

# Through Zion's Window

APRIL 2020

April 22, 2020

Members of Zion

As I write this, things in our world, state and town change every minute.

We made the decision to not have any services or activities at Zion through April 4th. The decision to close Zion was made based on the information we had at the time and we needed to look out for everyone's health and well-being. Looking forward I don't see us being able to open our building before May 10th or possibly later.

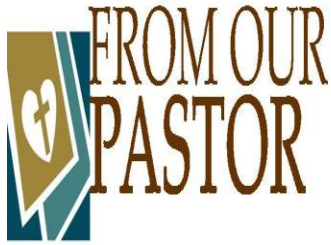
While we are closed, we still have expenses and bills that need to be paid. I encourage you to support Zion either by mailing or dropping off contributions. I realize some of you are impacted with job loss and reduced hours during this, any amount would help at this time.

I hope and pray that COVID-19 comes to end sooner rather than later so we can all get on with life and God's plan for us. During times like these, praying for one another is something we all can do.

May God bless you and keep you safe!

Jerry Liesener  
Zion Council President

Please mail contributions to  
Zion Lutheran Church  
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March 18, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I walked outside this morning with my new puppy, I felt the bite of the chill in the air the clouds blocking the sun's warmth, and I couldn't wait to get back inside. I had a difficult time believing that last weekend it was nearly 60°. I was outside doing yard cleanup and helping a neighbor who had to take a brittle tree down. A little later this morning, while watching the news, the weather headlines caught my eye; "Strong storms in Kentucky," and "Multi-day Severe Weather Threat in Southern and Central U.S". Parts of California just got 70 inches of snow dumped on them, and flood watches are increasing across the country. Spring officially begins in 3 days, yet as Spring makes its presence known with clear, sunny days and warmer weather the Winter is not yet ready to let go. Weather patterns collide violently; the old resists the new and Old Man Winter does not go out quietly.

The battle going on throughout the country reminds me of the battle which goes on in each of us as we struggle to bring our faith into our everyday lives. Paul writes that "...our old man was crucified with Him (*Jesus*), that the body of sin might be done away with..."(Rom 6:6) and that we are to put on the "...new man which was created according to God..."(Eph 4:24). Just as it is a foregone conclusion that spring will prevail over winter and the season will change, in our baptism it is also a foregone conclusion that old will die and the new triumph. But just because the end is known that doesn't mean that it will come about easily.

So, it is with our faith. Though we can talk about doing what God desires of us, without the daily practice of immersing ourselves in God's Word, we will often drop into the patterns and habits of the *old man* in practice, especially under pressure. With a daily practice of devotions, prayer, and study of God's word the new skills and habits win the battle against the old and the new season is ushered in.

*Pastor Doug*

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During the weeks that we will not be gathering Pastor Doug will publish reflections on the readings for the upcoming Sunday on our Cross-Zion Parish Facebook page. They will be posted on Tuesday - Friday and Sunday. Please "LIKE" and "Follow" our Cross-Zion Parish Facebook page.

We also know some of you are not on Facebook, so we will also send this out via email.

## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special congregational meeting was called to order by President Jerry Liesener on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 9:35 am. Treasurer Carrie Wendorf presented the revised 2020 budget. Major expenses for upcoming projects (windows & parking lot) were removed. Motion by Allen Petersen, seconded by Jeanine Heinrich to approve a 3% pay increase for Pastor Doug for 2020. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Debbie Guenther, seconded by Mike Johnson, to accept the 2020 budget as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Christine Siedschlag motioned, seconded by Doreen Schultz to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 am.

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### PROJECTION OPERATORS

05 – John Siedschlag  
 09 – Heidi Tunak  
 10 – Cindy Wagner  
 12 – Linda Braunschweig  
 19 – Carrie Wendorf  
 26 – Loni Jaeger

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

04 – Gary Gunther  
 12 – Carson Michalowski  
 23 – Jenna Clemans  
 26 – Terry Clemans  
 28 – Pauline Hall  
 17 – Carrie Wendorf  
 29 – Kristofer Schultz  
 30 – Nolan Altreuter

### GREETERS

05 – Barth Liesener  
 09 – Sally Schoenike Family  
 10 – Art & Pauline Hall  
 12 – Roger & Millie Kopfer  
 19 – Mike Johnson  
 26 – Linda Braunschweig

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

05 – Mike Johnson  
 09 – Carrie Wendorf  
 10 – John Siedschlag  
 12 – Jerry Liesener  
 19 – Anna Gramling  
 26 – Mike Johnson

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

18 – Keith & Dawn Fredrick  
 26 – Terry & Lynn Clemans

### LAY READER

Mary Lee Petersen

### ALTAR GUILD

Mille Moldenhauer  
 Heidi Tunak

### USHER TEAM

**Barth Liesener Team**  
 Lester Schuett  
 Ruth Peirick  
 Millie Moldenhauer

***\*\*It is our hope that we will be able to continue with the above schedule,  
 we will keep you posted on any updates as we have them\*\****

### SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

05-12 – Holy Week	10 – Good Friday
05 – Palm/Passion Sunday	12 – Easter Sunday
09 – Maundy Thursday	22 – Administrative Professionals Day



## Graduates on the move

We will honor students in the Class of 2020 at coffee hour in May.

Please let Danielle or Doreen know who will be graduating (or has graduated) during the 2019-20 school year, whether elementary, high school, college, or post grad.



