

ZION LIFE NEWSLETTER

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Special Points of Interest:

- **Morning Prayer,**
Wednesdays, 8:00 am
- **Bible Study,**
Thursdays, 10:30 am
- **Parson's Closet**
Tuesday, May 15 & 27,
10—1
- **Bold Café @
McDonalds,** Saturday,
May 17, 9:00 am
- **Chicken BBQ at St.
Matthew's Chapel**
Saturday, May 17, 3—6
- **Community Dinner**
Friday, May 23, 5—6:30
- **Theology on Tap,
Parsonage Porch,**
Friday, May 23, 7:00 pm
- **Food Pantry &
Parson's Closet**
Saturday, May 24, 9—12

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I think Spring is really here now. My dog Lazarus has finally begun to blow his winter fur coat. When this happens, he fills the yard and sometimes the house with clumps of white fur balls. The fur is invaluable to him during the winter, it enables him to sit outside in the cold winter months and keep watch over the yard – protecting us from freezing cats and skunks that dare venture out by barking his presence known. He has to blow his coat every year, in order to prevent him from over heating in the summer months when the temps climb higher.

All these are things that Lazarus does instinctually. It is in his nature to bark and protect his people – even though he would likely play and lick a predator to death. It is in his nature to lay at the doorway and keep watch. This is a result of thousands of years of evolving to develop a dog that would be good at protecting the sheep and goats under his care.

The same is true of the Church. Over thousands of years now, we have also developed patterns and habits that in some ways have helped us to survive for more than two thousand years. Like Lazarus, some of those habits and patterns have helped us to be very faithful to Jesus Christ and his teachings, in the same way Lazarus blowing his coat is helpful for hot and cold weather. How-

ever, there are other habits that are not so helpful (like Lazarus incessantly barking at freezing cats that do not pose a threat). The trouble lies in discerning what are our habits and patterns as people of God? Then to ask, which of the habits and patterns are helpful and which are not? And, which are only help to ourselves? What are the habits and patterns that we hold on to for our own sake and comfort? How many do we hold on to or adopt new for



the sake and comfort of those that are not a part of a community of faith? There are a couple of blog posts that I found helpful in thinking about these questions. I invite you to take some time to look at them.

They are found on the internet and are put out by The Center for Healthy Churches:

<https://healthy-churches.org/gardening-metaphor-churches-gardener/>

<https://healthy-churches.org/plants-gardening-metaphor-churches/>

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“The onus for bridging the distance between people who are different from us who come to our church is on US!” Rev. Dr. Clint Schneklath, A-OK Synod Assembly 2014.

Christianity 101

This week, the Congregational Council began reading a daily devotional called, "Praying the Catechism," by Donald W. Johnson. We have used his book in the past to reflect on baptism in our monthly newsletter. Since we are working on being "comfortable in our own skin," I thought we would take a few reflections from the Ten Commandments over the next several months. I hope you will find this time to be a blessing that brings light to our Christian Lutheran identity.

NO OTHER GODS. . . The Ten Commandments:

I am The Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. (Exodus 20:2)

This is the Word that is spoken before the summary of the law called the Ten Commandments. Remember, first, that I am the God who has rescued you. In the light of this great rescue, the commandments are then given. It is the same mysterious God who spoke to Moses earlier in the burning bush, who said, "I have heard their cries and I know their suffering and will rescue them." At the heart

of these Ten Commandments and of this covenant is the God of compassion who delivers people – especially those held as slaves in Egypt.

We all have some image of God. For some, the Ten Commandments begins with a word about the God who rescues. It is to us who have been rescued that God will now speak the Ten Commandments.

In what ways have you been rescued by God? What gifts of deliverance have you experienced? You may remember many times in your life that you felt this hand of deliverance touch you.

Take a moment right now and spend some time thanking God for deliverance you have experienced. Pray for others who seek the deliverance of God in their lives: the sick, the poor, the addicts, and the dying.

This reflection was adapted from "Praying The Catechism," by Donald W. Johnson revised edition, Winnipeg: Augsburg Fortress, 2008.

