

The Tower

June 2017

For Members & Friends of Zion Lutheran Church

Know Christ! Grow in Christ! Make Christ Known!



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June Focus Statement (Our VBS Theme)

Created by God, Built for a Purpose!

From Pastor Jim

New Beginnings

"And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children." Revelation 21:5-7

This June will be a month of new beginnings. We are thirsty for the gifts God is offering us. We begin with the summer worship time changes: the Drive-In Service begins at 8:30AM, the Sola Service is at 9:30AM, and the Ignite Service begins at 11AM. Weekly chapel will be on Wednesdays at noon followed by a meal. Keep your options open and try a new service time this summer.

Zion extended a call to Vicky Lovell to be Zion's associate pastor on May 7. This call means that Vicky will be ordained on June 17 at 5PM, at Shalom Lutheran in Pinckney and then installed as a pastor at Zion on Sunday June 18 at a 1:30PM service. All are invited. Come and join the celebration! This a new beginning for Vicky and for Zion.

Our God is a God of new beginnings. A God that is making all things new. This month will also be Zion's Vacation Bible School. The theme is Created by God, Built for a Purpose. Each day a theme will include: God made you, God is for you, God is always with you, God will always love you, and God made you for a reason. The children will be learning all week long that our God is creating new beginnings in their lives. Begin praying for this ministry today and offer support wherever you are able.

I am filled with joy to witness the new opportunities our God is doing right before our eyes. God is creating a bright future for Zion. We have God's promise to be our God. Our inheritance as God's children ensures that we have so much to celebrate. May June be a month of joy and hope as we begin this new chapter at Zion.

Vicky's Corner

Question: On May 7th the congregation voted to call you as the next Associate Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church. How does that make you feel?

Answer: Unbelievably excited! I remember having a similar excitement when my husband proposed to me many years ago. Immediately I began to imagine what our future would look like together. After that vote, I began to look ahead to what amazing things God has in store for Zion and me as we enter into this relationship. Just as God surprises me over and over in my marriage, I'm sure God will continue to surprise us at Zion.

The people of this church have been incredibly supportive of my ministry and beyond generous in the way they support my family and me. Each day I am humbled by the kindness and care that is shown to us. Knowing that God is up to something at Zion and that I get to play a role in God's plan thrills me. Being able to come alongside the people of Zion and join them on their faith journeys is downright exhilarating. I am excited to be a part of the momentous events in the lives of our Zion family members, as well.

We have a congregation made up of brilliant minds and huge hearts. Can you even imagine what we can do to grow God's kingdom if we put our heads together and cast a vision bigger than anything we've ever dreamt up before? This is a perfect time to be the church and to go out and tell the world how much Jesus loves them. So, thank you, Zion for calling me to be a leader of this beautiful ministry of our Lord. Let the fun begin!

Worship Core Ministry

June Lectionary

- June 4** Acts 2:1-21, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 7:37-39
- June 11** Genesis 1:1-2:4a, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20,
- June 18** Exodus 19:2-8a, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-10:8
- June 25** Jeremiah 20:7-13, Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39

Zion Choral Scholars Program - Next Year!

Church Council has approved the continuation of the Zion Choral Scholars Program, which is funded by donations only. We would like to have five Choral Scholars again for next year, if possible. Each student receives an \$800 scholarship per semester, directly deposited into their student accounts, which goes toward their music education. *[Please see the May Tower for more details on the benefits of the program and ways you can help.]*

If you would like to contribute to the Choral Scholar Program, please fill out the blue sheet (found in the church office and Welcome Center) and submit it with your contribution to either the church office during the week, or the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Downs (ndowns@zlc-aa.org).

Luther Year Community Choir

Join us for the Luther Year Community Choir event, part of Zion's Luther Quincentennial Celebration! Our guest conductor, Dr. Zebulon Highben of Muskingum University, will direct music relevant to the themes of the Reformation on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 4PM. All are welcome to come and sing in this event. To register, please sign-up in the Welcome Center or call the church at (734) 994-4455. Music will be distributed this summer. Rehearsals will be available in the summer at Zion for those who wish to rehearse in a group setting on Thursdays 7-8PM from July 6—August 31. For more information, contact Natalie Downs at: ndowns@zlc-aa.org.

