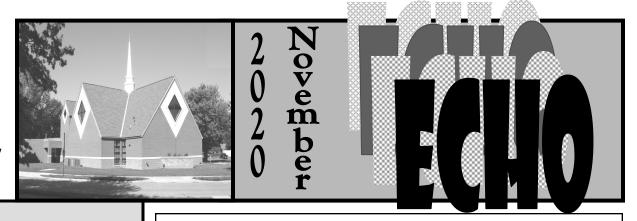
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Humor





COVID "THANKSGIVING"

Some are suggesting that families not gather for Thanksgiving meals this year because of Covid. However, funerals are allowed. So, here is some bad news, my pet turkey died. We will have the funeral on Thursday, November 26 at about noon. In lieu of flowers or memorials, please bring side dishes, drinks, and desserts.

From the Pastor

Over the last several months, I have seen numerous jokes about how people want to get out of the year 2020. One from early in the Covid lockdowns went something like this: "I have finished my 3 month free trial of 2020, I'd like to cancel my subscription." One I have seen more recently refers to the time change coming up. (Remember to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday night, Oct. 31.) Despite the fact that we are setting our clocks back, the joke says, "Remember to set your clocks ahead this fall. I think about four months would be good." It is probably true that the year 2020 will not be one that many of us look back upon with joy and fondness.

However, does that mean that we should not give thanks? Perhaps we should cancel our annual Thanksgiving Day service, or replace it with a "Gripers and Complainers Day Service." No. In any and every situation, we give thanks. St. Paul writes in Philippians 4:11-13, "I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know

how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." By the way, St. Paul was in prison when he wrote this. Not in moderate quarantine due to Covid, but in prison due to Christianity. Even in prison, Paul gave thanks. In our locked-down year of 2020, we can give thanks too.

This Thanksgiving Day, I would strongly encourage that we give thanks for one another. Give thanks for the people around you. Thank God for the people in your family. Thank God for the people at work. Thank God for your friends. Thank God for those who are not your friends, but who push you harder than you would like to do your best. Thank God for every one of the vast, diverse array of people who make up our community, our nation, and our world. And, of course, thank God for your church family.

I think it is especially important in these dark Covid days to give thanks for people. God surrounds us with family, friends, and coworkers as a gift. And yet, in the light of Covid, we have come to view people with fear and suspicion. I still see it happening, when people walk toward each other on the sidewalk, one steps out in the street, fearful of human contact. When someone comes into a room, others separate to corners, terrified by the presence of a human being. Nursing home and hospital staffs are forbidding loved ones from seeing each other out of fear. We are terrified that someone around us might have Covid and not be aware of it yet. We have been taught to be scared of each other.

This is why we should give thanks for the people God has placed in our life this year. The people around us should not be sources of terror to us, they should be causes of rejoicing and thanksgiving. God did not make us to be solitary creatures. Rare is the person who can truly thrive in absolutely isolation. God made us to be gathered into families, friends, communities, and societies. God's plan is good, it is stronger than a virus, and it is longer-lasting than a quarantine. God gives us to each other as gifts, not as threats. This year especially, we need to give thanks for the people God places around us, and receive His gift of humanity with thanksgiving, not with fear.

We do need to celebrate Thanksgiving in 2020, even though many seem to wish that the year were over or never begun. When we do give thanks this year (on Thursday, November 26 and every other day!), may we be guided by the words of St. Paul from Philippians 1:3-6, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

I give thanks...for you! We give thanks...for each other. Thanks be to God.

Your fellow servant in Christ, Rev. Dr. Kirk M. Clayton

Membership Changes

Transfer to Heaven:

Doug Root

Transfer Out:

Chris and Lisa Lockwood (C)

Annaliese and Jacob Lockwood (B)

To St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Eureka, MO

Matt and Stephanie Spomer (C)

Kurt Spomer (C)

Ben Spomer, Allison Spomer, Ryan Spomer (B) To Family of Faith Lutheran Church, Peyton, CO



Zion's New Cross

When the old maple tree by the entrance to the west parking lot was taken down last Spring, the stump was carved into a cross. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough good wood in the stump and the cross soon fell apart. A new tree trunk was recently acquired, and a new cross was carved and placed on the old stump. It reminds one of the scripture in Isaiah 11: "Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit."



The new cross also happens to have a natural gash in the side, which may correspond to the gash left in the side of Jesus from the Roman spear.

