

Zion Lutheran Church

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It's Time to Prepare Ourselves for Spiritual Growth and the Opportunities Zion Lutheran Provides
Hebrews 10:25 –

***“Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,
and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”***

It's hard to believe that we are already in the month of August, the last month of summer and the month that many schools, and accompanying fall sports, start up again. August is therefore filled with a great many opportunities for families to prepare for what is to happen to their lives.

August is the month to shop for school clothes and shoes and school supplies. August is the time to squeeze in that last bit of vacation and camping as well as sleeping in late in the morning. It is the last month to really enjoy swimming in the Community pool.

In August, whether or not we have children in school, the traffic patterns in the city will be altered once again by school buses picking up and dropping off children in the early morning and mid to late afternoon Monday through Friday.

In August, the Roughriders have their scrimmage game called “The Chicken Bowl” on August 17th, and college football begins again with some colleges playing their first games of the season on August 26th.

So, August has become the month of transition for many, and the month of September adds to the transition by officially moving us out of summer and into the season of fall with all of the routines we will once again find ourselves in as individuals, families and communities.

And in August Confirmation Classes for 7th and 8th graders begins again, with the Parent/Student and Pastor Informational Meeting scheduled for August 16th in the Auditorium at 7pm.

So August is a good time to begin to think about our spiritual transition and growth. Just as school begins again, Sunday School for ages Kindergarten and older, will begin again in early September. Bibles studies for Men and Women will also begin again in September. At least one of the Bible Studies requires the purchase of a \$10 book, so now's the time to call the Church office and place the order.

And as summer draws to a close and we prepare for fall, it would be good to renew our commitment to the Lord and gather in worship together each week, either on Sunday mornings at 8 or 10:30, or Wednesday evening at 6:30. We have much to be thankful for, and much to ask the Lord to forgive us of and to help us grow into as people, and as his servants, in the world today.

I hope you will commit to joining us for worship each week and I hope you will consider attending Sunday school and/or a Bible study this September.

Blessings, *Pastor Bill*

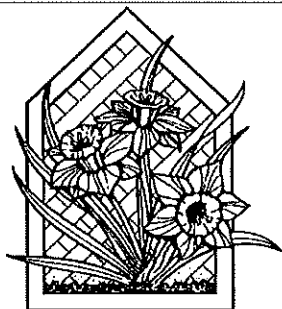


August Birthdays

Wishing a Happy Birthday to the following members of Zion Lutheran Church. We invite you to pray for the following people on their special day.

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| 1–Andrew Robinson | 18–Victoria Hardeman, Nathan Homan |
| 2–Aaron Homan, Larry Homan, Walker Spector | 22–Angie Ahlers, Elizabeth Yates |
| 3–Darrel Storer | 23–Krista Clausing, Jane Schmeising |
| 4–Theodore Henry II, Fred Weddington | 24–Jodi Epperson, Vicki Homan |
| 5–David Mc Dermitt, J. Martin Miller, Mark Torsell | 25–Doris Cook, Lucas Hobler |
| 6–Richard Hecht, Ralph Peyton | 26–Stanley Brown |
| 7–Linda Priddy | 27–Deanna Gibson, Kaj Miller |
| 8–Grady Hughes | 28–Jacob Ackroyd, Allan Broyles Jr., Everett Cernan,
Tannar Rutschilling, Jennifer Moyar |
| 10–Matthew Hoenie | 29–Linda Suchland |
| 13–Alan Hague, Lauren Wobler | 30–Lori Johnson |
| 14–Mytchell Hollenbacher, Brian Morris, Cheryl
Macklem | 31–Jo Ann Hoenie, Janet Yahl, Eric Morris, Eliza
Yahl, Brooklyn Huttis |
| 15–Thomas Bergman, Myra Clark | |
| 16–Jocelyn Opperman, Emily Tangeman, William
Willmann, Jr. | |
| 17–Suzanne Ankerman, John Yahl | |

If your name was omitted or a correction needs to be made in this list of birthdays, please contact the church office, 419-394-3115.



2023 Flower Chart

The first part of the 2023 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board by the alley entrance. We invite you to select the date you wish to provide flowers. On the Tuesday before the date you selected, order your arrangement from your favorite florist, and contact the church office, 419-394-3115, to let us know what information you would like included in the bulletin. Upcoming dates still available:

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| • September 3 | • November 12 | • December 10 |
| • October 8 | • November 19 | • December 17 |
| • October 29 | • December 3 | • December 24 |

Ingredients for True Success

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.

