

Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool



2019
September

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Mission Statement: "Zion is God's family of faith in Christ serving our communities, our country, and our world".

Humor

A church had a picnic and invited the entire community to come. The Pastor placed a basket full of apples on one end of a table with a sign saying, "Take only one apple please - Remember that God is watching." On the other end of the table was a plate of cookies where one of the children had placed a sign saying, "Take all the cookies you want, God is watching the apples."

A Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off thy neighbor's wife."

The Wednesday-night church service coincided with the last day of hunting season. Our pastor asked who had bagged a deer. No one raised a hand. Puzzled, the pastor said, "I don't get it. Last Sunday many of you said you were missing because of hunting season. I had the whole congregation pray for your deer." One hunter groaned, "Well, it worked. They're all safe."

From the Pastor

Welcome to September! School is back in session, summer vacations are over, and hopefully life is settling back into a manageable routine. August was a busy month at Zion with Mascoutah Homecoming, Rally Sunday, and an Evangelism Workshop. September will be filled with Preschool, New Member Class, various Bible Study opportunities, an all-new Confirmation Curriculum, Choir Rehearsals, Social Sunday, and much more. As you settle back into the school year routine, make events at Zion a regular and featured part of our life together. This is especially true of worship and Sunday morning Bible Study. If your week doesn't start with worship, your week has not started in the right way. As we return to our routines, make the top priority of that routine being together for worship and Bible Study each and every Sunday morning. I look forward to seeing you there!

In Christ, Pastor Clayton

The Summer Sunday School Program featured lots of games and activities tied to Bible stories, and culminated with Rally Sunday, when students made masks for superheroes, and then learned that Jesus is our ultimate hero and our only Savior.



On Aug. 25, Zion hosted an "Every One His Witness" evangelism workshop attended by about 35 people representing 11 congregations across the SID-LCMS.

Zion was represented in the Mascoutah Homecoming Parade with a decorated truck driven by Kevin Derezotes, and accompanied by lots of walkers handing out candy and business cards both Saturday and Sunday nights.



LADIES: JOIN US AND SEE WHAT WE ARE ABOUT!



Ladies Aid starts up again on Thursday, September 19th, at 7 PM, after no meetings during the summer. We will have Seminarian Don Stein speak about his path to the ministry. Our special mission offering this month will be for the Mascoutah Food Pantry (items or cash). We will also have a Surprise Auction which benefits our mission giving. These items need to be wrapped (Christmas, birthday, newspaper!) and will be auctioned off at the end of our meeting. They can be baked goods or any other item you may want to bring. We also have refreshments! Please come and learn more about our mission work in service for the Lord.

LWML FALL RETREAT

The LWML Fall Retreat will be at Lake Williamson Christian Center on October 4th and 5th. These retreats are VERY REWARDING! This year's theme is *A Woman of JOY: From CHRIST, In CHRIST, Through CHRIST!* The key note speaker is Deb Burma. She is an author, leader of women's, children's, and family ministries, mother, wife, and a woman of JOY in Christ Jesus her Lord. She has written many devotionals, Bible Studies, and Christian-living books. Registrations **MUST** be post-marked by September 14th. Registration forms are available on the table in the Narthex. On Saturday, Oct. 5th, registration is from 8:30-9 AM and session will start at 9 AM with Divine Worship. There will be an offering for mites taken during the service. Lunch will be served around noon and the day will close by 3 PM.



Choir rehearsals have started up again, but it is not too late to join! Please come to practices each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM. We have a wonderful selection of music planned for fall and are eager to share that music with the congregation.

Membership Changes

Baptisms:

Transfer In:

|| Youth group meeting minutes — July 28, 2019

|| Meal of the day: Pulled Pork and Baked Beans

|| Bible Verses for the day:

- Psalm 134
- 1 Peter 1

|| Today, we introduced our new Youth Group Office Members:

- President: Matthew Clayton
- Vice President: Ava Pettis
- Secretary: Shea Suedmeyer

|| Higher Things Locations for next summer:

- Colorado- (furthest drive compared to all other options.)
- Grand Rapids, MI
- Knoxville, TN
- Maryville, MO

|| Homecoming Food Stand Helpers are needed. We are asking for High School Students and up. If you plan on attending Higher Things next year, this will be about two hours of credit for volunteer time.

|| Homecoming Parade needs walkers this year! We need all the help we can get!

|| May move VBS to June to make way for Higher Things.

|| Ideas for the upcoming year for Youth Group:

- Visit the Humane Society in Belleville.
- Nursing Home Visit- 3 wishes idea TBD at next meeting.
- Invite other Youth Groups to events planned by us so we can meet youth of other churches.
- Gateway Grizzly Baseball Game.

|| Special Thanks to outgoing Youth Group Officers:

- President: Jessica Pettis
- Vice President: Rhiannon Corey
- Secretary: Ava Pettis

|| Submitted by Shea Suedmeyer



|| ***Preschool Butter Braid Fundraiser—
Back by Popular Demand!***



|| The Preschool is selling ***Butter Braid*** frozen pastry and ***Show Me Dough*** frozen cookie dough as our major fundraiser for this year. These are wonderful products that require no work to prepare. Sales will begin on Sunday, September 8th and end on Tuesday, September 24th. Make your purchases at the table in the Narthex or see Marlene Lockwood, Preschool Director. Products will be delivered by Saturday, October 5th. We appreciate your continued support!



JOIN US FOR SOCIAL SUNDAY ON
SEPTEMBER 15TH AT 10:00 AM.

BRING YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS,
AND CO-WORKERS!

THERE WILL BE A MEAL AND GAMES
FOLLOWING SERVICE.

FOLLOWING THE GAMES THERE WILL BE ICE
CREAM IN THE PARK AT 1:30 PM.



IF YOUR LAST NAME BEGINS WITH
A-K PLEASE BRING A DESSERT
AND L-Z A SIDE DISH.



President's Page

With the end of the year fast approaching, we are in need of people to fill officer positions for next year. This is a wonderful way to both serve the congregation and become more involved in the Church. Please prayerfully consider running for one of the vacated spots for next year. If you are interested, please contact any council member or elder for details. I hope everyone has had a great summer and we look forward to a beautiful fall.

Bob Walter

Board of Education

The Board of Ed has been gearing up for the new educational year! An exciting new confirmation curriculum has been approved with cooperation from the Elders and Pastor. We would like to thank Pastor and Lori for bringing this new curriculum to us from a conference they attended, as well as all who were involved in reviewing, discussing, and approving this change. Our past curriculum, while an equally wonderful curriculum, had served its purpose tremendously but had become quite the undertaking to keep current.

Sunday School will also be getting a refreshed curriculum, as the previous one had served its 3 year cycle. Classes will begin on September 8th!

Board of Ed will be sending out back to school care packages to all college age members. Please sign your child up on the list in the Narthex with the most current address and name of the school they are attending.

Yours in Christ,
Alicia Suedmeyer



♥ Welcome to Preschool!

Our 2019-2020 preschool year begins with parent orientation on Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:00 PM. This brief meeting is a good opportunity for parents of new and returning students to meet the staff, receive information for the new school year, and ask questions. Parents will receive a package of information including the school handbook, calendar, etc. The meeting will be held in the church.

Our first day of class will be Wednesday, September 4th or Thursday, September 5th. Classes run from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. We still have a few openings for fours, so tell your friends and neighbors.

Miss Amy (Benjamin), Miss Christy (Reese) and Miss Kim (Drinnon) will be returning to the four-year-old classroom and Miss Donna (Frerker) and I will once again be in the three-year-old classroom and Miss Glenda (Pike) will be joining us as an additional aide.

We look forward to another year of fun serving families of Mascoutah and the surrounding area. We thank God for the continuing support of our preschool parents, Zion's Board of Christian Education and Zion's congregation.

Marlene Lockwood, Director



It's been a fun and busy summer! Thank you to all who helped with and attended the Summer Sunday School program this year! We kicked off Rally Day a bit early this year to make room for Labor Day. Rally Day was on August 25th and was Super Hero themed. It showed our students that Jesus Christ is the true and only hero we need.

