

The Tower

For Members & Friends of Zion Lutheran Church

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From Pastor Jim

The Content of Contentment

I remember when my son was younger and his hope was to take our old family car and make it a bit sportier by putting new rims on it. We went to the tire store to pick out a few rims we liked; I tended to pick out rims with prices I liked. The salesman came over and offered to help us, but before he showed us the rims he asked this question, "Are the wheels for you to feel good about driving or for everyone who looks at them to feel good about seeing them?" My son immediately, said, "Both!" I must confess that I just stood there thinking about the question. It was a question which stopped me in my tracks. Who would have thought going to a tire store would provide such a deep question?

It made me think about why we buy certain things in our lives. Are you buying that TV, car, house, shoes, jewelry, or rims for your car (you fill in the blank), because you want to feel good about it or because you want others to look at you and feel good? We tend to enjoy having others look at us and feel envy. We want to feel good ourselves about what we wear, what we drive and what we live in. But what power does that play in our lives?

Too often we tend to make judgments based on the surface: appearance, race, income, body shape, muscle tone, possessions and a hot looking car. Think with me, when was the last time you went to a funeral and the family and friends eulogized about the deceased's bank account, or physical shape or hot looking rims on his or her car? Instead they speak about qualities like kindness, generosity and love for family. These qualities can't be bought or sold; they can only be developed by doing them.

What brings you contentment? What is the content of contentment? Despite the familiar saying, "Money can't buy you happiness," many people actually believe that money and contentment go hand-in-hand. We try so hard to buy our contentment. The new house, the new phone, a new 85 inch flat screen TV or just about anything you and I thought about buying and did, came with a promise that we will feel good, content, once we own and possess them.

Reminds me of Greg Easterbrook's book, *The Progress Paradox: How Life Gets Better While People Feel Worse*. He writes, "Ever larger numbers of people enjoy reasonable standards of living, but may feel an inner pang on the question of whether their lives have purpose. Here in North America—we need stop to look at all we have accumulated and ask—is that all there is?" Mother Teresa called it spiritual poverty.

We might not go so far as comedian George Carlin, who once described a house as "just a pile of stuff with a cover on it." We may however agree with Dr. Richard Swenson of Menomonie, WI, who observed that many of his patients suffered from what he now calls "possession overload," the problem of dealing with too much stuff. "Possession overload is the kind of problem where you have so many things that you find your life is being taken up by maintaining and caring for things instead of people." Keep in mind, we are placed on this earth to love people and use things, rather than the other way around.

Summer is a time to sit back, relax, read, get a tan, and be filled with contentment. Contrary to what this world may say, contentment can't be bought, contentment is found in doing, in serving, in giving, in being you. 1 Timothy 6:6 says: "A devout life does bring wealth, but it's the rich simplicity of being you before God." **The content of contentment is choosing to love God and what God loves.** It's choosing joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Every day we are free to choose how we will live and react to this world. Each day your contentment will be challenged. The stillness of a dawn will be exchanged for the noise of the day. Your refuge of the morning will be invaded by decisions to be made and deadlines to be met. To what will you commit your day?

We came from shopping with new "hot" rims, but my son's contentment only lasted until we got home. By then he was thinking of new speakers, seat covers and a myriad of things that he thought would make the car hotter and bring contentment. I have my own list of things I keep thinking will bring contentment if I possess them, how about you? What is on your list? This summer take some time to rest, to play, to pray, to worship and find the contentment your soul is seeking. I am confident that it won't be found in any store or possessions. Rather it will be found in the one who possess us with great love, Almighty God.

The Bible says, "I've found the recipe for being happy whether full or hungry, hands full or hands empty. Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am." Philippians 4:11-13.

Congregation Council

June 14, 2015—Highlights

Financial Report Summary

- **Cash:** Cash in the operations account as of 6/11/15 is approximately \$31K. We currently have sufficient cash on hand to last a couple of months and after that will start to fall short without a disbursement from the Endowment fund.
- **Income:** For May, contributions were \$63,396, which was \$7,657 more than what was projected in the budget. This compares to contributions of \$53,808 in May of last year. YTD, contributions are \$19,412 less than budgeted, and \$3,936 less than YTD last year.
- **Expenses:** Overall, we were \$6,314 under budget for the month, and \$27,757 under budget YTD.
- **Building Fund:** Contributions to the Down with the Debt fund were \$2,766.73 by 19 givers in May. The minimum principal payment for June was \$2,503.04. David has cut June checks to make the additional principal payment for the full amount of \$2,766.73 received in May, plus the minimum principal payment from the Operations fund. We owe Thrivent \$77,034.12 as of the end of May.
- **Attendance and Offerings:** Attendance YTD in 2015 is 9,809 compared to 8,558 this time last year (both numbers include Bibleland). Offering YTD is \$346,210 compared to \$350,145 this time last year.

