



Zion Lutheran Monthly

June 2017

Pastor's Corner

"Summertime, fun time . . . church time!"

Ah, Summer has arrived! For many of us our thoughts turn to things like: vacations, school recess, picnics, swimming pools, and . . . church! Normally, when we think of fun Summer activities, we may not immediately think of "church" as making the top ten. A lot of people view church attendance as some type of "work" they have to do during the year like going to work Monday thru Friday. So, when Summer comes around, it is time to take a "break" from all those chores. But we couldn't be more mistaken about church or coming to church. If we ever begin to view coming to church as a chore, or work, or drudgery then something is terribly wrong with us and we need to pause and reconsider exactly what church is and why we even go to church in the first place.

If I were ever asked the question, "*Pastor, if you have to sum up in one word what 'worship' means, what word would you use?*" My answer would be very simple, "*Worship should simply mean 'rest' for us.*" Coming to worship should be "rest" for us. Coming to worship should be a weekly vacation for us. Coming together to worship should be a time for us to recover. The Bible speaks of worship in this way continually. Think of the 3rd commandment, "**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**" Always remember what the word "sabbath" means – it means to REST. For Jews the Sabbath day was a day when they STOPPED doing their normal 9-5 jobs. But it also meant a whole lot more than just NOT working. A vacation is when we stop working. For the Jews though, not only did they stop their normal work, but they also came together in worship and rested in the WORK that GOD was doing for them. The Jews rested knowing that their God was working to forgive their sin. The Jews rested knowing their God was sustaining creation day by day. The Jews could stop working and could rest knowing their God would never rest in keeping their bodies alive, in keeping their faith alive in God as their hope. The Jews could stop working and find rest, comfort, and peace in their God who works tirelessly for them day and night.

As Christians, our Sabbath rest is not in a day. Our Sabbath rest is now in the person of Jesus Christ our Lord. And in Him, we find the greatest of rest for our bodies and souls. We rest knowing that Jesus worked throughout His earthly life to keep Himself PERFECT in keeping the law on our behalf. We rest knowing that Jesus died a perfect death as the one and only punishment for our sins. We rest knowing that Jesus now stands as our eternal High Priest continually offering His perfect sacrifice to God the Father on your behalf, and my behalf so that we will continually be freed from our sins. The writer of Hebrews speaks of our rest in Christ and the need to receive that rest as we "come together" in worship when he writes:

"¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession . . . ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." And, "⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest" And also, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together (i.e. worshipping), as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 4:14-16, 9-11; 10:23-25)

Summer certainly involves vacations, school recess, picnics, and swimming pools. And I pray for all of us that Summer rest also includes coming together and finding true, lasting, and eternal rest in our worship of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There truly is no greater rest for any of us, in this life or the next, than resting in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who has given His very life for us so that we may enjoy eternal life in this world and in the world to come.

Closing Prayer: *Lord Jesus Christ, grant that you would stir up a desire in my heart to find rest in your gifts of word and sacrament that I may never grow tired of coming together with my fellow Christians as we encourage one another in Christian love and good works. Amen.*

Pastor Grimenstein

Vicar's Corner

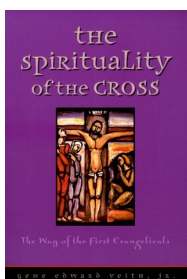
With under two months left in my vicarage at Zion, this is my second-to-last newsletter article. In light of this, I thought I would have some fun and give you a peek at your Vicar's favorite hymns. Our hymnal is a treasure trove of devotional material. They hymnal is full of beautiful hymns, wonderful prayers, and orders of service, some of which can be used individually, as a family, and of course in church on Sunday. I'd encourage you to look some of these hymns up. Sing them, pray them, and reflect on them!