The first day of the semester and curriculum (Enduring Faith) starts on September 8th at 8:45 AM downstairs. See you there!

Your Sunday School Admins, Robert Corey & Emily Stein



Elders Corner

Who is my neighbor? You may think about this anytime someone new moves into your neighborhood, but as Christians, we know that this question goes much deeper. The entire February 2019 issue of *The Lutheran Witness* focused on this question. A quote in the article by Robert Zagore really stuck with me – “In the family of God, we never run out of people to love” (p. 10). How true this is! Of course, we are to love our neighbors who physically live next door to us. Yup, even the ones with the loud truck and the ones with dogs that do their business in our yard. Let’s face it, some neighbors are easier to love than others, but what about people who live miles and miles from us? What about the imprisoned? What about those impacted by gun violence? What about people halfway across the world who struggle daily for food and fresh water? Yes, we are to love all our neighbors near and far.

So what about *loving* our neighbor? “The entire law is summed up in a single command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’” (Galatians 5:14). Wow! That’s a tall order! In broadening our view of who is our neighbor, we should always be mindful of neighbors that need our love and support. We should stand ready to love our neighbors and care for them in the same way we love and care for ourselves. In this way, we will grow closer to God and closer to our neighbors near and far.

Tony Lara



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At First Federal, simply add a payee.

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It is that simple. When you want to make a contribution, you can choose the value and the date of payment, and the bank does all the rest! You can set up donations to recur automatically also. You would not need to write anymore checks!

Any special fund contributions may be placed in the basket at church, or you can indicate the special fund in the bill pay memo field when donating online. If there is no special fund notation, the money will go to the General Fund. Please contact Sharon Weier or your own personal bank if you have any questions.

Stewardship

What is a steward? Most people will say a steward is a manager.

That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner's property on the owner's behalf.

We are God's stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him:

"For we brought nothing into this world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (1 Tim. 6:7)

Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner.

This is not only because He created all things; He is also the redeemer. He has redeemed – that is, purchased – and won all things. Therefore, it all belongs to Him.

We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege.

Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage his possessions on His behalf here on earth.

And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

But what a responsibility!

"Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required" (Luke 12:48b).

We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what He desires and wills for His property.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God?

We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will is for all of His gifts. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing we have that doesn't belong to Him.

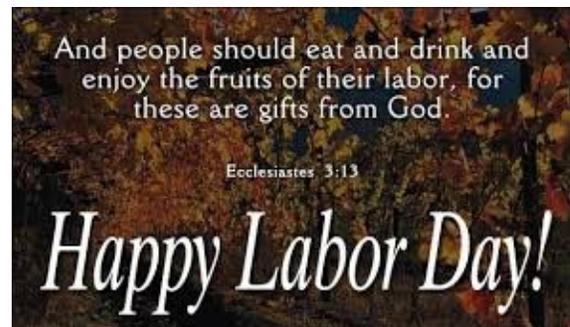
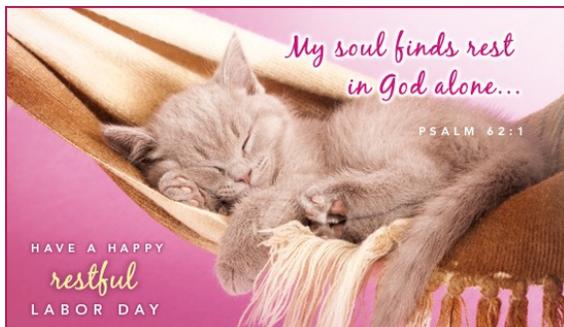
"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

God informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – managers and custodians – are to manage His property.

And that is stewardship. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us.

As St. Paul said, "Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness" (Rom. 6:13).

So, let's dive into God's Word, and listen to what He desires from His stewards.



??? Who Do I Contact ???