Pastor Jim's Updates:

Pastor Jim met with the praise band and they have some ideas about getting pastors more involved, e.g., coordinating songs with the sermon message.

Pastor Jim is interested in rebranding Zion, to signify a new start. He has talked with Laura Harold at Wagner Design about advertising; there may be 5 key times to advertise: the beginning of Bibleland, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and the beginning of the drive-in service. He has looked into advertising on city buses.

We have several applicants for the young discipleship position, several applicants for the music position, and someone who specializes in church communication [see 6/16/2015 council meeting highlights below for additional information].

Young Life is trying to connect university students with congregations and had a brief conversation with Pastor Jim; they would like to connect with Twenties 'N' Thirties group. Council discussed how we could potentially market toward incoming university freshmen and not conflict with Lord of Light (which is rebranding as *Intersection* [see page 6 for more on Intersection]).

Pastor Jim met with Bishop Kreiss, discussed role of larger congregations like Zion in helping smaller ones. Pastor Jim also reached out to the Bishop about hosting a 500-year celebration of Martin Luther's 95 theses (2017).

The biannual ELCA worship conference is coming up in Atlanta, covering e.g., how to use projection, how to use music, how to celebrate Luther. Margie, Bob Thompson, Pr. Jim and Dave Werner will be attending a leadership conference from Willow Creek via video. Pastor Jim is planning to attend the CrossGen Conference (Bibleland) in Colorado this October.

Kelly's last Sunday with us will be August 2, and we'll celebrate with her July 12th.

Samaritan Counseling Center (we host at Zion) has a new director. The new director wants to renew our contractual relationship, which indicates they have responsibilities to us as a congregation. They are considering how they can offer counseling to us, e.g., about a particular topic that would interest a group of people.

Buildings and Grounds

B&G submitted a request for replacing the A/C unit, for \$20,500. Margie suggested we add \$2000 to the proposal in case additional funds are needed for cement and tree removal. Council approved. B&G also proposed to have the draperies cleaned, also approved.

Some of B&G's expenses will be paid for by the Endowment (several funds dedicated for this purpose), and therefore won't go against B&G's budget.

Issues Needing Attention

- **2016 Budget Planning.** Margie brought up that we should start budget planning and suggested a team of people could begin, including Bob B., David Beck, Bob T., and possibly someone from the Endowment Board, as well as the Financial Stewardship, Personnel, and B&G Committees. Bob B. agreed to lead this effort and assemble the team, meet w/Financial Stewardship, talk to David Beck, and get a draft budget together. Margie will send the Endowment Board's report to all Council members.
- **Audit:** Margie brought up that ELCA also recommends an external audit when a pastor leaves, and posed it to Council for consideration. ELCA has information on how to do an internal audit, and external audits are expensive. Council approved a motion that we begin with an internal audit within the next year, as proposed in the new by-laws, and pending the results of that internal audit, we will make a decision about whether an external one is needed.

June 16, 2015—Highlights

Pastor Jim's Updates:

Pr. Jim met with CrossGen, and it was decided that once a month, 9:30 kids will be part of the worship, beginning in the fall.

Pr. Jim is exploring options for getting a new logo and rebranding ourselves. Websites tend to be oriented toward newcomers, whereas communication with members can occur in other ways (e.g., through a calendar app). Nick suggested we make any updates to the website first, since any advertising will drive people to our website.

Endowment Board Distribution Request:

Built into our budget is \$95K in income from the endowment; Council needs to make the request. Margie presented a plan to request \$50K first, then \$45K. Given that many of the Endowment funds are restricted to particular uses, Margie proposed requesting:

- \$30,000 specifically for B&G,

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- \$900 for organ and piano,
- \$900 for senior ministry,
- \$5000 for additional call committee expenses

These items total \$36,800; the remainder of the \$50,000 request would be available to pay for other B&G expenses and the leadership retreat. Council approved.

