

# **Zion**

## **Lutheran Church & Preschool**



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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**

I would like to share some information briefly about a wonderful event that Zion was able to host on April 30. Tori Egger (wife of Seminary President, Rev. Dr. Tom Egger), and Sem. Daniel Bueckman were able to come to Zion to talk about a mission trip they participated in this past January/February as they supported the Lord's work in the Dominican Republic. The seminary in the Dominican Republic became the SID Mission partnership at our most recent District Convention in February of 2023. We rejoice that about \$3000 was raised to support the work of the Seminary in the Dominican Republic! (By comparison, it takes about \$10,000 to sponsor a seminary student fully, so we can provide a student about 1/3 of a year of theological education there.) Moving forward, it would be wonderful to grow and strengthen our relationship with the Lord's people in the Dominican Republic, possibly including participating in mission trips with members of Zion in the coming years!



Sem. Daniel Bueckman leads Bible Class at Zion on April 30, sharing about how the Lord is at work in raising up faithful workers for His harvest fields not only in the DR, but across Central and South America.

Lisa Wehmeyer took the opportunity to talk in more depth with Tori Egger and Sem. Daniel Bueckman after the meal.



Tori Egger and Sem. Daniel Bueckman talk with the congregation of Zion at a meal after church. (Thanks to Dawn Corey for a wonderful Central-American themed meal for the day!)



## Membership Changes

**Baptisms:**

**Transfer In:**



Last month we had a great time at an escape room in Belleville! Both groups were able to escape in time, and we would like to thank the Hinton family for hosting this event. This month we will be doing a service project led by Jake Lara. Lastly, our mum fundraiser kick-off is this month! Look for youth members to buy mums and support the youth group. These funds help us go to our conferences like Higher Things and the National Youth Gathering.

## YOUTH GROUP

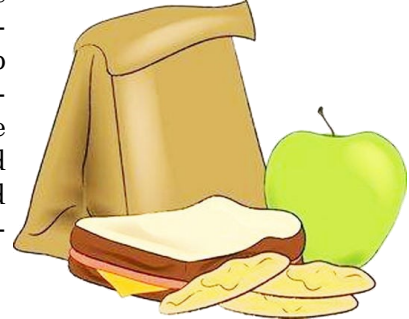
In Him, Abby McDaniel



# Summer Sack Lunch Program



Zion will be participating in the summer lunch program again this year. Zion's week will be July 24-28. There are three ways you can help. We need donations in order to buy the food needed. Please consider donating. You can put your donations in the sack on the table in the narthex. We need volunteers to help make sandwiches and fill the sacks, and/or drive the lunches to designated drop off points. This takes only a few hours in the morning, starting around 9 or 9:30. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Please volunteer for one or more days. Ideally, we need four volunteers to help in the kitchen. Lastly, we need someone who has a Sam's card to take us shopping for the food in bulk. If you have any questions or want to help, please contact Gail Frey, home: 618-566-7294 or cell: 618-806-7294.



## VBS REGISTRATION & VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

VBS's theme this year is Twists and Turns. It will be June 26-30 from 5:30 PM to 8 PM. A light dinner will be provided for participants and volunteers at 5:30. Volunteers can sign up in the narthex or at <https://bit.ly/2023-zion-vbs> and participants can sign up on the church website or at <https://www.zionmascoutah.org/vacation-bible-school/>. VBS will be open to children ages 3-finish 5<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information you can contact Abby McDaniel at 618-509-0097 or [abbymcdaniel67@gmail.com](mailto:abbymcdaniel67@gmail.com).

I ♥ VBS



## VBS MISSION



This year's VBS mission is a little different. We're making soup jars to donate to the Mascoutah Food Pantry. This year our goal is going to be set by the congregation. This means that we need donations of 32 oz. mason jars with lids. The number of jars we receive will be our goal to fill with our VBS offering. Let's set the goal high this year!



Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! Twists & Turns™ is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to strategy games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS in fun locations such as the Bible Study Game Room, Wild Card Crafts, Multi-player Missions, and Skip Ahead Snacks! But more importantly, they'll see Jesus through the eyes of one of His closest friends and discover that trusting Jesus as Savior and following Him changes the game entirely!

Jesus guides us through all the twists and turns of our lives. He helps us know His ways and teaches us His paths. (Psalm 25:4) Following Jesus changes everything!

Vacation Bible School begins: June 26-30 from 5:30 to 8 - dinner  
for participants and volunteers

*(date and time)*

Zion Lutheran Church

*(church name)*

101 S Railway St., Mascoutah

*(church address)*

For more information, call: Abby McDaniel (618)509-0097

*(name and telephone number)*

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# Board of Ed

We are in dire need of a volunteer to step up to be on our Board of Education. We put on the annual Easter Egg Hunt and the Fall Festival. We also send cards and gifts to our college students. If you would like to be a part of that, please reach out to Linda Hoskins at 618-210-6987.

We sent out pizza gift cards to our seven college students in early May with words of encouragement to get through finals. Soon we'll be making plans for our annual Fall Fest, details to come later.

Linda Hoskins



Happy summer! I hope everyone is having lots of fun! We ended our school year with an End of the Year/Graduation ceremony on May 16<sup>th</sup>. We wish all of our graduating students the very best of luck next year in kindergarten!

We still have a few openings in our 3-year-old class. If you know of someone who would like paperwork to register, just email me at [zionpreschooldirector2020@gmail.com](mailto:zionpreschooldirector2020@gmail.com) or contact Robin in the church office.

Currently enrolled students will receive information in July/August regarding the beginning of school. May God bless everyone with a happy, restful, and safe summer!

God Bless,  
Vikki Harms  
Zion Preschool Director



# ELDERS CORNER

As a father has compassion on his children, the LORD has compassion on those who fear him (Psalm 103:12)

A father's compassion. That brings many images to mind. First and foremost is the relationship a father has with his children. God through his word provides the comparison of a Father compassion to help us understand more about the Lord. He desires a relationship with each and everyone of us.

How do we stay in a relationship with the Triune God? Naturally, though studying His Word, regularly. In fact, regular Bible study has many benefits with our daily lives. Statistics show that reading your Bible 4 times (not just 2 or 3) each week can lower the odds of the following behaviors:


- Getting drunk = 57% lower odds
- Sex outside of marriage = 68% lower odds
- Pornography = 61% lower odds
- Gambling – 74% lower odds

Additionally, reading your bible 4 times a week can also produce other benefits. For example:

- Sharing faith with others 228% higher odds
- Discipling other = 231% higher odds
- Memorizing scripture = 407% higher odds

Scripture reading 4 times a week is a personal goal of mine. Would you like support making it your goal? Would you like an accountability partner? If so, just let me know, I'm at your disposal.

Christ's peace be with you, Joe Bloomquist




School is out for the summer, but we are still having Sunday School! We will have some fun lessons and a more laid back learning experience for the kids. Our Youth Sunday School will be doing a Bible study called: To Die is Gain: Good and Evil in the World of Harry Potter. We will have the Jr. and Sr. youth together for Sunday School this year.

There are still opportunities to volunteer to teach for one (or more) Sundays to give our regular teachers a well deserved break from June through Labor Day. There is a sign up in the narthex. All lessons will be provided.

