

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

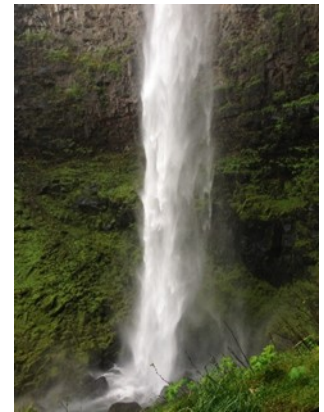
June

2025



WOW!!

Over our many years of travel, we have visited a plethora of waterfalls, some of them many times. On our recent spring travels, we visited Falls Creek Falls State Park in Tennessee. This large park has five waterfalls, each very different. On this visit we visited Cane Creek Falls as well as the namesake Falls Creek Falls, a 256-footer. (The picture here is not Falls Creek Falls, though it looks similar.)



While travel can serve as a declaration of God's presence, it is not necessary for each of us to be inspired by the stunning variety and imagination that our God displays in the universe he has created. Each day is filled with new opportunities to explore our surroundings with thankfulness for even the smallest things that are so easy to overlook in our world which seems consumed with busyness. "I look up at your macro-skies, dark and enormous, your hand-made sky-jewelry, Moon and stars mounted in their settings. Then I look at my micro-self and wonder, Why do you bother with us? Why take a second look our way?" (Psalm 8:3-4 MSG)

As we left Falls Creek Falls, a family with 3 young boys was just coming into the area. The youngest boy spotted the falls, and as running to get a closer view, yelled jubilantly "WOW". He was awed by this spectacular sight and was not bashful about his joy. God has indeed provided us with a world that is full of wonder available whenever and wherever we may find ourselves. Let us not become complacent about God's creation but be as joyful as this young boy who was exuberant in the moment. "What a wildly wonderful world, God! You made it all, with Wisdom at your side, made earth overflow with your wonderful creations." (Psalm 104:24 MSG)

submitted by Sally Middleton

For further reference, see also: Genesis 1:20-21; 1 Chronicles 16:29; Psalms 19:1, 139:14, 145:10-12 and 150:1-6; Job 12:7-10; Isaiah 40:26; Acts 17:24-25; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 11:3 and Revelations 4:11.

PRAYER/HEALTH CONCERNS:

Rose Benjamin, wife of Larry Benjamin, having treatments for cancer currently. Prayers for she and Larry as she goes through this procedure.

Ross Reitz, friend of Tevlin family, diagnosed with cancer and has heart issues. Pray for good medical decisions, strength and success in treating him.

Geri Broyles, continued prayers of support.

Mike Dandino, classmate of Sue Davila, has been transferred to a rehab program. Prayers for family, too.

Helga Maria Richards, doing well. Prayers for further recovery and strength.

Trudi and Ed McNulty, both have some health issues they are dealing with currently. Prayers appreciated.

Paul Hoffmeister, prayers for strength, comfort and healing.

Mike Griggs, continued prayers for health issues.

Marsha Frey, continued recovery from stroke.

Elaine Wolkins, having knee surgery June 9, 2025. Prayers for strength and success in treatment, and healing.

Prayers for our servicemen and women both at home and abroad.

Those unable to worship with us: Shirley Yoder, Mike Griggs, Maria Richards

Prayers for all unspoken requests both emotional and physical.

CARING CHRISTIANS

In 2025 Zion Lutheran will continue to be a “family” of people who show their faith both in word and action. Each month our Zion budget will donate \$50 to a social ministry cause and ask you to also contribute to the cause. In June, the seed money will go to Bashor Children’s Home. “Faithful to God, Bashor Children’s Home is to provide ‘Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow’ to troubled children and their families. We are called to serve and in doing so improve the lives of children and families. We honor God when we serve others. Every child needs to be cared for and cared about.” You may put money or check in a pew envelope or other form so long as it is clearly marked to indicate it is meant for this cause. Please consider adding your donation to this social ministry cause!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 10, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

DON'T FORGET: office hours now are back to the old schedule. Monday through Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We appreciate each one of you. Let us know if we can be of assistance by calling the office.



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
BRISTOL, IN**

VBS

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 15-19**

BIBLE STORIES	5:30-8:00 PM
GAMES CRAFTS	DINNER PROVIDED
SONGS	AGES 4 and Up

Call 848-4880 to Register

COST: FREE!