The new policy for Endowment fund distributions of 1.1% quarterly begins next year rather than this year. This new distribution plan will be helpful to David for planning cash flow [additional information about this policy was provided in the highlights from the May 19, 2015 meeting in the July Tower].

Personnel Committee

Currently we're looking for a Youth Discipleship Leader as a part time position, to be on board by middle of July so that he or she can work with Kelly for a month. We had 7 applicants, we will interview 3 of them.

The next search will be for the people who enhance worship – people to work with the choirs, a new organist, and a praise band leader. This won't necessarily be three people, but it may be more than one.

Next, we want to find a communications coordinator. The Leadership Retreat clearly identified that we need someone who has skills to reach out to the community with technology. We're targeting fall, and thinking this is part time position as well.

Some other jobs may also percolate up – unofficially, maybe a facility manager (under discussion at B&G). Any new position would require the approval of Council and anytime we hire someone, Council has to approve.

We are rewriting personnel manual, and any new position will have a job description. We'll write position descriptions for current employees second, and it would also be good to have job descriptions for volunteers as well.

Update from Constitution Review Committee

Margie said that the committee received useful comments and has been reviewing them. When comments have been considered and incorporated, the draft constitution will be sent to the SE MI Synod for review, to be sure it complies with their requirements, with a cc to Council. The Synod has 120 days for review. Once approved by the Synod, the committee would present it to the congregation.

Proposal for Project Grow Garden

Bryan Weinert presented. Bryan articulated that Zion has a

lot of gifts including our capital/property assets, and could be using them more effectively to support our Vision. We have a tremendous opportunity to not just serve our congregation, but to be having an impact on the community. We can find opportunities to partner with other organizations, both church and non-church, to have an impact.

The Faith and Food garden is one example: it's a partnership with Food Gatherers, and was started with Interfaith Council. We're one of 30 congregations in Washtenaw that give fresh food to the community. This is a tremendous success story, and B&G, the Council, and Mission Core Ministry have all been behind it. We are now looking to expand the garden space to be available as garden space through Project Grow. We have land that isn't being used for anything else. Project Grow has been around 30 years, and have community gardens in other spaces both public and private in Ann Arbor.

- Pending response from Council and Project Grow's board, they would draft a site plan and terms of agreement. The commitment would be a rolling, year-to-year agreement that gets reviewed annually.
- Zion would provide the land and the signage. The Project Grow garden would be adjacent to our Food and Faith garden, not in the drainage basin. To make this work economically, they would need 70 ft X 100 ft, which would still leave a lot of undeveloped property. The Project Grow garden would not impact the drive-in service.
- Project Grow is prepared to take on all of the capital cost (\$10 - \$16K) and operating cost, because people rent the garden plots from them. The capital cost is recouped in year one, given that the contract is year to year.
- Project Grow offered to pay for our water, which would be a savings of \$500 - \$700. We already have a tap to the hydrant, and elbows would be added for other people's use.
- Project Grow could either fence or not fence the space. They don't allow the use of pesticides.

We had a Project Grow garden several years ago that was displaced by the retention pond. If approved, the Project Grow garden would be constructed this fall, so it would be ready for spring 2016 kick-off. Council supports the idea in concept and approved that Bryan proceed to negotiate final details with Project Grow and return to Council with a more complete proposal.

Thank You and Congratulations

Thank you to all the special musicians who enhanced our worship so far this summer:

Kent Peterson - Trumpet; Eddie Van Riper - Clarinet; Worship Team: Barbara Debner, Ed Diehl, Vera McEwen, Lynne Smith, and Dave Studt; Paul Bush and John Metzger - Trumpet Duet.

Thank you for sharing your gifts with us! We look forward to more special music in August including Faure's Flute solo and a Spiritual vocal duet. - Amy Studt

Many thanks to Diane Rinehart for compiling, and to Carol Brodbeck for final proofing of the July Tower in my absence last month.

- Mike Weber

Young Discipleship Core Ministry

Summer Youth Events!

Events for all 6th – 12th grade youth & friends:

- Cedar Point amusement park. Monday August 24. 7:30AM – 8PM. \$50 per person, plus money for dinner. Transportation provided.
- Dearborn visit to Mosque & Arabic Lutheran Church. Saturday in August. Details TBD.
- Backpack Blessing. Sunday September 6, all worship services. Bring your backpack to church!

