

Zion

Lutheran Church & Preschool



November
2019

THE ECHO

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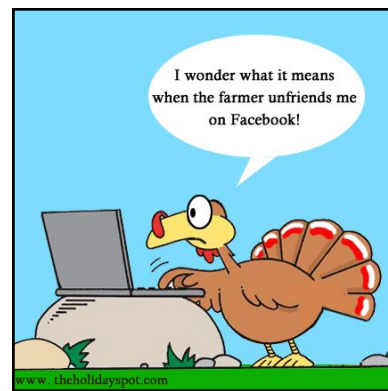
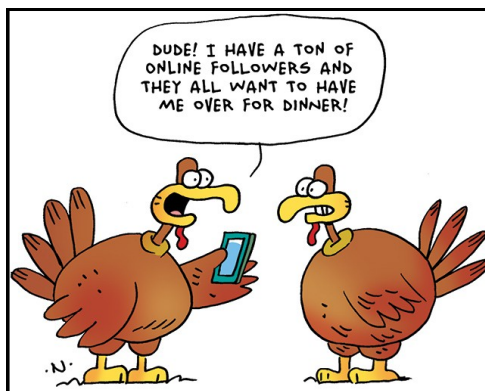
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***A Congregation of
The
Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod***

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

Humor



From the Pastor

For the Pastor's Page this month, I would like to share some thoughts from the wife of a pastor who recently retired from our district. She does a wonderful job of describing the family that a congregation should be, and the pain that comes from losing a member of the family...in this case through members slipping into inactivity or delinquency.

"As a Pastor's wife God calls your husband to parts and people unknown. You move across the country totally away from family and friends. You are so ready to make new family and friends and I did this many times in several different congregations. You invest yourself in other people's lives, you share in their joys and sadness. You attend all of the events in their lives. Birthdays, anniversaries, wedding showers, baby showers, weddings, graduations, sports events - you are totally invested in them. You stand beside them in good times and bad times. **YOU LOVE THEM UNCONDITIONALLY.** Then one day they disappear from your life. They quit coming to church. They never call or explain why. You run through all of the scenarios in your mind - was it something I did or something my husband did - where are they? You see them in public and say how you miss them and they just smile. I don't think they have any clue about the grief I am experiencing. It is an unexplained death of a loved one. I have cried many times over this and have prayed for them and their well-being. There is no moral to this story - just a girl sharing her heartfelt feelings. Love from my heart." (Written by Karen Lecke, wife of retired pastor Joe Lecke)

Each week in our prayers in church, we include all those who are celebrating baptismal anniversaries that week. Often the people whose names are in the prayers are people whose bodies have not been in church for a very long time. Each month in the Echo, birthdays and baptismal anniversaries are listed for every member of the congregation that we have information on. Many of the names on these lists are currently members on paper only. When you hear a prayer for someone you have not seen in church for some time, or when you see a name in the Echo and you have not seen their face for a while, please do two things. First, pray for these individuals, that the Holy Spirit would be active in their lives to create in them a fervent desire to be in God's house receiving His Word and Sacrament on a regular basis. Then, after praying for them, get in contact with them and invite them!

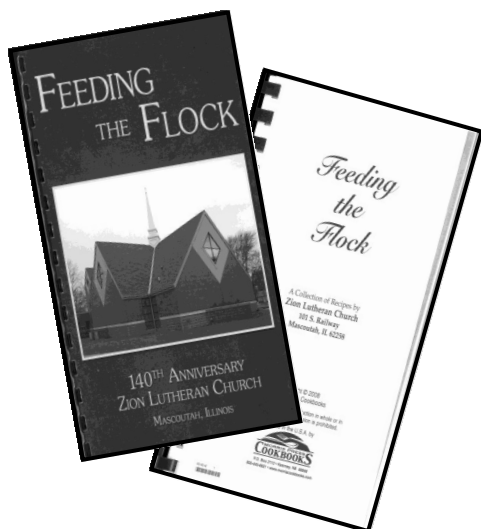
Being together in God's house for worship is extremely important. The writer to the Hebrews says, "Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:19-25) Let us NOT FORSAKE ASSEMBLING TOGETHER. This means being together in worship on a weekly basis. ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER. That means reaching out to those whom we do not see on a weekly basis, and inviting them to return to the time of joy, support, and growth that is Christian worship.

