

# Zion Lutheran Monthly

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## JUNE 2016



## Why the expression “Christians are in the world but not of it” is flawed.

That's a mouthful, but it's the best I could do. If you've never heard the expression “Christians are in the world but not of it,” you didn't read the first half of this sentence. I've heard this expression numerous times, by Christians across the denominational spectrum. Everyone seems to agree that Christians are in the world, but not of the world. But is it true?

When someone says that Christians are in the world but not of it, what they mean is that Christians should engage the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but that they should live their lives differently from how “the world” does—their values and morals are different enough to stand out and apart from people who do not know Christ. You'll get no argument from me that both of those statements are 100% true.

However. The main problem I have with the expression “Christians are in the world but not of it” is that it puts Christians on a pedestal. Imagine you don't know Christ and are told that his followers, unlike yourself, are “in the world, but not of the world.” “That's odd,” you'd think, “I see Christians doing the same dumb things I'm doing. Flipping off the same idiots in traffic, gossiping about the same people at work, and generally doing the same things I do—with the exception of Sunday... or every-other... or every-third... Sunday morning. Doesn't seem to ‘not of the world’ to me.”

The hard truth is that we are still very much “of” the world. We still sin, failing to measure up to God's holy will, and stand very much in need of forgiveness. If we say we have no sin (according to 1 John 1), we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. We are of the world. And that is a problem that only Christ can—and does fix, laying his life down on the cross as an amends making sacrifice on our behalf to God for our sins.

We are “of” the world; but we are no longer “in” it. In the words of St. Paul from the book of Philipians, our citizenship is no longer in the world, but is in heaven. We belong not to this age, but to Christ. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come,” according to Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:17. Our identity is in Christ, we are new creations, his property, and assured of eternal salvation. But we are still “of” the world; we still sin and struggle with walking in faith and obedience to the one to whom we belong.

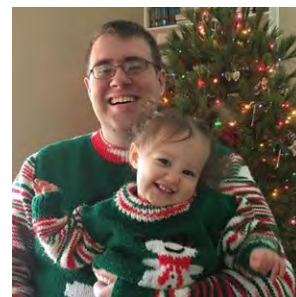
Of the world, but no longer in it! Thanks be to God through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Pastor Duncan

# Meet our new Vicar and his family!

To the people of Zion Lutheran,

Greetings in Jesus name! I cannot express how excited I am to be with you this next year learning from you and growing with you. I simply cannot wait to arrive in Bridgeville and begin our work together spreading the good news of our gracious Lord. I have much to learn and many areas in which to grow, and I look forward to going through this process with you. My family and I were simply floored by the reception we received after service here in St. Louis. We enjoyed the great company, the discussions about this next year, and of course the gift of chocolates!



I'd like to let you know some basic information about myself before we get to know each other better

this year. I was born in July of 1992 in Cleveland, Ohio and baptized shortly afterward. While living in and around Cleveland my family and I were members of Faith Lutheran Church in Mentor, Ohio. Both of my parents were intent on teaching me the faith and assuring me daily of the great love that Jesus has for me, and from a young age I had always said that I wanted to be a pastor. When I was 12 years old we moved to Medina, Ohio and were members of Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMS) there. Confirmation class at Prince of Peace was an incredible experience for me, because I was able to ask all the questions I had ever had about the Bible and doctrine, and my teachers bore with me and graciously answered. From confirmation class onward, I began to make preparations for a future in the office of the ministry.



After High School, I attended Concordia University- Ann Arbor for 3 years. I received my bachelor's degree in Family Life Ministry- Church Work and also completed the course work in the pre-seminary program. At Concordia I also met the love of my life, Mary. We began dating two weeks into my time at Concordia, were engaged nine months later, and were married on June 15, 2013. She has a beautiful Mezzo-Soprano voice and is extremely kind and compassionate. I couldn't ask for a better partner to go with on this journey. My years at Concordia were formative from a theological standpoint as I learned the biblical languages, foundational doctrine, and had opportunities for leadership on campus. They were also formative as Mary and I fell in love, learning to make sacrifices for each other and to bear with one another through

struggles. Following our marriage, I did a one year internship at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor, working with youth and families there. During this year Mary also became pregnant with our daughter Hannah, who is now 20 months old. Being a father is so incredible, and reminds me much of the experience of falling in love with my wife, as both Mary and I sacrifice for Hannah, marvel at her, and want to spend every little bit of time we can get with her.

