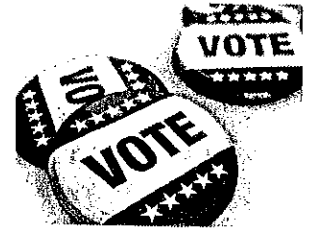


## NOVEMBER 2018 SPOTLIGHT

### A “handful” of thoughts from Pastor



As I begin writing this month’s installment of my “thoughts” for the newsletter, early voting for the upcoming election has already begun, “turkey-day” is rapidly approaching, and some stores have already begun gearing up for Christmas. The weather and leaves are changing, Becky and I are looking forward to celebrating the baptism of our little granddaughter in Phoenix and seeing all the kids, and things in the circuit are really hopping. What a busy, and exciting and/or nerve wracking, time of year. many things happening I’m having a hard time picking a single thought or topic, so here a “handful” of thoughts related to things coming up in the next few weeks.



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On the doorstep of the election, I’m hoping everyone will read and recall Psalm 146:

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

***Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.***

***When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.***

***Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,***

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

**Veterans Day** ... November 11<sup>th</sup>, the day widely accepted as the of “the war to end all wars,” World War I. On this day our nation remembers all those who served in the various branches of the military, serving our nation and its people, protecting and defending liberties and freedoms we enjoy.



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O Lord, we remember on this day the horrors of war and the mercies of Your providence in the past. We give You thanks for those who have served in our armed forces and the families that have loved them, missed their presence, interceded in prayer for them, and rejoiced in their return. Especially, though, we pray for those families who did not see their loved ones return because they gave their lives in defense of freedom and this land that we love. May we never forget the sacrifices that have been made for us by these courageous men and women.

Lord of the nations, we pray, according to Your good and gracious will, that You would grant peace among nations in this time as well. Put into the hearts of rulers and nations the desire to avert bloodshed, strife, and selfishness, and cause all to see the folly of war. You guarantee to all eternal peace in Christ. May Your Gospel be proclaimed that the foundation of love may be laid in Christ Jesus, the Prince of Peace. In His name we ask it. Amen



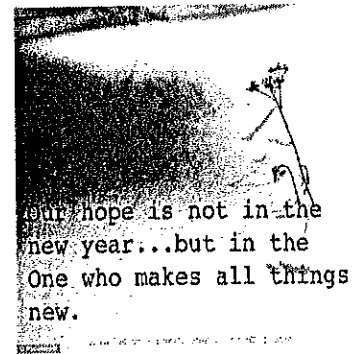
**Thanksgiving Day** ... an opportunity to pause and deliberately set aside some time, maybe even a whole day, **to worship and give thanks** to the Lord of all Creation, our Savior and God, for all His gifts.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him; sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever! Say also: "Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name, and glory in Your praise. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!" Then all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the LORD.

1 Chronicles 16:8-10; 34-36

The **Last Sunday** of the Church Year (Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>) and the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** of a "new" Church year (Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>) ... perhaps a fitting time for faith-based resolutions for the coming year. What a great time to dedicate oneself (and perhaps the entire family) to laudable Christian discipline of daily prayer, devotions, and reading from God's Word. And what a great time to resolve not miss an opportunity to gather with the family (church family) to worship and praise God whenever we can (& not just when we'd to or when we find it convenient).



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It's a lot in a relatively short amount of time, and December won't find things slowing down much either. We're entering a busy time of year with lots of hustle and bustle, and distractions and temptations rooting in the here and now of this world, but we do so as God's beloved children, young and old alike. So vote ... remember ... give thanks ... and prepare to begin yet another year of God's grace and mercy even as we prepare to revel in the mystery that is God coming to and for us. And make your way through the "busy-ness" of the next couple of months side by side with your Savior, remaining focused ever and always on Christ, and it will be a time of blessing. ***May God be with you, and may you desire to be with Him.***

*Pastor Halle*

# Stewardship



Sometimes people don't like it when pastors talk about stewardship. For some, it hits too close to home. It is easier to talk about bad people in Washington, in history, or overseas than it is to think about what our daily life in Christ is supposed to look like – how we are supposed to love our neighbor. The fact that we don't like hearing about stewardship certainly means we ought to face it. Here are a few simple and practical realities.

God calls us to first-fruits, *sacrificial* giving. This means we should give off the top. We should set a percentage of our income as a deliberate gift for the work of the Church and give that first. We write the check to the Lord's work in the Church before we pay the mortgage or pay for our medicine or pay for anything else. We don't pay for all the stuff we need, and think we need, and then give from what is left over. That is the first-fruits idea. It is hard because we think we need all sorts of other things first. But that is the point of "sacrificial."

