

GOD IS GOOD...ALL THE TIME!

OFFICE HOURS

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Pastor's day off: Friday

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 AM Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School

9:45 AM Bible Study

10:30 AM Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pastor @ Panera: 2:00-4:00 PM

Thursdays

May 1, 5:30 PM: Worship Com.

May 2, 6:00-8:00 PM: LIPY-CM

Forsberg Dance @ Zion-Worcester

May 3: Pack Baskets of Promise

May 4: Bylaw/Constitution Q&A

sessions after both services

May 10, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM:

Dr. Timothy Wengert "What Made
Martin Luther a Lutheran--And Why
We Are Lutherans Too? @ Trinity

May 11: Bylaw/Constitution Q&A

sessions after both services

May 12, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM: Monday
bag lunch & Bible study: "Finding your
voice in the Psalms"

May 12, 7:00 PM: Church Council

May 14, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM: Synod
Global Mission Mtg.

May 14, 15, 16, 4:00 PM-7:00 PM:

Drop off for items for Zion's table at
the Flea Market

May 17, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM: Zion's

Spring Flea Market/Bake Sale

May 18, 10:00 AM: Worship service,

11:00 AM: Congregational Meeting,

no Sunday School/Bible Study

May 19, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM: Monday
bag lunch & Bible study: "Finding your
voice in the Psalms"

May 19, 5:00 PM Confirmation

May 19, 6:30 PM: Stephen Ministry

Zion Lutheran Church

May 2014

NOW THAT IT IS EASTER: REFLECTING ON LENT

People often use the theme of a journey to talk about Lent. It can be a handy way to think about our interior movement during the five weeks from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday. In some years, at least, during Lent we experience a shift in our perspective on Jesus that echoes the experience of a journey – new encounters, deep conversations, a changed viewpoint on our faith.

This year, my Lenten reading included a book about an actual journey: "**A Plain Life: Walking My Belief**" by Scott Savage. In this book, Savage tells the story of a week in his life, as he walks 120 miles from his home in rural Ohio to the capital city of Columbus to voluntarily surrender his driver's license. In the early years of their marriage, Savage and his wife lived busy lives in cities, using computers, cell phones and cars. Gradually, they decided to radically simplify their lives as they explored spiritual beliefs, became Christian, and then joined a Quaker meeting.

Living among the Amish people of Ohio, Savage comes to the realization that he wants to give up his driver's license. They no longer own a car, but he wants to eliminate his reliance on even the occasional use of rental cars.--- And here we get to the first reason that I think this book is of interest for us (most of whom are unlikely to voluntarily give up our right to drive.) Savage wanted to give up even the possibility of using to rental cars, because he wanted to completely commit to being dependent on his neighbors; to give up his cherished independence; so he and his family would live interdependently with their neighbors.

Savage realized that he was holding back from fully embracing his beliefs – and so as a direct outgrowth of his desire to be living in full Christian community, he decided to make himself more reliant on others. Many times, we find it easy to offer help to others, but more difficult to ask for or accept help. There is a great spiritual depth that can come to us when we find ourselves willingly accepting help from our brothers and sisters in Christ. Loving our neighbors means more than helping them in their need – it also means allowing them to help us. Christian love is reciprocal – at times we are the giver, and others the receiver. Savage helps me to see this truth again in a new way.

Finally, I commend this book to you for its beautiful meditations on the Beatitudes. As he walked his way to Columbus, Savage meditated on and memorized the Beatitudes...Blessed are the poor in Spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven...Indeed our the blessings of God are not always what we expect, but many blessings come to us as we support each other in Christian love.

In Jesus' name.

