

# † Zion Lutheran Church †

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## Welcome to worship at Zion! May 19 & 20, 2012

The mission of  
Zion Lutheran  
is to better know & show  
Christ's love.

**This week's Love Verse:** *1 Corinthians 16:14*  
'Do everything in love. '

Love and action go hand in hand. We show the love of Christ by letting His love guide our actions.

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**Large Print Bulletins** are available from an usher.

**Wireless Hearing Aids** are available from the ushers. These units are portable so that you may sit in any location. Please return the unit after the service.

**Zion's Web Site:** [www.zionbeaver.com](http://www.zionbeaver.com) The website contains the most recent church newsletter, and information about Zion's ministries.

### **In Our Prayers This Week:**

- Those who are ill or hospitalized, including Gary Koch, Art Koch, Carl Schoenbine, and Melvin Meyer (father of Kevin Meyer)
- Molly Annmarie, as she is baptized
- Those preparing for surgery, including Connie Mieske
- Those beginning married life including Ryan & Stephanie (Fick) Martin (May 19) and Zachary Schmidt & Amanda Petru (May 26)
- Our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade class and chaperones as they travel this week

## Those serving in our services this weekend:

**Organist:** Mr. LeRoy Engelhardt

**SAT: John Olson & Terry Wegener;** Dennis Hyatt,  
Sandra Westphal, Zachary and Laura Peil

**SUN: Larry Helmreich & Chris List;** Mark &  
Rachel Steih, Brody Lewis and Corrin Staudacher

**Altar Guild  
May:**

Luanne Vogtmann  
662-7797

**Welcome to the Lord's Family:** During the Sunday morning service, we welcome to our heavenly Father's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Molly Annmarie Dominowski. Molly is the daughter of Mike and Colett Dominowski. She was born April 10, 2012. Sponsors for Molly are Jason and Ashley Dominowski. May God who has begun this good work in Molly see it to completion in the day of our Lord's appearing.



**Retable Flowers** are given in loving memory of Eugene Behmlander who passed away 27 years ago, May 19, from Gail, Debra, Bud & their families.

**Memorials:** Ken Vogtmann \$1,655 to CGLT, \$25 to General Fund, \$5 to Church Worker Student Aid, \$20 to Organ Fund, \$20 to 125th Anniversary  
Eileen Jenkins \$580 to Endowment, \$10 to CGLT, \$20 to Organ Fund  
T.J. Schoenbine \$20 to Endowment

**In loving memory** of her mother, Gene Mieske, Nancy Mieske has given a gift of money to CGLT for Mother's Day

**A BIG THANK-YOU** to all who came to work on the landscaping around our church and school on Monday night. It was so nice to see everyone pitch in to help on this project!



**Thank you** to everyone who came to help with the spring clean up at Camp Lu Lay Lea. The camp looks wonderful!

**Thank you** is not enough to express my appreciation for everything that was done for me. I am truly blessed to be a member of such a caring congregation, community, family and friends. A special thank you to the Elders. Sally Schember

**Pavilion News:** Church Council has been informed that the Athletic Association will no longer maintain the pavilion. Individuals who have it rented should bring their own supplies (including paper towels, toilet paper etc.). Changing state and county food handling regulations have somewhat complicated the rules for the use of the pavilion kitchen facilities. The state draws a distinction between public and private gatherings. Private gatherings are those held by invitation, public gatherings are those where anyone can come. Public events which serve food require the host group to obtain a one-time use permit from the Bay County Health Department at their own expense, and provide a copy to the Trustees.

**Pastor's Adult Bible Class—"A Longer Look at the Lessons"** Pastor Hemme will teach a Bible study on the Bible lessons we hear each week at church. We will look ahead to the coming week's lessons to better prepare us for learning from the lessons and the sermon. This class meets in the sanctuary on Saturdays at 5:45pm and in the cafeteria following Sunday School opening. Come join us as we grow in our faith!



**The Bible Study** led by LeRoy Engelhardt is studying the book of Isaiah. Everyone is welcome to join us in the conference room at 10:15am on Sunday mornings.