ADULT NEW MEMBER/INSTRUCTION

Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

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Lionel Timmerman 806-8993

LADIES AID/LWML

Pinky Ahner 698-0555

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Ray Kemezys 624-6625
Joe Crismon 270-762-6618

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

MUSIC

Choir - Josh & Nancy Peterson 566-7375

PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer requests - Contact Church Office
To be added to prayer chain contact
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PRESCHOOL

Director - Marlene Lockwood 566-4597

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SOCIAL MINISTRY QUESTIONS

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Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

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S-Z: Tony Lara 618-530-8886

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Ray Kemezys 624-6625

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Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

September 1

"Begin Again"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The book of Genesis tells us that God made all things. But it won't answer every question about when, how, and why God did it. That's because Genesis is mostly about getting to know God. Dr. Michael Zeigler begins a new series of messages based on the first book of the Bible.

(Genesis 1:1 - 2:30)

September 8

"Play Your Part"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

This week on The Lutheran Hour: Dr. Michael Zeigler says we each have a part to play on God's stage-with a script, without a tryout, with freedom and responsibility. How will you play your part? Dr. Zeigler and his guest, Dr. Charles Arand, discuss our place in God's creation and our role in caring for it, this week on The Lutheran Hour. (Genesis 2)

September 15

"The Dream Is Alive"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Genesis Series - The fall of man... and still, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob wants to relate to you and to me with grace and truth. (Genesis 3)

September 22

"Intervention"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Genesis Series - The account of Cain and Abel is more than a story of murder. (Genesis 4)

September 29

"The Story We Needed"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

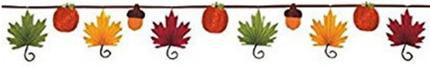
Genesis Series (Genesis 5-9)

Mascoutah Food Pantry

items needed for September



Stewed Tomatoes, Canned Chicken, Canned Salmon,
Au Gratin, Mashed, Scalloped, & Canned Potatoes,
Sugar, Egg Noodles, Hamburger Helper, Dish Soap



Birthdays

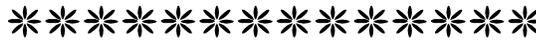
- 09/01 Tom Heck
- 09/01 Christa Sink
- 09/03 Reese Roehrig
- 09/05 Christelle Bretz
- 09/08 Grant Ahner
- 09/09 Ken Knutson
- 09/10 Jon Robinson
- 09/12 Avery Boehm
- 09/12 Mark Hatcher
- 09/12 Dillan Schorfheide
- 09/14 Ian Hutchinson
- 09/15 Garrett Sax
- 09/15 Adam Twenhafel
- 09/15 Grace Wambold
- 09/17 Joe Lancey
- 09/18 Ahren Kneschke
- 09/19 Noel Benner
- 09/21 Zackery Schreiber
- 09/22 Buzz Kandler
- 09/22 Danny Trout
- 09/22 Angie Walter
- 09/23 Doug Root
- 09/26 Mike Rehfeldt
- 09/27 Jordan Rehfeldt
- 09/27 LaVonne Stangle
- 09/28 Eli Sink
- 09/30 Zachary Hinrichs
- 09/30 Jeff Zimmermann



September

Wedding Anniversaries

- 09/04 Dustin & Anna Pannier
- 09/05 Andy & Rhea Sax
- 09/06 Mike & Angie Twenhafel
- 09/22 Danny & Joyce Trout
- 09/23 Mike & Jordan Rehfeldt
- 09/30 Geoff & Robin Phillips



Flowers for September

1 Segelhorsts, in honor of their anniversary and Helen Sauerhage in memory of Chuck.

8 In celebration of Grant Ahners birthday.

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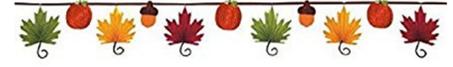
LWML ~ September 19

