

Growing The Mountain Jop Messenger

ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ASHLAND, WI AUGUST 2020

Greetings all, I pray this message finds you well. As we enter into our sixth month of the Covid-19 craziness I find myself at a bit of a loss for what to write about this month. It seems I have covered a number of topics that relate to our situation. I have talked about how we must trust in the Lord because whether it seems like it or not, (sometimes we weak and mistrusting souls tend to lean towards the not) God is in charge. Paul tells us in Romans 8:28 "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." My friends, you and I are those called according to his purpose. And even though at times it seems this world is spinning out of control, God is in charge. You see I believe part of the problem is, we in our state of human selfrighteousness. like to think we are in control. I also believe that our advisory, the devil, likes to take our desire to be in control and throw it in our face to try and steer us in the wrong direction. I have used this phrase a number of times; If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans. We sometimes become a little too comfortable with the belief that we are in charge of our lives. Now don't get me wrong, we do have some control over our day to day lives and how we do and don't do things. But when it comes to the big picture, we often forget that God has a plan for us as well. And you know what? Sometimes His plan and ours, well, they don't always line up very well and things have to change. Now sometimes God does change a little, after the golden calf incident God wanted to start over, but Moses convinced him to give them another chance. Other times, God doesn't change and we have to do the changing.

I look to myself as an example of that. All of my life, for as long as I could remember I felt God had something he wanted me to do, that he had a plan for me. Most of my life I resisted, I would move toward it and then something would draw me away. I always felt a call to help people in one way or another, and most of my professions followed that call. Finally, after decades of resistance I began to heed his call and here I am. Those who had known me in my early years and even some in the later years upon hearing of what I do now often respond with a simple word, "really", or maybe "you're a what"? Sometimes I find it hard to believe the journey we have taken together. However, I also find as I look back at that journey, how God's hand is there, in so many places. Places where I received a little push or a nod of encouragement, so many people who seemingly out of nowhere lent a guiding hand. And for what? For the glory of God! Following last Sunday's message online I received a message from a listener who said the following; "A powerful, hope filled sermon. Spoken with conviction and sincere belief". As I thought of those words and of my calling there could be



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Sunday Worship Service 9:00am in-church service and live streamed Wednesday Evening Service - live streamed 6:30pm (a more in-depth look at Sunday's service) Sunday School - 3yrs.—5th grade At-home lessons Bible Studies—currently cancelled.

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no higher praise. I can ask for nothing more than your understanding and belief that I always speak out of true conviction and a sincere belief. The Lord has put me here to do exactly that and through the power of the Holy Spirit He has allowed me to share with you, with complete assurance, the understanding that your salvation and mine are guaranteed by and through our faith in Jesus Christ. That is the message that must be delivered by faithful preaching of God's Word and administration of His sacraments. I live each day trying to do my best to share that message through what I say, what I do, and how I live my life. Am I perfect? Not by any means, for I am a sinner. But I pray God's forgiveness and get up off my knees and continue in the best way I know how. And I know in my heart, regardless of what is going on in this world, regardless of whether I have to wear a mask, or social distance, for those who love God, all things work together for good!

So, as we continue on in this journey until we are either called home or our Savior makes his glorious return, keep your chin up, hold your head up high and know that your God is and always will be in charge.

God bless you all, stay safe, stay health, and we will persevere.

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Pastor Rick



PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families. *David Wright, Emily Melecha, Tucker Melecha, Jordan Thimm, Andrew Pruss*

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH Linda Larson-Nelson AND HEALING Tim Smith

For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for:

Bob Heggie Kevin Heggie Kate Smith Alice Balmer Brad Prill David Kaarre Mary Siefers
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Mary Bullis
Jim Bullis

PRAYERS for Homebound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home

Those who aren't able to attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them.

Walt Schutte
Arlene Zimmerman
Violet Basina
Madge Houle
Donna Graves
Nancy Zehe

Tim Smith Kate Smith Alice Balmer Brad Prill David Kaarre Mike Dimich Lloyd Koosmann Theresa Koosmann Marty Kaarre Penny Mattson Penny Larson Rebecca Gurske Angie Guski LeAnn Billing Ellen Hudgeson Francis Balmer Jennifer Rutter Clarence Osmak Chico Cichon Shervl Hildebrandt Marvin Lathe Jerry & Grace Turney

and those in our hearts.

Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) at Valparaiso University is the nation's premier faith-based music academy for high school students. In addition to advanced musical instruction and numerous performance opportunities, LSM students form an intentional community, living together for four weeks on a Lutheran college campus. Since 1981, this unique and immersive program has guided the lives of young musicians, who credit LSM as the starting place for their future careers and vocations.

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Dear Friends,

Some of you may have received letters and cards that have glitter on them. In fact, you may have glitter

sprinkled on your fingers or table from opening

the mail. It seems like flat objects come to life when a little glitter is added.

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Glitter even got me to thinking about God's grace.

There is something magical about our world when sprinkles of grace are added to a situation, and a whole new sparkle comes to life. Like when beams of sunlight transform lifeless

snow into a sea of satin with sparkling sequins. Or a sunset that unrolls shiny pink foil. Consider the sparkle... when someone shows up with a hug and warm smile. Or the sparkle of icy lemonade on a hot summer day.

So, dear friends, let us generously spread glittergrace to those around us. May this grace shine like candles on a
birthday cake, or beam like a bright smile, glow like a quiet prayer,
twinkle like a night star, comfort like a cup of tea, refresh like a ice
cream cone, sing like a bird, delight like a new tulip... and so much more.
Yes, we are invited to season our world with God's grace that He may
reveal His splendor to me, to you, and to everyone. We all need a
sparkle in a flat day. Join me in having fun with glitter!

Upnorth glitter-girl,

Alice Ellis



We Didn't Learn It This Way

What has happened to our country? Here is an interesting anonymous article in view of current events. - Pastor Don

Once upon time in a faraway country there lived a little girl called Red Riding Hood. One day her mother asked her to take a basket of fruit to her grandmother who had been ill and lived alone in a cottage in the forest. It happened that a wolf was lurking in the bushes and overheard the conversation. He decided to take a short-cut to grandmother's house and get the goodies for himself. The wolf killed the grandmother, then dressed in her nightgown and jumped into bed to await the little



girl. When she arrived he made several nasty suggestions and then tried to grab her. But by this time the child was very frightened and ran screaming from the cottage. A woodcutter, working nearby, heard her cries and rushed to the rescue. He killed the wolf with his ax thereby saving Red Riding Hood's life.

All the towns people hurried to the scene and proclaimed the woodcutter a hero. But at the inquest several facts emerged: (1) The wolf had never been advised of his rights. (2) The woodcutter had made no warning swings before striking the fatal blow. (3) The Civil Liberties Union stressed the point that, although the act of eating Grandma may have been in bad taste, the wolf was only "doing his thing" and thus didn't deserve the death penalty. (4) The SDS contended that the killing of the grandmother should be considered self-defense since she was over 30 and, therefore, couldn't be taken seriously because the wolf was trying to make love and not war.

On the basis of these considerations it was decided there was no valid basis for charges against the wolf. Moreover, the woodcutter was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Several nights later the woodcutter's cottage was burned to the ground. One year from the date of "The Incident at Grandma's," her cottage was made a shrine for the wolf who had bled and died there. All village officials spoke at the dedication, but it was Red Riding Hood who gave the most touching tribute. She said that, while she had been selfishly grateful for the woodcutter's intervention, she realized in retrospect that he had overreacted. As she knelt and placed a wreath in honor of the brave wolf, there wasn't a dry eye in the whole forest.

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In the Word

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they" (Matthew 6:26)?

Of the Word

What thought-provoking message was once found in a bird's nest? "We trust in the Lord our God."

In a tree marked for limb trimming, city workers in Hamilton, Ontario, found a nest of baby robins. They agreed to not touch the limb until the young birds flew away. When the nest was abandoned, the workers found a little scrap of paper in the bottom. The parent robins had used the paper in the building of the nest. The tattered paper read, "We trust in the Lord our God."