Events for all 9th – 12th grade youth & friends:

- Lunch downtown, Thursdays (Aug 6 & 20). Meet at Zion 11:30AM; bring lunch money and wear walking shoes.
- The Adventure Park Tuesday Aug 11, 4—9PM High Ropes adventures for all skill levels! \$25 + dinner money. Transportation provided with RSVP. (<http://westbloomfieldadventurepark.org/>).

Farewell Kelly!



On Sunday, July 12, over 175 people gathered in Piper Hall to honor and give Kelly Niemann-Anderson a warm send-off. Kelly served as Zion's Director of Youth Discipleship for five years. Zion has seen its youth programs grow into a vibrant ministry under her direction. Over 50 middle school and high school students attended Spring Hill this past winter. She has attended two National Youth Gatherings, a Mexico Mission trip, and mission trips to North Carolina and Chicago. She has also led countless lock-ins, service and fun events, confirmation lessons, and first communion celebrations. Her youth have appreciated her attendance at all their concerts, plays, and sports events. She leaves Zion on August 2 for a 12 month seminary internship to complete her Masters of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary. She will be serving at Shalom Lutheran Church in Pinckney, Michigan. Kelly will eventually be an ordained pastor in the ELCA. Kelly's Zion family will miss her and Dave dearly. We wish Kelly all the best as she pursues her new calling!

Adult Discipleship Core Ministry

Adult Classes—Preview

Women of Faith is the theme for adult classes for this coming year. We've previously not chosen a theme to encompass a whole year of classes, so this will be an interesting and challenging project. The year will be divided into four- and five- week segments. The first, beginning on September 13, will deal with Biblical women of faith. There are many, of course, and questions arise: when does faith begin; because a woman is mentioned in the Bible, can she be considered a woman of faith (think of Eve); how is faith defined in an ancient culture? The second segment, beginning October 18, will consider women of faith in the life of the Christian church. The third, starting January 17, will look at women of faith in American history. And the final grouping will look at women in Michigan. We hope you will think about the women of faith in your life and plan to participate Sundays at 9:30AM. If you have names of women you think should be covered or if you are willing to teach a class, please contact sonjapg@umich.edu or rdelph@emich.edu.

Worship Core Ministry

Terrific Tuesday Schedule

- Aug 4** Sweet Conversation in Stellhorn Lounge with Pastor Jim and Barbara 6-7PM; outside in the pavilion (bring a chair) with a fire and guitar music 7:30PM
- Aug 11** Sweet Conversation in Stellhorn Lounge with Pastor Jim and Barbara 6-7PM; outside in the front garden area (bring a chair) - guitar music 7:30 PM
- Aug 18** Sweet Conversation in Stellhorn Lounge with Pastor Jim and Barbara 6-7PM; Dinner Church in Stellhorn Lounge—we will share a light meal with communion, 7:30PM
- Aug 25** Sweet Conversation in Stellhorn Lounge with Pastor Jim and Barbara 6-7PM; Yeager Chapel 7:30PM
- Sep 1** Sweet Conversation in Stellhorn Lounge with Pastor Jim and Barbara 6-7PM; Dinner Church in Stellhorn Lounge—we will share a light meal with communion, 7:30PM
- Sep 8** Outside in the pavilion (bring a chair) with a fire and guitar music 7:30PM

August Lectionary

- Aug 2:** Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
- Aug 9:** 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51
- Aug 16:** Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
- Aug 23:** Joshua 24:1-21, 14-18; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Member Caring Core Ministry

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Recently, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Stephen Ministry Leader Training conference. It was a remarkable 6½ days of learning. While I was learning more and more about Stephen Ministry, I began to realize how much work needs to be done at Zion to make this blessed gift better known and more available.

Be assured that our current Leaders and Caregivers are doing all they can at present. It is my hope that we will collaborate on how to make all their efforts and compassion more effective to those with needs.

What is Stephen Ministry? Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry where trained laity provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

What is a Stephen Minister? A Stephen minister is...

- A child of God who walks beside someone who is hurting.
- A Congregation member who is carefully selected to serve in this role because of his or her caregiving gifts.
- A layperson with 50 hours of training in providing high quality, distinctive Christian Care.
- A caring Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages.
- Someone who meets faithfully each week with his or her care receiver for as long as there's a need.

