

August Newsletter
Leadership letter July 19, 2021

To our Zion family,

As many of you already know, the world lost an extraordinary person when Peggy Joslyn passed away this past January 17th. For 65 years, Peggy was the spouse and partner of our former pastor, the Rev. Paul Joslyn. I thought about Peggy during Pastor Janet's sermon today based on Luke's gospel (14: 7-14). As generous and thoughtful as one could be, Peggy lived a life of service, humility, and selflessness. She always put others first, assuming the "lower place" at whichever table she found herself. The 10th verse of this passage captures what was ahead for Peggy on January 17th; *10 But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.'* If you have access to the internet, listen to this hymn by the Sidewalk Prophets, *Come to the Table* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABAzYCOhOeY>). I am confident that Peggy was invited to move up to the head of the table when she was greeted by her loving God. Details for Peggy's memorial service can be found below.

Announcements and updates:

Upcoming Sunday Services:

In-person Sunday 10:00AM worship at Zion: July 25th, Aug. 8th, 15th, and 22nd
In-person Sunday 10:00AM worship at Our Saviour: Aug. 1 and Aug. 29th

In addition to our in-person worship, the Sunday services at Zion and Our Saviour are offered remotely via Zoom. Zion's service is also available via Livestream on our YouTube channel, on our Facebook page, or in the written Service of the Word, found later in this leadership letter.

To join this and every Zion Sunday service via Zoom, use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84354840714?pwd=TDJGTkwwSTBER2lNbl0lQzd6WGxDdz09>

Meeting ID: 843 5484 0714, Password: 022654. Or by PHONE, +16465588656, 84354840714#, 1#, 022654#. If you are joining us on Zoom, please be sure you are on mute and that your video is turned off from 10 AM when the service commences until it ends and the "Joyful Chaos" begins.

To join the service by Livestream on our YouTube channel, you can do so by visiting our page at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWzOtbfCe2z7-bIPvxp62IA>

COVID Safety Protocols reminders:

-Fully vaccinated persons are not required to wear a mask inside the church, except for the church office. Due to limited space which makes social distancing difficult, please wear a face covering if you visit the church office.

-Those who are not fully vaccinated, and all children are expected to continue wearing face coverings when at the church.

-We will not require congregants to supply proof of their vaccination status, but instead will rely on your honesty with your fellow Zion family members.

-Mask wearing, or not, should not be interpreted as a political statement. Some fully vaccinated persons may still decide to wear a face covering for any number of reasons. Do not assume that someone wearing a face covering has not been fully vaccinated.

-Please continue practicing social distancing, regardless of vaccination status.

Upgrades to Zion's Sunday service Zoom capabilities:

At our most recent meeting, the church council voted to purchase additional equipment to improve the Zoom capabilities for our Sunday service. A new camera with Zoom capabilities (*pardon the pun*) will be mounted in the balcony. The sound quality on Zoom will be dramatically improved. We will notify you when the equipment has been installed.

Peggy and John Joslyn's memorial service information:

The memorial service for Peggy and John Joslyn (Peggy and Paul's son) is scheduled for 10:00 am Saturday, July 31st, at First Presbyterian Church, 419 Center Street, Lyons Falls, NY. The burial will be at the old Glendale cemetery after the service, with a luncheon at the church to follow. The Joslyn family welcomes Zion members to attend any/all services. If anyone feels so moved to come and wants to bring something, the family would gladly accept cookies for the reception! *Please call Laurel McCurdy, (315) 939-9875, or Sara at 315-732-4110, if you would like a ride or would like to carpool to the Funeral.*

Vacation Bible School:

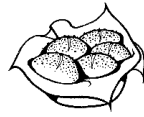
Our Saviour is offering Vacation Bible School and has invited the families from Zion to attend. The theme is LIFE GIVING WATER, and the kickoff event will be on Monday, July 26th, at 6 PM. Please see the flyer on page 11 of the emailing, or on the last page in last week's snail mailing.