**ALL 6th & 7th Graders:** A Meeting for 2012-13 Jr. Confirmation students and parents will be held on Sunday, June 3, 2012 during family Bible hour. This includes both the public school and day school students and their parents. Junior Confirmation is a two year educational process to help students learn about and grow in their faith. Generally students are enrolled in Junior Confirmation during their 7th and 8th grade years of school.

**Thank you** to our Sunday School teachers and helpers. Sunday School wraps up this week before a summer break. Plan to be a part of Children's Church throughout the summer on Sunday mornings during the sermon beginning June 10.



**The faculty and staff of Zion** wish to express a heartfelt thank you to parents, students, and especially the Teacher Appreciation Committee for our week, May 7-11, of pampering and special treatment. We enjoyed daily little gifts, teacher relief during lunch, wonderful special lunches served on decorated placemats made by the students and new polo styled Zion shirts. It is a blessing to work in an environment where we are shown how much we are valued and that our efforts are appreciated. Thank you very much!

**Church Custodian:** The Trustees are currently accepting bids for the church custodial position. Job specifications and bid sheet forms are available from the church office. Bids must be received by June 18. The successful bidder will be informed the evening of June 26 following the Trustee meeting.



**Church Redecorating:** Any members of the congregation who are interested in providing input in regards to the colors of paint, wallpaper, and carpet for the church re-decorating project are invited to attend the trustee meeting at the church on May 29th, 2012 at 6:30pm. Samples will be available. A Special Voter's Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 10th following worship in the church sanctuary to approve the project.



## **Council Minutes (unapproved) May 14, 2012**

Chairman, Mark Steih called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.  
Pastor Buchhorn opened the meeting with prayer.

### **Secretary's Report - Jodi Kukla**

**5.14.A.** Motion made, supported and carried to approve the minutes from the March 28 council meeting and April 2 voters' meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report - Bridget Green**

**5.14.B.** Motion made, supported and carried to approve the Treasurer's report.

### **Elder's Report - Dean Gray**

#### **Membership Changes:**

##### **New Accessions**

Christopher, Megan and Elijah Keyser from Good Shepherd  
Lutheran in Saginaw

#### **Members Removed (by death)**

Irma DeLong (3/28/12)  
Alice Richardson (4/16/12)  
Eileen Jenkins (5/1/12)  
Kenneth Vogtmann (5/3/12)  
Gust Retzloff (5/10/12)

#### **Members Removed (by release to other Lutheran churches)**

Ashley Datte to Zion in Freeland (ELCA)

**5.14.C.** Motion made, supported and carried to approve the membership changes.

The Elders are validating as many phone numbers from their respective zones as possible for the church pictorial directory, and letting the office know of those that are no longer valid. Elder bulletin board is complete. Fund raising dinner for Sally Schember went very well with over \$8000 raised. In addition, Thrivent will contribute \$1000. Great job by everyone to make this a success.

### **Trustee's Report - Bill Arndt**

Three bids were received for the Church redecorating project. A meeting was held on May 10 with Larkin Painting to accept their bid, agree on timeline and approve changes. The trustees agreed to have three project managers who will oversee the project and authorize any changes (Bill Arndt, Russ Buechler and Dave Fritz). A meeting will be held on May 29 at 6:30 to decide on specifics such as wallpaper, paint and carpet. This meeting will be announced in the bulletin and messenger. We are seeking help from people interested in contributing their expertise in this area. A special voters meeting will be held after church

on Sunday, June 10 for the voters to approve the redecorating project. The work to remove the pews and carpet from the church would begin on July 23. The Elders and Pastors will begin planning how to set up church in the gym beginning the following weekend. Trustees approved placement of bell display. Two lawn mowing bids were received. Mark Ivan was awarded contract of \$4500 for the season.

### **Board of Christian Day School - Aaron Kukla**

Reviewed a proposal written by the music teacher for spending Benjamin Kukla's memorial money on Zion's music curriculum, handbell songs and instruments. Principal Meyer is in the process of reviewing curriculum needs and costs for the math program in grades K-8. The Board finalized the athletic director and student athlete eligibility policies. We walked around to review tornado drill locations and determined the computer lab as the safest place to gather for drills and emergencies. A review and update of the accreditation document was completed. The Board discussed the lunch serving policy, which Principal Meyer will be reviewing with the teachers. We agreed to look into the possibility of opening a day care for before and after school care at Zion if it would be self sufficient. A magazine fund raiser for the school will be introduced this fall.

