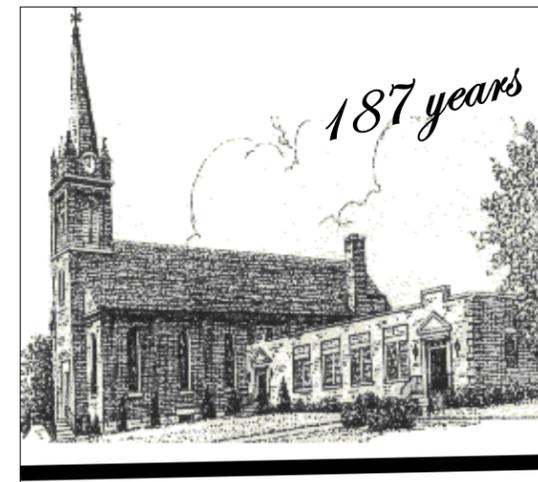


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# Zion Evangelical Church

Serving in Christ's Name Since 1835

## From the Desk of Pastor Darrell

**"You will know the truth!"**

Rally Day, Sunday, September 11, is coming soon. It is the day that our schedule changes from summer worship at 9:00 a.m. to Fall, Winter and Spring Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and Worship at 10:15 a.m. We are also moving from the Church Park back to the Church Building.

Our focal point for Rally Day is Jesus' words in **John 8:32**, "*You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.*"

It is clearly evident now that many people in the U.S. and our world are blinded to the truth. For example, the truth of our creation, (**Matthew 19:4**), "*He who made them from the beginning made them male and female,*" as confused people wonder what they really are. Or the ridiculous statement that "*men can get pregnant.*"

The blindness of this generation that uses the phrases "woke" and "wokeness" goes far beyond the above two issues and affects every thought, imagination, and behavior of people around us. Disrespect, intolerance, hate, and violence have increased quickly and greatly in the last few years.

More and more, our educational system, which proclaims to make people wise and good, turns them into absolute fools who do evil with no remorse. See **Romans 1:22** ("*Claiming to be wise, they became fools*" (see the whole chapter, for that matter).

This is the world that you and I live in today. This is the world that your children and grandchildren are growing up in today. These are the things our society is teaching them – from schools, to the media, to the social media, to entertainment, to sports, and to businesses, even to churches.

So what kind of future will they have? What kind of future will our country and world have? A future enslaved to darkness, to lies, to sin, to evil, and to death.

But there is another way. It is the way of light, of truth, of righteousness, of goodness, and of life. It is the way of Jesus the Christ, who came to set us free from sin and death. Listen to Jesus in **John 8:31ff**, "*Jesus then said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' ... So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.*"

We at Zion, and our Sunday School (for all ages), seek to bring you to Jesus, "*the way, and the truth and the life*" (**John 14:6**). In fact, Jesus is the only Way, the only Truth, and the only Life that will bring you back to God for eternity.

But for this to happen, you need to move beyond a head knowledge of information about Jesus and the Bible. You must attach yourself to Jesus and follow Him by continuing in His Word – the Holy Scriptures. (For we declare, along with the faithful Church through the ages, that the Bible is in totality the inerrant and infallible Word of God.) This will enable you to "*grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (**2 Peter 3:18**). Then, Jesus will indeed make you free.

So, join us. Bring your children, your grandchildren, your family, your friends, and your neighbors, so that they will indeed know and follow Jesus. For only Jesus can deliver you from the growing darkness, lies, and evil that is more and more all around us.

May Jesus bless you and yours with ears to hear Him – (**Revelation 2:7**) "*He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.*"

Pastor Darrell Weber

## September 2022

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#### Sisters in Faith

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

#### Z Team

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

### CHURCH COUNCIL

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

Earl Doerr	(23)	618-972-0540
Dale Gruenewald	(23)	618-660-9797 (President)
Rich Hoffmeyer	(24)	702-499-7371
Annette Hund	(25)	618-719-6306
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Kurt Pellmann	(25)	618-781-0903
Mary Lou Peter	(24)	618-719-8077
Barb Scharf	(25)	618-973-0289
Kathi Trent	(23)	314-973-4207 (Vice Pres.)