In addition to Pastor Janet's wonderful sermon serving as a reminder of Peggy Joslyn, I also thought of her when Kelli Watson played my favorite hymn, *Here I am, Lord*, as this Sunday's Anthem. I could just imagine Peggy, with her beautiful voice, singing (and living) the words of the chorus: *Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, If You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6fYAiQV-Bs>. For those of you who didn't have the chance to meet Peggy, my tribute to her may seem excessive. Trust me, it's not. Those who knew Peggy, weren't we blest to know her? Amen to a life well-lived.

Peace and health to all,
Mark Thompson, church council co-president

Zion Lutheran Church
New Hartford, NY
9 Pentecost



July 25, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE: *Meditation, by Allen James -Kelli Watson*

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult Hymn #696 -Kelli Watson*

Vs. 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea, day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me":

Vs. 2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean Lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Vs. 3 Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

Vs. 4 In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Vs. 5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call, give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Psalm 33:6-22

Second Reading: Philippians 2:12-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel: John 17:1-5, 22-24

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord. The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: *With Fear and Trembling* -Pastor Janet Hoover

Paul begins his letter to the Philippians with thanksgiving—for their ministry and for the ways that God has been at work in their midst. He continues with a stirring call to discipleship and a hymn of praise. Then, there is a slight change of direction. Paul knows that his imprisonment may very well mean that he will never see these dearly beloved friends again. He knows that his time is limited, and so he offers them some last words—words of advice and encouragement and challenge. *Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.* I sometimes think that, of all Paul's writing, of all of his complex, confusing, beautiful, inspiring words...these words may be the most easily twisted and misunderstood. First of all, is the phrase that causes many reformers to grimace in discomfort—*work out your own salvation*. What are we supposed to make of that? Aren't we told over and over that our salvation is a gift, not something we earn? Isn't our faith based on the fact that we are saved by grace, not works? To grasp Paul's message, we need to turn to the Greek world in which Paul lived and thought and wrote. The Greek word we translate as "work out" actually connotes the idea of working in a mine or working a field. In other words, to work out our faith means taking what is within us and making something of it, living out the faith that has been planted in us. Mining the gifts and abilities we have been given so that they may be used. We have been given eternal life. We have been saved from the powers of sin and death. But the true benefits of these gifts come as we work with them, hone them, study, and live them out. Think about it this way: When I sing with a choir, we use music which comes from the composer or maybe the arranger...music that is given to us. Our task is to work it out.. to take the notes written by another and give them expression and beauty and then to share them. Or think about it like this: When you become ill, most likely you go to the doctor who examines you, makes a diagnosis...and perhaps writes a prescription. You take the prescription to the pharmacy and get it filled. So far everything is being done for you—but you will not get well unless you do your part. Your task is to work out what needs to be done. In other words, take your medicine. Through Christ, we have been given new life. Now, Paul says, do something with it. Spend time in prayer and meditation. Reach out to others. Stand firm in the face of persecution. Love God and neighbor with joy and courage. As Stanley Saunders says: *Salvation consists in the joy, freedom, and participation we experience when God's grace sets us free from the powers of this world, not so that we can flee this earth, but so that God can use us to bring light to our broken world.* Working out my salvation begins to make sense. But then I read: *Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.* Fear and trembling? Before a loving God? That doesn't seem right somehow. Once again, our English translation does damage to the concept Paul is expressing. This is not about being frightened of God, afraid that God is tracking every misstep we take, ready to pounce with a punishing thunderbolt. This is all about awe and wonder. It is about recognizing that God is not our good buddy, but the one described by the Psalmist, who paints a picture of God at work— creating, judging, bringing good out of our humanly created disasters. Think about some of the words used to describe God in these verses: faithful, steadfast, just, creative, help and shield, holy. God is described in ways that awaken and deepen in us a sense of wonder and awe, as we read of God creating the world, unfolding history, caring for you and for me. Listen to Eugene Peterson's translation of some of the verses: **Earth is drenched in Yahweh's affectionate satisfaction. God breathed the word and the stars popped out. God scooped Sea into his jug. Yahweh's plan for the world stands up, all God's designs are made to last. God has shaped each person in turn. God watches us with eyes of love—ready to come to our rescue.** The Psalmist reminds us that, while God is holy and omnipotent, God is also present with us every moment. The Great I Am, who has only to speak for light to fill the earth. This wonderful mystery of God notices us, cares for us, works for us, chooses to come to us in ways that are touchable, knowable, lovable. Who is God? God is the Great I Am. God is our help and shield. The pages of Scripture are full of these two aspects of God—wholly other, yet always connected to us. Reading the Bible is like taking part in a treasure hunt. God is pictured as shepherd, rock, fortress, Father, fire, eagle, woman giving birth, creator, king, friend, judge, mother hen, all-powerful, comforter, confronter. God is described as compassionate, wise, loving, just, holy, infinite, omnipotent, On and on the list goes, with each turn of the page we make a new discovery, see a new wonder, are drawn closer to God. Yet, the truth is that, while each discovery, each freshly revealed facet of God's character moves us deeper and deeper into the mystery that is God, a precise and complete description of God remains beyond our grasp. That is awe and wonder—the recognition that there is more to life than what we can see and touch, the acknowledgement that we do not control our destiny, but live an adventure of faith, trusting that we are—each moment—in the hands of a loving, untamable God. Have you ever stood to sing a hymn, listened to a piece of music, read a phrase of scripture, and felt—just for a moment—as if time was standing still? That's awe. Have you ever looked at the faces around you and felt a wave of love

