

# The Tower

For Members & Friends of Zion Lutheran Church

**May 2016**

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## What's Happening at Zion

### Calendar Notes

- May 7, Faith and Food garden work day, 10AM-2PM at the garden site [see below].
- May 13 - 14, the 2016 Assembly of The Southeast Michigan Synod of the ELCA at Shalom Lutheran Church in Pinckney, MI [see page 5].
- May 15, Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation Sunday. Nine of Zion's eighth graders affirm their baptism in the Rite of Confirmation at the 11AM service.
- May 22, last Bibleland class until the fall.
- May 22, Alzheimer's Association presenting facts on memory loss, dementia and Alzheimer's disease [see page 6].
- May 27, the office will close at noon on Fridays through Labor Day.
- May 29, our 8:15AM traditional worship service will be moved to 8:30AM outside. Our 9:30AM blended and 11AM contemporary services will remain at their regular times in the Sanctuary.

### Associate Pastor Call Committee Update

The call committee finished updating our Ministry Site Profile (MSP) in early April. This document describes who we are as a congregation, what traits we are looking for in an associate pastor, and how we want this person to contribute to our mission and ministry here. This document is submitted electronically to the ELCA and the Southeast Michigan synod; it will also be available to any candidate pastors. The call committee met with Pastor Heather Holland of the synod in late April, to work out details for receiving candidate profiles after our MSP has been submitted.

We're working on God's timetable, led by His Spirit. We open every meeting with devotions, and close every meeting with prayer. While we know that God will lead us to the right person for Zion, but we don't yet know when that process will conclude. We're grateful for your continued prayers and support.

### Kitchen Class – May 14th

All people interested in becoming approved for Piper Hall Kitchen Access will need to go through a new training class on Saturday, May 14th from 10AM—noon. This in-depth course is both for people who were previously approved and need re-certification, and those interested in becoming approved for future use. It will cover all ServSafe Food Handling Guidelines, and you will receive a certificate upon your successful completion of the course. This will be a fun and informative training that will ensure we are all following the proper protocol in our county-approved service kitchen. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dianne Daily at [dianne.daily@zlc-aa.org](mailto:dianne.daily@zlc-aa.org) or (734) 747-6595.

For those people who are interested, but are unable to attend at this time, there will be future training sessions held in the summer and fall.

### Faith and Food Garden Work Day

Zion's Faith and Food Garden will have its Spring work day on Saturday, May 7 from 10AM to 2PM at the garden site, behind the back parking lot. Please bring a spirit of service, gloves and a shovel. If you have a wheelbarrow to offer for the day, that would also be helpful. This event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial, with snacks and free t-shirts provided to all participants. Middle schoolers and older are encouraged to participate. Tasks will be assigned based on your physical capacity. 100% of the produce grown each year (last year 1,500 lbs!) is donated to the needy in our community via Food Gatherers. You can sign up for increments of one hour or longer. To register, please contact Bryan Weinert at: [bryanweinert@gmail.com](mailto:bryanweinert@gmail.com).

### Hearing Loop System

A Hearing Loop system in the Sanctuary and Piper Hall at Zion lets those with a T-coil activated hearing aid hear the words and music without the effects of room acoustics or background noise. With the Loop, the audio signals are transmitted directly to your T-coil equipped hearing aid and the sound is customized to your ears only. If your hearing aid has a functioning T-coil, simply push the button to connect your hearing aid to the Loop. If your hearing aid has a remote control box, simply push the remote control button to connect your hearing aid to the Loop. If you do not know if your hearing aid is Loop capable, contact your hearing aid provider and ask to have your T-coil activated. For more information, please contact Zion IT Team members Ray Vanderbok at 734-395-3442, Frode Maaseidvaag at 231-869-5080, Bob Thompson at 734-677-4059, or Marcus Hunt at 734-635-9438.

# Worship Core Ministry

## Calling all Musicians

It's a great time to join a music ensemble at Zion! If you would like to be involved, please email Natalie Downs (see below) for more information.

- **The Rings of the Lord (Handbells)** meets weekly on Thursdays from 6:00-7:30PM in the Sanctuary. We welcome ringers ages high school to adult. No ringing experience necessary, but music reading is a plus.
- **Chancel Choir** meets weekly on Thursdays from 7:30-9:00PM in the Sanctuary. We welcome singers ages high school through adult.

