

Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool



OCTOBER
2023

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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

There is an old saying, "Catch people while they are being good." I want to put that into practice in this article.

We confess in Martin Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostle's Creed in the Small Catechism, "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ."

We give thanks and praise to God that last month, during September of 2023, the Holy Spirit was very busy "calling, gathering, enlightening, and sanctifying" His people. Even with a fairly low attendance on the first Sunday of September (Labor Day weekend), we were still blessed with really good attendance the rest of the month. In fact, the second Sunday of September was, I think, the highest attendance of any Sunday since Covid, with the exception of Easter. We were blessed to celebrate with 185 people in church on September 10, to hear God's Word and receive the Lord's Supper together. Overall, the average attendance for September of 2023 was 162, which is quite close to our weekly average before Covid.

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We give thanks and praise to God, and we rejoice with you, that we have been able to join together in God's House to be strengthened and fed on God's Word and Sacraments! This is the heart and center of our Christian life together. As we come into God's House, He blesses us and builds us up in Him. When we stay away from God's house, our faith starves, withers, and fades. It is so very important to stay connected to Christ, our vine, who feeds us with His grace. So, we rejoice at the good news that many of God's people at Zion were able to receive His blessings in September.

Of course, there is still work to be done. The Elders and I continue to reach out to members of Zion that we have not seen for some time, some since the Covid shutdowns. We would ask that you be diligent in these invitations also. If you know of a friend from Zion that we have not seen for some time, please invite them. We are all stronger working together than trusting that someone else will do it for us. Please, gently and warmly invite members back to join in the joyful fellowship of worship again.

Thank you for the way that the Holy Spirit has led you into His house, and we thank God for drawing His people to Himself as He bestows His gifts upon us. We look forward to seeing even more of God's people in October, November, December, and onward!

In Christ,
Pastor Clayton

The choir has been back, singing for worship, for several weeks now. What a blessing! We would still welcome additional singers, so feel free to join us Wednesdays at 7:00 as your schedule allows.



CHOIR NOTES

Below is the choir schedule for the month of October.

October 1: Chimes play

October 8: "Before You I Kneel"

October 15: "Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place"

October 22: Men's choir: "Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See" and
"Glory to God on High"

October 29: "Here I Stand"

Membership Changes

Baptisms:
Winifred Rose Lockwood

Transfer Out:
Austin Tanck



FALL FESTIVAL

...Come Join The Fun!

**Sunday Oct. 1st
1 pm to 4 pm**

- **Chips, Popcorn & Cookies**
 - **Bounce House**
- **2:00 Storytellers from the Mascoutah Library**
- **3-4 Animal Twist Balloons**
 - **Photo Booth**
- **Bingo for the whole family**
 - **Games for Kids**

Will be cancelled if Rain. (Will be announced at church and through email from Pastor Clayton.)




**Youth Pool Party
 at The Evers'
 August 27, 2023**



POOL PARTY

BABY SHOWER



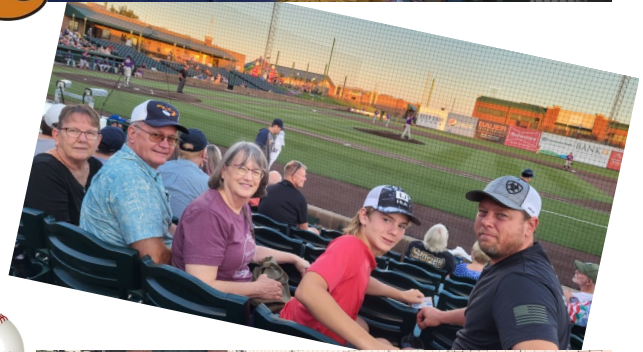
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sweet baby boy
 Baby Shower for Cormac Laird
 September 16, 2023





Zion Night at the Gateway Grizzlies September 1, 2023



Board of Ed

We are still looking for two people to join our Board of Education. Please consider helping out. We have monthly meetings and two activities during the year, the Easter Egg Hunt and the Fall Fest. If interested, reach out to Linda Hoskins, 618-210-6987.

We have collected addresses for six college students so far. If you have not yet given the address of your college student, please reach out to Linda Hoskins.

I hope many of you were able to meet the staff of Zion Preschool, who attended our church service September 17.

Linda Hoskins

This month, the youth group worked on completing the VBS mission project of the soup jars for the food banks. They had a blast filling these jars and of course, eating pizza! Another big thank you to all in the congregation who supported this project!

In Christ, Abby McDaniel



YOUTH GROUP NEWS



Elders Corner

Delight Yourself in the Lord:

“Take delight in the Lord,” says the psalmist, “and He will give you your heart’s desires” (Ps 37:4).

When we take great delight in the ever-unfolding relationship we have with the God of the universe, our desires begin to change. We long to do what pleases our heavenly Father. Our heart begins to hurt over the things that bother God. And when His will is done on earth as it has been done in heaven, we can’t help but rejoice!

When we spend time with God by getting to know Him, through His Word, that interaction, which delights the Lord, can’t help but change us in a myriad of ways.

Did you know, when you delight in the Lord, others can actually see it? Think about the fruits of the Spirit as stated in Galatians 5:22–23. The outpouring of the Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity results in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

As we change in seasons, may we all take time to Delight in the Lord!

In Christ,
Joe Bloomquist



The start of preschool this year has been great! We began our school year with our Parent Orientation/Meet & Greets on Thursday, August 31st. It was great to see all our Zion Preschool students and parents! Our first official day of school was Tuesday, September 5th. Our first Jesus Time lessons with Pastor Clayton have focused on how God created the world and most importantly, US!!!

If you ordered from our preschool butter braid fundraiser, all orders will be available for pick-up on Saturday, October 7th from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The money we raise will help us purchase additional toys and equipment for the gym as well as our classrooms. Thank you to everyone for helping to support our program by making a purchase.

God Bless,
Vikki Harms
Zion Preschool Director



stewardship

It's in the Way that You Use It

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments, and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



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Choir/Organ- Josh & Nancy Peterson

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PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer requests - Contact Church Office

To be added to prayer chain please

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SOCIAL MINISTRY QUESTIONS

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October 1

"The Way Through the Maze"
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy
 When life becomes a bewildering maze, Jesus is our way through and our way out.
 (Psalm 25:4-5)

October 8

"Whatever and Wherever, Thank You Lord!"
 Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstock
 "The Lord is my Shepherd..." That's how the 23rd Psalm begins. It goes on to describe the ways in which our Good Shepherd leads, comforts, and protects the sheep of His flock. Every line gives us a reason to be thankful.
 (Psalm 23)

October 15

"Help the World Rejoice"
 Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 A musical about a choir of nuns led by a lounge singer provides the setting for Dr. Michael Zeigler's message, based on Psalm 80.
 (Psalm 80)

October 22

"Matching Pace"
 Lutheran Hour Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 Hear about the Savior Who walks beside us, at our pace, and teaches us to walk with others. (Psalm 96:13)

October 29

"TBD"
 Lutheran Hour Speaker:
 Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler





OCTOBER



Birthdays

- 10/01 Ray McDaniel
- 10/02 Dawson Rowold
- 10/04 Chelsea Eatherton
- 10/06 Ashlee Corey
- 10/06 Jennifer Hosler
- 10/07 Calista Hosler
- 10/07 Emerson Segelhorst
- 10/07 Jennifer Trame
- 10/09 Bjorn 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
- 10/17 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 Lancey
- 10/29 Shannon Barnard
- 10/29 Dawn Corey
- 10/29 Eliza Matthews
- 10/29 Savannah Murphy
- 10/31 Zachary Lorton



Wedding Anniversaries

- 10/02 Mark & Chris Hatcher
- 10/10 Ryan & Tiffany Heck
- 10/17 Ted & Dawn Ahner
- 10/18 Alan & Jenny Kneschke
- 10/23 Gadge & Ashlee Corey



Baptismal Anniversaries

- 10/02 Laurie Knutson
- 10/02 Reese Roehrig
- 10/07 Justin Linn
- 10/07 Derek Schanz
- 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



Flowers for October

- 1 In honor of LWML Sunday.
- 8
- 15 Timmermans, in memory of Mary Timmerman Kovacs.
- 22
- 29 Kemezys Family, in celebration of Katie Crismon's birthday.



