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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Zion's Good News

SEPTEMBER
2020

September Worship

September 6th

Join us at www.zionlc.com for online worship led by our Synod.



September 13th

Join us for “**Outdoor Worship**” at 9:00 a.m. in our parking lots, or, bring a lawn chair and sit in the green-space adjacent to the parking lot. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Tune in to FM 91.5. Bring your own coffee.

September 13th Affirmation of Baptism
10:30 a.m. for Confirmands and Family Only



September 20th

Join us at www.zionlc.com for online worship led by Pastor Sue.



September 27th

Join us for “**Outdoor Worship**” at 9:00 a.m. in our parking lots, or, bring a lawn chair and sit in the green-space adjacent to the parking lot. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Tune in to FM 91.5. Bring your own coffee.



Due to COVID restrictions, the Germanfest meal will not be held this year. However, in a time when many are dealing with difficulties, we are still anticipating requests. Please consider giving the cost of a ticket or more to this very worthy ministry. Just put Germanfest on your envelope.

Why?

Those who teach successful organizations tell to know our why: Why do we want to succeed? Why do we want to be different from everyone else? What will keep us going when we're weary and tired? What will give us the encouragement to continue? What drives us? Who are we doing it all for? I hear this mentality within the walls of exercise classes, too: Why will we keep fighting when we're so tired we can hardly breathe? Why will we go the extra mile? What will make us power through?

Why, is the foundation of everything we do—in our relationships, our work, and our leadership. So, what is our why?

These days we feel we are in a whole new situation, we have no clue what is ahead, and still we are called to followed God's calling.

I love when someone tells me $a + b = c$, don't you? Some of the stress and mystery goes away when I'm told that doing something will likely cause a specific other thing to happen. It seems I've spent most of the summer looking for just such an equation for this COVID time, and I'm still looking.

I for one am grateful Jesus is with us, and because of that, we can do big things. We may be freaking out because this situation is new and scary, but when we know we're walking in His will, we can step out with confidence.

The Bible is rich with encouragement, direction, and hope, God has given us. If you're in need of perspective or insight as you press into your why, or if you're asking God for growth in a particular area, flip to the back of your Bible for the concordance or topical index to find passages that connect with what you're going through (and if you don't have one of those, you can always google "verses about"). Select a verse and resolve to commit it to memory this week. Let God's words pour over you and give you confidence in your purpose as He brings His truth from head knowledge to heart knowledge.

Pastor Sue

YOUR CHURCH STAFF

COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Carmella Moon
V. Pres.: Brenda Castellano
Secretary: Maryel Schoenfuss
Treasurer: Marge Redetzke
Evangelism: Cory Wiesman
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Property: Lee Spindler
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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.



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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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The 21st of each month.

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

Fair Trade Refreshed!

While there are still some products left on the ½ off sale, we have ordered and restocked so stop in to the Gathering Area and check out the 24/7 product display! If you prefer to order and have it delivered to your car during an upcoming Drive-In Service, contact Darla Leick at dleick@msn.com or 715.506.0044. Let's support the small, independent farmers working with Fair Trade!



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 Tietyen
- 16 - Brooklynn Zawislan
Melissa Mikelson
- 18 - Brenda Garrigan
Jeremy Schoenherr
Jasmine Grell
Anne Zuelke

- 19 - Amy Reno
- 20 - Jamie 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 Fueh

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

Council Minutes

Zion Lutheran Church Council met on Monday, June 15, 2020
President Carmella Moon 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 and received one thank you.
- Motion carried to issue the following statement regarding weddings and other larger services held at the church:

“Due to the uncertainty of the status of Covid 19 Corona-virus during the remainder of the calendar year 2020, we are uncertain about when we will be able to allow gatherings of more than 10 or 50 in our building according to the ELCA guidelines. With that in mind, we cannot commit to scheduling any weddings, funerals, or other worship services in our church building at this time; however, we can keep you posted of our situation as time goes on.”

