



The PEAL of Zion

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From the desk of Reverend Dan:

“As for the things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4:9

The month of June is known in Wisconsin as “Dairy month.” It is a celebration of the hard work and pride of our dairy farmers to produce and deliver wholesome dairy foods that help their families grow up strong and healthy. Be sure to thank farmers for their hard work in the fields, in the barns and in the tractors.

I would like to suggest that this summer be known to others as “Christian Action Summer,” practicing what we believe. Paul reminds the Christian believers in Philippi to practice what they have learn, what they have received (from Jesus) and what they have seen from the apostles as their model of following Jesus. And so we are called to do the same. This needs to be a daily reminder because, as evident in this world, people are not *practicing these things*. It is no surprise then that there is no peace in this world and that is the thing we keep on praying for.

So let’s start right in our own communities and our families. When you are out on the softball/ baseball fields, may you use language consistent with your faith. When you go on vacations, may you show compassion to strangers. When you are camping, may you be hospitable. When plans unexpectedly change, may you practice patience. When you hang out with friends and there is alcohol, may you practice self-control. What else can you be practicing based on your faith.

As Paul tells us and as I affirm and even guarantee, when you practice what is held in the Old Testament AND the New Testament, you WILL have peace. Peace means less stress and worries. Peace means more abundance, contentment and focusing on succeeding in life. Let’s share a piece of peace.

Be a Blessing because God has blessed YOU!

Rev. Dan Verdegan

Our Homebound Friends

Bill Hartmann Ann McChain
Donna Schroeter Judy Arndt
Meredith Langan Al & Vonnie Kelling
Ernie & Betty Hilbelink

Anniversaries

June 8 Jeremy & Kami Zeman
11 Ralph & Sonja Zimmer
18 Ken & Jane Yoho
19 Jim & Linda Klug
28 Nick & Jill Mueller

Congratulations to our

Zion Graduates

(High School and College)

Harleigh Arndt

Olivia Bath:

Kewaskum High, Moraine Tech

Alexis Dekker:

Green Lake High

Bailey Harris:

Kewaskum High, Certified Nursing
Assistant

Maddie Hartmann:

Random Lake High, UW Green Bay

Trey Kilburn:

Random Lake High, UW Green Bay
@ Sheboygan

Jaden Papenfuss:

Plymouth High, Welder

Savannah Elsbury:

Concordia University; Summa Cum
Laude BS Marketing (Major); Graph-
ic Design (Minor)

Alicia Hartmann:

U.W. Whitewater; Summa Cum
Laude BS Communication Sciences
and Disorders (Major); Allied Health
Foundation (Minor)

Birthdays

June 3 Shelly Hartmann
Donna Schroeter
4 Wade Bemis
Jim Klug
6 Bev Schroeder
Larry Kumrow
9 Don Treichel
Carley Treichel
10 Josef Eleves
11 Kathy Leissring
Don Schroeder
12 Ralph Oppeneer
13 Dustin Degnitz
15 Ike Peter
Travis DeRuyter
17 Meredith Langan
18 Val Kilburn
Greg Arndt
20 Kristina Tadeo
23 Roy Meyer
25 Mike Arndt
26 Blake Dekker
28 Bob Hartmann
Paul Wiedmeyer
30 Paul Hartmann

“Connecting with God”

Sunday Service ~ 9:15am

Wednesday Contemporary Service ~ 6:30pm

(starts June 22nd)

Devotions: Tuesday Lunchtime at noon & Thursday nights at 7pm

Bible Study: Wednesday morning at 10:30am

Venturing To Worship

As summer begins the time of worship moves to 9:15 June 5th and some people may be inclined to skip going to church to worship God. The lake, beach, golf course calls and our loyalties are divided.

Why do we worship? Is it only because God says we should? Or does worship serve a greater purpose?

The invitation to worship is an invitation to tune our hearts to the heart of God in the midst of chaos and confusion. The discipline of worship directs hearts to look up for help in times of trouble instead of looking to our left and right. Worship reminds me that the love of God is greater than the hatred that some people spew at others. Worship proclaims that the faithfulness of God reaches beyond the schemes and plans of the devil. Worship reveals that the glory of God is inexhaustible and will shine in victory when all wars on earth are won and done.

When worship rises our hearts rise also... to a place where we can rest in the confidence of and powerful presence of Jesus. *“I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth”* (Psalm 108:3-5, NIV). Psalm 108 reminds me that praise and prayer empowers me to go out in the name of Jesus to help in times of need.

