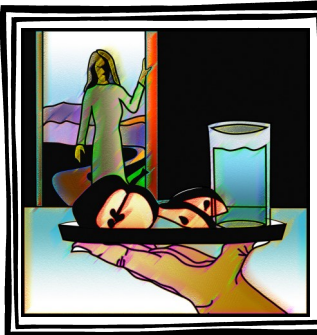


THE HERALD

SEPTEMBER 2024



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Zion Lutheran Church

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In, with Faith and Love

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Services

- Saturday 5:30 PM ~ Gathering, Come As You Are
- Sunday 8:00 AM ~ Traditional: Words, Hymns, Liturgy
 - Sunday 10:00 AM ~ Community Service
- Sunday 10:00 AM - Online (YouTube and Facebook)
 - Monday 7:30 PM - Online Prayer Service

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A Message from our Pastor

Dear Precious Members of ZION:

What is new at ZION, '**We are ... Wednesdays!**' starting in September we will be having several midweek programs to support our spiritual growth, community, and fellowship here at ZION!!!

Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:11-16 "the spiritual gifts of the church are to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ... by speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love."

It is our hope that 'We are ... Wednesdays!' will build ZION up in love. We pray you will join one or more of these groups to build your knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity in Christ. Here is a quick summary of 'We are... Wednesdays!'

1. Prayer Group: Join in prayer, in a variety of styles. Pray for personal, community and global issues. First Wednesday of each month starting September 4, 2024.
2. GriefShare: Find comfort and support here. 13-week course September 11 thru December 13, 2024.
3. Discipleship: Explore what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century. Third Wednesday of each month starting September 18, 2024.
4. Book Club: Join this vibrant community of book lovers, covering a wide range of genres! Fourth Wednesday of each month starting September 25, 2024.

Childcare is provided upon request for all activities.

Why are Wednesday night church activities important for ZION?

1. Midweek Spiritual Renewal

- **Recharge During the Week:** Midweek services or activities offer a chance to reconnect with faith and community between Sunday services. It's a way to spiritually recharge and refocus during the workweek.

- **Deepen Faith:** These groups focus on Bible study, prayer, or discipleship, providing opportunities for deeper learning and spiritual growth outside of the more general Sunday services.

2. Community Building

- **Fellowship and Support:** Midweek meetings provide a space for members to bond and support each other. Activities like prayer groups, support groups, and book clubs create a sense of belonging and strengthen relationships within the church.
- **Accessibility:** Not everyone can attend Sunday services due to work, family obligations, or other commitments. Wednesday night activities offer an alternative time for those who may be unavailable on Sundays.

3. Focused Programs

- **Specialized Groups:** Midweek gatherings often focus on specific interests or needs, such as discipleship, grief support, or book discussions. This allows for more targeted teaching, discussion, and support that might not be possible in a general Sunday service.

4. Leadership Development

- **Training and Equipping:** Discipleship and leadership programs held on Wednesday nights can help equip church members with the skills and knowledge needed to lead within the church and their communities. These sessions often delve into more specific theological and practical topics than what might be covered on Sundays.

5. Flexibility and Routine

- **Midweek Routine:** Regular Wednesday gatherings create a rhythm of spiritual engagement throughout the week. This routine can be beneficial for maintaining consistent spiritual practice and ensuring that faith remains a central part of daily life.

In essence, Wednesday night church activities complement Sunday services by offering more personalized, in-depth, and supportive environments for spiritual growth and community building. Below is more information about each Wednesday night.

ZION's Prayer Group: (Leaders Lauren Dreisbach, Nancy Rossi and Byam Stout)

Meets on the first Wednesday of every month, 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

ZION's Prayer Group is a gathering of individuals who come together every first Wednesday of the month to engage in communal prayer, support each other, and grow in their faith. The Prayer Group at ZION plays a vital role in fostering a deeper sense of spirituality, community, prayer for the church, and support among its members. Through regular meetings focused on prayer, study, and fellowship, participants are encouraged to grow in their faith and live out their beliefs in tangible ways.

Purpose and Activities:

1. Collective Prayer:

- Members pray together for various intentions, including personal needs, community concerns, ZION's ministry & outreach, and global issues.
- Different forms of prayer may be practiced, such as intercessory prayer, thanksgiving, praise, and worship.

2. Bible Study and Reflection:

- The group often reads and reflects on passages from the Bible, seeking to deepen their understanding and application of Scripture.
- Discussions may be guided by a facilitator or follow a study guide.

