



June 2021 Newsletter

All the news that's fit to print from A to Zion

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**Rooted in Christ
Growing in Faith
Reaching Out in Love**



JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**9:00am Indoor Worship Service
in the Family Life Center Gym**

Masks optional for fully vaccinated,
distanced seating, singing throughout

9:00am Online Worship Service via Facebook Live

10:30am Indoor Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Masks required for all, distanced seating, singing only for final hymn

Sunday, June 6 + Graduate Recognition Sunday

Together we will pray for those graduating high school and college. At our 9:00am Indoor Service in the Gym we will recognize high school graduates Hannah Elrod and Elizabeth Grant.

Nomads Sunday School Class

The Nomads Sunday School class will begin holding in person classes on Sunday, June 6th. The class will meet 9:45-10:30am on Sunday mornings in the Cathedral Room of the Family Life Center. Masks will be optional for fully vaccinated.

Additional information about the
10:30am Indoor Worship Service in the Sanctuary - on page 2



Great Job Zion!

We donated 112 pounds of pasta to Mission Lexington in May. You are truly making an impact on hunger in Lexington. This is what Mission Lexington had to say:

"We are so grateful for our relationship with Zion Lutheran Church - the impact that you are making on your community is incredible! Thank you for the 112 lbs. of pasta collected for our food pantry - this will help us keep lots of families full and happy!"



INFORMATION ABOUT SANCTUARY WORSHIP

**Note: Doors will open for people to enter at 10:10am each Sunday.
Please do not plan to enter the building before 10:10am.**

Here is what you need to know:

1. Park in front of the sanctuary or in the lot between the buildings.
2. Enter the building through the front doors, ramp door, or side door by the playground.
3. You should **wear a mask** at all times while inside.
4. Be prepared to be checked in and screened for illness.
5. Pick up prepackaged communion when you enter the sanctuary.
6. A one page bulletin/order of service will be preplaced in your pew.
7. An **usher will seat you**. The sanctuary will be filled from front to back.
8. Worship will look and feel different than usual. The service will be brief (30-35 minutes) and congregational singing will be minimal.
9. There will not be a staffed nursery though the nursery and restrooms will be available.
10. Indoor Worship in the Gym (9:00am) and Online Worship (9:00am) will still be offered.

While we are happy to offer this additional worship opportunity, we realize not everyone will be ready to worship in the sanctuary at this time. No one should feel pressured to attend. You should make a decision about worship attendance that feels best for you. Additionally, we will continue to evaluate this Indoor Worship Service in the Sanctuary and may make adjustments to our plans as we move forward.

For more information on all our worship opportunities, including details about how we will be gathering safely at both our 9:00am Indoor Worship Service in the Family Life Center Gym and 10:30am Indoor Worship Service in the Sanctuary, visit www.zionLexsc.com.

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SPECIAL NOTE

Even as we prepare to begin worshipping in the sanctuary again, we want you to know that congregation leaders are assessing some needed repairs and renovations that will eventually be taking place inside and outside the sanctuary. We will share more details about this project soon.



Christian Education



Youth Pool Party June 13th, 12:00-3:00 pm

Join us at the Barton's pool for fun and fellowship!

Rising 6th graders through 12th grade welcome!

Barton's house: 514 Carriage Lake Dr

All are welcome so let's make it a crowd! Bring a Friend!

Please wear Youth Group Appropriate swim wear and bring a towel

GraceWorks 2021: Give Love Back

July 25th-29th at Ebenezer Lutheran Church

Our annual service experience is back in person this year. We will gather each day in Columbia for service, worship, and learning experiences. Zion plays a key part of planning this event this year and would love to have more Youth involved.



SIGNUPS DUE BY JUNE 21st - Contact Walt to signup now: Walt@zionlexsc.com



I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is. Ephesians 3:19 CEV

Summer 2022 could hold a life changing experience for your youth!

From July 24-28 2022 we will join over 30,000 other Lutheran Youth from around the ELCA and beyond in Minneapolis MN for *Boundless* the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering. Because we will need to begin travel plans, fundraising, and team building this fall I am looking to begin a list of interested Youth **NOW** so we can start planning.

(actual travel dates could be July 23-29 depending on flight availability)

Walt know if you have any questions or to signup now: Walt@zionlexsc.com



Christmas in July?!?!?

That's right! Our 2021 Vacation Bible School this summer is Christmas in July themed. Join us July 19-23 for daily activities and bible lessons. This is a HYBRID event. Monday through Thursday will be virtual VBS, then we will come together for a Christmas Movie Night July 23rd at Zion. Watch out for more details coming soon!