Singers and instrumentalists are also encouraged to provide Special Music throughout our weekly and festival worship services. If you are interested in sharing your music, please email Natalie ([ndowns@zlc-aa.org](mailto:ndowns@zlc-aa.org)).

## "Celebrate Music at Zion" Concert!

This June, we will have a concert celebrating our musicians and the music ministry here at Zion! All ages are invited to share their musical talents. It can be something that you have performed at a Sunday morning service, or something you are working on in your private music lessons. Solos and ensembles are encouraged to participate. Chancel Choir, The Rings of the Lord, Zion Singers, and Praise Band will also present music selections.

- When: Saturday, June 4th at 2 p.m.
- Where: Zion Sanctuary

The concert is open to the public, so invite family and friends to join in the celebration!

If you are interested in performing or have questions, please contact Natalie Downs at [ndowns@zlc-aa.org](mailto:ndowns@zlc-aa.org).

## May Lectionary

- May 1** Acts 16:9-15, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29
- May 8** Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53
- May 15** Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17 [25-27]
- May 22** Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15
- May 29** 1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43, Galatians 1:1-12, Luke 7:1-10

## Zion Concert Series

Don't miss the upcoming concert at Zion! Admission is free and all concerts are open to the public. A free will offering will be accepted at each concert.

- *Sunday, May 1st at 7:30PM* (Sanctuary) - Aaron Tan, pianist and organist, with guest artist Victoria Fraser, soprano and Ruby Brallier, cello. Music by Bach, Vivaldi, Handel, Fauré, Gounod, Poulenc, and Vierne will be performed.

We are in need of volunteers to help usher and provide refreshments for our upcoming concerts throughout the year. If you are interested in helping, please contact Natalie Downs ([ndowns@zlc-aa.org](mailto:ndowns@zlc-aa.org)). Stay tuned for our upcoming 2016-2017 concert series, which includes performances by the Detroit Lutheran Singers and Measure for Measure!

## Host Families Needed for The Young Swedish Singers

The Young Swedish Singers, a 34-member gospel singing group from Hassleholm, Skane, Sweden, will appear in concert at Zion on Thursday, June 30th in the evening (time TBD). The Young Swedish Singers' concert, sung mostly in English, will include gospel, hymns, and Swedish folk music. Free-will offerings from the singers tour will benefit Shepherd's Canyon Retreat ([www.shepherdscanyonretreat.org](http://www.shepherdscanyonretreat.org)), a non-profit ministry providing counseling retreats for clergy and their spouses.

We are in need of host families for the Swedish choir members! Host families will provide overnight housing (usually 2 choir members per home) and return choir members to the bus the next morning (July 1st) with a sack lunch. If you are interested in serving as a host family, please contact Natalie Downs ([ndowns@zlc-aa.org](mailto:ndowns@zlc-aa.org)).

## Zion Singers

Zion Singers is a group of singers with daytime availability who come together once a month to prepare and present a program of sacred, fun and seasonal songs to residents at a local nursing care, assisted living, or hospice care facility. Our May 2016 date is: Friday, May 20th at Silver Maples. Our rehearsal will be at 12:30PM in Music Room 1 on Level B1, and the performance will be at Silver Maples at 2PM.

# Thank You and Congratulations

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the Mission Core Ministry. On very short notice they provided funding that enabled the purchase of 25 tents. These were needed for Ann Arbor's homeless community now that the rotating overnight shelter has ceased operation until next winter. —*Dan McConnell*

I would like to thank Pastor Jim for his spiritual guidance and visits with Barbara, the ladies and friends of Ruth Circle, and Charlotte and Ed Dootz for their great support to Hans and Christina during my recent spine surgery and rehabilitation. The thoughtfulness and prayers of friends and Zion members brought me through with great success. I am very blessed to be a member of such a loving and caring congregation. May we all enjoy God's daily love and care. —*Marianne Rauer*

## From Pastor Jim

### The Power of the Holy Spirit

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. - Galatians 5:22, 24*

One day right in the middle of singing a hymn during worship the organ went silent. The organist was pushing down on the keys, but there was no sound coming from the speakers. Our organist looked to me with a bewildered look that said, "What do I do now?" I gave him a look of shock that said, "What happened?"