Devotion and Topic: Sem. Don Stein

Special Mission Offering: Mascoutah Food Pantry

Activities: Surprise Auction
LWML Sunday, Oct. 6

Hostesses: Dawn Corey & Lisa Wehmeyer



Baptismal Anniversaries

- 09/01 Christa Sink
- 09/02 Parker Roehrig
- 09/03 Dawn Corey
- 09/06 David Rowold
- 09/10 Johnathan Clayton
- 09/12 Nathan Schreiber
- 09/17 Isabella Allen
- 09/17 Kynan Drinnon
- 09/18 Cierrah Lovett
- 09/18 Daniel Mileur
- 09/18 Ella Sax
- 09/22 James Barnard
- 09/22 Shannon Barnard
- 09/24 James Rehfeldt
- 09/24 Larry Richards
- 09/27 Lauren Twenhafel
- 09/28 Brennan Magers
- 09/?? Tom Heck



Altar Guild Schedule for September

- 8 Beth Twenhafel
- 22 Gail Frey
- 29 Kim Drinnon

Special Music for September

- 8 Cary Robinson & Josh Peterson
- 15 Rosemary Peterson
- 22 Lily McDaniel
- 29 Hannah Drinnon

**Council Meeting Minutes
Zion Lutheran Church
August 1, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Attendance: Pastor Clayton, Bob Walter, Torri Suedmeyer, Ray Kemezys, Sharon Weier, Alicia Suedmeyer, Mike Segelhorst, Jean Kemezys

Minutes of July Council meeting approved via email - MMSP

Opening devotion and prayer by Pastor Clayton.

Pastor's Report:

- The Numbers:
 - Visits: 52 (45 members and 7 non-members)
 - Congregational Meetings and Activities: 27
 - Circuit/District/Synod Events: 1
 - Community Contacts: 1

Treasurer's Report:

- First Federal Savings Bank: \$71,132.91
- Edward Jones: \$120,843.17
- General Fund: \$14,553.31

MMSP to approve Treasurer's report.

Financial Secretary Report:

- Budget YTD: \$174,930.00
- Actual YTD: \$177,478.93

Elder's Report:

- Elder of the month for August: Matt Sink; Tony Lara is bell ringer.

Board of Education Report:

- Preschool:
 - School resumes Sept. 3 with parent orientation night. Classes begin Wed., Sept. 4.
 - We currently have both classes for threes filled for the fall with 15 and 16. The fours MWF class has 17 and the TTh class has 8. Registration continues.
 - Parents will receive letters the first week of August with information regarding orientation night and start of school.
 - Met with Geoff Phillips to discuss preliminary ideas of preschool expansion in the future.
 - BOH: \$58,423.02
- Sunday School: no report
- Youth Group:
 - Introduced new Youth Group Office Members.
 - President: Matthew Clayton
 - Vice President: Ava Pettis
 - Secretary: Shea Suedmeyer
 - Higher Things Locations for next summer: (all would need VBS moved to June).
 - *Colorado (furthest drive compared to all other options); Grand Rapids, MI; Knoxville, TN; Maryville, MO
 - Generated ideas for service projects and activities.
- Met with Elders. Confirmation curriculum was adopted, survey sent home to parents about possible day/time change. Will be discussing Bible study offerings for the Fall with Elders at next meeting.
- Began generating ideas for Fall Fest.

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Trustees report:

- Church roof replacement: Discussed roofing bids and looked at sample shingles. Will put samples out for congregation to look at, and will have rep from DS Roofing attend August 22nd Voter's meeting to make presentation and answer questions.
- Mike Twenhafel has proposed his son Blake leveling and seeding Preschool south lawn for service project. OK with Council.
- Parsonage and AC unit fences: Bids were approved, order was placed with Lowes. Waiting for install to be scheduled.
- Keyless entry system: Should have Commercial Door and Hardware bid next week. Ray Kemezys will check with Metro Lock and Security for bid.
- Broken gym doors: Wilke came out July 1 and looked at situation. Determined no longer covered under warranty. About \$780.00 to replace closers on gym doors.
- Copier code set up on hold: Trustees too busy handling other more urgent needs of the church such as basement flooding, roof replacement, broken gym doors, etc.
- Maintenance management software: We now have one-year agreement for two users. Mike Segelhorst will enter maintenance info and make up a training curriculum for other trustees, etc.
- Sump pumps: All have been replaced. Still need to replace a check valve. Have ordered two new ones that will be installed tomorrow. Also getting longer float valves and two new pumps to have as spares. (The most recent flooding was caused by a short in the extension cord used on the new third pump.)
- Moisture detection: Dome Leak Detector will be installed Saturday.
- School gym floor is in the process of being waxed.
- Have placed extra dehumidifiers in basement. Will have air quality tested in basement. Recommend getting bids on tearing out carpet in basement.
- Will check on possibly having tree removed at entrance to church parking lot as it is frequently losing branches. Will check with city to see if it's on city property or our church property.