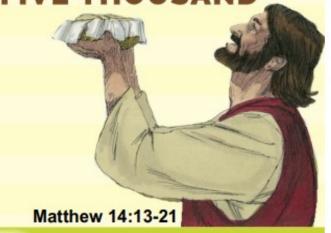
"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life ... Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they" (Matthew 6:25a, 26)?

Those birds were out on a limb. We may one day find ourselves in the same place. It is then we can be certain that, just like the birds, we can be at rest knowing our Lord God can be trusted for protection.

Walking with my Lord

Thank You, Father, for constantly caring for me. Knowing I am valuable to You, may I never doubt the assurance of Your guidance and protection. In Your loving name I pray. Amen.

JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND





<u>Jesus</u> withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place.



Hearing of this, the <u>crowds</u> followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd he had compassion on them and <u>healed</u> their sick.



As evening approached, the <u>disciples</u> came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some <u>food</u>."

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat"

"We have here only five loaves of <u>bread</u> and two fish," they answered.



"Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.



They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve <u>basketfuls</u> of broken <u>pieces</u> that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five <u>thousand</u> men, besides women and children.

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Word Search

(Find the underlined words from the story)

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195. PARABLES OF THE TREASURE & THE PEARL

(MATTHEW 13:44-46)

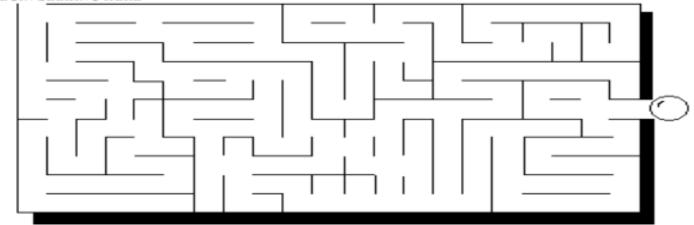
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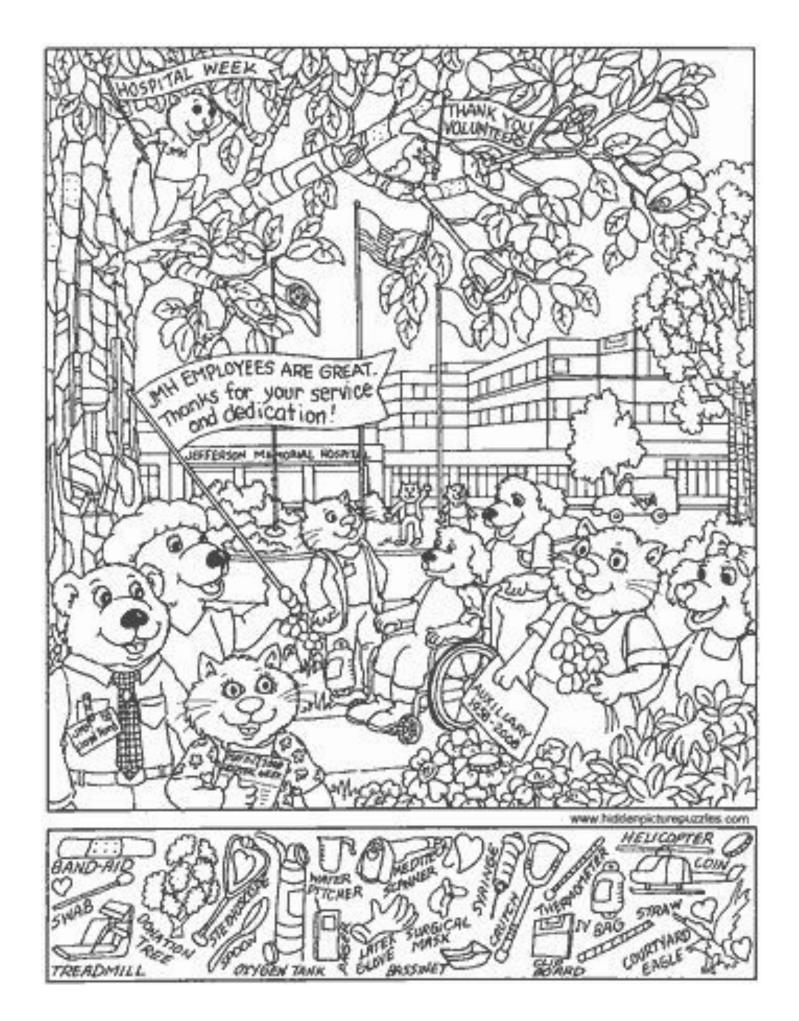
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1.) How many books are there in the New Tes- 7.) Which of these women is mentioned in the tament?

