



Zion Lutheran Church

The Tidings October 2018

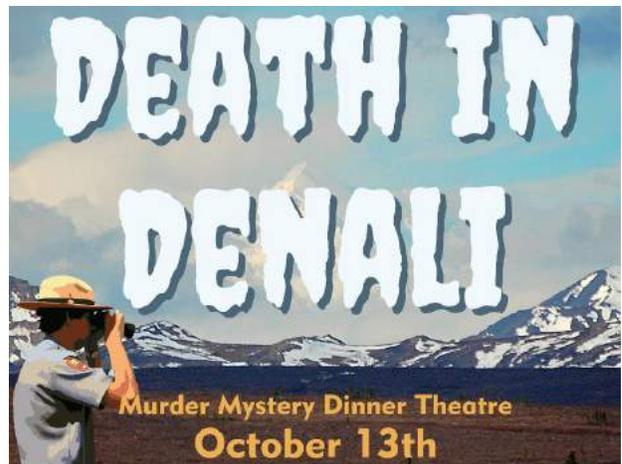
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Murder Mystery Dinner

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 call or email the church office.





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Jesus is Walking with Us

After I wrote that title to this article, I kind of sighed and said, “Thank goodness He is walking with us, because without Him beside us this is really going to be hard!” Now, don't get me wrong, what is ahead of us is not impossible, just a lot of things to do in a short amount of time.

So, what is ahead of us in the near future? I'll start with a few things and then finish with the meeting I had with the wider church and the seminary relative to moving ahead with my TEEM program.

Right around the corner (Sunday, October 7th), we will be starting our Stewardship effort. In addition, we already have planned a special Bible Study on the movie that some of us saw, “An Interview with God.” (IWG) That also starts on Sunday the 7th of October. So here is what the month of October looks like:

Sun, Oct 7th

11am-Stewardship: What are your gifts?
12pm-Lunch for those staying for IWG
1pm-IWG Bible Study

Sun, Oct 14th

11am-Stewardship: What are your gifts?
12pm-Lunch for those staying for IWG
1pm-IWG Bible Study

Sun, Oct 21st

11am-Congregational Vitality Review
12pm-Lunch for those staying for IWG
1pm-IWG Bible Study

Sun, Oct 28th

11am-Fellowship Hour
1pm-IWG Bible Study

TEEM

When Zion submitted their Ministry Site Profile (MSP) to the Central States Synod (CSS) in the fall of 2017, they recommended that I become a Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM) candidate. That was approved by the CSS and by the wider church of

the ELCA. I was accepted by Wartburg Theological Seminary (WTS) for my course work. I met with a group made up of all that alphabet soup on Friday, September 21st and am in the process of enrolling in the required courses that will hopefully lead to a recommendation for ordination upon completion.

Most of the course work will be a repeat of the courses I took way back in 1993-1995 that led to Consecration as a Parish Ministry Associate on the May 14th, 1995. Most of the WTS courses will be either online or what is called “intensive course” (Monday-Thursday) at Wartburg, so I will be here with you almost all of the time.

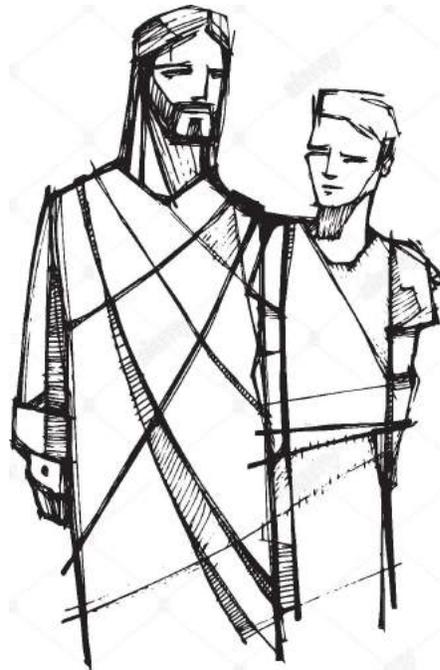
The idea is that these additional courses will help Zion as we go into the future of serving God and others (Love God & Love Neighbor). I pray that will be the case. I welcome your prayers as we together walk this path.