—George Washington Carver



*Let us kneel before
the Lord, our Maker!
Psalm 95:6*

Prayer List

We invite you to include the following people, who are family and friends of our members, in your daily prayers:

Janet Dicke, Judy Von Blon, Brent Paulus, Sandi Deerhake, Alma Kuffner, Caleb Yahl, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Ann Morris, Darlene Henkener, Margaret Moore, Ronald Suchland, Don Diers, Linda Diers, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, Brandye Patterson, Paul White, Becky Hook, Don Renninger, Emily Henkle, Kristin Hemmelgarn, Mary Willmann, Pastor Wilck, Kathy Manbeck, Lisa Suchland, Kelsey, Eileen Zimmerman, Dianne McDermitt, Tracy Anderson, Markham Hodge and Katie.

Please pray for Sean Lawler, Andrew Johnson, Michael Carroll, Nathan Adams, Jacob Yahl, Jason Gross, Daniel C. Lukac IV, Michael Franklin and Kyle Schmehl who are in the service. Please pray for them, their family, and their safe return home.

Staff E-Mail Addresses

Zion is linked to the Internet. We are currently receiving e-mail service provided by bright.net. Staff e-mail addresses are:

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 Mindy Thiebeau zionbpe@hotmail.com
 General Mail..... zionlutheranstmarys@bright.net

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Daily Reasons to Celebrate

Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there's lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day; August 3, National Watermelon Day; August 10, National S'mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on — you guessed it — National Water Balloon Day, August 6! Head out for a final (National) Beach Day on August 30. Or head out for an intergenerational hike on National Trail Mix Day, August 31.

And don't forget to celebrate God's precious gifts of friends — National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August; creation — Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God's love into action by serving others — on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28, National Thoughtful Day, and, for that matter, every day of the year — holiday or not.

News for the Women of Zion

Hope you're having an enjoyable summer! We're getting close to school starting and fall activities.

Our Women's Bible studies will be starting back up in September. The Monday night Women's Fellowship is still studying the book of Genesis. The Wednesday night, Thursday afternoon Bible study groups will be studying the Holy Spirit. Look for the article in this newsletter for ordering information deadline and cost of the study book. All women are invited to attend any of these Bible study groups.

We have a ballot of nominees for Vice-President and Treasurer, so, we will be holding elections on Wednesday, September 27, and Sunday, October 1. Ballots will be handed out before church services, and can then be dropped in the ballot box in the Narthex. Thank you to all the nominees for agreeing to God's calling of service by placing your name on the ballot.

Our workday in August is Thursday the 17, at 9 a.m. We will be putting together school kits and knotting quilts. Kitchen duty for August and September is Kathy Bishir.

Book Club will meet Wednesday, August 2, at 1 p.m. Pam Fledderjohann will lead the discussion on "Dutch Girl" by Robert Matzen. September 6th, the book discussion will be "Our Souls at Night" by Kent Haraf and lead by Sue Hecht.

Creative Crafters will meet Sunday, August 13, at 1:30 p.m., to make mosaic, rock art, a fun project for both adults and children. Sign up in the book on the display table in the Narthex. The cost is \$15.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. We will be getting busy again in September. Hope you will come and be a part of the Women of Zion. We always welcome new faces!

Quote of the month: "A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed." --Henrik Ibsen



Come Holy Spirit Bible Study

Women's Bible Studies will be starting again in September. The Wednesday evening on **September 13**, at 7 p.m. The Thursday afternoon on **September 14**, at 2 p.m. We will be meeting in the lounge. We will be studying Come Holy Spirit. The study is about the third person of the Trinity. We will see how the Spirit is revealed throughout the Bible. The study books are \$10 each. Please let the church office know if you want one. Orders need to be in by **Sunday, August 27**. Hope to see you in September.



Also, the Women Fellowship Bible Study will be starting up on **Monday, September 11**, at 7 p.m., in the lounge. They will continuing to study the book of Exodus. Look forward to seeing you there.

Two Boats and a Helicopter

"He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me."
--Psalm 18:19

The floodwaters were rising fast. Everyone was rushing to get out of town. One old lady climbed up on her roof.

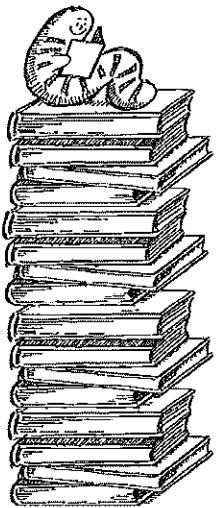
A farmer came by in a rowboat and asked her to get in. "No thanks", said the old lady. "God will save me."

