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# The Zion Spirit



*"Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing"*

July-August 2019

## Summer Lunch Program Off to a Great Start!

This year's Kids Summer Lunch Program has been a smashing success! With the kids from the neighborhood coming and with out VBS kids having lunch there, the number for this year are already 3-4 times last years numbers for the whole summer! Thanks to all who have been volunteering to make this happen—your work is paying off and God is smiling. Thanks to Erin Ramirez for coordinating and to Chris Wargo for scheduling. If you think you'd like to help, talk with Erin or Chris to see how you can still plug in.



## Thrivent Picnic Tables—Thanks!

Thrivent Financial has a program for Lutheran churches to do local work through Thrivent Action Grants. We received two of these for the summer program and these allowed us to get two new picnic tables for the churchyard. These tables make a great place to sit, to serve summer lunches, and help make the church look active and friendly!

## Special Visitors

We are excited to learn that the people from Dacotah Oyate Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake Nation, ND will be coming to Elgin to visit the people of Zion. They will arrive on August 3 (Saturday) and stay through August 8 (Thursday). This is a chance for them to return the visit that our team made last year when a group from Zion went to Spirit Lake Nation in North Dakota. Pastor Larry Thiele will be with us in worship that Sunday and there will be some special chances to meet and learn with them while they are here. We will be looking for families to house 1-2 members of their team. As plans become clearer, we'll keep you posted on ways to be part of this great opportunity.



## U-46 starts August 14

School has only been out for a few weeks but as you look ahead through the summer, U-46 schools will return to classes on August 14th. Plan ahead and enjoy your summer!

## Befrienders

Zion's BeFriender Ministry is planning to train new BeFrienders in September. We would like to invite you to think and pray about becoming a BeFriender. Our Ministry needs to expand in order to support people who are going through challenging times. Please let Pastor Dave or Bev Breskovich know if you are interested in becoming a BeFriender.



## Peace Camp VBS



Our Summer Peace Camp VBS was a hit and the kids had a great time doing fun stuff and learning about how God works in and through us for peace. Here's a group making a peace sign.

## Service of Prayer for Wellness and Healing — July 16 at 6:45 PM

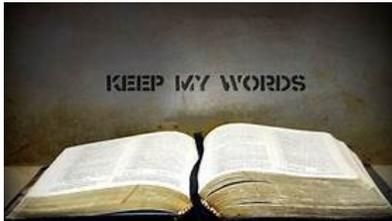
These services are a wonderful chance to pray for healing for yourself or someone else, spend time in quiet prayer and contemplation, and gather in a peaceful environment to pray for the peace of the world. People who have come have universally found them to be meaningful and helpful. If you have something you want to pray about, someone you want to pray for, or would like to have a prayer minister pray for you—the opportunities are all available. Come be a part of this meaningful ministry and if you know someone who needs prayer, invite them to come with you!

**July Verse of the Month**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son;" (Hebrews 1:1-2)

**August Verse of the Month**

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

**Worship Scripture Lessons****July 7, 2019**

Psalm 40:1-10 (sermon text)  
Luke 17:11-19

**July 14, 2019**

Hebrews 1:1-4 (sermon text)  
John 1:1-5

**July 21, 2019**

Hebrews 2:10-18 (sermon text)  
Matthew 12:46-50

**July 28, 2019**

Hebrews 4:14--5:10 (sermon text)  
Matthew 26:36-40

**August 4, 2019**

Hebrews 9:1-14 (sermon text)  
Matthew 12:1-6

**August 11, 2019**

Hebrews 11:1-16 (12:1-2) (sermon text)  
Matthew 8:5-10

**August 18, 2019**

Deuteronomy 5:12-15  
Matthew 11:28-30 (sermon text)

**August 25, 2019**

Genesis 2:1-3 (sermon text)  
John 15:9-15

**Summer Offerings—Remember Online Giving Options**

Thanks to all of you who so faithfully and generously support God's work through Zion. As summer unfolds, if you are traveling and away, please remember to continue to support the congregation. You can give online by going to Zion's website at [www.ZionElginIL.org](http://www.ZionElginIL.org) and clicking the "Give" button on the menu bar. If you simply want to set up a recurring online donation, then you can do that on our online giving portal as well. Just put in your info and when you select the amount you want to give, select how often you want to give it (weekly, monthly, etc.). Online giving is easy, dependable and allows you to support God's work here from anywhere that you may be. Thanks!

**Summer Worship Series**

During the summer months, our lessons allow for the use of series for preaching. We'll have three series between now and resuming the Narrative Lectionary in the fall. These series are:

- The Psalms – God's guide to praying in any situation (June 16 – July 7)
- Hebrews – Meeting a Jesus who experiences humanity fully (July 14 – August 11)
- Sabbath – Making time to recharge and simply focus on God (August 18 – Sept. 1)

**Kane County Cougars**

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for the Kane County Cougars game on June 14! We had about 50 people in our group, which was wonderful! Even though the weather turned rainy, and the Cougars lost the game, we still enjoyed the time together and watching the fireworks after the game. We were given a hat in appreciation of bringing a group; we raffled the hat off by putting the names of everyone in attendance in, and Kaylee Mace's friend Annelise won the hat! Thanks again for joining us, and we're already looking forward to next year's game!



July 26 – Game Night  
August 6 – Soup Kettle – We serve  
September 3 – Soup Kettle – We serve  
September 8 – Fall Schedule resumes

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

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
General	\$86,849	\$92,569
Building	\$4411	\$4340