## The Messenger



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#### **Our mission**

The mission of Zion
Evangelical Lutheran Church
and School is to preach and
teach God's saving Word in
all its truth and purity.

#### Get in touch

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#### Love in Action

The Purpose of our Gifts

Thank God you are here in his house today! You had many other things to do, but you came. The Lord has worked a miracle within you so that you chose to come. When you were still trapped in sin, the Savior shed his blood to cleanse you of sin. When you had no hope of anything beyond this life, he promised eternal life. You know Jesus and love him because he first loved you. That's a miracle.

Yes, he worked faith in your heart so that you love him. With the psalmist you can say boldly and confidently, "I love the LORD" (Psalm 116:1). Today you put that love into action. You came to worship him. You have chosen to do what the psalmist did thousands of years ago: "I will . . . call on the name of the LORD . . . in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD" (vv. 17-19).

If you look around, you know that you are not alone. Others have put their love for the Lord into action too. You are like the thousands, even millions, whom God has called as his people throughout the centuries. It has always been good to be together with other believers.

It's interesting that God puts his love into action when we gather to worship him. Each time we come into God's house, he strengthens us though Word and sacrament. Outside the circle of believers, our love for Jesus sometimes takes a beating, but

God strengthens our love as we sing, listen, and receive the body and blood of Jesus, which was given and shed for us. By the Holy Spirit's work, faith grows in the "courts of the house of the LORD."

You have come to the Lord's house to praise him for his blessings and to receive his strength for the journey ahead. The gospel you hear and sing about with your fellow believers is like an oasis in this world. When you come to God's house with your offering, you help to keep the oasis green and welcoming, not just for yourself but also for others. Your gift, together with the gifts of your fellow believers, helps to make sure:

- that you continue to hear the good news of Jesus and your pastors are available to minister to you and your family,
- that your children and the children of the congregation are instructed in God's truth,
- that others around the world will hear the gospel you treasure, and
- that another generation of pastors, teachers, and staff ministers will be ready to guide your children and your children's children to show their love for Jesus.

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#### **Usher Schedule**

#### June 29 and July 6

7:45am 10:00am

Team 12 Team 6

John Evers (C) Don Rahn (C)
Lee Evers Phil Manteufel

Lee EversPhil ManteufelAustin EversPeter LewkeTerry BraatzJohn CaresSeth ZunkerJason Langille

July 13 and July 20

7:45am 10:00am **Team 1 Team 7** 

Jeff Henning (C) Steve Weiland (C)

Leo Fischer Dave Harle

Matt Weidner Gary Schuhmacher Rodney Hacht Michael Hallberg

Dale Schilling

July 27 and August 3

7:45am 10:00am **Team 2 Team 8** 

Delmar Vick (C)

Randy Vick

Kenneth Schulz

Bradley Sennhenn

Neal Sennhenn

Bryan Peck

Tom Kitzerow

If you have any questions about the schedule, would like to be added as an usher or won't be able to serve any longer as an usher, please call Julie Doyle at (608) 846-5103.

#### Video Team Schedule

#### July 2014

6 Mark Lindell

13 Gary Schuhmacher

20 Philip Manteufel

27 Randy Koehn



#### **July Birthdays**

Verna Maier5th91 yearsLawrence Olson13th86 yearsJune Derr19th84 yearsWalter Parsons21st87 years



#### **Greeter Schedule**

July 6

7:45am G-13 10:00am G-14 Sylva Kehl Leo & Audrey Fischer

Delphine Schaefer

**July 13** 

7:45am G-15 10:00am G-16 Wayne & Darlene Rick & Lisa Gentz

**Powers** 

July 20

7:45am G-17 10:00am G-18 Art Sharpee Janell Allar

Waldamar Vick

**July 27** 

7:45am G19 10:00am G-20 Dave & Kathy Harle Carolyn Gieck Gloria Slade

If you are interested in being added as a greeter or need to be removed from the schedule, please contact the church office, 623-5180.

