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Zion Evangelical Church

Serving in Christ's Name Since 1835

From the Desk of Pastor Darrell

The Bible – The Word of God

Gary Franke's message "The Bible, God's Holy Book," based on Psalm 19, given on August 15th, was an excellent lead in to our Fall Schedule. Rally Day, September 12th, kicks off the return of our Sunday School. And in Sunday School, we - young to old - read, study and learn from God's very Word, the Bible.

So, in addition to Sunday morning Sunday School for children and youth - from Pre-K thru 12th grade - we also offer adult Bible studies throughout the week. See the article below.

Lets go back to the very founding of the Evangelical Church in Germany on October 31st, 1818, and then our German Evangelical Synod of North America on October 15th, 1840, of which our own Pastor, John Jacob Riess was involved. From the book, Evangelical Fundamentals, Part 1, published in 1916, comes the following statement.

The Principles of the Evangelical Church

"But on what basis was the union (of the Lutheran and Reformed Churches) effected? It was the Bible. The Bible, the revelation of God's goodness, was made the only arbiter of faith. Whatever was not taken from the Bible was esteemed as of little consequence, no matter how brilliant in conception or presentation. But scant attention was paid to the results of speculation and Christian philosophy. On the sure foundation of God's Word the Evangelical Church was grounded. ... The following declaration of principles, adopted at the organization of our beloved Evangelical Church in America (1840), shows:"

"The German Evangelical Synod of North America, as a part of the Evangelical Church, defines the term 'Evangelical Church' as denoting that branch of the Christian Church which acknowledges the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as the Word of God, the sole and infallible guide of faith and life and accepts the interpretation of the Holy Scriptures as given in the symbolic books of the Lutheran and Reformed Church, the most important being: The Augsburg Confession, Luther's and the Heidelberg Catechisms, in so far as they agree; but where they disagree the German Evangelical Synod of North America adheres strictly to the passages of Holy Scriptures bearing on the subject, and avails itself of the liberty of conscience prevailing in the Evangelical Church."

The point is this, that our church's preaching and teaching, and your hearing, reading and studying of the Bible, is meant to result in our observing, doing and living according to the Word of God. This is the very essence of our Evangelical Christian faith and heritage. And, this is in accord with Jesus Christ's own word found in the "Great Commission," **Matthew 28:18-20**,

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Sisters in Faith

Meets Sept., Oct., Nov., March, April and May at 12:00 p.m.
 President - Charlotte Mehrrens - 476-1267

Z Team

Meets every Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m.
 Coordinator - Gary Shondy - 618-281-6509

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(Every Second Monday of the Month- 7:00 p.m.)

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(00) indicates the year that the Council Member's term expires.

Worship Schedule

(starting June 13 through Sept. 5)

9:00 AM - Worship Service in the Park

Office Hours

Pam Gowens
 Monday through Thursday
 From 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Lunch 12:00 - 12:30
 Friday 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.



Lay Liturgist Schedule for September

We thank Tina Knepper-Smith for her years serving as one of our Liturgists and prayer for blessings in her future. So we now have 12 liturgists who read the Scriptures: *David Harres, Tracy Holmes, Linda Hopfinger, Annette Hund, Sean Mahoney, Kay Mehrrens, Vicki Pellmann, Bill Savering, Joyce Tastad, Richard Trent, Dave Woehlke, and Marjie Weber.*

We are looking for more volunteers to read the Scriptures during our Worship Services. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office (476-1778) to be signed up.

The Lay Liturgist schedule is given below. To make a change, contact someone listed below.

Sept. 5	Dave Harres	618-806-9567	twigsharres@hotmail.com
Sept. 12	Tracy Holmes	618-791-5922	tlholmes1971@gmail.com
Sept. 19	Linda Hopfinger	618-406-0269	dlimshop@msn.com
Sept. 26	Annette Hund	618-719-6306	71threnn@gmail.com

“... teaching them to observe (do) all that I have commanded you ...”

So let each and every one of us learn from and be true to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to His evangel (the Good News, the Gospel). Come, join one of our Bible study groups. Bring your family and friends. Stand on (that is live by) the solid rock of Jesus Christ and His Word, to avoid be swallowed up in the sinking sand of the words and ways of this world. For a great many are being swallowed up all around us now.

Blessings to you from our Triune God - the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
Pastor Darrell Weber

Adult Bible Study / Prayer Groups

Join with a group of people to read, to discuss, and to study the very “Word of God.” The Bible will enable you to *“be competent, equipped for every good work,”* as Paul wrote in **2 Timothy 3:17**. In fact Paul urges us (in **vs 14-15**) to *“continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings (the Bible) which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”* For reading and

studying the Bible isn’t like any other book. Because the Bible isn’t like any other book – the thoughts and ideas of man. The Bible is God’s message to us, again as Paul writes (in vs 16), *“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.”*

So join with one of the groups below so that you may continue to *“grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,”* (2 Peter 3:18). Not only will you grow, but you will *“encourage one another,”* (Hebrews 10:25) you will *“stir up one another to love and good works,”* (Hebrews 10:24), and you will *“hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,”* (Hebrews 10:23).

