

# The Tower



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July 2017

For Members & Friends of Zion Lutheran Church

*Know Christ! Grow in Christ! Make Christ Known!*

## July Focus Statement

*You always harvest what you plant.*



### Meet Nathan D'Andrea

Hello, my name is Nathan D'Andrea. I am so excited to be serving as the Youth Discipleship Leader & Coordinator of Family Life Ministry. Growing up, the youth program at my church was a staple to building relationships, growing in Christ, serving the community, and having fun! My hope is to bring that same culture with me to Zion.

I am originally from Dearborn, but moved to Ann Arbor in 2011 to begin a career in restaurant operations. While working as Operations Director for a local restaurant group I was also attending classes working on a degree in Secondary Education, with a major in History. It has been a dream of mine since a young age to work with youth, as some of the most influential people in my life growing up were my teachers, coaches, and Youth Pastor. God has aligned my life over the past few years to put me in a situation where that is possible, and I am beyond grateful. Over the last few years I have really committed myself to growing in Christ, and trying to show that through the actions in my everyday life. This year, with a group of friends, I helped start Soul Project, a project that empowers women going through transition from at-risk situations. From this idea, and with the help of your generous congregation, we purchased a mobile coffee cart that will be located around downtown Ann Arbor, and will be employed by these women. The hope is that they can use it as a platform to learn a unique skill and enter back into the work force, and we can use it to show God's love! I can't wait to meet you all. Thank you so much for being so welcoming to me and for inviting me into your congregation and family.

Fun Facts: Growing up I did every kind of dance classes I could: tap, ballet, jazz, hip-hop, breakin'. I also played basketball, football, track, and I was an amateur boxer. I love to play music, especially the drums and I also love doing impressions! Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. I can always be reached at the Zion office or my direct line is 313-848-9434. Email: [ndandrea@zlc-aa.org](mailto:ndandrea@zlc-aa.org).

I will also be sending out a weekly E-Update on everything we have coming up, reminders for future events, pictures and recaps. If you want to be added to the email list, or just want to verify that your information is correct, send me an email and I will be happy to update it.

Join our new Zion Youth Facebook group to stay up-to-date on events, service opportunities, mission trips, learning series, or just to check out what we have been up to! Click the link "Zion Youth Facebook" or just search for us "Zion Lutheran Church Ann Arbor Youth Group."

## Licensed Lay Ministry Update – Dale Eckart

On May 13, I started my latest class as part of the Licensed Lay Ministry (LLM) program, administered by the Southeast Michigan Synod of the ELCA. This class is called "Proclaiming the Gospel", and we're studying the art of preaching. For me, this was great timing, as I was called on to preach as a fill-in for our pastors as they headed up to Minnesota for Pastor Vicky's graduation. Preaching is not the same as teaching or leading a Bible study. Pastor Bux (who taught our Old Testament class) had his own ideas about effective preaching, and it will be interesting to compare his views with those taught in the class, and to listen to sermons from Pr. Jim and Pr. Vicky in a new light. We've been giving practice sermons in class, and have an opportunity to listen to each other's preaching and give feedback.

On June 3, I met with the other LLM students and graduates for our summer retreat. We had an introductory message from the bishop, who had just returned from the Lutheran World Federation meeting in Africa. Our retreat sessions were led by members of BRRICK (Building Racial Reconciliation In Christ's Kingdom), an organization connected to the SE MI synod. Their words and our discussion were challenging, engaging, and a wake-up call for how much more work we have to do.

## Worship Core Ministry

### Zion Concert Series—Ugandan Kids Choir

On Sunday, July 23rd at the 9:30 and 11AM services, the Ugandan Kids Choir will present their music! Don't miss this exciting event!

We are in need of 4 host families to house the students. For more information, please visit the Welcome Center, or contact Natalie Downs: [ndowns@zlc-aa.org](mailto: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](mailto:ndowns@zlc-aa.org).