In worship, God gives tremendous gifts that we cannot receive anywhere else. He comes to us in His Word and Sacrament. He teaches us and strengthens our faith as we hear His Word as it is read, as it is preached, and as it is sung together in worship. He forgives us as His Absolution is pronounced on us at the beginning of the Divine Service. He comes to us in the closest way possible in Holy Communion as He enters into us with His body and blood along with the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. In this blessed meal, He feeds us with faith to sustain us for our daily life. These incredible gifts from God are surrounded by the saints singing praise to Him, which also serves to build up those around us as we join our voices together in thanksgiving.

Being together in worship is a joy. Being separated from each other in the Christian family is a sorrow. And, being separated from God in worship will likely eventually lead to being separated from God for all eternity. That is a tragedy. This sorrow and tragedy is felt profoundly by those who work in the church and by their families, as the paragraph written by the wife of a retired pastor shows. You can help. If a person comes to mind, and you have not seen them at Zion for quite some time, please pray for them, and then invite them. You can be a bearer of joy for Christ's Church.

In Christ,
Pastor Clayton





ZION'S 140th ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOKS - GREAT GIFT IDEA!

Zion has added many new members in the past several years. Have you looked through our cookbook? It contains more than 475 recipes, as well as some history about Zion and some fun entries as well. They sell for only \$14. Don't forget our wonderful cookbooks as you look over your Christmas list. They make great gifts!



NEW CHRISTIAN GREETING CARDS

Lots of new greeting cards just came in! There are many new choices in every category –birthday, get well, sympathy, and more. All cards are only 50 cents each! Check out the card rack in the hallway across from the kitchen.



CHOIR NEWS & NOTES

The choir will be singing four times during the month of November. On November 3rd, we will be sharing a beautiful anthem by Carl Schalk titled "It Belongs Not to My Care." This piece focuses on the truth that for Christians, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. November 17th we will present "Offertory" by John Ness Beck, setting the familiar text of Micah 6:8. We will celebrate Christ the King Sunday on November 24th with "The King Is Coming Soon." The choir will also sing on Thanksgiving morning, presenting a setting of a recent Getty hymn, "My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness."

Membership Changes

Baptisms:

Beatrice Mary Ruth Lockwood

Transfer In:



Youth Group Meeting Minutes from September 29th.

Theme of Meal: Tailgate

Main Topic of Meeting: Discussing Ideas for the Upcoming Year.

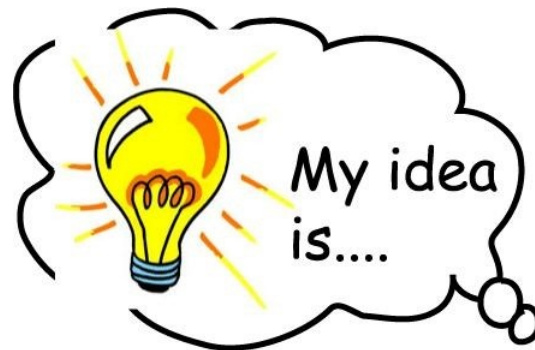
Devotion by Sem. Adam Wolfe about angels in our culture and angels in the Bible.

Current Schedule for the Upcoming Year:

- Nov. 9: Bonfire
- Nov. 17: Higher Things Registration Form Due
- Early January: Christmas Party/ White Elephant Sale
- Feb. 15: Prom Dress Sale
- Mar. 7: Puzzle Night

Suggestions/ Ideas for the Upcoming Year:

- Camp Wartburg Retreat
- Lock-ins
- Scavenger Hunt
- Game Days
- Game Nights
- Joy Fest STL
- Ninja Warrior Course
- Incredible Pizza Company
- Rent-a-Cinema
- Speakers
- Sport Days
- 5k or Fun Run
- Amazing Race
- Egging
- Sr. and Jr. Youth Buddy system
- Donation Wall???
- Lutheran History Museum
- Fruit Picking at Eckert's
- Forest Park Activities
- Skating Trip



This is just a list. Some of it may happen, and some won't.

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!!!!

Our next meeting will be on October 27th.





**Preschool field trip to
Braeutigam Orchards
October 23 & 24**



CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS & GIFTS WORKSHOP



The LWML workshop this year is at Christ Our Savior Church, Freeburg, on Saturday, Nov 16th, starting at 9 AM. You are welcome to bring friends along to help decorate. Please bring a pair of scissors and fabric glue, if you have any. The list of items suggested to donate for filling the stockings is on the small sheets by the display. Most stockings will go to Lutheran Child and Family Services, infant through sixth grade. The workshop will end with lunch and a closing devotion. (Last year over 200 stockings were decorated, filled, and donated.)



SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR THE STOCKINGS:

Gloves, hats, Christmas ornaments, scarves, school supplies, small books (especially religious), markers, socks, jewelry, small stuffed animals, puzzles, small cars, dolls, purses, bubble bath, hair items, shampoo, body wash, perfume, toothpaste and toothbrushes, small toys, and baby items.



ESPECIALLY NEEDED are items for boys!



Fall is here! We have been busy these first months of school. We worked on many art projects which we displayed at our annual Open House and Art Show on Tuesday, October 22nd. Many parents, brothers, sisters, and grandparents came to see what we have been doing since the school year began. We went pumpkin picking at Braeutigam's Orchard, celebrated the season wearing costumes to school, and attending a pumpkin-carving devotion with Pastor Clayton.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Fundraiser. We raised over \$2,600.00. New items for the classrooms and gym will be purchased. Again, thank you to all those who sold and purchased!

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 7th. Amy and I are looking forward to talking with our parents and sharing information about their children.

On Thursday, November 19th at 6:00 PM we will host our annual Family Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner. Volunteers will be needed the evening of the dinner. Please contact Marlene if you would like to help. The children will be entertaining their families with songs they have been learning. Each family will be asked to decorate a paper turkey that the children will bring home. Turkeys will be displayed at the dinner. We look forward to some wonderful creations, good food, and an evening of fun.

Marlene Lockwood, Director



Elders Corner



As we enjoy the *fall* weather and the changing of the leaves on the trees, it reminds me of mankind's *fall* into sin, which as we know, also involved a tree. Soon, the leaves will be falling and the vegetation will look dead and lack color. This is how we are as sinful humans – dead and lacking all lifegiving qualities. However, as we enter the Christmas season, we have hope and joy because we know that our Savior born long ago in Bethlehem will save us from our sin and bleakness. “There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit” (Isaiah 11:1). Jesus Christ brings life in a dark, dying world! Now that’s a never-ending season to celebrate!

Tony Lara, Elder



Sunday school is in full swing, and our new curriculum is going well with the students. We have Seminarian Adam Wolfe teaching our high school apologetics class and we welcome him back for as long as we have him here. Penny war ended and the Sunday school raised \$56.94 in mostly pennies. They weren't the easiest to count but the kids had a great time competing. The 7th grade Confirmation class took the doughnuts!



Fall Fest

Geocache hunt winners!

October 20, 2019

Fall Fest





Face-Painting



Stewardship

St. Paul wrote to the Church of Christ in Corinth: “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7). *God loves a cheerful giver.* But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, Abel gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God’s sight. Abraham was. By faith, Abraham prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel’s God and they His people.

What more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything, yes, even His life, enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us – like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ – give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart – for the joy set before us – the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.



2020 Wall Calendars

Zion’s Ladies Aid is selling Christian-themed 2020 wall calendars. They are \$6 each and are located on the table in the Narthex. There are a limited number so get yours today!

??? Who Do I Contact ???

ADULT NEW MEMBER/INSTRUCTION

Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

ALTAR GUILD

Beth Twenhafel 618-660-8872

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Christa Sink 618-670-7844
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CHURCH BUSINESS

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EVANGELISM QUESTIONS

Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

FINANCE BD./ENVELOPES ETC.

Sharon Weier 618-660-7815
Ken Knutson 618-566-8350
Lionel Timmerman 618-806-8993

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Lionel Timmerman 806-8993

LADIES AID/LWML

Pinky Ahner 698-0555

MEN'S CLUB

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
Marlene Lockwood 566-4597

PRESCHOOL

Director - Marlene Lockwood 566-4597

SENIOR YOUTH

Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

SOCIAL MINISTRY QUESTIONS

Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

SPIRITUAL CONCERNS/QUESTIONS

Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

Elders—

A-G: Mark Krausz 618-588-4917

H-L: Ray Kemezys 624-6625

M-R: Matt Sink 618-567-5267

S-Z: Tony Lara 618-530-8886

STEWARDSHIP QUESTIONS

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Ray Kemezys 624-6625

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618-581-1394

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Glenda Pike 806-3656

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WORSHIP QUESTIONS

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November 3

"Stranger Danger"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Genesis Series - The different ways we relate to strangers reveal the contradiction of being human.
(Genesis 18)

November 10

"For Such a Downer"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Genesis Series - The cross of Jesus is not a downer, but it is an equalizer. If you think you're up on top and you're pushing others aside, the cross of Jesus will bring you down. And if you're down and desperate for some company, you have a friend in the crucified Jesus.
(Genesis 21)

November 17

"The Dawn Wall"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Genesis Series - Sacrifice is acting on the hope of a better future by offering up something valuable in the present.
(Genesis 22)

November 24

"God Is Love"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Jeff Cloeter

(1 John 4:7-12)



Help Stock
The Food Pantry

Mascoutah Food Pantry
items needed for November

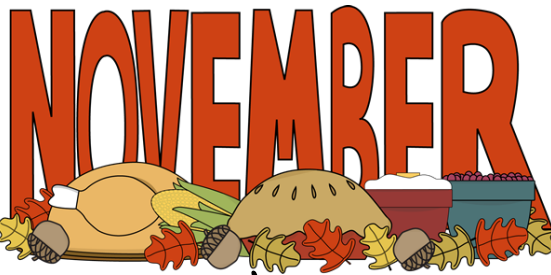
Tuna Helper, White Rice, Sugar, BBQ Sauce,
Mayonnaise, Oil, Canned Milk, Pineapple,
Old Fashioned Oats, Applesauce.

***Please support the Scout Food Drive
on Saturday, November 16th.***



Birthdays

11/01 Katie Crismon
 11/01 Max Lara
 11/01 Charlotte Pivoras
 11/02 Lily McDaniel
 11/03 Nicholas Linnertz
 11/04 Emma Brand
 11/05 Melissa Kohnen
 11/05 Matt Krausz
 11/05 Andy Sax
 11/07 Gadge Corey
 11/07 Ernie Lockwood
 11/10 Joseph Rueter IV
 11/15 Dan Morra
 11/18 Kirk Clayton
 11/22 Kenny Rakers
 11/23 Isaiah Clayton
 11/23 Jeannette Schorfheide
 11/26 Annaliese Lockwood
 11/26 Leif Peterson
 11/26 Robyn Rakers
 11/27 Nathan Stangle
 11/26 Michelle Underwood
 11/28 Viktor Hatcher
 11/29 Roy Klingelhofer
 11/29 Ami Linnertz
 11/29 Marlene Lockwood



Wedding Anniversaries

11/21 Todd & Laurie Fournie
 11/28 Eldon & Pinky Ahner
 11/28 Dick & Elizabeth Bogue

Flowers for November

3 In memory of Walter Rowold.

10

Flowers needed!

17

24 Jon & Cary Robinson in celebration of confirmation.



Altar Guild Schedule for November

3 Beth Twenhafel
 10 Mary Kay Krausz
 Beth Twenhafel
 24 Linda Hoskins



Baptismal Anniversaries

11/02 Glenda Pike
 11/02 Sharon Weier
 11/04 Ahren Kneschke
 11/04 Max Lara
 11/05 Chelsea Mann
 11/06 Rebecca Allen
 11/07 Hannah Drinnon
 11/07 Jordan Rehfeldt
 11/08 Emerson Segelhorst
 11/10 Kim Drinnon
 11/10 Dawson Rowold
 11/11 Lori Clayton
 11/12 Roger Drinnon
 11/12 Jen Lara
 11/14 Ian Hutchinson
 11/15 Brady Twenhafel
 11/16 Cohen Merrill
 11/17 Savannah Murphy
 11/19 Darla Lancey
 11/19 Zackery Schreiber
 11/21 Alexander Allen
 11/22 Jessica Hatcher
 11/23 Benjamin Pannier
 11/23 Jeannette Schorfheide
 11/25 Hunter Phillips
 11/26 Garrett Sax
 11/29 Charlotte Pivoras
 11/?? Pat Meier



Special Music for November

3 Bjorn Peterson
 17 Maggie Harlan
 24 Matthew Clayton



There's always SOMETHING TO BE thankful FOR

LWML ~ November 21

Devotion and Topic: Quarterly Topic

Special Mission Offering: Mascoutah Tree of Hope

Activities: Tree of Hope Project
Secret Pal Program

Hostesses: Pinky Ahner & Marlene Lockwood

**Council Meeting Minutes
Zion Lutheran Church
October 8, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 6:59 p.m.

Opening Prayer and Devotion by Pastor Clayton.

Approval of September Council meeting minutes – via email MMSP.