I realize that most of you see me as your pastor and I feel the same way, but I am not “The Reverend”. That means as we go through the time (probably 2+ years) that I will continue to be your pastoral leader and continue doing what I've been doing for the past two years.

We have God's work to do and I know that Jesus is walking with us in all that we do.

God is good and full of GRACE!

Blessings,
Larry





CDC News

The weather is starting to cool off & things are going great in the CDC!

We officially kicked off the start of our school year in the preschool on September 4th. We currently have 32 children in our preschool and they are having a great time learning and playing. Our themes for September were apples, all about me, and transportation. Our students did apple tests and science experiments with apples, and have made books with information about themselves and their families.

As we move into October, we look forward to learning about pumpkins, farms, Halloween, and fire safety. Our preschool will be visiting Theis Farm this month and the Ferguson Fire Department will be coming to visit us.

Our school agers are about to begin a very big project that will be revealed to the congregation during Advent and we are so excited!

We are currently looking for volunteers to help tutor a few of our students in math and reading/writing. You could come one day a week after school, or you could plan to come when Ferguson-Florissant has a half day. See Ms. Courtney if you are interested or have any questions.

Finally, we want to welcome Ms. Michelle to our staff. Michelle is the mother of Calvin who has been with the CDC for some time now. Michelle will be working with our youngest, the 2 year olds, in the Rainbow Room.

Thank you for all your help and support!

Blessings,

Courtney Chandler,
CDC Director



October Anniversaries

17th Paul & Carole Herrmann
19th Larry & Linda Lemke

October Birthdays



2nd Dorothy Kaiser
11th Norma Wolz
14th Linn Moore
19th Elizabeth Cason
Cindy Vogelsang
24th Janet Schaper
Gail Voss
25th Kristina Oswald

Food Pantry

The final count of cereal boxes collected for St. Stephen's Food Pantry was 105! Our new goal is collecting 100 tubes of toothpaste, any brand, any size (although family size is preferred). Toothbrush donations are also welcome.

AAU: Special Request

We are in need of a team of people who can help us clean up the Center in preparation for opening. We are thrilled to finally see the dust from the renovation start to settle so we can open our doors. But now we're ready to get that dust out of here! Will you help us?

We are looking for clean up crews for October 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Email us at volunteer@allamong.us to join our team (or contact Andi at Zion and she'll sign you up), and catch a quick glimpse of the Women's Care Center before anyone else!

TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

At Lutheran Church of the Atonement
1285 N. Florissant Rd.
Doors open at 6pm, Trivia at 7pm

Tickets:
\$20 per person before Oct. 20th
\$25 per person at the door

Yadier Molina Jersey Raffle
\$10 per ticket
You do not have to be present to win!

Contact Pr. BJ Arnold (314) 518-1505
for tickets or questions about the event



God's Work. Our Hands.



For the fifth year in a row, Zion Lutheran Church in Ferguson joyfully participated in God's Work Our Hands on Sunday, September 9, 2018, a day of service promoted by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to be one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbors.

Zion members brought home baked cookies and packed them in boxes to give to first responders in the Ferguson community. They delivered the cookies and thank you notes to the local fire and police departments. The Zion children loved sitting in the fire trucks and trying on the fire suits. One first responder told a member that they really appreciated someone making the effort to come to them and say thank you.

Prior to the day of service, Zion members collected personal care items for the skilled nursing facility (Oak Knoll) across the street. Members packed the personal care items in boxes and then took them to Oak Knoll Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and distributed them with the assistance of Lauren, the Activities Director. One resident was so excited that she started singing "Jesus Loves Me" and the Zion members joined her. Lauren told the group that she was amazed because this resident was mostly non-verbal.

