

Through Zion's Window

JUNE 2021



Dear friends in Christ,

I've noticed that pastors are usually expected to have the *right* words to say. Words of inspiration, words of consolation, or words of education. At any given time or place, at the drop of a hat pastors are asked to lead devotions, prayers, chip in on study groups and any of a half dozen other ways have "an answer". I understand why, one of my early mentors called pastors "over-educated bums". I think he was emphasizing the over-educated part more than the bum part 😊. We are thoroughly schooled and prepared for the role we take on, we write many papers, read many books, and learn many, many words. So, I guess it makes sense that we can be expected to always have something to say.

And honestly, for those of you who know me, it may seem I always have something to say, in depth about pretty much anything and everything. Whether it is about politics, education, or current events I love to speak words and share my opinions. But, while I can't speak for other pastors, I have to admit I sometimes struggle to find the *right* words for many situations. Words of consolation evade me when I'm in a hospital room, words of inspiration often effectively hide when I'm in small groups, and words of education become dry and boring.

Why am I sharing this with you? After 11 years in ministry, I've fully realized something. I'm not all that good at writing newsletter pages. Many of you have noticed that every few months Danielle or Addy come up with something for the front page – I am so thankful for that. I have to admit I'm losing the creativity needed to come up with ideas for the newsletter. As the end of the month nears, I panic a little bit. What should I write about this time? What do people want/need to hear?



I want to issue a challenge to all of you. As Lutherans we believe in the "Priesthood of all Believers". We all have stories of inspiration, we have received and shared words of consolation, and we have been told things in ways that opened our eyes to seeing God's Word in new ways. I'd like to hear your stories, and I bet I'm not the only one. I'd like to invite you to share your stories.



There are a couple of ways to do this. If you are a writer then feel free to put pen to paper and email it to the office or myself, or you can drop it by the office or give it to me Sunday morning. If you struggle putting words together then invite me for coffee. Share your story and I will help find some words. Lastly, if you don't want to share a story yet, but you would like to hear about something or would like me to write about something let me know. Point me in a direction and, as many of you know, I can come up with words.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Doug



May 16, 2021 Council Minutes – The meeting was brought to order by President Jerry Liesener at 9:44 am.

Devotions were led by Wendy Egholm. Carrie Wendorf will lead devotions at the next meeting.

Motion by Mike Johnson, seconded by Wendy, to approve the April 2021 minutes as printed. All in favor, motion carried.

Carrie reviewed the treasurer's report. Motion by John Siedschlag, seconded by Mike to accept the treasurer's report and file for audit.

Worship – discussed the changes to the worship services regarding music and the distribution of communion. Please provide Pastor Doug or Wendy any feedback regarding the services.

Evangelism – preliminary planning is taking place for an ice cream social; Doreen continues to give "goodies" to the residents at the Ashippun Apartments; Sally Schoenike is using a Sunday School room for storage and organizing the books and still looking for book donations.

Old Business – Oktoberfest will be on Sunday, October 3rd. Planning has started for the activities of the day including polka music church service, polka music after worship in the lower area of the church, box lunch, raffle, basket raffles and more. The annual meeting will be held June 13th after church.

New Business – Sometime this summer, the council is planning a celebration in recognition of Debbie Guenther's years of service as organist, choir director, etc. Motion by Wendy, seconded by Doreen, to sponsor 6 children through Ventures in People for one year at \$175 each. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Wendy, seconded by Mike to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 am, motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Tunak



Friday Coffee with Pastor Doug is back! He will be at Whelan's Coffee Shop (located at 163 E Wisconsin Ave ~ Oconomowoc) on Fridays, from 10 am - 12 pm. Stop in for a coffee and conversation!

(Any last-minute changes to his schedule will be posted on our *Cross-Zion Parish Facebook page*)



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

- 15 – Lester & Carol Schuett
- 21 – Steve & Amanda Louden
- 23 – Franklin & Karen Wolter
- 30 – Scott & Anna Gramling

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

- 03 – Luke Petersen
- 12 – Amanda Louden
- 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 – Vickie Schlieve

ASSISTING MINISTER

- 06 – John Siedschlag
- 13 – Jerry Liesener
- 20 – Anna Gramling
- 27 – Mike Johnson

USHERS

- *Neal Wendorf Team
- Cindy Wagner
- Roger & Millie Kopfer

GREETERS

- 06 – Millie Moldenhauer
- 13 – Paul & Wendy Egholm
- 20 – Shari Franke
- 27 – Barth Liesener

ALTAR GUILD

- Millie Kopfer
- Lynn Clemans
- Deanna Braunschweig

PROJECTION OPERATOR

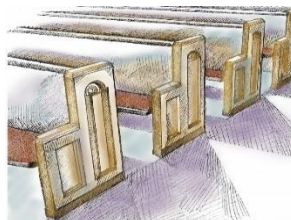
- 06 – Annette Christopherson
- 13 – Carly Christopherson
- 20 – John Siedschlag
- 27 – Heidi Tunak

LAY READER

- Mike Johnson

JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER

- 14 Flag Day
- 20 – Father's Day
- 20 – First Day of Summer!



