



Zion Lutheran Church

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The Beacon

October 2025 Newsletter

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Worship in person & Via Zoom

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September Office Hours SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The church office will be open summer hours Tuesday evening from 4:30-6:30 pm, and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 am-12:00 pm. The office will be **CLOSED** on Fridays. Office hours are now included on the Calendar enclosed in each month's newsletter. **If you have questions, concerns or are in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Duehring at 906-251-0247.**

Join us for Worship!

Saturday 5 pm Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday 11:00 am Worship is a hybrid service. You can join us in person or over Zoom. Holy Communion is served for those joining us in person.

To join Sunday worship over Zoom, go to our church website and click on the pink words "Join our Zoom Worship" under the worship times. Click Open or Open Link in the dialog box that pops up to join the call. If you don't see a pop-up dialog box, click the blue Launch Meeting button. You can also join by phone. No computer necessary! Call 1-305-2241968 and enter the following ID# **95619440999**, Passcode 49854.

PLEASE NOTE:

ZOOM information has CHANGED. Please update any saved information to reflect the new ID# noted above.

Word of the Day-Gregarious

Some words originally used for animals that gather in flocks have been herded into use for people, too. The Latin word *grex* means “flock,” “herd,” or “group,” and is the root of several English words, including *gregarious*, which originally meant “tending to live in a flock, herd, or community rather than alone” but has become a synonym for “sociable,” and *egregious*. The Latin forebear of *egregious*, *egregius*, literally meant “out of the herd” but was used figuratively to mean “outstanding in one's field.” So let us be gregarious in our discernment of our future at Zion-be a part of the herd.



Dear Friends in Christ,
You may feel like many that the world is chaotic and confusing. We wonder what will happen next. Your Christian faith can be a stronghold in the midst of the

storms of life.

I commend to you one scripture passage and two prayers from prominent Christian figures for you to meditate on. I suggest you read these daily throughout the month of October!

Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11 (NRSV-UE):

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations;

I am exalted in the earth.” The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Prayer for Peace):

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

A Prayer from Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. :

God, grant that we wage the struggle with dignity and discipline. May all who suffer oppression in this world reject the self-defeating method of retaliatory violence and choose the method that seeks to redeem. AMEN

May you be blessed with the courage and comfort of faith in a righteous and faithful God.

Pastor Jim



From the President's Desk

The Fall Stewardship Campaign will begin October 16. We hope to conclude by November 9th. You will be receiving information in the mail soon! We are hoping for a successful campaign, as we plan for our future.

From the Assistant to the Bishop

Zion's congregation and the Northern Great Lakes Synod will be partnering over the next few months to help navigate this time of transition. It is important that we take this season of change, to continue to grow as a vibrant congregation in ministry in and with our community. As a step in the process toward our next stage together in ministry the Zion Church Council will be assembling a Transition Team of six people to guide us through some congregational activities that will help us reflect on what our mission is and how God is calling us into the world. This team of six will guide us through several table conversations, listening carefully to your ideas about our life together with God. While the work of the Transition Team will culminate in writing the Ministry Site Profile, so that we are better prepared to call our next pastor, the goal of this season of transition is to grow and be activated as a congregation so more people know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love. If this work sounds exciting to you, let a Council member know how you might be a part of it.

-Rev. Sharolyn Swenson

OCTOBER ITEMS TO NOTE:



Oct 4-Blessing of the Quilts and Kits

We will celebrate the good works of Zion with the blessing of the Quilts and School and Health Kits this day.



October 11-Delivery Quilts and Kits. We are seeking someone to deliver Quilts and Kits to Gladstone for Lutheran World Relief. Please contact Mary Ansell if you're able to assist with this project.



Oct 19-Progressive Dinner

Begins at 4:00 pm at the Mennonite Church with hors' d'ouvres

5:00 pm Zion Lutheran-**Soups Needed**

5:30 pm

Methodist Church-Salad

6:00 pm

Baptist Church-Main Course

6:30 pm

Presbyterian Church-Dessert



October 11-Confirmation Saturday

We will confirm on individual and welcome them as a member of Zion's family. Join us to celebrate their Christian education

October 26-Confirmation Sunday

We will confirm three individuals this Sunday. Join us to celebrate their Christian Education



September Noisy Offering

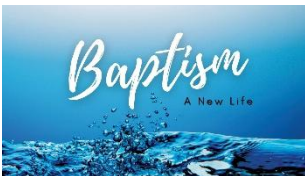
The September Noisy Offering of \$**84.31** was given to Helpful Hotspot.

October's Noisy Offering will go to Eva Burrell Animal Shelter. The Noisy Offering

is collected on the third weekend of each month.

Holy Baptism

We welcomed through Holy Baptism in September Charlotte Beth Annelin and Emerson and Grayson Downey.



Women's Circles



If you are interested in joining one of our women's circles for Bible study, work projects and fun, please contact the church office or the following group leaders for more information:

Sarah Circle – Ruth Jones

Joy Circle – Bonnie Groh

Hope Circle – Sheila Clark or Julie Gauthier

The Joy Circle meets October 9 at 10:00 am.