Zion Singers

Zion Singers is a group of singers with daytime availability who come together once a month (usually the 4th Friday of each 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. All are welcome to participate! Our next date is Friday, June 9th at Evangelical Homes of Saline. Our rehearsal will be at 12:30PM in Music Room 1 on Level B1, and the performance will be at Evangelical Homes at 2PM. Zion Singers end of the year potluck will be at 11:30AM on June 9th, before our last rehearsal.

Summer Special Music

If you are interested in singing, ringing, or playing an instrument this summer during our 9:30AM Sola service, please contact Natalie Downs (ndowns@zlc-aa.org) to sign up for a date.

Ugandan Kids Choir

The Ugandan Kids Choir will be presenting a musical concert in worship on Sunday July 23 at the 9:30 and 11AM worship services. A free will offering will be accepted during worship to support the choir.

The children in the Ugandan Kids Choir bring a message of hope—sharing the power of God's love through traditional music and dance. Each choir is made up of 10 sponsored children who come from the poorest parts of Uganda. The children are chosen for their enthusiasm, ability, and dedication—all of which make them potential leaders when they return to their communities. They are eager to perform for you, and to provide you an opportunity to help poor children around the world, and put an end to poverty, hunger and corruption.

We are in need of around 4 host families to house the choir and chaperones from Thursday July 20—Sunday July 23. If you are interested, please visit the Welcome desk for information about hosting and sign up. If you have any questions, please email Natalie Downs: ndowns@zlc-aa.org.

Young Discipleship

VBS June 19 – June 23, 9AM-Noon

Family Night
Thursday June 22nd



VBS Celebration Service
Sunday June 25th

VBS 2017 Registration for Students

<https://tinyurl.com/AAZionVBS2017regstudent>

VBS 2017 Registration for Staff/Volunteers

<https://tinyurl.com/AAZionVBS2017regstaff>

Questions? Contact Jessica Rudy -- AAZionVBS@gmail.com

Confirmation—June 4, 11AM

Congratulations to the 2017 Confirmation Class! The individuals listed on page 8 have spent the past three years learning about the Lutheran faith traditions, developing a deeper knowledge of the tenets of our faith, and committing to a relationship with Jesus Christ. Keep these students in your prayers as they continue to grow in their understanding of the Christian faith and live out their faith in the world. May God bless each of them.

Mission Core Ministry

Blood Drive—Monday June 12

Please sign up to give blood at Zion's next American Red Cross blood drive being held on Monday, June 12 from 1:15—6:45PM in Piper Hall.

Here are a couple of reasons you should consider giving:

- According to the American Cancer Society, more than 1.69 million people are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in 2017. Many of them will need blood, sometimes daily, during their chemotherapy treatment.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood.

There are three ways to make an appointment:

1. Go to www.redcrossblood.org with Zion's sponsor code, *zionlutheran* to schedule an online appointment
2. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center on Sundays.
3. To schedule an appointment via e-mail, please contact Mary Pearson at marpear@gmail.com, indicating your preferred time. You will receive a confirming email and we will do our best to reserve the time that is most convenient for you.

Thank you!

Volunteers Needed for Zion's Faith and Food Garden

Greetings everyone!!! For Zion's Faith and Food Garden this year, we'll once again use the individual/family/small group one week volunteering model, from Monday each week to the following Sunday (21 weeks altogether), for every week through the week of October 2.

Chores needed each week will vary with season and weather conditions, but will likely include planting, weeding, watering, harvesting and produce delivery to English Gardens and other tasks as identified. This year we would also like to add some landscaping around the various Project Grow signs that have been added to the area. Periodic weeding of the playground area is also a priority, as this task doesn't otherwise get assigned to anyone else.

Please let Bryan Weinert (bryancweinert@gmail.com) or (734-883-5720) know if you are willing to work a week (or two, or three!) this year, and give him your week preferences. He will then develop a master list and send it out to everyone.

Thanks everyone.

Circles Updates

Circles Washtenaw County is rapidly gearing up for its full launch in October when Leaders and Allies begin working together.

