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The Zion Spirit



"Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing"

May 2019

Work Day—May 4th

The building and grounds at Zion are a resource for us to use to carry out Christ's work. They are also a thing to be cared for and to be kept in good shape so they can be used in new ways for years to come. We will take time on Saturday, May 4th from 9-2 (lunch included). Tasks will include all sorts of indoor and outdoor work. There will be cleaning projects, yard work, hanging new blinds, shelves, staining the pergola, sealing cracks, in the parking lot and so much more! Sign up on the sign up board in the narthex so we can plan for projects and for lunch!



A Special Time with Poet, Chasity Gunn

Chasity Gunn is Elgin's Poet Laureate for this year and she has lots of talent that appeals to both adults and children. We'll be having a special Mother's Day weekend event on Saturday, May 11th from

10-11:30 AM. The event is for mothers, grandmothers, and children in their lives. There will be brunch, snacks, a chance to hear some cool poems and stories, and a chance to write a poem as well. See Dianha Ehreth (dianhae@gmail.com) to register your attendance.

Game Night—May 24th

Do you enjoy time with others playing cards, board games, or other kinds of games? Then come on May 24th at 6:30 to enjoy playing some of your favorite games with others. Bring your favorites or simply come and join in with someone else—you'll meet some great folks and have a fun time!

Youth Group

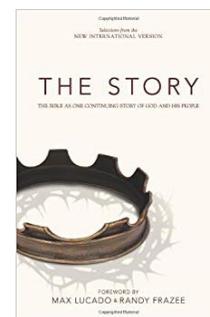
In May we will meet Sunday, May 19 following the late service (about noon). We'll eat lunch together, then spend time looking at and discussing "Caring for God's World" with a variety of activities. Come join us!

Synod Assembly

This year we will be electing a new bishop so the assembly should be exciting! May 8th is the deadline to register and Zion is able to send one more voting rep. Interested? See Pastor Dave, Deacon Marlene, or Valann Reddington.

We finish *The Story* on May 19th.

Over a period of 31 weeks, we have been reading through the Bible using *The Story* to guide our journey. May 19th marks the end of the series as we finally reach the book of Revelation and have walked through the Bible together. We'll celebrate in worship that day, so be sure to be there!



Service for Healing and Wholeness—May 14th

We all have a need for wholeness or know someone who needs some extra grace and healing in their lives. This evening service is a chance to simply sit back, pray, and contemplate, and also make time and space for others to pray for you as well. Come as you are with whatever you need to find a supportive place to spend an evening in prayer. Invite others to come with you. Worship starts at 6:45 PM.

Summer Schedule Begins May 26th!

We begin Memorial Day weekend with our summer schedule and continue that schedule until Labor Day weekend. The schedule is:

- ♦ 8:30—Worship with Holy Communion
- ♦ 9:40—Fellowship Time
- ♦ 10:15—Worship with Holy Communion

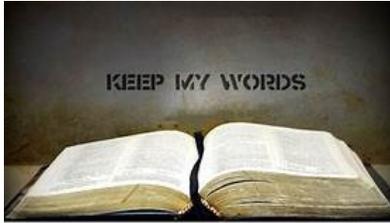
Thanks to Sunday School Staff!

As Sunday School winds down for the summer, a big thank you to all the people who made it happen! We'll resume in the fall!



May Verse of the Month

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

**Worship Scripture Lessons****May 5, 2019 — *The Story*, Ch. 29**

Acts 13:49-49 (sermon text)
Matthew 22:34-40

May 12, 2019 — *The Story*, Ch. 30

Ephesians 3:14-21 (sermon text)
Matthew 19:28-30

May 19, 2019 — *The Story*, Ch. 31

Revelation 22:17-21 (sermon text)
Luke 24:44-53

May 26, 2019

Genesis 1:1-5
Matthew 6:30-34 (sermon text)

**FINANCIAL UPDATE YEAR TO DATE
THROUGH FEBRUARY 2019**

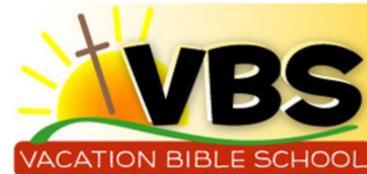
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
General	\$49,992	\$53,575
Building	\$4301	\$2604



June 4 – Soup Kettle – We serve
June 7-8 – Synod Assembly
June 9 - Church Picnic
June 10-14 – Children’s Peace Camp (VBS)
June 14 — Outing at Kane County Cougars
June 16 – 21 Confirmation Camp

Kane County Cougars—Friday, June 14th

We are headed to a baseball game! The game starts at 6:30, and the parking lot opens at 5:30. Tickets will be \$5 each. Pre-paid parking passes will be available at \$6 per car or \$10 the day of. This has been a fun outing for Zion for several years, and we’d love for you to join us! Please visit the sign-up sheet and note the number of tickets and parking passes you’d like by May 26. Questions? Please see Rebecca Rizzo.

**Peace Camp for VBS—June 10-14**

This year, our VBS will be a Peace Camp. We’re trying a daytime format this year. The program will begin each morning at 9 AM and continue through lunch, which will be connected to our summer lunch program. Dianha Ortega Ehreth is coordinating. If you would like to be involved, please contact her at dianhaoe@gmail.com

Peacemakers and Kids Hope Complete a Successful Year

We are fortunate to be able to bless children in our community through two important efforts. This was our first year with the Peacemakers Afterschool Program. Thanks to Dianha for her work as our staff person to lead that. Also thanks to Dani Dean, Michele Pierson, Kathy Dvorak, and Catherine O’Connell for their work as volunteers.

Likewise, Kids Hope will end for the summer as well. Thanks to Deacon Marlene and Tricia Grosser for their work coordinating this. Thanks also to Jean Templeton, Pastor Dave, Deacon Marlene, Tricia Grosser, Jeff Grosser, Harold O’Connell, Catherine O’Connell and Chris Wargo for their work mentoring as well as to the many prayer partners who have prayed for this ministry throughout the year. This was our seventh year doing this important work!

Both Kids Hope and Peacemakers will be off for the summer. But if you think God might be able to use you next fall, now is the time to begin to pray about it or talk to one of the leaders about getting started!