## What a wonderful Seuss Birthday!

Thank you for all the great books donated to replenish the Little Free Library. Spread the news and encourage young readers to visit our Little Free Library located at the Ashippun BP station.

## It's an easy youth fund-raiser!

Here are the latest receipt program guidelines for you to get into the action.

1. All receipts must be from **Fox Bros. Piggly Wiggly**
2. Receipts for the current year and prior year are accepted. Older dates will not.
3. Service desk purchases do not qualify, e.g., lottery tickets, stamps, utility payments, money orders, car license renewal, and deposit on tappers and barrels.
4. "Duplicate Receipts" are not accepted.
5. Do not roll/rubber band receipts; folded in half is best.

Your cash register receipts for January and February totaled \$ **4,178.02**.

*Thanks for supporting our youth!*

## Our Little Worshipers



The activity kits are located in the Narthex for our little worshipers.

## Workshop

The workshop planned for March 29 after service for easy craft/card making has been **canceled** until a later date.



## Hmm, I didn't know that...

**Q:** Who places the decorations by the entry doors?

**A:** Carol Schuett  
Thanks Carol!

## The Great Pew Challenge



People on the move....

Carol and Shorty Schuett have seen the view from

**11** pews as of March 8.

The Altreuter family have been on the move too.

Has anyone else visited 10 or more pews?



**\$10 a bag**

Make your selection on an order form available in the Narthex, place your payment in an envelope and drop in the Evangelism mailbox.

Your ongoing purchase and consumption of Mt. Meru Select Tanzanian Coffee is the single most important way in which you can support thousands of small family farmers in Tanzania. Become a part of the mission and support farmer-to-consumer relationships this Project is growing.



*Are you a Thrivent member?*

*You have the power to make a difference. Contact Doreen or Linda to learn how you can help.*



## Evangelism



Are you interested in being a little or a lot involved in some of Zion's happenings? Here's your chance to join the Evangelism team!

The members would meet only 4-6 times a year as a team to discuss and organize upcoming events. If you would like to join the team, please contact Linda or Doreen.



### Important Changes to the 2020 ProHealth Care Walks for Cancer

For years our ProHealth Care Walks for Cancer have been a symbol of hope and support for our community. We have walked in rain, wind, sleet and sunshine, always with the same goal in mind, to support services for cancer patients.

We know that for many, concerns about COVID-19, commonly referred to as the coronavirus, are top of mind. The safety of our patients and our community remains the top priority for us. While much remains unknown about the COVID-19 virus, we want to be vigilant. We also recognize that many of our Walks participants and their families are part of the most susceptible audience to this virus.

To promote the safety and well-being of our participants, the 2020 ProHealth Care Walks for Cancer will be held as a unified, virtual event. In lieu of large gatherings in three communities, we welcome you to walk with your closest supporters in a location that's safe for you. Whether from your home, neighborhood, or favorite trails, you can tune in digitally to hear messages of hope and encouragement from our ambassadors and cancer specialists. The program and festivities held at the parks have been cancelled, but we hope you will still walk, support cancer services and join us digitally at [ProHealthCare.org/WalksforCancer](https://ProHealthCare.org/WalksforCancer).

We will extend our early bird pricing through May 2, allowing you to register for the virtual Walk for just \$25 via phone or mail, and \$20 online. New t-shirt pickup information will be forthcoming—group pickup events will not be offered at the hospitals.

The logistics will continue to evolve as we learn more each day. We appreciate your patience as we navigate through this transition, and encourage you to visit our website, [ProHealthCare.org/WalksforCancer](https://ProHealthCare.org/WalksforCancer), as well as watch your email and our [Facebook page](#) for updates as we move forward.

The Walks for Cancer remain a significant part of our community, and an important fundraising component for the cancer services we provide. We hope that despite this year's event changes, you will still unite with us to support cancer prevention, treatment and research. You can continue to fundraise and earn incentives through your outreach.

If you would prefer a refund rather than participating in the virtual event, please contact us at 262-928-9255 or [via email](#).



We hope and pray that we will be able to continue with these services, we will keep you posted as we know.

If we are able to worship on Easter Sunday and you have any flowers you want to share, please have them at Zion on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

April 5 – Palm/Passion Sunday

8:30 am ~ Zion Worship Service  
 10:00 am ~ Cross Worship Service

April 9 – Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm ~ Cross/Zion Joint Worship Service at Cross  
 7:00 pm ~ Holy Name of Jesus Worship Service at Zion

April 10 – Good Friday

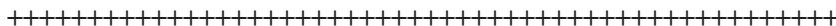
7:00 pm ~ Zion/Cross and Holy Name of Jesus ~ Joint Worship Service at Zion

April 11 – Holy Saturday

4:00 pm ~ Holy Name of Jesus Worship Service at Zion

April 12 – Easter Sunday

7:15 am ~ Holy Name of Jesus Worship Service at Zion  
 8:30 am ~ Zion Worship Service  
 10:00 am ~ Cross Worship Service



At our Mid-week Lenten Worship Service with Holy Name of Jesus in March, \$600 was collected during the offering and given to the food pantry. What a wonderful example of working together with our local congregations and helping people in need!



Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers...



- Art & Pauline Hall*
- Courtney Liesener*
- Allen Petersen*
- Lois Wittnebel*
- Ellen Braunschweig*
- Shirley Chatfield*
- Ron Jaeger*
- Carly Ostrom*
- Gordon Petersen*
- Tim Roskopf*
- Peyton Wolter*
- Tom & Donna Meotke*
- Steve Fuerstenau*