Once we had shaken off the shock and surprise we simply moved to the next part of the service and later we continued our singing with the piano.

A few days later a technician arrived to repair the organ. He opened the organ's innards and began to pull out circuit boards and amplifiers. There were many parts that needed to be replaced including amplifiers, fuses and even some chips on the circuit boards. He simply heated up his soldering iron and replaced the chips and amplifiers that had been fried. It was amazing to see the skill of the technician, seeking out the broken chips and replacing them. Once the circuit boards were re-installed with the new chips, the organ's sound was once again restored.

I've thought about that organ and how it went silent. The organ was made to make loud and amazing music, and yet, there it was silent, not fulfilling its purpose at all. There were some vital circuits that had been fried. Sometimes we feel like that organ, silent, when we have music to give. The demands of life can make it feel like our circuits have been fried. Normal weeks are filled with the stress of work and the demands of family, but some months seem even more draining, more taxing on our body, spirit and relationships.

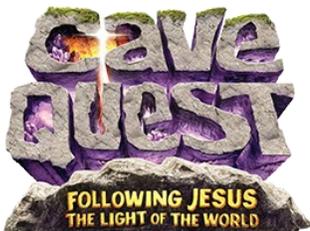
It's no wonder that God breathed his powerful Spirit into his disciples after the first Easter. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to believe, to step out in faith. We need the power of God to face each day's blessings and trials. We need the Holy Spirit's power that raises the dead, to raise us up again and call us back to faith day after day. The reality is that the Holy Spirit moved the disciples from sadness to joy and from survival to renewal. It is the very power that allows us to stand up every day and let our lives play the music of faith.

On Pentecost we at Zion Lutheran will celebrate the rite of Confirmation. We will pray over some of our youth, and ask the Holy Spirit to stir up the gifts of: wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and joy. We all need more wisdom and understanding; Counsel and Might beyond my own abilities, absolutely; More knowledge and joy of God, yes indeed.

Easter might be over, but the power that gives birth to disciples is just beginning. If you're feeling like your circuits are fried, let the Holy Spirit renew and empower your faith and your life.

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. - Acts 2:1-4*

## Young Discipleship Core Ministry



### VBS 2016

Vacation Bible School is  
June 20-24, 2016.

Registration is open!  
Paper registration available OR register online  
at

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/AAZionCaveQuest>

Contact VBS coordinator Jessica Rudy at [aazionvbs@gmail.com](mailto:aazionvbs@gmail.com) for more details.

*Family Night*

*Thursday June 23rd*

*VBS Celebration Service*

*Sunday June 26th*

### Upcoming Activities

- May 8th - 8th Grade Catechism
- May 15th - Confirmation at 11AM Service  
- Grace Place
- May 22nd - Blessing of Seniors

## Zion Endowment Fun(d) Facts

The first Endowment Board created an Investment Committee in March 1996. The committee was charged to develop an investment policy, interview advisers, decide whether investing should be done in-house or through an agency, etc. The Investment Committee created an investment policy and recommended to the Endowment Board to have a financial investment firm manage Zion's Endowment Fund. The Endowment Board decided to establish a working relationship with KeyCorp. At the end of June 1996, the Zion Endowment fund had seven funds: Undesignated, Aprill, Beurele, Kempf, Pardon, Weddige and Ottmar. The Fund's ending balance was \$708,403.

