

*Zion Lutheran Church*  
*Blessing of the Graduates*



*Sunday, June 18, 2017*

# Blessing of the Graduates

*Pastor:* We give thanks to God today as we recognize the High School and College Graduates who are members of the Zion Lutheran Church family. It is our privilege to affirm these members of our congregation who are at a passage in their lives, anticipating new and exciting days to come. Will the Graduates who are present, please come forward as your name is read.

## High School Graduates

<i>Paul Bullock</i>	<i>John Patrick Hurley</i>
<i>Zach D'Addabbo</i>	<i>Zach Mange</i>
<i>Jack DelleCava</i>	<i>Brett Prussack</i>
<i>Julia Herms</i>	<i>Paul Reibel</i>
<i>Matthew Humm</i>	<i>Emma Standing</i>

## College Graduates

<i>Melissa Bataille</i>	<i>Emma Hamilton</i>
<i>Eric Humcke</i>	<i>Amanda Jan</i>
<i>Christian Humcke</i>	<i>Ashley Sauer</i>

*Pastor:* Sisters and Brothers in Christ, as you celebrate your achievements and prepare to begin new endeavors, be mindful that you are grounded in faith, and be prepared to heed the call to use your Spiritual gifts to serve both God and humanity. Let us pray.

*Pastor:* Gracious God, you bless your servants with many gifts and achievements. We give thanks for **Paul, Zach, Jack, Julia, Matthew, John, Zach, Brett, Paul, Emma, Christian, Melissa, Emma, Eric, Amanda and Ashley** who are marking a significant milestone in their formal education. As they begin new chapters in their lives, bless them that they may continue to know your love and experience your peace in all that they encounter. Bless the parents and families and all who have raised and nourished them in Christian faith. Give them strength and hope as they face the future, and help them to use their education and gifts for the benefit of all creation. We pray this in the name of Christ our Savior.

*Congregation: Amen.*

*Pastor:* Graduates, I leave you with these words from the Apostle Paul: "Be at peace among yourselves. Encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit."\* And may the God of peace grant you peace, both now and forever!

*Congregation: Amen.*

*\*1 Thessalonians 5:13-19 - paraphrased*

## *~Zion's 2017 High School Graduates~*

*Paul Bullock—West Morris Central High School; after a “gap” year will pursue an education at a Dive Academy for underwater welding and commercial diving.*

*Zach D'Addabbo—West Morris Central High School; attending Bentley University this fall.*

*Jack DelleCava—West Morris Central High School; IB Diploma Candidate; accepted to the honors college and will attend Pace University in NYC; majoring in Film Studies.*

*Julia Herms—West Morris Central High School; will attend Fordham University and major in Marketing at the Gabelli School of Business. She will run track and cross country.*

*Matthew Humm—West Morris Central High School; will attend the Miami University of Ohio and major in business at the Farmer School of Business.*

*John Patrick Hurley—Lenape High School; participated in track and field and swimming. Will join the United States Navy Seabees in September.*

*Zach Mange -West Morris Central High School; attending Boston University . He will enter the Accelerated Doctorate program for Physical Therapy in the College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. He is receiving the Mayflower Society Elizabeth Tilley Colony Scholarship and the WMC Fencing Scholarship. He is planning to participate in the Orchestra at BU.*

*Brett Prussack—West Morris Central High School; IB Career-Related Program; attending the University of Wisconsin this fall to study engineering.*

*Paul Reibel—West Morris Central High School, a member of the National Honor Society, attending The College of New Jersey and majoring in Biology.*

**Emma Standing**—**Hackettstown High School**; 4 year varsity letter in basketball and softball; Top 5 GlamourGals VPs nationally; attending **Moravian College** in Pennsylvania where she will study Health Sciences in preparation for a doctorate in Physical Therapy and Athletic Training.

### ~Zion's 2017 College Graduates~

**Christian Humcke** graduated from **John Hopkins University's Peabody Conservatory** with a Master's Degree in Music Composition and Theory. He will be traveling cross-country working on various music projects before returning to school for his PhD.

**Melissa Bataille** graduated from **James Madison University** with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. She has made the President's List for the last two semesters. Melissa plans to continue on for a Masters in Special Education this fall.

**Emma Hamilton** graduated with the honor of Distinction from **Indiana University** with a Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, and with minors in General Business and Marketing from the **Kelley School of Business**.

**Eric Humcke** graduated from **The College of New Jersey** with a degree in Civil Engineering, and will be working for the **New Jersey Department of Transportation** in Ewing, NJ. He will be performing bridge inspection and design.

**Amanda Jan** graduated with Honors from **Johns Hopkins University** with a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience and English.

**Ashley Sauer** graduated from **Gettysburg University** with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Anthropology.