View from the Pews

04/25	31
05/02	32
05/09	33
05/16	38
05/23	32



April Total Income: \$10,132.96
 April Total Expenses: \$12,328.16
 April Overall Total: \$-2,195.20

Financial Update

Full financial reports attached to your newsletter email.

Thank you for continuing to support Zion! Please mail your gifts to the address below.

**Zion Lutheran Church
 N557 Main Street, P.O. Box 254
 Ashippun, WI 53003**

Annual Meeting June 13 after Worship

It's the business meeting of the congregation, of which we are all a part of. This is where decisions are made, and ideas are heard, as you think about the direction Zion should take for the rest of 2021.

Congregational Meeting



- Zion's mission statement**
- Reach out to our community
 - Educate those who gather
 - Affirm our beliefs in Jesus Christ
 - Communicate with God
 - Help those in need

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Oktoberfest 2021 ~ Sunday October 3, 2021.

The day will begin with the Oktoberfest Worship Service led by the Goodtime Dutchmen Band. Guests will be able view the many Raffle baskets, quilt raffle and purchase raffle tickets in the church basement. The Good Time Dutchmen band will move outdoors to the lower lot and provide music following the service under a tent-tables and chairs will be available. Those attending will be able to purchase a Box type lunch, Zion's famous desserts and beverages, as there will be no formal meal served in the basement. There will be no festivities held at the Maple Inn this year as we move forward with a modified celebration following pandemic recommendations. Watch future Zion Happenings/Newsletters for more information.



Oktoberfest Donations

Oktoberfest will offer its Basket, Quilt and Door Prize raffles. There are sign-up sheets posted in the Narthex for anyone wishing to donate. Please consider donating a themed raffle basket, door prize item-homemade, home baked, craft or purchased items. The raffles are always well participated and enjoyed by many.



Ellen Braunschweig
Shirley Chatfield
Carly Ostrom
Peyton Wolter
Tom & Donna Meotke
Wilber & Barb Pieper
Ross & Jacob Kopfer
Art Hall

The Family & Friends of Shirley Hengen

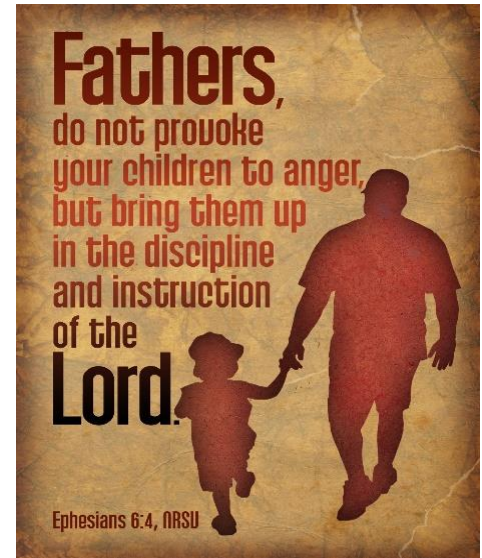


Piggly Wiggly Receipts

Your grocery receipts totaled \$5,025.55 for the months of March/April and \$9,993.83 for May. By the simple act of dropping your receipts into the box in the Narthex table, you have continued to support Zion youth activities. (Piggly Wiggly donates 1% of your total receipts to the youth account.) Thanks a *whole bunch!* Keep up the good work.

How well do you know your fathers in the bible?

1. Who was the father of Noah?
2. Who was the father of Abraham?
3. Who was the father of Joseph and his brothers?
4. Who was the father of Aaron and Moses?
5. Who was the father of King Saul?
6. Who was the father of King David?
7. Who was the father of John the Baptist?
8. Who was the father of the apostles James and John?
9. Who was the father who came to Jesus to save his daughter who was near death?
10. Who was the spiritual father of Timothy?



Answers

1. The father of Noah was **Lamech**.
2. The father of Abraham was **Terah**.
3. The father of Joseph and his brothers was **Jacob**.
4. The father of Aaron and Moses was **Amram**.
5. The father of King Saul was **Kish**.
6. The father of King David was **Jesse**.
7. The father of John the Baptist was **Zacharias**.
8. The father of the apostles James and John was **Zebedee**.
9. The father who came to Jesus to save his daughter was **Jairus**.
10. The spiritual father of Timothy was **Paul**.