Pastor Nancy



Monday bag lunch and Bible study: "Finding your voice in the Psalms"

Begins Monday, May 12th (11:30am to 1:00pm)

We will use the book "Finding your voice in the Psalms" by Elizabeth J. Canham as our guide to exploring some of the Psalms. Purchasing the book is not necessary to participate, but if you want to read it as we go along, you may order the book through the office (\$12 check, made out to Zion, by Sunday, May 5), or purchase on your own. Our first week (May 12th) we will look at Psalms 46 and 116 (Reading chapters 1-3 in the book). We will meet May 12th and 19th, then skip May 26th (Mem.Day) and resume on June 2nd. Bring your lunch, bring a friend, bring your Bible, bring your questions....



NOTICE OF UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- SUNDAY, MAY 18TH.

We will hold **one** worship service at 10:00 AM followed by the meeting. There will be no Sunday School or Bible Study on the 18th.

At this meeting, in addition to review of 2013 reports, and elections for open positions on council and other committees, we will be voting on our new Constitution and Bylaws.

We had our first, affirmative, vote to adopt the new Constitution this fall. A second, ratifying vote is needed to finalize our approval of the new Constitution. We will also vote at this meeting on adoption of the proposed new Bylaws. Copies of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws are made available at the church. **On the three Sundays following Easter, (April 27, May 4th and May 11th),** there will be opportunities for **Q&A in forums** held in the fellowship hall, after each service. Please take the opportunity to carefully review the proposed changes and attend a forum so that you may ask any questions you might have in advance of the meeting.

Although a formal proposal will not be ready for a vote at the meeting, an update will be given on the plans to upgrade our heating system. A separate meeting will likely be needed to approve expenditures on the heating system.

Only voting members of Zion are constitutionally permitted to vote at congregational meetings. Others are welcome to attend.



CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

Did the long, cold weather wear you out? Why not make plans to join us on a summer weekend all ages congregational retreat to Camp Calumet, (www.calumet.org) on the shores of Lake Ossipee, NH, **Friday, June 27 through Sunday, June 29th**

Conference Center or Village cabin: \$144 adult, \$77 student (up to age 18), 6 and under free, \$455 per family (living in same household)

Camp site: Camp sites include water and electricity and can accommodate tents, pop-up campers, trailers and RVs. Camp site fee is \$96 + additional fee for meals and program. Please check directly with Pastor Nancy to calculate total campsite cost. (It is usually less than the conference center/ village cabin cost, depending on number of children.) Very large RVs require special reservations, but can be accommodated.

Accommodations are available on a first come, first served, basis. The **\$50.00** per person (adult and student) **deposit to reserve your spot is needed now.** Make checks payable to Zion, clearly marked Calumet Retreat, with reservation request type noted.



THE INSTALLATION OF THE REV. ANGELA NELSON

The Rev. Angela Nelson will be installed as Pastor of Christ Our Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Chatham, NY. on Sunday, May 18th, at 6:00 PM. If you would like to attend the Installation, the church is on Park Row and has red doors. Our prayers and best wishes go out to Angela as she begins her ministry among the people in Chatham.



Fed and Forgiven. Introduction to First Communion course to be offered

Not sure if your child is ready for Holy Communion? They can participate in the Intro course and then together we can assess their readiness. Open to all. We use age-appropriate and engaging content to explore the ritual and meaning of Holy Communion. Kids can also come for a refresher or to continue to deepen their understanding of how Jesus comes to us all in the Sacrament, age-appropriate, pre-K through 6th grade. Talk to Pastor Nancy and we will figure out a good time for all who are interested.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The nominating committee has met several times to discuss potential nominees for open positions on the **congregation council and audit committee**. Voting for these positions will take place at the upcoming congregational meeting in June. If you are interested in serving in this way, please speak to Peter Betrovski (chair of nominating).

Synod Assembly: Each year the congregations of the New England synod meet in assembly to worship together and conduct the business of the synod. This year, we meet at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, MA on Thursday, June 5 through Saturday, June 7. Our theme is **“Mission and Worship in the Age of the Spirit.”** This year’s Assembly will include the election of numerous Synod Council seats, as well as seats on the Discipline and Consultation Committees. Our time together will include opportunities for casual conversation, small group discussions, and educational experiences around our theme of mission and worship. We will learn together through a variety of workshops, work projects, extended break times and worship services.

