



2024



The Mountain Top Messenger

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Elders: Oct. 2 Doug 6 John P 9 John S 13 Andy 16 Darryl 20 Randy 20 23 JohnS 27 Scott 30 Andy 3 Doug 6 Darryl						
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Fall is here! While it doesn't feel like it yet, at the time of this writing, summer seems to be hanging on tightly with highs still in the seventies and even an 80 or two. But I think we all know that is going to change soon. While it's warm in the daytime, the evenings are becoming cooler and I have already had a couple of crisp mornings.

So in preparation for fall we are getting ready again for our fall Music Festival and Harvest Dinner. It will be on the 19th of October this year. If you are interested in performing this year, or know some who one is, please have them get a hold of Tiffany Darling as soon as possible. If you're not into performing at least make sure you mark the date so you can come listen to our local talent and enjoy a really good meal. There will be sign up sheets if you would like to help serve or clean up after and another sheet if you would like to let us know if you will be bringing one of your fall favorites for the dinner. We look forward to seeing you there.

It is a month for some interesting endings and some new beginnings. We recently ended our Sunday morning Bible Study on Ezekiel, and are getting ready to head on to something new. Also our Monday morning Bible study is now on the last book of Bible, Revelation. This will be the completion of the study started by Pastor Hyvonen almost 12 years ago, here's a toast to perseverance. We are discussing what will come next, there has been talk of looking at the Book of Concord. Oh and by the way one of the things the Sunday morning group was considering was looking at a book from my library called Christ in the Psalms, a book that helps show us how the Psalms point us to Christ and maybe help us achieve a better understanding of this Old Testament Book.

Just an update on a couple of things in the circuit, Trinity Lutheran Church in Ironwood will be installing a new pastor on October 6, 2024. Pastor Jacob, is a retired military chaplain and we welcome him to the north Wisconsin district. As many of you may have heard Pastor Tim Steckling from Our Redeemer, Ramsey and Trinity Lutheran Church in Berglund, MI has taken a call to Faith Lutheran Church in Springfield, MO. He and his family will be heading South following his final services on Sunday September 29, we pray God's speed and wish them well. Also Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mellen has issued a call to a Pastor Ross, and he is considering the call and has said he will notify both Immanuel and his current congregation of his decision on October 6. We pray that the Lord guidance as he considers the call.

Isaiah 40:8

⁸ The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

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A reminder that both Sunday school and Confirmation begin the first Sunday in October, if you have any questions please let either Darryl Warren or myself know. I have also been in discussion with some folks who are interested in getting a Sunday school program going for lower grades and pre-k age group, if you have an interest and may be willing to help please contact and we will see if we can't make that happen.

I have kind of run the gambit here, and I'm actually out of things to say at the moment. Other than to take a second and thank you all for your support of me and all that we do here at Zion. I am blessed to be your Pastor and thank the Lord daily for allowing me to serve you. God Lord willing I look forward to many more years with all of you.

And now; May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you Peace!

In His Service,
Pastor Rick



July 19-23

New Orleans
Louisiana

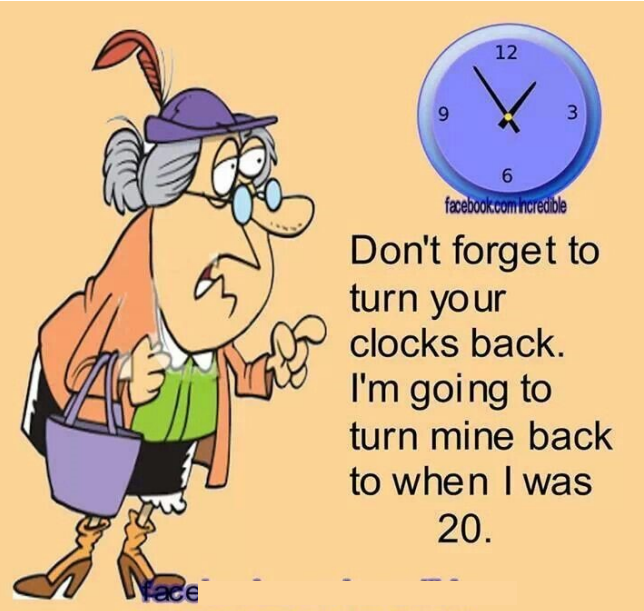
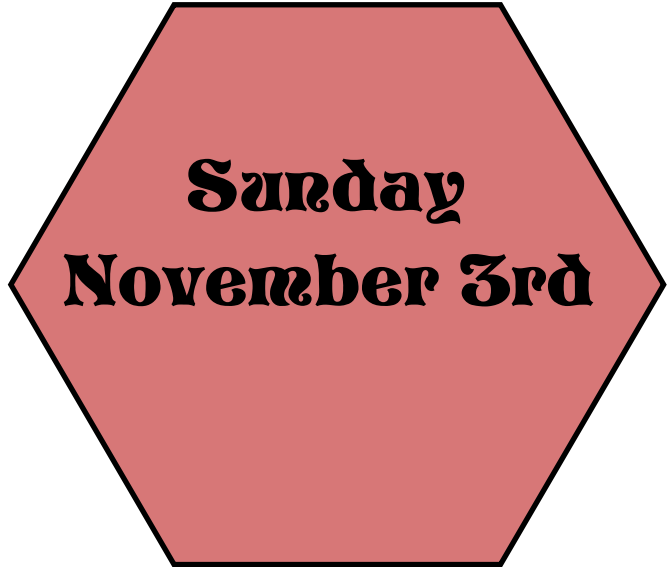
Theme is “Endure” – Hebrews 12:1-3