- Motion carried to issue a new lease for rental property. Plans to proceed with demolition in future.

Respectfully submitted by
Maryel Schoenfuss, Secretary

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



PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Sue officiated at the wedding of Clare Thompson and David Marquardt; and at the Baptisms of Ellianna Leonhard, Jaxon Rasmussen and Holden Boldig.

Scrip

Zion's Scrip program is not on furlough! If you've never tried Scrip, this is a perfect time to practice no-contact shopping by having gift cards on hand for online or in person shopping. Stop in during office hours to purchase Scrip or send your requests to June Krueger and she'll prepare them for you to pick up at your convenience. If you have a special order for a retailer that's not in stock, contact June by text or email, 715-897-0617, rajmkrueger@gmail.com. Proceeds from Scrip sales support Zion mission trips and faith-building experiences. Thanks!



**Begins Wednesday,
October 7th.**



WE NEED YOUR HELP

What a year 2020 has turned out to be! Last week the leaders of the J-Team and Little Lutherans met to look at the coming year. It was hard. This program has been one of the most successful we have started at Zion in the last few years. Our elementary age youth love coming for two afternoons a month after school until 5:15 for snack, games, Bible stories, singing, and experiential learning. Attendance has been very consistent. **We need your help this year. Two new teachers are needed; one in J-Team and one in Little Lutherans. Also, youth helpers.** Teaching time is approximately 20-25 minutes between other activities. Please let Pastor Sue know if you are interested. If you'd like to talk one on one with one of the teachers for more information, call Jill Dasler at 715-687-4086 or Brenda Huther at 715-581-2485. J-Team & Little Lutheran registration forms are due **September 23rd.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!
Confirmation Classes for Grades 7 - 9
6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Family Center
No pre-registration required.
September 16th: Scavenger Hunt / Prayer
September 23rd: Believing in Jesus / Salvation
September 30th: Making Blessing Bowls

DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST
Kick Off Meeting on Wednesday, September 9th
For tenth grade students, parents and mentors.
7:30 p.m. in the Family Center

“Getting to Know You” on Sunday, September 20th
For Disciples and their mentors.
5:30 p.m. in the Family Center

Council Minutes

Zion Lutheran Church Council met on Monday, August 17, 2020
President Carmella Moon called the meeting to order
Pastor Sue led with devotions.

During the meeting the council:

- Approved the Secretary Report.
- Approved the Treasurer Report.
- Approved the Ministry Teams Reports.
- Received two Thank You Cards.
- Motion carried to dedicate funds from the Pastor Council Designation to cover the costs of disconnecting the gas lines for the green rental home.
- Motion carried to approve confirmants for Affirmation of Baptism
- Motion carried to replace Furnace and Air Conditioning for the parsonage using funds from the Pastor Council Designation
- Motion carried to cancel Germanfest for the 2020 year.
- Motion made not to pursue Gods Work Our Hands activities at this time.

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Building Update 2020

Payment	Start	Payment	Interest	Principal	Ending
<u>Dates</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>
04/10 & 04/24	\$271,240.52	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 815.76	\$ 2,284.24	\$ 268,956.28
05/08 & 05/22	\$268,956.28	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 808.87	\$ 2,291.13	\$ 266,665.15
06/05 & 06/19	\$266,665.19	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 801.95	\$ 2,298.05	\$ 264,367.10
07/03	\$264,367.10	\$ 9,000.00		\$ 9,000.00	\$ 255,367.10
07/03 & 07/17	\$255,367.10	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 781.46	\$ 2,318.54	\$ 253,048.56
07/31	\$253,048.56	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 381.33	\$ 1,168.67	\$ 251,879.89
Total monthly principal payments				\$ 15,873.42	
Total monthly interest payments				\$ 2,426.58	
Balance of loan as of 07-03-2020				\$ 255,367.10	
Total monthly principal payments				\$ 17,076.39	
Total monthly interest payments				\$ 2,773.61	
Balance of loan as of 07-31-2020				\$ 251,879.89	
Partners Bank					
Building checking acct balance as of 07-03-2020			\$	10,996.42	
Building checking acct balance as of 08-15-2020			\$	11,866.42	

