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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Zion's Good News

AUGUST  
2019

## AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 4th 9:00 a.m.

August 11th 9:00 a.m.

August 18th 9:00 a.m.

August 25th 9:00 a.m.

*Thank You to everyone  
who helped make VBS  
2019 a great success!*



### ***DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST MENTORS***

Tenth graders are looking for mentors for the coming year. All mentors will be invited to **Confirmation Kick-Off** in September. All names are due by **August 21st**. Students should record their mentor's name on the sheet in the Narthex.

### ***Confirmation Kickoff*** **Wednesday, September 11th.**

Bring your calendars and sign-up for Core and Elective classes for 2019-2020. This is for **Grades 7, 8, and 9. 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Handbooks and sign-up sheets will be available. This kick off is for students and parents.

**Disciples for Christ** (10 grade) parents & students meet at **7:00 pm.**

**Mentors Only**—meet at **7:30 p.m.**

## GRACE IS PRIME

So here I am, interrupting your kinda' regular programming this summer, to share "prime grace" that's just too great to keep to myself.

Here's what I'm talking about. I've been bombarded these last few days by Amazon's Prime Days. Now don't get me wrong, I'm an Amazon fan and a "Prime" member, but it got me thinking, what are the things that are "prime" in my life?

Maybe in the midst of all the good stuff happening in all the places around me and you, the greatest prime days are when we live like Jesus and his amazing grace is prime, and honestly, who can pass up getting a chance to experience that amazing grace?

Here's the thing. The good news is that God's amazing grace does not just show up once a year, or only if we are a prime member—rather, it's there for us each and every second of every minute and every hour of the day. The story of our faith journey is a beautiful story of grace upon grace.

The amazing grace of our Lord does not ebb and flow. It is not on again, off again. It does not depend on our feelings. We are given grace upon grace whether we feel it or not. Have you ever been tempted to think that God's grace is like a creek bed in the desert that floods in spring and then immediately dries up? Not true.

The Lord's grace in God's people is certain, sure, steady, unwavering, overflowing in our lives. So, I interrupt you to remind you—God is here for you with grace upon grace. Let it flow in your life this summer.

*Pastor Sue*



### PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Sue officiated at the Baptisms of Berit Eilish Gooding and Rowan Aoife Gooding.



## YOUR CHURCH STAFF

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Brenda Castellano

V. Pres.: Maryel Schoenfuss

Secretary: Carmella Moon

Treasurer: Marge Redetzke

Evangelism: Cory Wiesman

Faith Formation: Jackie Fischer  
& Isaac Thompson

Property: Lee Spindler

Stewardship: Amy Cournoyer

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Or email us at [office@zionlc.com](mailto:office@zionlc.com) or  
directly to emails above.

WEB SITE: [www.zionlc.com](http://www.zionlc.com)

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**  
9:00 a.m.



### Zion is on Facebook.

You can go to our website at [www.zionlc.com](http://www.zionlc.com)  
and click on the link to  
the Facebook page.

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Pull out: August Calendar and  
Serving Schedule.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

August 21st.

### ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

Wednesdays by 9:00 a.m.

### WEEKLY E-MAIL

Goes out on Monday morning. Email  
[office@zionlc.com](mailto:office@zionlc.com) to be added to the  
receiver list.

### PLEASE keep the office updated:

- Address & Email changes
- Births, Deaths, Hospitalizations
- Phone / Cell changes

## Teacher Appreciation Meal

Each year the Evangelism Team prepares and serves dinner to the Stratford Public School teachers, staff and bus drivers. This meal is a kick-off to the school and an appreciation for all they do for the students of the district.



This year marks our 6<sup>th</sup> annual dinner which is served on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> before the “Open House.” Teachers and staff have in-service meetings throughout the day and have a short break before the students and parents come in for the Open House. Our typical attendance is between 40-50 people plus we package several “take out” meals for the volleyball and football coaches.

This meal allows them to enjoy a meal and camaraderie among peers before the school year starts. If you see a Stratford teacher, staff member or bus driver, take a minute and thank them.



### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Holly Huther, Shawn Carl
- 3 - Eleanor Smazal
- 4 - Madalynn Gallagher
- 8 - Karen Viegut
- 9 - Margaret Zimmerman, Dane Poppy
- 10 - Jadyne Gebelein
- 12 - Sandy Borman, Ashley Beining  
Paisley Vitek
- 13 - Bev Schraeder, Adam Maguire
- 14 - Keri Manecke, Clayton Foster,  
Bella Kangas, Jennifer Wilke
- 16 - Angela Guralski, Ann McShane
- 20 - Heidi Moen
- 22 - Kaitlyn Ulrich
- 24 - Kristi Hughes, Jessica Trachte
- 25 - Maryel Schoenfuss, Kyle Brubaker,  
Jenny Kauffman
- 28 - Jaykob Mikelson
- 29 - Wendy Grell
- 30 - Randy Lauer
- 31 - Chuck Gliniecki, Xander Murphy

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Alan & Linda Greenberg
- 3 - Gary & Mary Wussow
- 5 - Dennis & Cheryl Kuyoth
- 6 - David & Denise Marg
- 8 - Gary & Shirley Skerhutt
- 10 - Bernie & Jean Huser
- 11 - Blaine & Kelly Aschenbrenner
- 12 - John & Sarah Schuette
- 13 - Dennis & Melanie Nikolai
- 14 - Jeremy & Cari Frueh  
Adam & Jodi Maguire
- 15 - Tadd & Janet Schoenherr
- 17 - Randy & Linda Lauer
- 18 - Dane & April Seubert
- 19 - Scott & Wendy Johnson
- 20 - Bruce & Melissa Mikelson
- 23 - Luke and Jayme Hilgemann
- 25 - Richard & Rachel Anderson  
Steven & Terri Harteau
- 27 - Ryan & Amy Cournoyer
- 31 - Shane & Yvonne Moen

## Strategic Planning for Zion

Many members of Zion have been wondering what the future will look like and if and when Pastor Sue will retire. The council, along with four other members of the congregation, have invested a good amount of time around this very important concern.

