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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Zion's Good News

SEPTEMBER
2019

A vibrant blue poster for a church rally. At the top, it says 'Rally Sunday-September 15' in yellow. Below that, '9:00 Worship-Family Center Fun Following' and 'Join us for the start of the education year!' are written in yellow. The word 'Fellowship' is written in white with a pink jellyfish graphic. The main title 'FINDING JESUS UNDER THE SEA' is in large white letters. Below the title, several activities are listed in colorful, playful fonts: 'Minnow Races', 'Water cup relay', 'Prizes', 'Family/Faith', 'Word Find', and 'Bean bag toss'. The background is decorated with illustrations of yellow and blue fish and pink jellyfish.

“September Beginnings”

September is a month that signals new beginnings. More than January, the dawn of September feels like the start of a new year for a variety of reasons. Life settles into a routine. Vacations and lazy days of summer are over. Children and young people return to school. Days are shorter and nights are cooler. The arc of the sun changes making sunlight less intense.

From childhood, we are programmed to see September as a fresh start. Childhood recollections trigger new energy when we remember new school clothes, new books, new teachers, and the challenges of meeting performance expectations in a higher grade.

Perhaps it's time to re-engage in the life of faith at Zion. There are opportunities for all ages. What qualities and talents has God blessed you with, that you recognize as openings to share with this community?

Or could it be time to re-ignite a deeper walk of faith by getting into God's word, visiting those who are sick, praying for others with various needs, or maybe just opening your eyes to see people the way Jesus sees them.

New beginnings are exciting because they usually relate to things you want. It may be a new skill, or a new habit, or finishing something important to you. It may simply be returning to comfortable or 'normal' routines that give predictability to the days and weeks ahead.

Thinking of September as a time of new beginnings brings a sense of anticipation. It tweaks the happiness-producing energy of possibilities. Everything feels fresh. Seeing and appreciating the promise of a new beginning on that project, interest, or routine is like a re-boot or a new chapter of life. It's an opportunity we don't dare to waste! Happy New Beginnings!

Pastor Sue



PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Sue officiated at the Wedding of Jaime Garrigan and Cole Kaiser; and at the Funerals of Shirley VanRyzin and Nancy Carl.

YOUR CHURCH STAFF

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Brenda Castellano

V. Pres.: Maryel Schoenfuss

Secretary: Carmella Moon

Treasurer: Marge Redetzke

Evangelism: Cory Wiesman

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Or email us at office@zionlc.com or
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WEB SITE: www.zionlc.com

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.



Zion is on Facebook.

You can go to our website at www.zionlc.com
and click on the link to
the Facebook page.

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Pull out: September Calendar and
Serving Schedule.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

September 21st.

ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

Wednesdays by 9:00 a.m.

WEEKLY E-MAIL

Goes out on Monday morning. Email
office@zionlc.com to be added to the
receiver list.

PLEASE keep the office updated:

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH - ATHENS

2019 Out-Reach Team Bus Trip!



Saturday, December 7th “**Christmas Stars**” at Xavier High School in Appleton. A Broadway style holiday themed extravaganza, features a cast of over 250 performers. Departing from Abbotsford at 9:00 a.m., Milan at 9:30 a.m., and Edgar at 10:00 a.m. The performance starts at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$65.00, includes the bus, show ticket, and a meal at Golden Corral in Appleton. Transportation on Lamers Bus Lines.

Contact Marlene Schreiber at 715-223-4534 or 715-383-0259 for more information!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Sean Garrigan, Olympia Garrigan, Charmaine Ulrich
- 2 - Kamelle Van Der Leest
- 3 - Raymond White
- 4 - Samantha Griesbach, Kyle Southwick
- 6 - Floyd Zopfi
- 8 - Reed Curtis, Braden Pupp, Jackie Fischer
- 9 - Gary Skerhutt, Megan Wussow
- 10 - Blaine Aschenbrenner, Christine Dalbeck, Debra Wieland
- 12 - Vicki Hughes, Mason Oertel, Shawna Moen
- 14 - Esther Miller
- 15 - Tanner Oertel, Patricia Tietzen
- 16 - Brooklynn Zawislan, Melissa Mikelson
- 18 - Brenda Garrigan, Jeremy Schoenherr, Jasmine Grell, Anne Zuelke
- 19 - Amy Reno
- 20 - Jamie (Garrigan) Kaiser
- 21 - Jim Pfahning
- 22 - Ellie Southwick
- 23 - Toshia Spindler, Gwen Smazal
- 24 - Brent Spindler, Mike Johnson

- 25 - Steve Miller, Scott Johnson
- 26 - Charlie Kramer, Tom Griffith
- 27 - Patrick Johnson
- 28 - Richard Dennee
- 29 - Brooke Zimmermann
- 30 - Jeremy Frueh