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

#### Worship Schedule

9:00 AM - Worship Service in the Park  
**Starting September 11th**  
 10:15 AM - Worship Service  
 9:00 AM - Adult Bible Classes/SS/Conf

#### Office Hours

Amanda Frierdich  
 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 have 12 liturgists who read the Scriptures: *David Harres, Tracy Holmes, Linda Hopfinger, Annette Hund, Sean Mahoney, Kay Mehrstens, 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 4	Vicki Pellmann	618-806-8878	<a href="mailto:vdp2007@aol.com">vdp2007@aol.com</a>
Sept 11	Bill Savering	618-920-9236	<a href="mailto:bsavering@yahoo.com">bsavering@yahoo.com</a>
Sept 18	Joyce Tastad	618-660-6259	<a href="mailto:jtastad51@charter.net">jtastad51@charter.net</a>
Sept 25	Marjie Weber	618-972-5532	<a href="mailto:weber_ddw@charter.net">weber_ddw@charter.net</a>



### Hymn #34, "O Lord, You're Beautiful" by Keith Gordon Green (1980) Refrain (2 times)

Oh Lord, you're beautiful, Your face is all I see,  
For when your eyes are on this child, Your grace  
abounds to me.

I want to take Your Word and shine it all around,  
But first help me just, to live it Lord.  
And when I'm doing well, help me to never seek a  
crown.

For my reward is giving glory to You.

Oh Lord, please light the fire, That once burned  
bright and clean.  
Replace the lamp of my first love, That burns with  
holy fear.

I want to take Your Word and shine it all around,  
But first help me just, to live it Lord.  
And when I'm doing well, help me to never seek a  
crown.

For my reward is giving glory to You.

### Refrain (2 times)

The following is taken off the internet from:

<https://www.lyrics.com/lyric/1375475/>

[Keith+Green/Oh+Lord%2C+You%27re+Beautiful](#)

"Keith Gordon Green (October 21, 1953 – July 28, 1982) was an American gospel singer, songwriter, musician, and Contemporary Christian Music artist originally from Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, New York. Beyond his music, Green is best known for his strong devotion to Christian evangelism and challenging others to the same. Often considered controversial for his frequently confrontational lyrics and spoken messag-

es, he wrote some notable songs alone or with his wife, Melody Green, including 'Your Love Broke Through', 'You Put This Love in My Heart', and 'Asleep in the Light'. Green is also known for numerous popular modern hymns, including 'O Lord, You're Beautiful' and 'There is a Redeemer', written by his wife, Melody."

We will sing this song on Rally Day and the rest of September as we focus on taking God's Word and shining it all around, starting with our children, youth and adults in Sunday School. Then, shining through us to those outside the church in order to give glory to God.

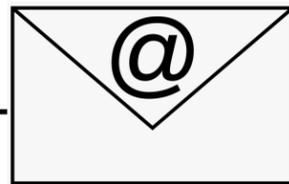
So be prepared to learn a new-to-you, 42-year-old worship song. The tune is beautiful too!



### Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Darrell and Marjie will be on vacation from Thursday, September 1, through Monday, September 5. We plan to be camping and boating on Carlyle Lake with extended family. Lay Pastor Gary Franke, from our sister church, Bethesda Evangelical Church in South St. Louis, will lead Worship on Sunday, September 4.

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We are updating our email list! If you have a new email address, please call (476-1778) or email the church office so we can update our information! ([amanda@zionmillstadt.com](mailto:amanda@zionmillstadt.com)) Thank you!

# Zion Evangelical Church

## September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Gary Franke Preaching Pastor Vacation Communion Homecoming 9:00 AM Worship at Park	2 Office Closed Pastor Vacation	3 8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	4 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Prayer Walk 11:00 AM Jude Adult Bible Study	5 9:00 AM Quilting 12:00 PM Sisters of Faith	6 Pastor Vacation 10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga	7 Pastor Vacation Homecoming
8 Rally Day 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:00 AM Park - Trinity Lutheran 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 G.P. Bible Study	11 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Prayer Walk 11:00 AM Jude Adult Bible Study	12 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM G.P. Worship	13 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga	14 10:00 AM Park - Ismah
15 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:00 AM Park - Sue Kreher 10:15 AM Worship at Church 6:00 PM Jam in the Park	16 8:15 AM Preschool	17 8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	18 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Prayer Walk 11:00 AM Jude Adult Bible Study	19 9:00 AM Quilting	20 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga	21 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Park - Ismah
22 Food Pantry 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship at Church	23 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Sr Center BS	24 8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	25 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Prayer Walk 11:00 AM Jude Adult Bible Study	26 9:00 AM Quilting	27 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga	28 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Park - Ismah
29	30	1	2	3	4	5



Dear Zion Family,

I have never been so overwhelmed by the love and support shown to me at the passing of my husband, Gary. So many of you came and stood in that extremely long line just waiting to give me a hug and tell me that you were praying for me. There were also many of you who sent me beautiful cards of sympathy. Still others sent memorials and flowers. Each one of these was like getting a hug from God! I am truly blessed by all of you who care and I thank God for my Zion family! I am praying that God will richly bless all of you for the kindness you have shown me.