3. Support and Fellowship:

- Members provide emotional and spiritual support to one another, sharing personal struggles and joys.
- Time is set aside for sharing testimonies, discussing answered prayers, and encouraging one another in their faith journeys.
- Leaders provide prayer list for bulletin and text prayer network.

4. Spiritual Growth:

- The group may focus on developing spiritual disciplines such as meditation, fasting, and devotional reading.
- Guest speakers, workshops, or retreats may be organized to help members grow in their faith.

GriefShare: (Leaders Chris Owens, Gina Campbell, Linda Doyle and Kathy Glass) **Starts Wednesday, September 11, 2024, runs consecutively every Wednesday, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. For 13 weeks thru December 13, 2024.**

When a loved one dies, it can feel like you're alone. Few people understand how painful and isolating your grief can be. But that doesn't mean you have to suffer by yourself. At GriefShare, you'll find a safe, comforting place where you can talk with others about your grief. You'll find support, direction, and guidance on how to make it through.

How will GriefShare Help? At this 13-week grief recovery support group, you'll:

- Hear insights from grief recovery experts.
- Meet others who understand what you're going through.
- Receive comfort and support.
- Learn practical tips for navigating your grief.
- Discover the 6 signs of healing.

Discipleship: (Leader Pastor Kevin Stout)

Meets on the third Wednesday of every month, 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Our Discipleship combines Lutheranism, how to follow Jesus, and leadership to provide holistic Christianity for the Global Church. The attendees explore what

it means to be a Lutheran, a disciple, and a leader in the 21st century. We examine Martin Luther, the Lutheran reformers, Lutheran theology, and the doctrinal heritage and biblical insights that define Lutheranism.

Discipleship training is based on John 17:3, where John said, "And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." The aim is to deepen our knowledge of God and understand the Bible as a whole, from creation to Christ, so one may grow in faith and share God's Word with others.

Additionally, this group studies God's laws for leaders and leadership. The Bible teaches us principles of leadership and how to apply them in our world. Whether you are an employee, a boss, a parent, a church member, or a neighbor, you have influence in your sphere. Leadership is neutral, and it is our responsibility to use it for good and to grow God's kingdom.

Book Club: (Leader Erin Ream and others)

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month, 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Our Book Club is a vibrant community of book lovers who come together to explore diverse literary works, engage in stimulating discussions, and foster a shared love for reading. We meet monthly to discuss a wide range of genres, from contemporary fiction and classic literature to non-fiction and memoirs. Each meeting provides an opportunity to delve into the themes, characters, and narratives of the selected book, offering fresh perspectives and deepening our understanding of the text.

Members vote on the book of the month, ensuring a diverse and enriching reading list. Our discussions are inclusive and respectful, encouraging everyone to share their thoughts and insights. Beyond the discussions, our book club fosters friendships and community at ZION.

Whether you're an avid reader or looking to rekindle your love for books, our Book Club is a perfect place to connect with others, discover new favorites, and enjoy the journey through the world of literature.

In conclusion: If you want to 'Know Jesus' & 'Make Jesus Known' I pray you will consider joining one or more of the Wednesday night church activities. As you grow in the Love of Christ by practicing midweek spiritual renewal, community building, focused groups, leadership development with flexibility and routine.

I hope to see you Wednesday night. **WE ARE ... WEDNESDAYS!!!!**

Jesus' Peace, Pastor Kevin



GriefShare®

Hope & Healing
After the death of a loved one

GriefShare Support Group at Zion

When: September 11, 6:30-8:00 PM

Duration: 13 weeks, ending on December 11 (skipping November 27 for Thanksgiving)

Description: When a loved one dies, it can feel like you're alone. Few people understand how painful and isolating your grief can be. But that doesn't mean you have to suffer by yourself.

About GriefShare: At GriefShare, you'll find a safe, comforting place where you can talk with others about your grief. You'll find support, direction, and guidance on how to make it through. For more details on GriefShare, you can pick up an informational brochure at Zion on the information desk or visit

www.griefshare.org.

Registration: If you or someone you know could benefit from this type of support, please join us. Register beforehand at www.griefshare.org/groups/241594.

Contact: If you have any questions, you can contact Chris Owens at pcowen.123@gmail.com or (717) 870-6087. As the leader of this group, she will be happy to answer any questions you may have.



BOOK CLUB

Book lovers! Our first Book Club meeting is on **September 25 at 6:30 at Zion Lutheran Church**. I'm asking that you bring a copy of one of your favorite books to share with our group. If you are struggling with which one to bring (If you're like me, you've got loads of favorite books!), please pick one that the story stays with you for a few days after you've read it. Please be prepared to share a theme or two about your book, and what connected you to the story. After our initial meeting, we will

begin choosing a book to read for the next month. See you there with one of your favorite books!

~Your Book Club Leader—Erin Ream



Faith Formation

Adult Bible Studies

Sundays—Beginning September 8th

9:00 AM—9:45AM

Life with Jesus

Are you looking to grow your faith? Participate in, “Life with Jesus” each Sunday in the choir room (first door to the left past the bathrooms, across from the nursery). Currently the study and discussion is on the book of James. Pop in any Sunday and check it out. All adults are welcome!

Lunch Bunch

September 18

12:00 Noon

Join Pastor Kevin at Friendly's located at 423 Loucks Rd, to connect with like-minded individuals, share your thoughts, and deepen your understanding in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Gather & Grow September 9 & 23

6:00 PM

Please join us at Zion on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, starting September 9 and going through November 25. We will be studying the Book of Ephesians, a Letter of Encouragement written by the Apostle Paul. In this beautiful book, we learn of our blessed identity in Christ and how to live as the people of God in this world.

Read Chapter 1 of Ephesians before we begin on September 9.

Men's Huddle

September 19

7PM

Men, join us every third Thursday of the month for a gathering near the fire pit at ZION. It's a time for fellowship, food, and faith as iron sharpens iron. Remember to bring your own beverage and meat; the grill will be ready. Pastor Kevin will be discussing Martin Luther's leadership, making it an insightful and enriching evening.

Questions contact Matt Engleman or Walt Marriot.



**York Conference of Lutherans
Working Together to Support the
Mission of Christ's Church**



**NEEDED: MENTORS
FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-6**

Live*Learn*Love Mentoring (formerly the York Conference of Lutherans Tutoring program) is seeking volunteers to mentor students on Monday (Christ Lutheran) or Tuesday (Union Lutheran) evenings during the upcoming school year! The students will come from Central York, York City, and York Suburban Schools.

The evening consists of a meal served at 6:00 PM to the children. Mentors arrive by 6:30. We will begin with a large group activity from a curriculum called "Overcoming Obstacles" (<https://www.overcomingobstacles.org>) which seeks to teach "soft skills" needed for success in school and in life. Mentors will participate in the large group, as well. Next, children will meet with their mentors to complete a fun extension activity (easy to do and provided to you) to reinforce the evening's concept. Mentors are encouraged to also use some time if available to read or practice basic math skills with their students as time allows. Games will also be available to further develop social skills. Then we will wrap up by 7:30 and parents will pick up their children.

Interested in helping, but don't want to be a mentor? We are looking for someone to assist with serving the meals, which will be provided.

We welcome mentors of ages 15 and up! If you like young people and want to make a difference in the life of a young person, then this is for you!!! Mentors over 18 must apply for clearances, but there is no charge to you as a volunteer. Can't commit every week? We always need substitutes!

Contact Shari Young at ycltutoring@gmail.com or 717-586-9310 for more information.

Children, Youth & Family Ministry



Here we go again!

A renewed spirit and energy fill my office as I prepare for the new school year. So much is happening as lessons are being prepared, faith formation curriculum is being ordered, confirmation dates are being set, youth groups meetings as well as retreats and lock-ins are scheduled for the year.

The first event on the list is Alive! 2024. If you are the parent or grandparent of a kid in 6th through 8th grade, you will want to make sure they know about this event. We will be spending the weekend at Camp Nawakwa focusing on the theme of Fingerprints. There will be activities, campfires, a big game as well as large and small groups that will break down this theme over the course of the weekend. Everything begins Friday night September 27th and runs through noon on Sunday, the 29th. I know these dates are right in the middle of an activity heavy time, but I guarantee that your child is going to get more from this weekend than they will from their weekly activity. Ask my daughter. When she was in 6th grade, I informed her she would be missing a soccer game for this event and I was the “worst Dad ever.” The weekend passed and she had an amazing time and formed new friendships that she still has to this day. The year passes and it is time for Alive again. Audrey comes to me and says, “make sure to tell coach that I am going to miss the game on Alive weekend.” So, prayerfully consider missing that weekend activity to give your kiddo a chance to grow spiritually and make different memories.

The other thing I wanted to call out is the parents’ meeting for all of the youth groups on Sunday September 15th following the 10am service. We will meet to go through the calendar and to make sure you all have the forms that I will need completed for the youth group year.

