

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

What was Moses' wife, Zipphora, known as when she'd throw dinner parties? *"The hostess with the Moses."*

What did pirates call Noah's boat? *"The arrrrrrrk."*

When someone needed a boat made, what did the people in town say? *"We Noah guy."*

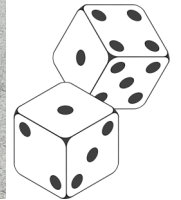
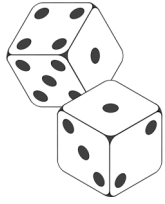
What size was the lumber that was made to build the ark? *2x2*

Which Bible character was the best musician? *Samson—he brought the house down.*

From the Pastor

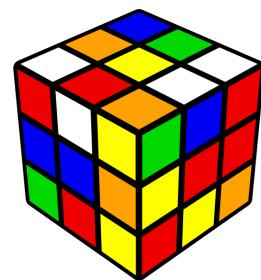
I've heard it said, "The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing." That's great advice. In the Church, what is the main thing that we should focus on? I spent some time recently at the LCMS Convention, and I can assure you that business matters are not the "main thing" for the Church. Likewise, in any local congregation, various details such as maintenance, budget items, elections, etc. are not the main thing. (They can't be neglected, and we are blessed to have wonderful, talented people with expertise in these various areas working on behalf of the congregation!) While these other areas are important, they are not the main thing. The main thing for the Church is that God, in His love, sent Jesus Christ to die and rise again so that we may have forgiveness and salvation. God gives His great gifts of forgiveness and salvation through the Word and Sacraments, given and received in worship each Sunday morning. The main thing is that God gives His gifts, and we recognize them and receive them regularly. Being together in worship, being taught by God's Word, and being fed by Jesus' body and blood in the Lord's Supper, are the main things for the Church. Other details do need to be addressed, but forgiveness and salvation, poured out on us through the Word and Sacraments, are central. Let's always remember to keep the main thing the main thing!

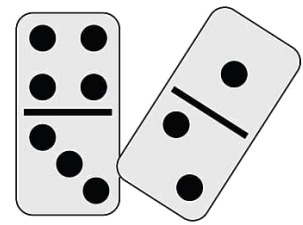
In Christ, Pastor Clayton



Mascoutah Homecoming Und Augustfest

Where Old Friends Meet





CHOIR NEWS

It's almost choir season again! But first, the pre-season! We will sing a simple anthem on August 13. All singers are invited to rehearse in the choir loft that Sunday morning at 9:30 in order to prepare the music for the morning's service.

And regular season -- choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00 in the choir loft. We welcome enthusiastic singers (adults and teens) of all voice parts.

Hand chime rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 6. This fun group is seeking two new members. Youth (about 6th grade or older) and adults with some music reading experience should consider this opportunity. Please contact Nancy Peterson if you are interested.

Membership Changes

Baptisms:

**Aurora Layne Merritt
Brielle Renae Merritt**

Transfer In:

Board of Ed

The Board of Education is in dire need of two members to fill out the board. Please consider joining us in looking after the interests of our church youth.

Coming up at the end of the month, we will be asking for addresses of all our college students. We like to send encouraging notes and small gifts throughout the year.

In October, we plan to have a Fall Fest for families to attend and have a good time.

Linda Hoskins



Things are gearing up for the beginning of our 2023-2024 preschool year. We have just a few openings in our Monday/Wednesday 3-year-old class. If you or someone you know is interested in registering a child for preschool feel free to contact me at zionpreschooldirector2020@gmail.com

The preschool staff and I are looking forward to the start of school. We will be hosting Parent Orientation/Meet & Greet sessions with our families on Thursday, August 31st. Our first official day of school is Tuesday, September 5th.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

God Bless,
Vikki Harms
Zion Preschool Director



ELDERS CORNER

You may have noticed the small brown envelopes in the pews labelled "Member's Needs," but do you know what the Member's Needs fund is?

As servants of Christ, many of us are blessed with the opportunity of good fortunes, and the ability to tithe and donate to charities of our choosing. The Member's Needs fund is another chance for your considerations, through prayer, to provide for members of our congregation who may be in need.

