



NEWS FROM ZION

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH ~ SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

JULY, 2017

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Communion
Sunday, July 2nd



Communion will be served
after both services.



Please note the church office will
be closed July 3rd and 4th.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

We slowed down our study of Luke during the first couple weeks of June to make sure we had an adequate amount of time to study Jesus' important teaching about prayer found at the beginning of chapter eleven. Over and over, Luke has mentioned Jesus, the infinite and eternal Son of God, making time to pray for extended periods of time. Finally, his disciples ask him to teach them how to pray. His teaching began with Luke's version of what has come to be known of the Lord's Prayer which is slightly shorter than Matthew's version which we are familiar with because we pray it together every Sunday. From this, we took away three very important lessons about prayer.

First, we learned that prayer is essentially about approaching God as the most important priority of our life. Prayer must begin with considering who it is we are talking to because prayer is first and foremost about our relationship with our Heavenly Father who wants us to know, love, and trust him. The idea of "hallowed be your name" means we view God as be-

ing in a category all by himself. We may have other things that are important in our lives, but all those things pale in comparison to him. Nothing else competes with him for first place in our hearts. This should be the first and most important idea we intend to communicate when we approach God in prayer. We're coming to him not primarily to ask him for something else we want but to connect with him which is far more important to us than anything else.

Second, we learned that prayer should be an expression of our longing for the kingdom of God to come, an expression

that we are sick and tired of living in a fallen, broken world and long for the perfection that is the kingdom of God. As Christians, we ought to understand a heavy truth that is taught consistently in Scripture which is that all the trouble, pain, and frustration we experience on every level of this life are symptoms of living in a world that has been broken as a result of our sin against God. This means as long as we live on this earth, we will experience one hardship after another. When we experience

SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY is JULY 9TH in both services. If you have a musical talent, would you please share it with us!?! Sign up at the Welcome Center.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

Mission Prayer Partners for July, 2017



- 2-United States of America
- 9-Francisco DeSouza/FIM
- 16-CCCC's
- 23-The Gideon's Intl.
- 30-KCMI Radio



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Women's Ministry
All-Church Picnic
Sunday, July 23 / 11:30am

All food and games provided!
Great fellowship and fun!

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these troubles, instead of running immediately to God and demanding that he fix our troubles, they should stir in our heart a longing for the perfect kingdom of God that has been promised to us. We should thank God that he has a plan to deal with our sin and to eternally redeem all the consequences of our sin once and for all when his perfect kingdom comes.

Third, we learned that prayer should acknowledge that we need God to provide our greatest needs. Jesus addressed three needs we all have that we need God to provide. Asking God to provide our daily bread is an expression of our recognition that it is God who gives us the ability to gain the daily provisions we need in life and thank him for his providence. Asking God to forgive us our sins is an expression of our recognition that only God can provide our greatest need: the removal of the sin that stands between us and him. Asking God to lead us away from temptation is an expression of our recognition that we need God to give us strength to live a life that honors him.

After finishing up this teaching on prayer, I was able to take some time off. I want to thank Pastor Taylor Boltjes for giving the sermon in my absence on June 19 and doing such an excellent job. Thanks also to Tim Kreider for helping Pastor Taylor lead the service. If you were not here on that Sunday, I encourage you to go watch or listen to the sermon on the church website: zionscottsbluff.com. In fact, we hope that any time you are unable to be in church you are able to take advantage of the opportunity to keep up with us by listening online to the messages. Looking forward into July, we'll be continuing our study of Luke with only one interruption. We have designated July 9 as Special Music Sunday. The entire service that Sunday will be dedicated to worshipping God through music and song. We hope this service blesses your hearts and provides a helpful change of pace before we jump back into Luke.

Andrew



General Fund for May, 2017

INCOME:		
Fund Raisers	\$	0.00
Other Income		5.89
Special Income		0.00
<u>Sunday Offering</u>		<u>15,446.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$	15,451.89
EXPENSES:		
Bldg. & Grounds	\$	1,850.92
Fund Raising		169.89
Ministry		100,618.62
Mission		00.00
Office		64.95
Staff Benefits		216.45
Staff Salary		11,734.00
<u>Utilities</u>		<u>1,434.20</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$	116,089.03

Please mark these special future dates on your calendars:

- ◆ ALL CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC sponsored by Women's Ministries - Sunday, July 23rd
- ◆ FRIED CHICKEN SUNDAY sponsored by our Sunday School Dept. - Sunday, Aug 20th



COOP RECEIPTS:
\$51,656.71
Half way there, Zion!
Great job!

Congratulations to...