June

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 8:15am Adult Sunday School 9:00am Fellowship 9:30am Worship Service No Communion Pastor Karen on vacation	2 4-H Meeting 7:00pm to 8:00pm	3	4 9:00 am Quilting	5 9:00 am Men's Group	6	7 8:30-10:30 am Compassionate Café 9:00 am to noon Compassionate Clothing
8 8:15 Adult Sunday School 9:00am Fellowship 9:30 am Worship Service Pastor Karen on vacation	9	10 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	11 9:00 am Quilting	12 9:00 am Men's Group	13	14 9:30 am Biblical Journaling (come and go as you please)
15 FATHER'S DAY 8:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Worship Service Holy Communion 5:30 to 8:00pm VBS	16 5:30 to 8:00pm VBS	17 5:30 to 8:00pm VBS	18 9:00 am Quilting 5:30 to 8:00pm VBS	19 9:00 am Men's Group 5:30 to 8:00pm VBS	20	21 9-12 Noon Compassionate Clothes Closet
22 8:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:30 am Worship Service	23 4-H Meeting 7:00pm to 8:00pm	24	25 9:00 am Quilting	26 9:00 am Men's Group	27	28
29 8:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Worship Service	30 11:30 Young At Heart at Perkins					



**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO
BE PRESENT FOR YOUR
SLOT, PLEASE CONTACT
ANOTHER VOLUNTEER TO
TRADE PLACES!**

Thank you!



June 2 Maizie Bell Teall
Ashley Teall
June 4 Steve Krallman
Connie Sue Randolph
June 6 Benjamin Hillman
June 9 Mitchell James Teall
June 13 Mike Griggs
June 15 Rachel Ashcraft
June 21 Paul Hoffmeister
June 24 Geri Broyles
June 27 Briar Rose Stutsman
Nevaeh Siberry
June 28 Melanie Teall

OFFERING COUNTERS

June 1 Lois Bostian, Mary Ziegler
June 8 Steve Krallman, Lyn Hisey
June 15 Dave Teall, Lyn Hisey
June 22 Steve Krallman, Lois
Bostian
June 29 Jim Kensinger, Amber
Teall
July 6 Steve Krallman, Dave
VanZile

SCRIPTURE READERS

June 1 Gloria Davila, Maria Davila
June 8 Aaron Crocker, Jim
Kensinger
June 15 Trudy McNulty, Mary Ziegler
June 22 Greg Siberry, Sally Middleton
June 29 Lyn Hisey, Lynn Shelley
July 6 Chris Otto, Jerri Hisey

ALTAR CARE

June 1 Lana Stutsman
June 8 Lyn Hisey
June 15 Lois Bostian
June 22 Darlene Ashcraft
June 29 Lyn Hisey
July 6 Lana Stutsman

GREETERS/USHERS

June 1 Phyllis Tubbs, Amber &
Katelyn Teall
June 8 Aaron & Jeannine Crocker
June 15 Jan Coffman, Mary Ziegler
June 22 Jim & Darlene Ashcraft
June 29 Phyllis Tubbs, Amber &
Katelyn Teall
July 6 Aaron & Jeannine Crocker

June 7 Dan and Amber Teall
David and Mary Ziegler
Bill and Jodee Shaw
June 12 Ed and Trudi McNulty
June 16 Rob and Ashley Teall
June 24 Juan Jr. and Sue Davila
June 28 Marvin and Sally Middleton

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

June 1 Steve Krallman
June 8 Sue Davila
June 15 Dave Teall
June 22 Randy Yohn
June 29 Chris Harrison
July 6 Steve Krallman

TECHNOLOGY TEAM

June 1 Dan Teall
June 8 Marv Middleton
June 15 Juan Davila Jr.
June 22 Dave VanZile
June 29 Dan Teall
July 6 Marv Middleton

REFRESHMENTS

June 1 Mary Ziegler, Liz Yohn
June 8 Ruthann Owen, Mary Ziegler
June 15 Lana Stutsman, Jodee Shaw
June 22 Lyn Hisey, Judy Sparr
June 29 Sue Davila, Amber Teall
July 6 Mary Ziegler, Liz Yohn

Week	Number
5/4	65
5/11	53
5/18	71
5/25	59
AVERAGE	62



**Zion Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
5/13/2025
6 p.m.**

Present: Sue Davila, Jerri Hisey, Marv Middleton, Sally Middleton, Chad Root, Jodee Shaw and Pastor Karen Strietelmeier. Absent: Chris Harrison

Vice President Marv Middleton opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's Report: Sue Davila moved to accept the March report. Sally Middleton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously..