Backpack Buddies



Monetary donations or donations of food are always needed! **Your donations would help more as we approach the fall and winter and as local resources dwindle for our low-income families.**

Dates for the year:

October 23, 2025

November 20, 2025 (3rd Thursday)

December 18, 2025 (3rd Thursday)

January 22, 2026

February 26, 2026

March 26, 2026

April 23, 2026

May 28, 2026

Church Attendance Report

	Saturday	Sunday	Zoom
Sept 6/7	11		
Sept 13/14	11	54	
Sept 20/21	7	50	
Sept 27/28	12	51	

Home Communion



If someone in your family is unable to attend church and would like to receive communion, please call the church office (906-341-5427). Thank you to Lila Panek and Linda Mason who provide this ministry to our members.

Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-up sheets for Altar flowers, Bulletin, Bread & Wine, Coffee Hours and offering counters have been posted for 2025. You will find the sheets on the bulletin board in Augustana Hall.

Altar Flowers



Due to the generosity of our members, we will be ordering flowers for the Altar each week. Flowers will be automatically delivered. If you have signed up for flowers, a \$35 donation to the Floral Fund is requested, and you will not have to contact the florist unless you have specific requests.

Notes of Thanks



- + John Barry and the painting crew for finishing up the Men's restroom and elevator
- +The Hicks Family for updating the landscaping on the south side of church

October's Flower – Cosmos



The genus name comes from the Greek word *kosmos*, meaning order and harmony of the universe. The flowers have long symbolized order, harmony, and balance. Others believe it is a sign of peace, love, joy, and innocence.



October Scripture

Oct 5 Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, Psalm 37:1-9, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

Oct 12 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c, Psalm 111, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

Oct 19 Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

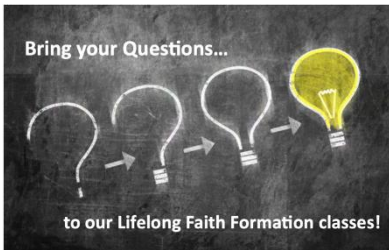
Oct 26 Reformation Sunday: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36

Wimsae Family Address

If you wish to send Pastor Tommy and his family notes, cards or letters, his new address is:

Pastor Tommy, Ann, Zephyr and Eiro
358 E Catherine St
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Bible Study via Zoom



Even though Pastor Tommy is not “In the House”, he is still leading Bible Study through Lifelong Faith Formation Classes. He will be leading study in the first 11 chapters of Genesis on Thursday Evenings for 10 weeks,

September 18-November 20 Hours: 7-8 pm Eastern Time, 6-7 Central. Make sure you visit the Synod Website to register.

Learn more about the variety of classes offered this fall through the synod's Lifelong Faith Formation program. Registration is open through September 15! Visit the synod website for details and registration:

nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation

Pragfaithfully

By Virginia Paulson, LLM
Community Lutheran Church, Suomi
Text: From Luke 14:8-14

“When someone invites you to a wedding feast do not take the place of honor, someone more important may come and take your seat. And when you give a dinner, invite those who cannot repay you; you will be rewarded at the resurrection of the righteous.”

A few years ago, when I was on the City Council, the Michigan Municipal League met at Mackinac Island. The luncheons and dinners they put on for these events are what I call high class. On one of the days Paul, one of the other council members, and I went to lunch in the dining room. The waiter met us at the door with a white cloth napkin over

his arm, very impressive for these two Negaunee people. We didn't have to look for a seat because he showed us to our seat. The waiter pulled out the chair, brushed it off with the napkin and Paul sat down. The waiter said, "The chair is for the lady." Paul got up and pulled out his own chair and said to me, "All this time I thought you were just one of the guys."

When Jesus told the parable about the wedding feast, he wasn't just telling them to be humble at weddings, but in all aspects of life. Whenever you are the host, do not invite people with the expectation of being invited back. The marriage of Christ and the church is a wedding celebration that we have all been invited to. How did we rate to be on the guest list? We can never repay the kindness of God's invitation. Instead of a wedding guest list, Jesus puts together a "grace list." It's an open invitation to the party and at Jesus's banquet table there is no social order or pride. We put aside any social differences. This table is for the lost, the last, the lonely, those who are grieving, and for those who are giving thanks. We are all just "one of the guys." We come to the table and eat a common meal of bread and wine with our Christian brothers and sisters. We are an honored guest at this feast of God's grace.



Those Who Serve in September

Lector

Oct 5-Harry Mageski
Oct 12-Sheila Clark
Oct 19-Lynda Jones
Oct 26-Jim Russey

Ushers

Linda Levin and Gayle Cartland

Altar Flowers

Oct 5
Oct 12
Oct 19
Oct 26

Bulletin Bread and Wine

Oct 5-Fred and Laurie Naumann
Oct 12
Oct 19
Oct 26

Acolyte

Oct 5
Oct 12
Oct 19-Kristen Lamb
Oct 26-Nicholas Gauthier

Communion Assistant

Oct 5 – Linda Mason
Oct 12 – Sheila Clark
Oct 19— Kim Lamb
Oct 26– Julie Gauthier

Counters

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