wash over you? That's awe. Have you ever applauded the incredible agility and power of an athlete on the basketball court or the soccer field? That's awe. Awe and wonder is the Ah that rises from our lips when we look at the spectacular pink and orange of a sunset, the hush that comes over us when we stand on a summit and look out over a hazy, blue mountain valley, the catch in the throat when we see whales rising up from the ocean waves, or a cardinal darting through snow-covered trees, the tear that comes to our eyes when we hold our child in our arms for the first time. Awe and wonder occur when our gaze is wrenched off of ourselves, our problems, our thoughts of ought and should and must, and turned to God's creating, sustaining, gracious goodness. Our salvation and our wonder come together when we are moved from thinking, planning, evaluating, to a place where we are so caught up in praise that our life is turned around, and we know that the only response is to commit everything we have and everything we are to glorifying God. And there are so many ways to nurture the grace God has given, to mine its power, to share the wonder that surrounds us. We can express our praise through worship and song, as we study and teach. We can express our praise with paintbrush and clay, with poetry and gardening, with computer programs and financial statements, with emails to friends and test tubes and banners, with the prayers of your heart and the thinking of your mind, with tears and laughter. The most important thing in our life—the highest priority—is to remember that it is God that made us. We belong to God. God gifts us with salvation and then turns us loose to live lives of joy-filled praise. And the really good news is that, as we do...God is with us and within us. God is at work—in us! And we come into that realization with fear and trembling, awestruck by God's greatness, amazed that God can love even ones like us. As C. S. Lewis says: *To please God, to be a real ingredient in the divine happiness, to be loved by God, delighted in as an artist delights in her work—it seems impossible, a glimpse of wonder which our thoughts can hardly sustain, but so it is true.* Go from here now to be energetic in your life of salvation, always remembering the greatness of God. Go from here to sing a song of praise with words and actions of love...for the Lord is good. God's steadfast love endures forever. Thanks be to God.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM: I Love to Tell the Story, by William G. Fischer