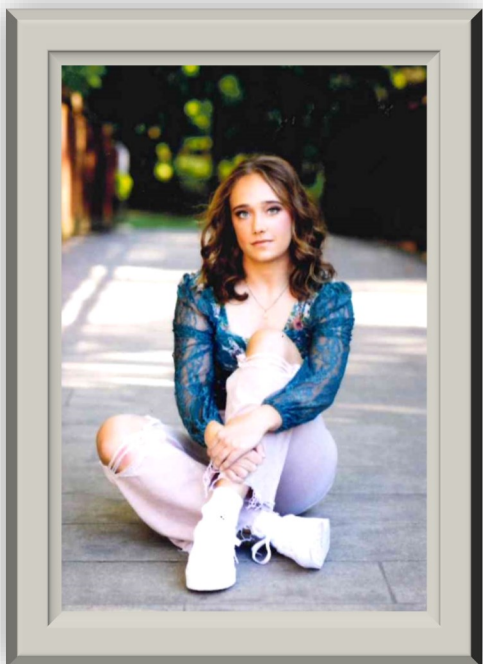
Our kids need Jesus now more than they ever have. They are facing more challenges... things we hear about in the news are also things they are hearing about at school and in the world. Help give your children the strength they need to be able to fight the difficulties they are being confronted with by bringing them to church and Sunday School.

Marianne McDaniel



# class of 2023

Go   
confidently  
in the direction  
of your  
dreams  
 Thomas



## Sophia Bretz

I graduated Summa Cum Laude from Central Community High School, Breese IL. While in high school, I participated in marching and concert band for four years, varsity soccer for four years, and golf for three years. I was involved in Spanish Club, Service Club, Academic Challenge, Future Business Leaders of America, and coached youth soccer. Academically, I have been inducted into the national Honors Society, recognized for being within the top 10% of my class, and named an Illinois State Scholar. My future plans include going to the University of Nebraska next fall to study actuarial science.



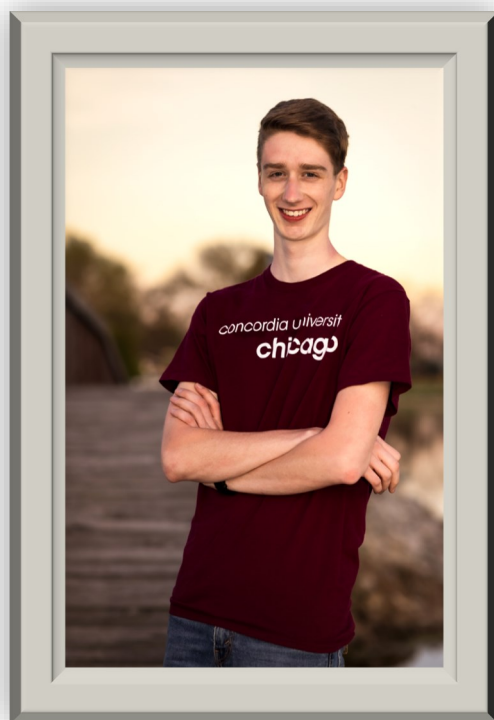
For I know the plans—  
I have for you declares the Lord,  
plans to prosper you and not to harm  
you, plans to give you a  
hope and a future.

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Jeremiah 29:11



## Nathaniel Clayton

I graduated High School on May 20th from my homeschool group. Throughout High School, I enjoyed competing on my robotics team, playing Ultimate Frisbee, and growing my lawn mowing business. I also enjoyed making music through my involvement in choirs and orchestras. I will be attending Concordia University Chicago in the fall where I plan to major in graphic design and video production, while staying active in various musical groups.







# Blake Twenhafel



My name is Blake Twenhafel, and I am a 2023 graduate of Wesclin High School. During my time at Wesclin, I have been involved in the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Clinton County CEO Program, and most of all, FFA. I have been extremely active at the chapter and state level in FFA. I am currently finishing my year of service as the Illinois FFA Section 22 President and have been grateful to receive many awards over my four years. I have volunteered my time at church by helping clean up the church grounds and improve the facilities. I will be attending Kaskaskia College in the fall to pursue an agriculture degree. After Kaskaskia College, I will attend a university to earn a degree in crop sciences and then work in the agriculture industry. I hope to be able to work with farmers and continue to improve agriculture.