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.”

(Hebrews 12:1-3)

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - Ashland WI
Consolidated Fund Activity Report for September 2024

Wednesday, September 25, 2024						Page 1 of 1
Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance	
BUILDING ACCOUNT TO	(75,446.32)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(75,446.32)	
BALANCE LOAN						
BUILDING CAPITALIZED	(6,045.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(6,045.00)	
General Fund	60,864.31	0.00	6,736.49	0.00	54,127.82	
ORGAN FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	(\$20,627.01)	\$0.00	\$6,736.49	\$0.00	(\$27,363.50)	



Always Take Your Time

Always take your time
And do things right
Do not ever rush
Do not fuss or fight
Just be patient
And go with the flow
Enjoy your life
There is so much in store

Ronell Warren Alman

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Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Over/Under YTD+(-)	Annual Budget
interest on line of credit	0.00		0.00		
LOAN FEES	0.00		0.00		
Mort. & credit card interest	0.00	250.00	2,252.75*	2.75	3,000.00
PRINCIPAL payment	0.00	1,035.00	4,332.54	(4,982.46)	12,425.00
Total PRIN. AND INT. payments	\$0.00	\$1,285.00	\$6,585.29	(\$4,979.71)	\$15,425.00
\$ Library	0.00		0.00		
Ordination Expenses	0.00		0.00		
principal to principal from bl	0.00		(932.93)		
TRUSTEE CONTROLLED DISBURSEMNT	0.00		0.00		
Total Expense	\$6,736.49	\$15,204.00	\$136,406.24	\$403.42	\$182,412.00
Difference	(\$6,736.49)	(\$1,236.00)	(\$9,235.93)		(\$14,792.00)

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - Ashland WI
Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2024

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Account #	Account Name	Beginning Balance	YTD Balance
Assets			
101.101	fM & I CK ACCOUNT Gen.	41,581.72	6,301.05
	General Checking	\$41,581.72	\$6,301.05
101.201	GEN FUND SAVINGS Northern Stat	39,423.62	29,727.41
119.999	TO BALANCE 01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015	0.00	0.00
	Total Assets	\$81,005.34	\$36,028.46
Liabilities			
202.102	M & I Line of Credit Loan	0.00	0.00
202.103	BULDG LOAN PAYABLE	223,512.36	223,512.36
202.104	Principle from Bldg Fund	(82,483.11)	(83,416.04)
	Note payables LCEF & M& I bank	\$141,029.25	\$140,096.32
200.000	Accounts Payable/Vendors	1,101.48	1,088.33
201.101	BORROWED WITHIN ORGANIZATION	0.00	0.00
201.201	EMPLOYER'S TAXES PAYABLE	(43,091.86)	(79,311.73)
201.203	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PAYABLE	94.04	1,519.04
	Total Liabilities	\$99,132.91	\$63,391.96
Fund balance			
301.301	General Fund	64,623.68	54,127.82
301.303	ORGAN FUND	0.00	0.00
301.304	BUILDING CAPITALIZED	(6,372.00)	(6,045.00)
316.312	BUILDING ACCOUNT TO BALANCE LOAN	(76,379.25)	(75,446.32)
	Total Fund balance	(\$18,127.57)	(\$27,363.50)
	Total Liabilities and Fund balance	\$81,005.34	\$36,028.46



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
1111-11TH AVE WEST
ASHLAND, WI 54806

Sunday Worship Service 9:00am live streamed
Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm
Sunday School - 1st - 8th grade Sunday 8:45am (Sept.-May)
Bible Studies
Sunday 10:15am Monday 10:00am (Sept.-May)

