

Zion

Lutheran Church & Preschool



November 2023

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**101 South Railway
Mascoutah, IL 62258**

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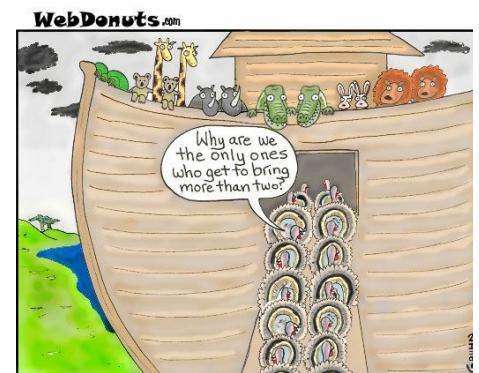
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Missouri Synod***

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

Humor



From the Pastor

WHY BE THANKFUL?

November is the month that we in the United States remember Thanksgiving Day. But sometimes, we might wonder, why should we be thankful? We might look around and think that we are not as well off as others we see. Worse, we might look at our contacts on social media and think that they all have absolutely perfect lives, and compare them with our own pains and sufferings, and think we have little to be thankful for. (Please remember, social media is largely fake...people only post what they want you to see, not what is really happening in their lives all the time. I'm as guilty of it as anyone else.) We all need to remember, the basis of thanksgiving is not what we have, but who has us! We are held tightly in God's loving hands. All of our thanksgiving is a response to what God has first done for us. He has created us, He has redeemed us, He has sanctified us. He has poured His abundant love and blessings down on us. That is why we are thankful. Our thanksgiving is not because of what we have done, or experienced, or purchased, or grown, or eaten. Our thanksgiving comes in response to all of God's blessings. He has blessed each of us beyond measure. That is why we are thankful. Thanks be to God!

In Christ,
Pastor Clayton



Zion Fall Fest

October 1, 2023



CHOIR NEWS

The choir will be singing at four services during the month of November. On November 5th, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday with "Clouds of Witnesses Surround Us." November 19 we will sing a Sunday School favorite, "Alabare." On Thanksgiving Day, choir members and guests will sing the Healey Willan setting of "Now Thank We All Our God." The end of the church year on November 26 will be celebrated with "Keep Your Lamps" and a festive hymn concertato on "Crown Him with Many Crowns." New and returning members are always welcome. Please join us!

Membership Changes

Baptisms:

Transfer In:



18TH ANNUAL ZION YOUTH GROUP PUZZLE RACE FUNDRAISER



<https://tinyurl.com/puzzlerace2023>

WHEN?

Sat., November 11th
5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Race Starts at 6 p.m.

WHERE?

Zion Lutheran Church Gym
101 South Railway
Mascoutah, IL 62258

WHAT?

Your team of 4 will race against other teams to be the first to assemble a 750-piece puzzle. All puzzles are identical.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place *and* attendance prizes!

Lita's Specialty Dinner and Chick-fil-A sandwiches available for pre-order (use registration QR code or link).

Bring your own snacks and drinks but please *no alcohol*.
Bring a little extra cash for snacks/drinks & our special raffle!

HOW MUCH?

~ \$60 per team ~

Teams must pre-register using the registration QR code and pre-pay.

WHY?

Proceeds benefit the Youth Group of Zion Lutheran Church.

WHO?

All ages capable of assembling a 750-piece puzzle.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Jennifer Lara at 618.530.8827

Board of Ed

Our Fall Fest was a fun day! A big thank you goes out to all our volunteers for helping. We had great weather and a nice turn-out. The families were able to enjoy a story presentation from the Mascoutah Library, a Bounce House, and various games for the whole family!

If you have been thinking about getting more involved in the church, but don't have lots of time, then consider being a part of the Board of Education. We have short monthly meetings, and only two main events to organize, the Easter Egg Hunt and the Fall Festival. Our meeting times can be adjusted to meet the schedules of whoever is on the board. Please volunteer to be a part of our board by reaching out to Linda Hoskins at 618-210-6987. We are in need of one person for next year. Thank you.



Fall is here! We have been busy these first couple of months of school. In October, we learned about Pumpkins, Fire Safety, and Kindness. We even had a visit from the Mascoutah Fire Department! We also celebrated at the end of the month by wearing costumes to school and attending a pumpkin-carving devotion with Pastor Clayton.

The entire preschool staff attended the Southern Illinois District Teacher's Conference at Good Shepherd Church in Collinsville. We had a wonderful time learning and meeting other Lutheran Early Childhood professionals.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Butter Braid Fundraiser. We raised over \$4,000.00! We will be purchasing some new items for the gym and the classrooms. Thank you all so much for your continued support of our preschool fundraiser!

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 8th & 9th. Miss Amy and Miss Wendy are looking forward to talking with their preschool parents and sharing information about their children.

Our Friday PMO program is also off to a fabulous start!! If you are interested in more information, you can email me at zionpreschooldirector2020@gmail.com.

Vikki Harms
Zion Preschool Director



ELDERS CORNER

Anyone who knows me knows I love children, especially babies. I have been blessed with four children of my own, and they have given me eleven wonderful grandchildren. I love and cherish my family more than anything else in the world.

As I reflect on the last weeks and the horrific things that have been happening with the people in Israel, I can't imagine what it would be like to not know where my loved ones and family members are, much less if they have even survived the atrocities of this raging war. What an unimaginable state of mind this nation must be in. Where is their hope? Where is our hope?

Even with the distance of some 6,500 or so miles between us here in the United States and Israel, our hope is in the same Jesus Christ who came and died to save us all. He has given and shown us a reason to believe that something good is waiting for us. A place and life with no fears or conflicts.

So, what do we do in the mean time? Stay fast, stay strong. Be diligent in prayer and the Word. Our hope is for a future that we know promises us a better place for all believers.

"Let us hold to the hope we profess for He who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23

In Christ,
Tom Sax, Elder

Sunday School

growing together in Christ

Sunday School is in full swing. I love seeing the kids get excited to learn about Jesus. The past couple of weeks we have had some "guest" song leaders. Again, it is really fun to see the kids excited about leading the songs!

Do you get excited about Sunday School too? We will be looking for an Assistant Sunday School Superintendent. The majority of this job can be done on Sunday morning. We get the attendance books to the teachers, count the attendance and offering, and are there for any odd jobs the teachers need done. The assistant is also in charge of putting small items in the lunchbox for the devotional a couple of times a month. It is a 2-year position. One year as assistant and the next as the Superintendent. If you have a passion for Sunday School, please talk to Anna or me about it. Please don't wait to be asked if this is a place you could help.

We will be starting practice for the Christmas program later this month. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to let us know if your child will be participating or not.

In Christ,
Marianne McDaniel and Anna Pannier



stewardship

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth are that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors, and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessings upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus, we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.



??? Who Do I Contact ???

ADULT NEW MEMBER/INSTRUCTION

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ALTAR GUILD

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Linda Hoskins 618-210-6987

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

EVANGELISM QUESTIONS

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HELPING HANDS

Linda Hoskins 618-210-6987

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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

Director - Vikki Harms 618-334-2261

SOCIAL MINISTRY QUESTIONS

Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

Tom Sax, Elder 618-401-3490

SPIRITUAL CONCERNS/QUESTIONS

Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

Board of Elders:

A-G: Tom Sax 618-401-3490

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Pastor Clayton 618-447-1306

Jeff Fick, Elder 515-230-6459

YOUTH GROUP

Lindsay Murphy 618-530-7297



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www.lhm.org

November 5

"Times of Mourning, Times of Blessing"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

We will all go through times of mourning, but we don't all necessarily face it the same way. (Matthew 5:4)

November 12

"Again and Again and Again"

Lutheran Hour Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Hearing many stories only once is not as good as hearing the same story many times. Hear again God's story of love, grace, and forgiveness. (Matthew 18:1-4)

November 19

"Until that Day"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook

No one knows when Christ will return. Until that day, we live in certain uncertainty. (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

November 26

"Loving Mercy"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

(Matthew 25:34-40)





Birthdays

11/01 Katie Crismon
 11/01 Max Lara
 11/01 Sven Peterson
 11/02 Lily McDaniel
 11/03 Nicholas Linnertz
 11/04 Emma Brand
 11/05 Melissa Kohnen
 11/05 Matt Krausz
 11/05 Andy Sax
 11/07 Gadge Corey
 11/07 Ernie Lockwood
 11/10 Joseph Rueter IV
 11/15 Dan Morra
 11/18 Kirk Clayton
 11/19 Gatlin Jeffries
 11/22 Kenny Rakers
 11/23 Isaiah Clayton
 11/24 Steve Hollenkamp
 11/26 Leif Peterson
 11/26 Robyn Rakers
 11/27 Nathan Stangle
 11/26 Michelle Underwood
 11/28 Viktor Hatcher
 11/29 Roy Klingelhoef
 11/29 Ami Linnertz
 11/29 Marlene Lockwood



Wedding Anniversaries

11/21 Todd & Laurie Fournie
 11/28 Eldon & Pinky Ahner
 11/28 Dick & Elizabeth Bogue



Flowers for November

5 Krausz, in celebration of Matt & Melissa's birthdays.

12 Timmerman, in celebration of Deanna Kovacs 21st birthday.

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Baptismal Anniversaries

11/02 Glenda Pike
 11/02 Sharon Weier
 11/04 Ahren Kneschke
 11/04 Max Lara
 11/05 Chelsea Eatherton
 11/06 Rebecca Allen
 11/07 Hannah Drinnon
 11/07 Jordan Rehfeldt
 11/07 Aspen Sax
 11/08 Emerson Segelhorst
 11/10 Kim Drinnon
 11/10 Dawson Rowold
 11/11 Lori Clayton
 11/12 Jen Lara
 11/14 Ian Hutchinson
 11/15 Brady Twenhafel
 11/15 Grace Wambold
 11/16 Cohen Merrill
 11/17 Savannah Murphy
 11/19 Darla Lancey
 11/19 Zackery Schreiber
 11/21 Alexander Allen
 11/22 Jessica Hatcher
 11/23 Rosie Hatcher
 11/23 Lee Hinton
 11/23 Benjamin Pannier
 11/23 Jennifer Trame
 11/25 Hunter Phillips
 11/26 Jerry Purdin
 11/26 Garrett Sax
 11/28 Sven Peterson
 11/30 Andrew Dunn
 11/30 Brennen Dunn
 11/30 Cadence Dunn
 11/?? Pat Meier



We are Thankful for YOU!



LWML ~ Nov. 16th

Devotion: "Seeing Jesus"
 Lori Clayton

Activities: Secret Pal Program
 Write Thanksgiving cards to send over/above your usual recipients.

Hostesses: Marlene Lockwood
 Amy Kolweier



Altar Guild Schedule for November

5 Karen Eldridge
 12 Jenny Kneschke & Jordan Rehfeldt
 26 Lesley Eads & Phoebe Corey

**Council Meeting Minutes
Zion Lutheran Church
October 5, 2023**

Call to Order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Present – Pastor Clayton, Mike Twenhafel, Dan Eads, Linda Hoskins, Jeff Fick, Amy Kolweier, and Jon Robinson

September council meeting minutes: Approved via email.

Board of Finance Report:

- 2023 Budget YTD - \$217,075.56
- 2023 Actual YTD - \$188,810.25 (-28,265.31)

Treasurer's report:

- No report submitted.