Worship & Music

MUSIC NOTES

June 2021

Choir and Handbell friends,

As more and more of us are getting vaccinated, we're getting closer to being able to create beautiful music together again. I'm currently planning on cranking our music programs back to a regular schedule in the fall. (Keep in mind that this is subject to change based on COVID cases at that time.) Thanks for your continued support!



-Julie

If you have any questions, or if you'd like to share your musical talents in some way, please contact Julie at julie@zionlexsc.com.

**My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises! Psalm 57:7**

Help Wanted

We are currently in need of song leaders at our 9:00am worship service in the Family Life Center. You don't have to be Celine Dion, there's no special music (unless that's something you're interested in!), just someone to help lead our hymn singing. It's difficult to hear any voices besides Pastor Nathan's on our Facebook livestream, so he has requested we add some other voices at a microphone. If this is something you are willing to do, please see me in person, call the church office or email me at julie@zionlexsc.com.



Great Songs to Start Your Summer

Under the Boardwalk by The Drifters (1964)
Hot Fun in the Summertime by Sly & the Family Stone (1969)
Summer Breeze by Seals & Crofts (1972)
Summer Nights by John Travolta & Olivia Newton-John (1978)
Vacation by the Go-Gos (1981)
Walking on Sunshine by Katrina & the Waves (1983)
The Boys of Summer by Bryan Adams (1984)
Island in the Sun by Weezer (2001)

Ways you can SERVE

We need your help to make Worship happen at Zion. We are looking to fill in a few serving roles this month. See below and let the office know if you can help! ZionChurch@zionlexsc.com

	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
9:00 am – In Family Life Center				
Door/Check In:				
Table/Sign In:				
Sound:				
Slides:		Ross Hunter		
Livestream:	Walt Hampton	Walt Hampton	Walt Hampton	Walt Hampton
10:30 am - In Sanctuary				
Check In Usher:	Susan Shumpert			
Seating Usher:	Steve Shumpert			
Assisting Minister				
Sound Tech:		Roscoe Nesmith		

What does that server do?

Door/Check In: Be here by 8:30 am to greet worshipers etc.

Table/Sign In: Be here by 8:30 am to greet worshipers and record attendance.

Sound: Be here by 8:30 am to run sound board. Now training. It's easier than you think.

Slides: Be here by 8:45 am to advance our in house slide show during worship.

Livestream: Be here by 8:15 am to setup online livestream, then run livestream during worship. Now open to train new volunteers. Reach out now to find out more.

Check In Usher: Be here by 10:00 am to greet worshipers and record attendance.

Seating Usher: Be here by 10:00 am to guide worshipers in the sanctuary to their seats.

Assisting Minister: Assists the pastor in leading worship. Reads first reading, leads creed and prayers, and assists where needed. You will receive readings in advance.

Sound Tech: Be here by 10:00 am to setup and run sound for worship.

Now training new volunteers. Great intro to our tech roles.

Current Needs

Clyde Baker
Jerald Drafts
Barry Granda
Melba Ivey
GeGe Kimball
Guy Kimball
Wyman Kleckley
Ray Kyzer
Jane Langston (National Health)
Warren Peebles
Sara Rymer
Becky Saville
Betty Shaw
Carolette Turner

Homebound

Betty Baker (Carolina Gardens)
Les Caton (Brookdale Harbison)
Nellie Drafts
Gene Hendrix (Westminster)
Thelma Kleckley (Oakleaf)
Thomas Kleckley (Oakleaf)

Expecting Mothers

Anna Wingard

Military

Brett Creasman (Army)
Burton Flake (Army)
Matt Mayer (Air Force)
Chris Rauch (Army)

Friends of the Congregation

Lynn Balch (health, wife of Craig Balch)
Ann Black (stroke, cousin of Al and Carla Fallaw)
Hart Cartrette (cancer, friend of the Leaparts)
Mike Corley (testing, friend of the Leaparts)
Noreen Hamm (liver transplant, friend of Geri Nilsestuen)
Tommy Harman (cancer, friend of Janet Boltjes)
Tressie Hayes (breast cancer, friend of Carla Fallaw)
Esther Hempel (health, mother of Carol Hunter)
Heather Hobbs (health, friend of Bridgett Ridgell)
Arthur Holladay (health, uncle of Bonnie Phillips)
Pam Holladay (health, mother of Bonnie Phillips)
Colin Hungerpillar (health, friend of Stefanie Wingard)
Jessica Seriah Housley & family (cancer)
Terry Hubert (cancer, Ray Kyzer's son-in-law)
Sue Jaeckel (cancer, friend of Geri Nilsestuen)
Heather Kaikini (breast cancer, niece of Michael and Jane Kohn)
Shelly Koenig (cancer, daughter of Tom Panyard)
Sarah May (health, aunt of Mary Hampton)
Hayley Meetze (cancer, friend of Janet Phillips)
Russell Meetze (cancer, family of Edith Clark)
Hope Melnyk (stroke, niece of Walt Hampton Sr.)
Deanna Morrical (cancer, Hanna family)
Bo O'Neal (son Charlie and Marsha O'Neal)
Donna Oneal (surgery, cousin of Marsha and Charlie Oneal)
Mackenzie Pinnell (Hodgins lymphoma, friend of Donna Corley)
Donna Riggins (cancer, sister in law of Rachael Rhoden)
Sylvia Ruff (cancer, aunt of Julie Branham)
Teresa Sharpe (cancer, friend of Al and Carla Fallaw)
Robert Tolar (health and family, friend of Bob McCombs)
John Whiteside (cancer, friend of the Shaws)

