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The Zion Spirit



"Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing"

July 2021

Summer Sundays

8:30 in Zion's Building

9:30 AM on Facebook Live

10:45 AM in churchyard when weather permits
(Bring your lawn chairs and a hat for shade. If weather is bad, we will move inside)

Summer worship has been great as we keep getting more and more back from the pandemic. Join us for the central act in the life of the church – worshipping God in Christ. We will be indoors for all 8:30 Sunday worship services so that is something you can easily count on. We will be outdoors at 10:45 when it is not raining, so plan on that most weeks. And we will be online at 9:30 through the summer.



In July we will conclude our 6-week series from the book of Job. Job deals with the topic of God and human suffering. It is a chance to dig deep into some of the most challenging themes connecting faith and life. Then we will move to the Book of Revelation for another series on another interesting and often misunderstood book. We hope you find it interesting and helpful.

New Worship Protocols

All worship options are now fully open for participation. At early service, people are asked to wear masks when they enter the building and until they get to their seats. This will keep everyone who is still anxious feeling protected. **But if you are fully vaccinated, you may remove your masks once you get to your seat.** We will commune in both kinds (bread and cup). We will also put on masks for the closing hymn and stand to sing as we depart (yeah, singing indoors is slowly returning!)

Late service will be outside when weather permits. We will begin to commune in both kinds (bread and cup). If we go indoors for weather, because we have so many kids who cannot get the vaccine, we will ask everyone to mask during the service, regardless of vaccination status so kids know we are all in this together. We will also be able to sing the closing hymn indoors.

Tech Team Formed to Look at Livestreaming Worship



During the pandemic we made shifts to livestream worship and then moved to recording and editing worship for online each Sunday. We will be exploring installing two high-definition cameras and the equipment needed to have good audio feeds so that we can begin to stream our live worship services on Sunday mornings. Over the summer we will continue to use recorded worship on Facebook Live while installing and learning the ropes on the new equipment. We hope to be livestreaming (also on Facebook Live) starting in September. Pray about the work as the team works to identify, install and begin to use the new cameras.

Newsletter Returns to Monthly

During the pandemic we updated the newsletter each week to keep people connected and up to date as protocols changed and our activity adjusted to being mostly in an online world. Now the pandemic has stabilized (not ended) and we are able to work a bit more month by month and less day by day. So, our newsletter will return to monthly – another sign that things are a bit more stable. We'll still be doing things online and on-site, but we can keep you up to date with a monthly newsletter and a weekly Weekend Update e-blast. Watch for info to keep you informed and help you stay involved in being the church of Jesus together.

Kane County Cougar's Annual Faith Night!



We will be attending the game on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 6:30pm. We will be seated in Section 107, Rows T-V, along the first-base side, just below the concourse, where we have been the last few years. Because of some changes in info, ticket prices are lowered to \$5. Rebecca Rizzo will organize the tickets and parking passes for each family group and will start exchanging tickets/parking passes for money on Sunday. She will continue doing this on July 11 and 18 as needed. (She will be out of town over the July 4th weekend.)

July Memory Verse for this Month

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.
(Revelation 4:11)

Zion Book Club to Meet July 15th

We had a great turnout and another beautiful evening to sit outside and discuss a very good book. Thirteen of us had a fun evening and the group has 2 new members including baby Jonathan (he didn't read the book but enjoyed the discussion with such beautiful ladies). Thanks to Tricia for the healthy cuties/snack.

Our next book club group is July 15 at 6 pm at Zion outside under the pergola, weather permitting. Please bring a lawn chair (or a mask if we are inside).

Please join us even if you haven't read or finished the book. The book we chose was for this month is *Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See. Hope to see you all there. Any questions call Linda Bailey 224-402-2027.

**Upcoming Birthdays**

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



Joseph Ball – July 1
Jean Templeton – July 2
Daniel Dorgan – July 5
Jennifer Leatherby – July 5
Susan St. John – July 13
Nancy Emmer – July 14
Dianha Ortega-Ehreth – July 14
Chris Reddington – July 16
Dale Brevik – July 18
Violet Suh – July 18
Madison Villarreal – July 22
James Fellows – July 24
Logan Streadwick – July 27
Niall Bailey – July 28
Cole Herrmann – July 30

Zion's Inclusion and Equity Team Website Page

This week, we have a new addition to the Equity page on our website. This week's article is called "**A New EPA Report Shows That Environmental Racism is Real - The Atlantic**" We will be adding new items each week and a covenant that you are invited to consider signing. The page can be found at www.Zionelginil.org/equity

Vacation Bible School at Zion—July 26-30

This year's VBS will meet in the evenings from 6:30– 8:00 PM. This year's theme is "Hop, Skip, Jump" and the Bible stories for the week come from the book of John. This year's VBS will be in-person and will meet outside in Zion's churchyard each evening. We will have COVID protocols in place.

Intern Allison Mikyska is coordinating this year. If you are interested in helping, please contact her at Allison@ZionElginIL.org. Thanks!

**Thank You For Your Offerings!**

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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.



July 4—Independence Day
July 5—Independence Day (Office Closed)
July 6—Soup Kettle (We Serve)
July 9—Immigrant Rights Workshop
July 21—Kane County Cougars Game