In addition to their pastor, each congregation can send two (or three) voting members. Travel lodging and meal expenses are covered by the congregation. Attendees can sign up for three different workshops, including presentations on human trafficking, spirited music, mission, connecting liturgy and mission, experiential worship, hunger and justice, strategies for change, stewardship, and conversations with visiting theologians. Registration for the Assembly is due soon! So if YOU are interested, please speak to Peter Betrovski (Nominating chair) or Pastor Nancy.



MEMORIAL GARDEN

We have a new engraver for the Memorial Garden Cobblestones. If you would like to order one, they will cost \$50.00. The cobblestone has three lines with eleven characters. Place your order now in time for spring! Please contact Lisa Betrovski at 508-248-4547.

ANNUAL FLEA MARKET



Our Flea Market and Bake Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 17, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. As with any event of this size there is always a need for help. We need help to set up and clean up, goodies for the bake table, items for the Zion table or perhaps you would like rent a table and space, or help pricing etc. **Drop off for articles for Zion’s table will be Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday the week of the event from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.** Please contact the appropriate person listed to volunteer or for information on how to help.

SPRING FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY MAY 17, 2014 8:00 AM TO 3:00 PM Rain or Shine

TABLE RENTALS	Susan Schade	508-943-1722
BAKE TABLE	Tere Laurens	860-928-9541
ZION TABLE:	Pat Cheever	860-935-5189
	Jayne Boutilier	508-987-5824
FOOD BOOTH	Christine Costello	508-476-2673
	Zion Youth	
SET UP/CLEAN UP	Paul Peterson	508-476-7011
	Bob Laurens	860-928-9541

If you would like to rent a table, bake or donate articles for sale (please no electronics, computers, televisions etc.) or just help in any way, you can – Please call the appropriate person listed above.

Profits from this event will be used to support: Out Reach Programs, and New Chairs for the Fellowship Hall
Profits from the Food Booth will be used to support: The Zion Youth Group



Name: Maydee Morales

Family composition- Francisco (19), Maritza (17), Darriel (13)

Share something you would like us to know about you that we may not know?



The place that I find the most peace is at the beach. Joining Zion two years ago was and is one of the best decisions that I could have ever made for myself and my family.

To me Faith is..... Everything! Without faith I would be lost. I feel that because of the belief that I have in God I am the person that I am.

What I like most about being a Stephen Minister is

Being able to care for others in their time of need without judgment or prejudices.

How did you hear God's call to care for people? I think my mom and my grandma have a lot to do with this as they are the most caring and God centered people that I know and that is how they brought me up to always put God first and to care for all people.

I connect best with God when..... I let go and let God guide my journey and when I truly believe that God will provide me and my family with all of the blessings and teachings that we need.

If you are in need of a Stephen minister or know someone who could benefit from this valuable service please see Maydee Morales , Jackie Bonneau, Pam Olson, Susan Pierce or Pastor Nancy.



Remember.....
God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called!
 If you hear God calling, please answer and speak to a Stephen Leader or Pastor Nancy.

Jackie Bonneau, Maydee Morales, Pam Olson
 Susan Pierce



ZION'S CHRISTIAN CARE LIBRARY
 Submitted by: Carol Weinhardt
 Christian Care Library coordinator.

For May the book reviewed is For One More Day by Mitch Albom. Mr. Albom is also the author of Tuesdays with Morrie and The Five People you Meet in Heaven.

For One More Day is about what would happen if you had just one chance to go back and fix what you did wrong in life. In this case the main character has guilt about his mother. This book will make you wistful and most of all, it will make you believe in the eternal power of a mother's love.



