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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Zion's Good News

OCTOBER
2019

Sunday Worship at 9:00 a.m.

J-Team and Little Lutherans
Wednesdays, October 2nd and 16th
Disciples for Christ
Sunday, October 20th at 5:30 p.m.

Worship with 'Breaking Chains' on October 20th.



Germanfest!

Sunday, October 27th
9:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Dinner and Bake Sale

See gold insert for more information.

A Season of Color

Just mention the word Fall and dozens of memories flood my mind. Autumn has always been my favorite season of the year. Living in Wisconsin for most of my life (just a short 9-year stint in Minnesota), has given me such an appreciation of the beauty of Fall. I'm really not sure how people manage who live in areas of this world with just one season.

Though many people like the changing of seasons in nature, they are frightened with the changing of seasons in life. They grip so tightly to the present that it becomes traumatic when things change. I admit, change can be difficult, but not so difficult if we learn to go through these seasons with God. **“There is a time for everything, and everything on earth has its special season.”** God has a purpose and a season for everything under heaven and right now each of us is in one of his seasons.

This month, as you enjoy this season, embrace an attitude of gratitude in every area of your life. When you pray for family, friends, and country, remember places of war and those persecuted for his name's sake. Pray for those less fortunate who have been victimized by natural disasters, crime, terrorism, war, and financial crises. Ask the Lord to show you what you can do to be a blessing and help those in need of comfort and provision. Continue to pray for wisdom and protection for our president and other government leaders. Ask God's spirit to be at work in our church and send more laborers into his harvest fields here and abroad.

Pastor Sue



PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Sue officiated at the Wedding of Abby Wiskerchen and Corey Chilson.

CONFIRMATION ELECTIVES

October 9th: The High Cost of Free Love
October 16th: 15 Challenges Most Youth Deal With
October 23rd: How We 'Do' Church
October 30th: How the Bible Helps Us

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
Worship: Lois Miller

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WAYS TO CONNECT WITH ZION

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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.



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and click on the link to
the Facebook page.

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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

Zion is on Facebook.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 15, 2019 during 9:00 Worship Service

PRACTICE TIMES

Wed., Nov. 20th 3:15 – 5:15

Wed., Dec. 4th 3:15 – 5:15

Wed., Dec. 11th 3:15 – 5:15

Please e-mail us at office@zionlc.com to let us know if your child will be participating or not by November 1st. Please note: Class for Little Lutherans and J-Team will still be provided as usual for those who are not able to participate in the program.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Devin Ulrich
- 2 - Tony Oertel
Kurt Schwarze
- 3 - Jamie Greenberg
Frank Guralski
Wandetta Karl
- 4 - Beth Griffith
Taylor Grell
Mary Kolbeck
Stephanie Kramer
Ben Natzke
Troy Multerer
- 5 - Isaac Thompson
Donley Niskanen
Luke Hilgemann
- 6 - Don Karl
- 7 - Evan Schoenfuss
Paul Huther
Carrie Stroetz
Chloe Timm
- 9 - Sydney Kafka
Angela Schiller
Turner Southwick
- 12 - Greyson Wilke
- 13 - Linda Lauer
Leon Tietzen
Jill Dasler
- 14 - Charles Brown
- 15 - Vicki Pfahning
Jordan Aschenbrenner

- 16 - Talia Iverson
- 18 - Cheryl Kuyoth
- 19 - Amy Cole
- 20 - Janice Schmidt
- 21 - Kennedi Johnson
- 24 - Dan Thompson
Cory Wiesman
Rich Krueger
- 25 - Isaac Castellano
James Kollmansberger
Ivy Tews
- 26 - Nancy Frodl
Keith Spaeth
- 29 - Yvonne Moen
Michael Wilke
- 30 - Diane Shanks
Karl Uthmeier
Ricky Timm

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - James & Marge Kollmansberger
Chuck & Julie Gliniecki
James & Jeanne Griesbach
- 4 - Patrick & Amy Wrensch
Neil & Mary Kolbeck
- 7 - Robert & Vicki Hughes
- 8 - Dean & Nancy Wieland
- 9 - Lee & Stacey Spindler
- 10 - Brent & Amanda Spindler
- 16 - Leroy & Lori Wiesman
- 22 - Keith & Wendy Spaeth
Ron & Nona Zepplin
- 23 - Rich & June Krueger
- 28 - Harold & Barb Wrensch
Al & Sandy Grell
- 29 - Kris & Amy Grell

GERMANFEST

A word to newcomers: If you are new to Zion you may not have heard about Zion's Germanfest Dinner.