#### **Church Council Names and Numbers**

Rick Gentz, president - 623-2507

Bruce Zander, vice president - 623-5217

Jason Langille, secretary - 608-837-2148

Dan Retzlaff, education - 623-2623

Jeff Krakow, elders - 623-4346

Matt Vosberg, outreach - 920-210-3817

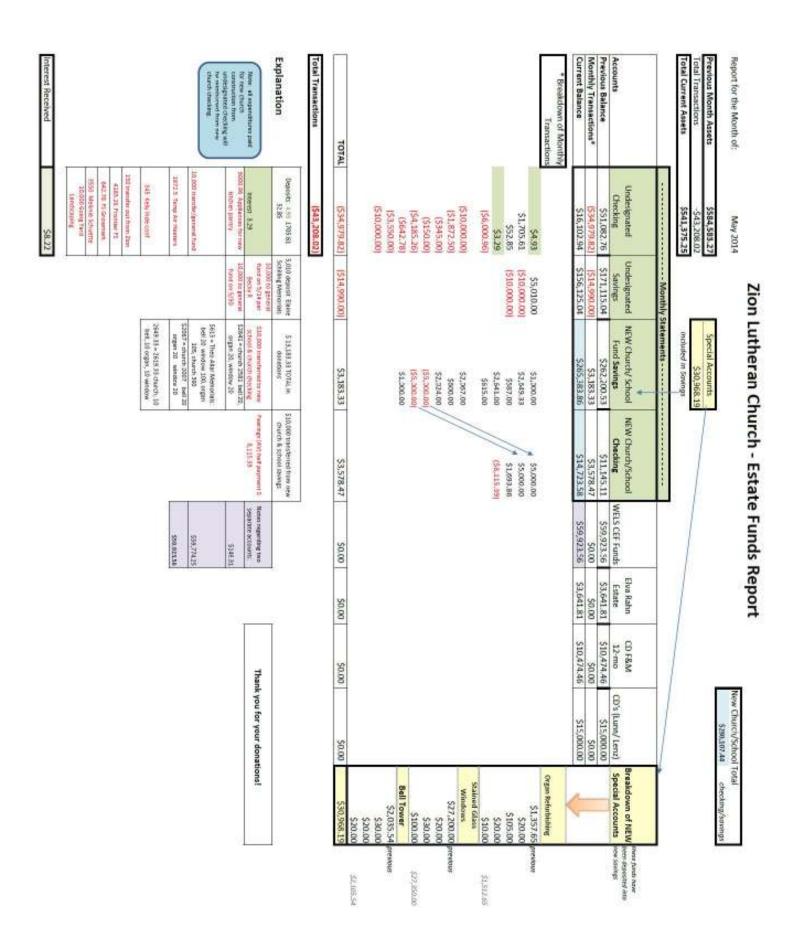
Jeff Henning, planning - 623-2569

Kurt Zander, property - 920-210-1107

Dave Harle, stewardship - 623-3819

#### **May Church Attendance**

Date	Total	
1/4	343	
8/11	345	Fire
15/18	339	PEWS
22/25	388	



#### Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Financial Statement

_	May 14	Jul '13 - May 14
Ordinary Income/Expense Income		
Building Fund Donation	0.00	25,597.00
Church Picnic income	0.00	484.04
Debt Reduction Income	0.00	3,152.81
Extended Care Income	355.00	3,894.75
Family Ministry Financial Secretary	0.00 28,517.22	31.98 386,970.81
Ladies Aid - Utilities	0.00	448.99
LLHS Building Income	170.00	2,891.32
LLHS Income	1,782.32	24,185.64
Other Donations	283.00	14,341.24
Other Reciepts	92.00 0.00	7,450.32 126.00
Outreach Sub teaching reimburse	0.00	4,662.16
Synod Missions Income	5,551.98	74,497.12
Thanksgiving Mission Income	0.00	30.00
Transfered from Undesignated	30,000.00	145,500.00
WLCFS Income	160.00	1,805.98
WLIM Income	170.00	1,743.00
Total Income	67,081.52	697,813.16
Expense ACH fee	43.10	128.90
Building Fund Expense	0.00	25,772.00
Called Workers Salaries	23,567.52	259,208.55
Church Picnic	0.00	1,881.85
Convention/Cont' Education	208.00	507.24
COPIER Elders Board	0.00 30.59	2,860.92 30.59
Extended Care Expense	0.00	3,357.50
Family Ministry Board	0.00	60.14
Guest Pastor	0.00	217.50
Health Insurance	5,560.75	61,974.25
Housing Janitors	870.00 171.32	10,072.40 9,196.16
Liability Insurance	0.00	7,257.50
LLHS Building Expense	395.00	3,072.30
LLHS Expense	4,351.78	26,178.97
Maintenance	3,413.72	17,399.00
Meditation/Forward in Christ	0.00	2,613.66
Mileage Miscellaneous	502.50 15.00	4,268.90 3,169.67
Organists	0.00	2,690.00
Outreach Board	0.00	3,599.55
Part-time Teacher	2,056.23	25,381.18
Payroll Expenses	7.01	64.71
Payroll Taxes Pension Insurance	826.73 0.00	10,165.03 14,528.00
Postage and Delivery	77.94	1,069.40
Secretaries	1,930.71	17,928.81
Stewardship Board	340.29	340.29
Substitute Teaching	0.00	1,710.00
Sunday School/VBS Supplies	0.00 0.00	2,178.10
Synod Mission Expense	13,290.36	5,150.03 80,571.96
Teachers Hot Lunch	0.00	666.67
Telephone Expense	510.85	4,702.15
trash removal	0.00	402.00
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	1,615.83
Utilities WLCFS Expense	6,730.20 275.00	55,172.23 1,981.00
WLIM Expense	350.00	1,880.00
Worker Compensation Insurance	0.00	5,526.50
Worship	75.00	2,665.26
Total Expense	65,599.60	679,216.70