President's Report:

- Strategic planning committee – Haven't met over summer. Geoff met with Marlene to discuss preliminary ideas for Preschool expansion. Will regroup hopefully in September to have a meeting.
- Pastor's health insurance policy – May make policy change. Bob will check with Terry to see that is on track.

Old Business:

- Tithing Lembke estate proceeds: Discussed donation to Unity and having youth be involved in the donation process, such as using some of the money to buy school supplies and the youth taking them to Unity.
- When Pastor checked with Unity, their biggest need is money for their scholarship program. Every student receives some portion of scholarship money.
- Will present to Voters that the tithe will be used for charitable donations to Unity and other local charities.
- Homecoming – will have signs on Kevin Derezotes truck and have 4-6 walkers to pass out candy and 4-6 to pass out cards with church info.
- Evangelism Committee - Would like them to have involvement in homecoming float each year, as well as work with youth. Beth Twenhafel has agreed to join Evangelism Committee.
- Church Website: Torri feels website is up to date at this time and he will discuss with Robin about maintaining ongoing updates.
- ▶ Voters' meeting Thursday, August 22nd, 7:00 p.m.
- ▶ Next Council meeting, Thursday, September 5th, 6:00 p.m.

MMSP to adjourn meeting

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Kemezys

**Unofficial Voter's Meeting Minutes
Zion Lutheran Church
August 22, 2019**

Opening prayer and devotion by Pastor Clayton.

Roof replacement discussion: Representative Mike Lohman with DS Custom Builders (DS Roofing) addressed Voters' assembly to talk about various roofing options and for Q & A session.

Reading of April 7, 2019 Voters' Assembly Meeting minutes – MMSP to approve minutes.

Treasurer's report:

- First Federal Savings Bank: \$ 71,132.91
- Edward Jones: \$ 121,232.22
- General Fund: \$ 14,553.31

Church mortgage balance is currently \$ 5,642 (will be paid off mid-October).

Organ loan balance is currently \$ 39,183.

MMSP to approve Treasurer's report.

Financial Secretary's report:

- ▶ As of end of July:
 - Budget YTD \$ 174,930.00
 - Actual YTD \$ 177,478.93
- ▶ As of three counts in August:
 - Budget YTD: \$198,254.00
 - Actual YTD: \$193,506.53

Pastor's report: Activity from April 1, 2019–July 31, 2019

Official Acts:

- Baptism of Isaac Joseph Robinson, April 20, 2019.
- Youth Confirmation of Adam Paul Ahner, Sophia Marie Bretz, Nathaniel James Clayton, Gloria Grace Peterson, and Blake Michael Twenhafel, April 28, 2019.
- Funeral of Robert Bretz (non-member) May 16, 2019.
- Funeral of Aidan Wilbur (non-member) May 19, 2019.
- Wedding of Clarissa Braun and Logan Smith (goddaughter) May 25, 2109.
- Funeral of Wayne Sauerhage (non-member, conducted by Rev. Karl Gregory) June 11, 2019.
- Baptism of Ryan Matthew Spomer, June 30, 2019.