In June we will gather to worship at 9:15:

June 5th Holy Communion and celebrate our graduates

June 12th Pastor Gail will lead worship

June 19th We celebrate fathers.

See you in worship,

Pastor Gail

SUMMER HAS ARRIVED!

An early May heatwave has given us an early glimpse of summer. Those warm breezes and the bright sunshine were welcome after a long dreary winter. Many of us are planning family reunions, get-togethers, pool parties, and vacation travel. We are blessed to have many good days and summer fun ahead, but let's not forget our church!

A new Wednesday evening contemporary service is coming to Zion this June. If you can't make it to church on Sunday morning, this is a great option. Or, if you would simply like a mid-week refresher, this is a great opportunity to worship together, enjoy great music, and share in fellowship. Give it a try and take part in this new opportunity.

If you tend to be hit and miss with church over the summer for whatever reason, you can easily continue your church giving with regular automatic withdrawals. More and more of us are enjoying this convenience, and it helps us even out the church budget, as bills continue all summer long. Contact the church office or Mark Leibham for more information.

There are always volunteer opportunities over the summer as well. Barb LaFleur is looking for ushers and greeters, special music is always welcome, and the trustees will be announcing a church clean-up day soon. All are welcome! There are many opportunities to serve.

1 Peter 4:10-11 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Happy summer! Terri Yoho, Lay Leader

JUNE FOOD PANTRY ITEMS: Canned veggies & baked beans

The first Sunday of each month is designated as Food Pantry Sunday. All kinds of nonperishable food items are needed. Each month we like to highlight one type of item. This month we are highlighting all kinds of **canned vegetables and baked beans**. Items can be placed in the shopping cart. Thank you for supporting the food pantry.

GOT MILK?

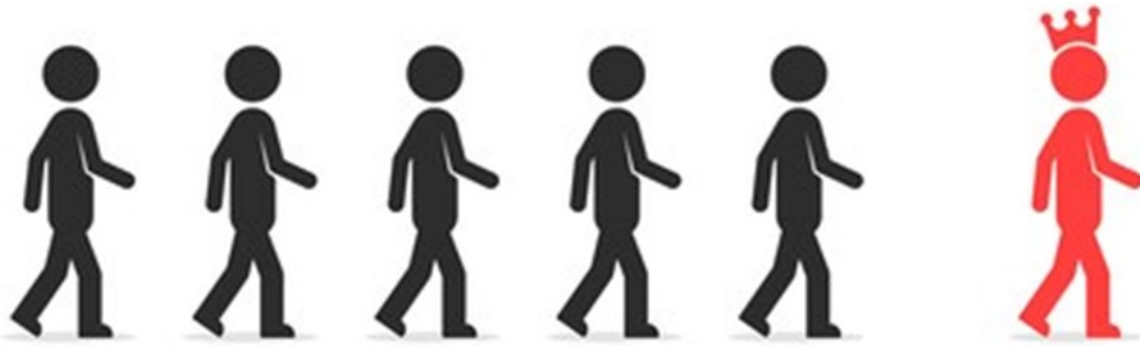
Zion is still supplying all of the funds for the purchase of milk through the Food Pantry. The demand is UP! Thank you to all who help fill this need. Please mail milk fund donations to Zion.

The Interfaith Food Pantry is located at 310 Center St, Adell, WI
Curbside pick-up ONLY at this time. Call the Food Pantry at
920-447-2293 for appointment.



FOLLOWING

FOLLOWING JESUS WITH HEART AND MIND.



This summer starting June 26, Zion UMC will explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Sermons will encourage listeners to go deeper in their faith journey.

Join us each Wednesday nights (6:30pm contemporary) and Sunday mornings (9:15am traditional) for engaging and thought-provoking time to think about how to be a better FOLLOWER of Jesus Christ.

Zion Cemetery News

The Zion United Methodist Cemetery Association held their annual meeting on May 7th at the cemetery. This allowed the board to evaluate areas in need of work. Recent burials have left ruts between several rows, and work has already been completed to fill the low areas. We have also measured out a new area in the cemetery to the south of the earliest gravesites. This opened more than 50 plots, but we are still filling open spots in the other cemetery sections.

If you are interested in purchasing a cemetery lot, Zion church members receive special pricing. Currently lots are \$50 versus \$300 for non-members. Please be aware that we will be increasing the member price to \$100 per lot effective September 1st. Contact Richard C. Bemis for more information or to purchase a lot.