### 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](mailto:ndowns@zlc-aa.org)) to sign up for a date.

### July Lectionary

- July 2** Jeremiah 28:5-9, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42
- July 9** Zechariah 9:9-12, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
- July 16** Isaiah 55:10-13, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- July 23** Isaiah 44:6-8, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- July 30** 1 Kings 3:5-12, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

### 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](mailto:ndowns@zlc-aa.org)).

## Young Discipleship

### Community Hoedown



The Zion Youth Group will be throwing a community hoedown located on the front lawn of the Church on Sunday August 13 at 12:30PM. This will be a perfect time to show our community what God is doing in our congregation, and to share His love with the people around us. Invite friends, family, and neighbors to come and check us out! There will be games and activities for all ages, good food, and great fellowship. And of course music with line dancing lessons lead by a professional line dance caller!

The youth group will also use this as an opportunity to give out information and let the congregation know what we have planned for the year, including fun activities, service, fundraising and highlighting this year's

youth trip to Houston, Texas for the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering! 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will gather for a week of faith formation. The week is spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship. Young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.



If you have any questions or would want to volunteer to help with the community hoedown please email Nathan D'Andrea at [ndandrea@zlc-aa.org](mailto:ndandrea@zlc-aa.org) or feel free to call Zion's office (994-4455).

## Mission Core Ministry

### Blavin Scholars

School just ended a few weeks ago for most, but it is time to start thinking about back-to-school donations for the Blavin Scholars students. Blavin Scholars is a program at the University of Michigan for students who were in Foster Care at any point in their childhood. Most of these students come to school with no supplies and are worried about not having sheets to sleep on.

Item collection will begin July 23 at all three services and continue through August 16. You can also drop things off during the week—just please label them "Blavin Scholars" and place them in the Youth Room. Items needed include:

- Laundry detergent/Tide pods
- Dryer sheets
- Clorox wipes
- Sets of bath towels, hand towels, and washcloths
- Bed pillow
- Notebooks and pens
- Non-perishable snacks
- Febreze
- Hangers
- Umbrellas
- Large fleece blankets (at least twin size)
- Twin XL sheets

Don't want to go shopping? That is totally fine! Check and cash donations will be accepted. Please make checks out to Zion Lutheran, with Blavin Scholars in the note section! Thanks in advance. If you have any questions you can contact Kristi Gallis, [kegallis@umich.edu](mailto:kegallis@umich.edu).

### Grace In Action Work Day

On Saturday May 20th, six Zion members loaded up in the Zion van and set off for Grace in Action, in Southwest Detroit, for a WORK DAY!!! The facility there (a former funeral home) is wonderful. So much useful space that they utilize to the fullest extent possible. However, they could really use a kitchen! They have a mini fridge (think dorm-room size), a microwave, and a coffee maker. They make do, but perhaps Zion could make a major impact here by installing a sink, and getting them a "real" fridge and perhaps a stove with oven too. They also have a T-shirt printing shop in a former garage. They've got some pretty awesome designs and clearly a staff of very talented artists. We MUST keep them in mind to utilize their services next time we need t-shirts for VBS, camp, mission trip, or any celebration. The number of ways we can help in supporting this place never end!

For the actual work, we divided and conquered; on the inside some did closet cleaning, sorting, organizing and door & trim



painting. On the outside, we cut back and dug out shrubs that were all along the south wall of the building. This was NOT work for the faint of heart. We all used our hands to do God's work and it felt so very good! Pastor John's vision for the area we cleared outside is to build/plant a garden in this spot. We made lots of room for some yummy veggies. We pray his harvest will be bountiful.

This day was rewarding and fulfilling for all of us. Please consider signing up for one of these work days in the future.



## Thank You and Congratulations

Having recently sold my Ann Arbor home, I now leave to live full time in Kissimmee, Florida. As I go, I thank God and all of my Zion family of faith for the many blessings and joys that I have experienced as a member of our wonderful church and congregation.

