

# The PEAL of Zion

Newsletter of Zion UMC: Batavia

May 2025

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Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

This past month was a time of reflection—a time to pray and fast, and a time to make resolutions. Some of those resolutions were kept, while others faded away. Some people gave up something, while others took on new practices and habits for the sake of the gospel. Lent reminded us of what our Lord endured for our sake. Jesus gave His life for us so that we might be saved from sin and spend eternity with Him in heaven, in the presence of our glorious Father.

Some may say, “I’m glad Lent is over.” Others may say, “I’m grateful this season reminded me to read more devotions, to study the Bible, and to stay connected to God.” Still others may say, “I’m glad Jesus died for me—but what comes next?”

On the first day of the resurrection, the Scriptures tell us that the women went to the tomb and found that Jesus was not there. He had risen. They were sent to share this message with the other disciples—and they obeyed. That same message still needs to be proclaimed today, especially to those who do not yet know Jesus. Christ is risen—so what now?

Because of His resurrection, we are now free from sin and called children of Abraham. That is good news!

As we begin this month of May, we are reminded to celebrate motherhood. We remember the stories of our own mothers, of those who filled that role when our biological mothers could not, and of others who were deeply involved in our lives. Motherhood is a gift from God. On this mother's day, we will hear stories from the children's ministry and from some adults as well, honoring those who have nurtured, guided, and loved us.

We are also excited to announce several special events coming up in our church:

Confirmation in June

A wedding within the congregation in August

Baptism also scheduled for August

These moments of celebration and commitment bring great joy to our ministry, and they remind us that God is indeed at work among us. And I can truly say: God is good, all the time!

Let us continue to live into the Great Commission as Jesus instructed us in Matthew 28:16–20:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

Let us go forward in grace, hope, and the power of the risen Christ.

Blessings in Jesus' name,

Rev Tshishinen C. Mpoyo

Zion United Methodist Church Batavia



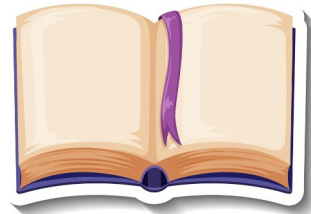
## Upcoming Greeters / Ushers

May 4 The Matt Wilson Family  
May 11 Ralph and Sonja Zimmer  
May 18 Jim and Linda Klug  
May 25 The Jeff McChain Family

May 5 Brian Boyd  
Marcy Sheets  
6 Hannah Dekker  
8 Vonnie Kelling  
9 Richard Bemis  
10 Hewitt Dekker  
Barb Pomeroy  
12 Madeline Hartmann  
16 Neal Yoho  
18 Orin Acker  
22 Ray Hartmann  
Roy Hartmann  
24 Owen Wilson  
26 Bill Dekker  
29 Stacy Edwards

## Liturgists

5/4 Wendy Bemis  
5/11 Gwen Heimerman  
5/18 Valarie Kilburn  
5/25 Norb Kraemer



## Greeters & Liturgists

If you are unable to greet or read on your Sunday please try to switch with others or contact the office as early as possible.



## Zion's Upcoming Events

5/8- Trustees Meeting 6:30pm  
5/20- Council Meeting 6:30pm  
6/1- Graduation Sunday  
6/15- Confirmation Sunday

## Anniversaries

May 2 Charles & Marianne Bindrich  
8 Jeff & Candy McChain  
17 Roy & Shelly Hartmann



Please let the office know if we missed your anniversary or birthday? Month, day, and year (which we never publish) helps when putting into our system.

# 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  
Call the Food Pantry at 920-447-2293 for an appointment.



Prayer Meeting Every  
Wednesday at Zion  
Join us at 10:30am every  
Wednesday at Zion for  
Prayer



## CEMETERY NEWS

With Easter behind us and the newness of spring ahead of us, it is time to clear the cemetery of old holiday wreaths and Christmas décor. Before we know it, Memorial Day will be here, and people will be planting flowers on graves. Time to get rid of the old and start fresh!



# EVERY MORNING IS EASTER MORNING

We had two amazing Easter Sunday services this year. Each was well attended and filled with the joy and power of our Risen Savior. Thank you to all who helped with readings, music, flowers, bulletins, and all the things that bring us together to worship on this special day.

Our 10:15 service ended with one of Zion's favorite hymns— Avery and Marsh's *Every Morning is Easter Morning*. We love to sing this song and as we sing, we are sharing the Easter message that we need to carry with us into the world: *God's in charge! Spread the word!* These are troubled times, and we need to share God's message! Let's do it with joy in our hearts as we share God's love with others.

*Every Morning is Easter Morning from now on!*

Terri Yoho, Lay Leader

## Annual In-gathering Is Coming

Each year our church has been wonderful about sending needed items to the general conference. The items are picked up there and transported to Midwest Mission to help people around the world.

We would like to start a collection for them on April 13th and end on May 25. The items on their most needed list are as follows:

Leather work gloves-size large

Liquid Household Cleaner-56-80 oz. (No spray bottles)

Onesies (0-6 months size)

Sleepers or gowns (0-6 months size)

Panties (sizes:child 10-14, women 5-8)



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God encourages us to help others. Let us feel the joy of giving as we fill up several boxes for our team to take to the annual conference at the beginning of June.



**IT IS SCHOLARSHIP TIME!** If you are a graduating senior and plan to head to college or tech school, please consider applying for a Zion Memorial Scholarship. Applications forms are available in the church office. Deadline is May 15th.

## Help Needed!!

We need folks to sign up to help with worship service.

**ESPECIALLY I.T.!**

Powerpoint and Camera Livestream – Training Available

We also need acolytes and special music.

Dates available- sign up in Narthex.

## Vacation Bible School Save the Date!!!

VBS will take place August 11-15 with VBS Program on Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>. Mark your Calendars! Sign ups to come soon.





Conference Board of Laity  
*Wisconsin* Conference  
of The United Methodist Church



Step Into Your Calling – Serve with Purpose

## Introduction to Lay Ministries Course

Join us and be part of something bigger than yourself!

**May 3, 2025 & May 17, 2025**

**9:30 am – 3:30 pm**

**Brown Deer UMC**

**5736 W Brown Deer Rd.**

**Milwaukee, WI**

**Cost: \$15** (covers lunch for both days)

To Register Contact:

Pastor Brady Henderson

Pastorinthepresent@gmail.com



Step out in faith and start your journey of impactful service!

## ***Empowered to Serve: Faith in Action*** ***A Lay Servant Ministries Convocation & Potluck***

**Date:** May 17, 2025

**Time:** 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm

**Location:** Brown Deer UMC

5736 W Brown Deer Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53223

Join us for an inspiring afternoon of learning and fellowship at the Lay Servant Ministries Convocation and Potluck! This is a special opportunity for all who feel called to serve including Church Leaders and Passionate Disciples to come together, grow in faith, and enhance their ministry skills.

**Registration Details:**

<https://wisconsin-reg.brapp.com/layservantministriesconvocation>



Come and be renewed, equipped, and empowered for ministry in your local church and beyond!  
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