
THE ZION HERALD

June 2023

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

The Pastor's Ponderings

What does the ELCA teach about...Peace?

The ELCA social statement titled "For Peace in God's World" explores the intersection of the Peace of God and how we work for peace in our world. One of the greetings the risen Christ shared with his disciples was a message of peace (*When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."* -John 20:19) Many of the New Testament letters bring with them a message of peace (*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.* -1 Cor. 1:3) and we have a time in our worship service of sharing the peace as well as exchange greetings of peace. Our Affirmation of Baptism includes a promise to "strive for justice and peace in all the earth." But what does it mean to live a life of peace in a world so often torn apart by violence, war, and discord?

The social statement makes a number of key points. You can read the entire statement on the ELCA web page: <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Peace> Here are some of the primary points made in the social statement.

- 1) The Triune God we worship is a God of Peace. We are called as those who worship this God of Peace to promote and encourage peace and peacemaking however we can.
- 2) Scripture often describes God as favoring various factions in war or battle. This is especially common in parts of Old Testament scripture. This should not be interpreted as God endorsing violence.
- 3) The existence of a military points to the reality that our world is broken and sinful. All war is the result of sin (whether that be the sins of injustice, greed, hatred, etc.). It should be the ultimate hope and prayer of every Christian that all war cease. Armed conflict should be a last resort after all other options have been exhausted. It is appropriate for us to pray safety for members of the military and for our denomination to equip military chaplains.

June Readings

June 4

The Holy Trinity

- Genesis 1:1-2:4a
- Psalm 8
- 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
- Matthew 28: 16-20

June 11

Second Sunday of Pentecost

- Hosea 5:15-6:6
- Psalm 50:7-15
- Romans 4:13-25
- Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

June 18

Third Sunday of Pentecost

- Exodus 19:2-8a
- Psalm 100
- Romans 5:1-8
- Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 25

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

- Jeremiah 20:7-13
- Psalm 69:7-10,16-18
- Romans 6:1b-11
- Matthew 10:24-39



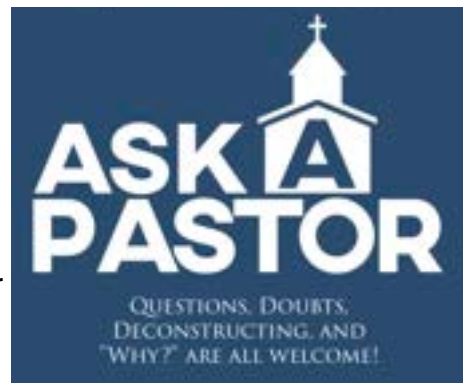
Every member is called to live out these ideals in our daily life. Some of the ways that we can do this are:

- 1) Support and advocate for (as the Holy Spirit gives each the ability) a world where peace can be found.
- 2) Promote and foster peace between ourselves – family, friends, neighbors, strangers. Peace is something that extends from Christ and we then take it into the world. The Holy Spirit gives each of us gifts to support peace: within ourselves, in our households, workplaces, congregations, families, and communities. Our efforts – while unable to bring about world peace on their own – have an effect that can ripple out beyond our knowing.
- 3) Support and encourage the work of governments and organizations who provide for those fleeing war-torn areas.
- 4) Pray diligently, fervently, and with hope. Pray that God's peace reaches those who need it. Pray for peacekeepers and ambassadors in all places.

God's Peace has been given to us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. As the people of God, we now have the opportunity and privilege to offer that same peace to those around us. Peace be with you, dear beloved children of God.

In Christian love,
Pastor Sharilyn

Starting this month, Pastor Sharilyn will be at Deja Brew on Wednesdays from 5-7pm. Everyone - members, non-members, former members, questioners, doubters, those who have lost their faith, agnostics, respectful atheists, those of other faiths who are curious, yes EVERYONE - is welcome to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation.



Congrats, Grad!



Sydney Stroble is graduating from Delta High School on June 3. She is planning to attend Ball State in the fall and dual major in elementary education and special education.

Please join us in congratulating her on all her accomplishments and wishing her well on her next chapter of life!