"What Made Martin Luther a Lutheran--And Why We Are Lutherans, Too?"
 A Day with Dr. Timothy Wengert
Saturday May 10, 2014 8:15 AM registration, **9:00 AM-3:30 PM** (lunch provided) at Trinity Lutheran Church 73 Lancaster Street, Worcester, MA

Discover anew the heart of Martin Luther's Reformation, which one scholar recently described as "Gift without Giving Gifts in Return." By looking at the basics of Luther's Biblical theology (justification by faith alone, the distinction between law and gospel, the theology of the cross), one discovers a way of doing theology that spells freedom from guilt and working our way into God's good graces and, at the same time, freedom to serve the neighbor in all of our God-given callings on earth. Only sinners need apply!

To Register: Contact Sandy Talbot by phone 203-729-4953; email: talbot@snet.net or mail 20 Quinn Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770. She will confirm your registration. The registration fee of \$40 will be collected on the day of the event; please pay by check made out to New England Synod.



NEW ENGLAND WOMEN OF THE ELCA
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES
NEW ENGLAND SYNOD ASSEMBLY (June 5-7, 2014)
DONATION APPEAL



CONGREGATIONS: PUT YOUR FAITH IN ACTION!

Please bring donations from the items below.

**Donations to Lutheran Social Services for survivors of
human trafficking, refugees and asylum seekers.**

Pillows (new)
 Blankets: twin or full size (new)
 Gift Cards: Walmart or Target
 Toiletry items (full size preferred)
 Feminine hygiene products
 Razors
 Shampoo
 Bar Soap
 Toothpaste
 Toothbrushes, dental floss
 Deodorant
 Hair brush/comb

**Donations to New England WELCA for Footprints, a program to prevent child abuse, trafficking of minors
and domestic violence within vulnerable groups.**

Sneakers or shoes (new) for children ages 5 through 12 years

Socks (new) for children ages 5 through 12 years

Hand Towels

*“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve other, as faithful stewards of God’s
grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10*

For questions please contact: Sister Carol Weaver, LSS Church Relations
 cweaver@lssne.org or 774-243-3939



LIPY (Lutheran Inter Parish Youth)

LAST LIPY EVENT UNTIL FALL

LIPY-CM Forsberg Dance

Friday, May 2nd

6:00-8:00 PM

On **Friday, May 2nd LIPY** will sponsor the **Annual Forsberg Dance**, a catered meal with live DJ, for the clients of the Lutheran Social Services’ Forsberg Independent Living Program, Seven Hills Foundation and other agencies, case managers and friends. The dance takes place at **Zion Lutheran Church in Worcester, 6:00-8:00 PM**. Sign up on Facebook or with Pastor Nancy.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DONATION APPEAL

Deadline For Donations



The items that have been listed in the Lutheran Social Services and women of The ELCA Synod Assembly Donation Appeal **must be here at Zion by Friday, June 4th** in order to be taken to the New England Synod Assembly in Springfield.



IMPORTANT REMINDER!

In case of emergency hospitalization or death – the best, and quickest, way to reach Pastor Nancy is by calling 508-499-8787. By calling this number, you can reach Pastor Nancy immediately.



SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATE

Submitted by Paula Kilian Clark

PERSONAL CARE KITS UPDATE *"Love one another...as I have loved you."*
Doing mission together Thank you to everyone for your generous donations of towels, soap, toothbrushes, nail clippers and combs that were part of your Lenten offerings. Funds from our Social Ministry account will help to complete them. We will assemble your gifts into individual towel roll packages or "health kits," secure them with twine and deliver them to the nearest ELCA distribution center. Your financial contributions to defray the costs of mailing overseas are very much appreciated. The date for the "packing party" to take place between services will be **Sunday, May 3rd**. Imagine the comfort these simple towel rolls will bring to a weary, exhausted refugee!

ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN *"God's work. Our hands."*
Thank you so much for your support in 2013 for the first of our three year commitment to the ELCA malaria campaign. It is our goal to continue to make life-changing differences for more families. We have a big task ahead of us! Did you know that every 60 seconds one more child in Africa will die from malaria? ELCA determined that if every member of our church world wide were to contribute \$3.00 over three years that this totally preventable disease could be eradicated. **WORLD MALARIA SUNDAY IS APRIL 27.** Our mosquito nets will go up again. Please contribute during May by placing your donation in the basket and pinning your mosquito outside the net.

