

Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool



**August
2022**

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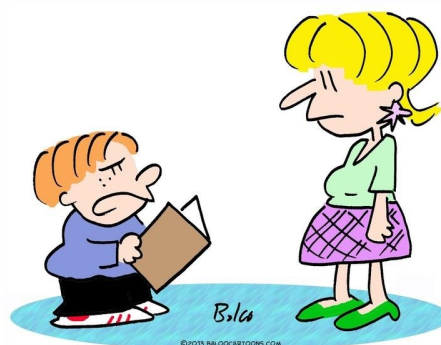
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***A Congregation of
The
Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod***

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

Humor



"I looked, and the Ten
Commandments don't say *anything*
about running with scissors!"

From the Pastor

What shapes you? What molds you? What forms your thoughts and guides your actions? It seems that less and less the answer is "The Bible" or "The Church." Survey after survey shows a drastically increasing number of people in our society who say they are unaffiliated with any religion or church. Religious participation has plummeted nationwide, across virtually all denominations. And among those who do attend church, there is often only a thin veneer of religious thought and activity papered over a pit of secularism. For many American Christians, their faith does not run very deep.

Perhaps this should not come as a surprise. Think of how we as Americans spend our time today, as opposed to how Americans spent their time 50-100 years ago. There are 168 hours in a week. Nationwide, about 20% of Americans attend worship on any given weekend. Even for those 20% who are in church for an hour or two a week, compare that to the time they absorb other teaching through the media. At best, a small handful of Americans spend 0.6% of their week in worship. Even fewer spend time in Bible Study or in personal times of prayer and devotion. Being shaped and formed by God's Word through His Church is a definite afterthought for most Americans.

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Think back 50-100 years. The first TV set was sold to the public in 1939, less than 100 years ago. By 1946, only 6,000 homes in the entire United States owned a TV. However, by 1955, that number had jumped to 50%. (My mother, who is now 82, remembers her family getting its first TV. Some members of Zion likely remember that event too.) Even radio technology was still in its infancy 100 years ago, with the first radio news broadcast taking place in 1920, and the first radio entertainment show being broadcast in 1922. It is not hard to think that before that time, people spent more time reading the Bible and devotional guides, since their free time was not being absorbed by broadcast media for hours upon hours each day. Is it any wonder that it may seem that earlier generations in the Church seemed to be more steadfast and firmly grounded in their faith?

I read a disturbing article about how Americans are being shaped in their faith. We are being shaped constantly, for better or for worse. In America today, I sense it is mostly for the worse. Here is an extended excerpt from the article that caught my attention.

“What we’re seeing is massive discipleship failure caused by massive catechesis failure,” James Ernest, the vice president and editor in chief at Eerdmans, a publisher of religious books, told me. Ernest was one of several figures I spoke with who pointed to catechism, the process of instructing and informing people through teaching, as the source of the problem. “The evangelical Church in the U.S. over the last five decades has failed to form its adherents into disciples. So there is a great hollowness. All that was needed to cause the implosion that we have seen was a sufficiently provocative stimulus. And that stimulus came.”

“Culture catechizes,” Alan Jacobs, a distinguished professor of humanities in the honors program at Baylor University, told me. Culture teaches us what matters and what views we should take about what matters. Our current political culture, Jacobs argued, has multiple technologies and platforms for catechizing—television, radio, Facebook, Twitter, and podcasts among them. People who want to be connected to their political tribe—the people they think are like them, the people they think are on their side—subject themselves to its catechesis all day long, every single day, hour after hour after hour.

On the flip side, many churches aren’t interested in catechesis at all. They focus instead on entertainment, because entertainment is what keeps people in their seats and coins in the offering plate. But as Jacobs points out, even those pastors who really are committed to catechesis get to spend, on average, less than an hour a week teaching their people. Sermons are short. Only some churchgoers attend adult-education classes, and even fewer attend Bible study and small groups. Cable news, however, is always on. “So if people are getting one kind of catechesis for half an hour per week,” Jacobs asked, “and another for dozens of hours per week, which one do you think will win out?”

That’s not a problem limited to the faithful on one side of the aisle. “This is true of both the Christian left and the Christian right,” Jacobs said. “People come to believe what they are most thoroughly and intensively catechized to believe, and that catechesis comes not from the churches but from the media they consume, or rather the media that consume them. The churches have barely better than a snowball’s chance in hell of shaping most people’s lives.”