Sunday on the Square

Due to popularity last year, Hartford City churches will again be hosting services on Sunday evenings throughout the summer. This is an excellent opportunity to experience other denominations and worship as a community! Bring a lawn chair and meet at Weiler Plaza at 6pm!



Schedule:

- June 11 - Trinity United Methodist
- June 25 - New Hope Apostolic
- July 9 - Trinity United Methodist
- July 16 - Lighthouse
- July 23 - Hartford City Wesleyan
- July 30 - Zion Lutheran
- August 6 - Trinity United Methodist
- August 13 - Three Trees
- August 20 - Lighthouse
- August 27 - Zion Lutheran

Semi-Annual Meeting

Our semi-annual meeting will be on Sunday, July 16 immediately following worship. Mark it on your calendar and plan to attend!



Summer Hymn Requests

During the season of Pentecost, everyone's input is needed as we choose hymns for Sunday Worship. Fill out a lime green request card to tell us your favorite hymn and return to the offering plate. The Worship/Music/Memorial committee will do their best to fit as many as possible into our Summer/Fall worship schedule.



Thank you to our Synod Assembly Delegates who will be representing Zion Lutheran in our online-only IK Synod Assembly on June 10. Mark Prout



has served in the role in the past and Clara Willmann will be joining as a first-time delegate. Thank you, Mark and Clara, for being willing to serve in this often overlooked but very important role!

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



July 17-20 – VBS at the 4H Fair

July 22 – Blackford County Salute to Great Love Stories (Weiler Plaza). This event will honor couples celebrating 50+ years of marriage! Pick up an entry at Purdue Extension Office, Courthouse, or City Hall and return by July 14.

July 30 @ 6PM – Zion Lutheran will host the outdoor worship service at Weiler Plaza.

VBS AT THE 4H FAIR

Mark your calendars! Zion Lutheran Church will be hosting a scaled-back Vacation Bible School at the Blackford County 4H Fair! On July 17-20 we will be there with a Bible Story, craft, song, and take-home kit. Children will be able to wander in and out of our area as time permits making it easier for Fair Families to attend between shows and for young people to attend with their 4H Friends. Of course, anyone from the community is also welcome! There is no entrance fee to the 4H Fair!

How can you help? We still could use a couple of volunteers to help at the fair itself (helping organize crafts, encouraging kids, telling the Bible Story, helping lead the song, etc.). We can use help with setting up the kits beforehand (this can be done a few days to a month before the fair!)

Do you have Thrivent Action Team monies unused? We will be able to fund the fair from our regular budget, but some extra cash will make it even better. Talk with Pastor Sharilyn and she will work with you to use those funds for our VBS/4H Fair education events.

Something everyone – of every age, ability, mobility and interest can do is pray for our VBS efforts. Consider a prayer like this:

God our Creator, Savior, and Sustainer, Make your presence known at Zion's events at the 4H Fair. Inspire leaders and helpers to share your story, welcome young people to have fun learning about you, and encourage parents as they share with their children what they have learned. May our hands do your work as we hear the call to bring the Word to a world in need, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.



COUNCIL MINUTES

Congregational Council - March 28, 2023

Present: Mark Prout, Scott Clamme, Neil Stroble, Libby Stroble, Pastor Sharilyn, Paige Walker, Cindy Knote

Absent: None

A. Opening

1. Call Meeting to Order - Cindy Knote at 6:34pm
2. Devotions by Paige

B. Secretary's Report

1. Amend/Approve minutes from last Council meeting
 - a. Motion to approve by Mark, 2nd by Scott, Approved by All
2. Correspondence
 - a. None
3. Add Items to Agenda
 - a. Inspire, Ignite, Invite
 - b. Synod Assembly
 - c. Mental Health Run/Walk
 - d. Easter Breakfast

C. Pastor's Report

1. Meet & Know Members
 - a. Pastoral Care Visits: 5
 - b. Pastoral Acts: Funeral/Burial - Harriett Walker
2. Youth Education Program
 - a. Confirmation continues
 - b. VBS at the Fair — Volunteers Needed
3. Outreach Program
 - a. Living Grace Mental Health Support Group
 - b. Client Consultation Board, Health Community Alliance of East Central Indiana
 - c. IDOH Grant with Reliant Healthcare - significant changes
4. Community Partnerships
 - a. Ongoing local ministerium
5. Other Initiatives
 - a. Ash Wednesday
 - b. Midweek Lent
 - c. Holy Week — Volunteers Still Needed