OXFORD ECUMENICAL FOOD SHELF *"If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness."*
During the month of May, we will be seeking gifts of jars of jams and jellies. Plastic jars are preferred. As always, heavy duty and/or recyclable shopping bags are needed.



Many thanks to everyone who helped make our season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter so special! There were so many different ways people volunteered to work and make this a special time in our church year. Thank you!



CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Zion has a volunteer cleaning program. We have a few dedicated volunteers who sign up to clean the church, but we need more volunteers to assist them and help spread out the number of weeks they have to clean. They would welcome your help! You can clean alone, as a family, or with a partner. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you would like further information about what is entailed in cleaning, you can speak to Property Chair Bud Fischvogt, Paul Peterson or Karen Borden. A building key is available in the church office so you can clean at a time convenient to you.



SUMMER CAMP ON THE LAKE! CAMP CALUMET

Now is the time to register for summer camp at Camp Calumet, our synod camp, located on Lake Ossipee, in Freedom, NH. (www.calumet.org)

Children's Summer camp begins June 29th for boys and girls ages 8-18. Camp sessions run from Sunday- Saturday. Kids enjoy games, arts and crafts, sports, boating, drama, while staying in cabins and tents with other campers. **Living in God's Time** is the theme for this summer.

Family and adult reservations for the campground and conference center can also be made – stay a night, a weekend, a week, or even longer. Enjoy the beach, the mountains, local attractions, or just relax. A day camp for kids aged 6-12 is available. Contact bonnie@calumet.org if you have any question.



COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour is a great time to enjoy fellowship with your fellow parishioners and to meet and greet visitors to our church. Volunteers to help with Coffee Hour are always welcome and greatly appreciated. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the narthex if you would like to host a Coffee Hour. For those who have never done this before and would like more information about what is involved or are looking for a partner to work with, please see who is our Coffee Hour Coordinator, Pat Cheever. She would love to talk with you!



NOTES FROM THE APRIL 7, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

Submitted by Marleen Bacon

The monthly meeting of the Zion Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Robert Laurens and opened with devotions given by Pastor Nancy Beckwith.

COUNCIL MINUTES: Pastor Nancy made a motion seconded by Susan Lebeouf to accept the minutes of March 10, 2014 as presented. Motion was passed unanimously.

HEATING SYSTEM DISCUSSION: John Tomlinson from Windham County Sheet Metal attended this meeting to discuss his examination of the church heating system. Mr. Tomlinson stated that all three of the boilers could be replaced or possibly only the large boiler which heats the sanctuary. The current boilers have been in place for many years and have become less efficient. Any replacement should be done prior to cold weather. Mini split/heat pumps would be sufficient for the fellowship hall and any other smaller areas and these would allow for air conditioning in these areas. These units are small and can be installed close to the ceiling. However, mini splits would not be used for the larger area of the sanctuary. He also stated that gas burners would be cleaner and more efficient than replacing with oil burners. No costs were discussed. Mr. Tomlinson was thanked for attending this meeting and for the information he presented. The Council members must now decide how they want to proceed.

Peter Betrovski made a motion seconded by Marleen Bacon to replace the large furnace which heats the sanctuary and to get price quotes for a gas replacement furnace, as well as, an oil replacement furnace. Furthermore, to keep the two smaller furnaces and to obtain mini split/heat pumps for the Fellowship Hall and office spaces. Council members agreed and voted unanimously for this motion.

Pastor Nancy made a motion seconded by Peter Betrovski to put together a Request for Quote (RFQ) to replace the large Sanctuary furnace with a fuel efficient gas unit and to also obtain pricing for mini split/heating pumps to supply heat and air conditioning for the Fellowship Hall and the office spaces. The RFQ must contain specifications and pricing for the gas unit and a comparison price for a replacement oil furnace for the same area. Quotes must include all other pertinent associated costs such as any fees, permits, and connection to the gas line. Complete specifications will be put together and will be sent to at least three (3) companies. Motion was passed unanimously.

