

Zion's Midweek E- Update April 26, 2017
50 Days of Easter



Zion Lutheran
Church Ann Arbor
Midweek E-

Update

April's Focus statement

"Resurrection means the worst thing is never the last thing." - Fred Buechner

Connecting with this week's Gospel:



This week's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped

Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them, and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.



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INSPIRATIONAL SERVICES

Were you unable to come to church last Sunday? Don't worry- click on the **PHOTOS** below to watch the 9am or 11:11am service. Feel free to forward these links to someone who would enjoy these worship services as well! Spread the good news!



Sola Worship 4/23/17

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Ignite Worship: April 23rd @ Zion Lutheran

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Join us for Chapel every Wednesday at 12noon as we nourish our faith with Scripture & hear the lessons for the upcoming week. We then feed our bodies with a simple lunch. All are welcome. This is a great way to celebrate the 50 days of Easter.



Summer Worship Hours Begin May 28
8:30 Drive In, 9:30 and 11 am in sanctuary

*******SPIRITUAL EDUCATION*******

**FAITH FORMATION --
10:10am**

Bibleland-3years old-5th grade/2nd floor

C+C (Caffeine and Christ)-high school/Omega Room upstairs

JAM (Jesus and Me)-6th-8th grade/Youth room main floor

Catechism Class will be in Youth Room at 10:10 with Pr. Vicky.

Bibleland Parents Coffee Hour: Upstairs in the Alpha room for families with young children.

Adult Discipleship: 2 different classes every Sunday

April 30

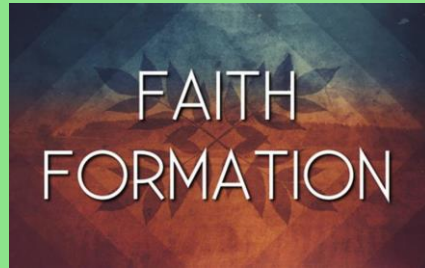
-Luther's Prayers by Pr. Jim in Classroom C

- "Ageing Well" series by Parish Nurses & Memorial Garden Committee in Piper Hall

May 7

-The Prayer Labyrinth by Ron Delph in Classroom C

- "Ageing Well" series by Parish Nurses & Memorial Garden Committee in Piper Hall



LUTHER FUN FACT

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection," Luther said, "not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." Now that spring has arrived, let us all rejoice in that magnificent reminder!

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Pastor Jim's Blog

I was reading a blog today by David Staal, the president of Kids Hope USA. This is an interesting article about the need to be mentor. One line caught my attention. He wrote "What you believe by the time you're 13 is what you'll die believing."...

[Read more](http://jamesdebner.blogspot.com)
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***** APPRECIATION & THANKS!! *****

Pr. Vicky Lovell's internship will be ending this Sunday, April 30. We will be celebrating her accomplishments & her graduation from seminary at all 3 services this Sunday. Thank you to those who have brought in cards or gifts already. If you are interested in leaving a monetary donation, please bring it to the church office this week. Thank you!

The music ministry at Zion was blessed to have Mahari Conston, Claire Agresta, Aurora Haziri, Collin Price & Tanner Hoertz serve as Choral Scholars this past year. We are so thankful for their talent & willingness to serve at Zion! Thank you to our members who donated scholarship

funds, as this provided blessings to their education. Thank you to our congregation for welcoming these students and encouraging them to share their musical gifts.

*******UPCOMING EVENTS*******

- **April 28, 2pm--** Zion Singers at Brookdale
- **April 29, 10:30am--** Step by Step at Willows Metro Park
- **April 30, 12:30-2:30pm--**New Discipleship orientation in Piper Hall
- **April 30--** Pr. Vicky's last day of internship
- **April 30--** Youth Bake Sale at church in Welcome Center
- **April 30, 6:30-8pm--** Women's Bible Study at Debner's home
- **May 4-6--** Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly in Port Huron
- **May 7, 9-11am--** Photo Directory Session in Stellhorn Lounge
- **May 7, 10:10am--** Special Congregation Meeting
- **May 7--** New member installation
- **May 7, 3pm--** Step by Step at North Bay Park
- **May 13, 10:15am--** Step by Step at Dexter Library
- **May 14, 9am--** Bibleland sings during service
- **May 14, 9 & 11:11am--** HS senior recognition
- **May 14, 6:30-8pm--** Women's Bible Study at Debner's home
- **May 20, 12noon--** Seniors Luncheon in Piper Hall
- **May 28, 1:30pm--** Step by Step on Zion's front steps
- **May 30, 6pm--** War Room movie in the Gathering



This Sunday: Bake Sale

Between services on Sunday 4/30, the youth group will be selling baked goods to raise money for their upcoming mission trip. Visit them in the Welcome Center to buy some delicious goodies!