*May your graduation  
be the beginning of  
many more wonderful  
achievements in your life.*

*Congratulations*



# Knut Peterson Cecily Peterson Gloria Peterson

Knut Peterson graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a Master's Degree in Robotics Engineering, maintaining a perfect GPA while working fulltime as a software developer. He will be attending Drexel University in Philadelphia, pursuing a PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Cecily Peterson graduated *summa cum laude* from Concordia University - Chicago, earning a Bachelor of Music Education degree. She will be working for Waterloo School District as the director of choirs for junior and senior high.

Gloria Peterson graduated from the Peterson homeschool and will be attending Cedarville University in the fall, pursuing a double major in violin and graphic design.





## *What Do You Want?*

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the “Shepherd Psalm.” There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don’t know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here’s the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)



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Linda Hoskins 618-210-6987

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## **MEN'S CLUB**

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Joe Crismon 270-762-6618

## **MUSIC**

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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**

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## **SOCIAL MINISTRY QUESTIONS**

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## **YOUTH GROUP**

Lindsay Murphy 618-530-7297





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[www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org)

June 4

**"It's All Good--Even When It's Not"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

The key to growing closer to others is by growing closer to God.

(Genesis 1)

June 11

**"Strength Out of Weakness"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The human 'heroes' of the Bible are normal people, deeply flawed and dearly loved by the God Who made them.

(Judges 6:14-16)

June 18

**"Just Around the Corner"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Romans 5:1-11)

June 25

**"Tears, Fires, and a Song"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

Despite their tears, prophetic Christians are on fire with the Word of God and always have a song to sing. We embody both the deep sadness and the unrelenting commitment of the God we serve, and we never lack a reason for praise.

(Jeremiah 20:78-13)

## Summer Blessings

Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

PSALM 97:11-12



The greatest gift  
I ever had  
came from God  
I call him Dad

## **MASCOUTAH** **FOOD PANTRY** **ITEMS NEEDED** **FOR JUNE**

Please  
continue to  
support the  
Mascoutah  
Food Pantry.



# Birthdays

06/01 Mark Krausz  
 06/01 Sandy Richards  
 06/03 Laurie Knutson  
 06/04 Jake Simon  
 06/05 Ava Pettis  
 06/06 Sarah Hutchinson  
 06/06 Sadie Orr  
 06/08 Brinley Kohnen  
 06/12 Abigail Benner  
 06/13 Ainsley Fournie  
 06/13 Cohen Merrill  
 06/14 Lisa Weekley  
 06/17 Courtney Pike  
 06/17 Erin Beville  
 06/18 Lexie Kohnen  
 06/19 Thor Peterson  
 06/24 Cadence Dunn  
 06/25 Dylan Gibson  
 06/26 London Mann  
 06/26 Knut Peterson  
 06/28 Jennifer Rueter  
 06/29 Dusty Gibson  
 06/29 Kenzie Pointer

# June

## Wedding Anniversaries

06/04 Joe & Karen Haas  
 06/07 Matt & Heather Brand  
 06/12 Brad & Gina Lockwood  
 06/12 Ray & Marianne McDaniel  
 06/13 Daniel & Abigail Merritt  
 06/15 Jon & Cary Robinson  
 06/17 Dan & Amy Morra  
 06/18 Paul & Christelle Bretz  
 06/19 Jeff & Bessie Fick  
 06/19 Jake & Kara Simon  
 06/22 Bob & Karen Eldridge  
 06/22 Joe & Darla Lancey  
 06/24 Larry & Sandy Richards  
 06/25 Samer & Alana Fanous  
 06/28 Patrick & Peggy Lange

# Baptismal Anniversaries

06/01 Shirley Braeutigam  
 06/03 Elizabeth Bretz  
 06/05 Meghan Hahn  
 06/05 Kay Zimmermann  
 06/06 Carolyn Rowold  
 06/07 Marsha Fulton  
 06/10 Ryan Haas  
 06/10 Sandy Richards  
 06/10 Brooke Rowold  
 06/11 Dan Eads  
 06/11 Lesley Eads  
 06/12 Kristen Benoist  
 06/13 Rachel Lancey  
 06/13 Nick Morra  
 06/13 Camryn Walter  
 06/13 Sydney Walter  
 06/14 Karen Eldridge  
 06/14 Laith Fanous  
 06/15 Noah Overmyer  
 06/17 Terry Crabtree  
 06/19 Amanda Bigley  
 06/20 Kathryn Underwood  
 06/21 Maya Baro  
 06/24 Lilah Fanous  
 06/25 Patrick Lancey  
 06/29 Lucas Orr  
 06/29 Kennedy Underwood