So I look forward to seeing you at one of the adult Bible studies below.

Sunday’s – at Zion. Yet to be announced.

Monday’s – the second and fourth of each month at the Millstadt Senior Center. It meets upstairs from 10:00 am till noon. It is group discussion. Note, the Millstadt Senior Center opened up in June. Praise the Lord! We are currently studying Jonah.

Tuesday’s – at Garden Place. It meets in the conference room from 1:00 pm till 2:00 pm. We are currently studying the Gospel of Matthew.

Zion Evangelical Church

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 9:00 AM Worship in the Park	2 Office Closed Vacation-Pastor Darrell Labor Day	3 8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM C.P. Bible Study	4 8:15 AM Preschool - First Day	5 9:00 AM Quilting 12:00 PM Sisters of Faith	6 Vacation-Pastor Darrell	7 Vacation-Pastor Darrell
8 Rally Day 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship at Church	9 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Sr Center BS 7:00 PM Council Mtg	10 8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM C.P. Bible Study 7:00 PM Missions Comm	11 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Prayer Group 7:00 PM Peter Bible Study	12 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM C.P. Worship 7:00 PM BCE Meeting	13 Vacation-Pastor Darrell	14 Vacation-Pastor Darrell
15 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship in the Park	16 8:15 AM Preschool	17 8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM C.P. Bible Study	18 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Prayer Group 7:00 PM Peter Bible Study	19 9:00 AM Quilting	20 Vacation-Pastor Darrell	21 11:00 AM Church BBQ
22 Food Pantry 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship in the Park	23 Vacation-Pastor Darrell 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM NO Sr Center BS	24 Vacation-Pastor Darrell 8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM NO C.P. Bible Study	25 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Prayer Group 7:00 PM Peter Bible Study	26 9:00 AM Quilting	27 Vacation-Pastor Darrell	28 Vacation-Pastor Darrell

September Birthdays

Elaine Buecher	3	Cynthia Walker	10	Wendy Muskopf	22
Krista Gruenewald	3	Virginia Bourn	11	Kathryn Davis	23
Bryan Weaver	3	Elaine Morris	11	Debbie Doerr	23
Darrell Weber	3	Oliver Gilmore	14	Caleb Doerr	24
Dorothy Rickard	4	Dale Otten	14	Kara Wirth	24
Jackson Schmidt	4	Nancy Wilson	16	Lisa Bayer	25
Kaitlyn Skaer	6	Robert Stumpf	17	Brad Scharf	25
Braedan Wade	7	Sharon Veit Cromwell	17	Sue Meppiel	26
Arlene Dohrman	8	Jessica Seidlitz	18	Shelly Smith	26
Philip Acker	9	Tom Mueth	19	Shannon Weaver	26
Elizabeth Doerr	9	Jake Stedman	20	Angelo Caponi	27
Mary Eckert	9	Jack Purdy Sr	21	Dennis Hopfinger	28
Leon Lang	9	Theodore Muskopf	22	Carli Fulgham	29
Melissa Reece	10			Vickie Donnelly	30

September Anniversaries (50+ years)

Raymond & Barbara Hohlt 9/9/67

Ralph & Marilyn Beil 9/10/49

Donald & Charlotte Mehrtens 9/23/62

Willis & Doris Steiger 9/24/61

For Whom the Bells Toll

Jack Purdy

Who departed this life on
August 11, 2021

Larry Haas

Who departed this life on
August 12, 2021

Eternal Rest Grant Unto He, Oh
Lord!

Congratulations to Parents and Grandparents,

Zachary & Mallory (Scharf) Timmermann are proud parents of a baby boy, Everett Lee born 8/9/21 at 3:54 p.m. at Memorial Hospital in Shiloh, IL he was 7 lbs, 21" s.

Wednesday's – at Zion. A prayer group will meet in the conference room / library at 10:00 am till 11:00 am. And, a Bible Study group will meet in the conference room / library from 7:00 pm till 8:00 pm. We are currently studying the letters of Peter. Both start up on September 15th.



Vacation Bible School Update

We had a great turn out for “**Rocky Railway**” VBS (July 12-16). There were 54 children (grades Pre-K through 5th grade), 20 youth helpers, and 21 adults. We learned that Jesus’ Power pulls us through. Jesus’ Power helps us do hard things, gives us hope, helps us be bold, lets us live forever, and helps us be good friends.

