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"O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come." -Psalm 71:17-18

LCMS U Year in Review

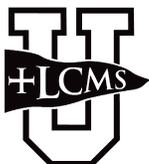
This year was an eventful one for our LCMS U chapter at CMU! We started off the year with Welcome Back Sunday and MainStage, during which we met lots of new faces, some of whom have since become devoted members of our chapter. We joined the International Student Ministry for a hayride at Papa's Pumpkin Patch, leaving with plenty of donuts in our bellies and pumpkins as big or small as we liked. Our yearly fall retreat was a day trip to Traverse City, where we got to enjoy some great food and see the beautiful fall colors. Later in the fall we had our annual friendly game of capture the flag against our Catholic neighbors, and we kept up our winning streak! In early January, a few of us were able to attend the biennial LCMS U conference, which was held in Fort Wayne, Indiana. It was a great experience getting to know other Lutheran students from around the country, and Pastor Ulledalen was able to show us around the seminary. Later in the winter we went on our annual winter retreat, which was in Frankenmuth, Michigan. I especially had fun with this event, because I am originally from Frankenmuth and got to show off my hometown church! We finished off the year with a lock-in at the chapel, during which we reflected on the great year we've had while eating pizza and playing charades.

This year wouldn't have been such a success without our wonderful executive board. Our social media accounts were kept up to date with stellar memes by Andrew Zyrowski, our PR/Outreach Chair. Our social chair, Nathan Bublitz, kept us busy with weekly activities, such as board game nights and late-night trips to Applebee's. We especially enjoyed our Spirit Month in February, during which we competed for a Meijer gift card. We stayed so organized thanks to our fantastic secretary Kimmy Leiby. It has been a pleasure and a privilege serving as the president of our LCMS U chapter for the past two years. While I am saddened that my time at CMU and CTK is soon ending, I am so thankful for the wonderful church family I found here. I know I leave LCMS U in good hands, and I look forward to the ways they continue to glorify Christ through this organization.

Lane Savage

Congratulations to our LCMS U CMU Graduates

Sydney Epple	Reyna Frost
Nickolas Olechnowicz	Lane Savage
Kirk Stultz	Andrew Zyrowski



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

It's hard to believe it is May!



There will be NO Sunday School on May 26 due to Memorial Day weekend.

The last day of Sunday School will be June 9.

There will be NO Sunday School during the summer or until Rally Day in September.

Vacation Bible School July 8-12



This year's VBS is only a couple of months away! Make sure you have these dates on your calendar and plan to participate in this year's VBS. This year's theme is "Miraculous Mission" ! If you would like to help, see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at Zion or contact either Mallory Zalud or Tim in the church office.



Spring Little Caesar's Pizza Preschool Fundraiser

**Don't forget that Pizza kits will be delivered on Wednesday, May 8.
Pickup is from 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**

Thank you for your continued support of our preschool here at Zion!

2019 Confirmation Class

Alton Bailey

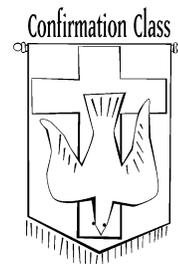
Noah Camp

Ian Claybaugh

Luke Daws

Ian Roe

Jamie Warne



Congratulations to this year's Confirmands! Join them at the 8:30 a.m. Divine Service at Zion on Sunday, May 5 for their confirmation and continue to keep them in your prayers. Everyone is welcome to join the confirmands and their families following the service in the gymnasium for some light refreshments and fellowship.



Preschool Enrollment

Open enrollment continues for all classes beginning in September. The 4 year-old morning class is nearly full. Information is available on the table outside of the library at Zion or contact Tim at the church office with any questions.

You are invited!

Preschool End of the Year Programs

Thursday, May 30

3 year-old at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, May 31

4 year-old A.M. at 9:30 a.m.

4 year-old P.M. at 1:30 p.m.

Some snacks will be available following the programs in the gymnasium for the children, their families and guests.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Monthly Income & Expense Report through March 31, 2019

	2019	2018
YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$120,937.80	\$122,709.89
YTD Actual Expenses	\$ 127,509.05	\$129,141.98
YTD Balance	\$ (6,571.25)	\$ (6,432.09)
YTD General Fund Income	\$ 112,671.25	\$ 120,371.33
YTD Actual Expenses	\$ 127,509.05	\$ 129,141.98
YTD Income Less Expense	\$(14,837.80)	\$ (8,770.65)

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Stewardship is not just about giving money to the church. It includes this, to be sure, but it is not limited to it. Stewardship involves our whole life – everything we have and everything we are.