Pastor Rick Williams - 715-209-0479
Office Hours: M /Th 9-5 Tues. off Wed. 12-8 Fri. 9-1
Please call ahead if you need to speak with Pastor.
Office Secretary Lynn Ladd 715-682-6075 Office Hours M/T/Wed 8:30-2:30
Days and times may change.
Church President: John Pruss 715-292-4825 Head Elder: Darryl Warren 715-492-0488
Little Friends of Jesus Child Care Center: 715-682-5185
LFOJ Administrator: JoAnn Martkonis 715-682-6075
Website www.zionashland.org **E-mail** secretary@zionlutheranashland.com

PRAYERS for Home-bound, 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.
Ingrid Pocernich
Arlene Zimmerman
Violet Basina

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION
For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families.
David Wright
Jordan Thimm



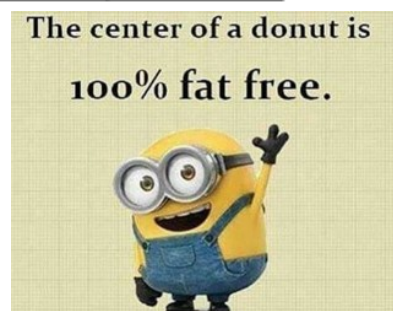
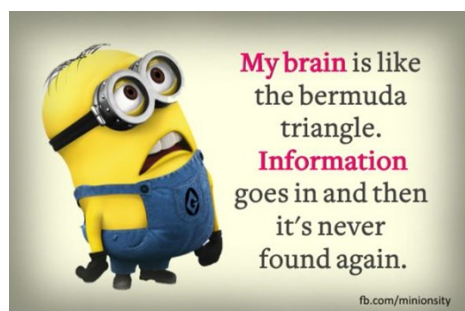
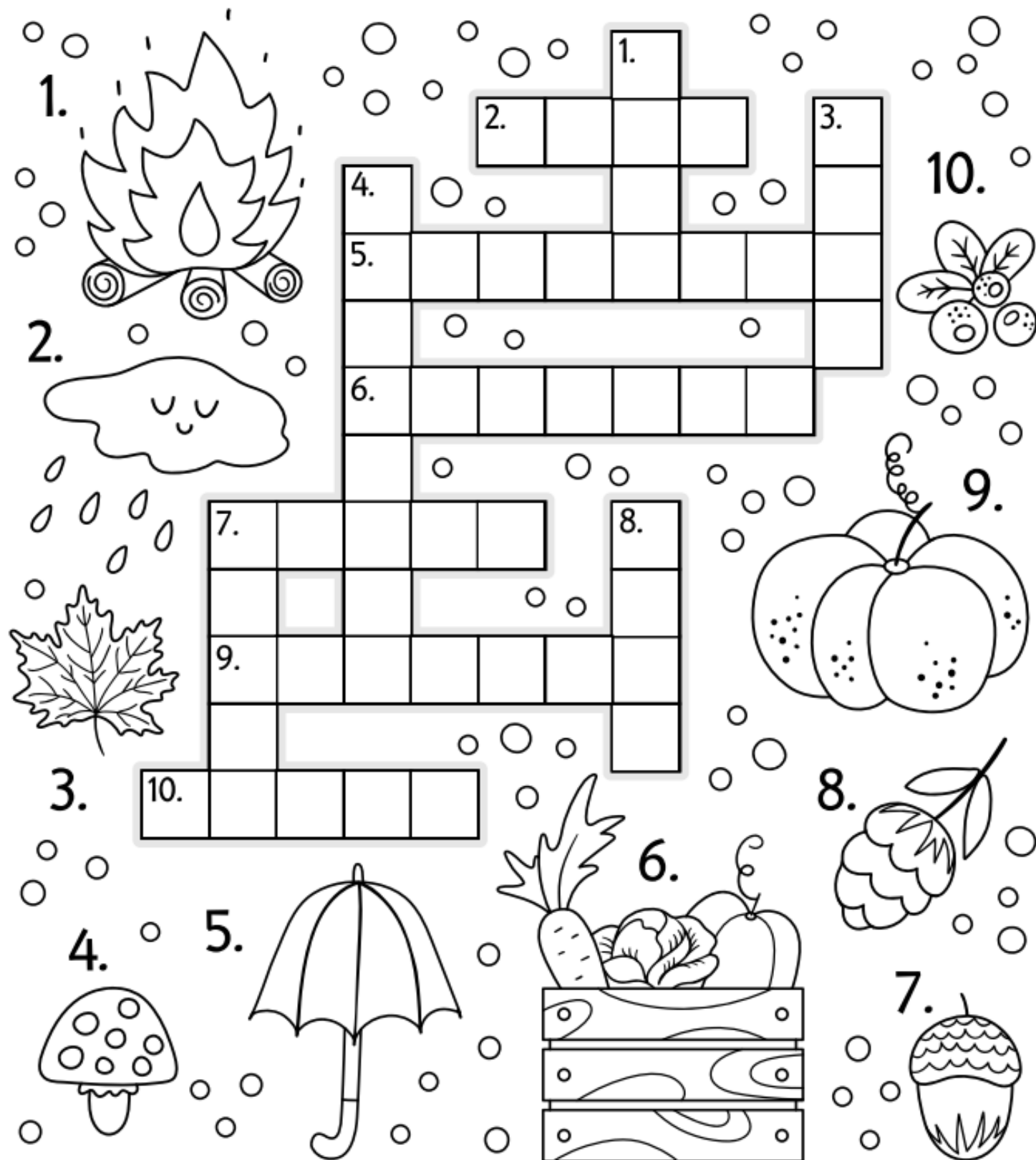
PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

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:



Dear Lord, "We come to You today with heavy hearts, as we lift up those who are in need of prayer. We ask that You would bring healing and restoration to their body, mind, and spirit" Amen.

Brad Prill	Riley Bretting
Vi Basina	Mike Trimble
James Fletcher	Jamie Klema
Sheryl Hildebrandt	Mike Ariens
Harold Larson	Karen Piff
Linda Stenroos	Molly Colgrove
Steve Key	Linda Parrish
Tim Erickson	Chuck Sandor
Patty Hmielewski	Carl Kubley
Jean Wickman	Chuck
Janet Houle	Marie Gucinski
Pam Ekholm	Mary Dahl
Nick Frisco	Sandy Bosma
Karen	Dave Solle
Wayne	Dwayne Lynch
	and those in our hearts



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - Ashland WI
Treasurer's Report as of September 2024

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Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Over/Under YTD+(-)	Annual Budget
FUEL - CHURCH	0.00	542.00	2,694.73	(2,183.27)	6,500.00
INTERNET SERVICE & SOFTWARE	0.00	92.00	557.85	(270.15)	1,100.00
TELEPHONE - CHURCH	0.00	121.00	1,601.83*	512.83	1,450.00
WASTE DISPOSAL	0.00	146.00	1,678.98*	364.98	1,750.00
WATER - CHURCH	0.00	125.00	1,027.45	(97.55)	1,500.00
Church Utilities	\$0.00	\$1,443.00	\$9,714.30	(\$3,272.70)	\$17,300.00
BUILDING CAPITALIZED PROJ	0.00		0.00		
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	0.00	167.00	29,161.55*	27,658.55	2,000.00
ORGAN PURCHASE EXPENSE	0.00		0.00		
PRESCHOOL BLDG. MAINTENANCE	0.00	167.00	530.82	(972.18)	2,000.00
PROPERTY/WORK COMP INSURANCE	0.00	679.00	0.00	(6,111.00)	8,145.00
Snow Removal	0.00	167.00	0.00	(1,503.00)	2,000.00
TRUSTEE SPECIAL PROJECTS	0.00		0.00		
Church Maint. & improvements	\$0.00	\$1,180.00	\$29,692.37*	\$19,072.37	\$14,145.00
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	0.00	8.00	424.21*	352.21	100.00
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	0.00	42.00	0.00	(378.00)	500.00
KITCHEN SUPPLIES	0.00		105.75		
Member services in and out	0.00		0.00		
MUSIC	0.00	8.00	397.24*	325.24	100.00
Office Supplies	0.00	125.00	1,512.43*	387.43	1,500.00
POSTAGE	0.00	33.00	443.50*	146.50	400.00
Software Fees	0.00	250.00	1,836.89	(413.11)	3,000.00
Technology - Marketing	0.00	167.00	2,795.97*	1,292.97	2,000.00
WORSHIP SUPPLIES	0.00	250.00	1,723.43	(526.57)	3,000.00
Church Supplies	\$0.00	\$883.00	\$9,239.42*	\$1,186.67	\$10,600.00
\$ FOR CONFER/ CONVENTIONS	0.00	83.00	1,376.15*	629.15	1,000.00
\$ TO EDUCATION	0.00	292.00	360.03	(2,267.97)	3,500.00
\$ TO EVANGELISM	0.00	83.00	988.31*	241.31	1,000.00
\$ TO LFOJ CHILD CARE SUPPORT	0.00		0.00		
\$ TO STEWARDSHIP	0.00	8.00	0.00	(72.00)	100.00
\$ TO YOUTH PROGRAMS	0.00	84.00	0.00	(750.00)	1,000.00
BRICK MISSION	0.00	135.00	555.00	(660.00)	1,620.00
MISSION varoius	0.00		0.00		
MISSIONS TO SYNOD	0.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	(6,000.00)	12,000.00
OVERALL OFFERINGS PD TO SYNOD	0.00		0.00		
PUBLICATIONS LUTH WIT. ETC	0.00	42.00	920.04*	542.04	500.00
Ministry Disbursements	\$0.00	\$1,727.00	\$7,199.53	(\$8,337.47)	\$20,720.00