**ARE YOU
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JESUS?
MATTHEW 4:19**

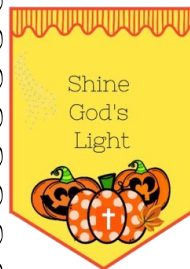
FALL FESTIVAL

LWML ~ Oct. 19th

Devotion: "Self-Forgetfulness" (Lisa Wehmeyer)

Activities: LWML Sunday, Oct. 1
Work on crosses for prison ministry.

Hostesses: Pinky Ahner & Lisa Wehmeyer



Altar Guild Schedule for October

- 8 Mary Kay Krausz & Abigail Clayton
- 22 Gail Frey
- 29 Becky Wachtman & Lita Timmerman

**Council Meeting Minutes
Zion Lutheran Church
September 7, 2023**

Call to Order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Present – Pastor Clayton, Laurie Fournie, Mark Hatcher, Tom Sax,
Mike Twenhafel, Jon Robinson, and Jennifer Kneschke

August council meeting minutes: Approved via email.

Board of Finance Report:

- 2023 Budget YTD - \$194,811.40
- 2023 Actual YTD - \$169,689.34 (-25,122.06)

Treasurer's report:

- Bank Balance is at \$175,593.46.
- MMSP – to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Board of Education Report:

- Sunday School students made 19 Personal Care packages for Lutheran Heritage Foundation.
- For August, total Sunday School attendance was 157 with an offering collected of \$196
- Plans are being made for the Fall Fest scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 1.
A bounce house has been reserved.
- Lindsay Murphy has stepped down as Youth Group Director; the board is seeking a replacement.

Pastor's Report:

- Carried out 5 official acts of Baptism, one funeral, and one installation of Pastor Sedwick.
- Visits: 63 (52 members and 11 non-members)
- Congregational Meetings and Activities: 26
- Circuit/District/Synod Events: 12
- Community Contacts: 1
- Apologetics 101 Workshop at Zion on Saturday, October 7, 2023.

Board of Elders' Report:

- Member's Needs Fund is in need of donations.
- Results of Communion Frequency Survey will be discussed October 10, 2023 at 7pm to provide an open forum on potential changes to communion

Board of Trustees Report:

- Various maintenance actions performed around the church and in the parsonage.
- Plan to wax the preschool floors this December.
- Priorities are WiFi / network hardening and utility lights on the generator.

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President's Report:

- There is an anticipated 11 positions open on the 2024 board starting this December.
- September 17th Voters meeting immediately following worship service will include discussion regarding the property across the street.
- MMSP to accept Harry Bailey as a new voting member.
- MMSP to sell two grave plots for at least 80% of their value.
- MMSP to accept new copy machine contract bid for \$428.40 which includes newer machines and costs less than the current contract.

Old Business:

- Nothing new to report.

New Business:

- Nothing new to report.

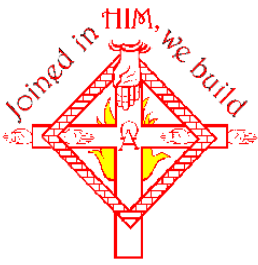
Next Meeting – October 5, 2023 @ 7:00 pm; Special Voter's Mtg is September 17, 2023 immediately following worship service.

Adjournment - MMSP to adjourn.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Jon Robinson, Council Secretary





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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

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

— “Our Fatal Will to Equal Thee”

Oct. 8 — 18th Sunday after Trinity — Matthew 22:34-46

— Sem. Moellenhoff to Preach

Oct. 15 — 19th Sunday after Trinity — Matthew 9:1-8

— “The Biggest Blessing”

Oct. 22 — 20th Sunday after Trinity — Matthew 22:1-14

— “The Wedding Garment”

Oct. 29 — Reformation Day — John 8:31-36

— “What Enslaves Us”

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