#### Ministrations Baptisms

3. Reid Tyler Hohlstein, son of Adam Hohlstein and Danielle Lienke. Born 3/16/14, baptized 5/4/14.

#### **Deaths**

- 8. Leroy Slade, born 10/31/1924, died 5/13/14.
- 9. Gladys Volek, born 3/4/1930, died 5/15/14.

- 10. Verola Sennhenn, born 3/7/1926, died 5/19/14.
- 11. Gordon Peck, born 2/17/1949, died 5/25/14.

#### **Marriage**

1. Thomas Davis & Melanie Kopec, 5/31/14.

#### **Messenger Articles**

Please submit your articles by **July 25th**. Contact Becky Weidner at 623-5796 if you have any questions.



#### Elders Board by Jeff Krakow

July starts with a bang! Of course I'm talking about our celebration of our independence. Some would say we are celebrating our freedom. In worldly standards, they would be correct, but you and I know where our true freedom comes from.

A friend sent me an article telling what happened to the men that signed the declaration of independence. For the most part, they were tortured, killed or lost everything they had. They died for what they believed in. They fought hard to give us our "freedom." We have men and women today that are continuing that fight.

Again, some would say our country is going down the tubes. Some, and according to the latest polls, very many, think it has a lot to do with our current administration and not worth fighting for. I want to share with you a devotion from Pastor Mark Jeske:

During the 2008 presidential campaign, candidate Barack Obama's connections with his longtime pastor, Rev. Jeremiah Wright, caused him some severe personal and political discomfort. Wright's church in Chicago is intensely Afrocentric, and Wright himself has such contempt for America's racist past (and, he would say, present) that he used language from his pulpit calling on God to damn, not bless, America.

Rev. Wright is not alone. Some find it tempting to mock and deride our country because of its faults and failings. Sociologists say that the current generation of young adults has no confidence in any institution of any kind, including the national government.

St. Paul lived and worked in an empire with far fewer civil rights than ours.

The Roman Empire officially sanctioned the murder of his Savior Jesus. And still he wrote, "There is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God" (Romans 13:1). That would seem to include China, Zimbabwe, and Cuba.

With all their flaws and shortcomings, national governments prevent things that God thinks are far worse: chaos and anarchy. God bless America.

You will not hear our pastors talk such language, as Rev. Jeremiah Wright did, from the pulpit. What is preached is God's saving Word in all its truth and purity. They know we need to know our Savior who gives us the only true freedom, freedom from sin, death and Satan.