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Willy & Sue Marohl, Rudy & JoAnn Werner
- 3 - Lee & Brenda Weigel
- 11 - Troy & Michelle Multerer
- 14 - Lenny & Bonnie Zawislan
- 17 - Mike & Jenny Wilke
- 19 - Travis & Trina Moen
- 21 - Keith & Wendy Grell, Scott & Noel Pupp
- 24 - Paul Untiet & Sandy Borman
- 25 - Charles & Lisa Foley, Terry and Tammy Hoesly, Bill and Grace Kobs
- 26 - Gerald & Karen Viegut
- 28 - Dan & Rhonda Thompson
- 29 - Zach & Alyssa Fellenz

Simon Peter-Flawed but Faithful Disciple - Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Beginning September 10-A Six Week Study—10:00-11:30 AM

He was not rich or educated but was familiar with hard work. He was quick-tempered and impetuous but possessed a passion that would change the world. He left everything to follow his teacher yet struggled with doubt and fear.

1. The Call of the Fisherman
2. Walking with Jesus in the Storms
3. Bedrock or Stumbling Block?
4. “I Will Not Deny You.”
5. From Cowardice to Courage
6. The Rest of the Story

This six-session study features Adam Hamilton on location in Israel and Italy, showing key sites in the life of Simon Peter.

Confirmation Kickoff

September 11 at 6:00 pm for 7th-9th Grades, and 7:00 pm for 10th Grade and Mentors.

Grades 7-9 will meet at 6 pm to go through handbook and sign up for classes. Bring your parents and calendars to sign up for core and elective classes.

10th graders meet at 7 pm. Bring your parents and mentors for an overview of the Disciples for Christ year.

Building Update 2019

Payment Dates	Start Balance	Payment Amount	Interest Paid	Principal Paid	Ending Balance
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
06/07 & 06/21	\$318,509.16	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 963.72	\$ 2,136.28	\$ 316,372.88
07/05 & 07/19	\$316,372.88	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 951.88	\$ 2,148.12	\$ 314,224.76

Total monthly principal payments \$ 11,404.60
 Total monthly interest payments \$ 2,895.40
 Balance of loan as of 07-19-2019 \$ 314,224.76

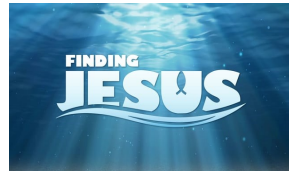
Partners Bank
 Building checking acct balance as of 08-17-2019 \$ 15,880.95

J-Team and Little Lutherans 2019-2020 Going Deeper with Our Faith

The sea contains many wondrous sights created by God. When we go under the sea and take a closer look, we see that the sea has much to teach us about God.



Closer look, we see that the sea has much to teach us about God. We will look at Dolphins, Crabs, Sharks, Stingrays, Whales, Starfish, Jellyfish, Sea Turtles, Coral Reef, Fish, Shrimp, and Seashells as we look at different Bible Stories. Look for registration sheets in the narthex and a letter in the mail.



Rally Sunday—September 15 “Finding Jesus”

Lutheran churches have been celebrating Rally Sunday for years as the kickoff for the new education season in the church. This year Zion will celebrate on September 15th at worship and following in the Family Center with games and refreshment. Join us for worship, minnow races, water sports, crafts, and all things fish! During worship students in kindergarten, third grade and seventh grade will receive bibles. Worship will be innovative and fun.

Godstock-"Finding Strength in the Storm" November 8th-10th—Metropolis Resort—Eau Claire

Godstock High School Youth Gathering is held at The Metropolis Resort in Eau Claire, WI. The weekend is packed with workshops, a live band, worships, speakers, and lots of opportunities for community building with your youth group as well as the wider church. Contact the church office if you are interested. This is for youth in grades 9-12.



“Grateful” our Stewardship Theme

We know that gratitude is good, but many of us find it hard to sustain a meaningful life of gratefulness. Four out of five Americans report feeling gratitude on a regular basis, but those private feelings seem disconnected from the larger concerns of our lives. A four-week emphasis on Grateful will help us deepen our walk of faith and the discipleship practice of giving.

September 29: **Gifts and Thanks**

October 6: **Awareness and Practice**

October 13: **Joy and Celebration**

October 20: **Grateful Community**



The music group ‘**Breaking Chains**’ will join us for Worship on **Sunday, October 20th**. They are an energetic and talented praise band and we are looking forward to them joining us!

COUNCIL MINUTES

Zion Lutheran Church Council met on Monday, August 19, 2019
President Brenda Castellano called the meeting to order.
Isaac Thompson 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.
- Lee reported Bell Towers are being worked on.
- God’s Work Our Hands – Sunday, Sept 8th.
- Rally Sunday – Sunday Sept 15th.
- Approved glass pane replacement in parsonage windows.
- Committee Budgets due by Nov 1st.

Respectfully submitted by
Carmella Moon, Secretary

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