Next, how could the starting point for Christian generosity and sacrifice really be anything less than a tithe – 10 percent? The ceremonial law of the Old Testament was never arbitrary. In the Old Testament, the Levites received this tithe so they could be full-time ministers. Does the New Testament have a ministry that is larger or smaller? It is far larger: "*Make disciples of all nations*" (Matt. 28:19). And we are still to have a full-time ministry: "*The Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel*" (1 Cor. 9:14). So, if 10 percent was needed in the Old Testament, and we have a bigger mission need in the New Testament, how can we expect the Lord's work to be done on less than a tithe?

First-fruits, sacrificial, generous giving – that's the way. We shouldn't fool ourselves into thinking that we've out-given God's goodness or that we've given plenty. We might be tempted to think so but consider – no one in the Church has given plenty because no one has given all. No one has died for his sins. Only the sinless Son of God did that.

Or, as St. Paul said, bringing the Good News of Jesus into the discussion of our giving to support the Lord's work in the Church:

*"I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:8-9).*

As you can see, what the Bible commands about our stewardship can sting. It's law, and the law shows our sins. It calls us to repentance. The law is meant to expose and accuse for the sake of showing us Christ and His fulfillment of the law. If first-fruits, sacrificial giving has you squirming, that's the point.

In Mark's account of the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus took the disciples' five loaves and two fish and blessed them. It was nothing among so many, but, of course, it was plenty. Jesus makes something from nothing. Mark doesn't say that all the disciples gave Jesus all the bread they had. It is quite possible some of them held something back. But even if they did, that didn't stop Jesus from blessing them. Jesus makes something out of nothing.

He, who fed His people in the desert with Manna every morning, doesn't need their bread. But they need to give it. And what they give, however little it might be, however grudgingly they do so, He blesses it. And He not only blesses those whom He feeds with it, but He blesses them, the givers – not just in that they wind up with (a basket full for each loaf) but that they learned to trust and rejoice in Him.

The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. The Lord gives abundantly or asks us to fast. We do not know what will happen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. He does all things well and works all things together for good. The disciples don't give their bread to Jesus because it is a good investment. They give it because He is good, they love Him, and they trust Him. Let us go and do likewise.

October 24, 2018

Dear Members of Zion:

At the October 22, 2018 voters meeting it was decided to call a special voters meeting immediately after church service November 4, 2018 to decide weather or not to continue our annual sausage supper.

The Macoupin County Health Department requires any organization, Church or business that advertises , prepares and sells food to the public to have a Food License which requires certain requirements that our church doesn't meet. We are lacking a 3 bay sink to wash, rinse and sanitize, a grease trap plus updating some plumbing. Must have a person who is certified by the state to handle food and be on hand during food prep and serving time. Another possible conflict is lack of a handicap restroom. A license is necessary to have dinners, ladies luncheons, chili and spaghetti events. Without meeting these requirement being met, we cannot any longer have these events and sell food.

The next problem we are running into is having enough help to cover various jobs needed to have a large dinner like this.

Those of us who have worked every year at this event say that it is a lot of work but very rewarding and enjoy the fellowship of all working together. The supper has drawn many members together working for a very good cause. This is also something that our church does that gives back to the community serving over 1500 people each year. Many people in our town and area hope the supper continues.

Please attend this important meeting after church as we need every ones input. I would appreciate any suggestions or questions and please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Christ, Glenn Bruckert, Chairman Zion Lutheran Church

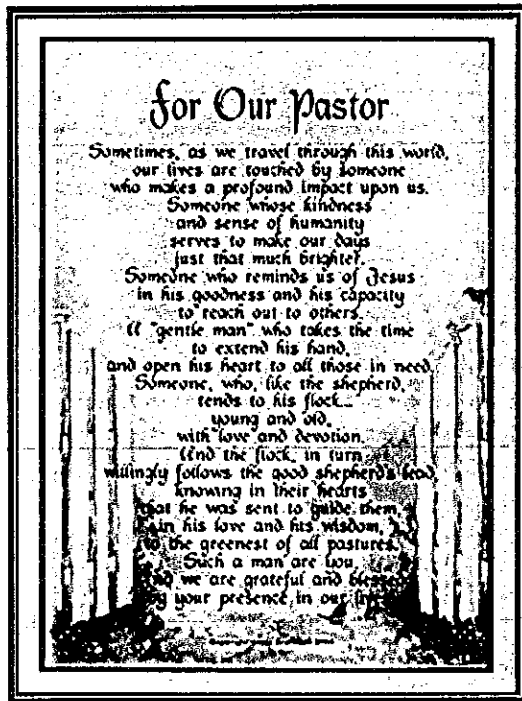
# NOVEMBER News and Notes

Contact information for Pastor Brian and Becky Holle: Home-618-585-2151/ Pastor's cell-618-960-9575/ Becky's cell-618-580-8634. Email: revholle@sbcglobal.net.