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Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Over/Under YTD+(-)	Annual Budget
Income					
BUILDING CAP PROJ FUNDRAISER	0.00		327.00		
EDUCATION FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
EVANGELISM FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
GEN. FUND ENVELOPE RECEIPTS	0.00	13,968.00	133,532.75*	7,820.75	167,620.00
GEN. FUND INTEREST EARNED	0.00		9.94		
GENERAL FUND LOAN PROCEEDS	0.00		0.00		
LFOJ FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
Member services\$ etc	0.00		10.00		
Mission MISC IN/OUT	0.00		0.00		
ORGAN FUNDRAISER	0.00		0.00		
Special Gifts	0.00		0.00		
STEWARDSHIP FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
Transfers in/out general fund	0.00		(7,005.38)		
Trivent Choice Dollars	0.00		296.00		
TRUSTEE FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
YOUTH FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
Total Income	\$0.00	\$13,968.00	\$127,170.31*	\$7,820.75	\$167,620.00
Expense					
CHOIR DIRECTOR SALARY	0.00		0.00		
Guest/vacancy pastors	0.00	25.00	297.15*	72.15	300.00
MILEAGE OR TRAVEL EXPENSES	0.00	42.00	0.00	(378.00)	500.00
ORGANISTS SALARY	0.00	337.00	2,160.00	(873.00)	4,040.00
PASTOR'S SALARY	3,982.16	4,219.00	37,830.52	(140.48)	50,629.00
SECRETARY SALARY	843.75	926.00	7,717.51	(616.49)	11,115.00
SEXTON SALARY	360.00	477.00	2,583.25	(1,709.75)	5,720.00
SMP PROGRAM VICAR ED	0.00		0.00		
Treasurer Salary	0.00	275.00	528.00	(1,947.00)	3,300.00
Church Salaries	\$5,185.91	\$6,301.00	\$51,116.43	(\$5,592.57)	\$75,604.00
EMPLOYEE RELATIONS	0.00	42.00	0.00	(378.00)	500.00
EMPLOYER'S FICA TAX EXP	396.74	473.00	3,887.78	(369.22)	5,677.00
HEALTH & DISABILITY INS.	0.00	125.00	5,989.99*	4,864.99	1,500.00
PASTOR'S HOUSING ALLOW.	1,153.84	1,250.00	10,961.48	(288.52)	15,000.00
PASTOR'S PENSION PLAN	0.00	453.00	2,952.58	(1,124.42)	5,441.00
PASTOR'S PROFESSIONAL EXP	0.00	42.00	0.00	(378.00)	500.00
Pastor's retirement Savings	0.00		0.00		
SEC. PENSION PLAN	0.00		0.00		
Employee Benefits	\$1,550.58	\$2,385.00	\$23,791.83*	\$2,326.83	\$28,618.00
ELECTRICITY - CHURCH	0.00	417.00	2,153.46	(1,599.54)	5,000.00

Upcoming events

July 19-23, 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering New Orleans, LA

Any student reaching the age of 14 by the gathering or is a freshman 2024/25. Costs will be up to the parents with assistance from possible fund raising, donations from Harvest Dinner, etc. Speak to Pastor if you are interested in attending.



Fall Harvest Dinner and Entertainment

Saturday, October 19th
5:00pm

Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

If you would like to participate in the entertainment part speak with Tiffany Darling.

Altar Guild Meeting

Monday, October 7th 6:00pm Altar Guild is always looking for more help. You are on for only one month a year and with another person. Please let Eleanor or Jule know if you are interested.



Dartball

If you would like to join in with the first place team from last year, speak with Scott Sapper. It is a wonderful time with lots of talking and amusement. You don't even have to know how to throw the darts. It doesn't take long to learn and there are many seasoned players to teach you.



Students' Care Boxes

If you could addresses for any students who are attending a Tech School or College by October 15th, also include when their finals are or when their last day is. They can be here in Ashland also. You can give them to anyone on Evangelism or email them to the office or drop them off.



Theme

God tells us not to favor certain people over others.

Object

A large box of used crayons

Scripture
James 2:1-10

What kinds of things come to mind when you think of back-to-school time? (Pause.) One school supply that many of you need when you go back to school is a box of crayons. (Show the box of crayons.)