Every member of Zion plays an important role in Stephen Ministry. Here's what you can do:

- **Pray** for God to bring hope and healing to hurting people through Stephen Ministry.
- **Accept** care from a Stephen Minister during time of need. God doesn't expect you to bear your burdens alone.
- **Tell** a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who is hurting about our Stephen Ministry.
- If you are a compassionate person and a good listener, prayerfully **consider becoming a Stephen Minister.**

Watch for more exciting news about our Stephen Ministry program in the weeks ahead and continue to pray.

- Pr Mike

Prayer Ministry

Now that we have had some time to implement the new changes to prayer requests, the prayer committee has decided to rerun a previous article. We are hoping this will answer any questions you have about the process.

Prayer request forms are in the pews. The new format was created so that we can all feel more connected to each other and can care for each other in a more tangible way. We want to continue respecting people who want their information kept private while at the same time respect those who want their church family to be aware of specific prayer requests.

If you check the box stating you would like your prayer request shared in worship next week, the person's name will appear on the screen behind the altar during the prayer portion of the service. Names are not read aloud, but there is a moment of silence for members and guests to read the screen. The information appears the week after you write the request and remains for three weeks. Please remember, however, that God knows our requests before we do.

If you check the box for sharing information on the prayer chain, the information will be given to those who have shown interest in praying for individuals from home. It is also shared with the staff.

If you check the box that says you would like information shared only with the staff, this is exactly what will happen. No one else will know your request, but Zion staff will keep you in its prayers.

With regard to confidentiality, when you request a name for the prayer chain on someone else's behalf, it is good practice to ask the person's permission first. We are trying to respect and care for people with differing desires. We recognize that what we do in public worship may be different from our daily devotions and private prayers.

If you so desire, please include your relationship to the person you have written down. In the past, names were lifted in prayer, which is most important, but many members didn't know who these people were. We want to reach out to those who have lost a loved one or who are asking for a further connection to God through the people of our congregation.

If you would like a name removed from the list, please call the office or write it on the form.

We ask you to put your requests in one of the prayer lanterns on either side of the sanctuary up front as you return from communion. A lantern is also placed in the Welcome Center. All prayer requests are collected on Sunday mornings and brought to the office. Requests are sorted: those that go on the screen, those that are distributed to the prayer chain, and those that are given only to the staff.

Please spread the word about this ministry so that we can reach out to one another. We want to be a compassionate community representing God's hands and heart. If you have any questions/comments or concerns, please contact Carolyn King (csking39@comcast.net), members of the prayer committee, or let one of the pastors know.

Oktoberfest 2015

Authentic German Food Plus an Evening of Music,
Dancing and Fun

Save the Date—Friday, October 30 at 5:30PM
Y.E.S. (Young Energetic Seniors 55+) Event
Join the Festivities—Guests Welcome

Mission Core Ministry

Intersection—Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Michigan and Beyond

[Ed. Note: Another in a continuing series about local, national and international missions supported by Mission Core Ministry.]

Zion has shared a long and rich history with Lutheran Campus Ministry as it relates to the University of Michigan informally and formally since 1917. Zion has done this so that the experience of God's grace might be shared with students during their time at the university. Eventually, this partnership would lead to a distinctive Lutheran congregation, Lord of Light, gathering in the physical plant of Lutheran Campus Ministry. Zion's support of Lutheran Campus Ministry has been a blessing.

Campus ministry continues to recognize its need to adjust in this century. This campus ministry is currently moving on a path that is open to the Holy Spirit's guidance. Recently it was decided, led by undergraduates, to refer to LCM at the University of Michigan as *Intersection*. This reflects a changing environment for the ministry located at the intersection of Forest and Hill. It designates an understanding that we are open to meeting others at the intersection of their lives. *Intersection* need not be tied to a physical location as it becomes a name that allows LCM to travel to where people also intersect in their daily activities. In the twenty-first century, we understand our campus ministry as a mission field. We can no longer assume our message has a ready audience or those seeking a "Lutheran" way station on the journey of life. Campus ministry is not an extension of our congregations' youth ministries, but its purpose is to focus upon, engage with and develop leaders in society at the university level.

Hospitality is an essential element of this ministry. An environment rich in hospitality asks about the people who are not involved in a campus ministry even more than about those who seem to be natural participants. It not only looks at those in attendance, those who are "Lutheran" or those who like a certain type of liturgy, but also wants to know about those not in attendance or participating. This is the primary purpose of *Intersection* as it discovers its own meaning through the lives of those not associated traditionally with LCM. *Intersection* must actively do ministry with those who won't attend worship, but will come for food or conversation at one time or another.