I also want to call some attention to the other two fall activities that will be happening on October 27th. During the 10am worship, five youth will be affirming their Baptismal promises and taking ownership of their faith life. That evening, trunk or treat will be happening. Watch for the sign up sheets and the chance

to donate candy for the cause. We will need as many cars as possible to decorate and hand out candy to the families of our community. This has been a popular event over the last few years and is a great way to show our neighbors that we care.

As always, your support and prayers are greatly appreciated for the youth ministry of Zion Lutheran Church.

See you on Sunday!
Chuck



Sept 8
9am Faith Formation starts

Sept 15
11:30 Kidz Konnection
3:00 456
6:00 ZEAL

Sept 27-29
ALIVE

Oct 13
11:30 Kidz Konnection
3:00 456
6:00 ZLCY

Oct 27
Trunk or Treat



ALIVE
Registration
September 27-29
Youth going into 6, 7 or 8th grade come join us at Camp Nawakwa for FRIENDS + GAMES + WORSHIP FAITH CONVERSATION + CAMPFIRE. This year's theme is 'Fingerprints' ~ You are a unique gift from God, marked by God with gifts that make you truly special. As a disciple of Jesus, how are you leaving a mark of Jesus' love, grace, and forgiveness on the world around you? **REGISTRATION DEADLINE is September 9** contact Chuck and get registered TODAY! cbissell@zionyork.org

Lutheran Community for Middle Schoolers

Faith Formation
Registration
September 8th
9:00AM
Register Today



Register your youth 3 years to 12th grade to join a faith formation class at <https://forms.gle/fdYzdfHkjPb4SVAq9>

We have a full year of fun and learning planned for your child with their peers!

Lectionary Scriptures for September



September 1, 2024

This coming Sunday we are back to the Gospel of Mark, and a conversation with Jesus about dirty hands and soiled hearts. Come to worship, and be cleansed.

Readings and Psalm

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? (Ps. 15:1)

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 8, 2024

As North Americans come into autumn, in the gospel reading Christ heals a non-Jewish girl and a deaf man. We too need our demons conquered and our ears unstopped. Come to worship to be healed by Jesus Christ.

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm 146

I will praise the Lord as long as I live. (Ps. 146:2)

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

September 15, 2024

On this coming Sunday, the gospel reading from John 6 speaks in graphic What does it mean to take up the cross and follow Jesus? Didn't Jesus die for us? Come to worship on Sunday to hear what Mark and James have to say about this.

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 116:1-9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord. (Ps. 116:9)

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

September 22, 2024

This coming Sunday the gospel presents us with the death of Christ, the life of a servant, and the situation of a vulnerable child. Come to worship to see how these three interact, to sing our praises to God, and to pray for all who are in need.

Readings and Psalm

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm 54

God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)

James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

September 29, 2024

The gospel this Sunday suggests that if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. What in the world does this mean? Come to worship to hear the word of God and to receive comfort in the bread and wine.

Readings and Psalm

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalm 19:7-14

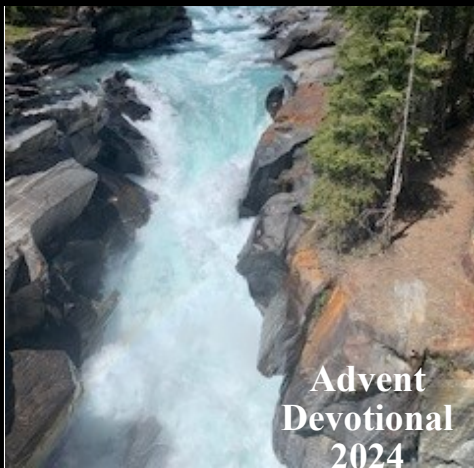
The commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.

John 7:38



The theme for this year's Advent Devotional is WATER. As you enjoy the outdoors this season, take the time to reflect on how water is used to symbolize many things in the Bible, and on Jesus who gives us living water so that we will thirst no more. As you reflect, consider writing your thoughts into an Advent Devotion. Devotions can be emailed to Mary Jane McCluskey, mjmcluskey@comcast.net. Dive right in!

Save the date!



Let's get together for food,
rootbeer, and fellowship!

Oktoberfest

October 20, 2024
11:30 - 2:30

Zion Lutheran Church
2215 Brandywine Lane
York, PA 17404

Watch for more details to follow...

The Herald is



Ricardo & Catherine Aguilar

in honor of the birthdays of their children – Nicolas born in August,
Alejandro and Victoria born in October.



Fall Women's Retreat

We live in a hurting broken world. Each of us needs HEALING in many different areas. The healing process is deeper and it's a journey. But we learned that time doesn't heal but LOVE does.