Upcoming Meetings

- Ally & Key Volunteer Mixer: Thursday, June 1 (note date change) 7PM at Cultivate Coffee & Tap House, 307 N River St, Ypsilanti, (Depot Town). Enjoy great snacks, meet other Allies and key volunteers, and increase your poverty I.Q. through stimulating conversation with others who care. At this gathering you will be able to sign up for Ally training offered in August and September.
- Kick-off Celebration & Presentation from Circles USA Founder. Thursday, June 22 7PM, Ypsilanti Freighthouse, 100 Market Place, Ypsilanti (Depot Town). Scott Miller, Director of Circles' national office, will help launch our new Circles Washtenaw County program, giving us an overview of the Circles Journey nationwide.

Volunteer Needs

- Community Team Members—Still Urgently Needed! We need 2-3 more people to help organize hospitality (greeting, facilitating, thanking); 2-3 volunteers to organize meals (set-up, serving, & clean-up); 5-6 people to help in our children's program (infant/toddler care, hands-on activities, & tutoring); and 4-5 to help with Special Events Planning (graduation, family fun nights, etc). If you are interested in volunteering for this team, contact Coach Bonita (bonita@friendsindeedmi.org).

The more involved you become, the closer we get to the tipping point of reducing poverty in Washtenaw County! Please contact Suzanne VanDam (suzanne@friendsindeedmi.org) for more information.

No Empty Hands

Spring/Summer is here and children will be out of school. Lunch programs are not available during summer and many families continue to experience the need for food items. The "No Empty Hands" collections continues to be delivered to the food pantries of Hope Clinic and Emanuel Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti. Thank you for your donations as this is an important ministry helping those that are in such need. Your donations are very much appreciated.

Specific requests from Emmanuel and Hope include: 1lb bags of rice (critical need), canned fruit, items that can just be opened and consumed without cooking, kid-friendly foods and snack-size items, pasta and pasta sauces, hearty soups, canned tuna and chicken, peanut butter, other nut and seed butters, brown rice, breakfast cereal, spices and spice blends (low sodium), nonperishable healthier selections made from whole grains and items low in sodium and sugars, canned foods and juices (please check if the expiration dates are still good!). Also, the following non-food items are always needed: paper products, baby wipes, Huggies, hand soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes and dental floss.

You may leave your donations on the table to the left of the Sanctuary entrance. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lynn Hutto (734-662-0788) or Marlene Hintz (734-944-1646).

Congregation Council

Council Meeting April 18, 2017—Highlights

Financial Report

- Cash—Available cash at the end of March was \$190,925. Cash in the operations account as of 04/14/17 is approximately \$211,500. We currently have sufficient cash on hand for the foreseeable future.
- Income—For the month of March contributions were \$68,698, which was \$9,320 more than was projected in the budget. This compares to contributions of \$82,158 in March last year (Easter was in March last year, and April this year). YTD, contributions are \$8,878 more than budgeted, and \$11,334 more than YTD last year.
- Expenses—One ministry is over budget by a small amount YTD. Overall spending was \$9,793 under budget for the month. Spending is \$32,970 under budget YTD.
- YTD Attendance and Offering

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Attendance *	3,616	5,050	(1,434)
-Including Bibleland	4,489	5,877	(1,388)
Offering	\$197,552	\$208,887	\$(11,334)
Offering per Person	\$54.63	\$41.36	\$13.27

* *Easter was in March in 2016, and is in April in 2017*

Call Committee

Dale Eckart gave a quick overview of the call committee's work to date, creating a ministry site profile and interviewing candidates. The call committee unanimously and joyfully recommends calling Pr. Vicky Lovell to be Zion's Associate Pastor. Our synod has been extremely supportive. Once a call from Zion is issued, there will be time before her ordination begins. She will be hired staff (not called until her ordination). Dale also went over the recommended compensation. Council approved the call committee's recommendation to call Vicky Lovell as our Associate Pastor and the recommended compensation. Thank you to the call committee for a job well done! The congregation needs to vote so we need to announce a congregational meeting. The next best possible date is Sunday May 7th. Vicky graduates May 21. Pr. Jim will be attending her graduation. *[Note: At the May 7, 2017 congregational meeting, the congregation voted to approve Vicky Lovell's call to Zion as the Associate Pastor. Her ordination will be June 17th at Shalom in Pinckney, and her installation will be June 18th at Zion.]*

Audit Committee Update

Our constitution says that Council nominates the members of this committee. We have identified three people who are willing to serve on the audit committee: Randy Dence, Jerry Brown, and Craig Berry. Jerry is in the new member class and becoming a member. They will be writing their own "job description" for how they will operate.