But when people’s values are shaped by the media they consume, rather than by their religious leaders and communities, that has consequences. “What all those media want is engagement, and engagement is most reliably driven by anger and hatred,” Jacobs argued. “They make bank when we hate each other. And so that hatred migrates into the Church, which doesn’t have the resources to resist it. The real miracle here is that even so, in the mercy of God, many people do find their way to places of real love of God and neighbor” (Wehner, Peter, “The Evangelical Church Is Breaking Apart,” *The Atlantic*, October 24, 2021).

Ponder this again. If even devoted church members spend an hour or two a week in worship and Bible Study, and then spend dozens of hours each week soaking up secular media, which message do you think will win out? Is there any wonder that most Americans have only

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a thin veneer of religious thought and activity papered over a pit of secularism? Is there any wonder why, for many American Christians, their faith does not run very deep?

This is a call to spend more time in God's Word and in God's house. We desperately need the gifts that God gives in His Word and Sacraments. I think it is pretty safe to say that the Holy Spirit is not at work to build and strengthen faith through most of the secular media, produced in Hollywood or New York City. On the other hand, the Holy Spirit is, definitely, without a doubt, at work in His Word to grow and strengthen faith. We read in Isaiah 55:10-11, "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My Word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." God pours out His blessings in worship. God pours out His blessings in Bible Study. God pours out His blessings as His people spend time in their own homes reading His Word, as you have the opportunity to do every day through the extended Scripture passages I send out in the Zion Prayer Chain Family Devotions and through the daily Call to Prayer.

When it comes to the media, be very careful consumers of content. Despite the prevalence of absolute garbage available in the media, there are some truly wonderful options also. The programs of KFUE are a good start. In addition to being broadcast on AM 850, virtually all of the content of KFUE is also available as podcasts. Have you listened to shows such as "Sharper Iron" and "Thy Strong Word"? Both are solid Bible Study programs. Do you listen to "The Coffee Hour" and "Issues Etc"? These shows tend to look at current events from the standpoint of faith. Have you listened to "Concord Matters"? This show digs into the Lutheran Confessions such as the Augsburg Confession, Luther's Catechisms, and the Formula of Concord. When you are absorbing media, these are good places to start to be shaped and molded in your Christian faith as a Lutheran.

What shapes you? What molds you? What forms your thoughts and guides your actions? Strive that more and more in your own life, the answer would be "The Bible" and "The Church." What concrete steps will you take this month to spend more time in God's Word and less time being influenced by secular media? Let God pour out His blessings upon you. Spend time with Him!

In Christ, Pastor Clayton

It's almost time for the choir to resume! Our first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, August 31 at 7:00. We had a wonderful year with a small ensemble last season, and we hope to add many new and returning members this year. As you make plans for fall, please decide to make service through singing an important part of your schedule. Teens through adults are all welcome!



Musicians needed: After a couple of years without special offering music, we again have the opportunity for Zion's musicians of all ages to provide vocal or instrumental music during the offering collection. Please contact Nancy Peterson if you are interested in being on the special offering music schedule.

Membership Changes

Baptisms: Lillian Mae Baker

Transfer In:

LWML 80th Goals

What is that??? The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is celebrating its 80th birthday this year, with the theme, "80 Years of God's Grace". In celebration, Zion's Ladies Aid is doing a special collection every two months and invite **YOU** to participate.

(WE HOPE TO COLLECT AT LEAST 80 OF EACH OF THESE ITEMS!)



July/August:



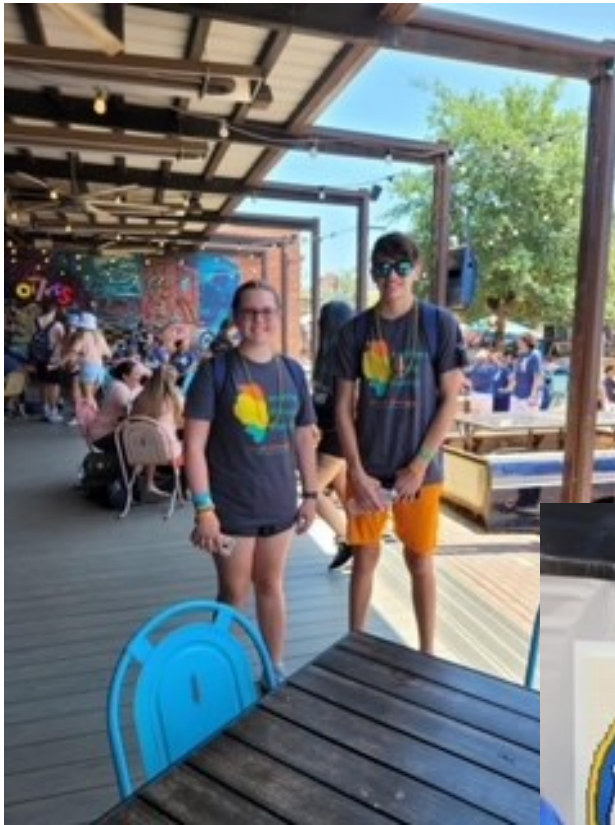
THANKS FOR THE WATER DONATIONS!