# Congregation Council

## March 15, 2016—Highlights

### *Financial Report Highlights*

- **Cash:** Available cash at the end of February was \$68,033. Cash in the operations account as of 03/11/16 is approximately \$50,000. We currently have sufficient cash on hand to last the next several months. The Zion Endowment Board won't be making a disbursement in the first quarter (as the details of instituting the new model are worked out).
- **Income:** For the month of February contributions were \$56,662, which was \$4,475 less than was projected in the budget. This compares to contributions of \$59,940 in February last year. YTD, contributions are \$3,373 less than budgeted and \$761 less than YTD last year.
- **Expenses:** Spending was \$12,968 under budget for the month. Spending is \$31,133 under budget YTD.
- **Building Fund (Down with the Debt):** Contributions to the Down with the Debt fund were \$3,219.21 by 20 givers in February. The minimum principal payment for March was \$2,746.82. David has cut the checks for March to make the additional principal payment for the full amount of \$3,219.21 received in February plus the minimum principal payment from the Operations fund. We owe Thrivent \$27,019.04 as of the end of February.
- **YTD Attendance and Offering:**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Attendance (YTD) *	2,656	2,449
-Including Bibleland	3,326	3,099
Offering (YTD)	\$126,729	\$127,490
Offering per Person	\$47.71	\$52.06

\* There were nine Sundays through end of February in 2016 and eight Sundays in 2015

### *Personnel Committee*

Diane Hunt and David Werner went over the changes made to the Personnel Handbook based on the last conversation with Council. Council thanked the Personnel Committee for their diligent and productive effort on the new handbook, and approved it with the corrections that were discussed.

Diane and David also went over the job descriptions for the following positions, all of which are currently filled:

- Bibleland Coordinator
- Office Administrator
- Finance Manager
- Sound Operator
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) Coordinator
- Worship Media Coordinator

These position descriptions have been reviewed by the people in those positions and by Pastor Jim. Council approved these descriptions. David and Diane noted there are three or four more job descriptions that Council will be asked to approve (custodian, nursery, wedding coordinator). All of these remaining job descriptions have been drafted and are under review by the people currently filling them.

### *Proposed Continuing Resolutions*

Margie introduced this topic. We ratified the Constitution at the last annual meeting. Subsequently, Marcus Hunt identified a couple of items that need to be clarified based on the new provisions. A continuing resolution is something that we as Council can adopt. He's suggesting two continuing resolutions to clarify:

**Secretary's duties** – Elsewhere in the constitution, it states that meeting minutes are now due within 2 weeks of a meeting; this continuing resolution would add it to the secretary's duties.

**Length of Endowment Committee terms** – Elsewhere in the constitution, it is stated that the Endowment Committee terms are 5 years; this continuing resolution would mention this exception in the "Committee Membership Guidelines" which states that all terms are two years.

Council approved these two continuing resolutions.

### *Remaining Council Positions*

At the February 28th congregational meeting, the ballot included blanks for write-in candidates where no candidate had been previously identified. The positions of Council president and Council member-at-large did not have a person listed, and included a blank for write-in candidates. A handful of people were suggested in these write-in slots but we did not define the process before the congregational meeting and at the meeting we did not resolve the question of whether any of these write-ins were willing to serve, nor vote on these people at the congregational meeting.

Council discussed procedural options for filling the member-at-large position. (Margie has agreed to continue to serve as Council President until someone else willing is identified.) Using Robert's Rules of Order for Elections, Council selected one of the write-in candidates for member-at-large. There were four names submitted as write-in candidates; Council members voted and Dan McConnell was elected.

Council agreed that, before the next annual meeting, we need to determine whether to have a ballot with write-ins and if so, what our process is for write-in candidates. We will need to communicate it before the vote so that it is clear what will occur.

The ballot had not identified a candidate to co-lead the Welcome Core Ministry; Karen Salamin has since agreed to take the position.

### *Pastor Jim Updates*

- **Leadership Orientation:** In the past, newly elected leaders were given a handbook and attended an orientation. We skipped it last year and Pastor Jim would like to have one this April for all elected leaders. Pr. Jim plans to revamp the orientation manual.
- **Meeting to discuss worship times:** Pr. Jim would like Council and the members of the core ministries of Worship, Adult Discipleship, and Young Discipleship to meet together to discuss whether or not we want to make a change to the worship and education schedule. There's a separation in Bibleland and worship that is getting wider. We have no children in worship and our education

## Congregation Council (cont.)

classes for adults have less than 10 people attend. April 23 and 30th were identified as possible dates for these meetings and Bob T. volunteered to send a Doodle poll.