Throughout the years, Zion has provided me countless opportunities to be involved in serving Him and each other which have been amazing faith builders and gifts of grace for me. I will always cherish the experiences of teaching in VBS and Bibleland, welcoming prospective members as a part of the hospitality committee, being a parish nurse, being a part of a small group, co-leading a Rick Warren group, doing the Foster Children gift endeavor one year, attending classes, events and concerts, and above all loving the Zion Special Seniors' Ministry.

An Ann Arbor church sign says "Faith does not make it easy. Faith makes it possible." Reaching out of my comfort zone and knowing I could only undertake an activity at Zion by relying on God, not me, provided out of this world faith experiences. Zion has wonderful staff, wonderful members and wonderful facilities/opportunities to get involved. It is only through getting involved in the life of the church, not just attending, that one truly feels a part of the body of Christ. Thank you Zion from a grateful member.

And now, I return to my church in Celebration, Florida, eager to return to my TLC greeter responsibilities and our Senior Saints/Snowbird Ministry. Thankfully, I can attend Zion also via YouTube! You will remain in my prayers and heart!

*Nadine Nelson*

Zion's hosting of the Red Cross blood drive on June 12 was very successful, meeting our goal and providing up to one hundred people with the possibility of improved health! Thanks to all 38 people who came to donate, including the two double-red donors, and all those who contributed their time, cookies, and food for the RC staff.

The next Zion drive will be on October 2. So, if you were unable to give on 6/12 you can do so anytime before August 7 and then donate again at our next one. And, if you did donate on June 12, you are eligible again on August 7, and if you do it on that day, you can still donate at Zion on October 2.

Thank you for your participation in this ministry!

*Mary Pearson and Debbie Weber, Coordinators*

# Congregation Council

## Council Meeting May 16, 2017—Highlights

### Financial Report

- Cash—Available cash at the end of April was \$241,868. Cash in the operations account as of 5/12/17 is approximately \$230,000. We currently have sufficient cash on hand for the foreseeable future.
- Income—For the month of April contributions were \$97,256, which was \$9,294 more than was projected in the budget. This compares to contributions of \$53,545 in April last year. Note that Easter fell in March last year, and April this year. YTD, contributions are \$18,166 more than budgeted, and \$32,371 more than YTD last year.
- Expenses—Overall spending was \$15,723 under budget for the month. Spending is \$48,557 under budget YTD.
- Pledges—David has recorded the pledges received so far. Note in past years the pledge period was the calendar year, January 1 through December 31. This year the pledge year starts on Easter, April 16, and goes through Lent next year, March 31, 2018 (not exactly a year). In 2016 we had 156 pledges totaling \$561,885. So far this year we have 117 pledges totaling \$481,470.
- Member Loans—At the start of the month we had only two member loans outstanding totaling \$205,000. One was for \$10,000 and the other for \$195,000. The member who made the \$10,000 loan wanted to forgive her loan this month. We wrote her a check for \$10,000 to pay the loan off, and she wrote us a check for \$10,000 to document that she was making a charitable contribution. This leaves only one member loan outstanding, and it too has been promised to be forgiven.
- YTD Attendance and Offering

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Attendance*	6,076	6,126	(50)
-Including Bibleland	7,208	7,180	28
Offering	\$294,803	\$262,432	\$32,371
Offering per Person	\$48.52	\$42.84	\$5.68

\* There were 18 Sundays through end of April in 2017 and 17 Sundays in 2016.

### Zion to Host Ann Arbor Rec & Ed Camp:

In August, we will have 120-150 kids grades K-5, and 6-8, in Zion for 3 weeks in a row for Ann Arbor Rec & Ed day camps. The Sunday before it starts, we will have a kick off for families so they can tour the building. We will be getting \$10/child/week, and they will be bringing their own janitors. Ann Arbor schools needed a building to host camp, and a big thank you goes to Diane Rinehart, as they chose Zion because Diane made them feel welcome.

