# **Zion**Lutheran Church & Preschool



October



### 101 South Railway Mascoutah, IL 62258

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

# Humor





## From the Pastor

#### TIME TO RECONNECT

The last two years have been really hard on the Church. I'm not just talking about Zion, I'm talking about the whole Church. Congregations around the world have been hit hard by the Covid pandemic and the separations that it caused.

It is time to reconnect. We all do better when we are close to one another, and we lost that connection during Covid. It's time to make an intentional effort to come back together again.

I have been thrilled to see that happening this Fall. We had wonderful responses to the opportunity to gather together as a congregation and as youth and families at two Grizzlies games, and we had 60+ requests for tickets each time. The turnout for the Rally Sunday meal was overwhelming, we almost ran out of food, and we had to set up extra tables. The month of September saw some of the highest worship attendances since early 2020.

Keep this trend going. God pours out His blessings on us as we gather together in worship. God strengthens us as we join together as brothers and sisters in Christ to support and encourage each other.

It's time to reconnect. Make it your goal to gather with your Church family at every opportunity. I look forward to seeing you! In Christ.

Pastor Clayton



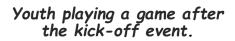




Youth recreating iconic movie scene from ET.







The Youth Group held their yearly kickoff event on Sunday, September 18th. The youth had a blast getting to know new members, playing games, and learning about God's word through a devotion led by Sem. Makey. As part of the activity, the youth went around the church basement in groups, re-creating scenes from iconic movies and judgling which group matched the original picture most closely. Soda and popcorn hit the spot all throughout the event.



Over the summer, the Youth Group held their annual Mum fundraiser which helps support the youth's activities throughout the year. On Friday, September 16th, the youth ■ met at the church to distribute the Mums they sold.

The youth and their families had the exciting opportunity to spend a night at the Grizzlies game on Friday, September 2nd. There was a great turn out, as Youth Group families took advantage of free tickets.

Upcoming events the youth have to look forward to include helping with the church's Fall Fest on October 9th, the annual Youth bonfire in mid-October, and the Puzzle Night fundraiser on November 12th.

In Christ.





Mark your calendars for a Christ Triumphant hymn festival! This event will take place on Sunday, November 6 at 3 PM at Zion Lutheran Church in Belleville. The combined choirs of Zion - Belleville, Zion - Mascoutah, and Trinity - Millstadt will bring glorious music, enhanced by brass and organ, along with commentary by local pastors.

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#### Membership Changes

Reaffirmation of

Faith:

Lynette Gryga

**Transfer Out:** Jeannette Schorfheide Dillan Schorfheide

Lydia Schorfheide

Transfer In: Kris Huth (C) William Huth (B) Troy Gryga (C)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR



# LWML 80th Goals

What is that??? The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is celebrating its 80th birthday this year, with the theme, "80 Years of God's Grace". In celebration, Zion's Ladies Aid is doing a special collection every two months and invite YOU to participate.

(WE HOPE TO COLLECT AT LEAST 80 OF EACH OF THESE ITEMS!)

# collections for fall:

**Sep/Oct:** We will collect items for the Seminary Food Pantry. (Classes will be starting.)

**Nov/Dec:** We plan to write notes to our local Nursing Home and Assisted Living residents. ("cards for those 80 and up", although there may well be some younger ones we will also reach.)



>4 ( ) >4 ( ) >4 ( ) >4 ( ) Mother-Daughter Banquet at Zion on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Doors will open at 5:30, and the event will begin at 6:00 PM. This is a free event for the women of the congregation, a gift from the Men's Club. The banquet will fea-Gulseth, who is the co-host of "The Coffee Hour," broadcast each weekday lar podcast also from KFUO. Seating will be limited to the first 96 women/ girls who register, so sign up today on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Greetings to you all from the Zion Board of Education!

The Board of Education is happy to announce that we will be sponsoring a Fall Festival this October! The festival will include many activities for all ages, including games, a photo booth, inflatables, and food. We are also very excited to have our Zion Preschool Director, Mrs. Vikki Harms, joining us in the fun as well. The BOE Fall Festival will be on Sunday, October 9th from 1:00-3:30pm outside of church. Save the date! We can't wait to see the Fall Festival back in action at Zion again!

