



*ZION LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL
LITCHFIELD, IL*

JUNE 2019

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Last weekend I challenged you to find where this verse is found in the Bible: “*the love of many will grow cold.*” There were a few that responded quickly with the correct answer- **Matthew 24:12.**

I don't know if they knew it off the top of their head, had a general idea where it was written and scanned until they found it, or used some sort of Bible concordance to find it. It doesn't really matter to me how they found it, just glad some people actually responded immediately to something I said in the sermon.

On my part, I have memorized many verses of the Bible, but rarely remember book, chapter and verse. I have all these verses running through my head, but need to take the time to look up where they are written.

I wish I had my Mom's memory of the Bible. Sometimes we would discuss things, and she would quote a verse that she had memorized in German, translate it into English, give where it was found, and then ask her pastor son, “Is that right?” To which I could only respond, “I'll take your word for it.”

There are three things that I hope you will take from this:

1. Keep on reading, studying, studying, and memorizing your Bible. We live through God's Word.
2. Keep responding to the sermons. Hopefully you will always be given examples and opportunities to live by God's Word.
3. Keep on loving one another. That was the original underlying message of the sermon and I just took a little side route (thanks for following me) in it. We live in trying times, and I pray our love, and our actions of love, will never grow cold.

May God bless us as we continue to live the faith.

Pastor Fred

ZION DAY SCHOOL NEWS

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1

The Lord has given us the gift of a wonderful school year. We are thankful that we have been able to teach the children that the love their Lord Jesus Christ has for them is a perfect gift that never changes. All of faculty and staff thank all of the members of Zion for their prayers, love, donations, time, and support. Most of all, thanks be to God for carrying us through this past year. We are blessed.

Three of our teachers will not be with us next year. We have two teachers retiring. Mrs. DeWerff will be retiring after 39 years and Mrs. Nancy Brakenhoff after 13 years. Also Mrs. Maegan Neese will be pursuing a career as a stay at home mother. We thank the Lord for their love of teaching children about Jesus Christ. We are thankful for their years of service and pray that the Lord will bless them with a smooth transition.

As a celebration in thankfulness to the Lord for Mrs. Brakenhoff and Mrs. DeWerff's retirement, we will have a special appreciation meal. This will take place on Sunday, June 2nd after the later service. You will find

Now that summer is upon us, it is the time of year when lots of other non-teaching work gets accomplished around Zion. The teachers prepare for next year. The janitor and volunteers strip and wax floors, clean, organize, fix, and repair items for next school year. It is also a time to get a little bit of rest.

Please read the Valedictorian and Salutatorian speeches in this newsletter. Both Rhiannon Orf, our Valedictorian and Danni Riemann, our Salutatorian, gave their speeches at the 10:30 am graduation service. We are blessed to have students who have learned God's Word and are a blessing to those around them.

The new drive through area and walkway on the south side of the school and church is almost finished. We thank the Lord for blessing us with great progress in that area.

As we prepare for the 2019-2020 school year, we have some families that are in need of help with tuition. In the past, we have had members sponsor a child from Kindergarten through 8th grade. It made for a great friendship and was a true blessing to the student. If you would like to help families meet this need, please call me at 324-3166. You could sponsor a child, or a family. Families in the past have been blessed by the many kind members of Zion.

We are continuing to enroll students for the 2019-2020 school year. Please continue to pray that the Lord calls more children to be a part of the blessing of learning and instruction in God's Word. Please continue to pray for the faculty, staff, and students as we continue in God's grace.

In Christ,
John M. Schaff
Principal

Class of 2019 Valedictorian Speech by Rhiannon Orf

When I was chosen as the 2019 Valedictorian of Zion, I was overjoyed. I have worked hard throughout my years at Zion, and have now accomplished a great task. Getting this award means a lot to me. I am grateful for what has been given to me here and the teachers for guiding me to this point.

Zion, to me, has always been a place where anybody can feel at home. The people here not only taught us what it is like to be a student, but also a friend. Over the course of my years at Zion, I have been prepared for the future and staying strong in my faith.

This class has been prepared for, not only High School, but College and life after that. Our teachers have educated us to the best of their abilities. Zion not only cares about your education, but also your character. I have grown throughout my years at Zion in not only wisdom, but also character.

I would also like to thank Zion's Congregation for supporting this school and all my friends for getting me through school and being there for me especially when we are complaining about Civics assignments. No matter how bad they seem to us, we know they are for our good and we are going to appreciate it in the future.

