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The Zion Spirit



"Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing"

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Worship This Sunday on Facebook Live

This week is the Fifth Sunday of Easter and due to COVID positivity rates now being over 7% for Kane County's 7-day rolling average, we are online only again for a while. We will continue to dig into the book of Acts as we look at how the followers of Jesus started the movement that now includes each of us!



- 9:30 AM – Worship on Facebook Live

Our lesson will come from the same Acts 15 text that is mentioned above for the outdoor worship. It is a great chance to see how the Bible helps us stretch and make new things possible. The choices that we make today are just as vital. Come and learn in ways that allow us to make bold and important decisions in our time as well.

Be sure to invite a friend to join us online!

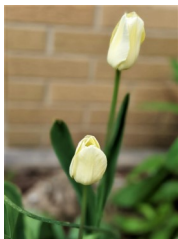
Soup Kettle This Tuesday!

We serve the Soup Kettle on the first Tuesday of each month. This is our week to cook and serve. If you can help, please come late afternoon and help prepare, set up and serve.

You can contact Elizabeth Thames (elizabeththames6@gmail.com) or Joann Hartmann (johartmann1@comcast.net) to let them know you are coming or ask a question. Thanks!

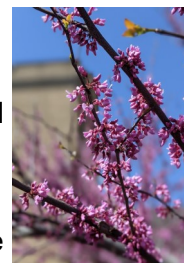
Church Gardens Need You!

One of the blessings of our space at Zion is the patio and garden by the entrance and the garden across the front of the church. But these need attention or they will become overrun with weeds. If you can help by weeding on a rotating basis, please let Pastor Dave know as he is developing a list and schedule. You can email him at PastorDave@ZionElginIL.org to get started. Thanks!



Worship Outdoors at 10:45 AM This Week!

This week the weather for Sunday looks good and we can worship outdoors. So, bring a lawn chair, a mask and come to the churchyard and bring your heart open and ready to worship God. We will have music and can sing, we will share communion together, and worship will be a chance to gather with others.



Our lessons will focus on Acts 15:1-21 and look at how the early church set a course to do new things in new ways and the boldness of their decision meant the church grew and exploded with growth as new missions were approved and Paul began his missionary work to move from Israel out into new places that brought Christianity to Europe and beyond.

So, we have a good worship experience planned. Be sure to be a part of it!

Spiritual Practices Class Begins New Unit

Poetry has a special way of touching us in ways that connect with our spirit, our lives and our world. During the month of May, the Spiritual Practices Class will focus on poetry. We'll learn about poetry, read, discuss, share and perhaps even write some poetry. Simply bring an open mind and open heart. We will gather on Thursdays in May at 10:00 AM on Zoom. Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82800309017?pwd=aENtcGFReVJxa08vVm5ockJUd3BmZz09>
Meeting ID: 828 0030 9017
Passcode: 753751

Kane County Cougars Outing

Save the Date!! Fellowship Team is organizing an outing to the Kane County Cougars game on Wednesday, July 21 at 6:30pm. More details will be coming soon. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rebecca Rizzo. (RebeccaRizzo@gmail.com, or 847 373-1402)



Memory Verse for this Month

"When (Jesus) was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him;"
(Luke 24:30-31)

Thank You For Your Offerings!

We are thankful that the people of Zion are so committed to this place doing God's work and doing it well. You are all doing amazing work and you need to hear a big "well done good and faithful servants!" As you know, it is helping Zion participate in God's work in this important and challenging time.

**Sunday School at 10:30 on Sundays!**

Sunday School is on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM. Kids learn the stories from the Bible and about how Jesus loves them and is a part of their lives. Kids from pre-K through elementary school are invited to attend.



When you login the passcode is: 102056

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85773375049?pwd=SHZpRHdqUkF4a1pUS0JpGFGazFIQT09>

Upcoming Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our friends with upcoming birthdays! We will be posting birthdays for the month in the newsletter. If you have an upcoming birthday and are not on this list, please email Allison in the office at zionelqin@yahoo.com to make sure we have it to include. Thanks!



Lois Coombs – May 2
Julian Leatherby – May 2
Stuart MacKenzie – May 5
Linda Bailey – May 7
Sara Leatherby – May 14
Bryn Jowaski – May 15
Ella Russell – May 17
Kathleen Jowaski – May 19
Kathy Fraas – May 20
Michelle Bannerman – May 21
Jamie Long – May 21
Dennis Matchinski – May 21
Kaity White – May 23
Jaki Herrmann – May 25
Marianne Brevik – May 30
Wallie Parczany – May 30

Kid's Hope USA is celebrating 25 years!

We have mentoring at Lowrie Elementary for over eight years through Kid's Hope USA. Many of you have mentored, do mentor or will mentor. Some have been prayer partners, are currently prayer partners or will be prayer partners. You have touched and impacted so many children, one at a time! Kid's Hope is celebrating its 25th Anniversary and we are all invited to celebrate.

**You're Invited!**

Celebration of **KIDS HOPE** for the Future

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 1PM EST

Join us for our virtual 25th anniversary celebration of Kids Hope USA!

Join us for our virtual 25th anniversary celebration on May 25th at 1pm EST. We'll hear from Kids Hope USA founder, Virgil Gulker and remember some of the early milestones of the ministry. And we'll look ahead to the continued relevance of mentoring today as we emerge from more than a year of the pandemic. Get ready to cheer for the thousands of children, mentors, prayer partners, directors, churches and schools that have been touched and transformed through Kids Hope USA friendships. To register, visit www.kidshopeusa.org

This Week's Calendar:**Saturday, May 1**

9:30 AM – Prayer Shawl Group

Sunday, May 2

9:30 AM – Worship on Facebook Live

10:30 AM – Sunday School for Kids on Zoom

10:45 AM – Worship in Churchyard

Wednesday, May 5

7:00 PM – Inclusion and Equity Team

Thursday, May 6

10:00 AM – Spiritual Practices online

Saturday, May 8

9:00 AM – Befriender's Meeting

Sunday, May 9 (Mother's Day)

9:30 AM – Worship on Facebook Live

10:30 AM – Sunday School for Kids on Zoom

10:45 AM – Worship in Churchyard (weather permitting)