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>6:00 pm Worship Team Meeting</i>	2	3	4	5
6 <i>9 am Worship</i>	7 <i>Labor Day Office is closed.</i>	8	9 <i>6:30 pm Confirmation Rehearsal 7:30 pm Disciples for Christ Kick Off FC</i>	10	11	12
13 <i>9 am Drive In Worship</i> <i>10:30 am Confirmation</i>	14 <i>6p Exec Team</i> <i>6:30 - 7:30 pm Girl Scout Drive Through Packet Pick Up</i>	15 <i>6:30pm Faith For- mation Team Meeting</i>	16 <i>6p Conf: Scavenger Hunt / Prayer FC</i>	17	18	19
20 <i>9 am Worship</i> <i>5:30 pm Disciples for Christ</i>	21 <i>6p Council</i> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	22	23 <i>6p Conf: Believing in Jesus / Salvation FC</i>	24	25	26 <i>Hughes - Voda Wedding</i>
27 <i>9 am Drive In Worship</i>	28 <i>6:30 pm Evangelism Team Meeting</i>	29 <i>8am School Testing</i>	30 <i>6p Conf.: Making Blessing Bowls FC</i>			



Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

COVID 19 Stimulus Check Appeal for ministries of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

August 1, 2020

Friends in Christ:

Over the past few months our lives have changed dramatically. Daily routines have been disrupted, new challenges have arisen. In spite of Covid 19, the ministry of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin continues to be impactful, making a difference in the world for Jesus' sake. I am grateful for your generous prayerful and financial support of the work that we do together. **I invite you to join me and our synod council in continuing to support the synod's ministry with a special gift.** Perhaps you received a COVID stimulus check. For many this check was a blessing, a needed relief for those who had lost income. However, if you are able, I invite you to consider making a gift from those funds to support essential synod ministries. Consider these opportunities:

Give a gift to your home congregation

Give a gift that will keep on giving by donating to the

Synod Endowment Fund <http://nswi.org/endowment-fund>

Give to the ongoing work of the NWSWI <http://nswi.org/giving>

Give to the synod's general fund

Give to our companion synod in Malawi

Give to our synod's newest Latino/a ministry, Neighbor to Neighbor

Give directly to one of our synod's ministries

Bible Camps: Luther Park, Luther Point, Wapogasset, Amnicon

Lutheran Campus Ministries: UW-Eau Claire, UW-Stout, UW-River Falls

As a Synod, we are making a difference for Jesus' sake

1. The synod's capital campaign, endowment fund and staff helped congregations upgrade technology and provided assistance as nearly every congregation in the synod went to worship and meetings on line during the pandemic.
2. The synod ministers provided additional education, support, encouragement, and resources for both worship and faith formation to pastors, deacons, SAMS and congregations since March.
3. The synod has provided financial support to the Lutheran church in Malawi to help with flood relief and pastor's salaries during the pandemic.
4. The synod's justice team has been meeting and working on video resources on racial, gender, environmental and hunger justice issues. The synod is launching a NEW Latinx racial justice ministry called Neighbor to Neighbor that will focus on connecting with our American Latinx neighbors.
5. The Northwest Synod awarded small ELCA COVID 19 grants to our synod's Bible Camps and Lutheran Campus Ministries hit hard by loss of income during the pandemic.

Thank you for your faithful partnership in ministry in the past! I invite you to join me and the members of the Northwest Wisconsin Synod Council in making a special gift to support the synod that will benefit the ministries of every congregation in NW Wisconsin as we move forward together in God's mission for the sake of the world.

Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson