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A Message from Pastor Mathew

While on a road trip, an older couple, we'll call them Jim and Joanna, stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After lunch, and about 20 miles down the road, Joanna realized she had left her eyeglasses at the restaurant. Jim fussed the whole way back, complained, and scolded his wife for her forgetfulness. To her relief, they finally arrived back at the restaurant. As Joanna got out of the car, Jim yelled to her, "while you're in there, you might as well get my hat and credit card."

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You may ask yourself, who would do what Jim did, being all grumpy about someone else when he had made the same mistake? Speaking honestly, many of us would do exactly that. One of our many failing grades in this human life is how we tend to criticize the flaws of others and not see it in ourselves. When we belittle the laziness of a relative, or the irresponsibility of a neighbor, or the closed-mindedness of a coworker, we often can become oblivious to similar traits in ourselves.

Paul writes to us in his letter to the Romans, saying, "why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God." So, why do we do these things? For one, we're human. It happens. Our self-centered sinful Adam within us wants to be seen as the superior being in the world and will do whatever it can to be that.

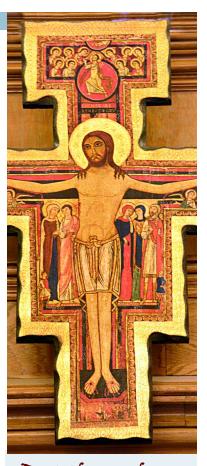
As I think about the coming summer months, I am reminded how houses with kids will be fuller during the day, how warmer weather coaxes us outside in communion with others. Summer months provide a lot of interaction. Seeing a lot of others can cause us to try to spot and exploit their flaws. But we should look at our own too. Does it really elevate us to run someone else down? As Paul also tells us in Romans that no one is righteous.

So, as we get out more this summer, as we interact with others, let's be sure we also visit the foot of the cross of Christ, flaws and all, and seek the forgiveness we've come to trust him to give, being sent back out to live and share the love of Jesus.

God's peace, Pastor Mathew

OUR MISSION: WHY WE EXIST

To bring people into a covenantal relationship with the Lord (Matthew 28:19-20), and to equip them for personal growth and impact (Ephesians 4:11-26).



But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Prayer Concerns

Sandy Coreno
Corey Fischer
David Glenn
Bill Greiner
Joy Hepner
Pat Jason
George Langford
Karen Matalavage
Shirley Mosticone
Glenn & Phyllis Ribblett
Steele & Suzanne Roberts
Pat Sheridan
Haley Shoemaker
Jean Sontag

Summer Worship Sermon Series

Saturdays @ 5PM, Sundays at 9:30 AM

Pastor will be leading a sermon series on the biblical foundation of the Apostles' Creed. This will help us to better understand how the faith we profess reflects the Word of God and how Jesus is the center of what we believe and how we live.

May 28 - I Believe in God

June 4 - The Father, Almighty Creator

June 18 - I believe in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, Our Lord

June 25 - Conceived by the Power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary

JUNE BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Evan Schubert June 18, 2011 Waylon Matus June 18, 2017 Maya Lewis June 21, 2008 Leif Galland June 30, 2012

*If we are missing your child's baptism date, please advise the church office.

NALC Summer Camp Opportunities In-Tents located in Somerset County

Fun, games, campfires, food and Jesus

Students in Grades 3-5

2 night elementary camp July 17th-19th



Middle and High School Youth Summer Trip

July 10th-14th

Contact Pastor Mathew

for more information and to sign up!

Golf Outing

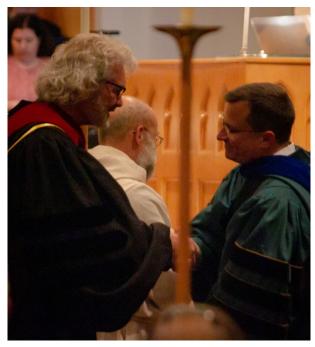
Sunday, July 30 at 1:30 PM Lindenwood Golf Course



Contact John Thatcher at jhthatcher@verizon.net

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North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS)



On May 3, 2023, Zion was honored to host the service for the affirmation of call for president of our North American Lutheran Seminary, the Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen and the installation of the following professors, Dr. David Luy and Dr. Alex Pierce.