Zion will be having a "Kitchen Shower" on May 18 to replace some worn-out and/or missing kitchen items. The shower will follow the congregational meeting and there will be cake, snacks, and shower games. Items needed:

- Small tool kit
- knives - small to large [the knives we have are dull and not very useful]
- cutting boards - we have glass cutting boards that tend not to be useful
- mixing bowls
- rubber or hard plastic spatula set for scraping bowls, especially small
- hard plastic spatulas (hamburger flippers) for Teflon pans
- tablespoons and teaspoons for measuring
- measuring cups
- large aluminum roasting pans
- electric frying pan with sides (not griddle)
- peeler set
- Kitchen shears
- small grater
- potato masher
- chore boys
- dish towels and cloths
- dish drainer
- serving spoons
- spoon tray
- duck tape
- soup bowls
- dessert paper plates
- stress mats for floor



There will be a Congregational Meeting to vote on the Constitution and By-laws on Sunday, May 18 following worship at Zion. Please plan to attend this important vote!

Above all things
Have intense
AND unfailing
Love for one another
FOR LOVE COVERS
A MULTITUDE OF SINS.

1 Peter 4:8



Christian Church Calendar

Liturgical Year

X F N N H V L G T K K K S L
 J Q O T B L E D Q G M A T T
 B R L R K P N J O K M R N S
 T P X D D Y T O R T Y N Z O
 R T R D F I D H S R B R T C
 R N K N C F N I D K C V W E
 K E J M R N R A L G G K R T
 V V T I Z H V X R L K M W N
 F D D S C K F R D Y T F V E
 M A F F A K K V M B T R N P
 Y R K K W E P X D Y T I T B
 M B M M E P I P H A N Y M F
 G H K L X V Q L T H T T G E
 Y A D S R U H T Y D N U A M

Advent
 Christmas
 Easter
 Epiphany
 Good Friday
 Lent
 Maundy Thursday
 Ordinary Time
 Pentecost

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Events Committee

Although Christmas is seven months away, we are already in the process of planning our Christmas float. We are seeking both colored and white netting lights (the kind that drape over bushes) to use on the float. If you have any or happen to come across some, please keep us in mind.

Also, the Community Dinner for May and June will be moved up a week due to scheduling conflicts. The May dinner will be on May 23 and the June dinner will be on June 20. Both will be from 5—6:30. Join us in meeting our neighbors in the community!



Including Kids in Worship

“People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.”—Mark 10:13-16 (NRSV).

We all know this story and these words of Jesus, and I suspect we all think fondly on them. What a kind, child-loving man Jesus was. But in practice—at least when it comes to worship—I suspect some of us are a bit more like the disciples, occasionally “stern” about the presence of children in worship, particularly when we perceive that presence as disrupting our own worship experience.

Having children in worship is an inherent paradox. On the one hand, if we take Jesus’ words seriously, our faith demands that we welcome children in our midst just as we would welcome Jesus. This isn’t a part of the levitical code that we can argue is irrelevant today, this isn’t something we can argue Paul just wrote on a bad day, it’s not an enigmatic passage from the latter half of Daniel—this is a point straight from the horse’s mouth, and it deserves our attention. Regardless of whether Jesus actually spoke the words, the fact that they appear in three of four gospels means that they were an important part of the early Christian tradition. It is not a Christian church that does not welcome children in its midst.

More than that, though, children are a vital part of our Christian faith and, consequently, of Christian worship. Children help us understand our faith better, and help model Christ for us in a way we might not have otherwise imagined. There is something innocent and pure about a child’s faith—or their understanding of God or religion, or however you choose to define it—that we adults can all learn from. Sure, kids may think their pastor is God, they may not understand the Trinity, they may be a little confused about why we drink “the blood

of Christ” on Sundays (eww). But in terms of modeling the Christian spirit, children can all teach us a thing or two. In terms of approaching the world with awe and wonder, children are far beyond most of us in their appreciation of God’s creation. Have you ever watched a child as she spends an hour in a meadow picking flowers and watching bugs? With all of our liturgical preparation, hymns and prayer books, we would be hard pressed to recreate such an honest and grateful spirit of thanks for God’s work. Even if children don’t necessarily understand that their natural sense of play and wonder is a way of giving thanks to God, we adults can learn much from a child’s relationship to the divine.

And then, there’s that other hand. It’s not something we like to talk about, not something that is polite to say out loud (at least not to parents), but children in worship can seem like little more than a distraction. That is, it is sometimes—when the infant in the third row is screaming, for instance, or when the toddler in the row behind you is crunching his Cheerios too loudly—easier to think of children as detractors from worship rather than people especially blessed and affirmed by Jesus.

