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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Zion's Good News

SEPTEMBER  
2021

## *Worship Schedule*

**September 5th**  
Indoor Worship at 9:00 a.m.  
Communion Service

**September 12th**  
Indoor Worship at 9:00 a.m.  
Communion Service

**September 19th**  
Indoor Worship at 9:00 a.m.  
Non-Communion Service

**September 26th**  
Indoor Worship at 9:00 a.m.  
Communion Service

Tuesday Morning Bible Study



Beginning Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.  
Everyone is welcome to come. If you need a ride,  
call Sandy at 715-687-2368.

Hello Family of Zion,

In June, I addressed the congregation with Pastor Sue's resignation letter and since then, we have said our goodbyes and she has officially retired. Our congregation is now in a period of transition. We are working with Pastor Randy Olson of the Northwest Synod office as they guide and lead us through the process of "Moving into the Future." This process consists of three phases:

- Phase I: Our Pastor is leaving. What do we do?
- Phase II: Intentional Interim and Self Study
- Phase III: The Call Process

We have mostly completed Phase I and are awaiting the recommendation of an Interim Pastor from Pastor Randy and the Synod office. The Interim Pastor is responsible for leading the ongoing ministry of our congregation, providing pastoral care, leading worship and administering the sacraments, and leading the Transition Team and Call Committee through the transition process.

Once the Synod office recommends an interim candidate, we will move into Phase II and a concurrence interview will take place with the council. If the council determines the candidate is a good fit for our congregation, a compensation package and a timeframe will be negotiated and the Synod will make an official call. If it is determined the candidate is not a good fit, Pastor Randy and the Synod office will continue to look for an appropriate candidate.

After an Interim Pastor is chosen, a Transition Team will be formed. The primary purpose of the team is to gather information and data for the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). The Transition Team will complete Parts 1 and 2 of the MSP and submit it to the council.

Following this, Phase III will commence and a Call Committee will be selected. They will complete the MSP and identify the candidate that is best suited to lead our congregation into the future.

This period of transition will not be easy and it will not be quick. It's been nearly 25 years since our congregation has been in a period of transition and in need of a Pastor, and currently, there are 15+ other congregations in our synod that are in various stages of the transition/call process. We hope and pray that Pastor Randy and the Synod office will have an Interim Pastor candidate to us by October.

## **YOUR CHURCH STAFF**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President: Carmella Moon  
V. Pres.: Brenda Castellano  
Secretary: Maryel Schoenfuss  
Treasurer: Marge Redetzke  
Evangelism: Cory Wiesman  
Faith Formation: Ray White  
Jasmine Grell  
Property: Robin Curtis  
Stewardship: Amy Cournoyer  
Worship: Lois Miller  
Temp Secretary: Carol Beyer  
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### **WAYS TO CONNECT WITH ZION**

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7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or leave a  
voice mail message.

Or email us at [office@zionlc.com](mailto:office@zionlc.com)  
or directly to emails above.  
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**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**  
**9:00 a.m.**

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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](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



**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.

## GERMANFEST UPDATE

Although the Germanfest meal will not be held this year, you may wish to consider giving a gift to this worthy ministry which helps those experiencing a crisis. If so, please put Germanfest on your envelope. Thank you.



## PARSONAGE UPDATE

As we prepare for the arrival of a new pastor, the parsonage is needing some updates and an all-over spruce-up. Potential projects include: replacing the flooring, painting ceilings and walls, cleaning cabinets, hanging new window coverings, refinishing the deck, and general minor maintenance. Though some of the projects will be handled by contractors, some jobs can be accomplished by us. If you have the time and talent for any of these tasks, please contact Rich or June Krueger by text or phone at 715-387-2197 or 715-897-0617.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Immediate opening for Administrative Assistant at Zion Lutheran Church. This is a part time position mornings for up to 24+ hours a week. Job description can be found online at [zionlc.com](http://zionlc.com). Submit resume to [office@zionlc.com](mailto:office@zionlc.com) or drop off at church office.

**Note:** We welcome and thank Carol Beyer for working in our office temporarily as our Administrative Assistant. We appreciate her willingness to help us out. We also thank Sheri Chrouser, Marge Kollmansberger, and Lori Lang for all of their work in the office during July and August.