Treasurer's Report: Jerri Hisey presented the March and April reports. The 2025 budget remaining at the end of March was \$111,218.18. The budget remaining at the end of April was \$99,426.64. Total assets at the end of March were \$128,241.06. Total assets at the end of April were \$136,403.36. Offerings received in March were \$13,247.00. Jerri said there were no large expenditures during the two months. She noted she is still waiting for the final bill from Chime Masters for the new Bell Tower. Jodee Shaw moved to accept the two reports with Sue seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Karen reported she attended a joint Lutheran and Episcopalian Chrism Mass and Renewal of Ordination Vows at the Cathedral of Saint James in South Bend on April 10. She made two home/hospital visitations in April and early May. She attended the monthly Saturday breakfasts and greeted attendees at the front door in April and May. Pastor also attended the Pavillion meeting on May 8. Pastor said the Lenten season went well at Zion, noting both the adult and children's choirs performed at the Good Friday and Easter services. Pastor thanked music director Becky Goodman and all of the singers for their participation. She also thanked all those Zion members who served behind the scenes throughout the season. Pastor added the Zion Easter Egg Hunt attracted approximately 20 children who collected more than 1,500 eggs filled with candy. Pastor said she began a Sunday Worship Program titled "The Lord is My Shepherd" that will run through June 1. Pastor reported she held a new member class on May 4 and welcomed into fellowship Lynn Williams, Jodee Shaw, Linda Hebels and Sherry Sigsbee on May 11. Sherry was also baptized at that time and Bella, Zion's faithful canine attendee, received an honorary fellowship. On April 1, Pastor officiated at the funeral of Jill Tevlin who lost a heroic battle with cancer on April 4. Pastor reported she will be on vacation from May 31 through June 12 and that Becky Goodman will preach on June 1 and 8.

Ministry Areas:

Long-Range Planning: As Chris Harrison was absent, there was nothing reported.

Fellowship: Sue reported that in addition to the Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Breakfast, Zion held a Cookies and Canvas Event that was attended by 30 women and children. Sue said she is pleased by the turnout and that the participants appeared to have a great time. Following this event, the church hosted a Euchre Party that was part of the annual Hunger Auction. Sue announced Vacation Bible School will be held June 15 to June 19. Jerri added that 62 Zion members have signed up for the South Bend Cubs Game outing in August.

Worship & Music: Marv announced that now that the Bell Tower is completed, carillon music can be added to Sunday worship services when appropriate. Pastor Karen said she will let the music director know this as Becky is the one who chooses the worship music.

Personnel: Chad Root had nothing to report.

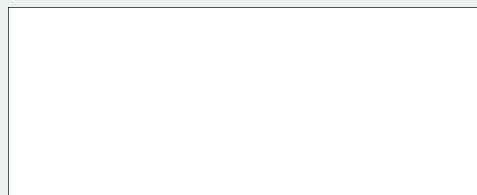
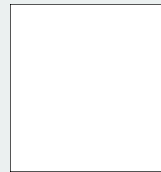
Social Ministry: Sally Middleton said Zion's June mission will be Bashor's Children Home.

Property: Marv reported the church's furnace filter was changed this past week. Dave Vanzile then spoke on behalf of the Pavillion Committee. He reported Zion has a quote for construction of a pavilion for approximately \$40,000. This includes a metal roof and soffits, concrete floor and wood posts. The size would be 26 by 40 feet with a 9 foot height. Dave reported this cost does not include the excavation, permits or electrical. He added he believes Zion members can take care of the excavation and permits. He stated the pavilion would be built near the playground. Dave asked for permission to bring the request to the congregation. Jerri noted Zion already has \$17,000 designated for the pavilion. She added the remaining funds will require fundraising and/or additional donations from Zion members. Chad asked if the committee obtained additional quotes. Dave said no. Chad said he will look online into obtaining additional numbers. Jodee moved to allow the Pavillion Committee to bring the issue to the congregation. Sue seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. It was determined the Pavillion Committee will speak to the congregation following the May 25 worship service.

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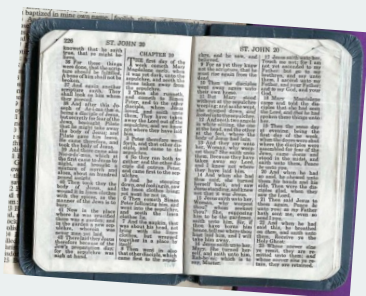
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Zion's Mission

**We are a family of Christians who
choose to worship, to learn, to witness,
and care
by reaching out and sharing ourselves
through the Good News of God, the
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**



Jesus said,

***"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No
one can come to the Father
except through me."***

John 14:6

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