Experience has shown that providing a meal is more than an incidental feeding of students, but a highly intentional ministry. It comes about because of necessity, but also reflects an atmosphere of grace that opens a campus ministry up to being blessed by the other. *Intersection* will be advertising a meal each Sunday from noon until 1PM during 2015-2016. Frankly, Lord of Light is unable to provide the personnel to feed students on a regular basis. We need the help of members of Zion to actively participate in providing a consistent day and time for food throughout the academic year. Your physical help and preparation of meals are clearly needed if this is to be an effective ministry down the road.

I have proposed that Zion engage in a deeper connection over the next two years with *Intersection* (LCM). In some ways this is more than a renewal of relationships between Zion and *Intersection* (LCM). It is a recognition of our partnership in the sharing of the gospel. I would also ask for you to consider maintaining prayerful support of campus ministry. The ELCA and our two synods are struggling to support this vital missional ministry. We need you to remember us through prayer as we seek to serve the world with a message of grace and the cross of Christ. Finally, I would invite all of us to remember that in this century we are all missionaries as we seek to share the message about Jesus Christ.

- One of Christ's servants, Transitional Pastor David A. Hendricks-Child of God

Foster Teens

Blavin Scholars need your help ASAP - Shopping this summer and finding some great deals? We will once again be putting together welcome baskets and sick packages for those foster teens who are going to college, and we would like to start collecting items now. They are in need of the following items which can be placed in the basket outside the sanctuary or brought to the church office. If you would rather make a monetary donation please contact Kara Kogelman.

- Welcome baskets include: laundry baskets/collapsible hampers, laundry detergent/Tide pods, Clorox wipes, bath and hand towels, a bed pillow, twin size or larger blankets, umbrellas, notebooks, pens, snacks, Febreze, hangers, plastic dishes/cups.
- Sick packages include: soft tissues, chicken noodle soup, cold medicine, cough drops, hand sanitizer, Vapo rub, Nyquil, packaged snacks, Advil, Tylenol, hot/ice pad or packs, Gatorade/Sprite/7-up/ginger ale/apple juice, small baskets/plastic tubs to deliver a set of supplies to a sick student.

Aging-out foster teens - Here is the long wish/need list for these teens, who are on their own, with little or no family support: cleaning supplies (Lysol, sponges, Windex, dish soap, Scrubbing Bubbles, Tide, dish towels, bleach); hygiene items (deodorant, soap, body wash, toilet paper, lotion, tampons); gift cards (Walmart, Visa, Kroger, Meijer, cell phone minutes etc.). These items can be brought to the Welcome Center (find the basket near the Sanctuary entrance) or the church office. These items are always needed, since teens "age out" every month.

For questions about either of these ministries please contact Kara Kogelman at karack19@gmail.com.

AUGUST CALENDAR

Saturday, August 1

Sunday, August 2

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship/Outdoors
- 9:30 AM Blended Worship/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Yeager Chapel
- 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship/Sanctuary

Monday, August 3

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

Tuesday, August 4

- 12:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
- 6:00 PM Informal Sweet Conversation & Discovery/Stellhorn Lounge
- 7:15 PM Building & Grounds Meeting/Creation Station
- 7:30 PM Tuesday Evening Worship/Chapel

Wednesday, August 5

- 10:00 AM Prayer Service/Yeager Chapel
- 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Pastor's Office
- 6:00 PM Family Matters Group/Creation Station
- 6:00 PM Bible Bumpkins/Stellhorn Lounge
- 6:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Adult Discipleship Meeting/Omega Room
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/The Gathering
- 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall
- 7:30 PM Alateen Meeting/Alpha Room

Thursday, August 6

- 7:00 AM Men's Christ Care/Sunday Spot

Friday, August 7

Saturday, August 8

Sunday, August 9

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship/Outdoors
- 9:30 AM Blended Worship/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Yeager Chapel
- 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship/Sanctuary

Monday, August 10

- 6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
- 1:30 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
- 7:00 PM Kesler Small Group/Alpha Room

Tuesday, August 11

- 12:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
- 6:00 PM Informal Sweet Conversation & Discovery/Stellhorn Lounge
- 7:00 PM Five Miles More Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Tuesday Evening Worship/Yeager Chapel

