



Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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I Need More...CONFIDENCE

Meet Doug. As he toes the line for the final game of his senior year basketball season, he wonders if his scholarship dream is going to happen.

Meet Kristin. As she graduates from college, she wonders if she's adequate for her new job.

Meet Samantha. As she faces her second round of chemotherapy, she wonders if she's going to live.

Meet Scott. As he says his vows to his wife, he silently wonders if his second marriage is going to last.

Have you been there? Doug, Kristin, Samantha, Scott, you and I all have one thing in common: we need confidence. Let's face it; there are times in life that it's easy to be filled with doubt. Doug doubted his future. Kristin doubted her abilities. Samantha doubted her treatment. Scott doubted his love.

But there's One whose future, abilities, treatment, and love never fail. That's the true God revealed to us in the Bible. Our confidence to face whatever life throws our way comes from the promises God gives us in his Word. God kept his promise of sending a Savior for everyone. As our Savior, Jesus lived perfectly to give us confidence that his life counts for everyone. He died to make the payment necessary for our sins to be forgiven, no matter what we've done. He rose again to give us the confidence that one day we will be with him in heaven. And all this is God's free gift by faith in Jesus.

Because of Jesus, when we doubt our future, God reminds us, *"I know the plans that I have for you"* (Jeremiah 29:11). When we doubt our abilities, he assures us, *"I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you"* (Isaiah 41:10). When we doubt our treatment plan, he promises, *"I am with you always"* (Matthew 28:20). When we doubt love, his Word helps us *"grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ"* (Ephesians 3:18). That's the difference only Jesus makes.

Need more confidence? Jesus has what you need.



I NEED MORE...

A Message from our Outreach Pastor . . .

"God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel" (Acts 5:31).

When we see something that we think should be changed in the city we live in, we contact our local representative. They are elected to not only hear us, but also to advocate for us and possibly make new laws or change existing ones. But let's say your representative says great things about you and then says, "Because of the great things you have done, you will receive the greatest riches that the state has to offer." Of course, that would never happen.

But thanks to never ending Kingdom of the ever-living Christ, and the great things He has done, it's reality. Our Lord Jesus, once crucified, dead and buried, now sits upon the throne of glory. The highest place that heaven affords is his by undisputed right. It is sweet to remember that the exaltation of Christ in heaven is a representative exaltation. He is not there for himself. He is exalted at the Father's right hand, and though as God he had all glory before creation, which finite creatures cannot share, yet as the Mediator, the honors which Jesus wears in heaven are the inheritance of all believers. He is the representative of all believers! It is delightful to reflect how close is Christ's union with his people. We are actually one with him; we are members of his body, and his exaltation is our exaltation. He has a crown, and he gives us crowns too. He has a throne, but he is not content with having a throne to himself, on his right hand there must be his bride, the church.

Look up to Jesus now. Humbly bow before him, knowing that your sins once separated you from him. Turn from your sins and see your bruised and bloodied King dying for you on the cross. Then let the eye of your faith behold him with many crowns upon his head, thanks to his glorious resurrection. Remember that you will one day be like him when you will see him as he is and he will give you a glorious body just like his. Be content to live unknown in this world for a time, because the world does not know that you are his. Walk your sometimes weary way through the plains of sorrow and the hills of affliction, for soon and very soon you will reign with Christ, for he has made us kings and priests and he will reign forever and ever. We have a glorious representative in heaven now and soon he will come and receive us to himself. And we will be with him there to behold his glory and share his joy.

You may ask, "Why am I still here on this earth?" God could have taken you home by now. But he hasn't. That is for his good reason and purpose. And his purpose for us is not unknown. For we behold God's glory and share his joy here on earth. We are his ambassadors, his earthly representatives. How do we represent God? It's in our text. We have "received repentance and forgiveness of sins" from God. We represent God's law and gospel. We declare what sin is so that others may repent. We shine the glorious light of Jesus' death to pay for our sins and his resurrection, that they may believe and have everlasting life. We are having Bible Information Classes beginning on Thursday evenings this month. What a wonderful way to invite a friend to see all who Jesus is and what he has done for them too! As we get ready for our Block Party, VBS, and new year of Preschool, we will be letting the neighborhood know about these things through social media and flyering. You are more than welcome to join us as we pass out information over the next couple of months. And we do this with the prayer that some may meet Jesus through our representation of him. May our risen Lord bless our efforts to declare his victory to all people.

Yours in Christ
Pastor Scott Bergemann

Financial Summary

Below is our information for April 2019:

Total Budget Needed: \$29,152.00
 Total Budget Received \$32,338.00

We exceeded our budgetary ministry needs in March by \$3,186.00 (\$796.46/wk).

