Carrie Wendorf  
 30 – John Siedschlag

**ALTAR GUILD**

Wendy Egholm  
 Ruth Peirick

**LAY READER**

Debbie Guenther



April 28	57	May 12	61
May 5	42	May 19	65





Worship

at

Harnischfeger Park

We have been invited to worship with Cross on Sunday, June 23 at 10 am at Harnischfeger Park in Ixonia. Following worship there will be a potluck picnic, Zion has been asked to bring hot dishes and beverages.

Zion will not have an 8:30 am worship service on this day.

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Zion will again participate in the Ecumenical Worship service during the Ashippun Fireman's Picnic on Sunday, July 14th at 10 am

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*Loss: On Thursday, May 2, 2019, we lost Jim Franke at the age of 71, his funeral was Thursday, May 16, at Zion. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends during this difficult time.*

A huge "Thank you" to our church family for the generous and delicious desserts you made for Jim's funeral and the meal at the Maple Inn following his service. The dessert tables were very impressive!

We appreciate your thoughtfulness in helping our family at this most difficult time.

Thanks Again  
Shari

# Evangelism News...

June 2019 Newsletter

## Blue Jean Sunday

Special thanks for all your hard work on May 19 to pitch in for clean-up Sunday. You accomplished so much!

## LakeWalk for Cancer

May 4 was a good day for walking for a cause, whether you were there in body or spirit. Pencil in a reminder for next year. The LakeWalk for Cancer is held annually on the first Saturday in May. We'd love to have you on Zion Spirit's team.

## Fellowship Hour After Worship

A beverage will continue to be served after worship. If you get the urge to bake and have extra treats to share, feel free to bring your bounty and place it on the Narthex table. Plates, napkins, etc. are in the cupboard for your serving convenience. If you would like to host a Sunday fellowship hour to celebrate a special occasion or for no reason at all, add your name to the sheet located on the Narthex bulletin board.

## Stuff the Pantry

The school year ends and so does the student meal programs. This creates a need to fill the pantry shelves to feed those children. To ensure the Ashippun Bread Basket can meet the family needs, please help stuff the pantry on **June 30**.

The following items are in particular need during the summer.

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Cereal
- Baking mixes (ie cakes, brownies, cookies...)
- Pasta and Sauce
- Cream Soup
- Frozen Veggies (*toss in the freezer downstairs and let Carrie or Doreen know*)
- Soap
- Shampoo/Conditioner



\*Name brand items are desired.

Also, remember to give your extra garden produce.

*The pantry hours are:*

Every Thursday 6pm-7pm  
Every Saturday 9am-10am

Doreen Schultz  
Evangelism Chair