1. Thy Strong Word- LSB 578 *This hymn describes Jesus as who He is- the Word of the Father who has broken the darkness of our sin and made us righetous in His sight. This includes the best Trinitarian Verse in the hymnal.*
2. I Bind Unto Myself Today- LSB 604 *This hymn is all about the Trinity (we'll sing it in a few weeks). The melody is beautiful and the words leave the Trinity not as an abstract doctrine, but a description of the God who loves us and acts on our behalf.*
3. Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence- LSB 621 *This hymn describes the glory of the Lord's Supper and reminds us that we join with the angels and saints in heaven around the Lord's table.*
4. God's Own Child I Gladly Say It- LSB 594 *This hymn is a wonderful declaration of who we are in Christ! It includes a verse sung against Satan, which we can only do because Christ has defeated him.*
5. For All the Saints- LSB 677 *This hymn has been sung many times at Zion this year. It reminds us of the glorious future those who die in Christ have.*
6. Built on the Rock- LSB 645 *This hymn reminds us that we are built on the proclamation of Christ, the Son of the Living God. Verse 4 may be the best verse in the entire hymnal.*
7. Salvation unto Us Has Come- LSB 555 *This hymn clearly lays out how we are saved- by grace through faith in Christ.*
8. Preach you the Word and Plant it Home- LSB 586 *Football players listen to metal music to get pumped before a game. Your vicar listens to this to get pumped up before preaching. It is a reminder of what the preaching task is.*
9. Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain- LSB 435 *This is the best Lenten hymn. It makes clear our sin and need to repent, but describes the grace of God as soul-renewing flood.*
10. I Know That My Redeemer Lives- LSB 461 *The joy of the resurrection is presented clearly in this hymn.*
11. Crown Him with Many Crowns- LSB 525 *The imagery of the heavenly anthem of praise drowning out all other songs in the world is striking.*
12. Jesus Christ Is Risen Today- LSB 457 *This is the classic Easter hymn, bringing to mind the joy the women had when they went to the tomb and the joy we have when we worship our risen Lord.*
13. Christ is Arisen- LSB 459 *This is a simple proclamation of the resurrection with a haunting melody.*
14. At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing- LSB 633 *This hymn reminds us of the salvation history of God's people and how that salvation comes to us in the Lord's Supper.*
15. This Joyful Eastertide- LSB 482 *The chorus of this hymn reminds us of the importance of the resurrection. If Christ has not been raised our faith is in vain!*
16. Jesus Sinners Doth Recieve- LSB 609 *This is great comfort to me. I am a sinner, but Jesus recieves sinners.*
17. A Mighty Fortress Is Our God- LSB 656 (the right version) *Some would threaten to take my Lutheran card for having it this low. Wonderful proclamation that Jesus is our champion who fights for us!*
18. Lord of Our Life- 659 *One of the best verses in the hymnal: Lord, be our light when worldly darkness veils us. Lord, be our shield when earthly armor fails us. And in the day when Hell itself assails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord.*
19. Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart- LSB 708 *This hymn is the cry of a trusting heart, leaning wholly on Jesus.*
20. When Morning Gilds the Skies- LSB 807 *This anthem of praise reminds us that we worship the Lord from day to night.*



Vicar's Book of the Month:

The Spirituality of the Cross by Gene Vieth



What does it mean to be spiritual? How do we serve the Lord in our lives? How are we justified? These questions and more are explored in this classic books. This is one of the most important books I read before going to seminary. It is worth reading and re-reading as an exploration of the Gospel and uniquely Lutheran spirituality. Find it in Zion's Library in the conference room!

Chairman's Report

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Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances

April Income	\$53,824.97
April Expenses	<u>\$63,520.71</u>
Unfavorable to Income	\$ -9,520.71
Fiscal Year Income	\$543,015.93
Fiscal Year Expenses	<u>\$531,666.63</u>
Income Less Expense	\$ 21,509.84



Two major expenses caused the unfavorable monthly income: parsonage gas line repair and repayment of a temporary loan from ECDP for parsonage initial clean up. The various growth funds continue to have a strong cash position. Overall Zion's financial situation continues to be good with income ahead of budget year to date.

Please continue to pray for Zion and support our ministries with your time, talents and treasures. May God continue to bless our ministries.

New Mission Support

The Church Council reviewed and approved the Pastor and Elders recommendation to support a new mission: Rev. Richard-Wokoma serving in Africa. He teaches theology and history courses at Jonathan Ekong Memorial Lutheran (JEML) Seminary in Africa. He also preaches and presents workshops to congregations and villages throughout Africa.

Rev. Richard-Wokoma was born in Africa. He graduated from Schiller International University, London, in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in international relations, and in 1986 with a master's degree in international law. He then attended New York University and began working toward a doctoral degree from this institution. However, during this time, Rev. Richard-Wokoma decided to attend Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., where he received his Master of Divinity in 1997. During his seminary vicarage, he studied at Drew Theological School at Drew University, Madison, N.J., and received his Master of Sacred Theology degree focused on patristic and early Christian liturgies.