We would like to thank everyone who contributed water in May and June to be given to the police, EMTs, and firefighters. We were able to donate a grand total of 714 bottles of water!





L to R: Jake Lara, Jen Lara, Marianne McDaniel, Abby McDaniel, Bessie Fick, and Jeff Fick.



Zion's two youth that attended the gathering, Abby McDaniel & Jake Lara.

Youth Gathering in Houston, TX



SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School has been busy studying Christmas this summer! We want to thank Marianne McDaniel for leading this fun summer topic and Nancy Petersen for helping with music.

Stay tuned for Rally Day information! If you would like to volunteer for Rally Day or Sunday School, please contact me for information at suedz2@yahoo.com! We have several volunteer opportunities and leadership roles available for the upcoming Fall/Winter/Spring quarters.

As summer begins to wind down in Sunday School, preparations for the Fall program are under way. This is a great time to get involved with Sunday School! You can volunteer time on Sunday mornings, help with Rally Day, or be our Assistant Superintendent. I know you've heard this before, but we are in desperate need of an Assistant Superintendent. The Sunday School position operates as a two-year service opportunity. Generally, the first year, you serve as the Assistant and the second year you serve as the Superintendent and train the new Assistant. I have heard many times that it's a big time commitment and that cannot be further from the truth. I personally do a lot more than the duties of the position requires because I've been an active volunteer in several different positions throughout the past ten years. Here are the duties of each position in case you are interested:

Assistant Sunday School Superintendent

The assistant Sunday School superintendent shall be elected by the Voters' Assembly to serve a one (1) year term and a succeeding one (1) year term as Sunday School Superintendent. The assistant Sunday School superintendent shall serve for one (1) calendar year.

Duties shall include but not be limited to:

1. Serving as the treasurer and secretary of the Sunday School.
2. Submitting monthly written reports to the Board of Education on Sunday School attendance and treasury.
3. Providing the church secretary and annual accounting of Sunday School attendance and treasury for the Annual Report to the congregation.
4. Assisting the Sunday School superintendent as needed.
5. Serving as a substitute Sunday School teacher as needed.

Sunday School Superintendent

The position of Sunday School superintendent shall be assumed by the individual who shall have been elected and served the preceding year as assistant Sunday School superintendent and shall oversee the operation of the Sunday School. The Sunday School, by definition, shall be all children ages 3 years to 18 years of age. The Sunday School year shall run September 1 through August 31.

Duties shall include but not be limited to:

1. Selecting and ordering all Sunday School curriculum and supplies as needed.
2. Assisting and supporting the Sunday School teachers as needed.
3. Presiding over the Sunday School teachers' meetings.
4. Overseeing the Sunday School's Christmas Program.
5. Coordinating the opening assembly for each Sunday School session. (Musical opening in sanctuary)
6. Working with Sunday School teachers to find a substitute as needed or serving as the substitute when required.
7. Submitting a brief article each month concerning Sunday School and related activities for publication in the church's newsletter.
8. Contacting new members with information about Sunday School classes available and assisting the children in finding their classes.
9. Recruiting Sunday School teachers as needed.
10. Organizing an annual workshop/orientation for Sunday School teachers.
11. Submitting monthly reports to the Board of Education and preparing a report for the Annual Report to the congregation.
12. Serving as a voting member of the Board of Education.
13. Working with elders to identify children not attending Sunday School and encouraging attendance through various means.
14. Organizing Rally Day activities and youth special Sunday School activities in coordination with the church calendar year.

Many of the duties are "as needed" and do not happen each week. I am able to fulfill all duties during the Sunday School time on Sunday mornings. Please contact me if you have any questions, would like to sit in for a week to see what it's like, or would like to volunteer!

In Christ's Service, Alicia Suedmeyer

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Galatians 6:10: So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

Ephesians 6:7: With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men.

In all honesty, even though I've only had to write just three Elders Corner articles annually since 2020, I've always had difficulty feeling 100% confident about the messages that I've submitted for publishing - even more, finding inspiration for a theme or messages to focus on in my articles.

However, for this article, that is not the case. When I identified a theme rather quickly for this article, I did a search of Bible verses that focused on service to God's church.

