
The Zion Messenger

February 2019

February 6 – Evangelism

Trustees

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February 20 – Glenwood

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“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear . . .

Look at the birds of the air: They do not sow or reap or gather into barns – and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

Matthew 6.25-26

A recent CNN business report began with the line: “America’s finance chiefs fear the economic expansion is nearly over.” Almost half of experts surveyed expect a downturn in 2019 and that a recession will begin by the end of 2020. According to those who keep track of such things, since 1854 the US has encountered 33 cycles of expansion and contraction. Since 1980 there have been four periods considered recessions, with the last framed within 2006-2009. During every recession the question is: “When will recovery come”?

Not just in modern times, within the bounds of Bible history there have been many economic downturns; often times marked with famine. Joseph’s interpretation of Pharaoh’s dream predicted a recession that would be caused by famine and would last seven years. Now given that our LORD is Almighty, we sometimes wonder why He would

allow such disaster? In the example of Joseph and many others we see that God was sending a message to His people. God was preparing them for a **future blessing**.

The Almighty has been referred to by some as, “Conductor of History and the World”. *“Whatever the LORD pleases, He does, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all the deeps.”* Psalm 135.6 God is in control! And as such our Wise and Omnipotent God allows recessions to come into our lives. Never the less Christians sometimes question, “God, why are you letting these things happen? Why this recession? Why this disaster? When

will relief come"? Questioning God is not by nature 'bad.' In catechism we are reminded that there's no such thing as a 'bad' question. But there are 'wrong' questions! In view of God's Word and promise of love for the world, the question is not 'why' but rather 'What?' For every recession, disaster, trouble, and tribulation the question is, "What are you going to do about this dear Father?" Of this we can be sure of two things: (1) God wants to draw us closer to Himself. (2) God wants to give us hope. Referring to times of struggle, even the threat of death, Jesus said, *"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father . . . so don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."* Matthew 10.29-31 While sparrows were cheap in Jesus' day, the worth and price God has placed on you is beyond measure and counting. That cost of our salvation was realized when the Son of God Himself fell to the ground. *"I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."* John 12.24

Expansion-Contraction, Recession-Recovery, whatever comes our way in the changing time realities of life here is a sure hope: **God's control is your future blessing.** *"Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God and there is no other, I am God and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand and I will do all that I please."* Isaiah 46.9-10 God's purpose for you and me is recovery and renewal that will never end, but will last to eternity.

LOVE DOES GOOD so GET BUSY! ADVENT 2018

Jackson Tujo – Matched the 50 with his own 50 and gave to Children's Hospital fund.

Lexi Pfeiffer – Matched the 50 with her own 50 and purchased items for local food pantry.

Ashley Ellis – Donated to the Staunton Food pantry, turned \$50 into 263 pounds of food.

Brady Seelbach – Purchased items for donation to food pantry.

Sophie Bond – Purchased items for donation to Heritage Nursing Home

Sophie Sigafos – Matched the gift with her own 50 and gave to the Red Cross Tornado Relief

Addison Rucker – Took a needy friend shopping and out for lunch in Edwardsville.



The Zion PTL will host their annual Trivia Night on Saturday, March 9, at 7:00 pm at Concordia Hall. All tables reserved for the January 19 date will carry over to March 9. Please contact the school office if you reserved a table and will not be able to attend or if you would like to reserve a table for the new date! Doors will open at 6:00 pm. Teams of six to eight people may enter. Entry fee is \$15.00 per person which includes admission and unlimited soft drinks and bottled water throughout the evening. For questions or to reserve your table, please call or email Jessica Meade (635-3060 or jessica.meade@zion-school.org).

Zion's Quilting Ladies, **Zion Lutheran Church Lydia Sewing Circle**, are looking for individuals who NEED hand quilting done or would like to join us when we hand quilt. We meet every Wednesday from 9a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Basement. Also, we have a new price sheet effective January 1, 2019. Remember that the quilt top needs to be sewn together, and you must purchase and provide the backing material, batting, and thread. It may take at least 3-4 months before completion once we have it in the quilt frame (we only meet one day a week and the number of ladies quilting can range from 0-7). Please feel free to contact Karen Brown or Janice Williams with any questions. Thank you!

Price Sheet/Charges for quilting effective JANUARY 1, 2019

Pinning Quilt in the Frame

\$5.00	Crib Quilt size
\$10.00	Twin Quilt Size
\$15.00	Full/Queen Quilt Size
\$20.00	King Quilt Size

Marking Quilt Charges

\$20.00 minimum charge – exact charge varies by detailing

Hand Quilting Charges

\$.45 per yard of thread used; OR a minimum of -

\$25.00	Crib Quilt size
\$60.00	Twin Quilt size
\$75.00	Full/Queen size
\$100.00	King size

Thread, batting, and quilt backing must accompany the quilt top when given to Lydia Circle for quilting.

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Janice Williams, Contact Person, (618) 637-2367

Invisible Phantom

By Ruth S. Sievers

*When real love is sorely absent,
Flared tempers on others you vent –
Ill feelings freely flow at random,
Producing a giant invisible phantom.*

*Such phantoms must surely be dealt with,
They're no longer a harmless myth –
If strained relations are not forgiven,
How will you love each other in heaven?*

*Our dear Lord is patiently waiting –
To heal the bickering and hating,
He shed His blood upon the cross
For us – What a tremendous cost.*

*Great love has never been shown –
Let's be thankful we are His own,
Pray for forgiveness and tender love
And someday we'll be with Him above.*

60th Annual Country

SAUSAGE DINNER & SUPPER

Sponsored by ZION MEN'S CLUB and LADIES' AID at
ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

220 W. Henry

Staunton, Illinois

SUNDAY-FEB. 10, 2019

SERVED FAMILY STYLE

11:30 A.M. UNTIL 5:30 P.M.

**Adults
\$10.00**

**Children (5-12)
\$5.00**

**Children under 5
FREE**

ALL CARRY OUTS - \$10.00

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND

**FRESH AND FRIED PORK SAUSAGE, BLOOD AND LIVER
SAUSAGE, RIBS AND PORK-LOIN WILL BE SOLD AT
ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

ON FEB. 7 & 8: 9 AM - 5 PM and FEB. 9: 9 AM - NOON

COME WORSHIP WITH US.

SAT. - 5:00 p.m. or SUN. - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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Zion Lutheran Church

Staunton, Illinois

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					¹ 10am Heritage Communion	² 9am Catechism 5pm Worship w/C
³ 8am Worship w/C 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/C	⁴ 6pm Sing Language Class	⁵	⁶ 8:30am Chapel 9am Lydia Circle 3:30pm Catechism 6:30pm Confess/Sacrament 6:30pm Trustees 7pm Bible Study	⁷ 10am Bible Study: Acts 7:30pm Men's Club	⁸ 10am Heritage Communion	⁹ 9am Catechism 5pm Worship w/C
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Zion works at His Service Station February 25 – March 2, 2019