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

- 5/7 - Review Day, Decorate Stoles and Faith Statements are due.
- 6/3 - Rite of Confirmation Day, practice from 9- 11 in the sanctuary.
- 6/4 - Rite of Confirmation at the 11:11 service in the sanctuary.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PARENTS

The church will be recognizing our high school seniors with a video at the 9am & 11:11am services on May 14. Please send pictures, HS name, college or work plans to Chris Gajar at chrisgajar@sbcglobal.net by 5/1.



MEMBER PHOTO SESSION

If you want to be included in Zion's online photo member directory, we will be hosting a photo session in Stellhorn Lounge on Sunday 5/7 from 9-11am. If you can not make it, you can also email a recent JPG format photo with names of your family, address, phone # & email to Joanne Dence at joannedence74@gmail.com

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING: SUNDAY 5/7 AT 10:10AM

The Church Council approved the Call Committee's recommendation to nominate Vicky Lovell for the Associate Pastor's position. Please join us in the sanctuary to hold an election on the pastoral candidate & her compensation package, as a 2/3 majority by written ballot is required.



Saturday, May 13 11am-1pm: Come join us for an informational meeting on **Refugee Foster Care** at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor to find out how you can get involved. RSVP to Diane Pizzo at dpizz@samaritas.org or (517)827-5154.



Zion VBS 2017

Mark your calendars: June 19-23

Contact Jessica Rudy -

AAZionVBS@gmail.com

Family Night is Thursday - June 22

VBS Celebration Service - June 25

You can start to register your children and/or yourselves for VBS using the links below:

[Child Participant Registration](#)

[Volunteer Registration](#)

*******VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES*******

Donated Goodies needed for Bake & Snack Sale

Between services on Sunday 4/30, the youth group will be selling baked goods to raise money for their mission trip. If you would like to donate items, please bring to the Youth Room on 4/29 or early Sunday morning.

Zion Choral Scholars Program: Because of the success of the program this past year, the Church Council has approved its continuation. We invite university vocal music students to participate in worship & share their musical talents at Zion. \$800 in scholarship money is awarded to each student per semester to help aid their music education. The music ministry is looking for monetary donations for 5 scholars. If you would like to contribute to the Choral Scholars fund, please fill out the blue form in the Welcome Center & return to the office. Questions? Contact Natalie Downs at ndowns@zlc-aa.org

Digital Knowledge Volunteers

We need volunteers with digital & computer knowledge to join the Zion IT (Information Technology) group. Please contact Bob Thompson at (734)677-0159 or rcthompson@zlc-aa.org if interested.



DO YOU LIKE TO GREET PEOPLE? Consider being an usher!

All 3 of our services are in need of ushers- 8:00, 9:00 and 11:11. If you are interested in this ministry, contact the church office and Diane drinehart@zlc-aa.org will get you in contact with the lead usher.



Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

We're looking for families, individuals & small groups to set up the coffee & cookie station between services. Please sign up at the Welcome Center desk if you are willing to help.

LUTHER YEAR COMMUNITY CHOIR: Preparations are being made for a Community Choir Reformation event as part of Zion's Luther Quincentennial Celebration! Summer rehearsals will be on Thursdays from 7-8pm beginning on 7/13, ending with the synod-wide event conducted by Dr. Zebulon Highben of Muskingum University on 9/24 at 4pm. If you are interested in singing at this event, register in the Welcome Center or contact Natalie Downs at ndowns@zlc-aa.org

***** **PRAYER REQUESTS** *****

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[April Tower Newsletter Link](#)

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Spring 2017 Sunday Morning Schedule

7:45 am - Early Bird Coffee Hour
8:00 am - First Light Worship Service
9:00 am - Sola Worship Service
10:10 am - Faith Formation
11:11 am - Ignite Worship
[Worship Schedule Link](#)



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