



September 2019 Newsletter

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

Zion Lutheran Church

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

Zion's Worship Schedule

This Sunday we return to our regular schedule:

8:30 am - Morning Communion, Sanctuary
9:15 am - Coffee and Fellowship, Lower Lobby
9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages, See pg. 2
11:00 am - Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
with Holy Communion

Come Worship with us!



Wednesday Night Live Kickoff

A Zion Family Picnic

Wednesday September 4th at 5:45pm

Join us September 4th for a picnic behind the Family Life Center (in gym if raining). Wednesday Night Live Details including fall classes on Page 2.

BEARING FRUIT AND GROWING

A Special Time to Think about our Call to be Stewards

This month we will take time as a congregation to think about our call to be generous stewards of God's gifts. God has blessed you with financial resources that you can share in ministry. How will you share them in the coming year?



Our congregation leaders have identified areas where we believe God is inviting us to faithfully grow in 2020 and beyond. This month you'll learn about these ministry and how your giving at Zion can support that important new work we will seek to do. As always, you are invited to think and pray about this important spiritual question – *What is God calling me to give?*



LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wednesday Night Live



Wednesday Schedule beginning September 11th

5:45-6:30pm	Fellowship Meal, Family Life Center
6:15-7:00pm	Handbell Choir, Sanctuary
6:30-7:30pm	Classes and Activities for All Ages (see more information below)
7:00-8:00pm	Zion Choir, Choir Room

Classes and Activities for All Ages

Nursery – Bible story, crafts, and music, *Location:* Nursery

Grades K-5 – Bible Story, activities, and projects, *Location:* Room 101

Youth Grades 6-12 – Games and Bible Lessons, *Location:* Youth Room

Adults – Can participate in one or more of the following:



Lutheran Worship - Basics and Beyond – This class will help us remember (or learn for the first time) what's important about the ways we worship as Lutherans. It's for those who want to gain a better understanding of our worship life as well as those who want to ask questions to try to stump the pastor. Meets September 11 – October 9. *Location:* Cathedral Room. *Leader:* Pastor Nathan Gragg

Grace Will Lead Us Home – A book discussion group on the book *Grace Will Lead Us Home* written by Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Jennifer Berry Hawes. The book is about the response of the members of Mother Emanuel AME church where nine members were shot and killed during a Bible Study in 2015. Meets September 11 – October 9 and October 23 – November 20. *Location:* Sunshine Room. *Leader:* Bill Mitcham

Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew – As we prepare to enter into the year of Matthew beginning in Advent, we'll spend some time looking at some key stories from Matthew and discuss some of the important themes of this gospel of Jesus. Meets October 23 – November 20. *Location:* Cathedral Room. *Leader:* Pastor Nathan Gragg

Other Special Wednesday Night Live Happenings

(There will be no age based classes or activities these nights.)

Wednesday, October 16

Wednesday Night Live Fall Game Night –
All ages will gather in the gym for a meal and then a game night.

Wednesday, November 27

Thanksgiving Eve Meal, Worship, and Thanksgiving Meal prep

Youth Group Returns September 11th!



Zion is proud to have a very active youth group. Our youth are dedicated and excited to share their group with friends. Join us, all 6th to 12th Grade students are welcome. We often have new faces or visiting friends. Youth Group is a time of fun and fellowship while growing together in faith.

Every Wednesday beginning September 11th.
5:45 pm Family Meal
6:30-7:30 pm Youth Group for 6th to 12th graders
Adult and Children's groups as well, Faith Formation for all Ages!



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES - Each Sunday beginning at 9:45am

Classes for Children and Youth

Nursery (Birth-23 months), Location: Nursery (Ed building, 1st floor)
Pre-School (ages 2-4), Location: Room 102 (Ed building, 1st floor)
Kindergarten-5th Grade, Location: Room 101 (Ed building, 1st floor)
Youth (Grades 6-12), Location: Youth Room (Family Life Center)

Classes for Adults

CSI (adults of all ages), Location: Red Rm (Ed building, 2nd floor)
Grateful Hearts (adults of all ages), Location: Library (Ed building, 1st floor)
Nomads (adults of all ages), Location: Cathedral Room (Family Life Center)
Senior Seekers (ages 60+), Location: Conference Room (Office building)
Choir and Server Devotions (Servers and Choir Members), Location: Choir Room



*Trunk
or Treat*

Save the Date! Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 27th
From 3:00 to 5:00 pm

If you are interested in providing a trunk, please contact Donna Corley or Carolette Turner.