10 days after Mary and Hannah were released from the hospital after Hannah's birth in August 2014, we moved to St. Louis to begin our seminary experience. We have been overwhelmed at the blessings both personal, spiritual, and academic at Concordia Seminary. The seminary community is a wonderful support system for new parents away from family. It has been a pleasure to learn under the wise and learned leadership of my seminary professors, and I feel very at home in the academic setting. At Seminary I also became heavily involved in the "Life Team", specifically with prayer and sidewalk counseling outside the abortion clinic here in St. Louis. Life ministry is extremely important to me. I also have gained a good deal of practical experience through the field work program and my field work con-



gregation, Holy Cross in O'Fallon Missouri. I have been blessed by the fellowship of that congregation and the opportunity to further grow in preaching and teaching under the fantastic pastors there.

I am sure we will be in communication between now and when I arrive at your congregation. We will have another wonderful blessing from God in tow with our second child, Joseph, who is due on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Until then, you all will be in the prayers of my family, and my anticipation will continue to rise as I wait to meet all of you. *"Most Gracious and Heavenly Father, we thank you for the blessing of Zion Lutheran. We ask that you bless and keep them as they await our arrival. Grant that this vicarage would be beneficial to us and to the congregation but mostly that your Word would be proclaimed in its' fullness. In Jesus name, Amen."*

In Christ, The Strong Word of God,

Joshua Ulm

# Chairman's Report

## Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled on Thursday June 9, 2016. The main business will be review and approval of the budget for next church year.

## Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances

April Income                   \$36,868.25  
April Expenses               47,373.10  
Unfavorable to Income   (\$10,504.85)



At the end of April, we have a cash position totaling \$16,217.15.

Please continue to pray for Zion and support our ministries with your time, talents and treasures. May God continue to bless us as we boldly speak the name of Jesus to a world in desperate need of His grace.

## Kitchen Committee

At the Council Meeting held on May 12<sup>th</sup>, a Kitchen Committee was created to evaluate alternatives and capital costs associated with upgrading the kitchen in the undercroft. The appointed members of this committee are:

Linda Kroeger (chairperson)  
Tracey Harris  
Jim Oelschlager  
Diana Schmidt  
Debra Sterba  
Carolyn Wible



The Council looks forward to a report from this committee in the coming months as we consider improvements to our current kitchen facility.

Christ's Blessings,

Jay Anderson

Chairman of ZLCB



Please keep our family in your prayers as I consider a call to be the Senior Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ankeny, Iowa (a suburb of Des Moines). We love our Zion family, what is going on now and what doors God might choose to open for our congregation in the future; but we also know that God is well within his rights to take us away from the familiar and out of our comfort zone to work in another corner of his vineyard.

Pastor Duncan

# Food Bank

Collection for this month's Bridgeville area food bank is Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.





## JUNE UNIT:

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.”

Deuteronomy 6: 4-5

The June unit focuses on how the Bible is a special book of our faith that contains God’s teachings, helping us know how God wants us to live. When we read the Bible, we can discover what God expects us to do and how to live. Children will study Christ’s commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves and be challenged to think about ways to apply Jesus’ teachings to their lives.



Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> is our last day of Sunday school. Classes will resume on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

We are going back to Broadmore on Sunday, June 26th!! More info to follow...

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: CAVE QUEST

June 20 – 24, 2016

Registration Cost is \$15 / child or a maximum of \$40 / family.

Registration Deadline is Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>!!

### **NEW this Year!**

- Supporting 1<sup>st</sup> Trinity Lutheran (Pittsburgh) Homeless Ministry!
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outreach project – writing letters to Concordia Lutheran residents!
- LIVE music with Doug!