I have many crayons here, and they're all different sizes and colors. Some are sharp and some are dull. Some have strange-sounding names. Some are like-new and others have been used quite a bit. The wrappers are fresh on some, while others are torn and dirty.



We can learn a lot from these crayons. Even though they may have differences, they all fit very nicely in the same box. That's a good picture of the way the church should be. The people that make up the church come in all sizes and colors, and some may even have names that sound different from yours. Some are old and some are young. Some are dressed in very nice clothes, while others may wear clothing that is dirty and worn.

Have you ever noticed people being treated differently because they did not look or act like others? (Pause.)

James, the brother of Jesus, wrote in the Bible that the followers of Jesus should not show favoritism, or treat one person better than someone else. He said, "My friends, if you have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, you won't treat some people better than others." James explained that if a rich person wearing fancy clothes and a gold ring comes to one of your meetings and a poor person dressed in worn-out clothes also comes, you must not give the best seat to the one in fancy clothes and tell the one who is poor to stand at the side or sit on the floor. That is the same as saying that some people are better than others, which the Bible says is wrong.

We must be careful not to show favoritism in our church or anywhere else. We're all God's children, whether we're rich or poor, or of any kind of race. As James said, "You will do all right if you obey the most important law in the Scriptures. It's the law that commands us to love others as much as we love ourselves."



I would guess everyone of you would be able to answer this Jeopardy question. None of the three contestants knew the answer. One was a networking engineer, and a physics grad student and a nonprofit fundraiser. How sad. So here is the answer:

Matthew 6:9 says,
"Our Father, which in heaven,"This be thy name. Did you get it, I'm sure you did!

Zion Lutheran Church Council
September 16, 2024

- Call to Order – John Pruss, President
- Opening Prayer – Pastor Rick Williams
- Roll Call – John Pruss, President Darryl Warren, Elders & Education
- Nick Jarvela, Trustees Jule Jarvela, Secretary
- Tami Thimm, Financial Sec’y Lisa Guski, Treasurer
- June Williams, Evangelism JoAnn Martikonis, LFOJ
- Pastor Williams

- Approval of Minutes – 1- Darryl Warren 2- Nick Jarvela MMC
- Approval of Treasurer’s Report (Printed) - Tabled for further review
- Approval of Agenda - Additions of Memorial, Roof Fund update, 2025 Budget, Xcel
- Nick Jarvela 2- Tami Thimm MMC

Pastor’s Report – Call accepted at Trinity, Ironwood, Pastor Steckling accepting call to Missouri, LGP – 1 Baptism, 5 Confirmed, Bible Studies on Monday & Sunday continuing, Pastor’s Conference in October

- Board Report
 - Elders – Meeting scheduled in September
 - Trustees – Maintenance continues, new air conditioner for Conference Room
 - Financial Secretary – None
 - LFOJ – August had 7 children leave and 9 added, looking for lead teacher or aide to increase numbers, will attend Harvestfest
 - Evangelism – Lori Landry resigned, working on Harvestfest, freewill offering will go for cost for any youth attending Youth Gathering or roof fund
 - Education – Sunday School begins October 6th
- Official Acts -
 - Transfer – Linda & John Thompson 8-11-2024
 - Baptisms – Graci Rebecca Lampson – 6-14-2024
 - Maci Marie Lampson – 6-14-2024 Piper Jude Pagels – 6-23-2024
 - Death – Diane Beiersdorff – 7-31-2024

- Old Business
 - Roof Fund - \$6590.00 has been currently donated to the fund to be payed on the principal of the loan
 - Memorial Committee – John Pruss will now be on the signature card and funds will be transferred to Northern State Bank. Motion made by Darryl Warren, 2-Lisa Guski MMC. New member search continues.
- New Business
 - Treasurer position – Lisa Guski requested replacement immediately. Two members showing interest. Position offered to Tiffany Darling and accepted. Audit to take place as soon as possible.
 - Xcel Energy requesting space in back parking lot for equipment while doing work. Head Trustee, Nick Jarvela gave OK and will request any ruts be dealt with when work is completed.
 - 2025 Budget will need to be completed by end of October.
 - Any changes will need to be submitted by October 31.

Next Meeting October 21, 2024

Adjournment – 1- Lisa Guski, 2- Nick Jarvela MMC

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Jule Jarvela, Secretary



Meeting
Minutes

What Does the Bible Say About Diversity?

People often say, "Imagine how boring the world would be if we were all the same?" They're right. Our lives wouldn't just be bland without variety to spice them up; they'd also be impossible.

Just contemplate trying to do everyday tasks with a team of clones of yourself. It's not a pleasant thought. And that's not just because clones of you would be, well, weird, but also because there'd be no one to fill in the gaps in your knowledge, experience or abilities. Es-sentially, very few things would get done and those that did would be more to difficult.

