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**MISSION
STATEMENT:**
Growing within ...
Sowing
throughout

Pastor's Corner

Hello, my Christian friends! Spring has sprung! New life is popping up everywhere! My magnolia that we planted last Fall has zero leaves on it, but two big beautiful magnolia flowers. I'm confused and awed! EJ seems to be planting a whole field full of garden. I love seeing the flowers on the top of the retaining wall when I come in the upper level at church. Woo hoo!

And there are so many things going on around the church, that it's hard to keep track of them all! What a joy! When we try to put our calendars together to plan a meeting and "Nope! There's Bible study that night!" or "We still have choir practice then!" are the answers, it sounds bad and difficult, but in the life of the church, that means we are in exciting times. The Holy Spirit is doing some things at Juda Zion.

There's some exciting things going on at the Jahn house too. We're putting back together our downstairs and trying to figure out what goes into these new spaces that have been created. We're eliminating a bunch of things that we used to think we needed and creating openings for some new things that we need now. But out of it all, harmony is increasing. I feel like I can breathe again.

I think that's a great analogy for the church too. Things shift and move to fit the current needs and harmony increases. And maybe that's creating a space that you can find yourself. I hope that's the case. Maybe you're still looking for that spot that you can serve or grow. If that's the case, have a conversation with me or someone on our Executive Committee. If you've got a ministry in mind that you'd love to see us do, I just love to be able to say "Yes!" to new things.

Let's all listen to the Holy Spirit and what is blowing our way!

God bless you all!

Pastor Kelly



JUDA ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

The Historical Corner By Hazel Matzke, Historian



There are 2 books in the Bible named for women—Ruth and Esther. These stories show how God can and does use people of any station in life to accomplish His will. Ruth is a faithful daughter-in-law who becomes an ancestor of King David, and Esther is a young Jewish girl who becomes queen of Persia.

The book of Esther is a story of intrigue, hate plots, jealousy, and bravery as Esther risks her own life to save the Jewish people from perishing. A fascinating story.

The book of Ruth is a captivating story about ordinary people. It is a story of famine, moving to a foreign land, tragedy to a family, and the love of a daughter-in-law, Ruth, for her mother-in-law, Naomi. It is a story of how Ruth's faith and courage led her to marriage with a wealthy man, and ultimately becoming the great-grandmother of King David, who was Israel's greatest king.

Both of these Old Testament books are interesting and well worth reading.



Another Nested Meditation (for this season)

Here is just one more of the nested meditations by Kevin Anderson. This one speaks to the season AND to our lives. Read it slowly... one section at a time...

A pious caterpillar believes.

A pious caterpillar believes,
an enlightened caterpillar knows.

A pious caterpillar believes.
An enlightened caterpillar knows
the winged life.

A pious caterpillar believes.
An enlightened caterpillar knows
the winged life
requires metamorphosis.

(Kevin Anderson in *Divinity in Disguise: Nested Meditations to Delight the Mind and Awaken the Soul*)

Operation Smile



THANK YOU!

Since 2007, the Juda Zion Community Church (formerly Juda-Zion UMC) congregation and Sunday School have been involved with Operation Smile for their Lenten mission project. Operation Smile is an international medical organization that provides for free, safe, reconstructive surgery for children with a cleft lip and palate, or other facial deformities. This organization has worked in more than 60 countries, transforming thousands of children's lives. Their slogan is "Changing lives, one smile at a time".

Since we have begun raising funds for Operation Smile, the Juda Zion Community Church congregation and Sunday School have raised **\$24,781.54**. This means that **103 children** are able to eat, breathe, and smile normally again. (Each smile costs \$240.) In just this year alone **\$3,160.00** was raised to bring over **13 children** new smiles. We once again exceeded our goal of 12 smiles.

Thank you to everyone that donated to this very worthwhile cause. These precious little ones and their families will be forever grateful.