September 2019



The Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the choir room. All are welcome!

Handbells will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 11th, and meet each week at 6:15pm in the sanctuary. Come ring with us!

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

Musicians Wanted

Although the summer months are nearly over, there's ALWAYS the opportunity for everyone to share their musical gifts! There are many places in our services that instrumental or vocal solos would be appropriate, and I know some of you have been holding out on us! We are also interested in utilizing instruments at our 8:30 worship service, especially guitars and flutes. Know of a friend or group who'd like to come and provide music? Great! Please let Julie know of anyone who might be interested.

Donate Those Old Instruments

Did you play an instrument years ago, and it's just collecting dust in the attic? Did your son or daughter sign up for band and quit after 2 years, and now there's a trumpet case just sitting in the corner of their room? If it's still in good condition and you don't think you'll EVER play it again, please consider donating your instruments to the church for use by other musicians within the congregation!



It's almost Christmas!

Ok, so maybe not quite, but it'll be here before we know it! It's a great time to start preparing a Christmas cantata, so if anyone is interested in working on this special musical presentation (outside of "normal" choir practice), please let Julie know: julie@zionlexsc.com.



I play the notes as they are written, but it is God who makes the music.
-Johann Sebastian Bach



Worship and Music

Serving This Month

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Acolyte Crucifer	Ainsley Ellisor Bryleigh Tanner	Addie Phillips Nolan Phillips	Sydney Branham Caroline Beck	Krystall Henwood Sophi Hanna	Kaylee Keisler David Gragg
Assist. Minister	8:30 - Troy Fite 11 - Darlene Weight	8:30 - Emerson Fite 11 - Darlene Weight	8:30 - Troy Fite 11 - Darlene Weight	8:30 - Emerson Fite 11 - Darlene Weight	8:30 - Troy Fite 11 - Darlene Weight
Communion Assistants	Will Reeside Craig Balch	Jan Corley Dave McKinley	Anna Reeside Bob McCombs	Burns Corley Sue Anderson	Roger Anderson Carolette Turner
Altar Flowers	Paul and Mary Hook	James and Iris Harman	Mary Anna and Keith Bacon	Charles and Dianne Richardson	Open Slot Signup Now!
Reader	Denise Caulder	Troy Fite	Steve Shumpert	Carolette Turner	Steve Hendrix
Nursery Attendant	Betsy and Riley Burn	Suzette Porth Nikki Harmon	Evelyn Varn	Wanda Wingard	Jessi Hampton
Children's Church	Donna Corley, Emma and Layla B.	Nikki Harmon	Wendy Nesmith	Jessi Hampton	Susan Shumpert
Coffee And Fellowship	Panyards O'neals	Open Slot Signup Now!	Open Slot Signup Now!	Jan and Burns Corley	Open Slot Signup Now!
Ushers	Todd Elrod, Burns Corley, Jan Corley, Roger Richardson				
Chancel and Sacraments	James and Iris Harman				
Offering Counters	Dave and Katie McKinley, Roger and Shannon Richardson				

Don't see your name? Interested in helping out?

We are always looking for Sunday servers as backup and to add to next year's schedule.
Please contact Walt if you'd like to help or know more.
Walt@zionlexsc.com 803-356-2297



In our Prayers

Zion's weekly Bible Study and Prayer time, join now and explore your Faith!

Women's Prayer Breakfast—Monday's 9 AM at Saluda Point Chic-Fil-A

Men's Bible and Biscuit—Thursday's 7 AM at Zion in Cathedral Room

Youth High School Bible Study—Friday's 7 AM Lowes Foods on 378

Current Needs

Denise Caulder
Melba Ivey
Thomas Kleckley
Warren Peebles
Rachael Rhoden
Sara Rymer
Verona Shealy

Homebound

Barbara Brown
Les Caton (Brian Center)
Bruce Corley (Carolina Gardens)
Nellie Drafts
Nila Keisler (Lex Extended Care)
Thelma Kleckley (Oakleaf)
Jane Langston
Ben Linder (Generations Chapin)

Military

Brett Creasman (Army)
Burton Flake (Army)
Matt Mayer (Air Force)
Rhett Oliver (Army)
Chris Rauch (Army)
Zachary Willis (Navy)