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2.) What is the common name given to the first four books of the New Testament?

the Gospels the Revelations

the Synopsis the Acts

3.) Which of the following are NOT one of the first four books of the New Testament?

Matthew James Luke Mark

4.) Who wrote most of the books in the New Testament?

Peter James Paul John

5.) Which of these are NOT books in the New Testament?

3 John 3 Peter

2 Thessalonians 1 Corinthians 6.) Who wrote the Acts of the Apostles?

Matthew Luke Paul Peter

New Testament?

Hannah Martha Sarai Rebekah

8.) Which of these books comes first in the New Testament (relative to the others)?

Revelation **Ephesians** Romans Hebrews

9.) Which of these books comes last in the **New Testament**

Revelation Galatians The Acts Colossians

10.) Which of the following correctly describes the first four books of the New Testament?

they are narratives about the life and ministry of Christ, written by four different authors

the first gives the details of Christ's birth; the second, of His childhood; the third, of His ministry; the fourth, of the last week of His life

the first includes the most important commandments, the second contains the secondmost important commandments, and so on

they are excerpts from the journals of four of Christ's disciples



"Instead of a collection plate, have you considered GoFundMe?"

Main Street Living is a Lutheran Television program that is endorsed by the Minnesota North District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The program receives no funding from the District but is totally funded by viewers and congregations of the KBJR-Channel 6 Viewing area. The program is broadcast on KBJR-Channel 6, the CBS network affiliate in Duluth on Sunday morning, starting at 9:30 AM.

The first 30 minutes are remastered episodes of the popular "This is the Life" series that was very popular in the 70's and 80's. The second half of the program is a modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the station's broadcast area.

195. PARABLES OF THE TREASURE & THE PEARL (MATTHEW 13:44-46)



[&]quot;Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field."



Six Lessons Christians Must Learn From Church History by Barry Vross 2017 Blog

"Those who do not remember the past are doomed to repeat it."

George Santayana (1863-1952)

Church history reveals some lessons that Christians today would be wise to consider and reflect upon. The Christian Church has existed for 2,000 years, but it has changed and evolved significantly over that time. It is therefore im-

portant to look back and learn the lessons from the history of the Church that can help us chart a way forward today.

A few years ago I read a wonderful book on the history of the Church written by Dr. Bruce Shelley entitled, "Church History in Plain Language" (Thomas Nelson, 2008). He does a great job of documenting and summarizing the key events in the history of the Church. Based on his book, I would like to present 6 lessons that we as Christians should learn from Church history that will enable us to more effectively go forward in building God's kingdom on earth.

Lesson #1: The Church is, and always will be, Holy Spirit driven.

As the Bible documents in the four gospels, the early Christian Church began in Jerusalem after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. The disciples were witnesses to these facts. But Jesus told them to wait for the Holy Spirit. Luke writes in the book of Acts of how the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost. As a result, the disciples were led by the Holy Spirit and the Church grew rapidly as they spread the good news and lived lives very different from the prevailing Roman and Jewish cultures. Throughout history the Church has grown significantly when there was either persecution or a spiritual revival, as in England in the early 1800's and the USA in the early 1900's. Man can never build the Church on earth on his own apart from the Holy Spirit. The Church began under the power of the Holy Spirit, grew under the power of the Holy Spirit, and continues today only under the power of the Holy Spirit! ("Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord." – Zechariah 4:6)

Lesson #2: The Christian faith must be defended against false teaching.