- Associate Minister Input: Council should begin to think about the distribution of responsibilities between the senior pastor and the new associate pastor. Pr. Jim is thinking about a more team-oriented approach, rather than a defined split based on core ministries. Pr. Jim would like our input in this process (although there is no specific proposal to vote on at the moment). Pr. Jim suggested that instead of creating a job description now for the new associate pastor, we could create a more general outline of what areas that the associate would contribute to, and work out the details when the person arrives. Bob T. added that this thought also came up in the call committee, as they were struggling with writing the ministry site profile. After they discussed it with Pr. Jim, the committee wrote it to be more general. Pr. Jim suggested the Call Committee should have not just Pr. Jim's input, but also Council's.
- Visioning for the Coming Year: Council discussed Pr. Jim's "Looking Ahead" speech made during the annual congregational meeting. Margie is interested in coming together and talking about how we could start looking outward rather than inward. Starting July or August, we will have a full time intern, and by that time, we may also have a new associate pastor. Pr. Jim is enthusiastic about having two more people who can touch lives in so

many ways. We sometimes harken back to Zion's golden age where we had three pastors, and we can do that again.

- Update on Kelly Nieman-Anderson: Kelly has been awarded a preaching fellowship from Luther Seminary and she'll be going around the world to learn about refugees. This fall, she'll be preaching about these travels. She and David are still members here and Pr. Jim asked her if there's anything we can do to support her in her travels, to let us know. She wrote a short note for the *April Tower*.
- Luther's Celebration: Adult Discipleship will devote some of 2017 to education about Martin Luther. Luther will also be the focus of the men's retreat in 2017. Pr. Jim and Adult Discipleship will meet with the bishop to plan an event, synod wide, here at Zion.
- Staying Current: All elected leaders will have Google app emails, with Google calendar/church calendar.
- Finance Committee: The Finance Committee is looking at two apps for giving: [easytithe.com](http://easytithe.com), and [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly). These are apps that are available for download and we would pay for them. They make giving more convenient for people with smart phones. Pr. Jim asked the Finance Committee to go to the Stewardship for All Seasons training. (We pay for a team of 6, Pastor Jim is one of them, 5 others will make up the team.)

## Synod / Samaritas News

### LSSM Becomes SAMARITAS

As of April 8, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan (LSSM) has changed its name to Samaritas, a term that evokes the Good Samaritan. Only the name has changed. Samaritas' mission is just the same as that of LSSM, "...*servicing people as an expression of the love of Christ*". So, you might ask, if there was no change in the mission, why did they need to change the name? The answer is that the new name gives them access to a larger pool of dedicated social service people, in part because many people felt that you had to be Lutheran to work for or with LSSM. On the funding side, the name change gives Samaritas access to a wider range of government contracts and corporate contributions.

Removing "Lutheran" from the name is a huge step, and one that has not been taken lightly. But, times change and LSSM found that this had to be done if they were going to grow to meet the expanding needs for social services in Michigan. In fact, many other Christian social service organizations around the country have made the same sort of name change.

Although government and corporate sources provide much of the funds for Samaritas' operations, our donations are also important. They provide the extra funds that allow Samaritas to develop new programs and respond to emergencies, like the current refugee crisis. Currently, Samaritas has about 2000 dedicated employees and provides 70 different programs in 40 cities in the Lower Peninsula. But the need for social services continues to grow. Zion members have always been important donors to LSSM, and Samaritas hopes to count on us in the future. They are clearly one of the most cost-effective ways for us to donate to Christ-based social services.

### Synod Assembly

The 2016 Assembly of The Southeast Michigan Synod of the ELCA is May 13 - 14, at Shalom Lutheran Church in Pinckney, MI. This year's theme is "Rise Up! Go Forward!" from John 5:2-8.

Assembly Presenters include Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton — Congregational Revitalization, Rev. Wayne Muller — Lay Leadership Development, and Rev. Mike Ward — Stewardship.

Pr. Jim Debner, Dan McConnell, Dale Eckert, and Sonja Page are voting members for Zion. Bob Thompson and Roger Santini will be visitors. Margie Reynolds will attend as a Synod Council member.