Let us not, though, fall into the trap of thinking that because we give of ourselves in one area we can neglect giving in another. Stewardship is not stealing from Peter to pay Paul. It is not a game we play whereby we justify ourselves in not giving a tenth of our income because we have given in some other way. This is why our Lord warns:

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.” (Matthew 23:23)

We are given to do both – tithe of ourselves and what we have. And so it is that St. Paul makes his appeal to us:

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

We are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. We are not to have the mind of the world, where we exchange equal weight of this for an equal weight of that, and then think that we have done what God has required.

Our whole life is given over for service in and for the Church of God. This is to be done in thanksgiving for what God in Christ has accomplished for us. This is our spiritual worship, the reasonable response to what He has done for us – not one for the other, but all in all.

But what does this look like? St. Paul never lays down a general principle without also giving us some practical application of what shape that principle is to take concretely. He gives the general principle that our bodies are to be living sacrifices to God, and, after admonishing those who have been given particular gifts of grace to serve the church, St. Paul then speaks generally of what is expected of all. He says:

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” (Romans 12:9-13)



In memory of Jack Weisenburger

Yvonne Fitzgerald

In memory of Philip Milan

Denise Isenbarger

Mission of the Month Concordia Theological Seminary Ft. Wayne

The Concordia Theological Seminary is an institution of theological higher education of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) located in Fort Wayne, Indiana and dedicated primarily to the preparation of pastors for congregations and missions of the LCMS and its partner churches. It offers professional, master's and doctoral degrees affiliated with training clergy and deaconesses for the LCMS. The seminary exists to form servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost, and care for all. Consider a gift this month to help in this important mission.



We are in the midst of a very busy time of the year for us at Zion – we continue to live in the joy of Easter for 50 days, but soon we will also be celebrating the confirmation of our catechumens and seeing some of the educational programs of the congregation wind down for the summer months. Our Confirmation service will be Sunday, May 5, at 8:30 a.m. The academic year at CMU is also coming to a close and we will soon be saying farewell to many of the college students, including some who will be graduating! Graduating CMU students active in the campus ministry will be honored during the 11:00 a.m. service April 28. Please pray for our catechumens as they prepare for confirmation and for our college students as they finish the year and in many cases move elsewhere. Pray above all that they would remain faithful to Christ!

Thank You!!

A very big thank you to all of our elders for all of their hard work in making sure all of the extra services during the Lenten season and Holy Week go smoothly, including their participation in Maundy Thursday's Stripping of the Altar at both locations. Your work during the busy seasons and throughout the year, caring for the members of the church and caring for the staff, pastors, and our families is very much appreciated! Thank you also for all of those who helped, supported, volunteered, gave donations, and showed up to eat at the Youth Easter Breakfast again this year! What a great fellowship opportunity for our congregation – thank you to the Family Life and Youth board and the youth group for your work!

A very big thank you to our preschool teachers and everyone who helps make our preschool so successful at teaching the Christian faith to children in our community. Thank you, also, to our preschool families for choosing Zion – please know that you are always welcome here, and we would love to see you on Sundays as well!

Paul's Shorter Letters: Paul's epistles, or letters, comprise about a quarter of the New Testament, and provide an important picture of problems facing the first Christians, the pastoral advice Paul gives, and their joys. His words are still taken seriously to this day. You will note the style in which Paul writes includes greetings, thanksgivings, admonitions, theological explanations, warnings about false teachers and false theology, and blessings, just to name a few. Hear the Law he proclaims and even more, take to heart the words of the Gospel in his letters. Jesus Christ's redemption is yours, and Paul proclaims it with power!