On Friday we rented a Wet Blue Crush inflatable water slide, and though there was rain early and late, everyone had a great time on it. Our closing was well attended by parents, brothers and sisters and grandparents. We had a great ball park lunch with snow cones as a treat.

During the week we collected over \$200 to help the homeless in the St. Louis area.

Worship in the Park

Weather permitting, we will continue with Worship in the Park throughout September. However, there will be a time change on Rally Sunday, Sunday School be at 9:00 at the Church and worship will begin at 10:15 a.m. at the Church. (Trinity Lutheran Church will at the Church Park day). The Sunday after Rally Day, Sept. 19, Sunday School will be at 9:00 a.m. at the Church and Worship will be at 10:15 a.m. at the Church Park, weather permitting. We may possibly extend Worship in the Park thru October.

Rally Day - Sunday, September 12

Rally day is Sunday, September 12, the week after Labor Day. This is traditionally the time when families come back to church after a summer break and bring their children to Sunday School.

Rally Day Notes

At 9:00 a.m., all children should arrive and enter into the Fellowship Hall (downstairs) to sit with their class during the opening “**Sing to the Lord**” presentation. Following this presentation, they will leave with their teacher and head to their classroom.

At 10:15 a.m. Worship – in the Church Sanctuary. The following Rally Day events will take place during Worship.

Children who achieved faithful attendance (80% or more) throughout the previous year will be recognized. These are (with number of years of faithful attendance): *Katelyn Allen (8)*, *Evan Arnold (13)*, *Harper Gibson (2)*, *Alessandra Riemann (7)*, and *Josephina Riemann (7)*.

Bibles will be presented to our children who are entering the third grade. To our knowledge, this is: *Isabelle Wolfmeier*. Please contact the church office if you are aware of other children entering third grade.

Our Confirmation class will be introduced to the congregation. Our 8th graders are *Carson Allen*, *Caleb Gruenewald* and *Landon Kinder*. And our 7th grader is *Jacob Doerr*. Please contact the church office if you are aware of any other youth who would be interested in Zion’s Confirmation class.

Sunday School Teachers will be installed.

Pre-K & K - *Ginger Bourn*

1st & 2nd Grade - *Marcia Twellman &*

Jessica Seidlitz

3rd & 4th Grade - *Debbie Doerr & Stacy Woehlke*

5th & 6th Grade - *Sherri Vogt*

Confirmation - *Janice Seidlitz & Pastor Darrell Weber*

High School - *Sean Mahoney & Joshua Seidlitz*

Substitutes - *Charlotte Mehrtens, Kim Mueller*



Pastor’s Vacations

Pastor Darrell and Marjie will be on vacation from Thursday, September 2, through Monday, September 6. We plan to be camping and boating on Carlyle Lake with extended family. I will be here to lead Worship on Sunday, September 5.

Pastor Darrell and Marjie will also be on vacation from Sunday afternoon, September 26, through Wednesday afternoon, September 29. We plan to be camping and boating on Carlyle Lake with extended family.

Care Center News



Care Center News

Oak Hill Nursing Home

Pearl Griebel

Our Lady of the Snows

Betty Baltz

Garden Place at Millstadt

Marianne Baltz
Shirley Brandenburger
Delores Lang

Cambridge House

Shirley Glass
Wilbur Miller

Cedarhurst Care Center

Joan Godsy

Brightly Assisted Living

Arlene Dohrman

The Woodlands of Arnold

Nancy Caponi

Garden View Care Center of

Dougherty Ferry

Tom Mueth

Z Team News

We have been watering, weeding, and picking up branches in the park. Also, watering flowers around the Church.

The floor of the gazebo was power washed, and a new coat of stain was applied.

We cut down a tree in the park. We are planning to remove the tree stumps soon.

Thanks to Bob and Ron Wolfmeier for hauling a load of dirt and a load of sand for the volleyball court.

The team has been monitoring the bell ringing in the tower as it was not ringing and found to be stuck. This will be addressed if it continues.

Big thanks to the guys who did the weed eating on the banks of the park creek! It looks good.

It was discovered that the sump pump in the pie room was not shutting off. When we looked at it, the water was hot because the motor wouldn't shut off. We have replaced it and it is working well now.

The overhead doors at the Hecke shed have been power washed and painted with 2 coats.

We continued our work at the Cemetery when weather wasn't too hot.

We miss and think of Dennis Hopfinger often. We look forward to him getting better soon.

Thank You!

From Shirley Brandenburger (at Freeburg Care Center Rehab)
I want to thank the Zion Congregation for the get well wishes when I was hospitalized after a stroke, and for the visits from Pastor Weber. Thanks for remembering me in your thoughts and prayers.

Continued:

I have great news for you, friends.

You are needed. God has an area of your life designed just for you. There is a need around you, and you are the perfect person to fill that void. There may be "weak hands" in your circle, or even outside of your comfort zone, and your brokenness might be exactly what those hands need to hold on tightly to in order to become strong.

And if you feel forgotten? I can tell you with certainty that He did not forget you. You are never out of His sight, and He has something great in store for you! Here is what He says to His people in Isaiah 49:15-16 (NIV):

"I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands."

You know those crayons in the lost and found bucket? They're really not forgotten, either. They are just ready to be used. Just like you, my friend!

#mrsgivens
#kindergarten

Thoughts to Live By

Gratitude is the healthiest of all human emotions. The more you express gratitude for what you have, the more likely you will have even more to express gratitude for.

Zig Ziglar

Millstadt Homecoming
Saturday, September 4 and Sunday, September 5

Zion Church will be in charge of the Corn Dog and Funnel Cake Stands

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP

Sign up sheets are located at the Church entrances

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Sisters in Faith
Sharing our love for God and each other.

Our first meeting of the new year will be held on **Thursday, September 2nd** at noon. Please join us for this meeting to map out plans for the upcoming year. Our featured luncheon entrée will be Charlotte's chicken and dumplings, with sides/dessert being provided by the rest of the committee. For those not vaccinated, social distancing will be observed and masks worn at your own discretion.



The Crayon Bucket

In my classroom, we have a crayon bucket. Its job is to hold two kinds of crayons: the broken ones and the forgotten ones.

When I started teaching it didn't take me long to figure out that crayons are hard for five-year-olds to keep up with! Before many weeks went by, I had a floor full of random crayons. And that bothered me! All during the school year, I would find crayons in the floor and I would hold them up and no one would claim them, even when they looked through their near-empty pouches. 😊

So I started placing the lost crayons on my desk, and that collection eventually turned into a basket.

And then another thing started to happen all those years ago that bothered me... when we went to do a special art activity, I'd say something like, "Get out your red..." and immediately several people would chorus "I don't have a red! It's gone, teacher!"

One day the light clicked—the crayon basket, of course! It had all the reds we needed. I started a new procedure that has been tried and true since my first year. We use the crayon basket for when someone is missing a color. The rule is if we are missing a color, we don't yell out. We just go to the crayon basket and pick out what we need, and the best part of all is... we get to keep it! And do you know that the child who was so forgetful with her crayons earlier takes that "new" red one from the basket, uses it carefully, and then puts it in her pouch and is sure to zip up her pouch this time so that she doesn't lose it?

The rule at the crayon basket is that we can only stay there for five seconds, because we are guaranteed to find the needed color in five seconds. You know why? Because after sixteen years, my crayon basket has become a BUCKET! It's full of every color we would ever need, because this teacher can't find it in her heart to throw away a lost crayon.

A lot of crayons get forgotten, until they are needed. ❤️

There's another kind of crayon in the bucket...and that's the broken crayon. Now, broken crayons are the most special ones of all! They may not be as pretty as the new ones; they may be missing their paper, their shine, and their points, but they have a very special job.

Many students come to school these days with certain learning, physical, and emotional needs. For a number of reasons, they don't have the fine motor abilities to color and cut and write like what society expects for a "typical" kindergartner. Some of them have never even held a crayon, so it's hard for them to learn how to fill a picture with color.

I remember the first time I had a student with a physical need that required more practice than what I was providing in the general setting. The wonderful occupational therapist for the county (Lynn Ponder) came in and looked over the workspace to help me and give me pointers on supporting the student with writing, coloring, and other fine motor skills. And guess what she did first?

She took the brand new crayons and BROKE them. One by one, as she was just talking to me, she stood there breaking away, and I could only look on in horror! Finally, I found some words in my head and yelled, "What are you doing?!"

And our awesome therapist said words that have stuck with me...she kept on breaking and she said, "Paige, broken crayons make weak hands strong."

Broken crayons make weak hands strong.

Kids who can't hold a pencil can grip a broken crayon. They have to bear down and hold it tightly with correct finger positioning when their crayon is broken.

I know that some people reading this today feel like an old broken or forgotten crayon. You may be broken down by physical health problems or relationship issues. Or you may be chipped away by little things of life every day...a cruel word chips here, a busy schedule nicks there, until one day you look in the mirror and you are only half of the person that you thought you were.