David Beck would like to meet with them this summer. Bob B. is willing to meet with the committee at the outset. Council appointed this committee, contingent on Jerry becoming a member and that the committee will start no sooner than May 7.

Roasting for Roofs

Pr. Vicky and Pr. Jim decided to spend money from the General Memorial fund (over which Pr. Jim has discretion), and brought Council up to date. A couple of women who work at the DeLonis center, Keri Roche and Christina Szabo, along with two friends asked to meet with Vicky and presented an idea for helping women get back on their feet. The two women intend to offer transitional housing to women in their own house, and would like to be able to give them employment experience in the form of running a coffee cart. Once the women are successful with the coffee cart, they would have experience that could allow them to be hired by a local restaurant. After discussion about the legal implications and insurance needed, as well as how the Holy Spirit has been at work in this plan, Prs. Jim and Vicky decided to help them purchase the cart. The cart was \$5K, half the usual price since it is for a non-profit. Next steps need to be sorted out, but potentially one of them is to have a group of people who would mentor them in this new business.

Council discussed how to be in the loop on quick decisions and how much information exchange should occur in advance. Since the spending was from the General Memorial fund, a discretionary account, the general sense of the group is that pastors can decide and inform Council later.

General Memorial Fund Replenishment

There is \$5K undesignated from a bequest. Previously, Council had considered using it to buy cots for the week we host the rotating homeless shelter. However, Member Caring Ministry (Laura Girbach) suggested that since they'd only be used once per year and we already lack storage space, another use for the funds be found. Council approved using this \$5K to replenish the expenditure from the General Memorial fund.

Strategic Planning Meeting Summary

This meeting was held immediately before the Council meeting. Instead of figuring out what social agency need we can fill, perhaps the thing to focus on is to establish a ministry of evangelism. Go out and have conversations about the gospel. More to be discussed.

Newly Elected Church Leaders

At an upcoming Sunday, new leaders need to be installed. April 30 was proposed; not everyone will be able to make this date.

Stewardship for All Seasons

The SFAS committee is moving forward. Pledge cards were collected Palm Sunday, but not as many as were hoped for. SFAS will be organizing its next meeting.

Congregation Council (cont.)

Youth and Family Position

3 or 4 people will be interviewing for the youth and family position on April 30 [see update, page 6].

Joint Council—Building & Grounds Meeting May 2, 2017—Highlights

Memorial Garden Project

The plan is to expand the Memorial Garden as follows:

- The existing walls will be lowered and made into seat walls.
- A new outside wall will be constructed. Walls will have niches that are 8" x 8" x 8" niches and 12" x 12" x 12", the larger being companion niches that are meant for the ashes of two people.
- There will be a cross on the sidewalk entry to the garden.
- A tree will have to be removed.

The cost is projected to be \$130,000.

We currently have 49 cremains interred in the ground in the garden, all of which would remain undisturbed. A total of 504 cremains could be accommodated under this plan, and people could choose to be interred in the ground or in a niche in the wall. The guidelines for who can be interred in the garden are only that they are affiliated in some way with Zion.

Zion would charge \$750 for a single niche and \$1500 for the companion niche (we currently charge \$550). Gladys researched the price of comparable options; most in the area are for-profit. First Presbyterian charges \$2000 for a double. The price includes the funeral, the linen bag in which cremains are placed, and the engraving of granite. The greatest cost to Zion is engraving the granite with names and dates.

Niches have a special locking mechanism. Pastors would inter the cremains in the niches. Rather than urns, cremains will be interred in white linen cloth bags with drawstrings and an embroidered cross. These are symbolic of our baptism, and may be crafted by our members.