There was enough room in the trunk to carve space for one to sit at the foot of the cross, corresponding to the scripture in Matthew 11: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

In the back on the stump is another natural cleft, in which has been hidden a geocache. The geocache contains this information about the cross, as well as a brief history of Zion Church. But this natural cleft also may correspond to the old favorite hymn, "Rock of Ages, cleft for me. Let me hide myself in Thee."

This new cross is carved from Catalpa wood, which is long-lasting in outdoor conditions. It will be treated with a preservative from time to time to help it to last as long as possible. May you all be blessed as you enter the parking lot or drive by this cross, knowing all the wonderful things about our Lord which this cross may inspire in your hearts and minds.



Presidents Page

Zion family,

As we enter November let us not forget all that we have to be thankful for and the many blessings God has given us even during the most trying and difficult times. While 2020 has presented many reasons to lose heart, it has also given us perspective about those things in life that matter most.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." **Proverbs 3:5-6**

In Christ, Torri Suedmeyer

Board of Education

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

Luke 10:2

It is the season of hard work and labor, especially for many in our community who are farmers. Their harvest is plenty. (I hope!) Many of us encounter our own "harvest", work, family, etc. Your church family is in need of workers! In December, we will be voting in new workers to "harvest" YOUR church field. Have you considered what talents you can bring to the church? Men, women, each of you are eligible to serve. Currently the Board of Education and Sunday School are looking for dedicated candidates to work with others to ensure continued Christian education to our youth at Zion Mascoutah. Involvement with committees in church can be challenging but rewarding! Please, take time, consider and pray, what do you have to offer to your church family?

2020 certainly has NOT been a normal year for the youth in our church, and there have been many challenges and disappointments. However, the Preschool continues to flourish with partial virtual. Confirmation continues to meet as well over ZOOM. Questionnaires were sent out to youth families in our church inquiring who may be interested in meeting in person and teaching our younger Sunday School students with hopes to begin in January.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:9-10

• Christa Sink







Fall is here! We have been busy these first months of school. We have learned about Pumpkins, Fire Safety and Kindness. We also celebrated the season wearing costumes to school, and attending a pumpkin-carving devotion with Pastor Clayton.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Butter Braid Fundraiser. We raised over \$3,500.00! This was close to \$1,000 more than last year! We were able to purchase a new computer for the preschool office as well as some new tricycles for the gym. Thank you all so much for your support of our preschool fundraiser!

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 5th. Miss Amy and Miss Jen are looking forward to talking with their preschool parents and sharing information about their children.

Vikki Harms, Preschool Director



If you faithfully listen to 99.1 Joy FM like my family does, you have probably heard *Fear is a Liar* by Zach Williams. The focus of the song is best illustrated in the refrain that goes like this:

Fear, he is a liar
He will take your breath
Stop you in your steps
Fear he is a liar
He will rob your rest
Steal your happiness
Cast your fear in the fire
'Cause fear he is a liar

I'm sure you've already figured out where I'm going with this. The world around us is full of fear right now. Fear of COVID-related illness or even death, fear of what virus will come next, fear of job loss, fear of not being able to see loved ones, fear of going to school or work ... fear, fear, Like the song says, fear stops us in our tracks, takes away our ability to live, keeps us awake at night, and robs us of our happiness. This is true if we allow fear to wash over us.

Open your Bible's index and look up the word "fear." Yeah, take that in! Look at how many places God reminds us to have no fear. It's almost like He knew we would let our fears creep in over and over, so in His wisdom He decided to remind us over and over that we have no need to fear.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

There will *always* be something we can choose to fear, and so we will be tempted to let fear or, as Williams suggests, Satan's lies wreak havoc on our lives. God's promises are our assurance that fear is a liar! May we always hold fast to the truth which is in our Lord and Savior.

In Christ's Service, Tony Lara



We are taking a poll on who is interested in teaching Sunday School and attending in person. Please check your emails for a link sent from Pastor. Also, there is a link on Facebook.

WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN

Jenna Dunn





GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.

In Everything Give Thanks!

Church Elders



Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, His death for our sins, and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water – combined with His Word, promise, and Name – the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And, being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure is that we belong to the most Holy Trinity, and everything that is His – righteousness, peace, eternal life – also belongs also to us. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's holy Word, as a sacrifice.

Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him. We eat to nourish our bodies. We share with our family, neighbors, fellow Christians, the poor, and even our enemies as holy things given by the holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and they bring blessings upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom.

Thus, we place all that we have into God's hands, and He never fails to remember us. He pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing, and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but, giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for the celebrations of Thanksgiving, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all – even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.