GUTTERS: Mr. Fischvogt stated that the replacement aluminum gutters will be installed by May 18.

OUTDOOR CHAPEL SOUND SYSTEM: Ken Bean had requested and received a price quote from Baystate Audio and Media Services for the outdoor chapel sound system. The price quoted is \$1,775. Jay Costello had previously come before the Council with a price quote of approximately \$4,000. Baystate's quote seems to be comparable and sufficient for the outdoor chapel sound system needs. Antoinette Dobosz made a motion seconded by Peter Betrovski to accept the price quote from Baystate Audio and Media Services. The price quoted, trench preparation price and microphones (if they are not included) and any additional costs will be taken out of the Outdoor Chapel Fund at a not to exceed expenditure of \$2,500. Motion was passed unanimously with no further discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The various Council Committees had submitted their reports in writing and no discussion was held at this meeting.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Pastor Nancy made a motion that she and Mrs. Bacon work on the official announcement for the upcoming May 18, 2014 Congregational meeting to be placed in the next newsletter. Motion was seconded by Bud Fischvogt and passed unanimously. Final details for the Congregational meeting will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Mr. Betrovski reported that the Audit is complete and the signed audit report was presented.

NEXT MEETING: The next council meeting will be held on **May 5, 2014 at 7:00 PM.**

Marleen Bacon made a motion seconded by Peter Betrovski to adjourn this meeting at 8:55 PM. With no more business to discuss the Council voted unanimously to adjourn.

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL RESULTS
MARCH 31, 2014**

Shirley I. Rossmeisl, Treasurer

During the month of March, we received \$13,245.74 thousand and we disbursed \$12,634.22 thousand. Income exceeded Expenses by \$611.52 dollars.

For the year, we received in \$34,543.47 thousand and disbursed \$36,016.09 thousand through the month of March. For the year, Expenses exceeded Income by \$1,472.62.

For the three months of 2014, Revenue is \$2,772.53 under budget and Expenses are \$1,299.91 under budget.

The following is a comparison of 2014 actual to 2014 budget:

	Mar 2014	Jan-Mar 2014 YTD	Budget YTD 3/12	Over/(Under) Budget	
Operating Revenue	\$ 13,245.74	\$ 34,543.47	\$ 37,316.00	\$ (2,772.53)	
Less Operating Expenses	\$ 12,634.22	\$ 36,016.09	\$ 37,316.00	\$ (1,299.91)	**
Income Net of Expenses	<u>\$ 611.52</u>	<u>\$ (1,472.62)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		

Expenses	Mar 2014	Jan-Mar 2014 YTD	Budget YTD 3/12	Over/(Under) Budget	
Benevolence	\$ 400.00	\$ 751.57	\$ 1,750.00	\$ (998.43)	
Pastors Ministry	\$ 6,080.34	\$ 18,220.26	\$ 19,200.25	\$ (979.99)	
Stephen Ministry	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 131.25	\$ (131.25)	
Youth Ministry	\$ 16.06	\$ 16.06	\$ 125.00	\$ (108.94)	
Worship & Music	\$ 2,209.19	\$ 5,760.61	\$ 6,168.75	\$ (408.14)	
Administration	\$ 886.12	\$ 3,113.73	\$ 3,962.00	\$ (848.27)	
Property Management	\$ 507.12	\$ 1,715.60	\$ 1,892.50	\$ (176.90)	
Insurance & Utilities	\$ 2,203.26	\$ 5,737.16	\$ 3,408.75	\$ 2,328.41	
Education & Outreach	\$ 209.87	\$ 471.09	\$ 402.50	\$ 68.59	
Evangelism	\$ 39.98	\$ 39.98	\$ 75.00	\$ (35.02)	
Card Ministry	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ (25.00)	
Stewardship	\$ 82.28	\$ 190.03	\$ 175.00	\$ 15.03	
Non-budgeted Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	<u>\$ 12,634.22</u>	<u>\$ 36,016.09</u>	<u>\$ 37,316.00</u>	<u>\$ (1,299.91)</u>	**