As part of our regular seasonal maintenance, holiday decorations have been removed. Flags have been placed by the American Legion on the gravesites of our veterans. We thank the Legion for this service. If you are placing artificial floral arrangements on a grave, please make sure they are secured, as the cemetery is windy, and many are blowing away.



In-Gathering Mission Is Wrapping Up!

Last day to drop off at church is June 5th.

Let's help people who are caught in a disaster or displacement.

There are so many places where unforeseen weather or man-made actions turn into disasters for the people living in the area. Think of the displacement of thousands of people, anywhere in the world, because of tornadoes, hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, war, storms, and floods. Midwest Mission Distribution Center, an arm of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), is always answering the call for help around the world. Person dignity kits, filled with a toothbrush, soap, shampoo, deodorant and a washcloth and towel would be a welcome gift for every person who has been displaced from their home. **WE CAN HELP!!**

Between now and June 5th, let's see how many kits we can make to donate. They will all be taken to Wisconsin annual conference, to be transported to Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Illinois from there. You can make your own individual kits, or donate supplies so kits can be made here before leaving for annual conference.

Each kit needs to contain the following:

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| 1 hand towel-no kitchen towels | 1-Shampoo-12.5 o 19 oz |
| 1 washcloth-no dishcloths | 1 deodorant-2-3 oz-stick, roll on or pump |
| 1 adult toothbrush-no multipacks | 1-gallon resealable plastic bag for packing |
| 1 bar soap- 3-4 oz. | |

\$2.00 donations for razors and toothpaste are also being collected to send along

Notes From Parish Nurse Nancy Eberhardt, RN

Dear Friends of Zion UMC,

The first week in June is recognized as International Volunteer's Week and I would like to visit with you about **Service and the Life of a Christian.**

Blessed to Be a Blessing!

Our Lord created us in His image and enables us to share our gifts with one another (Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 12:4-8). We are encouraged to live out our love for one another out of gratitude for what Christ has done for us (Matthew 25:35-40, Romans 12:4-21, 1 John 4:7-21).

Getting Started

If you are a volunteer, I would like to thank you for all you do and encourage to continue to "Be a Blessing". For others who are interested in getting involved in service, I would invite you to consider the following. As always, if I can be of any help to you, please visit with me. I look forward to ministering with you.

Start with prayer, and ask the Lord to enable you to be a blessing to others

Consider your knowledge, talents and abilities (these gifts could range from mowing the lawn, basic car care, writing letters, or simply being a friend). Are there any persons you know of that are in need?

Contact me, your Parish Nurse, if you would like more information, or need assistance in getting involved.

Enjoy the benefits of sharing Jesus' love with others!

Our loving God has gifted each of us in special ways and invites us to share ourselves with others. I would encourage you to consider some of your knowledge, skills and interests with others. This could include helping with child care, basic care, sharing a hot meal, or simply being a friend! May we all be encouraged by these words, "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God". Hebrews 13:16.

Zion UMC Hospitality (DOC)

April 28th, Meeting

Present; Dick Bemis Sr, Lynn Oppeneer, Rev. Dan Verdegan, Larry and Nadine Huiras, Jane Yoho, and Gwen Heimerman

-Rev. Dan opened with prayer.

-January 18th meeting minutes were viewed and approved.

-Lynn shared correspondence from SCIO. They are hosting the summer Farmers Markets starting June 1st. The location will be Fountain Park in Sheboygan on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 am until 1 PM. The market will be in Plymouth on Thursdays. The Bridgeway house has had some turnover of women and children during the last months. There is always a need for support. We agreed that Mark send Zion's \$650 annual support along with the proceed part of the Holiday dinner. Rev Dan will inform Mark. The funding could come from the Fish Fry proceeds.

-Gwen stated that we have started the In Gathering drive for the Annual Conference in mid June. We will gather supplies for Personnel Dignity Kits. There is an example in the Narthex for the congregation to view. Gwen would like the deadline for the collection to be June 1st. Gwen and Rev Dan will deliver them to the Annual Conference in Green Bay.

-Rev Dan asked if we would be interested in the volunteer work mission to the Midwest Distribution in Pawnee, Ill. They have one day, three day, and five day work available. The work involves the coordination and assembly of items needed all over the world. They might have dorm accommodations available. We discussed offering the congregation alternative mission besides Red Bird. We selected dates in September for a three day work mission of 9/14-9/16 or 9/21-9/23. We agreed to put together 8 volunteers as a goal. Rev. Dan will call their office to see if work is available those dates.