Treasurer's Report

2021	GENERAL FUND - Updated Version					
	2021 INCOME	2021 EXPENSE	difference	BUDGET 2021	2020 INCOME	2020 EXPENSE
January	\$ 22,601.22	\$ 19,838.53	\$ 2,762.69	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 14,895.24	\$ 21,140.59
February	\$ 19,854.14	\$ 18,513.90	\$ 1,340.24	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 24,005.84	\$ 20,248.38
March	\$ 21,052.20	\$ 27,802.85	\$ (6,750.65)	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 21,607.63	\$ 22,512.95
April	\$ 17,674.69	\$ 19,580.17	\$ (1,905.48)	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 16,025.90	\$ 18,690.58
May	\$ 17,447.80	\$ 14,326.46	\$ 3,121.34	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 44,070.09	\$ 18,210.52
June	\$ 13,869.48	\$ 14,433.51	\$ (564.03)	\$ 17,107.33	\$ (9,942.48)	\$ 16,916.00
July	\$ 19,945.55	\$ 17,389.06	\$ 2,556.49	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 12,467.85	\$ 15,384.34
August	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 16,395.81	\$ 12,863.48
September	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 17,515.98	\$ 64,439.12
October	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 17,394.66	\$ 50,584.73
November	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 23,576.69	\$ 21,443.43
December	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.37	\$ 59,263.77	\$ 13,149.97
TOTALS	\$ 132,445.08	\$ 131,884.48	\$ 560.60	\$ 205,288.00	\$ 257,276.98	\$ 295,584.09



Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House -- Congregation Member, Eric Wolfmeier is a Firefighter in Belleville. His Firehouse is collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please drop off any you collect at the Church. Pam will have a receptacle labeled for these. Thank you for helping out.

"God will take care of what you go through. You take care of how you go through it."

- Zig Ziglar



ATTENDANCE - SUNDAYS

MONTH	2021
January	293
February	279
March	362
April	339
May	332
June	276
July	212
August	176*
September	
October	
November	
December	
Monthly Average	299
Year-to-Date	2269

* August totals are not complete at this mailing.

In case of hospitalization or surgery, please notify our church office. When being admitted to a hospital, be sure to mention that you are affiliated with this congregation. This will help us keep you in our prayers and assist you in our ministry of care.



IN THE HOSPITAL IN JULY AND AUGUST

Dennis Hopfinger, Arlene Dohrrman, John Kalbfleisch, Stella Savering,

CURRENT PRAYER LIST

Pray for strength and healing for the following:

Carol Albert, Katelyn Allen, Rev. Jim Barnes, Wanda Basse, Dylan Billhartz, Brock Bomleny, Levi Boyle, Shirley Brandenburger, Susie Browe, Carol Bueckmann, Pat Burns, Nancy Caponi, Family of Charlotte Cole, Jesse Cook, James Creason, Ellen Daniels, Kathy Davis, Roger Davis, Sharon Dill, Arlene Dohrrman, Annie Dulle, Marcus Dunn, Doug Elden, Flash Farley, Paula Farley, Carol French, Willard French, Mary (Boerke) Graham, Pearl Griebel, Sharon Gruenewald, Steve Gualdoni, Kendra Haas, Matt Haas, Winnie Hambleton, Sandy Hankammer, John Harries, Mary Harries, Connie Hendricks, Sue Hoffelmeyer, Dennis Hopfinger, Derek Hoppe, Family of Dale Huwer, Pat Illert, Sarah Johnson, Wayne Jones, John Kalbfleisch, Melanie Keck, RJ Keim, John Kistner, Lori Klotz, Mary & Sonny Koehler, Jim Kostelac, Family of Steve Krausz, Tom Krauter, Brian Kreher, Delores Lang, Andi Lanning, Jo Ann Martz, Monique Masengale, Landon Meppiel, Myrt Metter, Kenny Middendorf, Wilbur Miller, Norman Mills, Jennifer Missey, Helen Morgan, Pat Morris, Don Mueller, Jim Mueller, Mike Mueller, Ronnie Mueller, Paula Muskopf, Dean Norrenbem, Jodi Notter, Michael Notter, Doris Obernagel, Ariela Oliver, Jon Orelt, Era Osborn, Alexis Papavassilion, Annie Pellmann, Janice Pellman, Linda Pistor, Layla Post, Matt Preston, Jaylynn Proctor, Jim Reinheimer, Rich Riemann, Mark Roach, Stella Savering, Dick Saxton, Peter Schrader, Jean Seymour, Nancy Smith, Shelly Smith, Nicky Smith, Steve Smith, Barb Sparkman, Sharon Stallmann, Chris Stander, Debbie Steppig, Joann Talent, Jerry Tastad, Angie Thomason, Betty Keller-Timmer, Rich Trent, Elizabeth Tubbs, Marcia Twellmann, Mark Vandermyde, Lauretta Werhan, Doug Whelan, Joan Wilkens, Rev. Jeffrey Willey, Beth Windeknecht, Herb Woehlke, Marge Woehlke, Bart & Kelley