Philippians 1 – Greetings and Thanksgiving

Philippians 2 – Exhortations

Philippians 3 – Warnings against Judaism and Antinomianism

Philippians 4 – Final Exhortations and Benediction

Colossians 1 – The Supremacy of Christ

Colossians 2 – Christ over all Heresies

Colossians 3 – Saints and Sinners: Holy lives

Colossians 4 – More instructions and Greetings

1 Thessalonians 1 – Thanksgiving for the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 2 – Defense of Paul's Ministry

1 Thessalonians 3 – Paul's Absence

1 Thessalonians 4 – Exhortations

1 Thessalonians 5 – Christ's Return and Conclusion

2 Thessalonians 1 – Thanksgiving and Prayer

2 Thessalonians 2 – The Man of Lawlessness

2 Thessalonians 3 – Request for Prayer and Final Greetings

Philemon – Plea for Onesimus

Zion, Christ the King, Student Ministry, International Ministry, Mission Outreach

It is approaching 30 years since the voters of Zion Lutheran Church adopted a unique mission opportunity. Since that time, we have gained many new members who may not be aware of the connection between Zion and what goes on at the Chapel. Here is a condensed update. The 50th Anniversary History of CTK revealed evidence of campus Word and Sacrament ministry activity back as early as 1930 and provided by Zion, first at its country location and then at its town location. Eventually, in 1966, the Michigan District built the chapel in the heart of the campus of CMU. Three different full-time pastors served the campus community at the chapel until 1990 when the District closed its doors. While sitting unused, the roof began leaking, mold attached to everything, and that is when Zion took action. Our sainted Rev. Edwin Mueckler wanted to return the campus ministry to its "town-gown" approach. After negotiations with the District Mission Board, an agreement was reached whereby Zion Lutheran would become responsible for providing ministry to the university community. It became an ongoing part of our mission commitment. During the first years, Zion had five different one-year vicars, who worked with the students and also with members of Zion. Then, an Associate pastor was called, Rev. Krach, followed by Rev. Bakker, and now Rev. Ulledalen. Also, Zion entered into a lease arrangement with the Michigan District whereby Zion took over responsibility for the upkeep of the chapel. Also, in 1998, Zion Lutheran made a commitment to support International Student Ministry, as the chapel was experiencing an influx of international students. Two directors preceded Deaconess Anne Bakker, who is now in charge of working with the Internationals who walk through our doors. The mission field comes to us. What a marvelous opportunity. Thus, Zion Lutheran's initial adoption of campus mission ministry added International student ministry to its mission ministry and has fully supported it over the past 21 years. Since Zion's involvement with the campus ministry, several students have moved on to become ordained pastors and a few women have become deaconesses.

Both domestic and international students have been baptized and confirmed. Today, Zion functions as one church with two locations and conducts one of its regular services at this location supporting our members, the campus students, the international community, and the broader campus community with the ministry of the Gospel. We encourage our members to attend the service of their choice.



Men's Breakfast Bible Study

***Saturday May 18
8:00 a.m. at Zion***

We will continue our study of Zechariah with chapters 12 & 13. Even though our study is reading through the books of the Old Testament chapter by chapter, each study is designed so that newcomers won't be missing out by joining us in the middle of a book. Join us on Saturday, May 18 – bring yourself and a friend!

Kids Lock-In Sleepover

Friday, May 17



All kids in grades K-6 are invited to a lock-in sleepover at Zion on Friday, May 17. Check in between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. There will be a meal at 6:00 p.m. followed by games, snacks and lots of fun. Doors will be locked during the night. On Saturday morning there will be breakfast, with pickup at 7:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. **To sign up call or text Jeremy Couturier at 810-513-6179 so that proper arrangements can be made.**

Flood Damage Fund Raiser

In the middle of March Chris and Maggie Polley suffered significant water damage when outside water broke through a basement window and flooded their finished basement. Their home owner's insurance will not cover the loss because the water came from outside the house. About a dozen members from Zion helped them get the damaged items out of the basement. There will be considerable expense in getting the basement back to its original condition. Thrivent Action Team Funds have been received to purchase food for a fund-raiser dinner.



A Swiss Steak Dinner will be held at Zion on Saturday, June 8. The dinner will be free. All donations will be given to the Polley family to help them with the expenses incurred from the flood. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex at Zion. Please sign up so that the appropriate amount of food can be prepared. If you would like to help the Polleys, but are unable to attend the dinner, you may leave a cash contribution with Tim in the church office or with Wayne Kiefer.

Thank you for your generous support.



LWML Women to Women

All women of Zion are invited to join us on **Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** for an evening of **fellowship and dessert.** We will have a short **presentation by Kara Rawlins on the Cathedral of Notre Dame.** There will also be a very short general meeting which will include the election of officers for the upcoming year, MITES, and a short devotion.