Zion's Member's Needs Fund is separate from other church accounts and is maintained in strict confidentiality of The Elders. Your generous contributions to the fund directly assists your fellow congregation and families during unfortunate, and often unplanned times of need. 100% of the donated funds are utilized to help our congregation during these unfortunate times of need (funding in The Member's Need account is not utilized for anything else, and there are no overhead costs, etc.). Your thoughtful considerations are always appreciated.

Proverbs 22: "Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor."

In Christ, Geoff Phillips

faith



I would first like to thank all of you who have volunteered to teach Summer Sunday School. It is so nice to be able to give our regular teachers a break over the summer. It is also nice for the kids to get to know other members of the congregation better.

As we approach Rally Sunday, the start of our new Sunday School year, I am in need of a couple of teachers. I am looking for a teacher for the 1st/2nd grade class as well as the 3rd/4th grade class. This position could be as a sole teacher for the classroom or as a team teacher where you would share the responsibility with another teacher so that you would not have to commit to being there every Sunday. Please prayerfully consider volunteering.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Marianne McDaniel
Sunday School Superintendant





Define Your Life by How You Give

Winston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others,” to asking the question, “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, we do not become less; rather, we have more and become more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

Sounds of Harmony Chorus Seeking New Members

The Sounds of Harmony Chorus is actively seeking new members. We are a men’s acapella chorus centered in Belleville but with members throughout Southwestern Illinois. We strive for excellence and have been voted Best Small Chorus in Illinois. We wish to promote and encourage vocal harmony and good fellowship among its members and the surrounding communities.

Singing is fun! Singing well is even better. The chorus is a place where you can make lifelong friends. The mental health benefits are enormous—it’s impossible to be unhappy while singing.

Please join us at rehearsal any Tuesday night from 7-9:30 PM at the Union United Methodist Church at 721 E. Main St., Belleville. Look us up at SoundsOfHarmony.org.

??? Who Do I Contact ???

ADULT NEW MEMBER/INSTRUCTION

Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

ALTAR GUILD

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Linda Hoskins 618-210-6987

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EVANGELISM QUESTIONS

Bessie Fick 515-230-9937

Joe Bloomquist, Elder 618-954-9462

HELPING HANDS

Linda Hoskins 618-210-6987

LADIES AID/LWML

Pinky Ahner 618-698-0555

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

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SOCIAL MINISTRY QUESTIONS

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LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

www.lhm.org

August 6

"Who is Jesus?"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran

Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Jesus never needed to take a poll to figure out who He was or what He should do.

(Matthew 16:13b-16)

August 13

"How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran

Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

The God who knows everything about you is also the God of grace who forgives on account of Christ. (John 1: 48-51)

August 20

"The Latest Polls"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran

Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

What people think about something--that's a poll. What that something actually is--that's the truth.

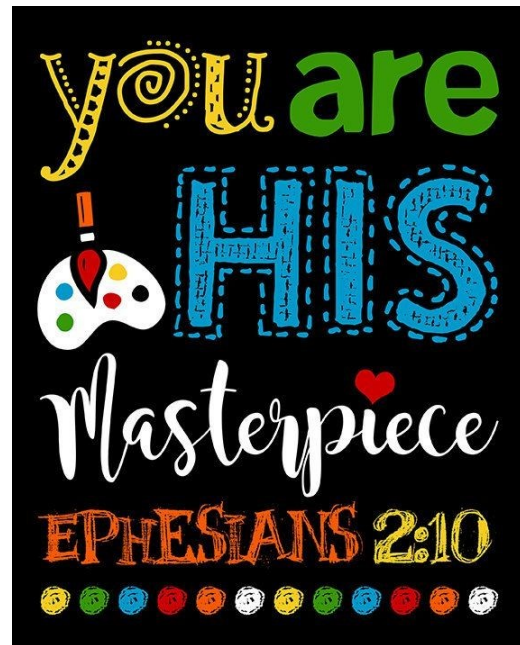
(Matthew 21:8-11 and Luke 23:23-25)

August 27

"Raising the Praise"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

Every day and everywhere they go, the followers of Jesus bring the "echo" of Easter with them. (1 Peter 1:3)



PLEASE
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SUPPORT THE
MASCOUTAH
FOOD PANTRY.