SERVING OUR COUNTRY Sgt. Anthony Hanson, Jr., Brandon Lester, Kory Klein and Michael Barnes serving overseas; Erin Green, Adam Stern, Andrew Haag and Derek Ferguson in the Middle East; Jesse Eimer, Jason Parrish, Chris Lewis, Sharon Wirth, Al Wirth, Jimmy Combs, Joe Morris, Stefan Caswell, Cameron Ahrens, Kasey Launius, Samantha Glaeser, Tristan Caswell and Joshua Trent serving in the States; Austin Stumpf serving in Korea

To add a name to our prayer list, please locate a communication card in the pews. Provide the name, address, phone, and reason for the prayer request— place the card in the offering plate or give it to an

If you would like to receive prayer chain information via e-mail, contact Barb Hohlt at barbhohlt@aol.com

Meal-a-Month Schedule

Let us not forget those who are less fortunate. There never seems to be an end to those who are in dire need. Your help is appreciated.

September

Pancake Mix
Syrup
Jelly
Sweet Potatoes

October

Cornbread Mix
Stuffing Mix
Cranberries
Pumpkin Pie Mix

The Food Pantry is always looking for volunteers. Please consider donating your time to this worthy cause. Call Charlotte Mehrtens at 618-978-2655 to sign up.

**Mission Article for
September, 2021**

Thank you for your support of our July mission, which was The Gideons International. The Gideons have a mission to provide the Word of God to many who would otherwise not have a copy. Hard cover Bibles or soft cover prison Bibles or large print Hospital New Testaments or pocket testaments will be purchased and placed.

The mission of the month for August was the Senior Center. Your contributions will assist the Center in providing services to seniors in our community, such as the lunch program at the Center, Meals on Wheels to homebound seniors, and the Senior Transportation Program. Many of the seniors can afford the full suggested donation for these services, but others need assistance, and our contributions can help to fill that gap. The Senior Center provides healthy meals, fellowship and assistance with senior health insurance matters, tax preparation assistance and other issues. Sometimes the Center provides a listening ear to seniors who just need to know that someone cares. Thank you for your contributions to the Senior Center.

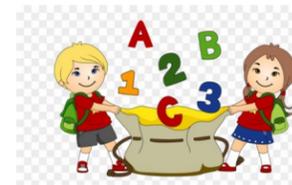
The July and August missions offer us the opportunity to be the Hands and Feet of Christ in a global and a local way. May God bless you for your generous sharing of His gifts to you! The Mission for September is the New Athens Home for the Aged. Our giving will help New Athens Home to continue to serve their residents and to keep the home secure. State funding continues to be a problem, and our contributions will help fill the gap.

May God bless you for your generous sharing of His gifts to you!



Preschool Open House was held on Monday, August 30. Anxious kids and parents were on hand to meet their teacher, Ms. Sheila and her aid, Ms. Tina. We have 18 little ones signed up for this school year. The first day of school is Wednesday, September 8th.

Stay tuned for future updates on the kids' progress. There will be lots of learning going on!



Zion's Bulletin Board



Thank You

I want to thank everyone for all their kind words, thoughts, cards, a prayer. I'm doing much better since stopping my chemo and since after my surgery. I'm now taking daily radiation until the end of August, along with immunotherapy every three weeks for 1 year.

I appreciate everything you've done. It has helped me and encouraged me during my part of treatment.

I also thank God everyday for my very dedicated Doctors and Nurses who are responsible for my progress.

Thank you so much!

*Appreciatively,
Carol Bueckman*

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021
3:00 - 8:00 PM
ST. JAMES CATHOLIC PARISH AND SCHOOL

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021

To schedule an appointment
1-800-733-2767 or
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Bring Photo ID

Rally Around The Tower

Saturday
Sept. 25th
2021



Mertz Ford Parking Lot
100 E. Washington
Millstadt, IL

Mertz One Day Car
Specials
Food & Beverages
50-50 Drawing

REGISTRATION 9:30-11

Entry Fee \$20.00 Custom Trophies

Trophies Awarded At 3:00

Dash Plaques For First 100 Cars



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Friends Of The Old Millstadt Water Tower & Mertz Ford

Not Responsible For Accidents Or Injuries

Zion's Annual Barbecue



**Saturday, Sept. 18
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Or until sold out

On the Church Parking Lot

SAVE THE DATE

More information to come.



Zion Evangelical Church Council Meeting
July 12, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7.10pm by President Dale Gruenewald. Those in attendance were Richard Hof-felmeyer, Earl Doerr, Charlotte Mehrtens, Kim Mueller, Bob Timmer, Dale Gruenewald, Kathi Trent, Stacy Woehlke, Pastor Weber and Pam Gowens. Pastor opened with a prayer.