The sermon was presented by Rev. Dr. Dan Selbo, Bishop of the North American Lutheran Church. There were 169 persons in attendance and the music was provided by Zion's Music Ministry. The service was followed by refreshments and fellowship.





Music Ministry

A Thrivent Grant paid for the majority of a recent purchase of Condenser Microphones, longer cables and mic



stands! The richness of detail that condenser microphones are able to capture, puts them as favorites to record or amplify instruments with great dynamic variations, like acoustic guitars, drums, voices, or ensembles. Their recording quality attains a much sharper sound. They are able to pick up those much higher frequencies and capture every little detail. They are great for amplifying a choir or ensemble as opposed to a single voice like a dynamic microphone would do. Our Music Ministry is excited for the many potential uses for these microphones going forward!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 26-30, 2023

Register at ZLC-Brentwood.org





ZION TREASURER

Zion is looking to fill the volunteer position of Treasurer effective June 30, 2023. If you are interested, please contact Hal Donachy at president@zlcbrentwood.org

First Communion and Confirmation



FIRST COMMUNION

Adelai Haugh, Graham Herzog, Kinley Jakubek





CONFIRMANDS

Alex Gosnell, Skye Magera, Emily Schubert



Lunch with a Hero Event—What a rainy day event!

Everyone enjoyed meeting our local heroes and Andy the Ambulance!









Who is that mystery chef standing in the rain?





SECOND SATURDAY COOKOUT June 10 & July 8

Whether you attend Saturday or Sunday worship, join us for fellowship and a cookout following the second Saturday Service. The meats will be provided. If you would like to contribute a side dish or dessert, there is a meal train sign-up sheet on the Zion website or contact Karen Stoddart at 412-580-5814 and let her know what you are bringing.

ATTENTION GRADUATES

On June 11, 2023, Zion will be honoring all members graduating from high school, college, technical school or earning an advanced degree. If you or someone in your family is graduating, please forward their name and a photo of the graduate to the church office@zlcbrentwood.org.





GRANDMA'S ATTIC/FLEA MARKET

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, August 5, 2023. More information to follow.

QUILTERS

The quilters would appreciate any donations of material, sheets or bedding that can be used to make quilts. Financial donations are also appreciated. Thank you.

BULLETIN INSERTS

Zion is working to minimize the use of bulletin inserts to better utilize our resources and to assure the bulletin is



worship focused. Announcements will continue to be printed in the back of the bulletin and may be found on the website and in the newsletter. Feel free to take the bulletin or the news

page home with you. For some events, flyers and sign-up sheets may be located at both entrances.

ZION'S NEWSLETTER HITS THE ROAD

Between June 1 – August 31, 2023, share your summer experiences with your Zion family. Whether you are travelling to the zoo, a local museum, the beach or another country, please take your newsletter along and take a picture with someone holding up the Zion Newsletter. Please forward your pictures to the Zion Office (office@zlcbrentwood.org). The pictures will be posted on Zion's Facebook page and/or the newsletter so that we can share in your summer fun.

Community Clothes Exchange *CLOTHES, SHOES, & COATS FOR INFANT - ADULT 2XL *MASKS REQUIRED *BRING EMPTY BAGS TO FILL *NO DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT EVENT

NEXT EVENT:

INFANT - ADULT 2XL *BRING EMPTY BAGS ACCEPTED AT EVENT

HOSTED AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 4301 BROWNSVILLE ROAD PITTSBURGH, PA 15236

CONTACT US AT FACEBOOK.COM/COMMUNITYCLOTHESEXCHANGE

If you are or know of a person or family in need of clothing or shoes, please share event information.









Jennifer Mowry