### **Board of Parish Education - Cheryl Behmlander**

Children's church will be held again this summer beginning on June 10. We are recruiting assistants and leaders to help. Parish Ed is furthering work on "The Story" Bible study for this upcoming year. We would like to do an all church study including church services (readings and sermons), Sunday adult Bible study, Sunday School lessons, teen study and home groups. This Bible study would run from September through May. Pastor Hemme is going to have the necessary further discussions with other groups to see if this will work.

### **Board of Youth - Charlene Helmreich**

We had our Euchre tournament on May 4. We had 28 people play. The next euchre tournament will be in October. The Youth dance will be held on Friday, May 18. We are looking for more chaperones to help with the event. The group will be planning our Cedar Point trip soon. We welcome suggestions for ways to get more youth involved.

### **Principal's Report - written report**

Our students did an excellent job at the music festival. We are making final preparations for the 7th & 8th grade class trip to Gettysburg and Washington. We are hoping to get next year's school calendar out soon after Bay City Public has theirs finalized. We completed and sent in this year's Accreditation Review.

### **Associate Pastor's Report - Pastor Hemme**

The Youth Group has been meeting and planning events. Events included serving Easter breakfast on April 8 and a Euchre night on May 4. We are hosting a Junior high dance on May 18. We are planning towards a servant event/mission trip in the summer of 2013. Pastor Reed from Grace Lutheran in Auburn did a presentation on his trip to Nigeria on April 22. Summer children's church starts on June 10. We are looking for volunteers to help. Pastor Hemme is working with the Board of Parish Ed on Sunday School, Summer Children's Church, VBS and other items. A church-wide Bible reading program called "The Story" is being planned for the fall. It covers the entire Bible in chronological order and helps us see "The Story" of God's plan of salvation for us through Jesus.

### **Senior Pastor's Report - Pastor Buchhorn**

During April, we had the opportunity to complete our Lenten journey and join the church around the world in celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. Thank you to those who put in extra hours to enrich our worship with special music and in other ways. Thank you also to those who have been working hard to make our new pictorial directory project a success. For it to be the best ever, we need as many members as possible photographed so that all may be included. An automated calling system available through the directory printing company was used during Holy Week to deliver messages encouraging participation in the directory. There are many congregational households where accurate telephone contact information is not available. A follow-up letter was sent to those households that included information from the automated call and asking assistance in updating our records. May began with the joyful occasion of confirmation day for our Junior Confirmation class. Twelve of our young people were part of this year's class. They did a wonderful job of articulating the basic truths of the Christian faith during their oral exam on May 2 and through the essays they read as part of Confirmation day on May 6. May God bless them as they seek to live out their confession day by day. A meeting for those who are to be part of the 2012-13 class is scheduled for June 3. Progress continues to be made in anticipation of the 125th anniversary celebrations. The foundation work for the placement of the south school bell on the sight of the original sanctuary is underway to the west of the tennis courts. Thank you to all who assisted with the Sally Schember benefit meal on April 25. It was very successful and wonderful to see so many people working together to help. A new Adult confirmation class was begun. It is anticipated that a new class from Lutheran Hour Ministries on "Fatherhood" will be taught in June during Bible class on Sunday morning. Pastor Buchhorn and Zion's lay delegate, Leroy Engelhardt, attended the area pre-convention meeting in Pinconning on May 5. The District convention is to be held in Ann Arbor from Sunday, June 24—

Wednesday, June 27, 2012. Due to a funeral, Pastor Buchhorn and Pastor Hemme did not attend the Spring North and East Pastor's conference in Gaylord from May 5-7 as planned. As per the 2012 budget, Zion's Secretary hours will be limited to 20 hours per week this summer. A staff relations committee meeting will be held May 21 with the goal of ensuring we are following the personnel policy manual on administrative issues. Pastor Buchhorn will be on vacation from May 29-31.