Birthdays

AUGUST



Baptismal

Anniversaries

08/01 Rainer Bretz
 08/01 William Bretz
 08/02 Peggy Lange
 08/02 Daniel Mileur
 08/02 Benjamin Pannier
 08/03 Karen Harstick
 08/04 Makenna Gryga
 08/06 Daryl Underwood
 08/07 Ramona Witte
 08/10 Michael Chaffin
 08/10 Alicia Hinton
 08/11 Samer Fanous
 08/11 Cary Robinson
 08/13 Kynan Drinnon
 08/13 Sylvia Phillips
 08/13 Aspen Sax
 08/15 Cindy Seering
 08/16 Lucas Orr
 08/17 Josh Peterson
 08/17 David Rowold
 08/20 Candy Andres
 08/20 Stacey Chaffin
 08/21 Derek Schanz
 08/25 Gloria Peterson
 08/25 Hunter Phillips
 08/27 Lauren Twenhafel
 08/29 Johnathan Clayton
 08/29 Chloe Pannier
 08/29 Larry Richards
 08/30 Justin Linn
 08/31 Ella Sax



Wedding Anniversaries

08/03 Tony & Jen Lara
 08/05 Kirk & Lori Clayton
 08/08 John & Sylvia Phillips
 09/09 Ralph & Jennifer Biebel
 08/14 Mark & Mary Kay Krausz
 08/17 Gary & Marsha Fulton
 08/27 Ray & Jean Kemezys



Flowers for August



6 In honor of Aurora & Brielle Merritt's baptism.
 13 Blessing for the start of the new school year.
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 27 Ray & Jean Kemezys, in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

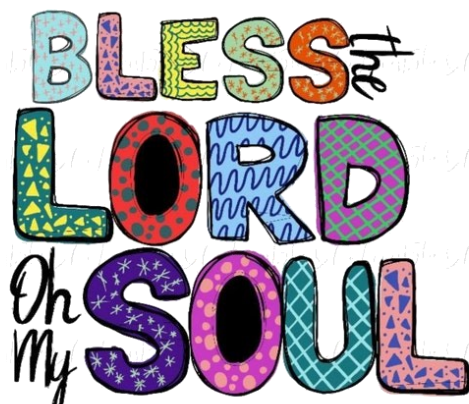
08/03 Phoebe Corey
 08/03 Rhiannon Corey
 08/04 Ainsley Fournie
 08/04 Gary Fulton
 08/07 Abigail Benner
 08/08 Alan Kneschke
 08/09 Karen Harstick
 08/10 Angie Twenhafel
 08/11 David Hutchinson
 08/11 Sarah Hutchinson
 08/11 Cheryl Sax
 08/15 Ian Robinson
 08/16 Amanda Kemezys
 08/16 James Trame
 08/20 Rick Meredith
 08/21 Austin Murphy
 08/21 Geoff Phillips
 08/23 Peggy Lange
 08/25 Beth Twenhafel
 08/29 Tyler Hinton



LWML ~ August 17th

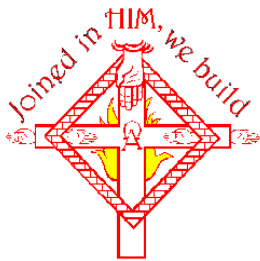
Sing at Nursing Homes and
 Assisted Living Centers
 5:00 PM

Dinner at Mascoutah
 Steakhouse afterwards.



Altar Guild Schedule for August

13 Karen Eldridge
 27 Jenny Kneschke
 Jordan Rehfeldt



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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

August 6 — 9th Sunday after Trinity — Luke 16:1-13

— “The Generous Nature of God”

August 13 — 10th Sunday after Trinity — Luke 19:41-48

— “Trouble Without and Within”

August 20 — 11th Sunday after Trinity — Luke 18:9-14

— “Sister Bertha Better-Than-You”

August 27 — 12th Sunday after Trinity — Mark 7:31-37

— “What Did You Say?”

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