With much love,  
Lynn Schwoebel

### Zionettes Kitchen Band Schedule

Friday, September 30th  
Leave Zion at 1:15 pm;  
Play at Oak Hill - Waterloo at 2:00 pm



Preschool Open House was held on Thursday, August 18th. Anxious kids and parents were on hand to meet their teacher, Ms. Sheila. We have 13 little ones signed up for this school year. The first day of school is Wednesday, September 7th.

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

August 20, 2022

Pastor & Members  
Zion Evangelical Church  
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Dear Friends of the Gideons:

We received your most generous gift recently and are excited and delighted for your faithfulness!

The past two to three years have been difficult for all but especially for the South St. Clair Gideon Camp. Several of our faithful Gideons have passed away, and of course, the pandemic has really been hard on us all.

The monies received go for providing bibles throughout the world as well as schools, hotels, and the public in general where distributions are allowed. We hope to be permitted to distribute to care centers and assisted living homes again when "the coast is clear!"

Your love and consideration have certainly given us new strength as we fight the battle of spreading the Word. We can't thank you enough!

Sincerely In Christ,  
Ed Piere, Gideon President  
Judy Rowe, Auxilliary

EP/SR

### Jam In the Park

Sunday, September 18th  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Zion Park

Country & traditional music  
Bring your lawn chairs/coolers  
For information call: Earl Doerr at  
618-972-0540



Zion Park is located south of Millstadt on South Jefferson Street

### Millstadt Homecoming

Saturday, September 3rd and Sunday, September 4th

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

### Rally Day, Sunday, September 11

Sunday School will kick-off with Rally Day on Sunday, September 11.

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

- Note: We have an adult class led by Sean Mahoney. They are covering the "That The World May Know" series by Ray Vander Laan. It is a video series that takes you to various archaeological sites in the Holy Land and covers what happened there and the meaning of it for them and for us today. This series emphasizes the R side of our Evangelical & Reformed faith and heritage.

Join us on Rally Day, and every Sunday thereafter. Invite your family and friends to do so as well.

### Rally Day Notes

At 10:15 a.m., all children should sit with their families in Worship. The following Rally Day events will take place during Worship.

- Children who achieved faithful attendance throughout the previous year will be recognized.
- These are (with number of years of faithful attendance): Carson Allen (11), Katelyn Allen (9), Evan Arnold (14), Jacob Doerr (3), Jocelyn Doerr (1), Harper Gibson (5), Caleb Gruenewald (7), Alessandra Riemann (8), Josephina Riemann (8), George Wolfmeier (4), Isabelle Wolfmeier (5) and Olivia Wolfmeier (2).
- Bibles will be presented to our children who are entering the third grade. To our knowledge, they are: Micah Doerr, Harper Gibson, Henry Mehrtens and George 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 8<sup>th</sup> grader is: Jacob Doerr. And our potential 7<sup>th</sup> graders are: Katelyn Allen, Brendan Gibson, Wesley Grootenboer, Carter Jones, Lucy Mehrtens, Josephina Riemann, and Ella Weaver. 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 & Jodi Notter & Joyce Tastad
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Marcia Twellman
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Debbie Doerr & Stacy Woehlke
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Sherri Vogt
Confirmation	Pastor Darrell Weber
High School	Joshua Seidlitz & Jessica Seidlitz
Adult	Sean Mahoney
Substitutes	Jonathan Arnold

### Prayer Walk (10 a.m.)/ Bible Study (11 a.m.) – Wednesdays

Starting on Wednesday, September 14, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., we will seek to expand Zion's Prayer ministry. We will have a Prayer Walk around Zion – Sanctuary, offices, and Sunday School rooms. This prayer time will cover the pastor, staff, Council, committees, Sunday School teachers, children, youth, adults, fellowships, members, shut-ins, those in care facilities, hospitalized, and more.