Zionbunkerhill.com website is up and running! The monthly calendar is available to view and much more! Also, any emails to be sent to Joanne should be sent to zionbunkerhill@gmail.com. Any private emails for Pastor Holle should be sent to revholle@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you to our October Spotlight helpers: *Doris Karnes, Elora Lesemann, Michele Weidner & Margie Wilson.*

A Thank you... "I would like to say thanks to those who sent me cards on my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and to Emily and Susan for their visit. We had a great time!" Lula Vaughn.



THANK YOU PASTOR HOLLE!  
WE APPRECIATE YOU!

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ATTENTION:

**SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING:** There will be a special voter's meeting on Sunday, November 4 immediately following the 10am church service to make a decision regarding the 2019 Sausage Supper and to gauge the level of volunteer support.

**Pastor Holle will be out of the office November 9 thru November 12.** Reverend George Gude will be our guest pastor for Sunday, November 11. Please call the church office at 618-585-3606 or Joanne at 618-406-9080 if you are in need of pastoral care during this time.

**There will be a Voter's meeting for Budget and Election on Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30pm.** Offices up for election are: Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, 1 Trustee and 2 Elders. If you would like to be added to the ballot for any of these offices, please let Gordon Heuer know as soon as possible.

**Attention:** ladies are needed to fill spots on the altar guild. This one month a year service to help set up communion, change paraments and banners. Please let Joanne know if you would like to be added to a group or if you are no longer able to serve on your committee as soon as possible. A 2019 schedule will be available in the December spotlight. Thank you to Leanne Anderson for signing up!

**RECIPE:** A tasty substitute for Salt! (From Heloise, submitted by Corleen Heuer)  
5 tsp. Onion powder, 1 tbsp. Garlic Powder, 1 tbsp. Paprika, 1 tbsp. Dry Mustard  
1 tsp. Thyme, ½ tsp. White Pepper, ½ tsp. Celery Seed  
Mix all together in air-tight container and Enjoy!



On Sunday October 7th, from 2-3 pm, 14 pro-life Christians stood at uptown Bunker Hill as part of the National Life Chain. This is the 25th year that Bunker Hill has had representation. It is a peaceful, prayerful protest against the abortion industry. They held signs that said "abortion hurts women," "Jesus forgives and heals," "abortion kills children", "Lord forgive and heal our Nation". Many car passengers gave them positive gestures. One person gifted the group with water bottles and donuts. She said "thank you, I have 4 children!" The National Life Chain is held the first Sunday of October. All like-minded persons are invited to participate.

## A SPECIAL INVITATION TO VISIT WITH

Rev. Scott Holder  
Admissions Officer  
CONCORDIA SEMINARY ST. LOUIS

*Missouri Itinerary*  
*November 12-16, 2018*

You are invited to meet with Rev. Scott Holder, Admissions Officer at Concordia Seminary, to discuss seminary education and the path to becoming a pastor or deaconess. Please contact Rev. Holder at 314.505.7225 or [holders@csl.edu](mailto:holders@csl.edu) to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Monday, November 12

Epiphany Lutheran Church  
4045 Holly Hills Blvd.  
Saint Louis, MO 63116  
314.752.7065  
3:00 to 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 13

Hanover Lutheran Church  
2949 Perryville Road  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
573.335.8583  
3:00 to 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 14

Rev. Holder will be available  
for appointments in the Rolla  
area 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.  
Please contact him at  
314.502.1479 or [holders@csl.edu](mailto:holders@csl.edu).

Redeemer Lutheran Church

1701 MO-72  
Rolla, MO 65401  
573.364.7071 3:00 to 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 15

Rev. Holder will be available  
for appointments in the western  
St. Louis area 11:00 am to 3:00  
pm.  
Please contact him at  
314.502.1479 or [holders@csl.edu](mailto:holders@csl.edu).

King of Kings Lutheran Church

13765 Olive Blvd.  
Chesterfield, MO 63017  
314.469.2224  
3:00 to 7:00 pm

## Special Intercessions

*Note: If you have a name that you would like to have added, omitted, or reassigned and if you have that person's permission, either call the church office any morning, Monday through Friday at 618-585-3606, or send an email to [secretaryatzion@yahoo.com](mailto:secretaryatzion@yahoo.com)*

**Birthday Milestones:** A very special happy birthday to **Rose Gasperson** who will turn 96 on November 8. God's blessings to **Rose** on her very special day!