The plan for the Memorial Garden adds impervious surface, which is a stormwater concern. By combining this

project with the project to update the south entrance, we neutralize the additional impervious surface because we will be replacing concrete on the south with brick, which is pervious. If needed, we could remove the concrete pad where the bike rack is and replace that with brick as well.

South Entrance Project:

The plan for the south entrance includes:

- A canopy will extend as far as the current ramp ends. It will be similar in appearance to the canopy over the welcome center entrance along with a shingle roof and fluted columns.
- Brick seat walls on both sides of the entrance under the portico.
- LED lighting in the seat walls, and some other lighting in the arch.
- Rather than a ramp, the walkway would be gradually sloped to the parking lot.
- The surface will be flat pavers. B&G already asked the architect if this would be smooth enough for handicap access and the answer is yes.
- The current 42" door would be replaced with double glass doors of 36" each, similar to the Welcome Center doors. The doors will be handicap accessible.
- The doors will have a card-key entry, which allows more control over who has access and when.

The cost of the South Entrance project is estimated to be \$55,700.

The top section of the door with the cross would not change. Currently, the south entrance has limestone columns against the building and sidelights, and most of the columns against the building remain. There will be a window above the entrance.

B&G voted to support both projects. There was discussion of the east side narthex entrance; Bill has looked at it with architect and woodwork needs to be fixed. However, the sense of the group was that could be a separate project and we should not add it to these two projects.

Council then approved the Memorial Garden expenditure of \$130K and the South Entrance project, not to exceed \$75K, with the funding coming from Vogel bequest.

Thank You and Congratulations

Thanks for a successful Bibleland year! We wrapped up our year on May 21st. The next Bibleland class will be in the fall on September 10th, Rally Day! Thank you leaders for all of your hard work and dedication!

Thank you Zion Musicians!

Thank you to all our worship ensembles and musicians for sharing your talents to praise God and lift God's people up in song. Your music has blessed us all! Have a nice summer!

Many thanks to the Zion community for all of your prayers, meals, ice cream, flowers, books, visits, cards and support during my recent surgeries. I have felt so very loved and supported. I feel blessed to see the face of Jesus in each of you. - *Layale Weinert*

Member Caring Ministry

Reformation Celebration Movie Event

David Granner welcomes you to a special movie event on the theme of Grace:

Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World!

Don't miss this special event! Imagine 1,000 people singing *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. Let's bring all Christians together to celebrate the historic 500th anniversary of the Reformation!

The Historic Michigan Theater

603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Friday, October 27th, 2017

6:30—7PM: Beverages & Popcorn with live music by
Today's Brass Quintet

7—7:15PM: Hymn singing accompanied by organ, brass, choir, and Today's
Brass Quintet

7:15PM: Screening of the feature film begins

IMPORTANT: Space is limited. All tickets are complimentary and must be secured in advance. Tickets may be reserved at the special website: <http://bit.ly/2lvruPX> (note: "2" is the only number in this link, the rest are letters), or by calling Lydia Bahensky at 734-996-8811.

If you are interested in singing in the choir, please contact Natalie Downs at ndowns@zlc-aa.org. There will be a rehearsal at the Michigan Theatre before the event. Details coming soon.

Women's Bible Study — "Love Lives Here"

"Love Lives Here" women's bible study will be meeting June 10 at 10:30AM at Barbara Debner's house. It is still open to women interested in a simple small group study and fellowship time this season. Consider this your personal invitation to grow. Bring your bible and enjoy fellowship with other women. Email babdebner@gmail.com with questions or to find out how you can join the fun.

June Chick Flick

We will watch "Letters to God" in the Gathering on Sunday, June 11. This is an innocent story of hope and inspiration. Movie starts at 4:30PM and while watching, we will create simple notes cards. We will finish before 6:30.

Step By Step

June schedule for this women's walking group (weather permitting):

- Meeting at North Bay Park on South Huron Street in Ypsilanti Township to walk on Sunday June 4 at 4PM. Park outside the gates. This will take an hour.
- Meeting at Dexter Library Parking lot to walk the pathway on Saturday June 10 at 4PM, followed by a fun Dairy Queen stop. We will finish before 5:30.
- Meeting to walk in Gallup Park (Ann Arbor), near the canoe and paddleboat rental docks on Tuesday June 13 at 7PM. We will end in the parking lot near the docks after walking the path.

