



Zion Lutheran Church

The Tidings September 2018

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Murder Mystery Dinner

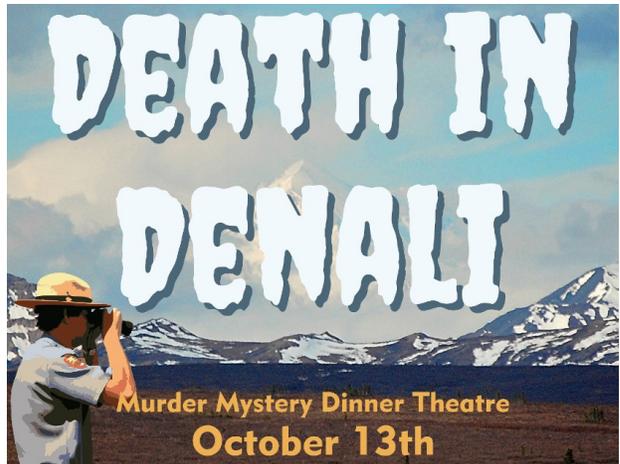
Save the date for October 13th! It'll be an evening of family fun and fellowship, with a mysterious crime to solve. Featured entertainment will be an interactive mystery play written by Zion's own Pat and Jason Martin. If you didn't make it to Broadway, there might be a speaking part for you here.

This will be a community event, so please invite your relatives, your friends, and your neighbors. Let's pack the house! Proceeds from this event will go to All Among Us. Reservations are a must – you can register online or call/email the church office.


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Listening to God

A couple of weeks ago, a number of us at Zion saw a movie entitled "An Interview with God." I certainly had no idea what it was going to be like, but was pleasantly surprised. As you see by the advertisement here in the Tidings, God didn't have a beard, but he did have white hair and was kind and pleasant with the journalist who was interviewing him.

As you also see from the advertisement, Zion is going to host a follow up four-week group discussion with three different time slots each week so that people interested can participate. And as we have done in the past, you can pick any of the three times to attend and change from week to week so it fits your schedule.

You don't have to have seen the movie to participate. We have enough folks, including myself, who have seen the movie to provide the insight from the movie. The real reason you will want to attend is that question you always wanted to ask God...now is the time to ask it.

We will be dealing with questions like: Why do bad things happen to good people? Why did God give us free will? What are we to do with free will? And the list goes on and on! Will we be able to answer all of the questions that you might ask of God? Only God knows!

This is an opportunity to bring your friends with you. We have advertised this opportunity among some of our neighboring churches and we hope that you will also invite some of your friends who may be unchurched.

Interesting that a follow up to this discussion is what we at Zion are doing with our outward focus: Worship, Community Outreach, and Service. As an example, what is going on with like-minded individuals and organizations...who we might partner with...to do the same thing we are doing? I'm continuing to talk with other churches about partnering in our effort of those three areas. Who do you now in your neighborhood that might be interested in partnering with us?

God is good and full of GRACE!

Blessings,
Larry



CDC News

Summer has come to an end. The school agers are back at school and the preschool is kicking off its new year September 4th.

We had a very exciting end to summer with our school agers performing the play, “Even Monsters Can Be Princesses.” We had an ice cream truck stop by and ended our time with a Luau, complete with playing the Limbo and hula dancing.

In other news, our school won second prize in the Welly Walk where we raised money for childhood cancer. As a result, we won all kinds of Peppa Pig themed prizes: movies, books, stuffed animals, etc. As Ms. Courtney showed the children what we won, they screamed with delight at each item pulled from the box. It was so exciting! We look forward to participating in another Welly Walk soon!

Thank you, church, for all you do for the CDC. Thanks for your support, for donated items, and especially for those school supplies you donated! Every child who needed a backpack and supplies got them and others received extra notebooks, folders, or pencils as needed. Please continue to keep our school in your prayers.

Thanks for all you do, Zion!

Blessings,
Courtney Chandler, CDC Director



September Anniversaries

- 7th Stephen & Emily Voss-Light
17th Elliot & Hannah Devenport
27th Jason & Andi Martin

September Birthdays



- 1st Eugene Pfitzinger
10th Alyssa Locastro
22nd Emma Kinney
23rd Doris McCall
27th Kim Malin
28th Jay Martin

Special Thanks

Our special thanks to Kristina Oswald for the beautiful and meaningful photos for our church bulletins. They are far more professional and superior to the ones we used to purchase. Thanks, Kristina, for sharing your special talent with Zion.