It has been my honor and privilege to have served on the staff for the past 15 years. You all have been so kind and considerate to me during my service and I look forward to the years to come. Susan and I have enjoyed the flowers, the grandchildren played with the balloons and the monetary gift will be very helpful. Thanks so much! - In Christ, Steve Shumpert

*To ensure we have accurate information on our prayer list please let us know as prayer requests change.
To make updates or additions to the prayer list, contact the church office at 356-2297.*



Congregation Council

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 12, 2021 + 7:00 pm Zoom

Call to Order: 7:03 pm by Suzette Porth

Members present: Pastor Nathan, Kimberly Rauch, Sara Rymer, Janice Sult, Suzette Porth, Ross Hunter, Walt Hampton, Bridget Ridgell, Ernest Beck, Betsy Burn, Sue Anderson, Kathryn Barton
Mary Nell Panyard and Lee Caulder were absent

Devotions: by Sue Anderson on Isaiah 65:25

Report of the Secretary – Kimberly Rauch submitted the March minutes taken by Janice Sult via email Housekeeping item: in the technology section of the March minutes the sentence beginning with “Bids have been submitted...” should actually come before the sentence “A proposal was presented...” The motion was made to make this change. All information was correct, simply out of order.

Report of the Treasurer: Betsy Burn emailed reports and verbally reviewed with council. It was clarified that some large percentage numbers as items that we simply have not accrued an expense for YTD

Report of Executive Committee: An Executive meeting was held via email where a request to use the gym for Madeline Riley’s Eagle Scout Ceremony May 2, 2021, was approved

It was mentioned that we have a Ministry Team issue = those who become the chairperson tend to become “stuck”, we do not have enough volunteers. A new committee will be formed to review the Bi-Laws on this matter in an effort to cycle people off/on and spread the workload. Betsy, Janice, Bridget, and Suzette will further discuss.

Report of the Pastor: Pastor Nathan submitted a written report via email where he announced eight new members joined Zion on April 12. Also noted that Reverend Emily Edenfield and her family attended Zion’s Easter service

Ministry Team Reports

Christian Ed: (Bridget Ridgell) working on VBS, videos are being created for the children

Fellowship: (Sue Anderson) noted that Katie and Anna would like for Fellowship to evolve into something else. An email was sent to Suzette.

Inreach: (Janice Sult) No Report

Mutual Ministry: (Sara Rymer) Steve Shumpert’s retirement Drive Thru ceremony will be April 25, 2021

Outreach: (Mary Nell Panyard) No Report

Property: (Ernest Beck) No Report



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Stewardship: (Kimberly Rauch) No Report

Technology: (Ross Hunter) report sent via email

Worship and Music: (Lee Caulder) Sue Anderson on behalf of the committee W&M has plans to meet April 25th to debrief Easter and discuss plans for the summer

Youth: (Kathryn Barton) Annual Prayer Friends event was a success, this year the kids were asked to write back to their anonymous adult friend. Wed night speakers are being put in place to discuss hard topics with youth.

Business Action Items: No actions to take place, Boy Scouts found another location for the Pinewood Derby

Joys and Concerns were shared, it was noted that 9am service holds 30 – 40 ppl, gym maxes out at 60 guests and a second hymn has been added to this service

Meeting closed: 7:40 pm by Suzette Porth after The Lord's Prayer



Giving Update

Giving Info Year to date May 30, 2021

Offering **anticipated** year to date: \$ 184,129

Offering **received** year to date: \$ 162,276

Difference year to date: \$ **-21,853**

Gifts to Zion and Partner Feeding Ministries this Year

Mission Lexington: **\$275 & 452 pounds of food**

Snack Packs Ministry: **\$ 550**

Matthew 25 Lunch Ministry: **\$ 1000**

Giving at Zion - Recent Memorials & Honorariums Given

To General Fund

In memory of Bruce Corley by *Julie & Peter Wilkinson, E.M. & Linda Fincher, Eric & Janna Erickson, Dick & Patricia Derrick, Caroline & Charles Alexander, Myron Corley*