Julie Davis
Director of Christian Youth Education

YOUTH MINISTRY

The school year is winding down, and that means it is time to bid farewell to one of our members who is graduating this year from High School. Thank you, Chad Mansfield, for your many years of service to the Youth Group. Your willingness to help us in many projects and activities has been

greatly appreciated. Your commitment to attending Sunday School on a weekly basis has been amazing, best wishes to you in your future endeavors!

Youth from the church will again be taking part on Friday nights for the church softball league at Twining Park, game times and dates will be published when they become available.

I am looking for a service project for the group to work on over the summer, if anyone has any suggestions, please let me know!

Dennis Pfingsten, Youth Leader



ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION

The May aluminum can collection will be used once again to fund future group activities. The March aluminum can collections netted \$137.27 for the SSM Hospice Home.

As a reminder, empty aluminum cans may be dropped off at the Jefferson Township Recycling Center or the collection cage at the corner of the bank parking lot on Walnut Street.

At this time the only empty inkjet cartridges that are eligible for recycling are HP (Hewlett Packard), these can be left in the collection box in the overflow room at Zion.



CARE NET

Because of its timing, we haven't done the baby bottle fundraiser to support CareNet Pregnancy Center for a few years. The fundraiser runs from Mother's Day through Father's Day. Pick up an empty bottle from the back of the church. Gather your loose change (paper money and checks are welcome too!) and place it the bottle. Return the bottle to church no later than Father's Day.

CareNet supports pregnant women and families in our community. It provides education, testing, mentoring, counselling services, and physical items needed by a pregnant woman or new family (such as maternity clothing, formula, cribs, and car seats). Their services not only help to prevent abortions and STDs, but also help to create stronger families.

LIBRARY NEWS



1. Having a Real Relationship with God by Kay Arthur.
2. Desired by God: Discover a Strong, Soul Satisfying Relationship with God by Understanding Who He is and How much He loves You by Van Moody
3. God My Father: Developing a Personal Relationship with God Our Father by CA Campbell.
4. Led by Examples: The Bible's Recipe for a Closer Relationship with God by Donald Bensen

Red Cross Blood Drive
Wednesday, May 29th
1:00 to 6:00
Juda School



Contact the Red Cross today
to make your appointment!



MAY
ALTAR DISPLAY
Kay Carter and Kim Shields

- May 2nd - Bethany Woodward
- May 4th - Patt Carter
- May 5th - Pastor Kelly Jahn
- May 5th - Terri Munz
- May 12th - Mason Bauman
- May 15th - Dick Boyer
- May 18th - John Michael Severson
- May 21st - Darci Steinman
- May 25th - Caleb Leighty
- May 27th - Tricia Moore
- May 27th - Cashton Pollansky
- May 27th - Debbie Boyer
- May 28th - Libby Jordan
- May 29th - Jayden Brown
- May 31st - Justy Roth

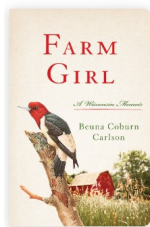
- May 8th - Gene and Vicki Keegan
- May 11th - Tommy and Julie Davis
- May 20th - Lorin and Peggy Jordan
- May 26th - Dick and Debbie Boyer



Book Club; Room at The Table
Friday, May 10, 2024, 7:00 pm
at the Daniels' home

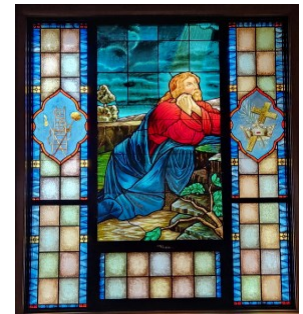


Farm Girl: a Wisconsin Memoir



"When Bunny Coburn was growing up, neighbors came together in times of hardship. No matter the trouble, they faced it with determination, camaraderie, and resourcefulness. In the midst of the Great Depression, despite record-breaking heat and crop failure, growing up on the family farm was nevertheless filled with bucolic pleasures."

NOISY OFFERING



Thank you to everyone who donated to the March Noisy Offering, a total of \$291.16 was raised for the Stained Glass Window Repair Fund.