Altar Guild

The members of our Altar Guild provide essential service to each of us every Sunday. What would our worship be without their preparation of the altar for celebrating the Lord's Supper? Pam Tate faithfully served as the head of Altar Guild following the dedicated service of Melba Gierse. With Pam's entry into life eternal, decisions need to be made concerning how to go forward. Input from current guild members is critical. I am proposing a meeting following the service on Sunday September 16th. Please contact me to let me know if you are able to attend or leave a message with the church office as I will be out of town until September 9th. Thank you. – Gail Voss, Worship Team

Worship Team

A very heartfelt thanks to everyone who stayed for fellowship on August 26th and participated in the table discussions focused on our worship. The discussion was lively. The compilation of comments for each of the questions is included in this newsletter. If you were unable to be there and would like to reinforce any comments you see or add to those comments, please talk to any of the team members: Doris McCall, Kristina Oswald, Nyokia Robinson, Norma Wolz, and Gail Voss. Our next meeting is September 12th. Also, we welcome any and all who would like to be part of our team.

Wellness Book Fair

Andi Martin has organized another book fair for Zion. This particular fair has books that focus on wellness of the body, mind, and spirit. They will be on display on September 9th-23rd. They are available for purchase through order forms and the books will be at a 40% discounted rate, and as with every book fair the church hosts, the church gets to keep the display books for free to add to our library. There will also be sign-up sheets to enter for a \$100 drawing, no purchase necessary, so see Andi between the 9th-23rd if you're interested.

God's Work. Our Hands.

After worship, please plan on joining us to serve. Light refreshments will be provided. People of all ages are needed to help with our service projects!

Project #1: We will assemble boxes of cookies to bring to the area police and fire departments. Help pack the boxes and take the CDC bus (or your own car) to deliver the cookies and thank our first responders! The sign-up sheets for cookie donations are located on the Cry Room window in the sanctuary, on the table in the Coat Room, or call the church office to let them know that you want to donate cookies.

Project #2: We will assemble "Boxes of Blessings." Help pack boxes and then take them to the residents, our neighbors, at Oak Knoll. There are 65 residents; here's what's needed

- chapstick (non-medicated)
- travel sized tooth paste
- travel sized deodorant
- travel sized hand sanitizer
- pocket sized word search and cross word puzzles
- individual snack items
- travel sized skin lotion
- tooth brush
- travel sized shampoo
- writing pens



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Service Team Love Thy Neighbor

Help us serve our friends and neighbors by letting us know what help they need! We've thought of some things that might be helpful but would love more ideas:

- yard clean-up
- pet sitting
- babysitting
- letter writing
- garage clean-up
- tutoring
- notary services
- help writing checks
- hauling trash/recycling
- sewing
- driving to errands/shopping
- light bulb/battery replacement
- dog walking
- minor repairs
- meal help

Responses on the Ferguson Community Facebook page have resulted in us finding neighbors that need help with yard clean-up and weather stripping. Would that be something you'd like to help with? Please contact Justin Kinney if you can help once the weather is a bit cooler.

There are slips of paper in front of a box beneath a poster in the Coat Room. Please use the slip of paper to tell us help that is needed (of you or a friend) or things you would like to help do.

Thank you, from the Zion Service Team

Stewardship

*Spiritual Gifts – We all have a gift.
What's yours? How can you share it?*

You are invited to attend one of our two sharing sessions after worship on either October 7th or 14th in the Upper Room. Light refreshments will be served.

Come learn about spiritual gifts and review some biblical references about those gifts. Identify your gifts and even help your fellow members identify their gifts. How do those gifts fit the needs in our community? We all need each other so let's come together and help build up Zion to better love and serve our God and our neighbors.

Plans are underway to make home visits for those members who are unable to attend these sessions. If you would like a visit, please call the church office.



1 Peter 4:10

“An Interview with God” New Group Discussion

Zion is hosting a four-week group discussion with 3 sessions each week to choose from starting Sunday, October 7th. This discussion will focus on the main questions you would have if you had the opportunity to have a conversation with God. You did not have to see the movie to be part of this discussion. The 3 weekly sessions are as follows:

Sundays at 11:00am
Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Thursdays at 10:00am



FMSC Trivia Night

Lutheran Church of the Atonement will be hosting a Halloween Themed Trivia Night on October 20th to benefit Feed My Starving Children. The doors open at 6:00pm and the game starts at 7:00pm. Keep an eye out for more information.