Because Zion has taught me well, I know I will be prepared, not only for High School and College, but also my future vocation. By teaching me wisdom and character I now know how to get along with people, speak in front of people (somewhat at least), and be helpful. I am very grateful for all of these people that prepared us for our future and am honored to call them my Zion family.

A Graduation Benediction Prayer

May God's blessing follow you all as you find new journeys to travel.
May you walk safely along the pathways of your dreams.
May his gentle hand guide the decisions you will make and the passions that you follow.
May your hearts and lives always reflect his love and truth,
And may hope be a light within you that you carry into each new day.

Class of 2019 Salutatorian Speech by Danni Riemann

Family, friends, Zion students, and fellow graduates, we are here today to celebrate the academic accomplishments of the 8th graders. Throughout our years here at Zion we have made many memories, laughs, and inside jokes together. As the years have gone by some of us have become closer. Throughout all of my years at Zion I have had many very unexpected friendships come along and bless my life, like Hailey, Amy, Gina, Zeke, and Ethan Endress. Being here since preschool there have been many students that have come and gone, but as I look out at these other 8th graders I am so happy to be graduating with all of them. As I look at many other students I can't help but smile and laugh thinking of all the amazing times we have had together; all of those recesses when it looked like it was going to storm singing "the boom boom clouds are coming" ,arguing with Sophie Hollo about if it was a monkey or not, which by the way it obviously was a monkey, talking about Barney the dinosaur with Amy, the band Hailey, Rhiannon, Alli, Regan, and I made in Chicago, and all of the talks on the walks to band everyday. This year has been the best year at Zion by far from making new friends and many more unforgettable memories. There are many things we will be leaving here at Zion some good and some bad; our last math and civics assignment, our last time setting up and taking down lunch, our last recess, and thankfully the last joke from Miss Pryor. As I am coming to the end of this I have a few special thank you's I'd like to make. Thank you Mrs. Brakenhoff for always being there for everyone no matter what and making my last 2 years at Zion the best. Thank you Miss Pryor for giving Alli and me a lot of stickers on our papers and for letting us come into your room on Wednesday nights. Thank you Mr. Thomack for putting up with Rhiannon and me these past few years even though we would annoy you at every handbell practice. Thank you to all of the faculty and staff for making these years here at Zion so amazing. Thank you to my parents and all of my family for supporting me and always being there for me. And finally thank you to the whole congregation for supporting all of the students and helping out in so many ways, without you our school would not be the way it is today. Being a student at Zion has been an amazing time, spending everyday in God's Word and learning more each day about Him and what he has done for us. Throughout my years at Zion I have learned how God is my refuge and strength which happens to be this years key bible verse from Psalm 46:1. I am so thankful and blessed that I was able to come here and meet amazing people and be a part of this amazing school.

Box Tops for Education

Please remember to keep clipping and saving your Box Tops for Education throughout the summer. Any and all unexpired Box Tops are beneficial to our school. Thank you to all of Zion's families and friends for sending in their Box Tops. As with any donation, every little bit helps!



RETIREMENT PARTY

RETIREMENT PARTY: The end of this school year marked the end of Nancy Brakenhoff and Karol DeWerff's teaching careers. They have retired, and we are going to be celebrating their years of dedication on June 2nd after the 10:30 service. We will be having a potluck style meal and speakers. The main course and dessert are being catered.

We would appreciate your help with sides and salads.

If your last name starts with **A-H**, please bring a side dish to share.

If your last name begins with an **I-Z**, please bring a salad to share.

Please let the office know if you will be attending.

PICKER'S MARKET FOOD BOOTH

The "Onward in Faith" campaign committee is organizing and planning for a food booth at the Litchfield Picker's Market on the second Sunday of each month from June-October.

Workers are needed to help each month for various shifts. Set-up will begin at 6:00am and clean-up will be finished by 4:00pm. Some prep work will be done a day or two prior to each event. Sunday workers for the earlier shifts are planning to attend Saturday evening services and will meet very briefly after the service to finalize plans for the next day's food booth.

If interested please let Nancy Hyam or Susie Gartner know. We hope to raise funds for our campaign as you enjoy this delicious food!