One of the possibilities is a new program called MdivX, (Master of Divinity Accelerated) explained below.

MDivX students are highly motivated and skilled leaders-in-training, eager to serve with local congregations and prepare to go boldly where God calls them.

Matching the academic rigor that Luther Seminary is known for, students enrolled in MDivX will earn a Master of Divinity degree in 24 months by participating in year-round classes and completing concurrent part-time ministry work at congregational sites like our church.

This integrated approach offers students high-impact learning experiences through real-world application. **By becoming a partner site, our congregation and an MDivX student can collaborate to enhance our ministry and enrich our community.**

Our commitment is to keep you the congregation as informed as possible as we walk forward into our future.

## Building Update 2019

Payment Bi-Weekly Dates	Start Balance	Payment Amount	Interest Paid	Principal Paid	Ending Balance
03/01 & 03/15	\$330,902.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 995.71	\$ 2,104.29	\$ 328,797.71
03/29	\$328,797.71	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 495.47	\$ 1,054.53	\$ 327,743.18
04/12 & 04/26	\$327,743.18	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 986.18	\$ 2,113.82	\$ 325,629.36
05/10 & 05/24	\$325,629.36	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 979.80	\$ 2,120.20	\$ 323,509.16
06/03	\$323,509.16	\$ 5,000.00	\$ .00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 318,509.16
Total monthly principal payments				\$ 12,392.84	
Total monthly interest payments				\$ 3,457.16	
Balance of loan as of 06-03-2019				\$ 318,509.16	
Partners Bank					
Building checking acct balance as of 06-03-2019				\$ 10,838.95	

## COUNCIL PROFILE

Hello! I'm your Church Council Secretary, Carmella Moon, formally known as Carmella Schoenherr and Carmella Steiner. I've been a member of Zion Lutheran Church my entire life having been baptized, confirmed and married here. I live in Marshfield with my husband – Doug, son - Trevor and our two dogs - Beau and Bella, and have two step-sons, Taylor and Tanner. I work at Marshfield Insurance Agency as a Commercial Service Agent and am the Treasurer of the Stratford Quarterback Club.



I was honored to be asked and voted onto the church council and thank you for this opportunity. Working together with the wonderful people of our council and congregation, I look forward to learning more about the behind the scenes operations and processes of our church, building relationships with our Zion family members and growing in my faith and in my role in our congregation and community.

## COUNCIL MINUTES

Zion Lutheran Church Council met on Monday, June 17, 2019  
President Brenda Castellano called the meeting to order.  
Amy Cournoyer led with devotions.

During the meeting the council:

- Approved the Secretary Report.
- Approved the Treasurer Report.
- Approved the Ministry Teams' Reports.
- Sent one Thank You card.
- Rescheduled for Fall - Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup.
- Approved German Fest Donation Request.
- Received update – Elevator inspection complete.
- Received update – Bell Tower Repairs.
- Received update – FIN Group met with Greg Kaufman for future planning.

Respectfully submitted by  
Carmella Moon, Secretary

\* A full copy of the Secretary's notes is in the office.

## Friberg Update – Tanzania

June 2019

One of my roles as a doctor working in isolated areas is to channel patients to medical centers that specialize in their specific problem. We send cataract patients to a different hospital from those needing plastic or orthopedic surgery. Bone infections are best treated at a mission hospital 2 days' journey away.

When Nganini was 4 years old, he developed weakness of his legs and stopped walking. An x-ray showed a collapsed cervical vertebral body consistent with Tb of the spine. This caused compression of his spinal cord. At Gelai clinic he was started on Tb therapy and quickly regained his ability to walk. Over a few years the neck deformity disappeared as his bones grew. Normally this treatment gives a complete cure in children.

However, this year at age 14 Nganini again gradually lost function of his legs, lost bladder control, and developed arm weakness. Out in the bush we lifted him into our rough 4-WD vehicle and took him 4 hours to a center with neurosurgery. His CT scan showed recurrence of Tb of the spine. He underwent risky surgery to release the pressure on his spinal cord. Two months later, Nganini had regained normal arm strength and control of his bladder. He can now stand on his feet again. Pray that Nganini will regain full use of his legs over the next few months of physiotherapy.



Ikayo came to us as an infant. His mother noticed his head was disproportionately large for his body. His head circumference was well above the normal range. An ultrasound study here at Ketumbeine showed he had hydrocephalus. His neurological exam was fortunately still normal because he was brought in early. He had a VP shunt placed by neurosurgeons to release fluid putting high pressure on his brain.

Now 6 years old, Ikayo is a normal child with normal mental status. He has no complications except very slight weakness of his left arm and left leg. Had Ikayo come to us a few months later, he would have been left blind and with severe mental retardation. Treatment for hydrocephalus is still quite recent here, so we thank God that kids like Ikayo can go on to have normal lives. Thank you for partnering with us. Without your involvement, Nganini and Ikayo would not have received specialized care. Jesus came that all may have life abundant (John 10:10).

Blessings, Steve and Bethany