Join us as we approach the very Throne of the LORD - "so Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" – **Hebrews 4:16**. Join us in the power of intercessory prayer – "the prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effect" (**James 5:16**). Join us in praying to Father in Jesus' name – "so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, He may give it to you." (**John 15:16**). Join us and make a real difference in the lives of others, including our loved ones.

Then from 11:00 a.m. till noon, we will study the Scriptures. We finished the letters of **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter** in the Spring. Now we are moving to the letter of **Jude**. Afterwards, we will go to the letter of **James**. Join us as we seek to grow in the "grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (**2 Peter 3:18**).

Have you noticed that I often quote many Scripture verses in my sermons, articles, and conversations? I do this so that it isn't my ideas, but God's Word, that is guiding me and you.

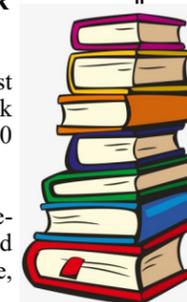
This isn't a guarantee that I am not making mistakes. For Scripture says (**James 3:2**) that "we all make many mistakes ..." But by continually turning to the Lord's Word and the context of each passage, we all may be led closer and closer to His truth.

So, as you wrestle with things that the Lord puts on my heart, search the Scriptures and the context of the Scriptures that I am quoting. Bring to my attention the Scriptures He is putting upon your heart.

### MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOOK BAZAAR 2023

Collection of books will begin Tuesday, August 16 through December 13. And then start back up for Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 10 through March 16.

Please drop off books at the Hospital Warehouse or you may bring them to church and arrangements will be made for pickup. Please, NO encyclopedias.



Thank you!

*September Anniversaries*  
(50+ years)

**Raymond & Barbara Hohlt**  
55 years on the 9th

**Donald & Charlotte Mehrtens**  
60 years on the 23rd



Please keep the Fellowship Park and Hall in mind for your upcoming events. Call the office or stop by for a reservation form today!

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

Sisters in Faith will have their first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at noon. At this meeting we will honor nurses from Zion with a small gift and special meal. The executive committee will provide the meal (quiche and salad) and members are asked to bring desserts. Please plan on joining us as we kick off the new year. We would love to see you!

~Darlene Gansmann  
Secretary



**Zion Evangelical Church Meeting Minutes - July 11, 2022**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Dale Gruenewald. Those in attendance were Richard Hoffelmeyer, Annette Hund, Mary Lou Peter, Earl Doerr, Kurt Pellmann, Kathi Trent, Barbara Scharf, Dale Gruenewald, Amanda Frierdich, and Pastor Weber.

Charlotte Mehrtens was unable to attend the meeting. Prior to getting down to business the Council took a few minutes to celebrate Kurt Pellmann's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday enjoying ice cream cake provided by Pastor Weber. Happy Birthday Kurt.

**Treasure's Report:** Amanda provided the Council with copies of the treasurer's report. After a review of the monthly report a motion was made by Kathi and second by Barbara to accept the Treasure's Report. Motion carried. Amanda also reported on the balance currently in our Missions Fund and when checks will be sent to the corresponding organization. Amanda will be on vacation beginning July 18<sup>th</sup> and will be back in the office on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**BCE Report:** No BCE report

**Minutes:** The minutes from the June 2022 meeting was reviewed. Barbara motioned to accept the minutes, Rich seconded. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor went over the VBS attendance and supplied the following data:

VBS Attendance: 38 with 8 being members of the church

Youth Helper: 20 with 3 being members of the church

Adults Helper: 17 with 15 being members of the church

The closing event held on Friday, which included a water slide was well attended by parents, grandparents and siblings. The remaining VBS supplies were donated to the Bethesda Evangelical Church in South St, Louis. Pastor reported that our attendance was down from last year he feels the lower attendance was due to St. James also having a Vacation Bible School which consisted of the same theme we had used. In the past years our VBS was well attended by children from St. James. Pastor is going to contact St. James and inquire regarding their VBS attendance.

Pastor also reported that the New Athens Home for the Aging will be closing their doors this Thursday. Pastor will be meeting with the Mission Team since the New Athens Home is also one of our monthly missions. Rich motioned to accept Pastor's report, Mary Lou seconded. Motion carried.

**Audit and Budget:** Richard Hoffelmeyer reported that it is time to perform our mid-year audit. Dale Gruenewald will be reaching out to the audit committee team from the 2021 end of the year audit to recruit them for the 2022 mid-year audit.