The Service Team at Zion is currently organizing a long-term project called "Love Thy Neighbor" where they find volunteers who are willing to assist members of the community with whatever chore or assistance they need like yard work, light bulb replacement, notary services, etc.

The members of Zion are so grateful to be able to get out in their community to love and serve their neighbors.

Report from Zion's Service Team

We want to thank everyone for their participation in God's Work. Our Hands. It was so exciting to see everyone involved and to go out and thank our community's first responders and visit our neighbors at Oak Knoll. We hope you got a chance to see all the pictures from the day during worship on September 16th. If not, look for some of the pictures on the east wall of the sanctuary!

"Love Thy Neighbor" Project: We are going to turn our focus to a project dedicated to helping our neighbors. There are two sides of this project...helping our neighbors and receiving help. We'd like to help by doing what is needed for Zion member's and their friends, family and neighbors.

Here are some ideas of ways we thought of that might help our neighbors:

Yard clean-up	Garage clean-up	Hauling trash/recycling
Pet sitting	Tutoring	Sewing
Babysitting	Notary services	Driving to errands/shopping
Dog walking	Minor repairs	Meal help
Letter writing	Help writing checks	Light bulb/ battery replacement

There are slips of paper next to a box beneath a poster in the Coat Room. Please use the slip of paper to tell us help that is needed (either for you or a friend) or things you would like to do to help – or talk to a Service Team member.

Please join us in identifying ways we can help our community and in volunteering to help. We welcome your input and ideas!!

Thank you from the Service Team: Stacey Miller, Pam Statler, Sue Dunham, Kristen Kinney, Justin Kinney, Annis Tucker, Dawn Tucker, and Linn Moore

Altar Guild Needs

This team of dedicated members serves to prepare the Lord's Table for us each week. Currently serving are Deb Balestier, Dorothy Kaiser, Kim Malin, Esther and Bob Negwer, and Judy Stoverink and Tony Harkins. Audrey Fink provides assistance. Please say thanks to them and consider if being on their team is a way for you to contribute your talents. Changes are being made to make the responsibilities easier as well as a implementing a different kind of scheduling (rather than a month at a time).

Please talk to Dot Kaiser if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Passing the Peace

Where did the practice of “passing the peace” originate? What is the purpose? Recently the “Passing of the Peace” was moved to the beginning of our worship service. Passing the peace is not about asking questions or making plans.

Jesus is the one who spoke these words of greeting. John 20: 19 “Peace be with you.” Jesus is speaking to the disciples when he comes to them behind locked doors on Easter evening. In John 20:26 Jesus comes to the disciples a second time when Thomas is with them. Paul also uses this greeting in his letters: Rom. 1:7 “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

So during our time of greeting we stand, turn (or walk a little way) to our neighbors, shake their hands, and speak the words, “The peace of the Lord be with you” and receive the words in turn, “And also with you.”

“The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity (Col. 1: 19-20 “For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.”) What’s more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21). Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God’s call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3 “eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”)”

“In other words, passing the peace challenges us to be more than polite. We might say that it dares us to move beyond ourselves—our interests, our concerns—and create Christ-like community with others. It is the practicing of “a communal way of life framed by Christ’s peace” that makes this gesture so significant.”

“We might also make it a normal practice whenever we gather—not just during worship. Pass the peace at the conclusion of a council meeting. Begin fellowship meals and potlucks by passing the peace. Encourage the youth to pass the peace at their group meetings. In these various settings encourage innovation and variation. Perhaps youth groups will greet one another fist to fist or elbow to elbow. Let children run over to their Sunday school teacher or find Grandma or Grandpa. And let all express the words in a way that is most natural, everything from “The peace of the Lord be with you” to “God’s peace” or simply, “Peace.”