### Solar Power

Dan was recently asked, why don't we have solar panels on the roof? Payback period is only a few years, and it sends a good message about stewardship. However, B&G has been opposed because it involves drilling hundreds of holes in the roof and that would require additional maintenance. However, one bid (Sunventrix, from a couple of years ago) states that the solar panels are held by ballast only and holes in the roof are not needed. Council discussed next steps. Bryan Weinert, Mike Weber, and Alan McComb were doing research. Next step: Marc to go back to B&G and explore options for energy efficiency.

### Leadership Summit

The Global Leadership Summit is August 10 & 11, full days both days. Satellites are Brighton, Ann Arbor. Early bird registration is \$150, until late May. The summit is an opportunity to listen and learn from inspiring speakers, including Bill Hybels.

### Youth Discipleship Leader and Family Life Position

Two weeks ago, we signed paperwork to hire Nathan D'Andrea, who will start May 30, 2017. Nathan's hiring was announced at church. Council approved the hiring package for this position some time ago.

### Stewardship for All Seasons

Bob to follow up with Lisa and Nick about next steps for this process.

### Call Committee

The call committee that called Pr. Vicky Lovell has one last charge, along with Team Vicky (the internship support committee), which is to help plan the party for Vicky's installation on June 18th. One year after the call, they will write a final report and can be officially disbanded. The congregational vote on May 7, 2017 to offer a call to Pr. Vicky was 166 yes, 1 no.

*<sup>40</sup> "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. <sup>42</sup> And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward." - Matthew 10:40-42*

## From Pastor Jim

*It's useless to rise early and go to bed late, and work your worried fingers to the bone. Don't you know he enjoys giving rest to those he loves? Psalm 127:2 MESSAGE*

It was in January of 2017 that I stood before you on a Sunday morning and said that I wanted to be healthier in 2017. We started something new with the Daniel Plan and now a half-year later, there has been some change. I am healthier than I was six months ago and over 25 pounds lighter. Sometimes we need to let go of unnecessary weight that keeps us from growing in our relationship with God.

Thank you for all the prayers and encouragement. They have made a difference! I am so thankful for the staff here at Zion that have stepped up and let me heal, following my kidney stone episode in May.

A big thanks to Dale Eckert who led worship here, so that Barbara and I could witness Vicky's graduation from Luther Seminary in May. It was 29 years ago that I walked through seminary graduation in Central Lutheran in Minneapolis, MN.

As your senior pastor I have been faithful in leading and doing ministry the past 28 months here at Zion, but I've grown weary. I have been keeping an unrealistic schedule that is not sustainable. I tried to set some boundaries in 2017, but recently I have found myself facing some burnout. I'm much better today. I will still work on finding balance between work and family time. I'm still striving towards not giving my family the crumbs of my time and energy. Friday has been traditionally my day off. Thank you for trying to respect this day I am away from the office.

What does this all mean? It means that God has given us the opportunity to hit the reset button and try again. The recently filled staff positions by Pastor Vicky Lovell (Associate Pastor) and Nathan D'Andrea (Youth Discipleship Leader and Coordinator of Family Life Ministry) means that we can share work and responsibilities. We will be doing more dividing of meetings, messages and projects. Alleluia!

I recently heard a pastor explain something called game theory. Games used to be finite: you won or lost. Today most games are infinite, they are about honing your skills and getting better. Think of the difference between Walmart and Amazon. Walmart has been about the finite game, winning each customer. Amazon was playing the infinite game. They weren't playing to win but to continually build to get better every day.

We as Christians are in an infinite life with Christ. We are so tempted to look back on each day to see if we won or lost. Are we focusing on the finite, rather than asking how has Christ transformed us today into his infinite likeness? We live with finite results, when God has created us for an infinite life in Christ.

This summer, may you be renewed in relationships, with God, and family. May you worship and grow deeper in your relationship with God. May you reshuffle your time and commitments, that you may find rest. May you remember that it is not about winning or losing, it's about how God has transformed you this day to touch the world with love. I look forward to gaining balance in my life and I'm praying that you may find it as well.