Friends of the Congregation

Walter Baker (friend of Betty Baker)
Lynn Balch (health, wife of Craig Balch)
Fred Brune (cancer, friend of Leaparts)
Ronald Buff (health, cousin of B. Corley and E. Leaphart)
Shannon Catoe (heart surgery, relative of Betty Baker)
George Marion Drafts (health, brother of Betty Shaw)
Gary Franklin (health, friend of Women's Fellowship)
Doris Gardner (cousin of Betty Baker)
Brenda Glass (stroke, stepmom of Bonnie Phillips)
Natasha Gorham-Jackson (family health friend of D. Weight)
Pam Holladay (health, mother of Bonnie Phillips)
Colin Hungerpiller (health, friend of Stefanie Wingard)
Jessica Seriah Housley & family (cancer)
Sue Jaeckel (cancer, friend of Geri Nilsestuen)
Shelly Koenig (cancer, daughter of Tom Panyard)
Lenita Krall (cancer, friend of Geri Nilsestuen)
Harriet Kyzer (health, sister of J. Harman and E. Riley)
Margaret Mabe (friend of Ethel Riley)
Russell Meetze (cancer, family of Edith Clark)
Deanna Morrical (cancer, Hanna family)
Linda Rea (cancer, cousin of the Leaparts)
Donna Riggins (cancer, sister in law of Rachael Rhoden)
Holly Roberts (health concerns)
Sylvia Ruff (cancer, aunt of Julie Branham)
Calvin Sanderson (cancer, friend of Darlene Weight)
Barney Weight (Alzheimer's, Darlene Weight)
Sarah White - (cancer, girlfriend of Clayton Hendrix)
John Whiteside (cancer, friend of the Shaws)
Patty Wingard (cancer, mother of Greg Wingard)
Sue Zweig (health, mother of Jamie Hampton)

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 JULY 8, 2019

Chairman, Steve Hendrix, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Ten council members were present along with Pastor Nathan. Sara Rymer, Anna Wingard and Walt Hampton were absent.

Mary Nell Panyard opened with devotions.

Joys and Concerns were shared by council.

Secretary's Report: An amendment to the June minutes was presented. A motion was made to approve the amended June minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was distributed and reviewed. The Finance Committee met prior to the council meeting and the Endowment Committee will meet on July 14th.

Executive Committee Report:

Council will give a mid-year report in July to the congregation during the 10:00 AM service. The Congregation will be encouraged to volunteer for the Security Team and other programs.

Still seeking Chairman for Hospitality Committee.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor's written report distributed to Council.

Great week at Confirmation Camp at Lutheridge.

Members of Zion has given \$17,364.03 to the Synod's Love One Another campaign.

Reports from Ministry Teams:

Christian Education (Dianne Richardson) – VBS is scheduled for July 27 – August 1 and volunteers are needed. Plans are being finalized for Fall Sunday School.

Fellowship (Anna Wingard) – No report.

Inreach (Donna Corley) – No report.

Outreach (Betsy Burn) – No report. Still in search for a chairman.

Property (Sara Rymer) – No report. Steve Hendrix will contact the property committee to discuss repairs.

Stewardship (Heath Branham) – Committee met to discuss the three areas council approved to focus on giving this fall. Temple talks to be given. October 6th has been designated as "kick off" Sunday.



Congregation Council

Technology (Craig Balch) – Russell Kleckley purchased laser projector for FLC. Projector is on rolling cart and has wireless capabilities. Committee also discussing where to place new security cameras on church property.

Music & Worship (Sue Anderson) – Committee met with the Fellowship Committee to discuss Golden Age Sunday. The congregation will be invited to lunch with the Golden Agers. The meal will be catered by Hudson's. The Music and Worship committee and Youth Group will assist the Fellowship Committee.

Youth (Bridget Ridgell) – Walt is in North Carolina this week with youth and they will also participate in Grace Works in Columbia next week. Proud of youth participating in these two service projects.

OLD BUSINESS

Reviewed handout of proposed changes to nomination process. Due to changes, nominations from the floor will be at the annual meeting and there will be no absentee ballots. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the proposed changes to the Zion bylaws related to Nomination of Congregation Council and Absentee Balloting. The motion was seconded and carried.

Discussed funding of catered meal for congregation on Golden Age Sunday. After discussion, a motion was made that the luncheon be funded by a love offering with the balance to be paid out of the general fund. The motion was seconded and carried. The congregation is urged to RSVP either online or by completing the bulletin inserts.

