**Mission Sunday – May 13**

This month our Mission Sunday will benefit the Rev. Roger and Amy James who serve the Lord in the Philippines. Gifts to support the James’ work may be marked as such and placed in the offering plate. Mission envelopes are available in the narthex.

**You are invited** to help Abigail DeLoach celebrate her high school graduation at an Open House on Saturday, May 12, from 9:00 – noon in the church fellowship hall. KHS Commencement will be held Sunday, May 20, at 2:00 at the UNK Health and Sport Center.

Pastor and Carol DeLoach

**The May Sower…**

is available in the Narthex and outside Pastor DeLoach’s office

**School News**

* The Kindergarten-8th grade spring musical will be held on Friday, May 11th at 7:00 am, the dress rehearsal will be at 9:00 am.
* 8th Graduation will be held on Monday, May 14th at 7:00 pm.
* Last Day of school is May 16 with dismissal at 11:30. Chapel will be at 10:30 am.

**VBS**

The date for Zion’s VBS has been set for July 15-19. Each evening there will be classes for those who are 4 yrs. old through 6th grade. **Be sure to bring a friend!**

**Stewardship Note**

**1 John 5:3** – *“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.”* God’s commandments are not burdensome, but that’s only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord: for the love of God is that we keep His commandments.

**Announcements – May 6, 2018**



**Thou shalt silence your cell phone during worship**.

**Our sanctuary has a HEARING LOOP. Please switch hearing aids to T-coil mode. We have 2 headsets and receivers for use by those without hearing aids. Ask an usher for**

 **assistance.**

**Forgot your offering? Don’t have your checkbook or cash? Today or any day you can visit our website at zionkearney.com and click on the “giving” tab. Or, text “zionkearney” (one word) to 77977. You’ll receive a text back with instructions to start giving.**

**For Your Safety and Security** … all exterior doors are locked 15 minutes after the church service begins. If you are running late please go to the west door for access to the sanctuary.

**Confirmation**

Today in our service five young people will publicly confess the faith into which they were baptized as they are received into communicant membership through the Rite of Confirmation.  As a congregation we are very proud of these young people and want to assure them of our love and support.  We ask that you remember them in your prayers that they may daily be strengthened by God’s Holy Word to remain faithful to their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The youth being confirmed are: Lexie Eckhoff,

Reilly Fisher, Kassidy Halvorsen, Emily Hartman and Sophia Strong.

**Mary Martha-Meeting Date Change**

On **Monday, May 7th** at 7:00pm. Mary Martha will meet at Crossroads to learn about their mission, their needs, the services they offer, and future plans.

**Graduate Reception**

On Sunday, May 20 during the bible study hour, our youth group will recognize our High School graduates. All are encouraged to join us for a slice of cake and an opportunity to congratulate our graduates. The graduating class of 2018 is: Bailey Bates, Abigail DeLoach, Masie Dulitz, Madison Eckhoff, Anthony Wilbur, Cody Willers, and Alexis Wommer.

**Confirmation Class**

**Zion Lutheran Church Kearney, Nebraska**

**May 6, 2018**



**Lexie Marie Eckhoff**

 Parents: Shane & Kelly Eckhoff

Grandparents: Jerry & Linda Eckhoff,

Bob & Nancy Luettel

 Baptismal Sponsors: Ryan & Janelle Tisthammer

 Date of Baptism: April 3, 2005

1 John 2:1

We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

**Reilly Gene Fisher**

 Parents: Ryan & Brooke Fisher

Grandparents: Harvey & Barbara Fisher,

Dan & Shirley Oertwig

 Baptismal Sponsors: Brad Fisher & Tracy Schake

 Date of Baptism: June 13, 2004

 Matthew 6:33

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.

**Kassidy Autumn Halvorsen**

 Parents: Jeffrey & Nicole Halvorsen

 Grandparents: Ron & Linda Halvorsen,

 Jeff & Shirley Kasten

 Baptismal Sponsors: Samantha Patzel & Jason Halvorsen

 Date of Baptism: November 14, 2004

 Joshua 1:9b

Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

**Emily JoAnn Hartman**

 Parents: David & Joyce Hartman

Grandparents: Melvin Hartman,

 Orville & Jeweldine Gaibler

 Baptismal Sponsors: Allen & Claudia Gaibler

 Date of Baptism: April 27, 2003

Luke 11:28

Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.

**Sophia Lourdes Strong**

 Parents: Jeffrey & Rachael Strong

Grandparents: Rev. W. C. & Ruby Westman,

Bill & Kathryn Strong

 Baptismal Sponsors: Patti & Marty Feldman

 Date of Baptism: August 30, 2005

 Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.



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