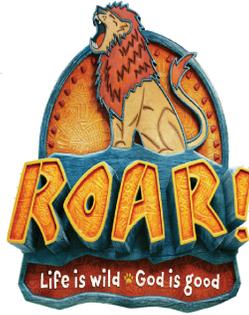
Food to be served from 10:00am-3:00pm includes:

***Baskets:** Butterfly Pork Chop and Hamburger or Cheeseburger*

***Sides:** Slaw, Baked Beans or Chips.*

***Feature item:** Ice Cream Floats*





June 10-14, 2019

8:30am-11:30am

Join us for a ROARING good time at Roar VBS! on a fun island as we become Shipwrecked this year at VBS! At Roar, kids will discover that life is wild and God is good. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and create crafts they'll take home to remember VBS all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a fun sendoff that gets everyone involved in living what they have learned that week. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in for this special time at **11:00am each day**.

Roar is for kids who will be 4 years old by August 1, 2018 through completing 5th grade and will run from **8:30am to 11:30am** each day.

Children and adults older than 5th grade can volunteer. Volunteers are needed to help with all areas of VBS. If you would like to donate time to this fun event, please contact Savannah Boston at 618-604-0203.

Registration is open *NOW*. You can register a child or volunteer online at www.vbspro.events/p/roarwithzion Link is also available on our webpage. Paper registration forms are also located on the table in the church hallway.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We thank our faithful Sunday School teachers for serving the Lord by leading our children to know Him better. If you see Ceressa Waldrup, Valerie Belusko, Nathan and Jené Clementz, Kimberly Waldrup, Leandra Schaff, Dacia Brown, Connie Niemann, or Mel & Sharon Cordani, please thank them for their service. It is our prayer that they have been blessed by the experience as much as the children.

The Summer Sunday School session starts on June 2nd in a more relaxed atmosphere with all groups meeting together, using a more relaxed format. The children will go to Heritage Manor on the third Sunday of the month and sing during the church services on the fourth Sunday of each month. There will be a sign up poster in the hallway where you can volunteer to help for the summer so that the teachers will be free to attend a Bible Class to recharge for next fall.



Anniversaries This Month

June 1	Roger & Brittany Davis	June 13	Audy & Tami Fenton
June 2	Donald & Pam Volentine	June 14	Dale & Pam Hull
June 3	Mike & Marijane Zimmerman	June 15	Dan & Jean Peters
June 6	Todd & Jane Davidson Don & Ruth Lang Larry & Joyce Simmons	June 16	Adam & Tracy Favre
June 7	Timothy & Heather Burenga Mike & Debbie Visour Chad & Katie Savage	June 18	Keith & Tina Marburger Karen & Don Webb
June 10	Joe & Sam McNeal	June 20	Ron & Barb Grosenheider
June 11	John & Katie Wilson	June 24	David & Jennifer Helgen Gary & Sherlyn Koklhorst



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

If your birthday is in June and your name is not on the list, please contact the office.
Our apologies if this occurs.

01 June Bierbaum	12 Dean Schmidt Diane Wilson	21 Brian Niehaus Megan Stewart Melissa Vath
02 Kyra Hallemann Lana Hughes	13 Yvette Allen Don Volentine	22 Paige Lucykow
03 Roger Davis, Jr. Marilyn Niehaus	14 Kyle Harmon	23 Warren Wolfe
04 Kevin Doss	15 Jim Kull	24 Brenda Bryant Camryn Dambacher Marylin Harbison Abi Morris
05 Kyle Blom Helen Harbison Carl Niemeyer Dave Suhrenbrock Hayley Viseur	16 Jonah Harkins	25 Ethan Davis Joel Jubelt
06 Tyler Klump Eleanor Maguire	17 Nathan Bown Grant Buske Hadley Clementz Sue Miller	26 Mason Steffens
08 Spencer Hughes Bob Reynolds	18 David Allen Rodger Best Kim Pence Jamie Wolff	27 Kylie Kruse Joe McNeal
09 Michelle Ashby-Costello Jeff Schmidt	19 David Carter Jim Gordon	28 Danni Riemann
10 Jamie Neverdowski	20 Roger Davis Jay Niemann Charlie Pezold	29 Carter Casey Nick Pastrovich Caitlynn Thomack Michelle Wernsing
11 Michael Justison Axtyn VanderMeersch		30 Jacob Frerichs Abby Shelton

◇ God's presence is better than presents,
 His care is better than gifts.
 May His love for you shine brightly today,
 And give your heart a lift. ◇

SERVING US IN WORSHIP

ELDERS:

