

# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

may

2025



## Healing Hugs



As the winter driving challenges retreated and the snowboarding/skiing season ended, we have had more regular opportunities to meet with family members. We are a family of huggers-usually at the beginning of a gathering as well as before parting. Even the three young men who have ‘joined’ our family by way of our granddaughters share hugs with joy and warmth. After these meetings, we are reminded how important sharing hugs is to our relationships.

Studies have shown a variety of health benefits from hugs. They may reduce fear, stress and pain while boosting happiness and well-being. Mental health can be improved as well. Hugs communicate you are safe, loved and not alone. If human contact can provide so many benefits, how much more can our ever present, omnipotent God restore our souls. As we go from day to day, God gives us plenty of encouragement to become close to him as he embraces us with his unceasing love and mercy. “Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for one another.” (John 15:34-35 MSG)

We are truly blessed to have healing hugs from not only our close family members, but also our church ‘family’ and friends. God has put many wonderful people in our path as we have traveled life. While all these connections are so very important and treasured, the incredible promises and daily connection we have with God, as he has promised to all, is God’s grace in action. “I’ve been carrying you on my back from the day you were born, And I’ll keep on carrying you when you’re old and gray. I’ve done it and will keep on doing it, carrying you on my back, saving you.” (Isaiah 46:3b-4) Thanks be to God!

Submitted by Sally Middleton

For further reference, see also: Psalms 86:5, 136:26 and 139:9-10; Isaiah 41:13; Luke 15:11-24; Romans 8:38-39; 12:9-10, and 14:19; 2 Corinthians 13:11-12 and 1 John 4:16.

## PRAYER/HEALTH CONCERNS:

**Dave VanZile**, hospitalized briefly with a virus; he feels he has turned a corner. Cough much better. Needs to get his energy back. Prayers for him as he recovers.

**Jerri Hisey**, painful knee due to Meniscus issue. Having knee replacement on May 15. Prayers, please.

**Aaron Crocker**, recently at hospital briefly. Doing fine now. Heart is fine. Home and with us in church last Sunday.

**Rose Benjamin**, has been diagnosed with cancer. She is having treatments currently. Pray for healing, strength and comfort.

**Dawn White**, after a fall, is wearing a sling for 8-12 weeks. Prayers for healing and no surgery needed.

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

**Sue Johnson Filley**, friend of Sue Davila, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. It is a different type of cancer and is contained. Treatment will continue for this diagnosis. Prayers appreciated.

**Mike Dandino**, classmate of Sue Davila, recovering from heart attack. He is in rehab. Prayers continue please he and his family as they go through this health issue.

**Helga Maria Richards**, doing well at home. Continued prayers appreciated.

**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.

**Geri Broyles**, appreciates our prayers and support.

Prayers for our service men and women both home and aboard; also, conflicts in Israel/Gaza and Ukraine/Russia.

Prayers for unspoken concerns— health, mind and body.

**May is military appreciation month; take time to thank a veteran. Give them a call or send a card.**

## 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 May, the seed money will go to Habitat for Humanity. “Habitat for Humanity works together with families, local communities, volunteers and partners so that more people are able to live in affordable and safe homes.” Our donations will go to “Habitat homeowners who help build their own homes alongside volunteers, empowering families to help themselves.” 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

MAY 13, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**June 15-19: Zion Children's Vacation Bible School**

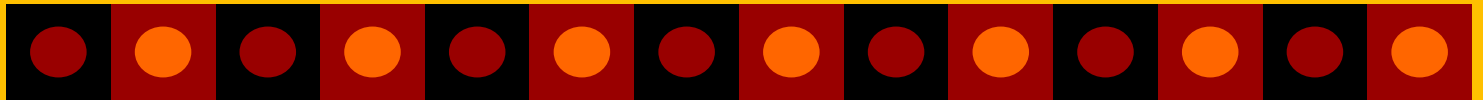
**May 17: Special event for Zion women and friends 1:00 pm here at the church. join in**

**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.



THE LORD IS MY  
SHEPHERD

In a series of four worship services, we will use the familiar words of Psalm 23 to explore the work of Jesus our Shepherd and learn about our lives as his sheep. In our first service, Shepherd and Sheep, we will see what our Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, has done to create us anew as “the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand” (Psalm 95:7). Begins on May 11.