-Larry informed the group we had a very successful drive thru Fish Fry event. The proceeds were near \$2400. Thanks again to all the youth and congregation.

-The Rally Day picnic will be Sunday, September 11th. We might be involved planning for the food.

-We discussed our next fund raiser which is the Pork Chop dinner and maybe a Silent Auction in October. Larry stated that we should not decide on dates to date. If we would maybe combine the two events, we could go to hosting the event on a Thursday evening. We should discuss the thought with others over the next months about interest to support. Next meeting will be Thursday, July 28th @ 6:30 PM.

Submitted by; Larry Huiras

*Since our meeting, Rev Dan checked the Midwest Distribution Center website. There are openings available on September 14-16th. There are no dorms available. We would have to book a motel in the area for two nights. Tentatively, Rev Dan booked us for these dates. Deposit of \$60 per person would be due by July 21st.

Zion UMC Finance / Council Meeting Minutes

May 17^h, 2022

Present: Rev Dan Verdegan, Keith Chipman, Paul Wiedmeyer, Barb Pomeroy, Terri Yoho, Gail Mitchell, Mark Leibham, Gwen Heimerman, Shirley Dekker

Paul – It appears we have broken even for April but some expenses were not included in May and erroneously included in March expenses – this will result in a \$1500 loss for May, pending forthcoming giving amounts. Income sheets should be accurate. Everyone was tasked to see where we could cut expenses. Carryover from 2021 will likely be used up by October.

Mark – Shared foundation reports with Paul and asked if Terri knew of any changes coming. Investments are very conservatively invested. Recommendation to be patient.

Shirley – Had good fundraiser selling pizza. Flower certificates are selling well as well. Projects have been assigned for Red Bird – redo porch and new steps with ramp. Bathroom floor needs repair if time. Don, Shirley, Rev Dan, Emma, Elijah, Trey, Ben, Faith, and Hewitt will be attending mission trip. Chaperone background checks will be done before leaving. Rev Dan will have conference send forms to Shirley and Don. All adults will have to be screened so they can participate with the youth.

Gwen – She is going to annual conference with Rev. Dan. Went to seminar with Rev Dan on being the church for the future. Workshop dealt with the post pandemic return of members. Need to focus on relationships. Rev Dan would like to share the game changers with the council in the future so we can make more disciples. Gwen came away with the idea that there will be no return to the old normal. A new normal will emerge that will improve interactions with those at home. The church is not just the building. We need to get the word out about the upcoming Wednesday evening service. Personal invitations may be more effective than social media. An article highlighting the youth going to Red Bird Mission may help promote Zion. This Sunday is the end of Sunday School. As this will be Candy McChain's last day of serving as Sunday School director Terri will present the church's appreciation.

Gail – Kidz choir singing and playing chimes on Sunday. June 5th starts 9:15 service. The 5th is also Graduation Sunday with cake to honor graduates. Barb LaFleur is looking for usher volunteers for the summer. Bev, Wendy, Barb, and Irene are working on summer music schedule. Summer picnic is in planning stages. Rev Dan is working on Wednesday evening services. Gail will be preaching June 12th as Rev Dan is on mission trip.

Rev Dan – June 1st and 8th are soft openings of Wednesday evening services. Grand opening is June 22nd. Contemporary music with interactive sermons. Music will be karaoke style. 6:30pm opening the doors. Service will be held indoors. This is an opportunity to invite the community to worship with Zion. Rev Dan is busy scheduling his presence at sporting and graduation events.

Barb – She has a task force to identify people for youth ministries and Sunday School positions.

Terri – She presented scholarship applications for review. Certificates will be presented June 5th on Graduation Sunday.

June 2022

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5 Grad Sunday 9:15 service	6	7	8	9 Jay out Trustee mtg 6:30	10 Jay out Annual conference	11 Annual conference
12 Annual conference Redbird trip	13 Jay out Redbird trip	14 Redbird trip	15 Redbird trip	16 Redbird trip	17 Redbird trip	18
19	20	21 Ad Council mtg 6:30	22 Contempo- rary service 6:30	23 Rev Dan vacation	24 Rev Dan vacation	25 Rev Dan vacation
26	27	28	29	30		