*May Jesus himself and God our Father, who reached out in love and surprised you with gifts of unending help and confidence, put a fresh heart in you, invigorate your work, enliven your speech. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 MESSAGE*

## Pastor Vicky's Corner

It's official!!! Thank you, Jesus! Graduation, ordination and installation are behind me, so it is time for this new Associate Pastor to roll up her sleeves and get to work!

First of all, a great big thank you to all of the folks that helped to celebrate with me over the past month. Your hugs, encouragement and support made my heart overflow with love. I truly feel a part of the Zion family and look forward to our future together as I move from being Intern Vicky to Pastor Vicky. Has a nice ring to it, doesn't it?

Second, let's get to know each other better. It's very important to me to know each of your names. Though I've learned many of them, I still have a ways to go. Please wear your nametags in worship and remember to have your picture taken for the photo directory (that's my cheat sheet). How about we meet for a cup of coffee or why not stop in the office for a chat (except on Mondays since that is my day off)? I really enjoy learning more about you and am excited to create memories with you. You can e-mail me at [vlovell@zlc-aa.org](mailto:vlovell@zlc-aa.org) or call/text me at 734-276-2682.

Lastly, have you considered joining us on a Wednesday at noon for a chapel service and lunch? This community ministry is now called "God and Grub" and is growing in numbers each week. We begin in the chapel for a half hour worship service and then enjoy a delicious meal with individuals from the Delonis Center and Zion. We are always looking for helpers to set up, serve, and clean up. Can't make it on Wednesday? Why not consider donating lunch for those who attend? Many of the folks who regularly join us frequently share how this simple ministry is transforming their lives. Maybe it will transform yours as well...go ahead and give it a try!

Happy summer to you!

*Philippians 1:3 - I thank my God every time I remember you!*

## 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](mailto: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 July 30 at 6:30PM with snacks and August 19 at 10:30AM for brunch. All meetings are at Barbara Debner's house. We are visiting both old and New Testament passages that focus on living loved. For more information, email [babdebner@gmail.com](mailto:babdebner@gmail.com).

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." - Matthew 11:28-30

### Step By Step

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

- Gallup Park. 3000 Fuller Rd, Ann Arbor on Thursday July 6 at 7PM.
- Hudson Mills Metropark at 8801 N Territorial Rd, Dexter on Sunday, July 16 at 4:30PM.
- Walk leaving Zion Lutheran Church by the back door on Sunday July 23 at 1PM.
- And again walking from Zion on Tuesday July 25 at around 4:30PM.
- Bandemer Park on N Main at Lakeshore Dr, Ann Arbor on Thursday July 27 at 6:30PM.

Most all walks will take just over an hour. It's important that walkers email [babdebner@gmail.com](mailto:babdebner@gmail.com) in advance, so we can watch & wait for each other.

I'm looking for a nice walking route to try in Saline. If you are interested in showing me one or have recommendations let me know for August.

## Samaritas News

### Samaritas Community Center in Saginaw

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 the Samaritas Community Center in Saginaw. This facility was set up to provide a facility for underprivileged children in Saginaw; it provides an afternoon activity program for children, including sports, crafts and self-help programs, and a hot dinner program for families. It has expanded recently to start a charter school. The plan is to launch a school in fall of 2019 with a Pre-K, Development K, Kindergarten and first-grade program and to add grades 2 through 8 in following years. Applications are underway for approval to start the school and plans are being drawn up for remodeling to meet State requirements for the school. Funding for all of this will come from grants and donations, and also from the Action Thrift Store in Saginaw, which is operated by Samaritas and Lutheran churches in the area. They started operation in 1983 and have a van that logs 10,000 miles a year, picking up donations for sale in the store. Proceeds are used to fund grant requests from agencies of Samaritas, hopefully including the planned school. You can find out more about the store at: <https://www.actionthrift.com/about-us/>