Next a man in a speedboat saw her. "Come on in," he said. "No thanks," said the old lady. "God will save me."

Pretty soon she was standing on her brick chimney with water lapping at her feet. She looked up and saw a helicopter with a rope ladder. A woman leaned out. "Grab on!" "No thanks!" yelled the old lady. "God will save me."

Well, the old woman drowned, and when she got to heaven, she asked God why He didn't save her. God looked her in the eye. "I sent you two boats and a helicopter."

If we get in deep water today, let's make sure we don't overlook the two boats and the helicopter that God sends to our rescue!



Church Library News

As we are starting to reorganize the church library, we are identifying books that have not been read or borrowed for 15-20 years, along with duplicates and non-fiction books.

These books are offered free to the congregation and are on the book cart in the Narthex.

The rejuvenation of the church library will be ongoing into early fall. Books will continue to be added to the book cart, so please check the cart.

Direct Deposit App/QR Code

Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, Zion relies on your regular contributions. Zion appreciates the efforts of congregation members to make consistent donations throughout the year—especially during popular summer travel periods. To assist you the church also has direct deposit available, a link on our website and an App to donate to Zion besides the envelopes that are sent out. We thank you in advance for your gifts to Zion.



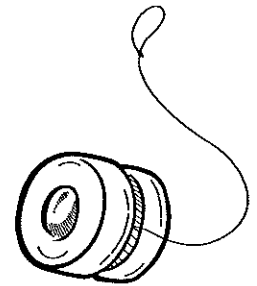
Items Needed for NALC School Kits & Samaritan Purse Christmas Child Boxes

School Kits:

- Notebooks
- Pocket Folders
- Blunt Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pencils
- Pens
- Eraser
- Box of Crayons

Operation Christmas Child Items:

- Marbles
- Yo-Yos
- Coloring Books
- Sunglasses
- Jump Ropes
- Bandanas
- Jewelry
- Hot Wheels
- Chalk
- Shoeboxes



Place the donations listed above in the Women's box by the elevator.

Sunday Worship Service

Live Streaming & Radio Broadcast

- We have installed equipment for livestreaming of our worship services. The worship services can be found on our Facebook page. Volunteers are needed to help with recording each of the services. Please contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill about this ministry.
- Our 8 a.m. worship service is broadcast live on WCSM radio 96.7 FM. Thank you to our primary sponsor of our WCSM radio broadcast—St. Marys Chrysler. Volunteers are needed to help with the sound board. No experience needed! Anyone interested in running the sound board during worship will be trained. We would like to have more people for rotation purposes. Contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill if you can help.

August Loose Offering

- The loose offering for the month of August is earmarked to support the mission of the church, in supporting the college scholarship program for our youth. The scholarship money assists our college students with tuition fees, through an application process set up by the church.





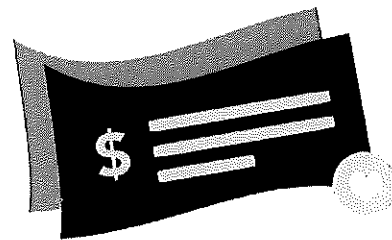
Zion Men's Workshop

Zion Men's Workshop is in the final stages of our small wooden car project. Applause and "Thank You" goes out to the congregation for embracing the project. Your painting talents and eye for detail have added greatly to the cars that have been garaged for Christmas Shoeboxes. Thank you Christmas in July.

Year-to-Date Financial Information

Financial Information: Our current financial information for Zion is as follows for year-to-date for the month, July, value as of July 27, 2023.

- 1/1/2023 Beginning Balance--\$86,923
- 2023 YTD Income--\$167,293
- 2023 ERC Funds--\$58,967
- 2023 YTD Expenses—(-\$184,925)
- Payroll/Interest Adjustments—\$742
- 2023 Ending Bank Balance--\$129,000



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Mark Your Calendars

In 2024 we will be celebrating our 175th anniversary as a church. We will also be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Sanctuary. Those dates are:

- 50th anniversary celebration will be Sunday, April 7th, 2024
- 175th anniversary celebration will be Sunday, June 9th, 2024

The Committee wants to know what meaningful event you would like to do for our anniversaries. Contact Stan Brown with your ideas.



Prayer is an acknowledgment that our need of God's help is not partial but total."

—Alistair Begg, *Made for His Pleasure*