Noisy Offering for May will go to the Stained-glass Window Fund.

FINANCE NOTES

The Zion Finance Committee will provide monthly Finance updates comparing actual income received versus what is needed each month as per the budget. This year's budget to meet all expenses is around \$900 more than last year, or \$142,536.

All numbers, (income and expenses) do not include special projects.

	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>Year End Total</u>
Total Income for January	\$14,346	\$36,651
Income Minus Misc. & Special Project Income	\$12,096	\$33,095
Monthly Budget	\$11,878	\$35,634
Variance of Monthly Income to Monthly Budget	\$ 218	(\$ 2,589)



**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

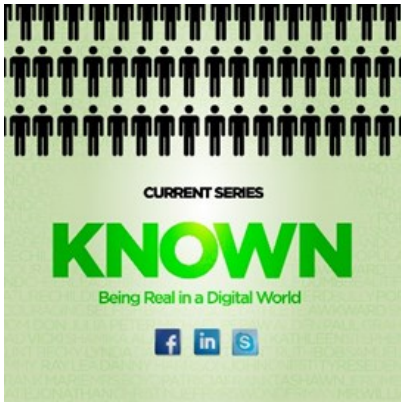
*EJ AND JOYCE HOESLY
POTLUCK / SHOWER APRIL 5, 2024 HIGHLIGHTS*



Here is a preview of the Signature Quilt for
Joyce & EJ Hoesly



Known: Being Real in a Digital World



The world is more connected than ever before and at the same time more lonely than ever before. That's because there's a massive difference between being friends on Facebook and being friends in real life, following someone on Instagram and following them in the flesh, chatting with someone on Snapchat vs chatting with them face-to-face. It's easy to pretend to be anyone we want in this digital world and fool others into believing it. We can't, however, fool God. He made each one of us and loves us deeply. No matter how hard we try, He knows us in and out. Get real with Him and truly be known.

May 5 – Known: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Psalm 139:13-16; Isaiah 55:8-9

God fully knows and fully loves us, but this message often gets lost in the chaos of life. We've got to reconnect with the Father and reconnect with His life-giving words over us.

May 12 – Known: Known By God Mother's Day

Galatians 4:8-9; Acts 9:1-16

God is the only one who fully knows you and loves you. He knows what's best and He works the best into and out of our lives.

May 19 – Mark Woodward filling the pulpit Last day of Sunday School

May 26 – Known: Kingdom Connections Trinity Sunday / Memorial Day

1 Peter 2:4-5; Matthew 16:18

We were made for connection and relationship

Here Am I Lord



Send Me...

**HAZARD,
KENTUCKY**

AUGUST 24TH – 31ST, 2024

Put Your Faith & Love into Action

2024 Short Term Mission Trip

- See Bill Jahn or Church Office for brochures
- In conjunction with the Mauston Methodist Church
- Light construction and painting.
- Sign up Soon – Space is Limited!



Monroe Community Blood Drive St. John's United Church of Christ

1724 14th Street
Monroe

**Friday, May 3, 2024
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: MonroeWI

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information.



If you have additional questions, please call Pam Wyss at 608-558-6891 or email her at pwys6891@gmail.com or call Dawn Meier at 608-293-7255 or email her at portraits@tds.net.



**Sign up
NOW!**

Mothers and Daughters Potluck Salad Luncheon!

Sign up now!

Saturday, May 11th 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

We all are either mothers or daughters or both. Let's celebrate Mother's Day with a women's event!

Bring the other women in your life – moms, sisters, friends.

Please let us know you'll be coming and how many will be with you so we can plan materials.

Sign up either on the sheet in the Overflow Room or contact the church office (email or phone).

What to bring:

- Some kind of a salad (vegetable, tuna, pasta, potato, Jello, etc.)
- 12-20 pictures that go together – a vacation, summer days, family, a new pet, etc.

We will be making paper bag scrapbooks with them. So don't bring anything you're not willing to cut up or stick down.