LOVE is the greatest of ALL (1Cor 13:13). "GOD is LOVE" (1 John 4:16) and we must allow the "GOD THAT HEALS YOU" (Exo 15:26) to work in us. Let's reflect together what JESUS did on the CROSS to heal and restore us (Isa 53:5) out of his pure love. Let's journey together with 6 women that JESUS healed and restored. God the Trinity calls us to live a life in abundance. (John 10:10)."

When: Oct. 4-6; choose your attendance day(s); main event Sat., Oct. 5th, 9:00am-3:00pm (You are welcome to stay for dinner at 5:30pm)

Where: Scheiberhaus Lodge, Kamp Kirchenwald

Cost: 2 nights - \$145; 1 night - \$80; day - \$20 (*Give payment to Lori Wise at retreat, checks to "Zion Lutheran Church."*)

Sign-up: in the narthex - name and email under your attendance option or use the QR Code here



Theme verse: "GOD is LOVE" (1 John 4:16)



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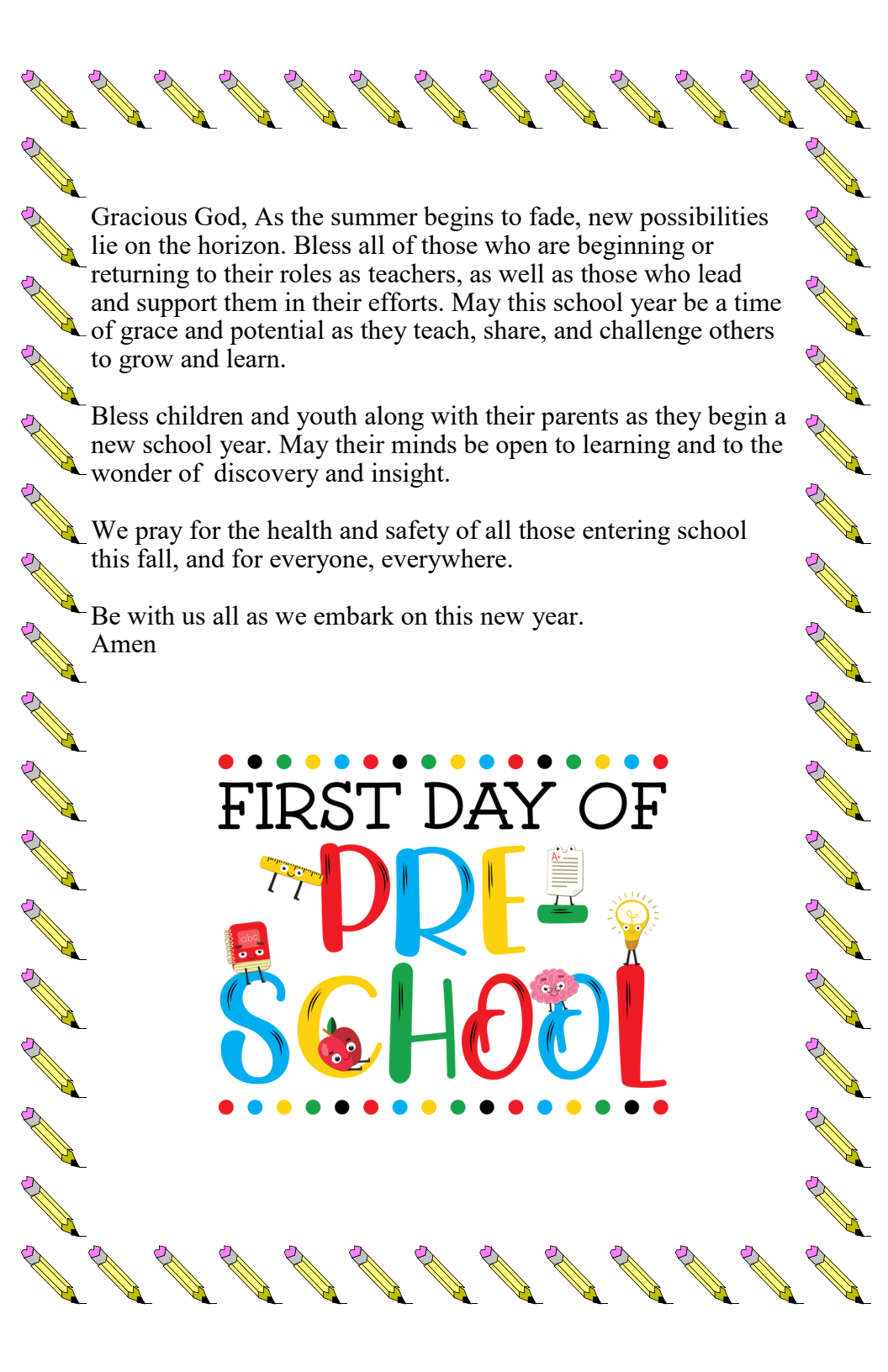
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September 2024