**Recent Accident:** **Gage Aycock** (friend of Makayla Kessinger) was in a serious car accident on Thursday, October 18 and is in ICU at Barnes with several injuries including bleeding around the brain.

**Congratulations:** Congratulations to Jake and Kate Holle for the safe arrival of their baby girl, Clarabelle Rose Holle on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Clarabelle weighed 4lbs, 15 oz. and was 17 ¼ " long and was almost born at 33 weeks. Mom is home and Clarabelle should be in the NICU for about three weeks. Address for Jake and Kate Holle is 12201 West Desert Lane, El Mirage, AZ 85335. **Update on Clara** ...Clara is still in the NICU at St. Joseph's hospital in Phoenix, but she continues to grow a little bigger and stronger each day. She is now over 6 lbs. and takes much of her food via bottle. Jake and Kate are looking forward to the day she can finally come home from the hospital.

**Update:** **Nicki (Aljets) Davis** suffered a stroke on Thursday, September 13. Nicki is home undergoing therapy and continues to recover. Prosepects look good for a full recovery. Anyone wanting to send cards should send them to: Nicki Davis 15721 High Bell Place Lakewood Ranch, Fl. 34212.

**Update:** **Jenny Hanks** will have surgery December 11 to insert cadaver bone in foot. She is able to get around well until that time in her orthopedic boot. She is still taking anticoagulant medication. Thank you all for your concern and prayers.

**Recuperating:** **Carol Brinkman**, at Rosewood in Alton after surgery to repair broken blood vessels in her back, suffering some broken ribs and some spine fractures after a recent fall. **Jon Sauerwein**, had right knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, September 11 at Alton Memorial, **Brian Greeling**, after surgery last week, prayers for continued healing, **Ed Weichbrodt**, after being at SLU for broken bone in neck and has recently been diagnosed with stage 1 Parkinson's, **Earl Johnson** recovering at home after surgery. Address for **Earl and Jeri Johnson**, 9421 E. Main St. Lot B30, Mesa, AZ 85207.

**Ongoing Health Issues:** **Susan Starbuck**, **Tina Enke**. **Janna Sauerwein**, **Kelley Robbins**, **Dorothy Spickerman**, Alzheimer's, **Carol Brinkman**, **Betty Rull**, for breathing issues, **Michelle Latina** (friend of Pat and Allison Hanks), **Virginia Ewing**, **Marian Owen**, **Donna Knoche**.

**Living in a Healthcare Facility:** **Harold Oldenettel**, Heritage Health, Staunton, Rm. 113, **Lena Rust** at Rm. 507 Vintage Gardens at Meridian Village, 27 Auerbach Pl., Glen Carbon, IL 62034. **Dale Buhs** at Heritage Manor, Staunton, **Dorothy Rull** at Meridian Village Care center, Rm. 611B, **Virginia Hedges**, mother of Sharon Komnick, at Robins Manor, Brighton.

**Dealing with cancer:** **Dennis Bruckert**, pancreatic cancer, **Shawn Garrett** (friend of Harold Wieseman and Lu Vaughn), diagnosed with Leukemia, **Emily Rather**, **Karen Hahn**, (sister of Fred Linnenbrink, friend of Bill and Pat Farris), **Liam Goble**, 4 yrs. old (son of Shannon, friend of Allison Hanks), has been diagnosed with ALL leukemia and will have to go to chemo for three years. **Charlene Smith Baugh**, **Sharon Komnick**, **Wendy Hagenbuch**, aunt of Laura Kraner. **Ella Curry**, **Cathy Hughes**, (ongoing treatments), & **Rod Maxwell**.

### A Psalm of David.

23 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23 ESV

# OCTOBER SUNDAY SCHOC \_ PERFECT ATTENDANCE

2018 MONTHLY BUDGET: \$13,276.67

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*Rylee Jarden*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month Offerings*

JANUARY SUE HASSELBRING (South East Asia)  
 FEBRUARY \*THE ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN  
 MARCH \*UNITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
 APRIL LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS  
 MAY LCMS International-Jon Clausing  
 JUNE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
 JULY BUNKER HILL AREA FOOD PANTRY  
 AUGUST BETHESDA  
 SEPTEMBER LCMS LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF  
 OCTOBER DAKOTA BOYS RANCH  
 NOVEMBER Lutheran Hour  
 DECEMBER LCMS International-Jon Clausing