Please let Barbara Debner know if you are walking so the women can watch or wait for you. Sign up early at the Welcome desk. Save September 30th for our Celebration Connections Brunch.

Samaritas News

Samaritas House in Detroit

Samaritas, your Lutheran agency with the motto of "serving people with the love of Christ", operates a large number of facilities around the state. This month, we focus on another facility - Samaritas House in Detroit. This facility is for women who are trying to re-integrate back into the community from the corrections system, drug rehabilitation or an abusive relationship. It provides a safe haven, shelter, food and discipline for the women, as well as counseling and support. Residents use their time at the facility to obtain education degrees, usually completing high school, and to seek employment. They share in house keeping, including meal planning and preparation. The facility can accommodate 43 clients, and in a recent State audit it was shown to have exceeded standards in 3 items and met standards in 38 others. Despite this good evaluation, the facility was judged to be in need of attention to several deferred maintenance issues for which they are attempting to find funding now. If you want to help, you can contact them at: 313-923-4200.

Staff News

Youth / Family Position Filled

Our new Youth Discipleship Leader and Coordinator of Family Life Ministry is Nathan D'Andrea. He joins the Zion team on May 30, 2017. We are excited for the energy and passion that Nathan is bringing to this position. Look to the *July Tower* for an interview with Nathan to help us all get to know him better.

JUNE CALENDAR

Thursday, June 1

7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
 2:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 6:30 PM Rings of the Lord Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Friday, June 2

9:00 AM Compassionate Communications/Piper Hall
 9:00 AM Compassionate Communications/Gathering
 12:00 PM *Office closed*
 6:00 PM J. Hock Wedding Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Saturday, June 3

9:00 AM Compassionate Communications/Piper Hall
 9:00 AM Compassionate Communications/Creation Station
 9:00 AM Compassionate Communications/Gathering
 9:00 AM Confirmation Students Rehearsal/Sanctuary
 2:00 PM Hock Wedding/Sanctuary

Sunday, June 4

8:30 AM First Light Worship/Outdoors
 9:30 AM Sola Worship/Sanctuary
 11:00 AM Confirmation/Ignite Worship/Sanctuary with Praise Band
 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Worship/Yeager Chapel

Monday, June 5

6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
 9:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 6:00 PM Prayer Team Meeting/Omega Room
 7:00 PM Ruth's Small Group/Stellhorn Lounge

Tuesday, June 6

9:00 AM Uganda Bible Study via Skype/Vicky's Office
 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 5:30 PM Personnel Committee Meeting/Church Office
 7:00 PM Building & Grounds Meeting/Creation Station
 7:00 PM Five Miles More Rehearsal/Sanctuary
 7:00 PM IT Committee Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, June 7

10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 12:00 PM Mid-week worship/Yeager Chapel
 12:45 PM Community Lunch/Youth Room
 6:00 PM 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 meeting/Omega Room
 7:30 PM Al-anon meeting/The Gathering
 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall

Thursday, June 8

7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
 9:00 AM Activity Day/Piper Hall
 2:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 7:00 PM Mission Core Ministry Meeting/Stellhorn Lounge

Friday, June 9

11:30 AM Zion Singers Pot Luck/Stellhorn Lounge
 12:00 PM *Office closed*
 12:30 PM Zion Singer Rehearsal/Music Room #1
 2:00 PM Zion Singers/Saline
 5:00 PM Arent/Tingley Wedding Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Saturday, June 10

10:30 AM Love Lives Here Women's Bible Study/ Debner's Home
 5:30 PM Arent/Tingley Wedding/Sanctuary

Sunday, June 11

8:30 AM First Light Worship/Outdoors
 9:30 AM Sola Worship/Sanctuary
 11:00 AM Ignite Worship/Sanctuary with Praise Band
 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Worship/Yeager Chapel
 1:30 PM Cameron Family Event/Piper Hall
 4:30 PM Chick Flick Afternoon/The Gathering

Monday, June 12

6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
 9:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 1:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive/Piper Hall