Zion Lutheran Church

Fund Balances – 7/31/2018

Church/CDC Equity 1/1/18	218,431	
Earnings on Investments	1,621	
Church Fund YTD	(3,920)	
CDC Current Year	(23,358)	
Church/CDC Equity		192,774
Restricted Funds		
Major Mtce/Roof	39,101	
MP Room Improvements	0	
Other Restricted Funds		
Archives	705	
Bell and Choir	1,323	
Church Decorations/Flowers	424	
Parish Resource Center	1,454	
Sunday School	941	
Vacation Bible School		
National Youth Gathering '18	2,735	
Good Samaritan Fund	7,981	
CDC Playground Fund	4,748	
Women's Guild	172	
All Among Us	4,597	
LHSA	(2,425)	61,756
Total Equity Church Funds 7/31/18		338,824
Other Funds		
Future Bldg/Oak Knoll Sale		84,295
Scholarship Fund		69,803
Roth Fund		80,747

2018 Summary Net Income/Loss Monthly

2017 Monthly	Church	CDC
January	1,473	(3,616)
February	(478)	(785)
March	(384)	4,487
April	1,555	1,449
May	(814)	(2,413)
June	(3,977)	(12,550)
July	(1,295)	(9,931)
August	-	-
September	-	-
October	-	-
November	-	-
December-	-	-
YTD Total	(3,920)	(23,358)

Council Meeting August 14, 2018

In attendance: Kristen Kinney, Normal Wolz, Janet Schaper, Dorothy Kaiser, Johnnie Tucker, Pam Statler, Larry Lemke, Sue Dunham

Absent: Ara Tess

Opening Welcome and Devotion

- Larry Lemke
- Proverbs “wisdom has built her house...”
- Biblical Wisdom

Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 12, 2018

- No changes needed
- Motion made – seconded- and approved

Committee Reports

- Member Care Ministry: Dorothy
 - Last meeting was July 2nd – members will distribute communion when needed
 - Dividing Pam Tate’s members to other member care ministers until elections
 - Member Care Ministers have been going with Larry on visits to homebound members
 - September 4th next meeting
- CDC Report: Kristen
 - Nothing major to report
 - Teachers have shifted positions
 - Really grateful for the school supplies that the church donated
- Finance Report: Pam
 - Church is where we expect them to be
 - CDC is struggling – personnel cost and tuition collection
 - Eyes are on it and the support committee is working with Courtney
 - Discussion about the possibility of only renting out rooms to people who members may know or members in general
 - Update rental policy to state this
- Stewardship: Pam
 - 1st Peter 4:10 “Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with...”
 - Spiritual Gifts
 - Listening Sunday – 2 Sundays to discuss spiritual gifts – October 7th and 14th – only have to go to one – visit people all that month
 - Commitment Sunday - November 4th
 - Recycling container
 - Have paper recycling but no other bin – \$50 a month
- Worship: Larry
 - Altar Guild discussion – who to take over with Pam Tate’s passing
 - Discussion about Worship Committee Team and Altar Guild meeting to discuss changes
 - Next worship meeting – Larry asking Josh from UCC Manchester to come – contemporary worship leader
- Community: Dorothy
 - Chief Moss and Frank McCall and Heather Romnet came to meeting
 - Agreement made to contact Zion about things

- Scott B. is going to keep in contact things going on at the Library
 - Chief visiting the CDC
 - Informed that there are only about 7 homeless people in Ferguson
 - Starbucks was good for the community because they hire kids who won't likely get jobs elsewhere and train them and give them scholarships
 - 4 police officers away from the 50 total they need
- Service: Pam
 - School supplies given to CDC
 - Making cookies for fire department and police station
 - Collecting supplies for Oak Knoll Blessing Boxes
 - Continuing to work on Love Thy Neighbor
- Education: Norma
 - Planning a meeting – Andi, Richard, and Norma
 - Andi working with Teens, Richard working with Adults, and Norma working with the younger ones
- Property Committee: Sue
 - Larry and Marvin changed light in the loft
 - Unique has come several times due to the air conditioning being broken
 - Picnic tables and benches for playground
 - Areas for the teachers or parents to sit who are watching the children play
 - \$3300 to get umbrella's, bases, and picnic tables (2 of each for each end)
 - Motion made to get one table, one bench, and one umbrella –seconded – approved
 - Vandalism to sanctuary on Saturday
 - Discussing changing the key for the Sanctuary

Pastors Report: Larry

- Trying to make a connection with New Jerusalem Church
- Went to New Mexico and Arizona
- Courtney Chandler preached and can use her again to preach
- Feed my Starving Children was a success!
- CDC teacher was let go
- CDC Support team met in July – working on helping her get to the point where she feels confident and successful
- Linda and Larry are heads of the LFCS charity promise ball – Saturday August 18th
- TEEM – Communication between Wartburg, Synod, and Larry is less than spectacular