*PLEASE NOTE: THE NOV. 4, 2018 SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING IS FOR: LUTHERAN HOUR*

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## Education Staff

Sunday school:

Phyllis Robinson-Cradle Roll (0-3 years)  
 Lisa Scheldt/Monica Morrison-Nursery thru First  
 Emmy Karnes-Helper  
 Krisha Jarden (Substitute)  
 Cathi Briskovich -Second thru Eighth  
 Pastor Brian Holle-Adult Bible Class

Sunday school Staff:

Superintendent: Leanne Anderson  
 Treasurer: Louise Weidner

Wednesdays:

Pastor Brian Holle-6, 7, 8 Grade Confirmation  
 Carolyn Mansholt, Bill Hanks, Shirley Hanks,  
 Sophia Fite-Happy Times  
 Sonshiners-Cathi Briskovich  
 Allison Hanks, Becky Holle, Courtney Wood-  
 Leaders- LYF (Various days)

## SEPTEMBER GIVING

Plate & Envelope \$11,149.70  
 Building Fund \$ 415.00  
 Baby Holle \$ 125.00

## OCTOBER GIVING

Plate & Envelope \$ 7,792.65  
 Building Fund \$ 230.00

(One count only)

## OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

Date	Church	Sunday School	High School	Adult Class	Staff
9/30	88	8	1	36	4
10/07	83	11	0	26	6
10/14	92	6	1	27	6
10/21	65	5	0	23	4
10/28	96	10	1	33	6

## Proverbs 22:6

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”



**PRAISE GOD BY SERVING HIM AND HIS PEOPLE**  
**AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Servants for the month of November, 2018**

**USHERS**

<b>NOVEMBER 4</b>	<b>TEAM: JASON, DREW &amp; WAYNE</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 11</b>	<b>LYLE HENRICHS</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 18</b>	<b>ZAC WEIDNER</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 22</b>	<b>MATT SMITH-T.G.</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 25</b>	<b>BILL HANKS</b>

**NURSERY**

<b>NOVEMBER 4</b>	<b>ALLISON &amp; PAT HANKS</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 11</b>	<b>LAURA &amp; JASON KRANER</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 18</b>	<b>KRISHA JARDEN &amp; LISA SCHELDT</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 25</b>	<b>NATALIE WEAR &amp; SALLY KARNES</b>

**ACOLYTES**

<b>NOVEMBER 4</b>	<b>DANIEL MANAR</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 18</b>	<b>CHLOE MANSHOLT</b>

**ALTAR GUILD**

**MONICA MORRISON**  
**BECKY WIESEMAN**  
**DORIS KARNES**

**LADIES OF ZION**

<b>OCT/NOV</b>	<b>ADRIENNE BUTLER*Visiting</b>
	<b>VERLENE KLOPMEIER</b>
<b>NOV/DEC</b>	<b>LOUISE WEIDNER*Visiting</b>
	<b>DORIS KARNES</b>
<b>DEVOTION &amp; REFRESHMENT</b>	<b>TINA ENKE</b>
	<b>RUTH ANN MIZE</b>

**ELDER OF THE MONTH**

**JOHN ROBINSON**

But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15 ESV

# NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS...

## Happy Birthday!

4th	Tony Davidson
5th	Monica Morrison
6th	Megan Weidner
8th	Rose Gasperson
9th	Mary Jo Henrichs
11th	Shirley Pomatto
13th	Brian Bruckert
14th	Marla Wolff
15th	Ruth Brown
16th	Charlie Wolff
17th	Megan Allen, Candy Bruckert
19th	Melinda Bertels, Anthony Davidson
22nd	Jim Halpin, Joni Wood, Drew Meehan
24th	Matthew Wilson
25th	Jeff Bond, II
26th	Marian Smith
27th	Bill Wood
28th	Joanne Brown, Zoey Bechel

## Baptismal Birthdays!

1st	Glenn Bruckert, Kayleigh Trimm
3rd	Halle Perdun
4 <sup>th</sup>	Garrett Trimm
6th	Jacob Mueller
13th	Adrienne Butler, Chloé Mansholt
14th	Caleigh Morrison
15th	Greg Bruckert
16th	Doris Karnes
17th	Ryan Wear, Dylan Wear
23rd	Allison Hanks
25th	Brandon Sparks
26th	Rose Gasperson, Max Morrison, Alex Wood
27 <sup>th</sup>	Timothy Hanks
28th	Linda Klopmeier
29th	Dennis Kraner, Gerald Weidner, Steven Scheldt

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV



## Happy Anniversary!

4th	Wayne & Tina Enke
8th	Virgil & Sally Karnes
9 <sup>th</sup>	Marvin & Linda Volentine
12th	Charlie & Marla Wolff
13th	Jeffrey & Norine Rodier
14th	Bill & April Wood
15 <sup>th</sup>	Nathan & Morgan Gray
16th	Regan & Natalie Wear
24th	Kyle & Kayla Darr
27th	Lyle & Kathy Mansholt

# Happy Times

We have been having several lessons about David the Shepherd boy who was anointed King and is a forefather of Jesus. This will lead us into the Christmas season and Jesus' birth.