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1	<p>Pentecost 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Worship Times Online • *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am 	2	<p>Labor Day Office Closed</p>
8	<p>Pentecost 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Faith Formation-9am • Worship Times Online • *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am • Team Meetings 11:30am-1pm • All Youth Parent Meeting 11:30am-12:30pm 	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm • Gather & Grow – 6:00pm
15	<p>Pentecost 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Faith Formation-9am • Worship Times Online • *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am • Kids Konnection-11:30am to 1:30pm • Club 456– 3 to 4:30pm • ZEAL-6 to 8:30pm 	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm
22	<p>Pentecost 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Faith Formation-9am • Worship Times Online • *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am 	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm • Gather & Grow – 6:00pm
29	<p>Michael and All Angels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Faith Formation-9am • Worship Times Online • *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am 	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm

Deadline to submit items
for the
October Herald
is September 14.

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch Bunch Friendly's-12noon <p>We are...Wednesdays*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Discipleship 6:30-8pm * GriefShare 6:30-8pm 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Huddle 7 pm 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship- 5:30pm
<p>25</p> <p>We are...Wednesdays * Book Club 6:30-8pm * GriefShare 6:30-8pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship- 5:30pm



Gracious God, As the summer begins to fade, new possibilities lie on the horizon. Bless all of those who are beginning or returning to their roles as teachers, as well as those who lead and support them in their efforts. May this school year be a time of grace and potential as they teach, share, and challenge others to grow and learn.

Bless children and youth along with their parents as they begin a new school year. May their minds be open to learning and to the wonder of discovery and insight.

We pray for the health and safety of all those entering school this fall, and for everyone, everywhere.

Be with us all as we embark on this new year.
Amen



Joyful Noise News

Ready, Set, Go....

As we prepare to open the doors on August 29th & 30th, to the families of Joyful Noise, we remember how fortunate we are to be a mission of Zion Lutheran. This is Joyful Noise's 27th year at Zion. Every year we open our doors, hearts, and arms to the wonderful community and we are excited to do the same again this year. We are excited to welcome many new families to Joyful Noise, but we also remember the hundreds of families that have graduated before them.

We wish all of our Joyful Noise Preschool and Zion Lutheran Church Family members many blessings for a wonderful year ahead.

Calendar of September Events

August 21st Parent Orientation at 6:00 pm

August 29th — First Day (Mini Session):

Caterpillar 2

Bumblebee

Butterfly

August 30th — First Day (Mini Session):

Caterpillar 1

Hummingbirds

Grasshoppers

September 5th — First Day of all Creative Classes

September 27th — JNP Movie Night



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| 1 | McKenzie Bakie | 14 | C. J. Ream |
| 2 | Whitney Barshinger | | Catherine Smith |
| | Jim Leibensperger | | Richard Zendarski |
| 3 | Dale Johnson | 15 | Blake Anderson |
| | Jamie Koons | | Lisa Glezer |
| 4 | Tracy Oberdorf | 16 | Nikolas Strine |
| 5 | Maxton Enderle | 17 | Jill Lordan |
| | Donna Funt | 18 | Terri Abruzzese |
| 6 | Doris Lau | | Frances Greiman |
| | Timothy Smith | | Nicole Nadzom |
| | Barry Troup | | Theresa Troup |
| 7 | Patty Bender | 19 | Amber Donoflio |
| | Yvonne Masenheimer | | Daniel Mohn |
| 8 | Cory Heathcote | | Brali Wise |
| 9 | Gayle Brass | 20 | Lauren Dreisbach |
| | Dave Brosend | | Deborah Schoonover |
| | Morgan Fisher | | Jon Steiner |
| 10 | Sylvia Castillo | 22 | Jennifer McKinley |
| | Adam Reed | | Rita Ware |
| 11 | Jeremy Hetrick | 23 | Albert Abruzzese |
| | Ryan Lordan | | Matt Engleman |
| | Daun Metzler | | Lee Hipkiss |
| | Eric Szostak | | Deborah Klinedinst |
| | Kaia Turnbaugh | | Jarid Matylewicz |
| 12 | Lincoln Brandstedter | | Patti Vollmer |
| | Kayla Bucks | 24 | Tracy Fleming |
| | Mark Jorgensen | | Karen Kauffman |
| | Alexander Stein | | Robin Leibensperger |
| | Elliot Stein | | Christopher Rhoades |
| 13 | Brandt Fisher | | Nolan Vasali |
| | | 25 | Avery Lutz |
| | | | Kate Peters |
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| | | 28 | Sandra Bush |
| | | | Terry Turko |
| | | 29 | Anthony Forry |
| | | | Daniel Glass |
| | | | Donald Kern |
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| | | | Jisela Reutter |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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| 4 | Dave and Tara Brosend | 18 | Adam and Sara Strayer |
| 5 | Joe and Barbara Reed | 20 | Justin and Allison Graham |
| | Jim and Robin Leibensperger | 21 | John and Denise Moyer |
| | Nick and Taryn Stein | | Greg and Darci Wolf |
| 8 | Matthew and Jennifer Steward | 22 | Matthew and Lisa Lam |
| | Rich and Katie Wingerd | 23 | Dan and Karen Connolly |
| 9 | Wade and Crystal Colingsworth | 25 | Keith and Jennifer Eisenhart |
| | | | Dave and Annette Portner |
| 11 | Travis and Kate Peters | 27 | Ken Hinkle and Jennifer Ports |
| 14 | Eric and Nancy Isaminger | | Wade and Karen Markel |
| 15 | Dan and Lori Wise | 28 | Todd and Kelly Kessler |
| 16 | Al and Terri Abruzzese | | Michael and Peggy Sowers |