In the meantime, there is much to do. Your council and committee members are working hard to maintain the regular operations of the church but, we cannot do this alone. We are in need of your prayers, your input and your participation. This is our congregation – our Christian family; where we go from here is dependent on all of us.

I invite you to read more about “moving into the Future” on the Northwest Synod’s website at [nwswi.org](http://nwswi.org) under Congregations, Clergy Transitions, Call Process Manual. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to help in any way, please reach out to your council members. And, if you or anyone is in need of any Pastoral Acts, contact the church office or myself.

Our family is going to experience some growing pains and will evolve, but together we will get through this process and will be stronger in the end.

God’s many blessings to all of you,

Carmella Moon, Council President  
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[cmoon9911@gmail.com](mailto:cmoon9911@gmail.com)

### Council Minutes

Zion Lutheran Church Council met on Monday, August 16, 2021  
President Carmella Moon called the meeting to order  
Jasmine Grell led with devotions.

During the meeting the council:

- Approved the Secretary’s Report.
- Approved the Treasurer’s Report.
- Approved the Ministry Teams’ Reports
- Received an update on the condition of the parsonage and recommendations for updating.
- Motioned to update the parsonage and to allow for an additional \$2,000 to come from the Council/Pastor Fund to do so per the recommendations received.
- Toured the rental property located at 213530 Legion St, corner of North St and Legion St.
- Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Carmella Moon, President

A copy of the full minutes is available in the Church Office.



- 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  
Tyler & Tianna Voda
- 28 - Dan & Rhonda Thompson
- 29 - Zach & Alyssa Fellenz

**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 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

**THANK YOU!**

It is with humble gratitude that I thank you for the wonderful reception on my last Sunday celebrating twenty-three years as your pastor. It has been my joy and honor to serve you, and even more than that, it has been a blessing to be served by all of you. As a congregation, and as individuals, you have brought a multitude of blessings to me. You mean more to me than I can ever express. I am exceedingly thankful to God for placing me at Zion.

As a brand-new pastor fresh out of seminary, I was tremendously blessed by the patience and guidance offered by all of you. I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation and thanks for the kindness you have shown to me during this time of ending, by the way you showed your love and support to me. Your cards, notes, letters and gifts have been so kind and generous, yet let me assure you that it is your prayers that are most highly valued and needed. Thank you very much for the retirement gift! *Pastor Sue*

**Building Update 2021**

Payment Bi-Weekly Dates	Start Balance	Payment Amount	Interest Paid	Principal Paid	Ending Balance
04/09 & 04/23	\$193,974.79	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 589.21	\$ 2,510.79	\$ 191,464.00
05/07 & 05/21	\$191,464.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 575.14	\$ 2,524.86	\$ 188,939.14
06/04 & 06/18	\$188,939.14	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 576.53	\$ 2,532.47	\$ 186,406.67
07/02 & 07/16	\$186,406.67	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 559.89	\$ 2,540.11	\$ 183,866.56
07/30	\$183,866.56	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 277.07	\$ 1,272.93	\$ 182,593.63

Total monthly principal payments \$ 7,568.21  
 Total monthly interest payments \$ 1,731.88  
 Balance of loan as of **07-02-2021** \$ 186,406.67  
 Partners Bank  
 Building checking acct balance as of **07-02-2021** \$ 13,755.25

Total monthly principal payments \$ 9,870.37  
 Total monthly interest payments \$ 1,979.63  
 Balance of loan as of **07-30-2021** \$ 182,593.63  
 Partners Bank  
 Building checking acct balance as of **08-16-2021** \$ 14,844.25