# JULY CALENDAR

## Saturday, July 1

## Sunday, July 2

- 8:30 AM First Light Worship/Outdoors
- 9:30 AM Sola Worship/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Ignite Worship/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Worship/Yeager Chapel

## Monday, July 3

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

## Tuesday, July 4

OFFICE CLOSED Independence Day

## Wednesday, July 5

- 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 Group/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, July 6

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

## Friday, July 7

## Saturday, July 8

## Sunday, July 9

- 8:30 AM First Light Worship/Outdoors
- 9:30 AM Sola Worship/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Ignite Worship/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Worship/Yeager Chapel

## Monday, July 10

- 6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
- 9:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
- 6:15 PM Loss Recovery Support Group/Alpha Room

## Tuesday, July 11

- 9:00 AM Uganda Bible Study via Skype/Vicky's Office
- 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
- 6:00 PM Prayer Team Movie Night/The Gathering
- 7:00 PM Five Miles More Rehearsal/Sanctuary

## Wednesday, July 12

- 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
- 12:00 PM Mid-week worship/Yeager Chapel
- 12:45 PM Community Lunch/Youth Room
- 5:30 PM Endowment Board Meeting/Stellhorn Lounge
- 6:00 PM Way of Life/Omega Room
- 6:00 PM Family Matters Group/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, July 13

- 7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
- 2:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
- 7:00 PM Mission Core Ministry Meeting/Stellhorn Lounge

## Friday, July 14

## Saturday, July 15

## Sunday, July 16

- (Today Youth leave for Mission Trip in Austin, TX)
- 8:30 AM First Light Worship/Outdoors
- 9:30 AM Sola Worship/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Ignite Worship/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Worship/Yeager Chapel

## Monday, July 17

- 6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
- 9:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
- 7:00 PM Ruth's Small Group/Stellhorn Lounge

## Tuesday, July 18

- 9:00 AM Uganda Bible Study via Skype/Vicky's office
- 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
- 7:00 PM Council Meeting/The Gathering
- 7:00 PM Five Miles More Rehearsal/Sanctuary

## Wednesday, July 19

- 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 Group/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, July 20

- 7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
- 8:30 AM Uganda Children's Choir Visit
- 2:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office

## Friday, July 21

- 8:30 AM Uganda Children's Visit

## Saturday, July 22

## Sunday, July 23

- (Today Youth return from Mission Trip in Austin, TX)
- 8:30 AM First Light Worship/Outdoors
- 9:30 AM Sola Worship/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Ignite Worship/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Worship/Yeager Chapel
- 1:00 PM Uganda Children's Choir/Sanctuary

## Monday, July 24

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

## Tuesday, July 25

- 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, July 26

- 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 Group/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, July 27

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

## Friday, July 28

## Saturday, July 29

## Sunday, July 30

- 8:30 AM First Light Worship/Outdoors
- 9:30 AM Sola Worship/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Ignite Worship/Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Worship/Yeager Chapel
- 6:30 PM Love Lives Here Bible Study/Debner Home

## Monday, July 31

- 6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
- 9:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
- 5:00 PM Ruth's Small Group Cooking/Main Cooking

*<sup>1</sup>Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

*- Romans 8:1-4*

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## June Life Passages at Zion

### BAPTISMS:

WEDDINGS: *John Hock & Patrice Eller; Erik Arent & Brianna Tingley*

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### NEW MEMBERS:

## Elected Ministry Leaders

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

### Support Ministries

Personnel: Dave Werner, Diane Hunt  
Building & Grounds: Jim Love, Bill Lehmann  
Financial Stewardship: Nick Rogers, Lisa Rombes  
IT: Ray Vanderbok, TBD  
Endowment: Marcus Hunt, Jill Goldstein

## Staff

Senior Pastor	James Debner
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Office Administrator	Diane Rinehart
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
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Contemporary Worship Leader	Alison Hendricks
Sound Operator	Tyler Dence
Worship Media Coordinator	Eddie VanRiper
Resident Custodian	Chris LeVasseur
Weekend Custodian	Max Wojewski
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