## Flowers for June

- 4 Helen Sauerhage, in memory of her son, Wayne.
- 11 **FLOWERS NEEDED.**
- 18 Dan & Lesley Eads, in memory of their fathers, Roy Eads & Wesley Dixon.
- 25 Sharon Weier, in memory of Terry's birthday.

I CAN DO  
 ALL THINGS  
 THROUGH  
 Christ  
 WHO STRENGTHENS  
 me

Philippians 4:13



LWMIL ~ June 15th

Lunch at The Lantern, Lebanon 11:30 AM

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



## Altar Guild Schedule for June

- 11 Sharon Weier
- 25 Lesley Eads

**Council Meeting Minutes  
May 4, 2023**

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

**Roll Call:** Present – Pastor Sedwick, Laurie Fournie, Tom Sax, Jordan Rehfeldt, Jon Robinson, Ben Eatherton

**April council meeting minutes:** Approved via email.

**Board of Finance Report:**

- 2023 Budget YTD - \$100,188.72
- 2023 Actual YTD - \$94,685.60 (-5,503.12)

**Treasurer's report:**

- Bank Balance is at \$197,466.49
- MMSP – to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

**Board of Education Report:**

- Preschool graduation will be held Tuesday, May 16, 6:30pm.
- Youth Group
  - Escape Room event on May 6.
  - Youth group met the Samaritan Purse Fundraiser goal, raising \$1,538 for the youth group conference fund while also benefitting families around the world. Matched funds will go towards sustainable purchases for families, such as a farm cow.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Official Acts:** Youth Confirmation of Daniel Bretz, Michael Ganey, Tyler Hinton, and Luke Lara, April 22, 2023.
- The Numbers:**
  - Visits: 49 (37 members and 12 non-members)
  - Congregational Meetings and Activities: 26
  - Circuit/District/Synod Events: 11
  - Community Contacts: 1
- For Your Information and Discussion:**
  - Mission Festival to support Seminary in Dominican Republic on Sunday, April 30, 2023, was a wonderful success! The goal of \$1,000 was far surpassed with initial offerings over \$2,700! Thanks be to God!
  - Easter Hymn Festival on May 7, 2023, at 3:00 PM. Dr. Jon Vieker, the Dean of the Chapel at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis will be the speaker.
  - MMSP to host the Perry County Lutheran Chorale for a concert on Sunday, June 4, at 4:00pm.



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**Board of Elders' Report:**

- Nothing new to report.

**Board of Trustees Report:**

- Nothing new to report.

**President's Report:**

- Evangelism Committee – No updates.

**Old Business:**

- Nothing new to report.

**New Business:**

- Nothing new to report.

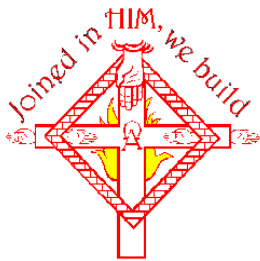
**Next Meeting** – June 8, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

**Adjournment** - MMSP to adjourn.

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

Jon Robinson, Council Secretary





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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**

**June 4 — The Holy Trinity — John 3:1-17**

**— “More Than a Poster”**

**June 11 — First Sunday after Trinity — Luke 16:19-31**

**— Pastor Tony Troup to preach.**

**June 18 — Second Sunday after Trinity — Luke 14:15-24**

**— “Come, Celebrate at the Feast”**

**June 25 — Third Sunday after Trinity — Luke 15:11-32**

**— “Forgiveness and Feasting”**

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