## Mission Core Ministry

### Anything Good?

As I write this I sit, well after midnight at the rotating homeless shelter along with 25 homeless men. Tonight we are all homeless. I think of St Francis and his mission to the poor and know that I am in the right place. Who are these homeless men? Why are they here? They all have stories which contain varying degrees of fiction and a compulsion to tell. So I listen. We talk and laugh about walleye fishing in Wisconsin, revealing that neither of us liked it very much—the cold, the aluminum boat, the need for quiet, the impossibility for 8 year-old to be quiet in an aluminum boat. The smell of Camel unfiltered cigarettes and Blatz beer. We talk about the Presence of God in a lake and a boat and in fish. In the listening is a unity and a joining of spirit. These are holy listenings that honor and recognize the humanity of another and make us one.

These poor are grateful. Tonight Ron gave me a bag of extra clothes to give to others less fortunate than he. Really? And Nick gave away his gloves to John, the new guy. Really?

Now, let me tell you about Rebecca.

We have been going under the bridges every Sunday afternoon for years to bring food and make sure the people surviving under the bridges had enough to live off of until the next free meal. Over many years we have built trust and relationship with the people living there. It is challenging. There are many hopeless homeless situations. We have been cursed and threatened by drunken men on a bad day, and yet others fold themselves around us when they need a shoulder to cry on. It is hard work, it is holy work, it is the work we are deeply called to do.

Just a few months ago, came a woman that would humble us even more. We found her outside the cover of the bridge, nestled in a few ratty sleeping bags. Other than those sleeping bags, she had only a broken wooden cross and a bible to her name. She was a widow, managing with the meager pay she was given, yet she was happy and grateful for every day. But when we saw her our hearts sank. An older woman as skinny as a rail, unsheltered by even the bridge, and winter was coming. I don't think we ever said it out loud, but our wide eyes and deep sighs said it for us: "Can anything good come from this?"

Over the weeks we begged and suggested, urged and protested until she finally got under the bridge, and then appreciated a tent gifted to her. Members of the bridge community helped her set it up, because they were moved to worry. Every Sunday as we parted ways, she left us with peace and blessings. One Sunday afternoon as we were finishing our bridge visit, she called me over and placed some crumpled bills in my hand. Thirteen dollars. It was her charitable contribution to the church. A hefty offering for a widow's meager pay. I protested at first, but then caved and took the money, moved to tears by a woman whose faith had shown me a new way to love recklessly.

A gift for the church. A hefty handout from a wildly generous woman for the church - a church that has all-too-often been silent when politicians and city-folk ignore the people who have no roof over their heads and forcibly remove them from parks and bridges and wooded areas. A church that has fumbled and foiled as it has tried to figure out how to address the needs of the community. The people of the church that sometimes have the audacity to throw up their hands at people in need and look at their hopelessness to say, "Can anything good come from the bridges? Can anything good come from expanded overnight shelter? Can anything good come from providing a simple meal? Can anything good come from this?"

For a couple of haphazard disciples who week in and week out visit people on the fringes, we never in our wildest dreams expected to have the people under the bridges be the ones to say, "Come and see." We never expected to find Jesus there. Rebecca's deep faith in the Christ who calls disciples in the strangest of ways and in the most unpredictable manner shines through the Gospel. It reminds us to take the time to listen and learn the stories of those who sit around us, and those who will never enter the doors of a church. For in the faith-filled, sometimes skeptical, all too unreasonable work of the church, God is orchestrating something good.

I think God saw her - huddled in a couple of ratty sleeping bags as the trees lost their ability to protect her with their leaves. I think God saw her and called her, reminded her again just how precious she was, and then gave her a job to do—to call a couple of haphazard disciples to their knees once again.

And now to call all of us to come and see the wonder of God at work in the world.

- Dan McConnell and Lindsey Conrad

## Adult Discipleship Core Ministry

### Classes in Adult Education At Zion

On May 22, the Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)) presents *The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease*. Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. This program provides information on detection, cause and risk factors, stages of the disease, treatment, and more. 9:30 to 10:30AM and/or 11AM to 12PM in Holtfreter Classroom A on the lower level. Because this is open to the community and the presenters are providing a packet of information to each attendee, you are asked to register by calling the Zion office at 734-994-4455. You are also welcome to come if unable to register. Presenter: Maire Deland, MSW in gerontology from U-M. Zion contact: Anne Scherba, Parish Nurse ([annescherba@yahoo.com](mailto:annescherba@yahoo.com)).