-Kelli Watson

Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

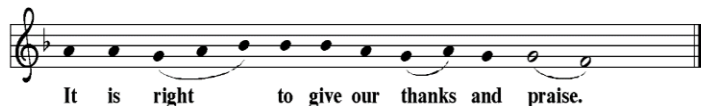
We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this assembly, Zion Lutheran Church. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Listen to the cries of your people waiting patiently for your healing hand and comforting Spirit, especially those who suffer with chronic pain and all cancer patients, Pr. Mary Etta, Carole, Gail, Pr. Roger, Patsy, Claudia & Fran, Ed and family, prayers for Michael Gilleece and family, and Theresa, that the light of Christ may shine upon them with hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

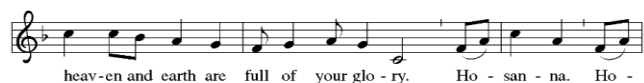
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.... and join in their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION,

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song: *The Church of Christ, in Every Age* Hymn #729 -Kelli Watson

Vs. 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change, but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Vs.2 Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

Vs.3 Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

Vs.4 For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

Vs.5 We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Thanks Be To Thee!* by Gertrude Haupt Richolson -Kelli Watson

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Helen Bagnall on her birthday.



"And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer."

—*F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby*

August Birthdays - Happy Birthday from your Zion Family!!

Darlene Youngkrans	2	Ed Nelson	18	Megan Roberts	27
Julianna Griffiths	4	Jennifer Pierce	19	Linda White	27
Nancy Thompson	7	Joyce Maher	23	Melissa Aceto	29
John Bonvicino III	8	Shawn Kelly	25	Karen McLennan	30
Michael Stevens, Sr.	8	Corey Pardee	25	Sharon Jeche	30
Kevin Owens	11	Grayson Stevens	25	Autumn Stevens	31
Deborah Miller	16	Kelly Whipple	26		

Given to the Glory of God

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
My father on Father's Day	General Fund	Fran LaGase
Claudia Trad	Building Fund	Laurel McCurdy
<u>In Honor of:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Evon Pinkos, service to Zion and her Birthday	Transportation Fund	Jim & Kim Marscher

	June 2021 Treasurer's Report			
	June 2021	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income				
Giving	\$ 10,650.00	\$ 83,216.00	\$ 81,950.01	\$ 1,265.99
Other Income	\$ 2,259.88	\$ 17,286.14	\$ 14,599.00	\$ 2,687.14
Total Income	\$ 12,909.88	\$ 100,502.14	\$ 96,549.01	\$ 3,953.13
Total Expense	\$ 12,911.95	\$ 77,118.90	\$ 109,738.04	\$ (32,619.14)
Net Income	\$ (2.07)	\$ 23,383.24	\$ (13,189.03)	\$ 36,572.27

AUGUST WORSHIP TEAM SCHEDULE

DATE:	WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	GREETERS	USHERS
August 1	Worship with our Saviour	Worship with our Saviour	Worship with our Saviour
August 8	Wendy Stevens	Linda Bennett	Kristen Burson
August 15	Fran LaGase	Jan Kowalczyk & Debbie Murdock	Doreen Nicholls & Jeanne Gymburch
August 22	John Blackburn		
August 29	Worship with our Saviour	Worship with our Saviour	Worship with our Saviour

Thank you to all of our volunteers who have helped make our in-person worship services possible.

We appreciate everything you do!! We are always looking for more volunteers.

The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Zion's Religious Artifacts II: The Chancel Offering Plate

All of us are familiar with the part of our Sunday service where, during the singing of the Doxology, the ushers process through the center aisle and, upon reaching the altar steps, place their offering plates in a larger plate, held by the pastor. This “chancel offering plate” has, like every Zion religious artifact, a faith-filled story behind its origin.

An ornately etched Christogram “IHS” (from the Greek for “Jesus Christ”) adorns the plate’s center. The phrase “Forget not to do good and to distribute” (Hebrews 13:16) flows around the plate’s circumference. Centered below the IHS are these words: “In Loving Memory of Andrew Koenig. Presented by his Children.”