Stuff the Bus September 21 & 22

Accountability for Life (AFL) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to empowering at-risk high school youth through academic support, athletic training, and life skills coaching. Our mission is to provide these young individuals with the tools and mentorship they need to overcome challenges and build brighter futures.

Our Current Needs:

- **Healthy Snacks:** Nutrient-rich options like fruits, granola bars, nuts, yogurt, and whole-grain crackers.
- **Bottled Water:** To keep our participants hydrated during athletic training, educational workshops, and field trips.

Zion is seeking donations of healthy snacks and bottled water to support the health and well-being of their participants. Your generosity will directly contribute to creating a positive environment where these young individuals can thrive. Thank you for your support!

Let's stuff that bus!!!





MINUTES: ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: July 16, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Pastor Kevin Stout	Present	Dave Schneider, Parliamentarian	Present
Denise Moyer, Administrator	Present	Ryan Engleman, Youth Representative	Excused/Missing
Christy Bucks, President	Present	Kim Alloway, Member	Present
Al Abruzzese, Vice President	Present	Andrew Doerr, Member	Present
Wade Markel, Treasurer	Present	Jill Lordan, Member	Excused/Missing
Sara Strayer, Secretary	Present	Mary Jane McCluskey, Member	Present
Anmarie Hazelton, Assistant Secretary	Present	Krista Zellers, Member	Present

1. OPENING DEVOTION

- Mary Jane McCluskey shared a devotion, highlighting Matthew 7 and the ability to weather storms with the foundation of God. Mary Jane also noted the need for 25 advent devotionals.
- Devotion will be led by Jill Lordan at the next meeting.

2. THANK YOU CARDS

- VBS: One card to all VBS staff from Council to be written by Andrew Doer and presented by Pastor Kevin.
- Church Picnic: Barb and Ben Reed for helping to set up to be written by Christy Bucks.
- Mother's Day Flowers: Anita Langheine to be written by Krista Zellers.
- Blessing Bags: Lindsey and Henry Otterson to be written by Mary Jane McCluskey.