**Mission and Outreach:** Since the Missions were discussed along with the Treasury Report and New Athens home for the Aging was discussed with Pastor's report Mary Lou had nothing new to report.

**Long Range Ministry:** Charlotte was unable to attend the meeting.

**Staffing/Parish Relations:** Barbara Scharf had nothing to report.

**Volunteer Ministries:** I have begun my search for new council members for the 2023 year.

**Worship and Music:** Dale inquired if we were having any issues with the current sound board we were using during Worship in the Park. Pastor reported that currently there were no issues with the sound board.

**Cemetery Board:** Kurt reported that he is working with Wolfmeier Trucking on getting rock spread at the Freivogel cemetery.

**Property:** Earl reported that he has applied for the variance with the Village of Millstadt for the new building at the park. The cost of the variance was \$135.00, we should receive notification on July 26<sup>th</sup> if the variance will be granted.

**Old Business:** Pastor reported that we received a thank you note



# September Birthdays



Elaine Buecher	09/03	Melissa Reece	09/10	Wendy Muskopf	09/22
Krista Gruenewald	09/03	Cynthia Walker	09/10	Kathryn Davis	09/23
Bryan Weaver	09/03	Virginia Bourn	09/11	Debbie Doerr	09/23
Darrell Weber	09/03	Elaine Morris	09/11	Caleb Doerr	09/24
Dorothy Rickard	09/04	Oliver Gilmore	09/14	Kara Wirth	09/24
Jackson Schmidt	09/04	Dale Otten	09/14	Lisa Bayer	09/25
Kaitlyn Skaer	09/06	Nancy Wilson	09/16	Brad Scharf	09/25
Braedan Wade	09/07	Robert Stumpf	09/17	Sue Meppiel	09/26
Arlene Dohrman	09/08	Sharon Veit Cromwell	09/17	Shelly Smith	09/26
Philip Acker	09/09	Jessica Seidlitz	09/18	Shannon Weaver	09/26
Elizabeth Doerr	09/09	Jake Stedman	09/20	Angelo Caponi	09/27
Leon Lang	09/09	Theodore Muskopf	09/22	Carli Fulgham	09/29
				Vickie Donnelly	09/30

**Oak Hill Nursing Home**

Pearl Griebel

**Our Lady of the Snows**

Betty Baltz

**Garden Place at Millstadt**

Marianne Baltz  
Shirley Brandenburger  
Delores Lang

**Cedarhurst Care Center**

Joan Godsy

**The Atrium of Belleville**

John Kalbfleisch



**AMERICAN RED CROSS  
BLOOD DRIVE**  
2022/2023 SCHEDULE  
WEDNESDAYS

ST. JAMES  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022  
JANUARY 11, 2023  
MARCH 15, 2023  
MAY 10, 2023  
JULY 12, 2023  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

VFW  
NOVEMBER 16, 2022  
NOVEMBER 29, 2023

To schedule an appointment  
1-800-733-2767 or  
visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)  
Bring Photo ID

# Treasurer's Report

2022	GENERAL FUND - Updated Version					
	2022 INCOME	2022 EXPENSE	difference	BUDGET 2022	2021 INCOME	2021 EXPENSE
January	\$ 17,103.09	\$ 21,309.34	\$ (4,206.25)	\$ 19,653.50	\$ 22,601.22	\$ 19,838.53
February	\$ 17,135.69	\$ 18,881.14	\$ (1,745.45)	\$ 19,653.50	\$ 19,854.14	\$ 18,513.90
March	\$ 26,484.04	\$ 20,985.79	\$ 5,498.25	\$ 19,653.50	\$ 21,052.20	\$ 27,802.85
April	\$ 18,035.02	\$ 23,939.45	\$ (5,904.43)	\$ 19,653.50	\$ 17,674.69	\$ 19,580.17
May	\$ 19,504.14	\$ 17,124.96	\$ 2,379.18	\$ 19,653.50	\$ 17,447.80	\$ 14,326.46
June	\$ 10,515.28	\$ 28,671.99	\$ (18,156.71)	\$ 19,653.50	\$ 13,869.48	\$ 14,433.51
July	\$ 19,274.63	\$ 16,962.38	\$ 2,312.25	\$ 19,653.50	\$ 19,945.55	\$ 17,389.06
August			\$ -	\$ 19,653.50	\$ 17,137.75	\$ 13,969.56
September			\$ -	\$ 19,653.50	\$ 17,260.35	\$ 18,420.48
October			\$ -	\$ 19,653.50	\$ 23,085.26	\$ 22,107.82
November			\$ -	\$ 19,653.50	\$ 18,770.63	\$ 17,812.09
December			\$ -	\$ 19,653.50	\$ 40,556.51	\$ 32,988.21
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 128,051.89</b>	<b>\$ 147,875.05</b>	<b>\$ (19,823.16)</b>	<b>\$ 235,842.00</b>	<b>\$ 249,255.58</b>	<b>\$ 237,182.64</b>