### **New Business**

- Banking fees at Chemical Bank: Chemical Bank has notified us that they will begin charging \$3/month fee for the paper statements on each of Zions' and its auxillary groups' accounts. In order to avoid this charge, discussion occurred regarding one person who could sign up for the accounts electronically and distribute the statements to the account administrators.

**5.14.D.** Motion made, supported and carried that the Treasurer be the electronic banking facilitator for all of Zion's Chemical Bank accounts.

- Special Voters meeting: A voters meeting will be held on Sunday, June 10 after church to approve the redecorating project.

**5.14.E.** Motion made, supported and carried to end the meeting.

The meeting closed with reading together the fifth petition, followed by Pastor Hemme leading us in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

In His Service - Jodi Kukla



This summer during the 9am Sunday worship service, we will again be having "Children's Church." Children's church will start on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The goal of children's church is to provide an age appropriate lesson for small children while parents listen to the sermon. Children's church will be planned for children under 10 years of age. Just prior to the sermon hymn those young children who would like to attend

children's church will be dismissed to go to the church basement where they will have an age appropriate lesson. Around the time of the offering they will return to their parents. Children of all ages are certainly welcome to remain with their parents in the sanctuary for the entire service. If you would be interested in assisting with children's church for a week or two as a lesson presenter or helper please contact Pastor Hemme. Thank you for your help.

## This week at Zion

**CB**=Church Basement  
**PS**=Pastor's Study  
**N**=Nave of Church  
**N**=Narthex of Church  
**C**=School Cafeteria  
**PAV**=Pavilion  
**PO**=Principal's office  
**PR**=Preschool Room  
**K**=Kindergarten Room  
**BAL**=Church Balcony  
**MR**=Meeting Room  
**CON**=Conf. Room

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| <b>Sun</b>  | <b>20</b> | <b>Worship 9am</b><br><b>Family Bible Hour 10:15am</b><br>Staff Relations Cmte. 6pm (MR)<br>125th Anniversary Mtg. 7pm<br>Elders 7pm (CB) |
| <b>Mon</b>  | <b>21</b> |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Tue</b>  | <b>22</b> |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Wed</b>  | <b>23</b> | Ladies Bible Class 9am (CB)<br>Quilting 10am (CB)<br><b>Informal Worship 7pm</b><br>MOYC 10-11:30am (N)                                   |
| <b>Thur</b> | <b>24</b> |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Fri</b>  | <b>25</b> |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Sat</b>  | <b>26</b> | <b>Worship w/communion 7pm</b>                                                                                                            |
| <b>Sun</b>  | <b>27</b> | <b>Worship w/communion 9am</b><br><b>Adult Bible Class 10:15am</b>                                                                        |

**Offerings:**  
**May 12 & 13**  
**\$12,210.25**

*Weekly need is \$11,433*

### Church Attendance

**May 12 & 13**

**Sat:** 93 **C:** 78

**Sun:** 252 **C:** 189

**Wed:** 52

**There are still a few spots** available for having your photo taken for the pictorial directory on June 7, 8 and 9. Two more days have been made available for scheduling on June 12 and 13.

To schedule a time to be photographed:

- Visit our website at [www.zionbeaver.com](http://www.zionbeaver.com) to schedule your own appointment (you will receive a \$10 coupon for choosing this option)



- Call the church office at 662-4264 and we can assist you in scheduling your appointment.
- Sign up at the table in the church narthex after worship services

**There will be an Athletic Association** meeting on Wednesday May 23 at 7:00 PM in Mr. Riske's classroom. We will talk about the softball tournament and the replacement of uniforms.



**Memorial Day Ceremonies:** The VFW Post 6950 will hold their Memorial Day Ceremony at Zion Lutheran and Beaver Township Cemeteries on Monday, May 28 at 11am.

**ELDERS** and Ushers May 23, 26 & 27

**WED:** **Herb Leinberger**

**SAT:** **Dennis Hyatt and John Olson;** Dennis Hyatt,  
 Mark & Melissa Wegener and Breanne Smith

**SUN:** **Ed Etelamaki and Dean Gray;** Steve & Autumn Wiedyk