Date	9/05/2021 Pent 15 9:00 AM	9/12/2021 Pent 16 9:00 AM	9/19/2021 Pent 17 9:00 AM	9/26/2021 Pent 18 9:00 AM	10/03/20 21 Pent 19
Assisting Minister	Terry Schoenherr	Dan Thompson	Brenda Castellano	Darla Leick	Dan Wieland
Reader	Terry Schoenherr	Dan Thompson	Brenda Castellano	Darla Leick	Dan Wieland
Acolytes					
Ushers	Tadd & Janet Schoenherr	Tom & Nancy Schoenherr	Rudy & JoAnn Werner	Wendy Grell (2) Brian Leick	Eddy Peterson Ann Temby
Communion Assistants	Terry Schoenherr Dan & Rhonda Thompson Jill Dasler	Dan & Rhonda Thompson Sandy Andersen Angie Guralski	.....	Darla Leick Marge K. Nancy Schoenherr Carmella Moon	Dan Wieland <b>Need 3 more</b>
Fellowship	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Host	Amy Cournoyer	Lois Miller	Ray White	Jasmine Grell	Carmella Moon
Media	Leon Tietyen	Marge K.	Ted Dasler	Connor Kreft	Kevin Miller
Welcome Announce-	Terry Schoenherr	Dan Thompson	Brenda Castellano	Darla Leick	Dan Wieland

### PULPIT FILL

As we wait for an interim pastor to join us, we have been contacting retired pastors, lay pastors, and synod staff for leading our worship services and sharing their message with us. We have been very grateful for their help during this time and have received many encouraging words from them. The following is a list of the September worship dates and anticipated pulpit fill. The services will be held indoors on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.

- Sept. 5 – Communion Service – Pastor Ken Hanson
- Sept. 12 – Communion Service – Pastor Ken Hanson
- Sept. 19 – Non-communion Service – Deacon David Behling
- Sept. 26 - Communion Service – Pastor Gary Hedding

We hope you will be able to join us for these services!

Attention Zion Parents:

As the school year quickly approaches, the Faith Formation Team has been busy planning the upcoming youth programs at Zion Lutheran Church. With that being said, we have a plan for our youth in all areas of Christian instruction and are excited to share the following updates. Please bear with us as some of the programs may have a slightly different feel until the council is able to interview an interim pastor which leads to call process to find a permanent pastor. **If you have any questions about what I detailed below please contact the Faith Formation team at the email below.**

### Disciples for Christ: 10th-grade students

We are excited to continue this program this year with a similar format as years past. Darla Leick and Jill Dasler will be leading the program with Wendy Spaeth and Dan Wieland volunteering to help with additional duties. **At this time, we ask the incoming 10<sup>th</sup> graders to reach out to members of the congregation and teaming up with a mentor for the year. If you seek assistance for a mentor, please contact the Faith Formation team.**

### Confirmation Students: 7 - 9th grade

We are working to solidify a plan for the Confirmation students for the upcoming year. We have made some changes to the current program. Given the Church's quest for a pastor we will look to keep this program fluid and give the students a different experience than they have had in years past. Per our last team meeting, we will look to delay confirmation classes until October of 2021. Please look for additional details to be communicated in the near future.

### Little Lutherans and J team: K - 6th grade

Last, but not least our youngest group will be delayed until the end of September. A program has been selected and we are very excited to show the younger kids what we have in store. We have gained volunteers (thank you to Tom & Nancy Schoenherr and Jasmine Grell) for the younger group and, as always, please are advised that things could be modified, given the current environment.

I would like thank the parents of the Zion youth for your patience as we work through this plan. Nothing has been set in stone and we would like to keep it that way, given the Covid world we now live in and as the process continues for a new pastor. As always, we are looking for volunteers to help out with activities involving the youth, so if you can assist in any way, we would be happy to have a helping hand.

Thank you

Ray White

Faithformation@zionlc.com

# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>School Starts</i>	2	3	4
5 <i>9am Indoor Worship</i>	6 <i>6pm Worship Team Meeting</i>	7 <i>10am Bible Study</i>  <i>6pm Worship Team Meeting</i>	8	9	10	11
12 <i>9am Indoor Worship</i>	13 <i>6pm Executive Team Meeting</i>	14 <i>10am Bible Study</i>	15	16	17	18
19 <i>9am Indoor Worship</i>	20 <i>6pm Council Meeting</i>  <i>6pm Faith Formation Team Meeting</i>	21 <i>10am Bible Study</i>  <b><i>Newsletter Deadline</i></b>	22	23	24	25
26 <i>9am Indoor Worship</i>	27 <i>6:30pm Evangelism Team Meeting</i>	28 <i>10am Bible Study</i>	29	30		