Pastor's Report:

- Official Acts:
 - Baptism of Amy Lin (by Rev. Jim Barton), Sept. 1, 2019.
 - Baptism of Alaina Gryga, Sept 15, 2019.
 - Baptism of Connor Hatcher, Sept. 29, 2019.
 - Installation of Rev. William Weedon at St. Paul, Hamel, Sept. 29, 2019.
- The Numbers:
 - Visits: 25 (21 members and 4 non-members)
 - Congregational Meetings and Activities: 29
 - Circuit/District/Synod Events: 12
 - Community Contacts: 7

►Discussion on looking into possibility of doing mission trip to Dominican Republic with opportunities for teaching, medical missions, sports, or handyman/rehab, etc. Will survey congregation to see how much interest there is and which mission the majority of people would be interested in.

►Unity Lutheran Church clean-up day to be held on October 26. Also possibility of adopt-a-house for rehab. Will look into getting a team of people together. Will discuss at next Evangelism Committee meeting to see if a group wants to go see the work being done.

►Possible school expansion at Zion brainstorming continues.

Treasurer's Report:

- First Federal Savings Bank: \$19,902.55
- Edward Jones: \$102,177.82
- General Fund: \$9,201.76

The final payment of \$1686.79 on the church mortgage will be made next week.
\$38,716 remains on organ loan, which will be paid off by the end of June 2020.

Discussed other needs of congregation that money can go to after mortgage and organ loan are paid off such as building maintenance (HVAC system), member needs fund, etc.

MMSP to accept Treasurer's report.

Financial Secretary's Report:

- Budget YTD: \$227,409.00
- Actual YTD: \$223,647.75

Elder's Report:

- Discussed the "Transfer the Blessings" program - \$5,000 cost for one year, quarterly payments of \$1250. Council would like to move forward with this but will hold off until after first of the year. Because the December Voters' meeting agenda already includes election of officers and next year's budget approval, will plan on discussing at April Voters' meeting. MMSP
- Member Needs Fund – Elders looking at having a potluck after church one Sunday in November to raise money for Member Needs Fund.
- Tony Lara is Elder of the month and Matt Sink is the bell ringer.

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Board of Education Report:

- Preschool:
 - Currently have both classes for threes filled for the fall with 15 in each. The fours M/W/F class has 18 and the T/Th class has 10.
 - Preschool fundraiser is Show Me Dough products.
 - Open House and Art Show will be Tuesday, October 22 from 7-8 p.m.
- Sunday School Report:
 - Attendance: 173
 - Account Balance: \$340.91
 - Penny War fundraiser
- Youth Group Report:
 - Planning meeting held Sunday 9/29. Discussed events, fundraising, community outreach.
- Fall Fest is October 20. Will need volunteers to help. Also planning a Geocache hunt for the Youth.
- Working on getting nominees for Assistant Sunday School Superintendent and Board of Education.

Trustee's Report:

- New church roof project is complete.
- Blake Twenhafel's 4-H project of leveling and reseeding lawn south of Preschool is complete.
- Held work day October 5th and completed many jobs.
- Still checking on tree removal at entrance of church parking lot. May have it done professionally.
- Keyless entry system. Still working on this. Close to being ready to install.
- New fence at parsonage has been installed.
- Getting bids for handicap accessible entry door on church.
- Matthew Clayton's Eagle Scout landscaping project scheduled for Saturday, October 12th.

President's Report:

- Zion will be receiving about \$36,000 from the estate of Ruth Knipp. Disbursements will be made some time after October 10.
- Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting one more time before end of the year.
- Will be scheduling yearly evaluation for choir directors.

Old Business:

- Discussed officer candidates for upcoming election in December.
- New members – Jon and Cary Robinson requesting voting membership. **MMSP** to approve. Will present to Voters at meeting in December.

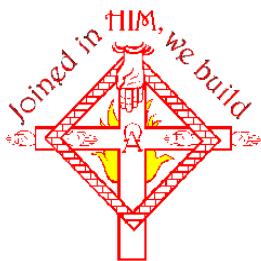
New Business:

- November Council meeting – Thursday, November 7th at 7:00.
- December Council meeting – Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30.
- December Voters' meeting – Thursday, December 12th at 7:00.

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

Nov. 3 — All Saint's Day — Matthew 5:1-12

— Sem. Don Stein to Preach

Nov. 10 — 21st Sunday after Trinity — John 4:46-54

— “What Does Healing Look Like?”

Nov. 17 — 22nd Sunday after Trinity — Matthew 18:21-35

— “The Love of Christ Proclaim”

Nov. 24 — Last Sunday of the Church Year — Matthew 25:1-13

— “Celebration...For Some”

Nov. 28 — Thanksgiving Day — Philippians 4:6-20

— “Peace”

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