Wednesday, August 12

- 10:00 AM Prayer Service/Yeager Chapel
- 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
- 6:00 PM Family Matters Group
- 6:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/The Gathering
- 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall
- 7:30 PM Alateen Meeting/Alpha Room

Thursday, August 13

- 7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
- 7:00 PM Mission Core Ministry Meeting/Pastor's Office

Friday, August 14

Saturday, August 15

Sunday, August 16

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship/Outdoors
- 9:30 AM Blended Worship/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship/Sanctuary
- 12:15 PM Council Meeting/The Gathering

Monday, August 17

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

Tuesday, August 18

- 12:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
- 6:00 PM Informal Sweet Conversation & Discovery/Stellhorn Lounge
- 7:00 PM Council Meeting/The Gathering
- 7:30 PM Tuesday Evening Worship/Chapel

Wednesday, August 19

- 8:45 AM Stephen Ministry/Omega Room
- 10:00 AM Prayer Service/Yeager Chapel
- 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
- 6:00 PM Family Matters Group/Creation Station
- 6:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/The Gathering
- 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall
- 7:30 PM Alateen Meeting/Alpha Room

Thursday, August 20

- 7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot

Friday, August 21

- 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling Services Mtg/Omega Room

Saturday, August 22

- 3:00 PM Tora Lee's Memorial Service/Yeager Chapel

Sunday, August 23

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship/Outdoors
- 9:30 AM Blended Worship/Sanctuary/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Yeager Chapel
- 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship/Sanctuary

Monday, August 24

- 6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
- 1:30 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
- 7:00 PM Kesler Small Group/Alpha Room

Tuesday, August 25

- 12:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
- 6:00 PM Informal Sweet Conversation & Discovery/Stellhorn Lounge
- 6:30 PM Worship Core Ministry Mtg./Pastor's Office
- 7:00 PM Five Miles More Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Tuesday Evening Worship/Chapel

Wednesday, August 26

- 10:00 AM Prayer Service/Yeager Chapel
- 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
- 6:00 PM Family Matters Group/Creation Station
- 6:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/The Gathering
- 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall
- 7:30 PM Alateen Meeting/Alpha Room

Thursday, August 27

- 7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot

Friday, August 28

Saturday, August 29

Sunday, August 30

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship/Outdoors
- 9:30 AM Blended Worship/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Yeager Chapel
- 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship/Sanctuary

Monday, August 31

- 6:30 AM Men's Christ Care/Sunday pot
- 1:30 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
- 6:00 PM Ruth's Small Group/Main Kitchen

Save the Date

FLU SHOT CLINIC

October 14, 2015

10:00am-2:00pm

Stellhorn Lounge

Flu Shots - \$33

Pneumonia Shots-\$157

Insurance card must be presented to clinic staff.

Other News

Roberta Purdon, a long time Zion member who died in early 2014, had a vision that the hallway across from Zion's library should be graced by a series of needlepoint pictures depicting the six days of creation. Recently, the completed series has been hung, in fulfillment of Roberta's wonderful gift to all of us. As you walk down that hallway, please take a moment to view these beautiful pieces. Watch for more information in Sunday bulletins and the *Tower*.

The Tower

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Welcome: Chris Karpinnen, Joanne Dence
Adult Discipleship: Sonja Page, Felicia Leipzig
Young Discipleship: Tom Clifford, Ken Utsunomiya
Caring: Dianne Daily, Laura Girbach
Missions: Mark Gunderson, Layle Weinert

Support Ministries

Personnel: Tim Damschroder, Dave Werner
Building & Grounds: Bill Lehmann, Doug Behnke
Financial Stewardship: Nick Rogers, Lisa Rombes
IT: David Anderson, Ray Vanderbok

Staff

Senior Pastor	James Debner
Welcome Pastor	Michael Walters
Director, Adult Discipleship	<i>Vacant</i>
Finance Manager	David Beck
Office Administrator	Diane Rinehart
Director, Young Discipleship	<i>Vacant</i>
Bibleland Coordinator	Nina Johnson
Director of Music	<i>Vacant</i>
Organist	Amy Studt, <i>Interim</i>
Praise Team Director	<i>Vacant</i>
Sound Operator	Tyler Dence
Worship Media Coordinator	Eddie VanRiper
Resident Custodian	Chris LeVasseur
Weekend Custodian	Patrick Peck
Wedding Coordinator	Andrea Clark-Ribick
Nursery Coordinator	Jasmine Schuler

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