Additionally, the BOE would like to extend an invitation to all interested congregation members in becoming a part of the Zion BOE this coming January. This position is a three year commitment. The first year on the BOE is when the individual is the BOE secretary. Your job is to take notes at the meetings and give a report for the 3rd year member to take to their monthly Church Council meetings. The second year on the BOE includes supporting both the transition of the new first year and third role. You attend monthly BOE meetings and attend BOE supported events at church. The third year on the BOE, you are head of the BOE. You organize and attend monthly BOE meetings, attend monthly Church Council meetings, and organize and lead all BOE supported events at the church. The highlight of being on the BOE is working with the Zion Preschool. Vikki Harms (Director) and all Zion Preschool Staff do amazing things for all the littles in our community! It is an amazing way to see outreach in action and see the true work of God take place. So....what do you say? Can I add YOU to the ballot?

Ephesians 4:11-12

"And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."



Blessings, Amanda Ganey

The start of preschool this year has been great! We began our school year with our in-person Parent Orientation on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. It was great to see all of our Zion Preschool students and parents in person this year. Our first official day of school was Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. This year, both of our classes are completely full. God is good! Our first Jesus Time lessons with Pastor Clayton have focused on how God created the world and most importantly, Us!!!

Our fundraiser this year was once again Butter Braids, Cookie Dough, and Pizzas. All orders will be available for pick-up on Saturday, October 8th from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The money we raised will help us purchase additional toys and equipment for the gym. Thank you to everyone for helping to support our program by making a purchase.

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God Bless, Vikki Harms Zion Preschool Director



## Use of Social Media

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- 1. **Pray before you post.** I am the first to admit, particularly when it comes to social media, I'm not the smartest guy around. I often pray for God's wisdom to communicate in such a way that brings honor and glory to Him. That is why I begin with prayer.
- 2. Encourage others in social media. My wife, Konya and I were blessed during our time in the military. We spent 11 years overseas and many other places. We literally have friends and family all over. It is a true blessing to still communicate with them. I am not abashed in my faith, even online. Social media provides a wonderful opportunity to encourage others and at times, receive needed encouragement from others. "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:11).
- 3. **Respond with a gentle spirit.** I joke often, "don't click (your mouse) when angry". It's better to try to win hearts rather than to win arguments.
- 4. Remember who is watching you in social media. The words we Christians say to one another and to others are on display for the world to see. Social media provides an incredible opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ in action, which brings us to my next suggestion.
- 5. Use social media as an opportunity to demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit. God is doing great works through those in social media who strive to demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit every time they post: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22).
- 6. **Zion's prayer chain is a form of social media.** Yep, our very own and very powerful prayer chain, allows us to lift each other at Zion up and, if needed, to be lifted up. Please share your requests!!
- 7. **Seek to create unity in the body of Christ through social media.** For sure, there are many who are divisive. But even more of us can be a powerful force for God to bring unity to Christians across the world. As Paul stated: "Above all, put on love the perfect bond of unity" (Colossians 3:14).

In September, Seminarian Mackey started a wonderful Bible study on the use of social media. We also
 I enjoyed a Digital Media Workshop from Peter Slayton, the Manager of Social Media for LCMS Communications.

Social media isn't going away any time soon. Just remember to put on God's armor, be gentle, and be a light for Christ, even online.

Joe Bloomquist, Elder

The search is back on! As my term comes to an end in a few months, the Sunday School will be looking for TWO people willing to run for Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School. Please consider running for the positions and keep our Sunday School running!

The Christmas Program rehearsals will be starting in November. We need someone to coordinate the program! If you are interested, please let me know. The Happy Birthday Jesus party after dress rehearsal is also in need of a coordinator. Please consider these many opportunities to serve the children of our church. They are our future.

In Christ, Alicia Suedmeyer



#### "We Are All Beggars"

In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. Before that happened, the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words: "We are all beggars. This is true." And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free.

Ironic, isn't it? In order to be free, you must be a beggar. You must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable – the way we're uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas present when we haven't gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don't like being in someone's debt like that.

But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. And we're not just anyone's beggars. We're God's beggars. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

If we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here's the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything. Forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This isn't because of any worthiness or merit in us. It is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace. On account of Christ's death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the lifeblood of the Christian Church. God justifies us and declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This isn't because of our works but because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.

This is what Luther pointed us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled "We are all beggars. This is true." We are beggars, but we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us and who doesn't pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.

We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – still in us by grace for Christ's sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God's grace. The riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism, and in Holy Communion – are so inexhaustible that our cups overflow. We, who are God's beggars, are inexhaustibly satisfied, and we have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise.

- LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

# ??? Who Do I Contact???

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#### **MUSIC**

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#### **PRAYER CHAIN**

Prayer requests - Contact Church Office To be added to prayer chain please contact Pastor Clayton at Pastor @ZionMascoutah. org

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#### October 2

#### "You've Got It in You"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes Faith in Christ is something that's in you--but you didn't put it there. (2 Timothy 1:13-14)

#### October 9

#### "Thankfulness, eh"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Cody Cooper It's only right to be thankful for what we have and what we are. But to whom are we thankful? (Luke 17:11-19)

# October 16 "Look at Me"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler God hears our cry for justice, not as an indifferent judge, but as our merciful heavenly Father.