Just as the body consists of various parts all working together to achieve different things, we Christians of various races, groupings and undertakings need to unite to achieve the tasks that God has set for us.

God created us as a diverse people and He wants us to unite. That's why he gave us dif-ferent skills and strengths so that we would recognise our need for one another and appre-ciate our individuality. And His love for variety is not just visible in us but in all aspects of His creation. Look at the many species in any ecosystem all living in synchrony, or the changing seasons, each allowing for growth and harvest.

In our world, our differences are often used as a means to create distance between us. But God intends His people to come together. He didn't make us different so that we could be subjugated because of our race, ability or experiences.

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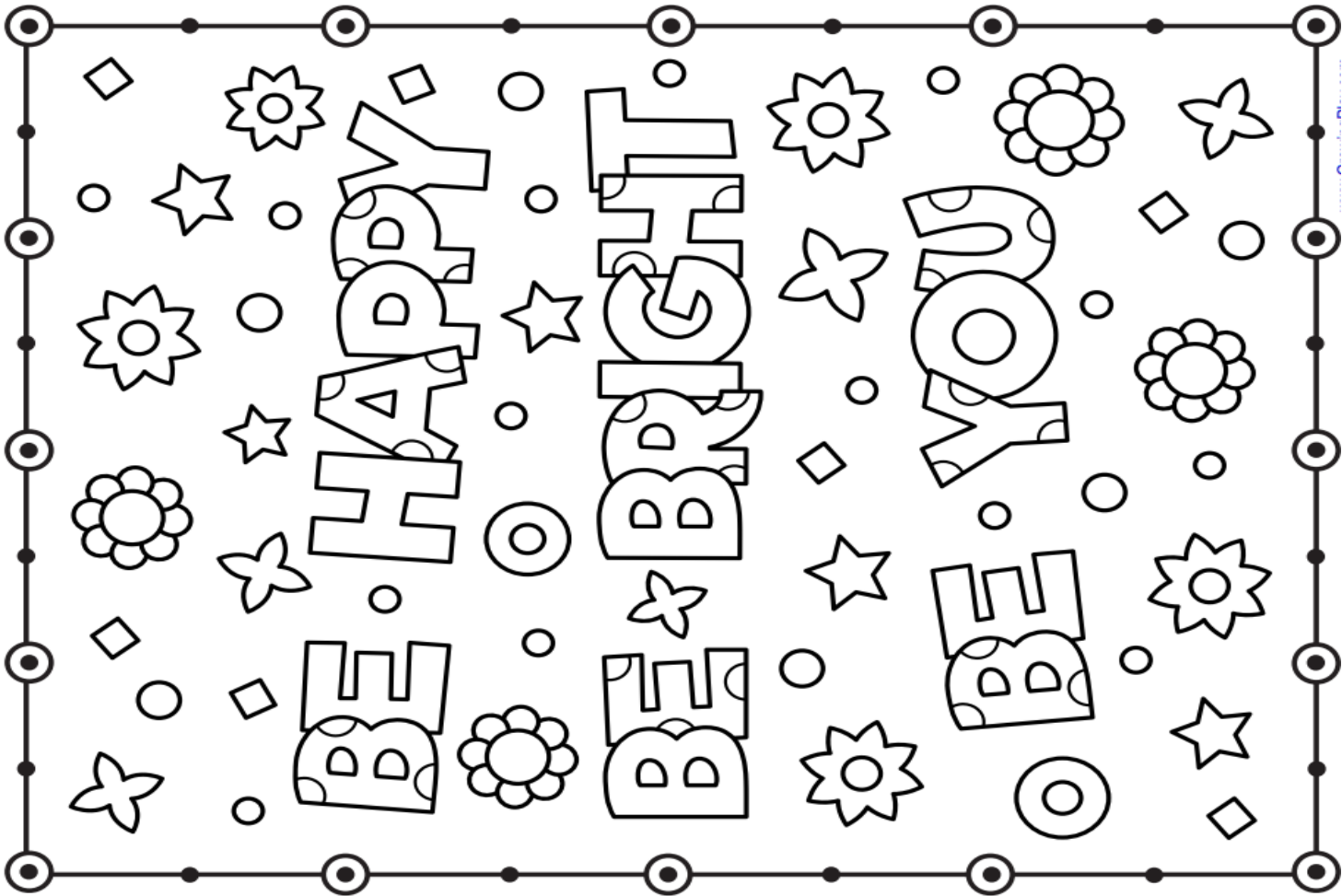
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In our world, our differences are often used as a means to create distance between us. But God intends His people to come together. He didn't make us different so that we could be subjugated because of our race, ability or experiences.