On the Fourth of July celebrate and remember those who fought and are fighting for the "freedom" we enjoy. EVERY day celebrate with the one who gives us eternal freedom, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

#### Father in Heaven,

We thank you for giving us this great land to live in. Continue to bless us and this great country. Be with our leaders and, through whatever instruments you choose to use, encourage them and strengthen them with Your Word. We thank you for giving us the pastors and teachers you have placed in Zion and encourage and strengthen them to continue to preach and teach Your saving Word in all its truth and purity. Most of all, we thank you for sending your one and only Son to receive the punishment we so richly deserve and, in grace, giving us life eternal in the glories of heaven.

#### **Amen**

#### Board of Education by Dan Retzlaff

#### **Accreditation Update**

Zion Lutheran School achieved full accreditation status in July of 2012. Accreditation was achieved through WELSSA (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation) and the NCPSA (National Council for Private School Accreditation).

The study and process of accreditation helped parents, faculty members, and the administration gain indepth knowledge about the school. Now, Zion is better prepared to build on its strengths and address its weaknesses. Through accreditation, Zion Lutheran School will more effectively be able to zero in on its mission, to plan for its vision, and put into practice policies and programs that will help reach more families with the saving message of the gospel.

As part of our accreditation, Zion drafted a five year improvement plan. Zion's Board of Ed (BOE) would like to share some of the accomplishments the school has made to date.

- Using existing resources, the schedule has been arranged to allow our principal to more effectively use his time for administration tasks.
- The BOE has added to its duties the annual review of our Tuition Assistance fund to ensure help is available to families in need.
- The mission, vision, and objectives of Zion Lutheran School are evaluated annually by the principal, faculty, and BOE so that we can keep sight of and achieve our goals.
- The BOE has developed a Policy Manual, BOE Handbook, and a BOE Calendar of Duties to ensure the smooth operation of the school. There is a procedure for the format, development, adoption, and dissemination of policies.
- Zion has implemented a Technology plan that allows for purchasing, updating, or repairing the technology needs of students and staff in a responsible time frame, using the resources in the school budget. One benefit we have seen is our ability to provide all 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders with a Google Chromebook.
- Adhering to the standards of accreditation, Zion is now filtering the school's internet for the safety of our students and securing the school's network files.
- Zion has implemented a more effective and safe traffic flow for drop off and pick up.
- A Care of Called Workers Committee (CCWC) has been established to meet with all Zion's called workers annually to assess how the congregation is meeting their spiritual, physical, and professional needs.
- In an effort to improve communication between the BOE, faculty, and school families, the following have been implemented: visits to each classroom by the BOE, a parent satisfaction survey, an open invitation for families to come to the first half hour of each BOE meeting, a revitalized PATZ (Parents and Teachers of Zion), and Loop Groups (an assimilation/communication framework).
- Position descriptions were written for pastors, secretaries, Extended Learning Teacher, and kitchen staff.
- Changes have been put in place to allow students to be placed in Math courses based on ability rather than strictly by grade level.
- The school checking and savings accounts have been audited.

We continue to work on our five year plan and ask for your prayers and support as we do so.

#### **VBS—Jesus Heals**

It's not too late to join the fun! "Jesus Heals" is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School at Zion. In June there were 32 children that attended and heard the story of Jesus heals the blind man. They all enjoyed a light lunch and even got to do crafts learning Braille. Be sure to join us on July 13 and August 3 for more miraculous stories of how "Jesus Heals." For more information on VBS and registration sheets see the information table at church.















#### Calling All Volunteers!

We did it! Thanks to many generous donations at the end of the school year, we were able to raise enough money to purchase new playground equipment for the school. Now we need to install it before school starts on August 19th. Along with installing the new equipment, we would also like to repaint the old pieces that are showing wear. We have planned a work date of <u>Saturday</u>, <u>August 9nd</u> (rain date Saturday, August 16th) and <u>we need volunteers to help with the work – both installing the new equipment and painting the old equipment</u>. (Please note, since there will be heavy equipment and wet paint, we ask that <u>no children under grade 7 are present for the work day</u>.) We will also need volunteers willing to work on <u>sanding and priming the old pieces BEFORE the scheduled work date</u>, on your own time/schedule. Please call or e-mail Rachel Larson if you are able to help with any of the playground work:

larsonrama@hotmail.com or 608-220-9179.