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1  9:00 am Men's Group  <b>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</b>	2	3  8:30-10:30 am Compassionate Café 9:00 am to noon Compassionate Clothing
4 <b>8:15 Adult Sunday School</b> <b>9:00am Fellowship</b> <b>9:30 am Worship Service</b> <u>Membership class after Worship.</u>	5  <b>CINCO DE MAYO</b>  4-H Meeting 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm	6	7  9:00 am Quilting	8  9:00 am Men's Group	9	10  9:30 am Biblical Journaling  (come and go as you please)
11 <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> <b>8:15 am Adult Sunday School</b> <b>9:00 am Fellowship</b> <b>9:30 am Worship Service</b> <u>(begin Good Shepherd Series)</u>	12	13  6:00 pm Church Council Meeting	14  9:00 am Quilting	15  9:00 am Men's Group	16	17  9-12 Noon Compassionate Clothes Closet  <b>1:00 PM Women's Special Event</b>
18 <b>8:15 am Adult Sunday School</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Fellowship</b> <b>9:30 am Easter Worship Service</b>	19  <b>11:30 Young At Heart at Perkins</b>	20	21  9:00 am Quilting	22  9:00 am Men's Group	23	24
25 <b>8:15 am Adult Sunday School</b> <b>9:00 am Fellowship</b> <b>9:30 am Worship Service</b>  <b>INDY 500 RACE</b>	26  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <b>(office closed)</b>	27	28  9:00 am Quilting	29  9:00am Men's Group	30	31





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



May 8 Doug Stutsman  
May 13 Janet Kruse Hershberger  
May 17 Gloria Davila  
May 18 Pastor Karen Strietelmeier  
May 25 Joe Komins  
May 25 Katie Teall

#### OFFERING COUNTERS

May 4 Dave Teall, Lyn Hisey  
May 11 Steve Krallman, Lois Bostian  
May 18 Jim Kensinger, Amber Teall  
May 25 Lyn Hisey, Dave Teall  
June 1 Lois Bostian, Mary Ziegler  
June 8 Steve Krallman, Lyn Hisey

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

May 4 Sue Davila  
May 11 Lana Stutsman  
May 18 Katie Teall  
Hiatus over summer months.....

#### SCRIPTURE READERS

May 4 Steve Krallman, Lisa VT  
May 11 Lyn Hisey, Lynn Shelley  
May 18 Chris Otto, Sally Middleton  
May 25 Greg Siberry, Trudi McNulty  
June 1 Gloria Davila, Maria Davila  
June 8 Aaron Crocker, Jim Kensinger

#### ALTAR CARE

May 4 Jerri Hisey  
May 11 Darlene Ashcraft  
May 18 Lois Bostian  
May 25 Lyn Hisey  
June 1 Lana Stutsman  
June 8 Lyn Hisey

#### GREETERS/USHERS

May 4 Phyllis Tubbs, Amber & Katelyn Teall  
May 11 Aaron & Jeannine Crocker  
May 18 Jan Coffman, Elaine Wolkins  
May 25 Jim & Darlene Ashcraft  
June 1 Phyllis Tubbs, Amber & Katelyn Teall  
June 8 Aaron & Jeannine Crocker

No Anniversaries in May

#### WORSHIP ASSISTANT

May 4 Dave Teall  
May 11 Sue Davila  
May 18 Chris Harrison  
May 25 Randy Yohn  
June 1 Steve Krallman  
June 8 Sue Davila

#### TECHNOLOGY TEAM

May 4 Juan Davila Jr  
May 11 Dan Teall  
May 18 Marv Middleton  
May 25 Juan Davila Jr  
June 1 Dan Teall  
June 8 Marv Middleton

#### REFRESHMENTS

May 4 Ruthann Owen, Jerri Hisey  
May 11 Darlene Ashcraft, Sue Otto  
May 18 Lana Stutsman, Jodee Shaw  
May 25 Sue Davila, Amber Teall  
June 1 Mary Ziegler, Liz Yohn  
June 8 Ruthann Owen, Mary Ziegler

Week	Number
4/6	64
4/13	68
4/20	90
4/27	71
AVERAGE	73

### ATTENTION ALL WOMEN whatever age!

Join us Saturday May 17th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for the Women of Christ Luncheon. All women are welcome; mother's, daughters, sisters, aunts and crazy cat ladies alike! You will enjoy the fellowship, refreshments and a take home craft. Also, help us welcome Missy McNeil our guest speaker, from Catnip, a TNR and adoption group, that help local kitties. Please bring a dish to share. Drinks provided. Sign up sheet will be in the lobby. Invite your family and friends!





# PICTURES FROM CANVAS AND COOKIES

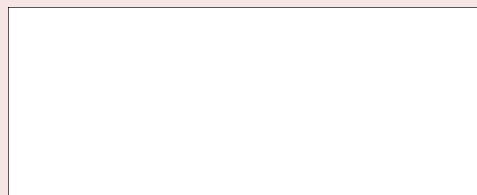
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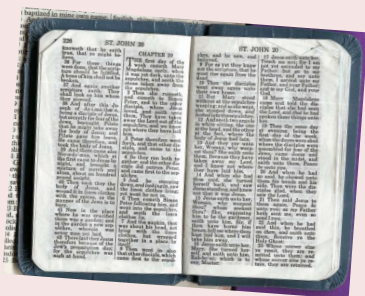
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#### **Zion's Mission**

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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