Board of Education Report:

- Fall Fest on Oct 1 was well attended with approximately 50 attendees.
- For September, total Sunday School attendance was 272 with an offering collected of \$371.80.

Pastor's Report:

- Carried out 5 official acts of Baptism, one funeral and one installation of Pastor Sedwick.
- Visits: 47 (39 members and 8 non-members)
- Congregational Meetings and Activities: 24
- Circuit/District/Synod Events: 20
- Community Contacts: 2
- Apologetics 101 Workshop at Zion on Saturday, October 7, 2023.

Board of Elders' Report:

- Member's Needs Fund received over \$3,200 in donations.
- Results of Communion Frequency Survey will be discussed October 10, 2023 at 7pm to provide an open forum on potential changes to communion.
- Konya Bloomquist is leading the Operation Christmas Child Box Mission.

Board of Trustees Report:

- Various maintenance actions performed around the church and in the parsonage.
- Waxing the tile floors will be included in the 2024 budget and waxed in early 2024.
- Priorities are WiFi / network hardening and utility lights on the generator.

President's Report:

- There are an anticipated 11 positions open on the 2024 board starting this December.

Old Business:

- Nothing new to report.

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New Business:

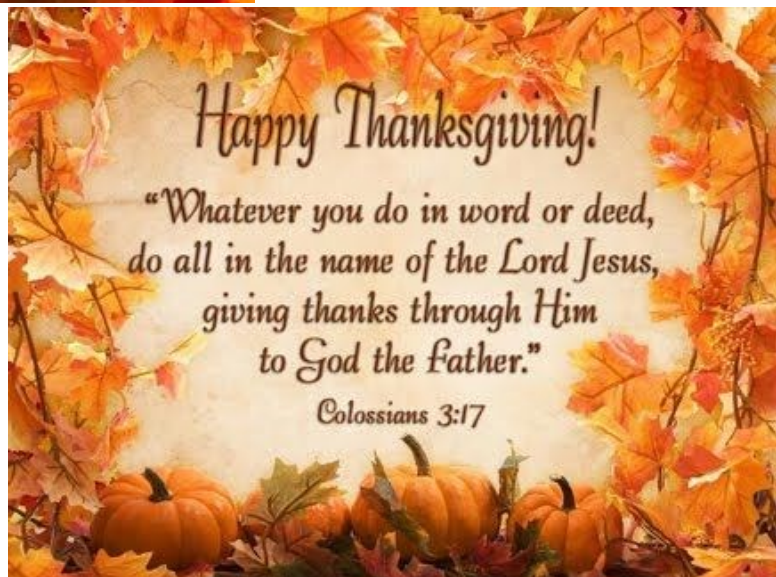
- Discussed September 17 Voters meeting immediately following worship service; motion passed 30-6 to move house by Nov 1, 2024. Mr. Bill Milliken has been notified of this decision.
- Board of Elders will help clean up the voter's list.
- MMSP to host Potluck for Sem Moellenhoff on Nov 5, 2023.
- MMSP to allow use of kitchen for Mascoutah Chili Cookoff on Oct 21, 2023.

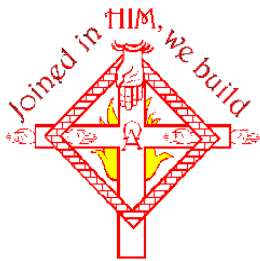
Next Meeting – November 2, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

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

Nov. 5 — All Saints' Day — Matthew 5:1-12

— “With Angels and Archangels, and All the Company of Heaven”

Nov. 12 — 23rd Sunday after Trinity — Matthew 22:15-22

— Sem. Moellenhoff to Preach

Nov. 19 — 24th Sunday after Trinity — Matthew 9:18-26

— “Sleeping Beauty”

Nov. 23 — Thanksgiving Day — Luke 17:11-19

— “Rooted Thankfulness”

Nov. 26 — Last Sunday of the Church Year — Matthew 25:1-13

— “A Foretaste of the Feast to Come”

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