Update on All Among Us: Janet

- Fencing
 - Need more information regarding where she wants it and the details regarding it
 - Need to figure out parking issue
- Shed
 - Decision that it is okay to have a shed
- Funds from members directed to All Among Us

Update on Fish Fry opportunities and challenges

- Discussions coming for next season

Nominating Committee: Sue & Pat

- Broke down who is talking to who in regards to who is getting replaced

Closing Prayer (Prayer for Zion's Future)

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 – Next meeting September 11th

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Serving on Sundays in September

	Sep 2	Sep 9	Sep 16	Sep 23	Sep 30
Pastor	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke
Music Director	E Cason	E Cason	E Cason	E Cason	E Cason
Assistant Minister	J Martin	P Herrmann	R Schademann	N Wolz	J Martin
Reader	D Tucker	J Martin	R Schademann	P Martin	S Miller
Children's Message	N Wolz	L Lemke	G Voss	N Wolz	L Lemke
Communion Servers	A Martin	K Malin	G Voss	K Kinney	P Herrmann
Ushers	S Dunham B Negwer L Wolk	D Kaiser J Schaper J Tucker	R Taylor S Taylor F Cole	K Malin G Voss J Martin	S Dunham B Negwer L Wolk
Altar Guild	D Kaiser	D Kaiser	D Kaiser	D Kaiser	D Kaiser

* Scheduled servers are subject to change at the discretion of organization leaders.
 If you have a schedule conflict, please inform the Church office of any changes or schedule swaps.

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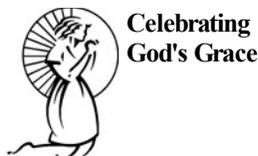
September Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:30am-Worship 11am-Bible Class	3 Labor Day Office & CDC Closed	4 5pm-Member Care 6:30pm-Comm. Outreach Team Meeting (CK)	5 6:30pm-FMSC Meeting (UR)	6 6:30pm-Service Team Meeting (UR)	7  S&E Voss- Light	8 3pm-W.O.W. (UR)
9 9:30am-Worship 11am-God's Work. Our Hands.	10  A Locastro	11 6pm-Finance 6:30pm-Council	12 1:30pm-Worship Committee Mtg	13	14	15
16 9:30am-Worship 11am-Bible Class	17  E&H Devenport	18	19	20 7pm-Facility Use (MP)	21	22 9am-Facility Use (UR) 3pm-W.O.W. (UR)  E Kinney
23 9:30am-Worship 11am-Bible Class  D McCall	24 Tidings Deadline	25	26	27  K Malin  J&A Martin	28 Tidings Prep  J Martin	29
30 9:30am-Worship & Noisy Change 11am-Fellowship Hour	1	2	3	4	5	6

An up-to-date calendar can always be found at zionferguson.com/calendar.

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Zion Leaders

Congregation Council

Pastor	Larry Lemke
President	Janet Schaper
Vice President:	Ara Tess
Secretary:	Kristen Kinney
Treasurer:	Pam Statler
Member At-Large:	Sue Dunham
Member At-Large:	Johnnie Tucker
Member At-Large:	Norma Wolz

Member Care Ministry

Dorothy Kaiser
 Linn Moore
 Richard Schademann
 Doris McCall
 Deborah Balestier
 Pat Martin

Committee Chairs

Finance	Pam Statler
Property	Sue Dunham
CDC Support:	Kim Malin
Stewardship:	Pam Statler/Gail Voss
Worship	Gail Voss
Education	Norma Wolz
Personnel	-
Nominating	Sue Dunham/Pat Martin

Organizations

Fellowship:	Robert Negwer
Altar Guild:	-
Hospitality	Faith Tucker

Team Leaders

Worship	Gail Voss
Community Outreach	Dott Kaiser/ Doris McCall
Service	Pam Statler/Stacey Miller

Team Members:

Worship Team

Gail Voss*
 Kristina Oswald
 Nyokia Robinson
 Norma Wolz
 Doris McCall

Community Outreach Team

Dorothy Kaiser*
 Doris McCall*
 Bill Budenholzer
 Linda Lemke
 Bob Oliver
 Richard Schademann
 Janet Schaper
 Ara Tess
 Faith Tucker
 Johnnie Tucker
 Deborah Balestier
 Deb Murrish

Service Team

Pam Statler*
 Stacey Miller*
 Sue Dunham
 Justin Kinney
 Kristen Kinney
 Linn Moore
 Annis Tucker
 Dawn Tucker