In the first few centuries of the Christian faith the biggest challenge was defending this new belief against false gospels from gnostics and others who tried to add human logic to what God had done through Jesus. The early Church needed to solidify the basic doctrine of Christianity centered on the work of Jesus and His teachings for this new faith. The doctrine of the Trinity, and who Jesus really was, was affirmed through the council at Nicaea in 325. The basic theology of Christianity has been challenged continually over the years as man tries to add human reason to God's Word and His saving work through Jesus. False teaching must be challenged in order to preserve the true faith. ("But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them – bringing swift destruction on themselves." – 2 Peter 2:1)

(continued in the upcoming months)

So I purchased a music notation face mask to augment my collection thinking that it would look sharp, but my expectations fell flat. After wearing it for an interval, I developed a staff infection and a clef chin. I should have known buying it leads to treble. It would wound up not being a major problem but a minor inconvenience. I do have a diminished opinion of the product though. Not sure if I should throw it out because I don't know how long it will take to decompose.

Multiple Choice

- 1. 27 2. the Gospels
- 3. James 4. Paul
- 5. 3 Peter 6. Luke
- 7. Martha 8. Romans
- 9. Revelation
- 10. First Answer

Watermelon contains a lot of health benefits. It's good for the heart and it is even believed to help prevent many well-known cancers.

Some consider watermelon to be a vegetable and not a fruit.

While its sweet taste makes most say fruit, it is actually grown like a vegetable and harvested as such as well.

It comes from a plant similar to what a pumpkin and other gourds come from.

When the rind is used for pickling purposes or stir fried or stewed, then it is being used like a vegetable.

However, most commonly it is known as a fruit.

Every part of the watermelon can be eaten.

This includes the white flesh nearest the rind, which contains more of the amino acid citrulline than the flesh. Yes, even the rind can be eaten. Many people will make pickled watermelon....hmmmm

Watermelon is believed to come from Africa and was first cultivated as early as 2000 B.C. It is believed that it was used to refresh travelers as they traveled through Africa, and was also used as canteens.

Watermelon came to the United States with African slaves, and the term watermelon appeared first in the English dictionary in 1615.

The first seedless watermelon was treated with acid on the unpollinated flowers of watermelon in 1939.

It is said that, by weight, watermelon is the most consumed melon in the United States.

There are more than 1200 different variates of watermelon.

They even come in different shapes – including square.

If you have sun, bees, and water, you can grow watermelon.

You will also need a lot of room.

Watermelon is best planted in rows 8-12 feet apart.

It takes about 3 months for a watermelon to be ready to harvest.

Watermelons must be harvested by hand and not by machine because they are very fragile. August 3 is considered national watermelon day. So remember to eat plenty of watermelon on this day!

Watermelon contains more than 90% water.

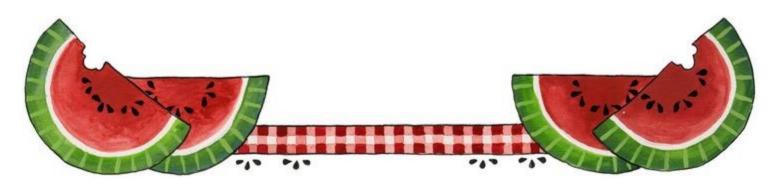
The world's heaviest watermelon was grown in Arkadelphia, Arkansas by Lloyd Bright. It weighed 268.8 pounds (121.93 kg).

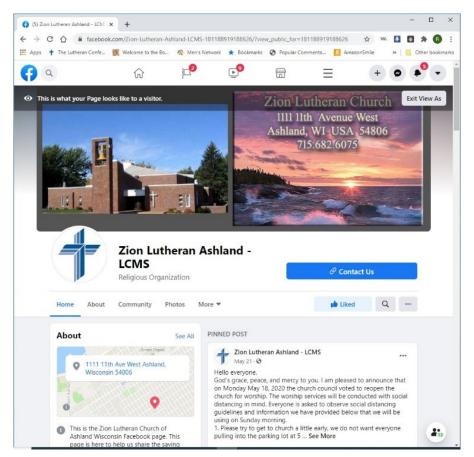
American comedian Gallagher became famous for smashing watermelon on stage in the 1980s.