That's what Zion-Mascoutah is - God's church. God owns Zion-Mascoutah. It's not my church and it's not your church - in terms of ownership and ultimate authority. And it's not the church of any other individual congregational member associated, affiliated, or employed by Zion-Mascoutah.

Every year, God needs congregational members to serve His Church in a variety of leadership positions. At times, it's been more of a challenge, for whatever reasons. In four short months, Zion-Mascoutah will need a new slate of individuals to place their names on a Voters Assembly ballot to fill positions of other congregational members that will complete their terms of volunteered leadership service in a variety of roles here at Zion-Mascoutah. Therefore, my hope, faith, and prayers are that there will be individuals who will make a commitment to serve God and take-up a leadership position here at Zion-Mascoutah.

A second message within the theme of "service to God's church" in this article focuses on the service that Zion's Elders perform and provide to you. You may have noticed a new monthly announcement printed in the bulletin (since May) at the beginning of every month that all four Elders are available to you. Whether you'd like to give a "shout out" or "high-five," voice a concern, or share an idea about anything Zion-Mascoutah, please know that all four Elders are available to you in service to God's Church. All discussions will be held in strict confidence if necessary or requested.

Sincerely, Randy Schorfheide

Preschool!

Things are gearing up for the beginning of our 2022-2023 preschool year. Both of our classes are completely full and on a wait-list! Things are going to look a little different

at the preschool this year. As many of you know, Emily Stein, who taught our 3-year-old class this past year, is moving with her husband Don and their 3 daughters to Rockford, Illinois where Don will pastor his first church after finishing seminary this past spring. We wish Emily and the Stein family the absolute very best!! I am excited to announce that we have hired Wendy Schulz as our 3-year-old lead teacher for this coming school year. Wendy has worked 22 years in early childhood with 17 of those years owning and operating her own child development center. She has worked with all ages (infant to 11 years) but mostly with 3-year-olds up to school-age children. Wendy lives here in Mascoutah with her husband and 3 daughters. We are excited to have Wendy join our Zion Preschool family!

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

God Bless,
Vikki Harms, Zion Preschool Director





The Ceremony of the Offertory

Have you ever noticed the subtle ceremony involved in receiving the offerings during the Divine Service? After all the offerings have been collected, they are brought forward and given to the pastor or one of his assistants. The pastor then turns toward the altar, and as he slightly bows his head, the collection plates with the offerings in them are raised slightly to the Lord and then placed either on the altar or a table for the offerings. Why do we do have this ceremony? And what does it teach us? For that is what ceremony does; it teaches, as the Augsburg Confession tells us, what we need to know about Christ (AC XXIV, 1–3).

Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion—the bread and the wine—were brought forward along with the offering plates. As the offering plates and the elements were lifted toward the Lord, and placed upon the altar, the elements would be put in the center and the altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord's Supper.

These gifts brought to the altar came from the sweat of the people's brow. It is the bread and wine, the fruits of the peoples' labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people would bring a generous proportion for the Lord's work. It was set upon the altar and offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into His service for His gracious work in and among them.

For what they offered to the Lord from the sweat of their brow, the bread of anxious toil, came back to them as the bread of life, the bread come down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup would receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

This is not unlike what the Lord did for His people in the Old Testament:

You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household.

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows, and He receives this from us in the first fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise. He receives and turns it into spiritual bread, heavenly bread, the bread of eternal life and gives it back to us so that we might have joy. So, the next time you are in the Divine Service, watch this ceremony in wonder, that the Lord gives back to us, what we have given to Him so that we may rejoice in the salvation He has won upon the cross and gives to us in His supper.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

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Prayer requests - Contact Church Office
To be added to prayer chain please
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August 7

"These Are Not Our Kind of People"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

Prejudice says, "These are not our kind of people." Charity says, "These are all people for whom Christ died."

(Matthew 5:43-48)

August 14

"Everything Is So Expensive"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

Everything is so expensive-but do we really need everything?