KITCHEN UPGRADE

I would like to personally thank our Congregation for the generosity shown over the past few years for helping our community and supporting many projects for our Church. We have also had many opportunities recently to use our fellowship hall for events including providing snacks and meals. Many of you have helped work in the kitchen for both preparation and cleanup and would appreciate a little modernization.



The Stewardship Committee and Executive Committees have approved upgrading our kitchen by installing an industrial dishwasher that will wash 75 dishes per hour and meets Wisconsin's codes for sanitation. To complete this upgrade, we will need to install a water softener and garbage disposal system. The completion of this project will require work by a plumber, electrician, and carpenter. We have received bids and estimates for this work along with an estimate of \$3,500 for the dishwasher.

Some of you remember my Mom, Helen, who took great pride in providing meals for events and always wished she would have had a dishwasher. When Dad's health was declining, we discussed what could be done to help the Church, and we talked about the kitchen.

When Dad passed away, our family decided to donate all the gifts to the Memorial Fund, and we put these funds in a CD to use for this project when it would be feasible. These funds will purchase the dishwasher. We will need an equal amount of funds to pay for the rest of the project. We know we have asked a lot recently for donations for special projects and respectfully ask that if anyone would wish to contribute to finishing this upgrade, we would very much appreciate your consideration.

On behalf of our family and our Church Leaders, we thank you in advance for any help you can provide.

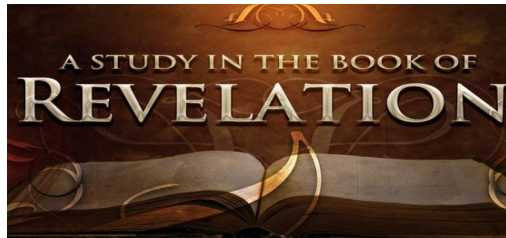
Bob Severson

HAVE AN UPDATE FOR FACEBOOK . . . or if you know of anyone currently not receiving our church communications and would like to add them,

Please e-mail the information to Judy Kaderly at:
Office@JudaZion.org

Come Join Our
BIBLE

STUDY



REVELATION BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Weekly Bible Study
 Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. at Pastor Kelly's Home

The word "revelation" in Greek is *apocalypse* and means "unveiling." This book is the unveiling of Jesus Christ in His relationship to the Church, to judgment, and to what is to come. The route by which the revelation came to John is given here.

THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Led by Rev. Irv Case

Weekly Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. At Mark & Deb Mason's Home

This study uses both video and discussion to talk about the people and events of the Gospel. It's a unique way to look at "The Greatest Story Ever Told".



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Monthly Bible Study

Monday, May 13th, 6:30 p.m. at Judy Kaderly's Home

Dance, Stand, Run

Are you longing to refresh your purpose and re-energize your faith? This will encourage you to be transformed in Christ's image, help you dance in grace, stand firm in holiness, and run to accomplish your mission.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND BREAKFAST GROUP

Monthly Bible Study
 Saturday, May 11th, 8:00 a.m.
 Fellowship Hall at church.

Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple

An in-depth dive into the life, faith, and character of Simon Peter.



 **Green County Area Food Pantries** 

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who so graciously donated food and personal care items for the Lenten food drive. With your help we donated 195 pounds to the Green County Food Pantry plus numerous items for the church pantry. This donation will help several families who are seeking assistance.

The families and individuals served in March were 180 families of which 19 were new families seeking assistance. Individuals ages up to 17 totaled 169, 18-59 we served 301 and 42 age 60 and over. Comparing numbers from March 2023 revealed a total of 157 families served of which 24 were new families. individuals up to age 17 totaled 170, ages 18-59 the pantry assisted 210 and 86 individuals over age 60.

For those who are in need of personal care items and cleaning supplies you may seek assistance from the Personal Essentials Pantry at St. Vincents in Monroe who distribute items considered necessary for healthy living. For more information you may call 608-329-7837 Ext 228 or by email iac@stvincentmonroe.org.

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Open: Mondays from 2 – 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m.