D. Committee Reports

1. Parish Education & Youth - Scott
 - a. Confirmation going well.
 - b. Plans are beginning for VBS at the 4H Fair, but volunteers are needed to commit before planning gets going too far.
2. Worship/Music/Memorial - Libby
 - a. Meeting on Thursday
3. Mission & Ministry - Cindy
 - a. Plans to meet after Easter sometime.

E. Council Reports

1. Deacon

- a. Attendance and Holy Communion Report: Low to mid 30s average for the last month
- b. Assistance Requests: Helped with Hollis Building displaced families - \$150

2. Elders

- a. None

3. Trustee

- a. Brad from Cooverts met with the council tonight to discuss AC Plan. He will get back a quote with the proposed changes. Neil will look into getting at least one more quote also.

4. Treasurer

a. Report (as of March 24)

Deacon's Fund Checking	854.31
Deacon's Fund Saving	66.31
General Fund, Thrivent Invested	77,299.42
General Fund, VIA Checking	5,961.35
General Fund, VIA Membership	56.34
General Fund, VIA Money Market	49,574.46
Memorial Fund, VIA Checking	24,541.42
Memorial Fund, VIA Money Market	3,463.31
Mission Invest., Memorial Fund	7,057.32
ZLCW Kitchen Fund Savings	1,723.33
ZLCW Kitchen Fund Checking	150.00
TOTAL ASSETS	170,731.05

F. Business

- 1. Inspire, Ignite, Invite: Offered through IN-KY Synod as a congregational spiritual renewal and growth. One monthly Zoom meeting for 2-3 people and the pastor over six months.
- 2. Synod Assembly: 2 delegates and all online on a Saturday in June.
- 3. Mental Health Run/Walk: Looking for sponsors. Neil motioned for \$100, Mark 2nd, Approved by All.
- 4. Easter Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, milk, OJ

G. Closing

- 1. Lord's Prayer at 8:30pm
- 2. Next Meeting: April 17, 2023 at 7:00pm with devotions by Scott

2023 Council Members:

President & Elder	Cindy Knotte
Vice President & Elder	Mark Prout
Secretary	Paige Walker
Treasurer	Libby Stroble
Deacon	Scott Clamme
Trustee	Neil Stroble

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 Office Hours:
 Monday: 2:30pm-5:30pm
 Tuesday & Thursday: 9am-Noon
 Other Times by Appointment
 Please call first to be sure she is in!



June 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Education Hour 9:30am Worship & Communion 10:30am	5 Bible Study at Deja Brew 8am	6	7 Ask a Pastor at Deja Brew 5-7pm	8	9	10 Synod Assembly Online
11 Education Hour 9:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday on Square 6pm	12 Bible Study at Deja Brew 8am	13	14 Ask a Pastor at Deja Brew 5-7pm	15	16	17
18 Education Hour 9:30am Worship & Communion 10:30am	19 Bible Study at Deja Brew 8am	20 Council Meeting in Library 7pm	21 Ask a Pastor at Deja Brew 5-7pm	22	23	24
25 Education Hour 9:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday on Square 6pm	26 Bible Study at Deja Brew 8am	27	28 Ask a Pastor at Deja Brew 5-7pm	29	30	



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Education Hour at 9:30am
Worship at 10:30am

June 2023 Sunday Servants

Greeters:

June 4 - Dorothy Hale
Peggy Willmann
June 11 - Pat Gillis
Eldon Willmann
June 18 - Pat Gillis
Mark & Julie Prout
June 25 - Lewis & Joyce Willmann
Max & Sandy Langdon

Lector:

June 4 - Paige Walker
June 11 - Linda Walker
June 18 - Julie Prout
June 25 - Sandy Langdon

Acolyte:

June 4 - Walker
June 11 - Clamme
June 18 - Walker
June 25 - Clamme

Assisting Minister:

June 4 - Linda Walker
June 18 - Mark Prout