More information is available at our VBS Information Center located in the back of the church sanctuary OR visit Zion’s website at [www.zlcb.org/vbs](http://www.zlcb.org/vbs).

*“We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us.” ~1 John 3: 16*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



**Zion is going to the  
Pirate Game on  
Sunday July 24th  
after church. Game  
starts at 1:35pm.**



**Mark your calendar  
and be on the look out  
for more information!**

# Zion Youth News and Events

## CAPTURE THE FLAG

**What: Capture the Flag**

**When: Sunday, June 12**

**Where: Zion Lutheran Church**

**Who: Zion Youth and their friends  
(anyone in middle school-high school)**

**More info coming soon!**



*What: Night Games*

*When: Sunday, June 26*

*Where: Zion Lutheran Church*

*Who: Zion Youth and their friends  
(anyone in middle school-high school)*

*More info coming soon!*



Zion received a card from Pastor's mother, Yvonne McLellan, including the following note of thanks.

*To the congregation at Zion Lutheran Church, a heartfelt thanks you for making it possible for Duncan to spend a generous amount of time with us during Walt's recent illness. Having him here was an enormous help and comfort. Seeing Alissa, Thomas and Sarah - an added joy. How blessed we are.*

*Walt and I are grateful to the people of Zion Lutheran and we pray our Lord will continue to bless you. Our gracious Heavenly Father does provide.*

*Sincerely,*

*Yvonne McLellan*

If you desire to see the card, it is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Members of Zion,

My family and I would like to thank you for the kind words, prayers, notes and support that you have shown us during my dad's most recent medical difficulties. Mom and dad are doing much better now and have greatly appreciated the encouragement you have given us to spend time with them. We are very blessed to share our life together in Christ with you all!

Pastor Duncan



# Congratulations Pastor!

Help us congratulate Pastor Duncan on graduating from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary with his Masters of Arts in Theology! We will have a celebration on Sunday, June 5 at 9:30am. Light refreshments will be served during this hour of fellowship to recognize his hard work and achievement.



On Saturday June 4, we are having a FREE car wash! Set up will begin at 9:00 am and we would love your help! The Car Wash will be held from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Tell your friends to come on by for a clean car, some gummy food, and good fellowship!

After the car wash, we will be redoing the fire pit. We will start around 3:00 pm to allow for time to clean up after the car wash. We are going all out with the redo, so bring your strong men and get ready to move some rocks. After the fire pit is completed...we might have to break it in...but you will have to stick around to find out :)



## WELCOME CENTER COMING TO ZION!

**WHAT:** TABLE with a friendly, SMILING HOST happy to visit with guests and visitors after each service to: 1. Welcome guests 2. Provide information about Zion and answer questions 3. Obtain contact information 4. Share a Welcome Bag!

**WHERE:** Narthex (the small foyer at the main church entrance)

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 5, 2016!

**WHY:** 1. We're friendly... friendly people WELCOME others!  
2. Guests have questions... we (might) have answers!

**HOW:** 1. Be friendly in the pews... look for folks you don't know and say "Hello, I don't think I've met you yet. My name is \_\_\_\_\_" 2. Be friendly... before the service, during the "sharing of the peace," and after the service. 3. Be friendly at the Welcome Table by serving as a Table Host for a month (about 15 min. after either service).

**Please contact Linda Kroeger (281-684-9895 or [linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com](mailto:linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com)) if interested!**



# JUNE Reading PLAN

Read the Bible in a Year!

