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The Zion Spirit



"Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing"

May 13, 2021

Worship Resumes Schedule This Week

8:30 AM in Zion's Building,

9:30 AM on Facebook Live

10:45 AM in churchyard

(bring your lawn chairs and a hat for shade)

We will be indoors for all 8:30 worship services so that is something you can easily count on. But this week the weather looks favorable enough for us to be outside. There is a chance of rain, but it looks like it will come later in the day and should be in the 60s – pleasant enough with a light jacket. Feel free to wear a hat if it is sunny – there is no sense being hotter than necessary or getting sunburned! If, for some reason, the weather looks worse than expected we will go into the sanctuary for worship, but staying outside allows for better visiting with each other, singing during worship, etc.



This week's worship will continue our short sermon series on Galatians and we will read verses from Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29 and read Luke 1:68-79 as our gospel. We will look at some key themes that make Lutherans who we are – how we understand sin, grace and Christ.

Be sure to invite a friend to join us online or on-site. See you Sunday!

Spiritual Practices Class Continues on Thursday

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, Deacon Marlene will lead the Spiritual Practices Class by focusing on poetry and this week the class will look at the poem from the presidential inauguration by Amanda Gorman. Simply bring an open mind and open heart and you can participate. We will gather on Thursdays in May at 10:00 AM on Zoom. Here is the link:



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Meeting ID: 828 0030 9017

Passcode: 753751

Class being offered: "Who is Jesus for You?" May 17th, 24th and June 7th at 7 PM

Pastor Dave is offering a 3-session class to help you know who Jesus is and better be able to both own the story of Jesus in your own way and feel able to share it better with others. When you finish this class, you should have a way of articulating who Jesus is for you in your own words.

We will be BOTH in the building and on Zoom – our first hybrid effort. We have just purchased a new video conferencing camera called the "Owl" which will allow people in the room and online to see and hear each other – pretty cool!

Registration will help us have everything ready. That's especially important this time because this is our first class EVER that is both online and in the Zion building at the same time. Knowing how many will attend will make us able to do the best we can to be ready for each of you. We have a great registration already, which is exciting, but there is still room for you too!

To register, email the church at ZionElgin@Yahoo.com and say you plan to attend. Be sure to let us know if you will be in the building or online.

Graduates

We like to congratulate people as they mark milestones in their lives. Graduating is one such accomplishment to celebrate! We know some of our graduates but want to be sure we don't miss anyone. If you or someone in your family is graduating, please contact the church office so we can include you in the celebration. We will honor and bless graduates on May 30th during worship!



Youth Group This Sunday

Our Jr/Sr High Youth Group will be meeting at Paul Wolff/Burnidge Forest Preserve this Sunday from 4-6 PM to go for a hike. This will be followed by faith conversation and discussion about coming events. Questions? Contact Deacon Marlene at DeaconMarlene@ZionElginIL.org or 847-602-6401.



Memory Verse for this Month

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)

**Sunday School at 10:30 this Sunday.
End of year party in the churchyard on May 23rd
at 9:30!**

The last week of Sunday School before summer break is May 23rd. To make it special there will be a party for the kids in the churchyard at 9:30 AM. It should be fun and all preschool and elementary kids are invited to come.



Our last online Sunday School session is this week 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

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Upcoming Field Trip

Spring is in the air and time to smell the flowers! So, the Fellowship Team is organizing **a field trip** to the **Anderson Japanese Gardens** in Rockford on **Wednesday, June 9th** (morning to midafternoon). Tickets are \$10 for seniors and \$11 for non-seniors. Since reservations need to be made and tickets paid in advance, please let Gudrun – via e-mail (dorgans@yahoo.com) or message (847-610-0489) know by May 28th if you will join us. Please note that we plan to carpool leaving from Zion that day! More details will follow once we know how many are signed up.

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. (RebeccaRizz@gmail.com, or 847 373-1402)

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!**

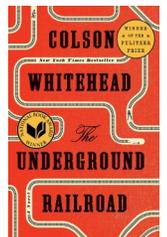
Celebration of **KIDS HOPE** for the Future

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 1PM EST

Join us for our virtual 25th anniversary celebration 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

Zion Book Club is Back!

Our first meeting will be May 20th at 6 pm hopefully outside under the pergola. If the weather is bad we will move inside if allowed under Covid restrictions. Our first book is *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. All are welcome to come even if you haven't read or finished the book. Looking forward to seeing you and please bring a lawn chair.



If you have any questions call or email Linda Bailey at 224-402- 2027 or baileylind@gmail.com.

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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!



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

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.

**This Week’s Calendar:****Sunday, May 16**

8:30 AM – Worship at Zion in Sanctuary
 9:30 AM – Worship on Facebook Live
 10:30 AM – Sunday School for Kids on Zoom
 10:45 AM – Worship at Zion in churchyard
 4:00 PM – Youth Group

Monday, May 17

7:00 PM – “Who is Jesus for Me” class – at Zion AND online

Wednesday, May 19

6:00 PM – Choir/Praise Team

Thursday, May 20

10:00 AM – Spiritual Practices online
 6:00 PM – Book Club on Zion’s patio
 6:00 PM – Pre-Teen Youth Group
 7:30 PM – Inclusion and Equity Team

Sunday, May 23

8:30 AM – Worship at Zion in Sanctuary
 9:30 AM – Worship on Facebook Live
 9:30 AM – Sunday School party in churchyard
 10:45 AM – Worship at Zion