### Apple Dump Cake

- 6 granny smith apples coarsely chopped (about 5 cups)
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 3/4 tsp nutmeg
- Pinch salt
- 1 package spice cake mix
- 3/4 cup melted butter

• Preheat oven to 350. Mix apples, sugars, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt. Pour apple mixture into a 9x13 dish. Sprinkle dry cake mix over top of apples. Pour melted butter evenly over the cake mix. Do not stir. Bake 50 minutes, until golden brown. Serve with caramel sauce and vanilla ice cream.



### ATTENDANCE - SUNDAYS

MONTH	ONLINE AVE. 2022	IN PERSON AVE. 2022
January	14	65
February	10	63
March	7	71
April	9	62
May	8	62
June	7	64
July	4	54
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Year-to-Date	8	63

and donation in the amount of \$300.00 from the Millstadt Community Choir for the use of the church.

A discussion was held on ways to increase the attendance of our Sunday School and Youth. A suggestion was made on the possibility of sending out a survey to the parents of current and past children who have attended our Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for suggestions on ways to attract more youth to our church.

**New Business:** Mary Lou has begun working on a procedure file for all annual events, such as church barbeque, homecoming, trivia night, Easter breakfast etc. The file will contain information such as amount of food, when to begin work on the event and tasks that need to be completed the day of the event. The procedure file will make it easier for a person or group of people to create a successful event.

Annette has taken ownership of corn dog and funnel cake stand for the 2022 Millstadt Homecoming. She will be putting together a sign-up sheet for workers and will begin recruiting workers in August. Earl will work with the Z-Team for set-up of the stand on Saturday morning of the homecoming. Charlotte will be ordering the supplies for the stand. The council has agreed that the cost of the corn dogs should be increased to \$5.00 and the funnel cakes increased to \$7.00. The increase is necessary due to the increase cost of supplies due to inflation.

Motion was made to adjourn by Kathi and seconded by Barb. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

President - Dale Gruenewald  
Vice President - Kathi Trent

### Zion Evangelical Church Meeting Minutes - August 8, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Dale Gruenewald at 7:05 pm with council members Kathi Trent, Annette Hund, Charlotte Mehrrens, Rich Hoffelmeyer, Kurt Pellmann, Barb Scharf, Earl Doerr, Pastor Darrell, Amanda Friedrich, and guests Randy Eckert and Gary Shondy. Pastor Darrell gave the opening prayer. Guest Randy Eckert addressed the council members, speaking on behalf of the estate of Jim and Mary Eckert, stating that money was given to the church, park, and Freivogel Cemetery, and the Z Team. Randy presented bronze plats to be placed in that are where the money was used in their memories. There are special projects that they requested be done with some of the money. After some discussion on the projects, Randy and Gary left the meeting. Z Team received \$3000 from a gentleman to help repair the roof on the west side of the building.

Amanda, Office Administrator, gave the Treasurer's Report. After discussion, a motion by Annette and seconded by Barb to approve the Treasurer's Report carried.

**BCE:** Pastor Darrell reported that 12 children have perfect attendance this year. Thank you to the children and their parents for being so faithful in their attendance. Preschool classes will start after Labor Day. Preschool Aide Tina Maeder retired, Marcia Twillmann is interested in being Tina's replacement. Barb motioned and Kathi seconded the motion, motion carried.

Minutes were approved as presented. Rich made a motion to accept the minutes and Earl Doerr seconded, motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Rally Day is Sept. 11; he has ordered the pins and is making the certificates. There are four children entering 3rd grade and will receive their Bibles. There is one 8th grade and potentially seven 7th grade confirmands.