NEW BUSINESS: The scouts have asked that a large deck be built at the rear of the scout hut for additional meeting space. The scouts will pay the construction costs. A motion was made, seconded and carried to allow the scouts to build a deck at the rear of the scout hut.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna D. Corley, Secretary



Congregation Council

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Statements of Operating Giving and Expenditures (Actual vs. Budget) Seven Months Ended July 31, 2019

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget through July 31, 2019</u>	<u>Actual vs. Budget Variance</u>	<u>Approved Annual Budget</u>
Giving:				
Offerings	\$ 290,558.65	\$ 309,300.25	\$ (18,741.60)	\$ 530,229.00
Interest and other income	<u>2,987.58</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,987.58</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 293,546.23	\$ 309,300.25	\$ (15,754.02)	\$ 530,229.00
Expenses:				
Debt payment:				
Monthly - principal	\$ 7,875.00	\$ 7,875.00	\$ -	\$ 13,500.00
Capital improvements	55,125.00	55,125.00	-	94,500.00
Employment expense:				
Salaries	100,260.42	103,467.00	(3,206.58)	177,372.00
Benefits and taxes	35,519.19	37,497.83	(1,978.64)	64,282.00
Utilities and telephone	16,856.03	21,408.33	(4,552.30)	36,700.00
Synod benevolence	24,234.50	23,902.08	332.42	40,975.00
Repairs and maintenance	10,263.73	13,854.17	(3,590.44)	23,750.00
Insurance	7,091.00	8,458.33	(1,367.33)	14,500.00
Office administration	10,461.05	11,258.33	(797.28)	19,300.00
Ministry:				
Learning	4,621.47	7,000.00	(2,378.53)	12,000.00
Service	1,522.47	2,625.00	(1,102.53)	4,500.00
Stewardship	628.00	1,691.67	(1,063.67)	2,900.00
Technology	4,190.70	6,270.83	(2,080.13)	10,750.00
Witness	161.89	291.67	(129.78)	500.00
Worship	2,420.36	3,733.33	(1,312.97)	6,400.00
Fellowship	1,011.32	1,925.00	(913.68)	3,300.00
Youth	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,916.67</u>	<u>(916.67)</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 284,242.13	\$ 309,300.25	\$ (25,058.12)	\$ 530,229.00
Giving in excess of expenses	\$ <u>9,304.10</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>9,304.10</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

Supplemental information:

As of July 31, 2019

Cash balance:

Undesignated	\$ (4,927.52)
Donor designated	63,147.10
Capital renovations	86,730.65
Constitutional reserve	85,139.81
Endowment	<u>38,400.46</u>
Total cash balance	\$ <u>268,490.50</u>

September Birthdays

2nd Suzette Porth
Randy McCoy
Liam Flashnick
3rd Katie McKinley
Matt Mayer
8th Anna Reeside
12th Charles O'Neal
13th Karen Drafts
14th Dawn Keene
Kipper McIntosh
15th Jeanne West
16th Wyman Keisler
Betty Shaw
Ronny Setro
17th Bonnie Phillips
19th Tallie Rauch

20th Chris Rauch
21st Brad Corley
Dawn Creasman
Megan Fox
Sean Bandelier
24th Ben Speares
25th Jamie Hunt
Nani Ivey
26th Laura McCombs
27th Jantzen Beck
28th Warren Keisler
Shawna Jackson
29th Madison Claire
Rauch

September Anniversaries

5th James & Iris Harman
9th Todd & Jennifer
Elrod
17th Bob & Dawn Keene
30th Paul & Mary Hook

Enjoy your Special Day!

COMMUNICATION AT ZION

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS are inserted into the bulletin each week. Information should be submitted by **10 am on Wednesdays** to be included.

E-NEWS is e-mailed every Tuesday morning to those who have e-mail addresses on file with the church office and mailed to those who've requested it. Items for E-News are due in the church office by **2 pm on Mondays**.

NEWSLETTER is published monthly and e-mailed to those with e-mail addresses on file with the church office and mailed to those who've requested it. Information for the Monthly Newsletter is due in the office by **the 25th of each month**.

SCREENS IN THE NARTHEX on Sunday morning also contain important information of things that may have happened too late for the bulletin. This information is due by **2 pm on Wednesday**.

Technology and Scheduling requests at Zion Please call/email the office as soon as you know you need to reserve space. When you reserve space please request any technology you need, setup time needed if any, and accurate dates and times. When leaving a space please make sure it is clean and returned to the way it was beforehand, this includes any supplies, tables/chairs, technology equipment, etc. Thank you for your consideration and your ministry here at Zion!