
THE ZION HERALD

June 2022

"Happy are those whose strength is in God, in whose heart are the highways to Zion." Psalm 84:5

The Pastor's Ponderings

When I was a child, I remember hearing about "The Holy Ghost" at church. This was in the days of the SBH (Service Book & Hymnal or what people sometimes called "The Red Book") and "Holy Ghost" was still the common language for that third person of the Trinity. Father – Son – Holy Ghost.

I'll be honest – it kind of freaked me out.

When I was that young, the only thing I really knew about ghosts were ghost stories, which were frightening. Ghosts were mean and vengeful or would trick you. Haunted houses have ghosts. I was not yet familiar with Casper the Friendly Ghost and so it was quite some time before I realized "The Holy Ghost" didn't need to be as frightening as I was making it.

We've now entered a time when "Spirit" is the term we use, which frightens me a great deal less. I won't say that it doesn't sometimes trip me up, though. God the Father makes some level of sense to me. With God the Son I have Jesus to look at who looks like, talks like, and died like a human being so is at least somewhat relatable. God the Holy Spirit is still quite a mystery for me.

I wouldn't say that "The Holy Spirit" gives me the type of anxiety that "The Holy Ghost" did, but she* can still be a little difficult to wrap your head around. She isn't frightening exactly, but she is awe inspiring and even a little mysterious.

On June 5, we celebrate the Day of Pentecost.



HOLY SPIRIT
Pentecost Sunday

June Readings

June 5

Day of Pentecost

- Acts 2:1-21
- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Romans 8:14-17
- John 14:8-17 [25-27]

June 12

The Holy Trinity

- Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
- Psalm 8
- Romans 5:1-5
- John 16:12-15

June 19

Second Sunday of Pentecost

- Isaiah 65:1-9
- Psalm 22:19-28
- Galatians 3:23-29
- Luke 8:26-39

June 26

Third Sunday of Pentecost

- 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
- Psalm 16
- Galatians 5:1, 13-25
- Luke 9:51-62



We often call this day “The Birthday of the Church” since we are celebrating the disciples receiving the gift of The Holy Spirit – when tongues of flame rested on them and when they shared the Good News of Jesus, they could be understood by everyone: each in their own language. The church was born that day – the Gospel Message started to spread, and people were brought into the community of followers of Jesus.

This is the kind of work that The Holy Spirit does. That Day of Pentecost, the disciples started speaking and The Holy Spirit made their words understandable to people of every language. We recall the words of Jesus where he says, “this is my body; this is my blood” and The Holy Spirit blesses the meal and makes the bread and wine much more than simple bread and wine. The Holy Spirit takes something we might do and makes it so very much better. The Holy Spirit takes our words, our wine and bread, our actions – and turns them into something God can use to make the world a better place.

So the Holy Spirit, while she’s mysterious and while I don’t think I always recognize her when I see her, doesn’t frighten me so much anymore. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

In Christian Love,
Pastor Sharilyn

**Something that you might hear is that I’ll sometimes use “she” when I talk about The Holy Spirit. In case you’re wondering, this isn’t some form of political correctness. If you have ever learned a second language may know that many languages have “gendered” nouns. In Greek, “spirit” is Neuter. In Hebrew “spirit” is feminine. Because calling any part of God “it” feels weird to me, “she” feels more appropriate... Let me know if you want to talk about it more!*

Adult Sunday School

After many years of faithfully leading our Adult Sunday School, Nolan Willman has asked for a well-deserved break from the task. Thank you, Nolan, for your years of faithful study and hard work to lead Zion's faithful.

Pastor Sharilyn will be leading Confirmation during our Sunday School hour, so we are looking for new leaders for Adult Sunday School starting just after Labor Day. Pastor Sharilyn can offer whatever guidance a leader might want - from fully fleshed out lesson plans to someone to bounce ideas around with. Please be prayerfully considering if God could work through you to strengthen the Christian faith and witness of our members as a leader and facilitator for Adult Sunday School. Speak with Pastor Sharilyn or a member of Youth & Education Committee to learn more.

Summer Worship on the Square

Hartford City churches will be holding public worship on the square this summer! Plan to attend July 10 (this is during the 4H Fair - we will also be busy as a congregation that week - details to come!) and worship with Zion and the rest of our community! Pastor Sharilyn will have the dates for other congregations in the coming weeks.



Celebrate the Graduate!



Kaylin Clamme is graduating with honors from Blackford High School and plans to attend Indiana University this fall. The congregation is invited to help celebrate her

accomplishments at an Open House on Saturday, June 4th from 12:00-2:00 at Mike and Judy Clamme's house (0748 N 300 E, Hartford City). Congratulations, Kaylin!



Congregational MEETING

We will hold our semi-annual meeting on July 17, 2022 immediately following worship. Please plan to attend!

June Birthdays

Ryne Clamme.....	6-5
Chris Monce.....	6-8
Tamara Sutton.....	6-14
Sydney Stroble.....	6-16
Peggy Holsten.....	6-17
Buck Sharp.....	6-18
Reece Walker.....	6-20
Neil Stroble.....	6-21
Jesse Digman.....	6-22
Douglas Prout.....	6-22
Rita Ferguson.....	6-25
Liz Young.....	6-28



Ministry of Care and Compassion

Over the last months, we have had a number of members recovering from hospitalizations, long COVID-19, and other challenging situations.

I have been asked by a number of them to convey anonymous thanks for the outpouring of cards, phone calls, prayers, meals, and various other gestures of love that have been extended. Thank you, Zion Lutheran, for being an example of the Body of Christ loving and supporting one another.

Hymn Requests

We will continue to accept hymn requests throughout the summer. While there may be some songs we aren't able to use due to copyright or other issues, we will make use of as many of them as we can! Fill out a green card and leave it in the back of the sanctuary so the Worship/Music/Memorial committee can work on your request!