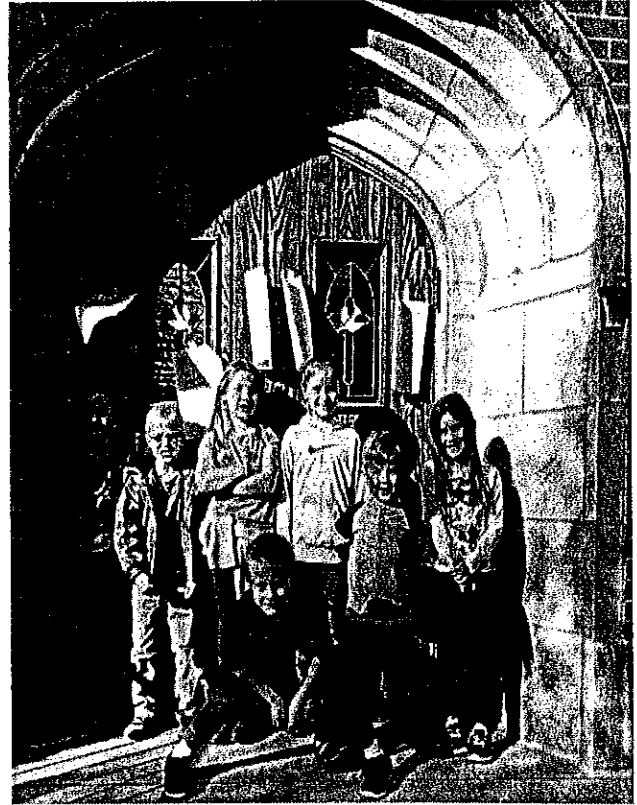
Joni came to help when our Mr. Bill was unable to be with us. We could not resist the temptation of showing her how smart our little ones are and what good singers they are. We have had no birthdays or baptismal birthdays to celebrate this past month.

We will have our Reformation party on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We taped our papers to the Church's front door and Mr. Bill took our picture. Party day means no singing and I hope we have time to play Story and have a snowball fight.

God has given us a special joy in allowing us to be with these children and we would like to thank our church for this privilege.

The times are changing. Thank all who may be driving around church on Wednesday and watch for our little ones.

Respectfully,  
Carolyn, Mr. Bill & Miss Shirley



Make a Joyful Noise!

## SONSHINERS-OCTOBER

### TEMPTATION + FREE WILL =??

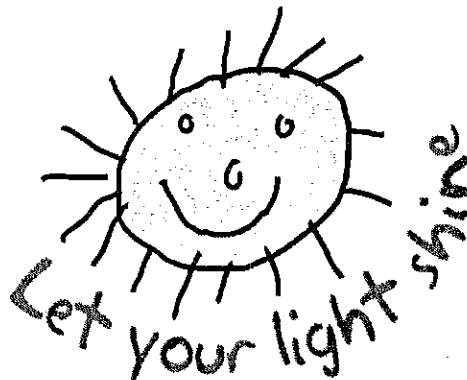
In October we have continued our study of God the Father almighty maker of heaven and earth. We studied from Genesis about what happened to God's first family when Cain killed Abel. Often in Sunday school lessons, we would jump from this story immediately to Noah and the flood, skipping over generations of people who had populated the earth. The children were curious as to what happened before God destroyed the world with the flood and why he only saved Noah and his family. So we took a closer look of the two lines of descendants from Adam and Eve through Cain and Seth. It's shocking to them to realize that the people who God created lived very long lives, many hundreds of years. After the first seven generations that came from Seth, we find Enoch, who walked with God. After the first seven generations that came from Cain, we find Lamech who was very evil. These two lines from God's original family began to have children with each other and soon we found that the Temptations of the world plus God's gift of Free Will equaled total Evil, except Noah who was a descendant of Seth. God's plan for a savior must come from the line of Seth and now through Noah who was chosen by God for this purpose. We learned that God chose Noah for this special purpose, as he has chosen us for a special purpose in His plan for the world. Noah could have said NO as we could say NO. That's the free will that God created us with. We learned that we are able to say "YES" to God only through God's free gift of grace.