??? Who Do I Contact ???

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LADIES AID/LWML

Pinky Ahner 698-0555

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PRAYER CHAIN

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S-Z: Tony Lara 618-530-8886

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November 1

"Some People Never change?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Some people never change. Most people do. With God,

all people can.

(Daniel 4)



"Tied into the Same Lifeline"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Humble pie is on the menu at an ill-fated feast.

(Daniel 5)

November 15

"Bigger"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Gerard Bolling

(Daniel 6)

November 22

"Politics in Perspective"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Political turmoil is nothing new and political security is only temporary. We can't escape politics. However, Dr.Michael Zeigler offers good news of a kingdom that cannot be overthrown and will

never pass away.

(Daniel 7:1-14)

November 29

"Magnum Opus"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Daniel 8:27)

Mascoutah Food Pantry items needed for November



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Stuffing Mix, Mashed Potatoes, Taco Shells & Seasoning,
Apple Sauce, Chili Beans, Turkey Gravy, Brown Gravy,
Canned Sweet Potatoes, Old Fashioned Oatmeal
Please support Scout Food Drive Saturday, November 21st

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Birthdays / Overnoer Baptismal Anniversaries

- 11/01 Katie Crismon
- 11/01 Max Lara
- 11/01 Sven Peterson
- 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 Klingelhoefer
- 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

1 Kemezys, in honor of Katie Crismon's birthday.

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* 15 Lita Timmerman, in honor of * her granddaughter Deanna's 💥 birthday.

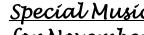
29 Janice Goloski, in honor of her 8th wedding anniversary.







for November



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LWML ~ November 19

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his

love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

Tentative– social distancing if there is a meeting.





11/02 Sharon Weier

11/04 Ahren Kneschke

11/04 Max Lara

11/05 Chelsea Eatherton

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

11/15 Grace Wambold

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

11/23 Jennifer Trame

11/25 Hunter Phillips

11/26 Garrett Sax

11/28 Sven Peterson

11/29 Charlotte Pivoras

11/30 Andrew Dunn

11/30 Ashton Dunn

11/30 Brennen Dunn

11/30 Cadence Dunn

11/?? Pat Meier



Altar Guild Schedule for November

7/8 Jenny Kneschke

28/29 Linda Hoskins

Council Meeting Minutes Zion Lutheran Church October 6, 2020 via Zoom

Call to order

Opening Prayer and Devotion - Elder Mark Krausz

Roll Call – Torri Suedmeyer, Ken Knutson, Mark Krausz, Christa Sink, Dale Wehmeyer, Cheryl Sax, Terry Twenhafel, and Pastor Clayton (joined at 7:50pm).

Approval of September meeting minutes.

MMSP to approve September meeting minutes with change made to spelling of "Kraus" to "Krausz."

Treasurer's Report:

- •Terry needs budget requests from committees and boards in order to prepare FY2021 budget.
- •Terry will be turning in application for forgiveness of PPP loan.
- •Terry has requested \$15,000 be transferred from Preschool to cover payroll.
- •Current balances:
 - •First Federal Savings Bank \$47,814.82
 - Busey Bank (PPP) \$39,200.00
 - Petty Cash Asset \$50.00
 - •Edward Jones \$88, 972.25

MMSP – to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Board of Finance Report:

- •2020 Budget YTD: \$227,685.00
- •2020 Actual YTD: \$196,697.98
- •Over/Under YTD: (\$30,987.02)
- •Quarterly giving statements mailed to congregation. Giving is down from last year and the hope is that December will see an uptick in giving to help cover the lack of offerings due to COVID.

Board of Elders Report:

- •Seminarian Makey doing a wonderful job with adult Bible class on Book of James via Zoom and some in-person in sanctuary.
- •October is Pastor Appreciation Month.
- •Discussion regarding pastor/elder performance. Also discussed suggestions and ideas to prepare for more "normal" services. For month of November, Communion will be served weekend of November 7th-8th and November 28th-29th.
- •Mark thanked the Altar Guild for their efforts and hard work during these tough times.
- $\bullet A$ member thanked Elders (especially Tony Lara) for doing such a good job at this time.