The playground fundraising effort is not over! PATZ will continue to raise money to make improvements to the school playground equipment, including upkeep and the addition of equipment for all grade levels. The equipment being purchased this summer is appropriate for PK through 4th graders, so upper grade level equipment is still in need. Please keep the Playground Fund in mind as a giving opportunity!



#### 2014 ZION SCRAMBLE GOLF OUTING

Its almost here, remember to mark your calendar for July 20th at 1:30 pm for this year's Zion Golf Outing at Columbus Country Club. We still have openings for individuals or groups. Proceeds from this years event will benefit the playground fund. Price is \$40 for 9 holes of golf, light meal and assembly afterwards, and entry for door prizes. Top door prize is a brand new Cobra Golf ampCell driver, plus lots more! Call Andy Tratar at 920-296-1485 or email at andrewtratar@yahoo.com to sign up.



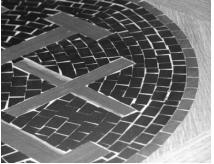
#### Pictures of the progress on the new church and chancel artwork.











PATZ Meeting Minutes - Tues., May 20, 2014

Meeting opened with a prayer - 15 attendees

Recap of **Teacher Appreciation Week**, **May 4-9**th It was kicked off with a potluck after church on Sunday, May 4th. Kristin Baney who headed up the committee said that everything went well. They had to make a few last minute phone calls to fill in a few spots but it all worked out well. The Recess breaks and the meals and goodies seemed to be the most appreciated. Thank you to Kristin Baney, Sara Brey, Rachel Grambsch, Laurie Weiland and Kim Langille for all of their efforts.

May Paper Drive – there was a lot of participation, and it was done quickly. The paper drives for the 13-14 school year raised \$1,062.45. There was another discussion on the loop groups and a comment that when a person is part of a group, they tend to participate more.

The **Playground Planning Committee** – 2 plans were presented and voted on. Results will be revealed later.

The **Free Cycle** was on **May 17th & 18th** and was a huge success. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for the free cycle but the 2<sup>nd</sup> year it was open to the community. There was a great response from the community.

Year End Items – The **Zion Wear Contest** ends May 22<sup>nd</sup> so get your pictures in. The drawing will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a **Cookout** on the last day of School, **May 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Everything is set except help was needed in the kitchen. Volunteers are needed for serving lunch.

The PATZ attendance contest was won by the **2<sup>nd</sup> grade** classroom so a prize will be distributed to them.

There is a **player piano** may be taken by a family. It will need to be moved before the upcoming renovations this summer.

Nominations will be taken for next year's chairperson and secretary so think about it over the summer.

A Closing Prayer was said and the meeting was adjourned.

Have a great summer break!

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Lundeen

The following is information from Second Harvest Foodbank regarding the FoodShare program.

#### **IS MONEY TIGHT?**

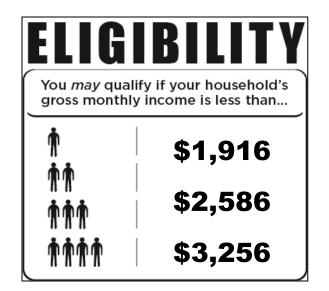
FoodShare stretches your budget by depositing money on a debit-like card called the QUEST card once per month to help buy groceries and clear up money for medication, child care, and other necessities. With one phone call you can see if you might be eligible and make an appointment in your area for free one-on-one application assistance.

- FoodShare is a federal benefit, just like social security.
- Applying for FoodShare never takes it away from everyone else.
- FoodShare is great for the community: every \$5 spent in FoodShare creates up to \$9 in local economic activity.

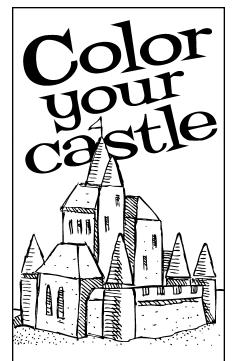
Call Second Harvest Foodbank's FoodShare Helpline today!

