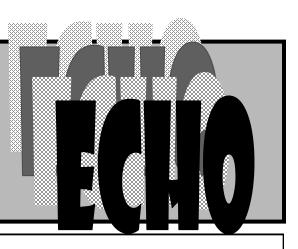
## Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool



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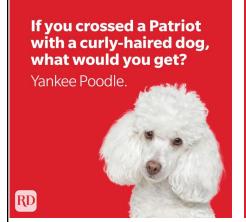
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#### Humor





### Welcome, Laird Family





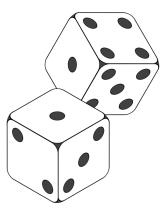


## VBS 2023













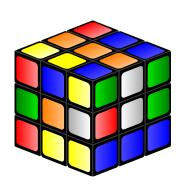


















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#### Make A Difference



We are in desperate need of new board members. If you would like to be an active volunteer in the church, but don't have a lot of time, this could be the spot for you. We have short monthly meetings, and our two main activities of the year are the annual Easter Egg Hunt and the Fall Fest. If you are interested, please reach out to Linda Hoskins at church or call 618-210-6987. Thank you.

## God bless America



Happy Summer everyone! I hope everyone is having a fun summer and staying cool in the 

★ heat. As I sit here in my incredibly quiet office, I am missing those little voices that I love 

★ hearing throughout the school year. I cannot wait to see all our returning Zion Preschool 

★ families and meet the many new families that will be joining us this year.

★ We do have a few spots still open in our 3-year-old preschool class. We have also decided ★ to open a second Parent's Morning Out class for the fall. Our PMO program is open to all ★ children ages 2 to 5 years old. This is a great play with a purpose program as it is a gentle ★ introduction to preschool. PMO meets twice a month on Fridays. If you or someone you ★ know is interested in more information you can contact me at zionpreschooldirector tor2020@gmail.com.

Currently enrolled families will receive information in August regarding the beginning of school. May God bless everyone with a fun and safe summer!

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God Bless, Vikki Harms, Preschool Director



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## Elders Corner

#### Grace and Forgiveness

God gave us grace, a gift we did not have to earn, and with that forgiveness is one component we should all have in our hearts. Kindness and love also figure in and would go a long way in how we interact and treat people in our daily lives. In our world today and even in our own day to day interaction with people, we have animosity pulling us apart. As Christians with the grace God has given us, we need to practice forgiveness and love. As we have known and been taught from little on, love your neighbor as yourself.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

In Christ, Tom Sax



The choir is taking a break for the summer, but plans are being made for the next season!

ALL singers are invited to participate in a one day "summer choir" on August 13. Anyone who wants to sing that morning is invited to meet in the choir loft (upstairs) at 9:30 to prepare an easy anthem for the morning service.

Our Fall season will start with choir rehearsal on Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00. Chimes will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 6. We welcome all new and returning choir members and we also have a couple of open positions in the hand chime ensemble. Please contact Nancy Peterson if you are interested.

#### Membership Changes

Baptisms: Emmett Ronin Farmer **Transfer Out:** Erin Beville (C) Kylie Beville (B) Daniel Beville (B) to St. Paul's, Beatrice, NE



Go ... Sell All You Have?

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, "You know the commandments." And he replied, "All these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me" (Luke 18:18–22).

When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor?

As good Lutherans, we answer, "No!" But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn't excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties.

So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing, and shelter for the members of your family.

But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there is other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What's more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don't let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.

- LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

### ??? Who Do I Contact???

#### ADULT NEW MEMBER/INSTRUCTION

Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

Lita Timmerman 618-806-2617

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Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

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Bessie Fick 515-230-9937 Joe Bloomquist, Elder 618-954-9462

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Linda Hoskins 618-210-6987 Jordan Rehfeldt 618-980-8475

#### LADIES AID/LWML

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#### MEN'S CLUB

Ray Kemezys 618-624-6625 Joe Crismon 270-762-6618

#### **MUSIC**

Choir/Organ- Josh & Nancy Peterson 618-973-8169

#### **PRAYER CHAIN**

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

#### **PRESCHOOL**

Director - Vikki Harms 618-334-2261

#### **SOCIAL MINISTRY QUESTIONS**

Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306 Tom Sax, Elder 618-401-3490

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#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306 Jeff Fick, Elder 515-230-6459

#### **YOUTH GROUP**

Lindsay Murphy 618-530-7297

#### July 2

#### "Give Me Life?!"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstock Finders, weepers; losers, keepers: Pastor Keith Haberstock talks about finding life by losing it, for the sake of Christ. (Matthew 10:39)



#### July 9

#### "Lean into the Villain's Story"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus changes the way we see ourselves and others, even our villains. He died and rose for them, too. (Romans 7:24)

#### July 16

#### "Two Mindsets"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Law of God is a test that judges all who take it. The Gospel is the Good News that Jesus passed the test, in our place. (Romans 8:1-7)

#### July 23

#### "Pulling for Others"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

How did two young men start out with similar circumstances but end up in such different places? Was it the choices they made or the pull that others had on their lives? (Romans 8:31-39)