Vitamins and Minerals. Vitamin A: Watermelon contains beta-carotene, which is transformed into vitamin A in the body. Bottom line: Watermelon is a good source of vitamin C, and contains decent amounts of <u>potassium</u>, <u>copper</u>, <u>vitamin B5 and vitamin A (from betacarotene)</u>.

Watermelons are mostly water — about 92 percent — but this refreshing fruit is soaked with nutrients. Each juicy bite has significant levels of <u>vitamins A, B6 and C, lots of lycopene, antioxidants and amino acids. There's even a modest amount of potassium. Plus, this quintessential summer snack is fat-free, very low in sodium and has only 40 calories per cup.</u>

Now you can go forth and win watermelon trivia night!





Presently we have numerous ways for you to watch our worship services at Zion. Goodgle:

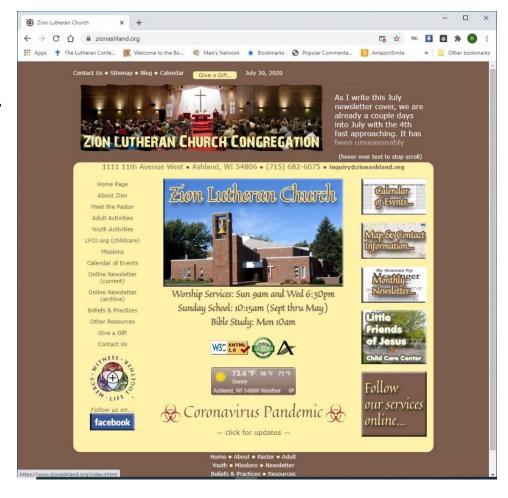
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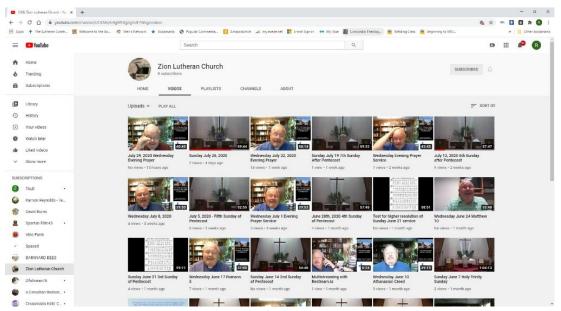
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Click on the one that says our church. The page should similar to the one on the left..

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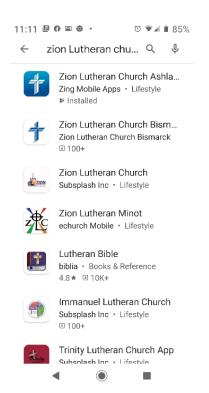


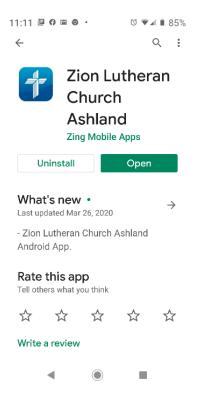


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	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT		
ELDERS: Aug. 2 John Aug. 9 Darryl Aug. 16 Doug Aug. 23 Scott Aug. 30 Randy									
2	9:00am service	3	4	5 LFOJ Chapel	6	7	8		
9 2pm	9:00am Service Drive-up Communion LGP	10	11	12	13	14	15		
16	9:00am service	17	18	19	20	21	22		
23 ***	9:00am Service Drive-up Communion	24	25	26	27	28	29		
30 2pm	9:00am Service LGP	31	Sundays - Regular in-house service with communion along with live-stream. Trive-up communion after service						

Elders: August 2 John August 9 Darryl August 23 Scott August 30 Randy

August 16 Doug

"Giving" budget Per week \$3262 Bi-weekly \$6524

May 17th and May 24th \$4435 June 1st and June 8th \$6345 June 15th and June 22nd \$5490 June 29th and July 5th \$4424 July 12th and July 19th \$5322

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