During worship, the time most likely to bore children and, consequently, for children to fidget and be louder, is during the sermon. Sermons are long (yes, I said that), and they most often consist of a single person talking. The sermon time combines three difficult elements: it is a time when adults should be listening closely, a time when children are likely to lose interest in the service, and a time when usually only one person is speaking, which means a child’s sounds cannot be covered by music or shared congregational words (such as a spoken responsive prayer). Every church has a different approach to the issue of what to do with children during sermons. Some churches (like at St Matthew’s Chapel) invite children to stay with their parents and listen to the adult-styled sermon. Other churches invite children to stay in the sanctuary, but try to make the sermon more child-friendly. Still other churches (like more recently at Zion) whisk the children off to another place at an appropriate point before the sermon—often after a



Kids in Worship cont.

short “time for children”—where a children’s sermon, Sunday school or another child-centered activity is taking place. The children are then brought back to the service after the adult sermon and the prayers is over. All of these approaches have their pros and cons. and the particular style in place in a congregation is often part of a tradition and therefore difficult to change.

Let me give a personal example of both the paradox I referred to above and the particular issues surrounding sermon time. About a year ago, I was sitting in the back row of a Presbyterian church—though this could certainly happen anywhere—with my three children, who were then just a little under ages eight, six, and four. For children of eight, six and four, they were doing very well. An elderly woman sitting down the aisle from us smiled at the girls during the early part of the service, and was generally very friendly. Shortly after the adult sermon began, though, she caught my attention and said, “You’ll have to take them outside.” They hadn’t gotten appreciably louder, but her tipping point between the two poles—welcome of children and unadulterated worship experience—had been crossed, because she wanted to hear the sermon.

As worshiping adults, I dare say many of us have had this experience, from either the parent’s or the disturbed congregant’s side. There simply comes a point—usually having to do with a certain volume level—when we feel children become too distracting, and our Christian charity turns suddenly into glares, shifting uncomfortably in our seats, and occasionally saying something to the parents. (I include myself in this, and sometimes it is my own children!)

As a congregation, how do we address the need to welcome children (and their parents) into worship and still offer a meaningful worship experience for all involved? How can we foster an attitude that fully appreciates the gift of children in worship, regardless of their level of perceived distraction? Here are a few suggestions for striking the right balance in your church, so that you can have your liturgical cake and invite children to eat it too.

* The most important thing we can do is to set the tone for our church so everyone knows that children are a vital and important part of worship. It’s all well and good to tell parents who bring children to worship that their kids are welcome and to hand them a few crayons, but the point is lost if everyone in the congregation doesn’t hear that message frequently. As the pastor, I

have preached and taught about the importance of children. Perhaps we should sing “Jesus Loves the Little Children” in worship. As a congregant or other church leader, tell others at coffee hour, in the parking lot, at meetings, and while playing cards what a joy you find the sounds of peeping (or screaming) children during worship. Essentially, you have to create a culture of welcome to children in your church in order for children and their parents to be truly welcome.

* Next, imagine how our service can be made more child friendly. There are plenty of creative ways—from the beginning of a service to its close—to both include children and make them feel more welcome and engaged. Let children (maybe with their parents, but maybe not) serve as ushers, handing out bulletins, ringing the bell, taking the offering and bringing communion elements forward, and help in the serving of communion. Let children take on various turns doing various liturgical tasks, in increasing importance and responsibility as they grow older. For instance, children can walk in the procession (carrying the cross or just merely walking along—children love to do this, and even the very young can participate), light candles or serve as acolytes, read scripture lessons, help with the prayers, and so on. The more children are in front of the congregation in positions of leadership, the more likely our congregation is to welcome children. Sometimes we invite children to gather around the font during a baptism or the communion table for the words of institution, witnessing to the mystery. Children have a natural sense of awe and wonder for the sacraments, and their example can enhance profoundly the worship experience of all. The point is to involve children in every aspect of worship, as often as possible.