Johann Adam and Catherina Koenig arrived in Utica from Germany, in 1881, with three children: Andrew (b. 1870), John (1875), and Eva (1879). The 1880s witnessed heavy Germany immigration to our country, a movement that swelled our congregation’s membership. The Lutheran couple found a home on Fay Street, near Old Zion. Three Koenig children were born in America: August (1885), Edward (1886), and Maria (“Mary” - 1889). While Adam’s shoemaker trade initially supported the family, his children’s labors also helped sustain them. The 1900 census shows that John worked as a “clerk,” and Eva a “millhand” in one of Utica’s numerous textile factories. Both lived home.

The Koenigs were active Zion members. Their American-born children were baptized in Old Zion, and all of the young Koenigs attended Sunday school and were confirmed here. After completing his schooling, Andrew initially worked as a “house painter,” but later found career employment at Union Station’s mail/parcel department. He and his wife, the former Minnie Luck, raised their four children in Zion: Frederick (b. 1895), Freda (1897), Augusta (1901), and Louise (1906). Andrew served several terms on our Church Council and belonged to the “Young Men’s Society,” a fraternal group that provided health insurance/death benefits in an era when support was sorely lacking.


Andrew Koenig entered the church triumphant on March 16, 1926, a victim of pneumonia. Pastor William C. Nolte conducted the funeral service. The Koenig family gave the chancel offering plate as a memorial during Zion's centennial celebration in May 1942.

Veteran Zion folk will recall Edward "Ed" Koenig and his sister, Mary Koenig McBride, Sunday morning regulars until they passed in the 1970s. Ed, a World War I veteran, served on the Council for thirty-five years, taught Sunday school, ushered, and was a mainstay of the Young Men's Society/Lutheran Church Men throughout his Zion years. He owned "Koenig's Clothes," a Downtown Utica men's clothing store on Columbia Street, from 1929 until 1964. Praised as the "Dean of Utica's Haberdashers" when he retired, Ed provided uniforms and cheerleading sweaters when Zion's basketball program was rekindled by Pastor Edmund Bosch after World War II - another example of the generosity that the Koenig family bestowed on their church throughout Zion's history.

When I turned twelve in 1962, my parents decided that the time was right to purchase my first "suit of clothes." Consequently, Dad and I visited Koenig's, where Ed meticulously recorded my measurements to insure that his tailor crafted the perfect fit. Dad and Ed were good friends, and the veteran clothier welcomed me with the warm personality that brought him sustained success. After that visit, Ed and I often chatted when we met in church. He enjoyed talking with young people, and I appreciated this. Today, when I think of Ed Koenig - a man baptized by Pastor John Philip Lichtenberg, confirmed by Pastor John Carl Nestel, a World War I veteran in an era when rampant discrimination against German-Americans prevailed, a Zion leader during the Great Depression and World War II, and a strong supporter of our move to French/Burrstone Roads - I look back and only wish that, before Ed passed in 1970, our chats focused on Zion's history. Ah, hindsight ...

Ed. Says:

'Where did you get that suit?'
is often asked. If the emphasis
is on the right word, it's a com-
pliment and you probably got
it here.



KOENIG'S CLOTHES
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

At Home!!

Theme: Life Giving Water

Kick Off Event!

Monday, July 26th, 6:00pm



Drop your children off at Our Saviour Lutheran (or stay if you want) for a simple hotdog meal, and some activities to kick off our at home Vacation Bible School! Parents return at 7:30.

Everything will take place outdoors. Water will be involved so your children will need bathing suits or clothes that can get wet, a towel and dry clothes for the ride home.

Materials will be provided for families to use to explore Bible Stories and our theme of Life Giving Water. There will be crafts, music, outdoor activities and short videos for families to grow in faith together.

If you are unable to attend, you will be able to receive the materials.

For more information, contact Pam Donovan (315)736-8042.