1: Acts 15-16

2: Acts 17-18

3: Acts 19-20

4: Acts 21-22

5: Acts 23-24

6: Acts 25-26

7: Acts 27-28

8: Joshua 1-5

9: Joshua 6-8

10: Joshua 9-11

11: Joshua 12-16

12: Joshua 17-21

13: Joshua 22-24

14: Judges 1-3

15: Judges 4-6

16: Judges 7-9

17: Judges 10-12

18: Judges 13-15

19: Judges 16-18

20: Judges 19-21

21: Ruth

22: 1 Samuel 1-3

23: 1 Samuel 4-6

24: 1 Samuel 7-9

25: 1 Samuel 10-12

26: 1 Samuel 13-15

27: 1 Samuel 16-18

28: 1 Samuel 19-21

29: 1 Samuel 22-24

30: 1 Samuel 25-27



## 🎵 ZION MUSIC NOTES 🎵

The music ministry at Zion Lutheran Church has big plans for 2016! We hope that you enjoy listening to the Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Reverence (a.k.a M@ZE), and the various solo/duet performances by many of our talented church members. The goal for this year is to create another performing group that is accessible for just about anyone...Bell Choir! Musical talent/experience is not required to participate in this group. However, we need to purchase the bells before we start recruiting "ringers". The approximate cost for a standard 3 octave set of bells is \$12,000 which includes not only the bells themselves, but protective cases, performance tables, foam mats, music stands, gloves, polishing materials, and music. Whew!

Last October church council established a bell choir account for anyone that would like to contribute to this area of the music ministry. If you would like to give to this ministry, please make a note on your check or offering envelope that you wish to give to the bell choir account. We are also providing an opportunity for members to "buy a bell" in honor or memory of loved ones or your family. The price for the "buy a bell program" is \$325 per bell. If you would like to participate in this program, please include the information below with your contribution.

Thank you again for all of your support of the music ministry here at Zion Lutheran Church!

Mark Killinger

### Buy a Bell Program

Person making the contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

Person(s) or family for whom the bell is in honor/ memory: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please make check payable to Zion Lutheran Church and make a note that the gift is for the bell choir account.



*Come support your Zion Lions Softball team! They play at McLaughlin Run Park. The games are on our calendar, but games are often postponed due to inclement weather. You can find softball schedule updates and changes at [www.cvsl.net](http://www.cvsl.net). See at the games!*

# SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Date	Time	Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery
June 5	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	George, Jane & Michael Kozak Janet & Marian Oelschlager	Joey Ackerman Carley Rockovich	Megan Glasser Sharon Bogden
June 12	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	Bob & Jennifer Liberatore & Family Ken & Carol Wuerthele	Matt Liberatore Lara Luedeman	Brittany Dill Kristen Neill
June 19	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bill & Melanie Becker Carolyn Wible	Joey Ackerman Augie Bishop	Megan Pasquini Marian Oelschlager
June 26	8:00 AM 10:30 PM	Clara Hayes Michael & Deborah Sterba	Matt Liberatore Leah Luedeman	Jodi Fitzgerald Jenny Fitzgerald
July 3	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ron & Judy Meier Chuck & Debra LaJeunesse	Joey Ackerman Anna Gresh	Deb Sterba Adele Goodge
July 10	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Wayne & Barb Oechslein Eric & Michelle Hunsberger & Family	Matt Liberatore Carley Rockovich	Megan Meyer Lara Luedeman



Month	Elders	Altar Guild	8:00 AM Ushers	10:30 AM Ushers
<b>June</b>	Peter Fisher, Robert Oelschlager	Elsie Dalla Piazza, Bernice DeBoe, Mary Hutula	Melanie & Bill Becker, Michael Kozak, Larry Zreliak	Ross Chilcott, Dan Harris, Richard Quinlan, Chuck LaJeunesse
<b>July</b>	Paul Klemash	Clara Hayes, Penny Miller, Sandy Bryant	Brian Pasquini, Dale Miller, Barbara & Wayne Oechslein	Kari & John Gresh, Loren Luedman & Richard Quinlan

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@zlcb.org](mailto:secretary@zlcb.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: [zlcb.org](http://zlcb.org)



# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

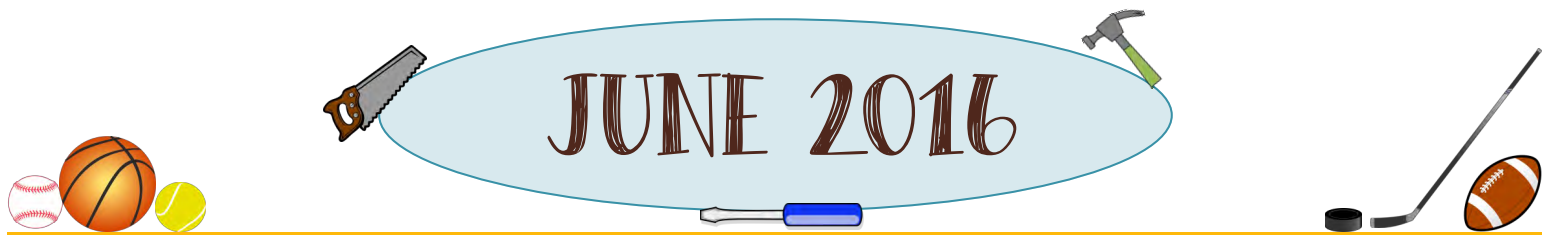


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|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 Elsie DallaPiazza | 11 Kylene Rose       | 24 Elizabeth Lemonovich |
| 2 Carrie Lemonovich | 12 Derek Nicodemus   | 24 John Lemonovich      |
| 2 June Malachosky   | 14 Maura Goodge      | 24 Kate Lemonovich      |
| 5 Jean Endler       | 15 Andrea Vogel      | 24 Penny Miller         |
| 6 Jim Oelschlager   | 15 Janet Zreliak     | 25 Sarah Ali            |
| 7 Josh Gielarowski  | 18 Ben Meyer         | 25 Megan Richards       |
| 7 Dolores Preaux    | 18 Luke Meyer        | 26 Aiden Dill           |
| 8 Janet Oelschlager | 19 Mary Lou Rilee    | 26 Nadene Hartman       |
|                     | 20 Victor Herschaft  | 26 Jim Lynch            |
|                     | 21 Phyllis Hartman   | 27 Lois Dittmer         |
|                     | 24 Stephen Kovach    | 28 Kim Erbrecht         |
|                     | 24 Claire Lemonovich | 29 Gladys Cimarolli     |

# JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 6 Jim & Rose Oelschlager       | 23 Will & Nancy Koester    |
| 11 Richard & Ruth Trudel       | 23 Brent & Marianne Miller |
| 16 Curt & Catherine Watters    |                            |
| 19 Kenneth & Carolyn Wuerthele |                            |
| 21 Eric & Kylene Rose          |                            |
| 23 Steve & Lori Gauger         |                            |





# JUNE 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>The righteous man walks in his integrity; his children are blessed after him.</b> Proverbs 20:7</p>			<p>1 7:00 pm Mid Week Service 7:00 pm Zion Lions Softball Game</p>	<p>2 10:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Elders Meeting 8:30 pm Zion Lions Softball Game</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 9:00 am Car wash set up 10:00 am FREE Car Wash 3:00 pm Fire Pit Redo</p>
<p><b>5 Happy Father's Day</b> 8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:30 am Bible Class &amp; Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion 11:45 am Board Of Education Meeting</p>	<p>6 6:30 pm VBS Meeting 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>7 6:45 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>8 7:00 pm Mid Week Service 8:30 pm Zion Lions Softball Game</p>	<p>9 10:00 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast</p>
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<p>19 8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:30 am Bible Class &amp; Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion &amp; Children's Church</p>	<p>20 9:00am VBS</p>	<p>21 9:00am VBS 6:45 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>22 9:00am VBS 7:00 pm Mid Week Service 7:00 Zion Lions Softball Game</p>	<p>23 9:00am VBS 10:00 am Bible Study</p>	<p>24 9:00am VBS</p>	<p>25 8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast</p>
<p>26 8:00 am Worship w/ Communion 9:30 am Voter's Meeting &amp; Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion &amp; Children's Church Youth Event: Night Games</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 6:45 pm Adult Choir 7:00 pm Zion Lions Softball Game</p>	<p>29 7:00 pm Mid Week Service</p>	<p>29 10:00 am Bible Study</p>		
	<p><b>ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH</b></p>		<p>3197 Washington Pike Bridgeville, PA 15017 Phone: 412-221-4776 Web: zlcb.org</p>			



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



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