* Think creatively within the space we have about how a special place for children might be created. The single best example I have seen of a church welcoming children into its midst at the physical level is St. Thomas Episcopal Church in New Haven, Connecticut. The sanctuary at St. Thomas is a fairly traditional forward-facing sanctuary. However, there is one space on the left side of the sanctuary at the front, just in front of the altar. Traditionally, this seating would be used for choir or congregation, but St. Thomas has transformed this side into a space for children. One pew is placed against the wall, with about six feet of carpeted floor space in front of it, and finally a walled partition. This enclosed space is where families with small children are invited to sit, and

toys and books are provided for any who need it. This unique arrangement means that children and their parents are at the front of the congregation, with a full view of the priests and altar, but slightly off to the side so as not to obstruct the view of other congregants. The children are not placed at the back, as in some churches (the church in which I was raised had a sound-proof "crying room" at the back of the sanctuary), but neither are they perceived as a distraction. Furthermore, because this is a place where several parents come to sit with their children, the kids tend to play together and therefore give their parents a good chance to actually experience the worship service. How can this success story be brought to our congregation? Can we move a few pews around (or out) and create a welcoming place for children and their parents? It may take some time, effort and creativity for the change, and it may even ruffle a few feathers (which is where creating the right culture around children at your church comes into play), but it will be worth it for both theological and liturgical reasons.

Including children in Christian worship is both a theological necessity and a liturgical "joy-challenge". Especially since we live in a time where there are as many as two generations missing from our communities. When welcome, hospitality is done well, communities of Jesus Christ are enriched by new energy, unexpected grace and radical welcome. Is that high-pitched scream part of the service? Absolutely. Even Jesus would say so.

*Adapted by Sara Litzner
from an article by Ian Heston Doescher*

May 17 BBQ at St. Matthew's

Members of the Ministry Board at St. Matthew's Chapel are now planning the annual chicken barbecue to be held from 3:00 PM till 6:00 on Saturday, May 17. A half chicken will cost \$6 dollars; a complete dinner will cost \$8. The complete dinner will include a half chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, macaroni salad, a roll, a beverage, and a desert of a cookie and ice cream. The Sharon Springs Fire Department will be grilling the chicken. The MB members expect to have very tasty chicken for sale. Presale tickets will be available from MB members in early May. Anyone with questions can ask Pr. Sara or any MB member.



St. Matthew's Ministry



The Ministry Board at St. Matthew's Chapel, hereafter referred to as the "MB," held its monthly meeting on April 1, 2014. Only two MB members were missing. Pastor Sara read the opening verses from the Gospel of John.

The MB members began to talk about the May 17 barbecue, with chicken halves grilled either by the Sharon Springs Fire Department or by Brooks. Members discussed publicity, tickets, dinner sides, and prices. A price was set at \$6 for a half chicken or \$8 for a complete dinner. We also discussed baking beans and making coleslaw. Pam Kostbar-Jarvis and John agreed to provide Western rolls, ice cream, and cookies. The MB will order 250 halves and any unsold halves will go to the Zion Food Pantry.

The MB members decided to order a special homemade cake for the Resurrection Sunday Coffee Hour. Pam and John will provide candy for the traditional Easter Egg Hunt.

Pam Kostbar-Jarvis gave a report on the special three-party pre-Easter Sunday School series that has begun at the Chapel. Three very young children attended the first session, held on the Sunday before our meeting and three more attended the second class.

The MB members decided to give a check to Herb Vroman in thanks for his free snow removal services this past winter.

MB members will again be part of the Sharon Springs Memorial Day parade. Our marchers will have American flags to pass out to parade watchers. These flags are available from the Oriental Trading Company.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30. At St. Matthew's Chapel, there is much to be thankful for besides chicken barbecues, holiday parades, and Oriental Trading catalogs. Thanks be to God!

John Jarvis
MB recording secretary



FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry was open on March 22, 2014. There were 42 households (107 individuals) who came for assistance. Five households were there for the first time. One person came the following week.

We were blessed with 11 volunteers. Judy and Eilene picked up perishables at Price Chopper and Stewart's for John who came in later.

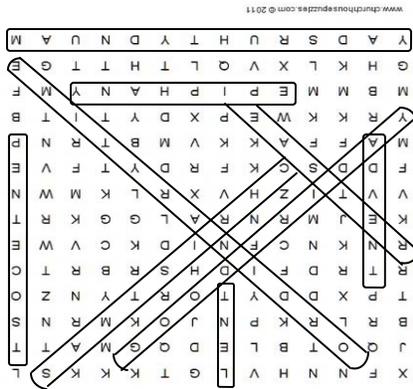
Thanks to those who helped with the pick-up on April 9, 2014 from the Regional Food Bank. On April 10, 2014 Sandy Deems and Judy Warner attended a workshop on Food Safety and Handling at the Regional Food Bank in Latham. Both received certification which is good for

five years and allows us to receive grants in the future. Our Pantry will be open on April 19, 2014. We will also pack 10 Easter Food Baskets that day. Thanks to all who have donated food, time, and money to this outreach program.