# October 23 "He Gets Me"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler It might sound strange to regard God as a friend, and the more fear, awe, and respect you have for God, the stranger it gets. (Luke 18:9-14)

#### October 30

#### "Give Your Brother a Call"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler God cares that we relate to Him with childlike faith and relate to others with Christlike love. (Luke 19:1-10)

# <u>Feed the</u> Fieldworker

We have been blessed again this year to have Vicar Josh and Sarah Makey with us. If you would like to include them in your Sunday lunch at home or out to a restaurant, please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex by the flower calendar. Let's show them Zion's hospitality!

# Mascoutah Food Pantry items needed for October

Applesauce,
Beef Stew,
Mandarin
Oranges,
Pineapple,
Canned Kidney
Beans,

Au gratin Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes, Fettuccine Sauce, Taco Shells











10/02 Dawson Rowold

10/04 Chelsea Eatherton

10/06 Ashlee Corev

10/06 Jennifer Hosler

10/07 Calista Hosler

10/07 Emerson Segelhorst

10/07 Jennifer Trame

10/09 Biorn Peterson

10/10 Stefan Drinnon

10/10 Evangeline Duffie

10/10 Glenda Pike

10/10 Brady Twenhafel

10/11 Joyce Trout

10/13 Dick Bogue

10/13 Robin Phillips

10/13 Amber Schanz

10/14 Sophia Bretz

10/14 Sharon Weier

10/15 Kim Drinnon

10/15 Matt Wambold

10/16 Rebecca Allen

10/16 Daniel Beville

10/17 Jennifer Lara

10/22 Emily Jensen

10/23 Rosie Hatcher

10/24 Nick McDaniel

10/25 Lori Clayton

10/25 Terry Crabtree

10/25 Mia Simon

10/26 Jacob McDaniel

10/27 Darla Lancev

10/29 Shannon Barnard

10/29 Dawn Corey

10/29 Eliza Matthews

10/29 Savannah Murphy

10/31 Zachary Lorton

# Wedding Finniversaries



10/10 Ryan & Tiffany Heck

10/17 Ted & Dawn Ahner

10/18 Alan & Jenny Kneschke

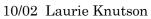
10/23 Gadge & Ashlee Corey

Flowers for

October

In honor of LWML's 80th

In celebration of Friendship



10/02 Reese Roehrig

10/07 Justin Linn

10/07 Derek Schanz

10/08 Austin Tanck

10/10 Ken Knutson

10/11 Jeff Zimmermann

10/14 Kayla Hinton

10/16 Chloe Pannier

10/19 Gadge Corey

10/19 Ava Pettis

10/20 Beatrice Lockwood

10/21 Ryan Hinton

10/22 Angie Walter

10/24 Ashlee Corey

10/26 Grant Ahner

10/26 Troy Gryga

10/26 Ezri Linnertz

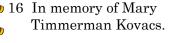
10/30 Joyce Trout

10/31 Helen Sauerhage

10/31 Ramona Witte





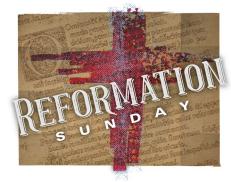


Sunday.

anniversary.

23 \*\*Flowers needed\*\*

30 The Kemezys family, in celebration of Katie Crismon's birthday.



# <u>Altar Guild Schedule</u> <u>for October</u>

Lesley Eads

23 Shirley Braeutigam & Lita Timmerman

30 Gail Frey

# LWML - October 20th

Hymn LSB 558: "Not unto Us" Candy Andres

80th Goal for Sept/Oct: Collection for the Seminary Food Pantry.

Activities: LWML Sunday; Oct. 2

Fall Stocking Workshop (Nov?)

Hostesses: Glenda Pike & Lori Clayton



#### Council Meeting Minutes Zion Lutheran Church September 8, 2022

#### Call to Order.

Roll Call: Present – Pastor Clayton, Randy Schorfheide, Laurie Fournie, Debbie Heck, Mike Twenhafel, and Amanda Ganey

August council meeting minutes: Approved via email.