MITES update-The National LWML has met their goal. We are now working on meeting the Michigan District goal. If you cannot make it to the general meeting on May 13, please remember to drop your MITES in the large MITE BOX at church.



Zion's LWML General Meetings for the

upcoming year will be held quarterly on Saturday mornings. We will have a brunch for each meeting, along with a devotional and short program, project or activity. If you have suggestions for programs please share them with JoAnn Gust or Patty Pickler.

Recipe of the Month

ICE CREAM Sandwich cake

16 rectangle shaped ice cream sandwiches

Cool whip

1 jar caramel

1 jar hot fudge

Chopped pecans or other nuts if desired



Place 8 ice cream sandwiches in 11x7 glass dish. Add a layer of Cool whip then drizzle with caramel, hot fudge and nuts. Put a second layer of sandwiches, then Cool whip and toppings. Freeze for at least 2 hours before serving. Serves 15

38th Biennial National LWML Convention in

Mobile, Alabama will take place June 20-23, 2019. Thank you to all who have donated so generously for the health kits for Gifts from the Heart. We are continuing to collect items. Needed for each kit is a washcloth, bath towel, full size bar of soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, women's stick deodorant, comb/brush and Mustard Seeds, Devotional book or track. Any of these items that you are willing to contribute will be appreciated. Collection boxes are located at Zion and CTK.

2020 Michigan District Convention will be held

in Gaylord. The Mid-Michigan Zone will be co-hosting this event and will be in need of several women to volunteer. More information will follow as it becomes available.

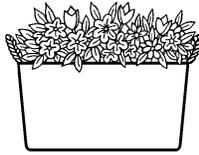
Ladies' Bible Study

Ladies, join us on Saturday, May 11, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at CTK for a discussion on "Old Testament Prophecies – Fulfilled in Christ". All women confirmation age and older are welcome to attend. Contact Anne Bakker with any questions. This will be the final class until the fall.



Are you a flowers person?

Anyone who is interested in planting some flowers and caring for them in the six cement containers at Zion should contact Tim in the church office. Some funds are available for purchasing flowers.



Youth Activity/Pizza/Topic

Sunday, May 19

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

All confirmed youth are invited and encouraged to attend the final youth gathering of the school year. Come to Zion at 4:00 p.m. for some fun activities, fellowship, pizza and a topic discussion led by Pastor Ulledalen. Organized events/gatherings will resume in the fall.



Wednesday Night Services Discontinued

For many years Zion has offered a midweek communion service every week for those unable to make it to church on Sunday mornings. Due to attendance dropping to one, two, or many times nobody, the elders have elected to discontinue this service going forward. Please note that we will still offer midweek Lenten and Advent services; this only affects the midweek services the rest of the year. Those who cannot make it to church on Sundays and would like to receive the Lord's Supper may contact either pastor to set up a visit. If you have any questions or ideas about a midweek service, please talk to an elder or one of your pastors.

NURSES NOTE:

Measles outbreaks are in the news and the discussion about vaccinations continue. Educating yourself on the pros and cons will help you decide if you support vaccinations or not. Below is a quick statement about the pros and cons and a website for further research. God Bless, Phillis Daws RN, BSN

Leviticus 13:2

When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a rising, a scab, or bright spot, and it be in the skin of his flesh like the plague of leprosy; then he shall be brought unto Aaron the priest, or unto one of his sons the priests:

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends getting 29 doses of 9 vaccines (plus a yearly flu shot after six months old) for kids aged 0 - 6. No US federal laws mandate vaccination, but all 50 states require certain vaccinations for children entering public schools. Most states offer medical and religious exemptions; and some states allow philosophical exemptions.

Proponents say that vaccination is safe and one of the greatest health developments of the 20th century. They point out that illnesses, including rubella, diphtheria, smallpox, polio, and whooping cough, are now prevented by vaccination and millions of children's lives are saved. They contend adverse reactions to vaccines are extremely rare. Opponents say that children's immune systems can deal with most infections naturally, and that injecting questionable vaccine ingredients into a child may cause side effects, including seizures, paralysis, and death. They contend that numerous studies prove that vaccines may trigger problems like autism, ADHD, and diabetes. To research the pros and cons more thoroughly try this site:

<https://vaccines.procon.org/>



Sunday, May 12