In May, the Food Pantry will be open May 24 and pick-up from the Regional Food Bank will be on May 14, 2014. Volunteers will be needed.

God blesses us as we reach out to others.

Sandy Deems,
Food Pantry Coordinator



Free Community Dinner



Friday, May 23 from 5—6:30. Join us!

Thank You

The ELCA World Hunger would like to thank you for your recent gift of \$515. The vision of ELCA World Hunger is to end hunger in our world. One community at a time, one program at a time, this vision is coming ever closer to reality thanks to gifts like yours. To neighbors near and far, gifts like yours bring not only help, but hope.

As the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we do more together than any one of us could ever do alone. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world — together. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to the members of Zion Lutheran Church from the Upstate New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. In grateful appreciation for giving \$2,500 for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synodical and churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Marie Jerge, Synod Bishop
and
Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

W.E.L.C.A. Circle

On April 12, 2014, we tied off a small child's quilt. This quilt will be put aside until it is needed. A stuffed toy to match it is also planned.

A reminder of the Spring Assembly of the Foothills Women of the ELCA on May 3, 2014 from 9 am — 2 pm at St. Paul's in Richmondville. The guest speaker, Kait Isaac, is a young lady who went to Haiti with Future Farmers of America to help build homes and hope for the Haitians after the 2010 earthquake.

Other upcoming events include the Ninth Triennial Gathering on July 24 — 27, 2014 in Charlotte, NC and the Upstate WELCA Convention on October 3—5, 2014 in Syracuse, NY (see related articles). Our next regular WELCA circle meeting will be on May 10, 2014 from 10:00 — 12:00 in Zion's assembly hall.

Sandy Deems,
WELCA leader

GETTING READY FOR TRIENNIAL—EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT ATTENDING

PRAYER SHAWLS

In 2011 we collected 2,225 prayer shawls. Can we exceed that number in 2014?

Grab your crochet hook or knitting needles and get started! Work some prayers into a shawl and for **"of many generations"**, our Ninth Triennial Gathering.

Prayer upon beginning a shawl: Blessed are you, Creator God, for you wrap your creation in the warmth of your loving kindness. As I take up my yarn and my tools to begin this shawl, bless my hands and heart. With my small skill and compassion and this yarn and tools, may I be a repairer of the breach, a restorer of streets, In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Prayer upon completing a shawl: Loving God, may the prayers for healing, peace and comfort I have worked into each stitch of this shawl, rise to you and blessings a hundredfold descend to the shawl's recipient. May all the shawls made by women of this church be visible signs of renovation and restoration. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

IN-KIND GIFTS

Can we exceed our giving in 2011? We collected \$10,420 in gift cards, 11,160 minutes of phone cards, 600 health kits, hundreds of school supplies, 58 clothing support kits and nearly 800 bags of socks. PLUS participants made 80 quilts on site!!!

QUILT KITS

Option 1: Fill a gallon-size resealable plastic bag with one of each of the following:

- Twelve 21 inch squares of cotton fabric
- One spool of Coats & Clark Dual Duty thread to match
- One piece of cotton fabric for backing — 2 1/2 yds. of 60" wide or 5 yds. of 35—45" wide fabric.

Option 2: Fill a gallon-size resealable plastic bag with:

- 2 pieces fabric (2 1/2 yds. 60" wide or 5 yds. of 35—45" wide fabric)
- One spool of Coats & Clark Dual Duty thread to match

GIFT CARDS: Any amount beginning at \$10 from Target, Wal-Mart, or K-Mart. Visa cards also OK

HYGIENE ITEMS: For women, teen girls and teen boys—deodorant, body wash, body puffs, shampoo, conditioner, hair gel, moisturizers, toothbrushes in original packaging, toothpaste, dental floss, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, wide-toothed hair combs and brushes.

CLOTHING: Socks and underwear, any size, any color for women, teen girls, and teen boys. Bras in any size.

GETTING YOUR ITEMS TO THE GATHERING: Give to Sandy Deems to take to Marilyn Dwyer at Synod Assembly June 1, 2, 3, 2014.

**CONVENTION 2014—SYRACUSE
CALLED TO MISSION
OCTOBER 3—5
BEST WESTERN PLUS, CARRIER CIRLE
NYS Thruway Exit 35, East Syracuse**

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Judith VanOsdol, Director,
Evangelical Mission Upstate New York Synod, ELCA

Chaplain: Pastor Gail Wolling, Pastor, Luther Memorial Church,
North Syracuse

Linda Post Bushkofsky—Executive Director, Women of the ELCA,
Chicago

Charlene Walker-Horton—Churchwide Board Representative,
Women of the ELCA, York, PA

- **Workshops**
 - **Mission Outreach opportunities**
- **Opportunities to explore the Syracuse area**
 - **Worship and prayer time**
 - **Fellowship!**
 - **Kids Convo for children of attendees**
 - **Registration: \$60**
 - **Room Rate: \$89/Night (per room)**

**Registration forms available beginning in May on
www.upstatenysynod.org/women-of-the-elca and will be sent out via
angel-Lines**

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Ingathering Baby Care Kits

Monthly Serving Schedule for May 2014

St. Matthew's Chapel

Date	05/04	05/11	05/18	05/25
Acolyte	Allen Graulich	Karl Graulich	Allen Graulich	Karl Graulich
Reader	Jean Bakkom	Suzanne Graulich	John Jarvis	Tom Collins
Greeter	Omer Cousineau	John Jarvis	Jean Bakkom	Pam Kostbar-Jarvis
Ushers	Pam Kostbar-Jarvis & John Jarvis	Omer & Barb Cousineau	Tom & Suzanne Collins	Janet Lynk & Jean Bakkom
Communion Assistant	Barb Cousineau	Pam Kostbar-Jarvis	Lara Graulich	John Jarvis
Bell Ringer	Allen Graulich	Karl Graulich	Allen Graulich	Karl Graulich

Zion Lutheran Church

Acolyte	Emma Litzner	Rose Keller	Isabella Philipp	Eilene Fisher
Reader	Vern Hall	Rich Churchill	Eilene Fisher	Sandy Deems
Greeter	Teddy Beaver	Judith Warner	Brian Swanhall	Rose Swanhall
Usher	André Nadeau	Brian Swanhall	Rose Swanhall	Henry Mau
Communion Assistant	Lilly Litzner	Vern Hall	André Nadeau	Judith Warner
Bell Ringer		Charlotte Litzner	Ava Philipp	Gabriel Litzner
Elevator	Ed Eldredge	Eilene Fisher	Henry Mau	Ed Eldredge
Altar Guild	Valerie Becker			

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May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 WORSHIP St. Matt's Svc. 9:00 a Zion Svc. 11:00 am	5 Stephen Ministry 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	6 Ministry Board 7:00	7 Morning Prayer 8:00	8 Bible Study 10:30 am Church Council , 6:30 Photo Club, 7:00 pm	9 Pastor's Sabbath Day	10 W.E.L.C.A. 10:30 am Daisy Girl Scouts 11:30
11 Mother's Day WORSHIP St. Matt's Svc. 9:00 a Zion Svc. 11:00 am	12 Stephen Ministry 6:30 Finance/Endow. 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	13 Parson's Closet 10—1 Worship/Music/Ed. 7:00 pm Events/Evang/Missi on 7:30 pm	14 Morning Prayer 8:00a	15 Bible Study 10:30 am	16 Pastor's Sabbath Day	17 Bold Café @ McDonald's 9:00 am St. Matt's Chicken BBQ, 3—6 pm
18 WORSHIP St. Matt's Svc. 9:00 a Zion Svc. 11:00 am	19 Stephen Ministry 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	20	21 Morning Prayer 8:00 Historical Society 7:00p	22 Bible Study 10:30 am	23 Pastor's Sabbath Day Community Dinner 5—6:30 Theology on Tap 7:00	24 Food Pantry & Parson's Closet 9—12 Daisy Girl Scouts 11:30
25 WORSHIP St. Matt's Svc. 9:00 a Zion Svc. 11:00 am	26 Memorial Day Office Closed Stephen Ministry 6:30	27 Parson's Closet 10—1	28 Morning Prayer 8:00	29 Bible Study 10:30 am	30 Pastor's Sabbath Day	31

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Community Dinner

Sit down with a stranger and leave with a friend

Join us for our free Community Dinner on Friday, May 23rd from 5–6:30 pm. Come and get to know the neighbors in your community!