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1 Corinthians 14:10 NIV Undoubtedly there are all sorts of languages in the world, yet none of them is without meaning.



AUTUMN WORD SEARCH

HAYRIDE		CRISP		GREEN		CORN		TURKEY	
LEAVES		PUMPKINS		BROWN		FOOTBALL		RAKE	
FALL	SCARECROW	BROWN	ORANGE	FOOTBALL	SQUASH	PIE			
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SEPTEMBER LFOJ NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and guardian and Zion members,
We hope the transition back to school went smoothly and that your children are enjoying it.

Happy National Square Dance Month!

TOTVILLE NEWS: Greetings from the Infant Room.

This month our Bible stories were: How God made the world, Baby in a basket, A changed man, and God gives His people food to eat.

The older children have painted and played with play dough along with spending time outdoors. We have had an extension of summer and took advantage of it.

We welcome our newest members of the infant room, Elouise and Otilie. We are happy to have them and look forward to getting to know them and to watch them grow and learn!

-Denise and Nikki

TODDLER TIDBITS: In the Toddler room this month, we are focusing on getting routines down, transitioning from one activity to another, school rules, and using the potty. We are doing great at clean up time with the help of our clean up song! We started using a visual timer to help with transitions, and the kids love it! We are also working on our shapes, letters, and name recognition.

I hope to meet all of you soon!

-Miss Jane



UPDATES:

Ms. Desiree will still be with us as a fill in when needed. We will miss having her around all the time.

We welcomed Ms. Jane back this month! She will be our Toddler room teacher for the foreseeable future! She has worked at LFOJ before, and we are so happy to have her back!

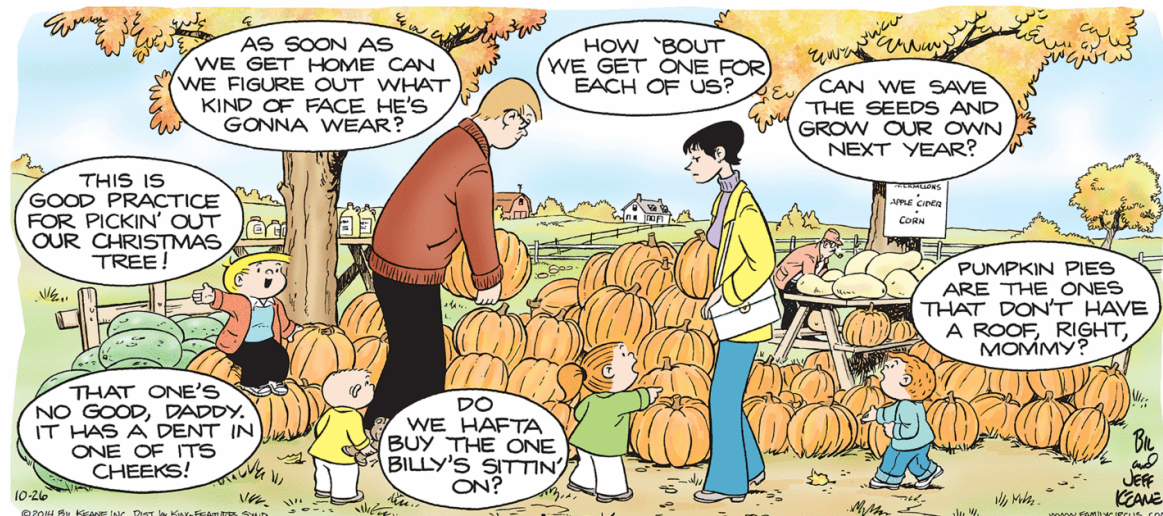
As a reminder, if you will be bringing your child early, or more than half an hour later than your scheduled time, please let me know right away. If you bring your child early, we may not have the staff to accommodate them at that time.

We are working to plan parent-teacher conferences for next month. I will have dates and times soon.

We are planning to have a co-op family night and Harvest Festival next month at Zion Lutheran Church! We are hoping the kids can sing a couple of songs, and dinner will be provided after. We hope to see you all there!

God Bless, Tressa Groom, Director

JoAnn Martikonis, Administrator



Freewill offering for those going to this year's Youth Gathering.



Saturday
October 19th

Sign-up sheet in
the Narthex



Dear God,

Thank You for every opportunity to gather together with fellow believers in Your Name during services, dinner and entertainment occasions and potluck dinners.

Thank You for these opportunities, God. Please continue to help us as we learn from others and hear Your word.

Please also help us to be patient with one another. Remind us that You are in control of this fellowship gathering, God.

We trust Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.