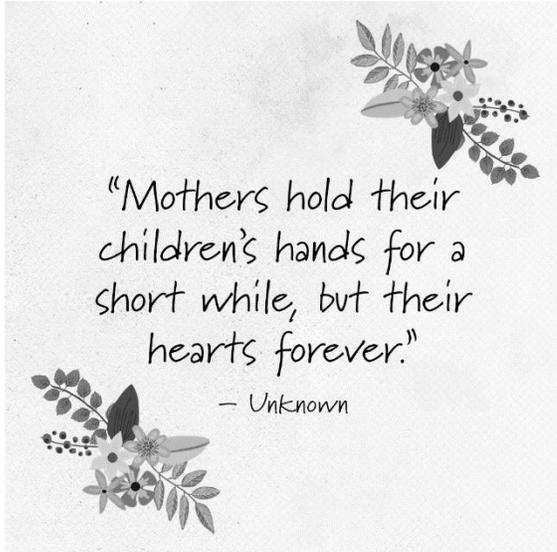
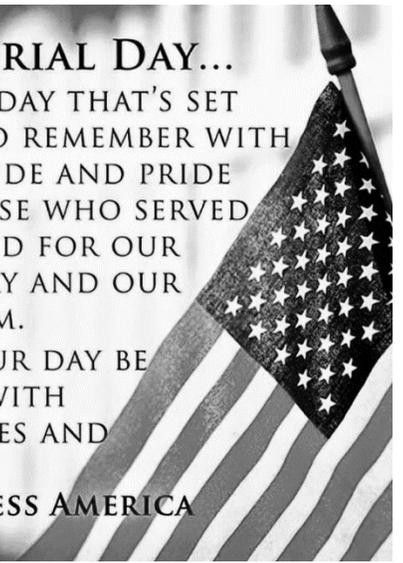
Our current Fiscal Year to Date Budget is: +\$12,498.74 (which is \$284.06/week)

MEMORIAL DAY...

..IS THE DAY THAT'S SET ASIDE TO REMEMBER WITH GRATITUDE AND PRIDE ALL THOSE WHO SERVED AND DIED FOR OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FREEDOM.

MAY YOUR DAY BE FILLED WITH MEMORIES AND PEACE.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

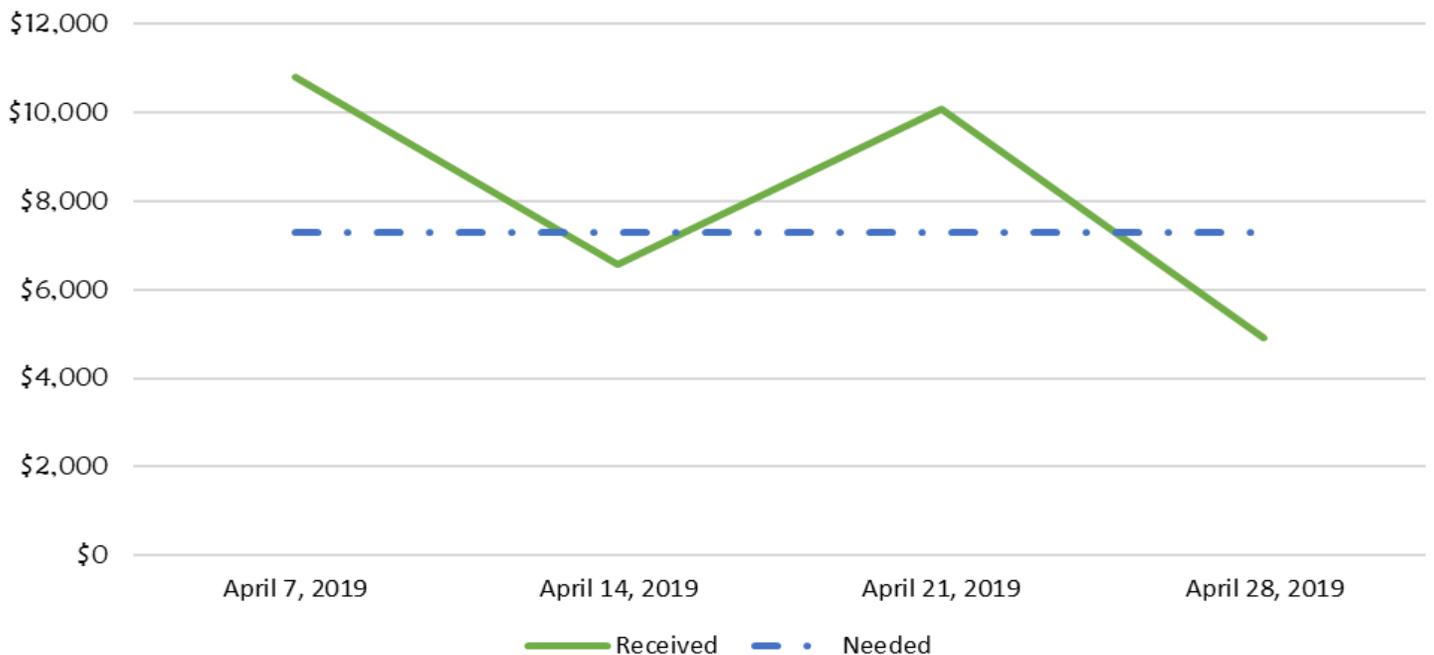


Thank you to all those who chose Mt. Zion for their Thrivent Choice Dollars, as a result Mt. Zion received \$684.00!

Weekly Total Budget Received

Needed Weekly: \$7,288

Weekly Average for Month: \$8,084.46/ Weekly Average for Fiscal Year: \$7,571.56



Capital Campaign

Progress towards \$130,000 our Goal
As of April 30th, 2019



Received & Spent Comparison

(Income & Expenses)