1-877-366-3635

Or go to www.GetAQuestCard.org



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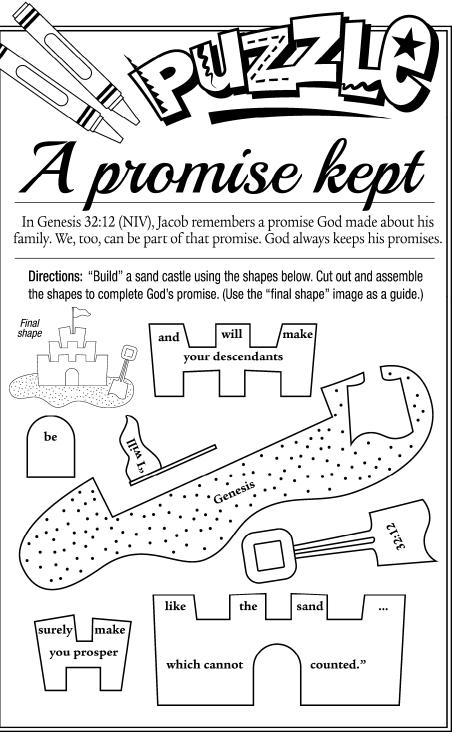
Summer is the perfect time to build a sand castle, whether in a sandbox or on the beach. Use this fun idea to add color to your creation.

#### What you need:

- Empty spray bottles
- 1 cup water per bottle
- 4 Tablespoons cornstarch per bottle
- Food coloring

#### What you do:

- 1. Remove the lid from each bottle and pour in the water and cornstarch.
- 2. Replace the lid and shake the bottle to dissolve the cornstarch completely.
- 3. Add drops of food coloring to achieve the desired color.
- 4. After building a sand castle, spray it with your colorful mixtures.



Answer: "I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand ... which cannot be counted." Genesis 32:12, NIV

# July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Fitness Fellowship (6:30p @ CHS track)	<b>2</b> CLSB (6:30p @ Juneau SB Park)	3 WOR-HC (6:30p)	4	51
<b>6</b> WOR-HC (7:45,10:00) ABS (9:00) Elder's Board (11:00⊕)	7	R Fitness Fellowship (6:30p @ CHS track) WELS Wind Ensemble Concert (7:00p @ Juneau City Park)	Q CLSB (6:30p @ Waterloo Firemen's Park, lower diamond) Meeting Night (6:30p	<b>10</b> WOR (6:30p)	11	12
<b>13</b> WOR (7:45,10:00) ABS (9:00)  VBS (11:15-1:30 4•)	14 New Church Outreach Team (2:00p 中) Outreach Bd (6:00p 中)	15 Fitness Fellowship (6:30p @ CHS track)	<b>16</b> CLSB (6:30p @ Juneau SB Park)	<b>17</b> WOR (6:30p)	18	19
WOR (7:45,10:00) ABS (9:00) Sunday School Staff (11:15 %) Zion Golf Outing (1:30p @ Columbus Country Club)	21	22 Fitness Fellowship (6:30p @ CHS track) Building Committee (6:30p 🕮)	23 CLSB (6:30p @ Wyocena Park) WELS National Worship	23 CLSB (6:30p @ WOR-HC (6:30p) Wyocena Park) WELS National Worship Conference, Kenosha WI	25  Newsletter Deadline	26
<b>27</b> WOR-HC (7:45,10:00) ABS (9:00)	28	29 Fitness Fellowship (6:30p @ CHS track)	30 CLSB (6:30p @ Waterloo Firemen's Park, lower diamond)	31 WOR-HC (6:30p)		



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## **CALENDAR KEY**

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#### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Thursday Worship	6:30p
Sunday Worship	_
Sunday Adult Bible Study at Church	

<u>School</u> located at 822 Western Ave. Church located at 254 W. Mill St.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Wed., July 9 • Meeting Night

Sun., July 13 • VBS at Church

Sun., July 20 • Zion Golf Outing

Fri., July 25 • Newsletter Deadline