BCE report: No report from the Board but Pastor shared that for the first day of VBS there were 43 kids, with a few additional to show later in the week, as well as 35 adult and youth volunteers. The first day went well, with much gratitude to Bethesda Evangelical Church for the decoration donations and the team who helped set up.

Treasurer's report: The MFisher Investment CD at First National Bank of Waterloo has been renewed for another 17 months, with the additional \$100,000 approved in June, at .35 interest rate.

Pam has sent Missions checks, for donations received, to Gideon International, the New Athens Home and Millstadt Food Pantry.

Pam reported we are still working through some lingering issues with the IRS. We received notices for \$29 past due for September of 2020 from Federal and our tax exempt status expired as of March 2020. As a whole, working through the Federal issues are going to take a bit longer but they are slower to work with but Illinois is nearly resolved and we may actually end up getting a credit for overpayment.

Earl inquired if Pam was keeping track of rentals and Pam produced her records showing that so far for the year, there have been 8 park rentals and 3 hall rentals, with 6 future park rentals and 1 future hall rental. Earl expressed an appreciation for this tracking as it provides good information regarding use of our properties.

Richard raised a question of the billing and expensing of the Frievogel Cemetery upkeep and if larger expenses should come out of the General Fund Cemetery Expenses budget or from the Cemetery Fund. It was agreed larger expenses that aren't part of general maintenance should come out of the Cemetery Fund.

Pam shared she will be on vacation for the afternoon of August 23 through August 26 and that it would be greatly appreciated if visitor articles could be in by the week before so she can get them out the morning of August 27 when she is back in the office.

Richard motioned to accept the Treasurer's report; Charlotte seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes for the June Council meeting had previously been emailed for review. Bob motioned to accept the minutes; Kim seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's report: Pastor stated that Summer worship attendance at the park has been decent even with less than ideal conditions. As a general note, he gets the recording of the service loaded by 2pm Sunday afternoon for streaming. Kathi shared that she has bought a sturdy basket to replace the bucket for taking offerings.

Pastor expressed appreciation for Gary Franke's July 4 service and has asked him to once again fill in on August 15 while Pastor is away.

Nursing homes are beginning to allow visits again and Pastor continues his Bible studies and Church services at Garden Place in Millstadt.

Kathi motioned to accept the Pastor's report; Richard seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Audit & Budget: Richard pointed out one of the audit findings was that we have been short funds in the Money Market while carrying excess in the General Fund that should be transferred back to the Money Market. As of the meeting, it was close to \$6000. Kathi motioned to transfer the money; Charlotte seconded. Motion carried.

Richard brought up that we had previously talked about having a mid-year audit in order to stay on top of financials throughout the year. Dale will begin putting together the committee to conduct the audit with Richard as our Council liaison.

Long Range Ministry: Stacy mentioned the upcoming Millstadt Homecoming and whether or not the Church would be participating. Part of the concern is that the last couple years has seen a decrease in the number of volunteers to work the stand and that some of the people who have been doing it for years are no longer physically able to do as much anymore. Council discussed the need to make a new sign up sheet that better reflects how many workers are needed per shift. It was decided that the sign up sheets would be brought to the park on Sunday mornings and a church mailing would have to go out in order to recruit as many workers as possible.

Mission & Outreach: Mary Lou was not present; nothing to address in her absence.

Staff/Parish Relations: Kim passed around a schedule for Sunday duties that Kathi had put together. Council quickly went over the different things that are required on Sunday mornings for service and care of the Church property.

Property: Earl shared that a load of sand had been added to the volleyball pit at the park and that the ZTeam is doing a lot of work at Frievogel Cemetery to care for the

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older tombstones. We are on the list for new rock for the cemetery drive as soon as the delivery can be fit into the schedule.

Dale made a request of the ZTeam as to the possibility of an outlet closer to the altar at the park; this should make the equipment setup much easier.

Council reviewed copies of the revised rental agreements and confirmed the previously contingent acceptance.

Volunteer Ministries: Kathi has started asking volunteers for Council; a few suggestions were provided for her to talk to.

Worship & Music: Stacy shared a suggestion she had received about reducing some of the repetition at the end of songs. It was agreed that when a song repeats too much, people tend to lose interest in the song.

Cemetery Board: Charlotte had talked to Bill Albert about the Freivogel Cemetery boundaries. Bill explained that the original boundaries had been set in the 1880s and later changed but that the current owners who share the boundaries have no issue with how things are now, so the odd boundaries are not an issue.

Old Business: There was no old business to address.

New Business: On behalf of Sisters in Faith who had received them as part of their calendar fundraising, Charlotte donated ticket vouchers for a 2021 or 2022 St. Louis Cardinals game. It was suggested and agreed to that they could be given out during worship service as a Blessed to Be a Blessing attendance drawing.