(Luke 12:15)

August 21

"Facing the Worst"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

(John 11:25-26)

August 28

"The Vision We Need"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

(Romans 8:18-23)



Mascoutah Food

Pantry items

needed for

August

Oil, Sugar,
Spaghetti
Sauce,
BBQ Sauce,
Pork & Beans,
Canned Chili
Beans,
Dish
Detergent,
Kleenex,
Bath Tissue





AUGUST



Birthdays

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
 08/11 Samer Fanous
 08/11 Cary Robinson
 08/13 Kynan Drinnon
 08/13 Sylvia Phillips
 08/15 Cindy Seering
 08/16 Lucas Orr
 08/17 Josh Peterson
 08/17 David Rowold
 08/20 Stacey Chaffin
 08/21 Derek Schanz
 08/25 Gloria Peterson
 08/25 Hunter Phillips
 08/27 Lauren Twenhafel
 08/28 Jadon Lorton
 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

Altar Guild Schedule for August

14 Jenny Kneschke
 Jordan Rehfeldt

28 Sharon Weier

ELORD
 is with me.
 psalm 118:6

Baptismal Anniversaries

08/03 Phoebe Corey
 08/03 Rhiannon Corey
 08/04 Laura Duffie
 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



You are a
BLESSING

LWML ~ August 18th

80th Goal for July/August:
 Collection of school supplies.

Activity: Sing at Nursing Homes and
 Assisted Living Centers 5:00 PM
 Dinner at Mascoutah Steakhouse
 afterwards. (Tentative)

faith

hope

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Flowers for August

Flowers needed!

**Council Meeting Minutes
Zion Lutheran Church
July 14, 2022**

Call to order.

Roll call: Present – Mike Twenhafel, Randy Schorfheide, Laurie Fournie, Debbie Heck, Jon Robinson, and Amanda Ganey

June council meeting minutes: Approved via email.

Board of Finance Report:

- 2022 Budget YTD – \$149,754.54
- 2022 Actual YTD – \$142,986.48 (-\$6,768.06)

Treasurer's report:

- Bank balance is at \$143,799.07
 - MMSP - to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Board of Education Report:

- The July Mum Fundraiser is ongoing and details are in the church bulletin.
- The July 9-13 LCMS Youth Gathering and July 26-29 Higher Things Conference had two families attend.
- We are also working to have youth group forms filled out for all youth members. These are still in the back of the church for anyone who hasn't yet completed a form.
- VBS-Marsho Baro
 - Attendance by 55 students and 25 volunteers; the event was considered very successful.
- Linda Hoskins has accepted the opportunity to fill Jeanette Schorfheide's remaining term on the board.
 - MMSP – to approve Linda Hoskins' filling of Jeanette's remaining board term.

Pastor's Report:

- No report due to being on family vacation.

Board of Elders Report:

* Sunday Attendance Numbers for comparison

	Total	Weekly Total (Avg/Month)
Jan	560	112
February	535	133.75
March	561	140.25
April	668	167
May	688	137.6
June	505	126.25
	3,517	

Weekly Avg (Jan-June) = 135

Monthly Avg (Jan-May) = 586

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- All service elements have been reinstated.
 - Offering plate being passed and attendance booklets reintroduced in July.
 - The printing of hymns will remain in the bulletin.
- The Shoe Box Ministry coordination meeting will be at Zion on September 10, 2022.
- The Worship Planning Committee met on June 8, 2022. All worship services are planned for the remainder of the year.

Board of Trustees Report:

- The parking lot is scheduled to be resealed and restriped in July.

President's report:

- Evangelism – No updates.
- Strategic Planning – No updates.
- Constitution Committee – No updates.
- Pictorial – Scheduled for Oct 6-8, 2022; Mike Twenhafel will lead the committee in a meeting Aug 4, from 5-6 pm.

Old Business:

- No Old Business.

New Business:

- No New Business.

Next Meeting – Thursday, August 4, 2022 @ 7 pm.

Adjournment – MMSP to adjourn.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

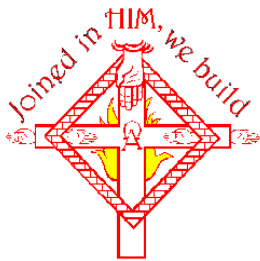
Jon T. Robinson, Secretary



HARVEST TABLE



It's harvest time again! Check the harvest table in the Narthex. Bring an extra fruit or vegetable from your garden, you can trade for another or buy the item with a donation to Concerned Christians.



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BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 8:45 to 9:30 AM In-Person
and on Zoom

**SUNDAY SCHOOL &
YOUTH BIBLE CLASS**

Sunday 8:45 AM

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 10:00 AM In-Person
and on FaceBook

Address Service Requested

Worship Topics This Month

August 7 — Eighth Sunday after Trinity — Matthew 7:15-23

— “An Appropriate Admonition”

August 14 — Ninth Sunday after Trinity — Luke 16:1-13

— “What Is God Thinking?”

August 21 — Tenth Sunday after Trinity — Luke 19:41-48

— “A Real Tear Jerker”

August 28 — Eleventh Sunday after Trinity — Luke 18:9-14

— “Who Is Contemptible to God?”

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