2014 Operating Budget **\$ 149,264.00**

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AT 3/31/14 **\$ 1,515.59**

MEMORIAL/DESIGNATED FUNDS BALANCE AT 3/31/14 (2 accts) **\$ 48,328.41**

GERANIUM PLANT ORDER FORM FOR DAY OF PENTECOST – JUNE 8, 2014



To add to the celebration of the “Day of Pentecost, *the birthday of the church*”, red geraniums are purchased to decorate the sanctuary and then planted outside to beautify the church grounds. Your geranium donation given to “*the glory of God*” can be given either in **thanksgiving, say for a special event, or in memory of a loved one.** The cost for each plant is still only \$7.00. A listing of names will appear in our bulletin. **Don’t forget to wear red on June 8!**

Please complete the informational form below and either mail it together with your check to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church with “*Pentecost Geraniums*” in the memo corner. **Deadline for ordering is May 25.** Thank you.

Geranium: 6 1/2-inch pot @\$7.00 ea: No. Ordered _____ Total \$ _____

(Please Print): **Donated By:** _____

Envelope No. (if applicable): _____ Phone No.: _____

In Thanksgiving For: _____

In Memory Of: _____

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS

- Jes Woods 5
- Evan Desmarias 14
- Janette Gion 14
- Robert Laurens 16
- Dylan Filipkowski 18
- Geraldine Siegmund 22
- Adrienne Schur 24
- Donald Weinhardt 24
- David Clifford 26
- Jacob Jonasch 26
- Patricia Bean 27
- Robert Langer 31



John Andrews, Pat Bean, Guy Bacon, Sue Backstrom, Jeff Backstrom, Helene Bejune, Lois Bernier, Ray Briere, Margaret Briere, Ed Bonneau, Doug Cooper, Sarah Dalzell, Esther Elliott, Debbie Ennis, Donna Filipkowski, Alice Grzlecki, Bob Hokanson, Shirley Kilian, Carl Larson, Catherine LeBouef, Eric Lindwall, Dorothy McLellan, Ryan McGaughey, Elsa Milas, Jim Moore, Becky Most, Joshua Peterson, Peter Pierce, Conrad Redlitz, Gladys Rossmeisl, Jimmy Rothenburg, Matthew Shackelford, Arthur Siegmund, Brian White and Shirley Zatkalik.

To let us know about a prayer concern or to add a name to the printed prayer list, call or email Karen in the office or use the card in the pew racks and place in offering plate.

Please note: We will be refreshing the Prayer list on May 4th. If you would like a name to remain on the Prayer list, email or call the church office before May 4th so that the name will remain on the list.



YOU CAN HELP!!

Seeking folks who are willing to drive someone to church on a regular or semi-regular basis – and a ‘match-maker’ to connect drivers with those needing a ride. Sign up on the bulletin board or call the office if you can help with this ministry.



If you have moved or will be moving in the future, please let us know so that we can change your address, telephone numbers and emails if necessary. We want to stay current with our mailing information.



OFFICE SUPPLY DONATIONS

To help with cost of office supplies, we would greatly appreciate any donations. **We are always especially in need of reams of white copy paper (8 1/2x11), and mailing labels (1 in. x 2 5/8 in. for Laser and Inkjet Printers in white, 94 brightness) Staples gift cards and Forever stamps.** Any donations are a big help to the office supply budget. Donations can be left in the office. Your generosity is always appreciated.



ZION IS ON FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranChurch>

“Like” the page to keep updated about what is going on.



Email submissions for the Summer newsletter are due **May 15th.**

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