- June 01 5:30pm - Doug Martin
02 8:00am - Kyle Frerichs, Bud Helgen
10:30am - Warren Benning
- June 08 5:30pm - Doug Martin
09 8:00am - Brad Bowles
10:30am - Mel Cordani, Darin Ashby
- June 15 5:30pm - Andy Frerichs
16 8:00am - Bud Helgen, Kyle Frerichs
10:30am - Mel Cordani
- June 22 5:30pm - Doug Martin
23 8:00am - Ernie Thomack
10:30am - Warren Benning, Darin Ashby
- June 29 5:30pm - Andy Frerichs
July 30 8:00am - Brad Bowles, Bud Helgen
10:30am - Abe Loveless, Ernie Thomack

ACOLYTES:

- June 01 5:30pm - Hannah Schmidt
02 8:00am - Nathan Brown
10:30am - Amanda Niemann
- June 08 5:30pm - Noah Polus
09 8:00am - Carly Favre
10:30am - Cassie Loveless
- June 15 5:30pm - Sophia Hollo
16 8:00am - Amy Frerichs
10:30am - Nolan Dougherty
- June 22 5:30pm - Spencer Nance
23 8:00am - Addy Webb
10:30am - Leah Benning
- June 29 5:30pm - Wade Schmidt
July 30 8:00am - Nathan Brown
10:30am - Brenden DeWitt

USHERS:

- 5:30pm - Bill Hull, Bob Hermsmeyer
- 8:00am - Charles Bierbaum and others
who volunteer weekly
- 10:30am - Mike Helgen, Kevin Helgen,
Michael Klump, Tim Tiemann

GREETERS:

- June 01 5:30pm - Joe & Sam McNeal
02 8:00am - Paul & Donna Frerichs
10:30am - Karen Best
- June 08 5:30pm - Doug & Conda Martin
09 8:00am - Bud & Shirley Helgen
10:30am - Rex & Cindy Nail
- June 15 5:30pm - Bill & Georgia Hull
16 8:00am - **Available**
10:30am - **Available**
- June 22 5:30pm - Raymond Johnson
23 8:00am - **Available**
10:30am - **Available**
- June 29 5:30pm - Virginia Wernsing
July 30 8:00am - Daniel & Jean Peters
10:30am - **Available**

Please remember to sign up for the summer months, the sign up sheets are on the table beneath the glass bulletin boards.

*The Lord your God is in your midst,
almighty one who will save; He will
rejoice over you with gladness; He
will quiet you by His love; He will
exult over you with loud singing.*

Zephaniah 3:17

LADIES AID EVENTS

Travelog to Isreal: Join the Ladies Aid for a journey to Isreal with Pastor Kraemer. Thursday evening, June 13 at 6:30 pm. (note time - so that the Boards and Council can join us and then stop at our dessert bar to take a snack with them to their meetings). The entire congregation is welcome to enjoy the travelog with us.

July Ladies Aid Meeting will be a picnic at the Wayne Heyen Farm along with an "Anything Auction" for mites. Start looking for something special to auction, including items from your garden or oven.

*"Give, and it will be given to you.
Good measure, pressed down,
shaken together, running over,
will be put into your lap. For
with the measure you use it will
be measured back to you."
Luke 6:38*



WANTED

A few good men able to trim bushes (with Henry's help) to help the Landscaping Committee as necessary.

Call Bev Zoschke 324-4055



2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

and other financial info

At May's congregational meeting, a proposed budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year (Aug 1-July 31) was presented (actual approval of a budget will be at the July 21 Congregational meeting). This budget as proposed predicts a deficit spending of \$120,180 (last July we passed a budget with a \$65,345 deficit). Some adjustments will be made but the proposed budget will still show a deficit over \$105,000. Approximately 75% of this \$850,000 budget is for the school.

As of May 20, 2019, we have a loan of slightly under \$35,000 from the bank (compared to \$30,170 at this time a year ago) with our borrowing limit at \$75,000. June and July are months when we usually have to borrow substantially from the bank as member contributions are below normal during these summer months and no school tuition is received. Please prayerfully consider giving toward the debt reduction as well as continuing your weekly/monthly offerings.

The only way to reduce the above deficit is to reduce spending (i.e. – reduce staff which is not being proposed at this time) or increase our member offerings and/or school tuition. If you have any additional thoughts on how to address this issue, please discuss with one of the officers of our congregation or an elder. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the church office and on a table in the school hallway.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning this week, the office hours will change.

Alainna, the church secretary, will work from 9:00am-3:30pm with lunch from 12:00-1:00pm.

Kim, the school secretary, will be in sporadically over the summer. The week of June 10th-14th Alainna will be gone on vacation, and Kim will work from 8:30am-noon each of those days.

Other staff will also be in sporadically over the summer.

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Join Us for Worship

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

Sunday School & Bible Studies 9:15am