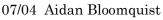
#### July 30

#### "If It Seems Slow, Wait for It"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Some ideas spread slowly. That doesn't make them bad ideas. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about God's slow solution to setting a broken world right. (Habakkuk 2:3 Romans 10:9)





07/04 Mollie Mileur

07/06 Alex Tubbs

07/09 Jennifer Biebel

07/09 Mike Twenhafel

07/10 Eliza Timmerman

07/11 Hadley Sax

07/12 Ava Sax

07/11 Lita Timmerman

07/12 Alan Kneschke

07/13 Nora Bigley

07/13 Laura Duffie

07/14 Amanda Kemezys

07/14 Brianna Clark

07/15 Jenny Lorton

07/15 Joyce Linn

07/16 Parker Roehrig

07/19 Ryan Hinton

07/19 Helen Sauerhage

07/21 Austin Murphy

07/21 Temple Linnertz

07/21 Kennedy Underwood

07/22 Cheryl Sax

07/22 Joyce Hendrix

07/23 Edward Linn

07/23 Gabriel Lockwood

07/24 Angie Twenhafel

07/25 Nathaniel Clayton

07/25 James Rehfeldt

07/28 Earl Linnertz

07/29 Sherrie Knutson



07/02 Kent & Brenda Snyder

07/07 Brad & Melissa Kohnen

07/07 Joe & Katie Crismon

07/11 Tommy & Marsha Baro

07/16 Dale & Lisa Wehmeyer

07/17 Torri & Alicia Suedmeyer

07/31 Ernie & Marlene Lockwood

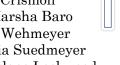


## Altar Guild Schedule for

Mary Kay Krausz

23 Gail Frey

30 Lita Timmerman Becky Wachtman



## mniversaries

07/01 Michael Ganey

07/01 Rylan Ganey

07/01 Chris Hatcher

07/02 Madelyn Krausz

07/06 Alex Tubbs

07/07 Courtney Pike

07/11 Miles Krausz

07/11 Lita Timmerman

07/14 Mollie Mileur

07/15 Hope Biebel

07/16 Jerry Phillips

07/17 Alana Fanous

07/20 Zachary Hinrichs

07/25 Shea Suedmeyer 07/25 Payton Barnard

07/25 Adrianna Biebel

07/25 Nathaniel Clayton

07/26 Joyce Hendrix

07/27 Mike Twenhafel







## Flowers for

2 Timmerman family, in honor of Eliza's birthday.

Kemezys family, in honor of Amanda's birthday.

16 Timmerman family, in honor of Lita's birthday.

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Lunch at Tayern on Main, Belleville—11:30 AM



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#### Council Meeting Minutes Zion Lutheran Church June 8, 2023

#### Call to Order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Present – Pastor Clayton, Laurie Fournie, Tom Sax, Jenny Kneschke, Mike Twenhafel, Ben Eatherton, and Linda Hoskins

May council meeting minutes: Approved via email.

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

- •2023 Budget YTD \$122,452.88
- •2023 Actual YTD \$109,518.71 (-12,934.17)

#### Treasurer's report:

- •Bank Balance is at \$182,508.76
- MMSP to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.
- •Laurie will request credit cards for youth group leaders. A new checking account was set up with auto pay and deposits must be updated due to a stolen check.

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

- •Marianne is looking for volunteers to teach summer Sunday school.
- •VBS is scheduled for June 26-30 with Abby McDaniel as Director.
- •Youth group has 12 attending Higher Things,
- <u>MMSP</u> Mike Twenhafel will be designated as the congregation liaison to Vicki Harms and preschool for the next 18 months.

#### Pastor's Report:

- •Official Acts:
  - •Funeral of Gerhard Malcharek, May 6
- •The Numbers:
  - •Visits: 55 (41 members and 14 non-members)
  - Congregational Meetings and Activities: 19
  - Circuit/District/Synod Events: 12
  - •Community Contacts: 2

#### For Your Information and Discussion:

•Sem Rob Laird and Family Welcome Meal scheduled for June 25.

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

- •Memorial Service had 83 in attendance.
- •Communion survey to be reviewed at the next Elder's Mtg

#### **Board of Trustees Report:**

•Nothing new to report

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#### **President's Report:**

• Evangelism Committee - No updates

#### **Old Business:**

•Nothing new to report

#### **New Business:**

Nothing new to report

Next Meeting - August 3, 2023 @ 7:00 pm; Voter's Mtg August 10, 2023

Adjournment - MMSP to adjourn.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Jon Robinson, Council Secretary





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

**Address Service Requested** 

#### **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

July 2 — 4th Sunday after Trinity — Luke 6:36-42

— "Taking Things Out of Context"

July 9— 5th Sunday after Trinity— Luke 5:1-11

— Pastor Sedwick to Preach

July 16— 6th Sunday after Trinity— Matthew 5:17-26

— Pastor Sedwick to Preach

July 23 — 7th Sunday after Trinity — Mark 8:1-9

— Pastor Sedwick to Preach

July 30 — 8th Sunday after Trinity — Matthew 7:15-23

— Pastor Sedwick to Preach

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