#### **Board of Finance Report:**

- •2022 Budget YTD \$201,592.65
- •2022 Actual YTD \$188,254.65 (-13,338.00)

#### Treasurer's report:

- •Bank Balance is at \$148,974.49.
- MMSP to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

#### **Board of Education Report:**

- •Both 3 and 4 year old Preschool classes are full with a waiting list.
- Preschool Parent Orientation was held 9/1/22.
- Early Childhood Conference scheduled for October in Springfield for Preschool Faculty.
- Preschool Butter Braid sales will be in September.
- Preschool Director is interested in a Trivia Night looking to create parent group to help.
- •Current Preschool bank balance is \$47,360.64.
- •Sarah Makey is the new Little Lambs teacher for Sunday School thru the end of this year.
- •Sunday School Rally Day was held on Labor Day Sunday.
- •Looking for new Sunday School Superintendent.
- •Sunday School bank balance is \$1,292.32.
- •Fall Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 9 from 1:00 3:30 pm.
- •Looking for Board of Education candidate for December elections.

#### Pastor's Report:

#### •Official Acts:

- OAttended Apologetics Academy July 11-23, 2022.
- oChaperoned youth at Higher Things Youth Conference July 26-29, 2022.
- oBaptism of Lillian Mae Baker by Chaplain Sedwick on July 24, 2022.

#### •The Numbers:

- oVisits: 89 (74 members and 15 non-members)
- oCongregational Meetings and Activities: 32
- oCircuit/District/Synod Events: 27
- oCommunity Contacts: 0

#### •Information/Discussion:

- ○Congregational interaction is picking up Grizzlies games, Rally Day meal.
- $\circ Need$  to find a lay delegate for LCMS Synodical Convention to be held in Milwaukee, WI from July 29 August 3, 2023.

#### •Prayer Request:

oFor full, active participation at Zion as we settle into the new school year.

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#### **Board of Elders Report:**

•Sunday Attendance Numbers for comparison.

	Total	Weekly Total (Avg/Month)
January	560	112
February	535	133.75
March	561	140.25
April	668	167
May	688	137.6
June	505	126.25
July	501	100.2
August	497	124.25
	4.515	

Weekly Avg (Jan-Aug) = 129

Monthly Avg (Jan-Aug) = 564.375

•Estimated Attendance for 2022 is 6,708 •2019 attendance: 8,034

•2018 attendance: 7,991 •2017 attendance: 7,710

(16.5% decrease comparing 2022 & 2019, 13% decrease comparing 2022 & 2017)

- •Lunch Box Devotions have been reinstated.
- Friendship Sunday is scheduled for October 2nd.
- •Tom Sax will be sending acknowledgment letters to Member Needs donors.
- •All Elders are out of town on Sunday, September 11. Arranging for people to fill in.

#### Board of Trustees Report: No Formal Report

- •Mike Twenhafel reported Board of Trustees would be looking into an estimate for a new phone system.
- Tech Electronics will be installing a modem in the basement to handle communications between Tech and the church to hopefully eliminate the phone issues.

#### **Presidents Report:**

- Evangelism Committee No updates.
- •Strategic Planning No updates.
- •Constitution Committee Bylaws approved, Constitution is halfway through the process. Needs approval at December Voters Meeting.
- •Digital Workshop Sept. 24 at Zion.
- •Pictorial Directory scheduled for October 6-8, 2022 Sign-up is slow but getting word out thru various media sources.

#### **Old Business:**

•Continue looking for board member replacements for 2023. Might consider listing duties for officers in Echo or bulletin to encourage people to match talents with positions.

#### **New Business:**

- •Need to get an updated list of voting members.
- MMSP to recommend Lee Hinton as voting member. Voter's will need to approve at December meeting.
- Reviews need to be conducted for the church secretary, janitor, and choir directors.

Next Meeting - Thursday, October 6, 2022 @ 7:00 pm.

Adjournment - MMSP to adjourn.

#### Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Deb Heck for Jon Robinson, Council Secretary



### Zion Lutheran Church 101 S. Railway Mascoutah, IL 62258

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#### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Sunday 8:30 to 9:45 AM

#### BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 8:45 to 9:45 AM

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL &

#### YOUTH BIBLE CLASS

Sunday 8:45 AM

#### WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 10:00 AM In-Person and on FaceBook

## Worship Topics This Month

Oct. 2 — 16th Sunday after Trinity — Luke 7:11-17

—"Pray for What?"

Oct. 9—17th Sunday after Trinity—Luke 14:1-11

— "For Us and With Us"

Oct. 16—18th Sunday after Trinity—Matthew 22: 34-46

— "The Law of Love"

Oct. 23 — 19th Sunday after Trinity — Matthew 9:1-8

-"Loami, IL"

Oct. 30 — Reformation Day — John 8:31-36

-"Freedom"

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