# MAY CALENDAR

## Sunday, May 1

8:15 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary  
 9:30 AM Bibleland/2nd Floor  
 9:30 AM Blended Worship/Sanctuary  
 9:30 AM Adult Discipleship/Classroom A  
 9:30 AM C+C/Omega Room  
 9:30 AM JAM/Youth Room  
 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Yeager Chapel  
 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship/Sanctuary  
 7:30 PM Music Concert/Sanctuary

## Monday, May 2

6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot  
 11:30 AM Women's Bridge/Stellhorn Lounge  
 1:30 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 6:00 PM Prayer Team Meeting/Omega Room  
 6:30 PM Loss Support Group/Alpha Room  
 7:00 PM Ruth's Small Group/Stellhorn Lounge

## Tuesday, May 3

12:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 5:30 PM Personnel Team Meeting/Pastor's Office  
 7:00 PM Life's Lesson Book Club/Stellhorn Lounge

## Wednesday, May 4

10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 12:00 PM Prayer Time/Yeager Chapel  
 6:00 PM The Way of Life/Omega Room  
 6:00 PM Family Matters/Creation Station  
 6:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
 7:30 PM Al-a-Teen/Alpha Room  
 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall  
 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/The Gathering

## Thursday, May 5

7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot  
 12:00 PM Thursday Ladies Cards/Stellhorn Lounge  
 1:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 1:30 PM The Bible/Omega Room  
 6:00 PM Rings of the Lord Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

## Friday, May 6

12:30 PM Women's Friday Bridge/Stellhorn Lounge

## Saturday, May 7

## Sunday, May 8

8:15 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary  
 9:30 AM Blended Worship/Sanctuary  
 9:30 AM Bibleland/2nd Floor  
 9:30 AM C+C/Omega Room  
 9:30 AM JAM/Youth Room  
 9:30 AM Adult Discipleship/Classroom A  
 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship/Sanctuary  
 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Yeager Chapel

## Monday, May 9

6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot  
 9:30 AM LSSM Staff Meeting/The Gathering  
 1:30 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 6:00 PM Ann Arbor Fiber Arts/Piper Hall  
 6:30 PM Loss Support Group/Alpha Room  
 6:30 PM Weber's Small Group/Stellhorn Lounge  
 7:00 PM VBS Meeting/The Gathering

## Tuesday, May 10

9:00 AM Good Thyme Garden Club/The Gathering  
 12:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office

7:15 PM Building & Grounds Meeting/Creation Station

## Wednesday, May 11

10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 12:00 PM Prayer Time/Yeager Chapel  
 6:00 PM The Way of Life/Omega Room  
 6:00 PM Family Matters/Creation Station  
 6:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
 7:30 PM Al-a-Teen/Alpha Room  
 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall  
 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/The Gathering

## Thursday, May 12

7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot  
 9:00 AM Activity Day/Piper Hall  
 9:15 AM Mom's Bible Study/Omega Room  
 1:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 1:30 PM The Bible/Omega Room  
 6:00 PM Rings of the Lord Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
 7:00 PM Mission Core Ministry/Church Office  
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

## Friday, May 13

2:30 PM SEMI Synod Assembly/Shalom Pinckney

## Saturday, May 14

8:00 AM SEMI Synod Assembly/Shalom Pinckney  
 10:00 AM Kitchen Training Class/Main Kitchen & Hall  
 12:00 PM The Gathering Reserved

## Sunday, May 15

8:15 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary  
 9:30 AM Blended Worship/Sanctuary  
 9:30 AM Bibleland/2nd Floor  
 9:30 AM C+C/Omega Room  
 9:30 AM JAM/Youth Room  
 9:30 AM Adult Discipleship/Classroom A  
 11:00 AM Confirmation Sunday/Sanctuary  
 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Yeager Chapel  
 6:00 PM Grace Place/Youth Room

## Monday, May 16

6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot  
 1:30 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 6:30 PM Loss Support Group/Alpha Room  
 7:00 PM Ruth's Small Group/Stellhorn Lounge

## Tuesday, May 17

12:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 7:00 PM Council Meeting/The Gathering