We were so glad to have Heidi (3rd grader) join us to bring our total to 8 students. For our special activity this month we had scavenger hunt with the theme "Find God's Promises" around our church. The children collected 40 different promises in 30 minutes. Good work!! We will be ending the month with a Martin Luther and Reformation study.

In November we will finish our Study of Noah and the generations to Abraham. We will also finish our study of the first article and its meaning, prepare for Thanksgiving and move on to the second article just in time for advent.

I am very thankful for these wonderful children.

In Christ, Cathi





## LADIES OF ZION MINUTES OF MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2018

Eleven members of Ladies of Zion were present at our October 18 meeting. President **Verlene Klopmeier** called the meeting to order.

The opening devotion was based on "Sharing the Gospel with Others". **Susan Starbuck** told us about "The Lesson of the Candy Corn" and what each color means: WHITE stands for God the Father who is perfect, holy and righteous. The seed is His Word we are to proclaim to others; ORANGE reminds of the flames of the Holy Spirit Who takes the seed of God's Word and nurtures faith in man's heart; YELLOW represents the light of Jesus Christ, the Word in flesh. We are to be His witnesses. When we scatter the seed of God's Word, we spread His light and the message of salvation to the world. We are harvest workers as we walk in the light of Christ. **Doris Karnes** read the Parable of the Sower, we sang "Hark! The voice of Jesus Crying", and prayed: Celebrate the Lord is God! Awesome and wonderful is He. Never have I needed Your love and forgiveness more than now. Daily You deliver me from my sin. You are the Lord of the Harvest who provides for all my needs. Count the many blessings that You bestow. Open my ears to hear Your Word and my mouth to give YOU praise. Rejoice with all who receive Your righteousness. Now and forever. Amen.

Minutes of the September meeting were read by secretary **Margie Wilson**. It was suggested we need to add "Ladies of Zion" to the heading of the minutes and this will be done. Also, the number of residents (44) mentioned in the Shelter Care section of the minutes was incorrect. The total number of residents is 44, and the number attending our September devotion and singing was less. There were no further corrections or comments and **Louise Weidner** moved to accept the minutes and **Ruth Ann Mize** seconded.

The secretary then read two thank you notes from families at Concordia Seminary. Treasurer **Phyllis Robinson** gave her report. No additions or corrections, the report will be filed as read.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

South Lawn Shelter Care – On October 11 **Pastor Holle** led the residents in a devotion and singing. Also, in attendance from Zion were **Cathi Briscovich, Adrienne Butler, Verlene Klopmeier, Susan Starbuck** and **Doris Karnes** and residents were given bananas. Note: Since many at South Lawn have diabetic issues, a nutritionist has been obtained at Shelter Care to help set up appropriate menus for the residents. **Kristina Douglas** informed us of a bake sale on behalf of Shelter Care featuring gourmet desserts made by retired chefs and cooks which will be held at Short Stop here in Bunker Hill on October 19 from 8:30 to 3:00. Proceeds from the sale will help provide Shelter Care with funds for special outings for the residents. Kristina also said the residents really like for Zion folks to come each month, and they especially liked the crosses **Ruth Ann Mize** made that we gave them in September. Next to serve (Nov. 8): **Tina Enke** and **Ruth Ann Mize**. We will provide pumpkin pie and lead residents in playing Bingo. **NOTE: WE WILL HAVE A LADIES OF ZION MEETING BACK AT THE CHURCH AFTER SHELTER CARE.**

Visiting – **Susan Starbuck** and **Emily Rather** visited various shut-ins and made a special birthday visit to Zion member **Lu Vaughn** who was celebrating her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. Next to serve: **Verlene Klopmeier** and **Adrienne Butler**.

Christian Growth – nothing new

Cards – **Margie Wilson** will send cards till our meeting in February.

Banners – Per update as of voters meeting on 10/22: "Pastor Holle is putting up walls which Ladies of Zion will paint, vinyl flooring will be installed, movement of a hose bib recommended."

TEAM 3 STILL UP FOR THE NEXT FUNERAL LUNCHEON.