Once finished at seminary, Rev. Richard-Wokoma returned to Africa to translate the Book of Concord into his native language, Kalabari. He went as a visiting professor to JEML Seminary, and in Sept. 2013, he accepted a (LCMS) call to be a theological educator. Since this time, he has been teaching at this seminary and preaching at different congregations each week.

Please pray for Rev. Richard-Wokoma as he serves in Africa. Pray he is continually protected in this dangerous part of world, not only as he teaches at the seminary, but also as he travels around Africa preaching and ministering to the villagers and congregations. Please pray also for the seminary students and their families as they continue to sacrifice to attend the institution. Let us give thanks that Rev. Richard-Wokoma serves in this part of the world.



Faith and Family Workshop

Do you feel helpless when it comes to talking to your children about faith? Do you find talking to your children about Jesus difficult? Do you love teaching your children about Christ but are looking for resources? Parents of children from 0-college are invited to a "Faith and Family" workshop. We will meet **after church on June 4 until 1:30**. We'll talk about the Biblical basis for Christian parenting, share our struggles, and learn some simple, biblical, strategies for faith formation. You will walk away encouraged with a full belly and a personalized resource packet for you and your child! Lunch is provided. There will be crafts and a movie for the younger children and an activity for middle and high school as well!



There is still time to sign up to join the bell choir. Please sign up in the narthex if you are interested in playing in this choir. The bells will arrive here at church sometime in July.



In August, we will provide training on how to play/care for the hand bells as well as basic education on how to read music. A signup sheet will be posted in the back of the church for anyone who is interested in playing hand bells. No music experience is required to be a part of this ensemble!



Contact Mark Killinger if you have any questions.

Food Bank

Collection for this month's Bridgeville area food bank is Sunday, May 14. The "item of the month" is paper products.

You are also welcome to help at the food bank every third Saturday of the month between 7:45 am and 12:00 pm at Bethany Presbyterian Church.



Happy Father's Day to all of our Zion Dads! Thank you for being our go to Mr. Fix It, Resident Bug Wrangler, and everyday Super Hero. We appreciate everything you do throughout the year and that is why we celebrate you on Father's Day!

SOME
Super Heroes
Don't have
CAPES...
They are
called **DAD**



The Ulm Family Going Away Party is scheduled for Friday July 14th. Invitations with more details and an RSVP will be available in the bulletin soon. Join us as we say Farewell to Joshua, Mary, Hannah & Joseph!!

Batter Up!

Softball season is underway and our Zion Lions would love for you to cheer them on at their games! All games are played at McLaughlin Run Park (820 McLaughlin Run Rd, Bridgeville, PA 15017). Games are subject to change due to weather. For up to date game time information, check out the Chartiers Valley Church Softball League's website: leaguelineup.com. See you there!

June Softball Games:

6/13: 7:00pm—Zion vs. Bethany Blue

6/20: 8:30pm—Zion vs. Peters Creek

6/27: 7:00pm—Zion vs. Bethany Red



Voters Meeting



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Join us for a voters meeting on Sunday June 25th between services. Please plan to attend this meeting! Coffee and donuts will be served!



Feel like you are missing out on news from Zion?

Members can sign up for our weekly eBlast at:
www.zlcb.org/join-email-list

And for daily website, like our Facebook page at:
www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranBridgeville








Zion Youth News and Events

W A S H I N G T O N , P A
Wild Things

**FREE T-SHIRT
FRIDAY!**

FIREWORKS!

Date?  Friday, June 2
Time?  7:05pm Game Time
Location?  1 Washington Federal Way, Wash., PA
Cost?  \$10 + any food at the game
Who?  Anyone in Middle School

Details:

We will be Meeting at Zion Lutheran Church (3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville) at **6:15pm** and driving together to Washington. Every Student **MUST** have a driving waiver signed!

See Joe Faini for details:

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

love,
joy,
peace,
patience,
kindness,
goodness,
faithfulness,
gentleness,
and self-control



June Unit

Just as apples are the proof of a healthy apple tree, fruit of the Spirit is proof that we follow Jesus. These characteristics are signs of the Spirit's presence within us.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this.” ~Galatians 5: 22-23

June Station Leaders

Opening Devotions: Katie Gielarowski
Storytelling Station: Katie Gielarowski
Art: Kristen Neill
Cooking Station: Lynn Carthy



Vacation Bible School

June 19~24

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH!