Pastor has been busy with Bible Studies at the Senior Center and Garden Place, doing worship and communion service at Garden Place once a month. He was on-call Chaplain on July 20th and August 24th. He reported that the Millstadt Police Academy held their closing day on July 22nd at church. Pastor and Marjie will be camping at Carlyle Lake September 1-5 and Pastor Gary Franke will be preaching Sunday September 4th. Kathi made the motion to approve Pastor's report, Rich seconded, motion carried.

**Renewing Zion Church:** A Family Survey will be sent out to families in the near future. We hope that those who receive them will return it as soon as possible so the committee can review them.

**Long Range Ministry:** Charlotte reported that September 11th after church will be Pie Day. Everyone is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall and have pie and visit with other members. Please come and join us. The Halloween Party will be held on the evening of Halloween. Help will be needed to get everything together for the event. Come join the fun and see all the kids dressed up.

**Property:** Earl reported that the carpet in Reiss Hall needs to be cleaned. He will get some bids. He also reported that the west roof is leaking and in need of repairs. A special congregational meeting will be held after church on August 28th at the park to accept the bid for the repair. The city council needs to approve the site for the new shed at the church park. Earl will attend their meeting on that evening.

Kurt reported that Wolfmeier Trucking put rock on the road at the cemetery.

Zion took part in the Chamber of Commerce Summer Social on Sunday August 14th at the city park from noon to 4 pm. Other churches, clubs and businesses took part in the afternoon.

**New Business:** A letter from the Historical Society for their 2023 calendar with Zion events on it as last year. Barb made a motion to do the calendar and Kathi seconded, motion carried.

Discussion was held on when to move church back to the sanctuary. It was decided that Sunday Sept. 11th we will return, with Sunday School at 9 am and Worship Service at 10:15 am.

There being no other business, Rich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kathi, motion carried. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:50 pm.

President - Dale Gruenewald  
Vice President - Kathi Trent  
Secretary - Charlotte Mehrrens



**Mission Article for September 2022**

Thank you for your support of our July and August missions. Our mission for July was the Shaneyfelt family, who are members of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, and are assigned to work at the JAARS Center in Waxhaw, North Carolina. Our contributions will help missionaries to carry on their work to spread the Gospel of Christ to people in every part of the world, and to provide Bibles and other materials in their own languages.

Our August mission 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 home-bound seniors, and the Senior Transportation Program. Thank you for your contributions to the Senior Center.

The missions for September are Feed My Starving Children and Joy 99.1 FM. They are detailed below.

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

**Zion's September Missions**  
With the closing of the New Athens Home for the Aged, Zion's Missions Team chose 2 Christian organizations to support.

**Feed My Starving Children** ([www.fmssc.org](http://www.fmssc.org))  
**Feeding kids. Feeding spirits. Empowering communities.** Every year, millions of children die from preventable causes such as pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria and undernutrition. Hunger is still causing nearly half of deaths in children under 5 years old. From this data, we estimate at least 6,200 children die each day from causes related to undernutrition. This is heartbreaking. Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) believes hope starts with food. As a Christian nonprofit, FMSC is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development. FMSC meals are developed by food science and nutrition professionals to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. Nutrition allows children to grow, thrive and develop to their full potential.

**FMSC's MISSION**  
Feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit.

**THE APPROACH**  
Our process is simple. Donations given by people just like you fund the meal ingredients. Volunteers hand-pack the meals. Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world, where kids are fed and lives are saved!

**HISTORY OF FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**  
Since our founding in 1987, Feed My Starving Children has given hope in Jesus' name in the form of nutritious MannaPack meals to so many who are hungry around the world. We ask His blessing and your support in the years ahead as we continue on, until all are fed.

**99.1 JoyFM & 95.5 Boost** ([www.joyfmonline.org](http://www.joyfmonline.org))  
**99.1 JOY FM ISN'T YOUR TYPICAL RADIO STATION.** You'll hear great music, of course. But you'll also experience fun and meaningful conversations about real life. So, listen and find encouragement, purpose and fun!

**MUSIC: FAITH: COMMUNITY:**  
You'll hear what's new in Christian music from artists like: Hillsong, Toby Mac, Lauren Daigle, for King and Country and many more. The right song at the right time. Experiencing God's love and purpose in life is invigorating. It's the core of who we are and what we do.