The Numbers:

- Visits: 168 (150 members and 18 non-members)
- Congregational Meetings and Activities: 80
- Circuit/District/Synod Events: 26
- Community Contacts: 9

For Your Information and Discussion:

A. District-wide Evangelism Workshop this Saturday, Aug. 24, 2019—About 35 people registered!

B. Strategic Planning Committee leading to much activity through other Boards/Committees.

1. Top request of surveys—More Bible Class and Fellowship opportunities.
 - a. New Confirmation Curriculum starting this fall.
 - b. Active brainstorming and discussion from Elders and Board of Ed.
2. Second request of surveys—More active in Evangelism/Missions.
 - a. Every One His Witness Workshop this Saturday.
 - b. Mission opportunities.
 - i. Africa through Krista Young.
 - ii. Dominican Republic.
 - iii. Unity Lutheran Church, adopt a house for rehab.
3. Third request of surveys—Preschool/Education Expansion.
 - a. MUCH to consider/study before any action is taken.
 - b. Most long-range of possibilities.
 - c. First meeting of sub-committee next week.

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4. Also mentioned on surveys—Web Site updates and building maintenance.
- a. Website being updated regularly, sermons available, upcoming events featured.
 - b. MANY building maintenance issues addressed this year!

Elder's report:

- Social Sunday (Friendship Sunday) September 15th with lunch after service here at church, kickball tournament, cornhole tournament, ice cream social, A-K dessert, L-Z side dish.
- Elders considering possibility of a monthly “video conference call” devotion and prayer request session.
- Member Needs Fund – handled discreetly by Elders. Could use ongoing donations.

Board of Education report:

- **Preschool:**
 - School resumes Sept. 3 with parent orientation night. Classes begin Wed, Sept. 4.
 - Both classes for threes are filled for Fall with 15 and 16. The fours MWF class has 17 and the TTh class has 8.
- **Sunday School:**
 - Rally Day is Sunday, August 25, with luncheon to follow the church service.
 - Confirmation parent meeting is 8:45 August 25 in the sanctuary, kids are asked to help with Rally Day events in gym.
 - Confirmation classes begin Sept. 1 and remain on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m.
 - Little Lambs – 4th grade Sunday School classes will begin Sept. 8.
- **Youth Group:**
 - 12 members attended Higher Things.
 - New officers will attend the evangelism workshop.
- **Board of Education:**
 - Adopted new confirmation curriculum.
 - Working with Elders, Sunday School, and Pastor on new/continuing Bible Study options.
 - Planning Fall Fest October 20.

President's report:

- Strategic Planning Committee – Preschool/daycare discussion. Meeting scheduled for Aug. 27 to begin discussion on future, long-range plans.
- Ideas are being discussed for ways to get Youth more involved with community/service projects.
- Council has discussed the need for long-range plans, larger scale projects, etc., once church is paid off.

Trustees report:

- Church roof replacement – discussed various roofing options and bids.

9:07 p.m. - **MMSP** to extend meeting beyond two hours.

MMSP to go with Decra shingles, with tear off of existing shingles and laying synthetic felt, and having Trustees to accept the bid that they feel is the best. (Antique chestnut color)

Will have approx. \$56,000 in Deferred Building Maintenance Fund so will need additional funds to meet the approx. \$ 81,500 amount for the roof.

Motion made to add Lembke estate disbursement to the Deferred Building Maintenance Fund to be used for the roof. **Motion tabled.**

\$32,436.86 was Lembke estate disbursement. Council recommended tithing 10% to be used for charitable donations to Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School in East St. Louis and other charitable donations.

Motion was amended to have 90% of Lembke estate disbursement added to Deferred Building Maintenance Fund. Person who seconded the original motion agreed on amended motion. **MMSP**

Motion made for \$1000 to go to Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School, \$1000 for purchase of baby products to be donated to the Seminary Food Bank and \$1200 to go to other local charities. **MMSP**

MMSP to adjourn.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Jean Kemezys



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Address Service Requested

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 10:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 8:45 to 9:45 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday 8:45 to 9:45 AM

Worship Topics This Month

September 1 — Eleventh Sunday after Trinity — Luke 18:9-14

— Sem. Stein to Preach

September 8 — Twelfth Sunday after Trinity — Mark 7:31-37

— “The Messianic Secret”

September 15 — Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity — Luke 10:23-37

— “Double Trouble”

September 22 — Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity — Luke 17:11-19

— “Cleansed”

September 29 — St. Michael and All Angels — Matthew 18:1-11

— “What Are Angels?”

Please join us in worship to hear more about the Good News!