Pastor's Report:

- •Official Acts: 0
- •The Numbers:
 - •Visits: 51 (44 members and 7 non-members)
 - •Congregational Meetings and Activities: 25
 - Circuit/District/Synod Events: 13
 - •Community Contacts: 0

•Other Items:

- •Doxology--next component will be held in Nebraska Nov. 20-22. REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN. It is time to move from information from me and contemplation for you, to DECISION, ACTION, and SIGNING UP. I would like at least one Council member from this year or next year (in addition to Elders) to come along.
- •Bible Class/Sunday School/Confirmation Class/Youth Bible Class are all back in action in some form. Most are over Zoom. Amanda Kemezys and Lindsay Murphy are doing some really nice, innovate work in Youth Bible Class.
- Am in conversation with Elders as to how/when to return to a more "normal" congregational schedule and worship life.
- •Am attending a Doxology Covid-care Retreat called "Take Heart! Strength and Confidence for Demanding Days" in Indiana. I would like to share a thought from one of yesterday's sessions with you.
- •Thanks Council for all you have been doing and all the creative solutions you have found. You have all done a phenomenal job of working through Covid challenges. (This is not what you signed on for, but God has assembled the right team for Zion at this trying time.)

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- •According to research, greater challenges may well be coming. Please be in prayer for one another as we will likely face greatly increased stress coming out of a "honeymoon" peaceful period in the congregation within the next several months.
- •Prayer and care requests for ongoing patience and peace for Zion as we continue to work through the challenges of the year and for farmers as they enter their busiest and most stressful time of the year.

Board of Education Report:

•Preschool:

- •Doing very well with in-person and remote learning.
- •Butter Braid fundraiser outpaced last year.
- •New computer purchased for director's office.

•Sunday School:

- •Jenna Dunn is working on a parent/teacher survey for possible in-person spring classes.
- •Looking for Assistant Superintendent candidate.
- •Council suggests Sunday School move checking account from Regions to First Federal to avoid paying extra fees.

•Youth Group:

•Executive meeting on October 15 to discuss events.

Board of Trustees Report:

- Handicapped door system working on bids and ideas on implementation.
- •Audio/Visual System Discussed options presented to purchase new equipment for Facebook Live streaming services.

MMSP to purchase "high end equipment" as presented by trustees via email quotes for Facebook Live services.

- •HVAC -
 - •No new bids at this time.
 - •Will contact companies for bids and possible service calls.

President's Report:

•Committee reports:

- ■Evangelism none
- •Strategic planning none
- ■HVAC see Trustees report
- ■Constitution committee none
- Discussed possible advertisement in St. Clair County Sheriff's calendar fundraiser; no interest by council to proceed.

Old Business:

•Roland Kniepkamp memorial fund usage for entrance doors – see Trustee report.

New Business:

- •Property for sale presented to Zion for purchase discussed property to east of Zion's parsonage parking lot for possible purchase from owner. Council wants a walk-through of house before offer made to establish usage ability and needs. Zion has \$176,000 total cash on hand but will need to keep most of that in reserve. Discussed purchase for cash via loan. More discussion and information needed before final decision to present to voters on how to purchase property. MMSP that Council recommends to voters that we approve the purchase of properties offered at \$75,000 with first priority rights to purchase additional two lots.
- •Discussed possible special voters meeting to propose purchase of property for sale.
- •Candidate for elections
 - •All boards have started to ask members to volunteer as candidates for open positions to be voted on at December voter's meeting.
 - •Positions available include: Vice President, Treasurer, 2 Elders, 2 Trustees, BOE, BOF, Sunday School Assist. Superintendent.
 - Discussion about possible Zion By-law changes for Board of Education.

Next Meeting - November 5, 2020 @ 7PM

Adjournment

MMSP to adjourn.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Torri Suedmeyer



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Address Service Requested

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Sunday 8:30 TO 9:30 AM on Zoom

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 8:45 to 9:30 AM In-Person and on Zoom

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday 9:00 AM on FaceBook

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday 7:00 PM In-Person Sunday 10:00 AM In-Person and on FaceBook

Worship Topics This Month

November 1—All Saints Day— Matthew 5:1-12

— "Great Is Your Reward in Heaven"

November 8—22nd Sunday after Trinity— Matthew 18:21-35

— "The Master's Mercy"

November 15—23rd Sunday after Trinity— Matthew 22:15-22

— Sem. Josh Makey to Preach

November 22 — Last Sunday of the Church Year — Matthew 25:1-13

— Chaplain Mark Sedwick to Preach

November 26 — Thanksgiving Day — Philippians 4:6-20

— "Think About These Things"

November 29 — First Sunday in Advent — Matthew 21:1-9

-"Consistency"

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