You're not alone. You're part of a vibrant mission to love and serve the city in Jesus name. **FOR OVER 15 YEARS ST. LOUIS HAS A CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC STATION (COMMERCIAL STATION).**

In 1997, that station was sold and St. Louis was without Christian music for three and a half years. In 2001, JOY FM came on the air as a non-commercial, listener supported station. This model relies fully on the generous, faithful support of our listeners and it ensures that the station can *never be sold*. It also means that instead of listening to commercials, you get at least 55 minutes of music every hour.

**THE JOY FM MISSION:**  
Desiring obedience above all, we will use Christian Music as a means of encouraging believers, uniting the body of Christ and sharing the clear, life-changing message of Jesus with the world.

**95.5 BOOST RADIO**  
JOY FM launched BOOST in 2014 as a way to reach people who may prefer pop and hip hop music. Our community is diverse and this city needs different styles of music to be able to reach everyone! In 2021 God began to open doors and we've seen cities across the nation, such as Chicago and Minneapolis, open their doors to have BOOST on a signal in their city! Your support not only funds the ministry happening in St. Louis, but is beginning reaching a diverse community around the country!



July and August we kept busy picking up branches after rain storms or watering flowers and trees with the 100 degree temperatures, and maintaining the park.

We had to clean the coils on the A/C units on the roof of the education building, they had no A/C. Bel-O also came out.

In August, I said we should check the roof scupper on the west wing roof. We discovered that we have a leaky roof. They are now getting bids.

We need your help with the Yard Sale! We have a shortage of storage space until the new building is up. If you can keep the sale things until the first of the year, that would be helpful. If you can't, call the office. We have some space thanks to Bob Stumpf's garage, or we will have to rent storage space. Remember the profit of the sale goes to pay some of the projects we have to work on like: cutting down a tree at the cemetery and one large tree at the park. We will have someone cut it down and we will cut it up and haul away. We also have to replace the wood beams on the wood bridge at the park.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Helen Vigna!

Gary Shondy

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 SEPTEMBER**

**CURRENT PRAYER LIST**

*Pray for strength and healing for the following:*

Donna Altemeier, Wanda Basse, Marilyn Beil, Jim Bell, Jim Bereitschaft, Cindy Bertelsmann, Roberta Billhartz, Terry Boling, Lindsay Bourn and family, Baby Levi Boyle, Joyce Brand, Shirley Brandenburger, Bob Cotter, Roger Davis, Sheila Davis (Jessi Doerr's Mother), Andrea Dill, Dorene (Janice Seidlitz's Sister-In-Law), Gary Franke, Fritz Fritzing, Lynn Gass, Joan Godsy, Mary (Boerke) Graham, Greg, Pearl Griebel, Baby Adalyn Harres, Bart Hood, Scott Hopfinger, Carter Jones, Gary & Sharon Jones, Wayne Jones, Joyce Kasper, Billy Klopmeier, Jerry Klotz, Scott (Barbara Knoth's Son), Jim Kostelac, Elizabeth Koval, Brian Kreher, Tom & Renee Kreher, Delores Lang, Kristen Luchash, Don Mehrtens, Kay Mehrtens, Lindsay Mueller, Ronnie Mueller, Dean Norrenbern, Jodi Notter, Doris Obernagel, Baby Ariela Oliver, Pat Parrish (Wayne Jones's Sister), Jonathan Parrot, Janet Pauketat, Bruce Reese, Cole Robinson & Family, Stella Savering, Jim Savering's Family (Bill Savering's Cousin), Nancy Smith, Shelly Smith, Sharon Stallmann, Gary Stokes, Kesia Sutton, Pat Sweet, Ray Teliczan, Mike Toenjes, Rich Trent, Elizabeth Tubbs, Baby Ty, Lacey Grace Valentine, Mark Vandermyde, Helen Vigna, Bill & Donna Ward, Milton Weber, Scott Weber, Mary Weldele, Matt Westrich, Jeffrey Willey, 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, Cameron Ahrens, Kasey Launius, Samantha Glaeser, Joshua Trent, and Tristen & Stefan Cashwell 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 usher. You may also contact the church office between 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. weekdays or by leaving a message on our answering machine. Members of our prayer team will pray daily for everyone on our list. (Contact Barbara Hohlt for more information (476-1750)). **Names will be left on the list for one month unless you contact Barbara Hohlt or the church office.**

**If you would like to receive prayer chain information via e-mail, contact Barb Hohlt at [barbhohlt@aol.com](mailto: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 Patti French at 618-660-4255 to sign up.