3. MEETING MINUTES AND REPORTS

Report	Comments
3.1 Meeting Minutes	The Meeting Minutes from May 2024 were submitted by Sara Strayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve by Kim Alloway, seconded by Anmarie Hazelton. Motion carried.
3.2 Treasurer's Report	Report submitted by Wade Markel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 2024 Operations (Includes preschool): Receipts (Giving) \$52,961.64, Expenses \$81,862.71, Surplus/Deficit -\$28,901.07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ YTD Operations: Receipts (Giving) \$321,767.55, Expenses \$399,091.85, Surplus/Deficit -\$77,324.30 ○ YTD Budget: Receipts (Giving) \$270,196.04, Expenses \$307,285.15, Surplus/Deficit -\$37,089.10 • June 2024 Operations (does not include preschool): Receipts (Giving) \$32,645.82, Expenses \$39,835.32, Surplus/Deficit -\$7,189.50 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ YTD Operations: Receipts (Giving) \$227,196.44, Expenses \$301,882.63, Surplus/Deficit -\$73,950.03 (corrected from -\$74,686.19 that was originally presented)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ YTD Budget: Receipts (Giving) \$216,315.00, Expenses \$266,273.30, Surplus/Deficit -\$49,958.30 ● Next year will be a seasonal budget instead of monthly ● Motion to approve May Treasurer’s Report by Mary Jane McCluskey, seconded by Andrew Doerr. Motion carried. ● Motion to approve June Treasurer’s Report with corrected YTD Operations Surplus/Deficit by Andrew Doerr, seconded by Dave Schneider. Motion carried.
3.3 Membership Report	<p>Report submitted by Pastor Kevin Stout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No questions or comments. ● Nothing to approve.
3.4 Investment Treasurer Report	<p>Report submitted by Adam Strayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No questions or comments.
3.5 Pastor Report	<p>Report submitted by Pastor Kevin Stout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No questions or comments.
3.6 Parish Administrator’s Report	<p>Report submitted by Denise Moyer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No questions or comments.
3.7 Children, Youth and Family Ministry (CYFM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No questions or comments.
3.8 Youth Rep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No questions or comments.
3.9 Joyful Noise Preschool Board Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No questions or comments.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 “Stuff the Bus”

- July: Life Path on July 21st
- August: National School Kit Collection
- September: Accountability for Life (at-risk youth sports and leadership training) in need of snacks and water

4.2 SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary

- Lee Wagner visited the July Council meeting to request if Zion would allow him to post information in the bulletin and speak at services for the SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary Annual Campaign. Council agreed and will plan for it during a month in Spring 2025.

4.3 Community Band Festival (Sunday, July 28, 2-5pm; rain date August 11, 2-5pm)

- Searching for 1-2 volunteers. Contact Denise Moyer or Laine Knaub if able to help.

4.4 Constitution Updates: To be discussed at August Council meeting

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Book Study – Anatomy of a Revived Church: Introduction, Chapters 1 and 2 reviewed

- Chapters 3 and 4 to be reviewed at the August Council meeting

5.2 Church Teams

- Pastor Kevin provided a document with updated descriptions of each Team, based on the May Council meeting discussion.
 - This information about Teams to be presented in August Herald newsletter: Council should email any edits of Team descriptions to Christy Bucks by July 23, and Christy will send them to Denise Moyer.
- Council members selected which teams they would like to join to provide support and serve as a Council representative:
 - Faith Formation Team Council representative: Andrew Doerr
 - Fellowship Team Council representative: Christy Bucks
 - Property Team Council representative: Dave Schneider and Wade Markel
 - Service Team Council representative: Kim Alloway and Krista Zellers
 - Outreach Team Council representative: Sara Strayer and Mary Jane McCluskey
- Council members who haven't joined a team yet should email Christy Bucks with their selected Team.
- Church members will also be invited to select and join Teams. Team leaders to be determined.
- Beginning in September 2024, all Teams will meet together on the second Sunday of every month after the 10:00 am service in the Sanctuary with Pastor Kevin.
 - Additional Team meeting times can be scheduled by each Team.

6. ADJOURN

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm.**

Motion to close by Andrew Doerr, seconded by Wade Markel. Meeting adjourned in prayer.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KIT DRIVE

Support our international school kit drive for 2024!

This year, more than ever, we need your help!

Zion's Goal 300 Kits

To complete 300 kits we still need:

- 600 Notebooks (70-sheet, spiral wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose-leaf paper)
- 800 Pens (Black or Blue Ballpoint Pens (no gel ink))
- 225 Packs of Crayons (Boxes of 16 or 24 Crayons)
- 250 Pencil Sharpeners (Individual)
- 200 Blunt Scissors (Safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 150 Erasers (2 ½" Erasers)

School Buses are still available in the Narthex at Zion. Drop them off at the church with your school bus by September 18th.

To donate, make your check payable to Zion Lutheran Church, deposit it in a "Love" envelope marked "School Kits" or note it on your check if you don't have an envelope. Online contributions can also be made through the Zion Website. Thank you for your support!



OPEN FOR APPLICANTS!

Zion has two music scholarships available to help cover the cost of lessons. Any K-12 students currently taking private instrument or voice lessons may apply for the *Jeanette*

Everhart Music Scholarship. The *Yvonne Falkenstein Scholarship* is audition based, and geared towards vocalists 20 years old and younger that also would like financial assistance with the cost of lessons. Applications are available now in the Narthex on the Music bulletin board and **due by October 13th, 2024**. Please contact Zion's Music Director, Laine Knaub with any questions lknaub@zionnyork.org

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