In memory of Merna Corley Long by *Lexington High School Class of ~05*

In honor of Eileen Leaphart for her faithful ministry & countless acts of love & compassion, she's an earthly angel by *Myron Corley*

To Snack Packs

In memory of Deborah Areheart Bell by *Andrea Scott*



Congregation Council

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Statements of Operating Giving and Expenditures (Actual vs. Budget) Four Months Ended April 30, 2021

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget through April 30, 2021</u>	<u>Actual vs. Budget Variance</u>	<u>Approved Annual Budget</u>
Giving:				
Offerings	\$ 130,763.90	\$ 151,980.00	\$ (21,216.10)	\$ 455,940.00
Interest and other income	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 130,763.90	\$ 151,980.00	\$ (21,216.10)	\$ 455,940.00
Expenses:				
Capital improvements	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00
Employment expense:				
Salaries	62,813.84	61,193.33	1,620.51	183,580.00
Benefits and taxes	20,578.16	22,111.67	(1,533.51)	66,335.00
Utilities and telephone	9,250.65	10,966.67	(1,716.02)	32,900.00
Synod benevolence	13,658.00	13,658.33	(0.33)	40,975.00
Repairs and maintenance	7,091.88	7,900.00	(808.12)	23,700.00
Insurance	3,707.25	4,833.33	(1,126.08)	14,500.00
Office administration	5,596.78	5,783.33	(186.55)	17,350.00
Ministry:				
Learning	542.82	3,100.00	(2,557.18)	9,300.00
Service	1,016.04	4,666.67	(3,650.63)	14,000.00
Stewardship	300.02	666.67	(366.65)	2,000.00
Technology	499.07	2,000.00	(1,500.93)	6,000.00
Witness	-	166.67	(166.67)	500.00
Worship	2,054.25	2,300.00	(245.75)	6,900.00
Fellowship	32.09	1,133.33	(1,101.24)	3,400.00
Youth	63.91	1,500.00	(1,436.09)	4,500.00
Total Expenses	\$ 137,204.76	\$ 151,980.00	\$ (14,775.24)	\$ 455,940.00
Expenses in excess of giving	\$ (6,440.86)	\$ -	\$ (6,440.86)	\$ -

Supplemental information:

As of April 30, 2021

Cash balance:

Undesignated	\$ 10,826.34
Donor designated	66,914.54
Capital renovations	158,152.96
Constitutional reserve	90,794.81

Total cash balance \$ 326,688.65

Total Endowment \$ 69,915.76

June Birthdays

4th Joel Kleckley
Jake Speares
Genia Henwood
5th Amber Grant
Charles Richardson
6th Kaylee Keisler
Margie Wingard
Abby Beard
James Gragg
8th Steve Sult
9th Matthew Corley
13th Anna Beck
14th Shelton Rhoden
15th Scott Barrineau
16th Steve Hendrix
Zach Ledford

17th Bob McCombs
Krystall Henwood
18th Caralee Boltjes
Michael Williamson
20th Stefanie Wingard
Merritt Wingard
21st Ronald Lindler
Nathan Gragg
22nd Michael Simpson
24th Caroline Richardson
25th Brantley Williamson
27th James Harman
John Sommer
28th Jane Langston
29th C.W. Saari

June Anniversaries

2nd Russell & Sherie Grant
6th Al & Carla Fallaw
12th Steve & Janice Sult
17th John & Norene Drafts
22nd Hal & Carolette Turner
23rd Warren & Jean Peebles
24th Thomas & Thelma
Kleckley
Christopher & Jenny
Ellisor
26th Thomas & Ginger Sox
Jamie & Walt
Hampton
30th Paul & Haylee Boltjes

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

We encourage you to give to support the ministries of Zion Lutheran Church during this critical time. We are fortunate to have continued to receive offering from many through the mail and through the various electronic ways we have to give.

You can contact Starr Corley in the church office to find out more about these ways to give (356-2297, starr@zionlexsc.com) or go to <https://www.zionlexsc.com/giving>.

There are many ways to give an offering to Zion today or in the weeks ahead.

1. You can mail offering to Zion Lutheran Church, 226 Corley Mill Road, Lexington, SC 29072.
2. You can send a gift through your bank's online giving system.
3. You can click here to go to Zion's online giving page to give a one time offering or to set up regular automated giving. [Zionlexsc.com/giving](https://www.zionlexsc.com/giving)