## Wednesday, May 18

10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 12:00 PM Prayer Time/Yeager Chapel  
 6:00 PM The Way of Life/Omega Room  
 6:00 PM Family Matters/Creation Station  
 6:30 PM Knit 2 Together/Stellhorn Lounge  
 6:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
 7:30 PM Al-a-Teen/Alpha Room  
 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall  
 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/The Gathering

## Thursday, May 19

7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot  
 9:00 AM Sarah's Circle/Stellhorn Lounge  
 1:00 PM Ruth's Circle/Stellhorn Lounge  
 1:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 1:30 PM The Bible/Omega Room  
 6:00 PM Rings of the Lord Rehearsal/Sanctuary

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

## Friday, May 20

5:00 PM Darling/Garton Wedding Rehearsal/Sanctuary

## Saturday, May 21

5:00 PM Darling/Garton Wedding/Sanctuary

## Sunday, May 22

8:15 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary  
 9:30 AM Blended Worship/Sanctuary  
 9:30 AM Bibleland/2nd Floor (last day)  
 9:30 AM C+C/Omega Room  
 9:30 AM JAM/Youth Room  
 9:30 AM Adult Discipleship/Classroom A  
 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship/Sanctuary  
 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Yeager Chapel

## Monday, May 23

6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot  
 9:30 AM God's Gardeners/Stellhorn Lounge  
 1:30 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 5:30 PM Ruth's Small Group/Kitchen & Hall  
 6:30 PM Loss Support Group/Alpha Room  
 6:30 PM Weber's Small Group/Stellhorn Lounge

## Tuesday, May 24

12:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 6:30 PM Worship Core Ministry/Pastor's Office

## Wednesday, May 25

10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 12:00 PM Prayer Time/Yeager Chapel  
 6:00 PM The Way of Life/Omega Room  
 6:00 PM Family Matters/Creation Station  
 6:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
 7:30 PM Al-a-Teen/Alpha Room  
 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall  
 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/The Gathering

## Thursday, May 26

7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot  
 9:15 AM Mom's Bible Study/Omega Room  
 1:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 1:30 PM The Bible/Omega Room  
 6:00 PM Rings of the Lord Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

## Friday, May 27

12:00 PM Office Closed

## Saturday, May 28

## Sunday, May 29

8:30 AM Outdoor Worship Begins  
 9:30 AM Blended Worship/Sanctuary  
 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship/Sanctuary  
 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Yeager Chapel

## Monday, May 30—Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED.

## Tuesday, May 31

12:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office

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**WEDDINGS:**

**FUNERALS:** *Helen Vogel; Robert O. Behnke*

**NEW MEMBERS:**

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Worship: Dale Eckart, Sharon Ridella-Mehlos  
Welcome: Karen Salamin, Joanne Dence  
Adult Discipleship: Sonja Page, Peter Bertocci  
Young Discipleship: Tom Clifford, Ken Utsunomiya  
Caring: Dianne Daily, Laura Girbach  
Missions: Mark Gunderson, Layale Weinert

### Support Ministries

Personnel: Diane Hunt, Dave Werner  
Building & Grounds: Jim Love, *vacant*  
Financial Stewardship: Nick Rogers, Lisa Rombes  
IT: Ray Vanderbok, Marcus Hunt  
Endowment: Marcus Hunt, Leif Fry

## Staff

Senior Pastor	James Debner
Associate Pastor	<i>Vacant</i>
Director, Adult Discipleship	<i>Vacant</i>
Finance Manager	David Beck
Office Administrator	Diane Rinehart
Director, Young Discipleship	Roger Santini
Bibleland Coordinator	Nina Johnson
VBS Coordinator	Jessica Rudy
Director of Choirs & Special Music	Natalie Downs
Organist	Elgin Clingaman
Contemporary Worship Leader	Alison Hendricks
Sound Operator	Tyler Dence
Worship Media Coordinator	Eddie VanRiper
Resident Custodian	Chris LeVasseur
Weekend Custodian	Max Wojewski
Wedding Coordinator	<i>Vacant</i>
Nursery Coordinator	Kaili Dence, Deborah Fagan

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