Kim motioned to adjourn; Earl seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

President - Dale Gruenewald
Secretary - Stacy Woehlke

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BCE report: Pastor presented on behalf of the Board. They have been preparing for the September 12 Rally Day. Both Sunday School and worship service will have to be at the Church building on Rally Day because the park is in use by Trinity Lutheran that day. All curriculum for the Sunday School classes is distributed in the rooms already. This year we have one 3rd grader receiving a Bible and one 7th grader starting Confirmation. The Board has decided on the year's theme as being Sing to the Lord, which will incorporate music and Bible passages as they are used in songs.

Treasurer's report: As there was nothing major to inform Council of, Pam asked for comments or questions on the presented reports; Pastor noted the fact that at the end of July, the Church was actually in the black, and that was in spite of some larger bills that had had to be paid.

Richard informed Council that the transfer of money to balance the General and Money Market accounts as approved last month had not yet occurred but will do so in August.

Pam has started spreadsheets for the Homecoming Picnic stand and the BBQ in order to have a clear accounting of expenses versus earnings. This is something she plans to do for all our future fundraisers, i.e. Wurstmarkt. Council noted appreciation of this effort.

Earl asked about where costs for the Hecke property go and Richard said they should go toward general maintenance. There is no separate fund for the Hecke property and since very little work should have to be done at the property, there is no reason to start its own fund.

Charlotte informed Pam and Council that Sisters of Faith will likely pay for the inflatable rented for Vacation Bible School. The SoF has paid for it in the past and a decision will be made at the next executive meeting.

Pam has been working on fliers for upcoming events and received clarification that there will be no fall Jam in the Park to prepare fliers for and that the BBQ will be on September 18 from 11-3 unless sold out.

Kathi motioned to accept the Treasurer's report; Charlotte seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes for the July Council meeting had previously been emailed for review. Richard motioned to accept the minutes; Earl seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's report: With the organizational leadership of Pat Morris, Pastor had started leading Bible studies again for the Millstadt Senior Center and Garden Place is continuing with Bible studies and once monthly service led by Pastor; Pastor Ill of Trinity Lutheran also does a once monthly service on a separate week.

Ken and Dara Allen have started doing a virtual Zoom hymn sing along for the area nursing homes and Patti French, Rhonda Jenkins and Pastor have all been recruited to help. The Zoom sessions are also recorded and made available for the people who are unable to watch them live.

Pastor has two more Sunday trips in the months of August and September; Gary Franke will be leading service August 15 and Pastor will be checking with Gary to also cover September 5.

Richard motioned to accept the Pastor's report; Charlotte seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Audit & Budget: Richard said the mid-year audit went well and he will have a written report for Council next month. Bill Albert, Nancy Glaeser and Shannon Weaver served on the committee. In short, there was a strong focus on the processes surrounding the finances of the Church and the committee was happy with how Pam is handling things.

Long Range Ministry: Stacy referred to the upcoming Millstadt Homecoming stand and the need for more volunteers. She will be reaching out to some of the Belleville West clubs that have provided volunteers in the past (Key Club, NHS) to try to fill some of the gaps but there need to be enough adults on each shift to supervise and do the tasks that youth cannot do, such as the frying. Charlotte is working with Les Merhtens on the supply ordering. Council made the pricing decision to sell funnel cakes for \$6 and corn dogs for \$3; Stacy will get the signs out of storage and make any necessary new ones. Kathi has talked to Dave Woehlke and he will be in charge of the money for the weekend. ZTeam will discuss the Saturday setup time on Tuesday.

Mission & Outreach: Mary Lou has been pleased with the reported gifts for Missions.

Staff/Parish Relations: Kim was not present and nothing to address in her absence.

Property: Earl reported that the Hecke property garage doors have been painted, Jodi Stumpf planted new flowers around the sign in front of Church, and the Freivogel Cemetery is looking good. Rocking of the cemetery drive is still to come. Also, Richard and Mike German did some work to get the bells ringing again; apparently the clapper had simply gotten stuck.

Volunteer Ministries: Kathi is still working on recruiting for next year's Council; anyone who has been inspired to serve should seek her out.

Worship & Music: Dale had nothing to cover but Earl did mention that although Jam in the Park will not happen this fall, they will be doing the Polka Sunday service in October.

Cemetery Board: Charlotte reiterated that the cemetery is looking good and that some more of the headstones have been reset.

Old Business: There was no old business to address.

New Business: Richard pointed out that the budget needs to happen in September so it can go into the October visitor for the November Congregational meeting. Dale will work on putting the committee together.

Stacy motioned to adjourn; Richard seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

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