- SID LWML District Convention - **Ruth Ann Mize** reported on the SID LWML Convention September 28-29 in Centralia, IL. The theme was "His love endures FOREVER." **Mission grants selected:** Seminary Student Scholarships – SID; Camp Wartburg's "Shepherding Sheep" Camp for people with disabilities; Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School East St. Louis; Shared Prison & Jail Ministry in SID, LCMS; Esther Comfort Dog Ministry Deployment Fund, Collinsville; Student Assistance Fund Scholarships, SID; Orphan Grain Train Hurricane Relief Norfolk, NE; Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Centralia, Rev. Timothy Mueller Mentor Grant. **Officers elected** for 2018-2019: Pastoral Counselor **Rev. Stephen Krenz**; President **Diane Grebing**; VP Organizational Resources **Carol Benning**; VP Special Focus Ministry **Carol Walther**; Corresponding Secretary **Sylvia Kleiboeker**; Financial Secretary **Judy Guebert**. (Also attending from Ladies of Zion: **Tina Enke, Verlene Klopmeier, and Susan Starbuck.**) **Ruth Ann** also said banners previously used were available to any interested attendees, and one of the two that she asked for was the one designed by a young girl will be given to her if she wants it.
- Fall Zone Workshop October 20 – **Tina Enke** ordered 3 monitors (\$80 each as a THRIVENT PROJECT) for Unity Lutheran School from Ladies of Zion. As a result, a check for \$80 per a motion at our September meeting won't be issued as our donation for the ingathering. A motion for this was made by **Louise Weidner** and seconded by **Corleen Heuer**.
- With funds through another THRIVENT PROJECT: **Louise Weidner** and **Phyllis Robinson** purchased items for the Bunker Hill Food Pantry and Concordia Seminary Food Bank.
- December 20 Ladies of Zion Christmas Party - We will have a potluck and invite ladies in our congregation. **Louise** and **Adrienne** are arranging this event, and they will provide the meat and others attending will bring a side dish or dessert. A signup sheet will be posted.

There was no further business. **Adrienne** moved we adjourn the meeting and **Ruth Ann** seconded. We prayed the Lord's Prayer and enjoyed a treat of delicious pumpkin cheesecake and pumpkin dump cake provided by **Susan** and **Doris**.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Wilson, Secretary

**MINUTES**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER VOTERS' MEETING**  
**October 22, 2018**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman G. Bruckert. Pastor Holle led us in prayer.

Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Voters' Meeting were approved after motion by R. Wood and K. Weidner. It was noted that the minutes were corrected to say that it is preferred that the Neil Ford memorial money be used for a new system of bells.

**Pastor's Report** Pastor presented his written report and orally highlighted specific items. Although no official acts occurred in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, the beginning of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter saw the baptism of Jamie and Aiden Fryman. Jamie is now beginning catechism instruction.

Advent services will begin December 5 at 7 p.m. Mid-week Bible study classes will be suspended during Advent. There will be only one Christmas Eve service this year and no New Year's Eve service.

The web-site is up and running done without reimbursement by David Weidner. Audio versions of the last three sermons are available on the site. Circuit Pastor responsibilities are keeping Pastor busy as there are vacancies which need to be accommodated. Nancy Perdun moved and Joe Manar seconded to approve Pastor's report. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** Brad Weidner reported that income exceeded expenses for the third quarter. Some major expenses were taken care of with the payment of tree removal and new flooring in the kitchen with money from Building Fund and Sausage Supper fund. Approximately \$23,700 in the checking account currently. Motion made, seconded and carried to approve report.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund is offering 4% interest on contributions of \$500 - \$40,000 for a 40 month period. The church council recommends we contribute \$25,000 to this plan which will earn us approximately \$3,250 in interest. John Robinson moved to take this action with Joe Manar seconding. Motion carried.

**Financial Report** Joe Manar reported that the final count for September which was not included in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter totaled \$7296.60. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter total was \$32,758.80. Brad Weidner moved to accept the report. J. Robinson seconded. Motion carried.

**Elders' Report** The elders recommended raising our mission budget back up to 10%. As far as recipients of the funds, their recommendation was: Southern Illinois District, Unity School, Clausings Project, Lutheran Heritage Foundation, and Mosaic Crisis Center. Jane Baker remarked that locally Thrive does the same work as Mosaic and would be more likely to serve people in our area. Pastor said he would look into that organization, and it was noted that the final decision on this could be made at the Budget meeting in December.

**Trustees' Report** With tree removal completed, Joe Hinkle was contacted about stump grinding. He gave a bid of \$250 for grinding of the trees on the church lawn and \$650 for the trees in the parsonage backyard for a total of \$900. Lyle Mansholt moved to accept that offer and Rodger Wood seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion took place on replacement of the parsonage landing and steps. Pastor drew up a deck design and had a copy of it available to view. The advantages of the different woods and composite were discussed.