Tuesday, June 13

9:00 AM Uganda Bible Study via Skype/Vicky's Office
 9:30 AM Waterman Board Meeting/The Gathering
 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 2:00 PM IDAP Meeting/Omega Room
 7:00 PM Five Miles More Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 14

10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 12:00 PM Mid-week Worship/Yeager Chapel
 12:45 PM Community Lunch/Youth Room
 6:00 PM 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 meeting/Omega Room
 7:30 PM Al-anon meeting/The Gathering
 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall

Thursday, June 15

7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
 9:00 AM Sarah's Circle/Stellhorn Lounge
 1:00 PM Ruth's Circle/Off site
 2:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office

Friday, June 16

12:00 PM *Office closed*

Saturday, June 17

12:00 PM VBS Set up/All building
 5:00 PM Vicky's Ordination/Shalom in Pinckney

Sunday, June 18

8:30 AM First Light Worship/Outdoors
 9:30 AM Sola Worship/Sanctuary
 11:00 AM Ignite Worship/Sanctuary with Praise Band
 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Worship/Yeager Chapel
 1:30 PM Vicky's Installation/Sanctuary
 3:30 PM VBS Finishing Set up/All Building

Monday, June 19

6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
 9:00 AM VBS/Everywhere!
 9:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 6:00 PM Reconciling in Christ Core Team Mtg./Omega Room
 6:15 PM Loss Recovery Group Meeting/Alpha Room
 7:00 PM Ruth's Small Group/Stellhorn Lounge

Tuesday, June 20

9:00 AM VBS/Everywhere!

10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 7:00 PM Five Miles More Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 21

9:00 AM VBS/Everywhere!
 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 12:00 PM Mid-Week Worship/Yeager Chapel
 12:45 PM Community Lunch/Backyard picnic
 6:00 PM 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 meeting/Omega Room
 7:30 PM Al-anon meeting/The Gathering
 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall

Thursday, June 22

7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
 9:00 AM VBS/Everywhere!
 2:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office

Friday, June 23

9:00 AM VBS/Everywhere!
 12:00 PM *Office closed*

Saturday, June 24

9:00 AM VBS Teardown/Everywhere!

Sunday, June 25

8:30 AM First Light Worship/Outdoors
 9:30 AM VBS Sunday/Sanctuary
 11:00 AM Ignite Worship/Sanctuary with Praise Band
 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Worship/Yeager Chapel

Monday, June 26

6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
 9:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office

Tuesday, June 27

9:00 AM Uganda Bible Study via Skype/Vicky's Office
 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 6:30 PM Worship Core Ministry Meeting/Church Office
 7:00 PM Five Miles More Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 28

10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 12:00 PM Mid-Week Worship/Yeager Chapel
 12:45 PM Community Lunch/Youth Room
 6:00 PM 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 meeting/Omega Room
 7:30 PM Al-anon meeting/The Gathering
 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall

Thursday, June 29

7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
 2:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office

Friday, June 30

12:00 PM *Office closed*

Adult Class

Vera McEwen's final class on health and wellness, as seen through scripture, sacrament and service will be on June 4. There is no class on May 28.

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BAPTISMS:

WEDDINGS: Andrew Olive & Jennica Graustein

FUNERALS:

NEW MEMBERS: Lyn & Jerry Brown, David & Marilyn Granner, Clayton & Audrey Jacobsen, Paula McCarter, Gary Schoettley and Richard Wilson

CONFIRMANDS (June 4): Adrian Brown, Ryan Filipiak, Olivia Hollenbeck, London Kloehn, Luke Lovell, Zach Pachera, Anna Peters, Sydney Raab, Luke Rykard, Benjamin VanHise

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Member Caring: Dianne Daily, Laura Girbach
Missions: Mark Gunderson, Layale Weinert

Support Ministries

Personnel: Dave Werner, Diane Hunt
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Financial Stewardship: Nick Rogers, Lisa Rombes
IT: Ray Vanderbok, TBD
Endowment: Marcus Hunt, Jill Goldstein

Staff

Senior Pastor	James Debner
Associate Pastor-Elect	Vicky Lovell
Finance Manager	David Beck
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Youth Discipleship Leader / Family Life Ministry Coordinator	Nathan D'Andrea
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	Emmeline Weinert
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