Service Participants

Date	Time	Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery
June 4	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Wayne & Kathleen Conn Kristen Neill	Ava Pasquini Carley Rockovich	Jenny & Jodi Fitzgerald & Barb Oechslein
June 11	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Robert & Diana Schmidt Robb & Alaina Oelschlager	Joey Ackerman John Garrubba	Carrie Lemonovich, Jenna & Stephanie Eckels
June 18	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ron & Judy Meier Carolyn Wible	Matt Liberatore Augie Bishop	Megan Glasser & Deb Sterba
June 25	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Pasquini Family Ken & Carol Wuerthle	Ava Pasquini Anna Gresh	Megan & Ava Pasquini, Marian Oelschalger
July 2	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Liberatore Family Michael & Deborah Sterba	Joey Ackerman Carley Rockovich	Megan Meyer, Carly & Darla Rockovich
July 9	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Wayne & Barb Oechslein Chuck & Debbie LaJeunesse	Matt Liberatore John Garrubba	Brittany Dill, Sydney Januesy, Susie Bishop



Month	Elders	Altar Guild	8:00 AM Ushers	10:00 AM Ushers
June	Peter Fisher Robb Oelschlager	Elsie Dalla Piazza, Bernice DeBoe, Mary Hutula	Melanie & Bill Becker, Mike Kozak & Ed Malachosky	Kari & John Gresh, Vince Kimberland, & Bill Koester
July	Paul Klemash Mike Kroeger	Clara Hayes & Sandy Bryant	Brian Pasquini, Dale Miller, Barb & Wayne Oechslein	Sam Dragan, Chuck LaJeunesse, Bob Bonacci & Mike Wallace

If you are unable to participate on the assigned date, please find your own substitute and notify the church office (412) 221-4776 or secretary@zlc.org of the change.

Visit our website for past sermons, informative videos, thought-provoking articles, pictures from recent church events, and updated information about upcoming events. Check it out: zlc.org

June Birthdays

2 Elsie DallaPiazza	21 Phyllis Hartman
2 Carrie Lemonovich	24 Claire Lemonovich
2 June Malachosky	24 Elizabeth Lemonovich
5 Jean Endler	24 John Lemonovich
6 Jim Oelschlager	24 Kate Lemonovich
7 Josh Gielarowski	25 Sarah Ali
7 Dolores Preaux	25 Megan Richards
8 Janet Oelschlager	26 Aiden Dill
14 Maura Goodge	26 Nadene Hartman
15 Janet Zreliak	27 Lois Dittmer
18 Ben Meyer	28 Kim Erbrecht
18 Luke Meyer	28 Faith Wallace
19 Mary Lou Rilee	29 Gladys Cimarolli

happy
birthday!

June Anniversaries

11 Richard & Ruth Trudel
16 Curt & Catherine Watters
19 Kenny & Carolyn Wuerthele
23 Steve & Lori Gauger
23 William & Nancy Koester
23 Brent & Marianne Miller





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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Zion Lutheran Church

The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.
Proverbs 20:7

1
10:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Choir Practice
7:30 pm Elders Meeting

2
6:15pm Middle School Youth Group (Wildthings game)

3
8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast
9:30 am Men's Choir Practice

4
8:00 am Worship
9:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
11:45 am Board of Education Meeting
11:45 am Faith & Family Workshop

5

6
7:15 pm Women's Bible Study

7
7:00 pm Midweek Service

8
10:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Choir Practice
7:30 pm Council Meeting

9

10
8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast

11
8:00 am Worship w/communion
9:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School
10:30 am Worship w/communion

12

13
7:00 pm Zion Lions Softball Game

14
7:00 pm Midweek Service

15
10:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Choir Practice

16

17
8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast
9:30 am Men's Choir

18 **Happy Father's Day!**
8:00 am Worship
9:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

19
9:00 am Vacation Bible School

20
9:00 am Vacation Bible School
8:30 pm Zion Lions Softball Game

21
9:00 am Vacation Bible School
7:00 pm Midweek Service

22
9:00 am Vacation Bible School
10:00 am Bible Study

23

24
8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast

25
8:00 am Worship w/ communion
9:30 am Voters Meeting
10:30 am Worship w/ communion

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27
6:30 pm Sunday School Meeting
7:00 pm Zion Lions Softball Game

28
7:00 pm Midweek Service

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Sunday morning worship at 8:00am and 10:30am



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