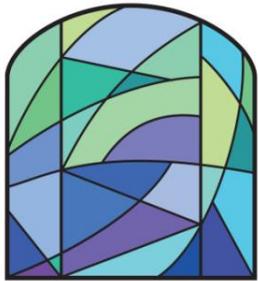


Leadership



Pastor's Corner

It was just a year ago that we began our relationship with our friends in **Puerto Rico**. Since then we have visited this territory and developed a relationship with a congregation in San Juan. We helped members of Grace with emergency items immediately following Hurricane Maria last fall.

We supported a ministry of this congregation and Grace's council president and his wife to bring emergency supplies into several mountain communities continuing to live without power or running water.

I have been in touch with Puerto Rico's *Coordinator of Lutheran Disaster Response* to determine the best time for us to send a small group to help with rebuilding communities still living without roofs. The recovery and rebuilding is in its infancy and will last at least three years so we have time to prepare an effort.

We have eight High Schoolers in addition to Kaley Dixon Schroeder and Pastor attending the upcoming **National Youth Gathering** June 27-July 1, in Houston, Texas. We have begun fundraising with a pretzel bake-off and bake sale last weekend. Contact Kim Schultz if you would like to purchase leftover pretzels (they are currently frozen). Also, if anyone has Delta or United airline miles they would like to donate toward the cost of our airplane tickets, it will be very much appreciated.

Regionally, Lori Marcoux has scheduled a day mission with *Rippling Hope* on Saturday, May 19th. We will also be holding a Mission Outreach stakeholders meeting in April to set dates for the rest of 2018.

Saying Goodbye to Vicar Michael

It is never easy to say goodbye. The disciples struggled with it, and so do we. As we prepare to say goodbye, it can be difficult, even awkward. We have been blessed in so many ways by Vicar Michael's presence these last 20 months. How can you help make this a good ending for us all?

- As he looks to what will come next for he and Alex, this is a good time to begin praying for his first call congregation and its members.
- Schedule a time to visit with Michael. When you do, it's okay to say 'I will miss you' along with 'I'm excited for what is coming next for you'. Celebrate the relationship and discuss how we will continue in mission here at Zion without him.

I have every confidence that we will work together to end this internship experience well for VMichael and for all of us. You have been a great teaching congregation!

Save the dates!

May 6: Vicar Michael's last preaching Sunday

May 13: Sending during worship services and a Potluck following the 10:30 am Celebration Worship

Peace,

Pastor Kathy