Sharing Our Faith Stories

A number of people joined us for a potluck and discussion on Sharing Our Faith Stories May 15. Everyone has a faith story – and most of us have more than one! The most wonderful thing is that our faith stories have the ability both to sustain our faith and inspire and support one another. As the Body of Christ here at Zion, it is important to be willing to share parts of our faith story with one another. We are looking for people who may be willing to share their faith story publicly in any way you wish (during the worship service, in writing, a recorded conversation with the pastor, etc.)

Pastor Sharilyn's goal is to create a small book that includes the Faith Stories of the faithful members of Zion Lutheran. Talk with Pastor Sharilyn for more information!

April Council Minutes

Present: Mark Prout, Cindy Knoté, Neil Stroble, Libby Stroble, Pastor Sharilyn, Paige Walker, Drew Walker

Absent: none

A. Opening

1. Call Meeting to Order - Mark Prout at 7:00pm
2. Devotions by Cindy Knoté

B. Secretary's Report

1. Amend/Approve minutes from last Council meeting
 - a. Motion to approve by Drew, 2nd by Cindy, Approved by All
2. Correspondence
 - a. none
3. Add Items to Agenda
 - a. none

C. Pastor's Report

1. Meet & Know Members
 - a. Some replies to mailing list update project. Follow up is planned for May and June.
 - b. Communion and Pastoral Care Visits: 7
2. Youth Education Program
 - a. Education and Youth meeting on May 8
3. Outreach Programs
 - a. Read-the-Bible in a Year continues to be successful.
 - b. Laundry Kits - May 1 will be "assembly day"
 - c. In Planning Stages: Summer Worship on the Square

- d. Goal is to have one 'event' per month
4. Community Partnerships
 - a. Prayer Walk projects - do we want to be involved?
 - b. Ongoing local ministerium
5. Other Initiatives
 - a. Healthcare Ministry/ Healthcare Peers
 - b. "Tell Your Story" (Spring/ Summer 2022)
 - c. Time & Talents (Spring/ Summer 2022)

D. Committee Reports

1. Parish Education & Youth - Drew
 - a. Meeting on May 8
2. Worship/Music/Memorial - Libby
 - a. Meeting on April 19. Will plan to Holy Trinity.
3. Mission & Ministry - Cindy
 - a. Will be contacting committee to set up a meeting.

E. Council Reports

1. Deacon
 - a. Attendance and Holy Communion Report: Low 40s
Holy Week Attendance: Maundy Thursday - 20, Good Friday - 30, Easter - 75

- b. Assistance Requests:
 - 1 request - given gas card
- 2. Elders
 - a. None
- 3. Trustee
 - a. Parsonage Update:
 - Contractor will get with Pastor after her vacation and should start construction first week of May. Have about half the funds. Will add announcement to bulletin.
 - b. Bell got greased.
- 4. Treasurer
 - a. Report
 - Deacon's Checking
906.78
 - Deacon's Savings
66.22
 - General Thrivent
87,065.04
 - General VIA Checking
15,282.62
 - General VIA Membership
56.26
 - General VIA Market
60,333.62
 - Memorial VIA Checking
16,776.42
 - Memorial VIA Market
4,198.42
 - Mission Invest., Memorial
7,031.60
 - ZLCW Kitchen Savings
1,722.94
 - ZLCW Kitchen Checking
150.00
 - TOTAL ASSETS
193,689.92

F. Business

1. Pastor Vacation and Continuing Education April 20-27. Lay minister for April 24: Neil Stroble. Presbyterian minister will be on call.
2. Council participation on Committees
3. Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly June 9-11 in Muncie. Need 2 representatives. Gave Pastor some ideas of who to ask.
4. Piecemakers ministry numbers are starting to go down. Will try to make a special announcement in the bulletin.

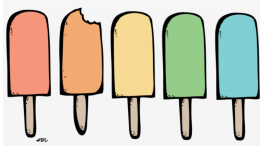
G. Closing

1. Lord's Prayer at 7:36pm
2. Next Meeting: May 16, 2022 at 7:00pm with devotions by Libby Stroble

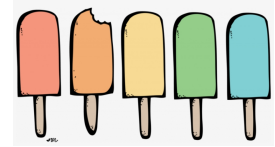


Service of Installation

Pastor Sharilyn's long-delayed (due to COVID-19) service of installation is scheduled for July 31 at our regular 10:30 worship service. Plan to attend!



June 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Worship & Communion 10:30am	6 Coffee & Jesus at Common Grounds 8am	7	8	9	10	11
				INKY Synod in Muncie		
12 Worship 10:30am Guest Speaker from Wernle	13 Coffee & Jesus at Common Grounds 8am	14	15	16	17	18
19 Worship & Communion 10:30am	20 Coffee & Jesus at Common Grounds 8am Council Mtg 7pm	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 10:30am	27 Coffee & Jesus at Common Grounds 8am	28	29	30		



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Worship at 10:30am

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Council Members

President & Elder	Mark Prout
Vice President & Elder	Cindy Knot
Secretary	Paige Walker
Treasurer	Libby Stroble
Deacon	Drew Walker
Trustee	Neil Stroble

Pastor Sharilyn's Information

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Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9am-Noon
Other Times by Appointment
Please call first to be sure she is in!

Sunday Servants

Lector:

June 5 - Jody Stanley
June 12 - Julie Prout
June 19 - Denise Hile
June 26 - Sandy Langdon

Acolyte:

June 5 - Walker Family
June 12 - Clamme Family
June 19 - Walker Family
June 26 - Clamme Family

Assisting Minister:

June 5 - Jody Stanley
June 19 - Mark Prout