...Randy & Martha Stricker on their 26th Wedding Anniversary May 26th!
 .. Josie Griess on her 9th birthday, June 3!
 .. Esther Schwindt on her 104th Birthday, 6/7!
 ..to new members: Deb Albertson; Jan Durnin; Victor & Betty Loose; and Eric & Jackie McManaman.
 .. Harold Kautz on his 85th Birthday, 6/17!
 .. Sharon Woznick on her 74th Birthday, June 18th!
 .. Grant & Heather Nielsen on the birth of Megan Renee, 6/5, weighing 8# 6oz. Proud are great-grandma Terry Martin, grandparents Kevin and Amy Burton and big brother, Brantley!

Sympathies and condolences to...

.. Pat Stricker and family on the passing of Pat's sister, Charlene Kirkpatrick of Loveland.
 .. the many family and friends of Arthur Maser.
 .. the many family and friends of Reiny Meter.

CIRCLE OF PRAISE:

Circle of praise met June 10th with 24 in attendance. A carry-in supper was enjoyed by all. After the meal, a short business meeting was held. The plans for the Pie Shoppe for Festival of Hope were finalized. In new business, Claudette said that the board had approved painting the Oasis. Anyone wanting to help can please let her know. She will be finding out a time and date for this. She also brought before the group the purchasing of a couple of tables and chairs for the Oasis. A discussion was held and it was decided to spend no more than \$1000 on these items. She will get pictures and prices for everyone to look at before we decide. On no has come forward to host the July, August and September meetings. A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center for those interested.

After the business meeting, Dave and Teri had a "Trip through the Valley" with pictures of local area attractions and businesses. It was fun to hear about some the businesses that had different names years ago. We also had a video of "Beautiful Nebraska" to end the meeting to celebrate the 150th Birthday of Nebraska. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Teri Erdman

MISSIONS:

RYAN and LAURA HOUSE with NEW TRIBES MISSION have announced their new ministry name. It is now: **ETHNOS 360.**

The word "ethnos" is the Greek word that Jesus used for "nations" when He gave the Great Commission. Every nation is near to the heart of God. "360" reflects the whole world. Ethnos 360, was founded in 1942 as New Tribes Mission.

The House's and their children are temporarily living in Oklahoma. Pray that they will be able to raise the rest of the money to be 100% fully-funded.

Thank you for your continued prayers.

Blessings,
 Peggie Ross
 Mission Secretary



The KCFM Broadcast for JULY is given in memory Beverly Faden from her daughter, Jo Wells.
 Thank you for sharing in this valuable ministry.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:**"Over the Moat: Drawbridge to the King"
Vacation Bible School 2017**

We were so blessed to have between 65-68 kids every day. They learned so much about God as they studied David and Goliath. There were so many new friendships made. The kids had fun playing games, snack time, craft time and singing. The older kids even had a feast on Friday with soup they had made, chocolate cannon balls and bread with homemade butter. Our mission project was a huge success! The kids and leaders raised money for Life Change Connection that helps diabetics in need. We challenged them to raise \$300.00 by Friday. If they were successful, there would be a nerf sword fight between the Jester (Pastor Andy) and the Knight (Pastor Taylor). They were so excited to find out they raised \$700.00!! Praise the Lord!!!! And the Jester ended up landing in the swimming pool.

Thank you to everyone who helped, who brought treats, who taught, who worked on the props and a big thank you to Barb who let us invade her quiet space for a week. We had so many kids that asked if they could join Youth Group, or come to our Sunday School. We should be so thankful to our pastors for the hard work they put in. Please continue coming to Sunday School this summer. And watch for August and "Fried Chicken Sunday" - there will be fun for all with a carry-in dinner and games.

Have a blessed summer!
Sharon, Robin & Malissa



ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH CALENDAR

JULY, 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>2</p> <p>8:30 Worship & Communion 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team I 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct 10:30 Worship & Communion 10:30 KCMJ Broadcast</p>	 <p>3</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Village</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	 <p>4</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:00 Valley Food Pantry 7:00 Choir Practice</p> <p>CAMP ROCK: Discovery Camp K-2nd Grade</p>			1
<p>SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY</p> <p>9</p> <p>8:30 Worship in Music 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team II 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. 10:30 Worship in Music 4:00 Vespers/Residency</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Village</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living 7:00 Church Board Mtg</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:00 Valley Food Pantry</p>			15
<p>16</p> <p>8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team III 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. 10:30 Worship & Praise 4:00 Vespers/Residency</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Village</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:00 Valley Food Pantry</p>			22
<p>23/30</p> <p>8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team 23-IV/30-V 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. 10:30 Worship & Praise 11:30 23rd-ALL CHURCH PICNIC</p>	<p>24/31</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/Village</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1:00 Valley Food Pantry</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Happy 1st Birthday, Ben Boltjes!</p>		29
<p>CAMP ROCK: Junior Camp 3rd-4th Grade</p>						
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