Once a year the members of Zion serve a traditional German meal of sauerkraut, pork hocks, pork roast and potato dumplings. In preparation for the cost of the meal, members are asked to sell tickets, contribute to the cost of the meal, and volunteer in serving the meal.

Proceeds from the dinner are placed in a "Crisis Fund." Grants for those who experience a crisis (fire, illness, etc.) are taken from the fund and given to non-members living within the Stratford School District OR to members of Zion regardless of where they live.

If you would like to know more about the dinner, ask a member of the congregation or call the church office. The dinner began in 1988 and has given many gifts to area people.

More information is on the gold Germanfest insert along with **4 tickets to sell, buy, or return to Zion. Worship will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 27th.**

Building Update 2019

Payment Bi-Weekly Dates	Start Balance	Payment Amount	Interest Paid	Principal Paid	Ending Balance
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
08/02 & 08/16	\$314,224.76	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 945.40	\$ 2,154.60	\$ 312,070.16
08/30	\$312,070.16	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 470.27	\$ 1,079.73	\$ 310,990.43
08/30	\$310,990.43	\$ 7,000.00	\$.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 303,990.43

Total monthly principal payments \$ 19,518.73
 Total monthly interest payments \$ 3,331.27
 Balance of loan as of 08-30-2019 \$ 303,990.43

Partners Bank
 Building checking acct balance as of 09-09-2019 \$ 9,852.95

October 31st 5:30-7:30

Trunk 'r' Treat 2019 will have a change in venue. This year, we will again have our trunks downtown Stratford so we have better lighting for the trick or treaters. We will be closing off the 300 block of Legion St. We will need to be set up by 5pm or shortly after as we need to block the street off before trick or treating starts at 5:30 pm. We will also be inviting the other local churches to join us so feel free to partner with some friends! Consider dressing up and joining us for this fun event! A sign-up sheet will be in the back of the Narthex. Any questions, please ask Pastor Sue, Dan or Rhonda Thompson.



Cemetery Reminder

All memory flowers, etc. need to be removed from the cemetery on both Hwy 153 & 97 by November 1st. Anything remaining after that date will be removed by the Cemetery Team. This will help us when getting the cemeteries ready for Memorial Day 2020. If you wish to keep flowers, etc. for next year, please remove them yourself. Thank you for your help!

All Saints' Sunday

"All Saints' Sunday" will be celebrated at Zion on **Sunday, November 3rd**. As part of the liturgy we will remember those friends and members of Zion who have died in the past year, and those whose names have been submitted by loved ones. You may light a candle in memory of loved ones during the service. Names may be given to the church office by Wednesday, October 23rd.

ALL SAINTS
DAY



New Member Sunday

We will be receiving new members to Zion on **Sunday, November 10th**. If you are interested, or know of anyone interested in joining, please call the church office at 715-687-4110.

Germanfest Bake Sale

Ladies and Gentlemen-do you like to bake, make salsa, pesto, bread, cookie creations? Now is the time to put those skills to work for the Germanfest Bake Sale. Please bring items to the large table in the Gathering area on Saturday afternoon, October 26th. Price them and we will display for sale. This is an important part of Germanfest. Thanks so much.



"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.

October 6: *Awareness and Practice*
October 13: *Joy and Celebration*
October 20: *Grateful Community*



The musical 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, September 16, 2019
Vice President Maryel Schoenfuss called the meeting to order.
Lee Spindler 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. Received five Thank You cards.
- Lee reported on work done in Bell Towers.
- Lee reported on Elevator Committee assembled.
- Approved Accountable Reimbursement Plan Policy.
- Approved Sexual Harassment Statement.
- Team Budgets due by November 1st.

Respectfully submitted by
Carmella Moon, Secretary

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