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Council Meeting September 11, 2018

In attendance: Kristen Kinney, Norma Wolz, Ara Tess, Johnnie Tucker, Janet Schaper, Sue Dunham, Pam Statler, and Larry Lemke

- Opening Welcome and Devotion
 - James 3: 1-12
 - “What we say and how we say it reflects our faith”
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 14, 2018
 - Correction: Next Worship Meeting – Larry is asking Josh from Good Shepard Lutheran in Manchester to come to meeting who is the new contemporary worship leader (not UCC Manchester like originally stated in minutes from August 14, 2018)
 - Minutes will now be sent to council before they are sent to Andi in order to get approval before being put in the tidings or on the website
 - Motion made to approve minutes with correction, seconded, and approved
- Committee Reports
 - Member Care Ministry – Dorothy
 - Last meeting 9/4/2018
 - Pam Tate district reassigned- broken up among the other member care ministers
 - Pastor Larry talked about members wanting to attend church but need a ride
 - Associate Member Privileges – People in our congregation who are not voting members - They have no vote, but can be part of church activities as groups, etc.
 - October 4th is the next meeting
- CDC Report – Kristen
 - Has a couple of teacher positions open if anyone knows someone to refer
 - Janet has been helping in the office supporting with financial needs and streamlining current policies and procedures
 - Support Team has been meeting monthly to help support Courtney in her endeavors with the teachers and the kids
- Finance Report – Pam
 - Both CDC and church only had more expenses than revenue – Not by much
 - Nothing spectacular to note
 - \$6,388 submitted to Central State Synod so far this year- Exceeded Statement of intent for the year which was \$5,750
- Stewardship – Pam
 - Larry, Gail and Pam meeting 9/12/2018 to get together final plans
- Worship – Larry
 - Meeting on 9/16 regarding Altar Guild after church
 - Looking for some ideas about what or if things can be streamlined
 - Josh from Good Shepard Lutheran in Manchester along with his wife are in charge of contemporary worship – originally going to try to make it to meeting on 9/12 – has been rescheduled for the 26th at 1:00pm – idea was to discuss contemporary music in worship
 - Elizabeth Cason has stepped down as Music Director – Worship team working to get a committee together to discuss replacements – will play through the 14th of October

- Community – Dorothy
 - Main focus was on getting a table at Farmers Market - Open Prayer Table (Free prayers) – Only one Saturday available - October 20th
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- Service – Pam
 - God's Work. Our Hands was a huge success
 - Focusing on Love Thy Neighbor and getting it up and running
- Education – Norma
 - Wanting to plan something for the end of the month about Worship, Community, and Service
 - Pastor discussed good ideas about things that can happen before, during, and after service
 - Starting October 7th and meeting 3 times a week – Study on Interview With God – Movie that some members saw (don't have to have seen the movie to come)
 - Youth Event – Andi wanting to do some of the things with the Youth – talked about a class for JUST the young kids with a party at the end of it – paid for by the church – all they have to do to be able to go is attend 3 out of 4 events
 - Confirmation – 2 students in class that Pastor hopes to get going
- Property Committee – Sue
 - In need of a larger picture of Pastor Rick in the hallway with the other pastors – Sue trying to find some place to get a larger picture for him and getting it framed
 - Additional Security
 - Placing an outdoor camera on the playground for the CDC
 - Donated funds going to purchase a security system for the upstairs of the church with the recorder and monitor going in the church office
 - Update on picnic tables and gate – Janet
 - Unable to purchase due to end of season pricing or back orders
 - Bought 4 outdoor chairs to last through the winter – going inside the gate
 - Called fence company about the gate opening that keeps dropping down where it opens on the playground – needs to get fixed
- Pastor's Report
 - Duties of the custodian and Zion Lutheran Church – met with, Andi, Marvin, and Courtney and met as a group to discuss the needs of the custodians
 - Larry suggests allowing Marvin to work 11:30a – 6:30p (from 6.5 hours to 7 hours) to help with the CDC ladies leaving at night – Council agreed
 - Received a note from Richard Schademann asking to cover the cost of a preaching class he wants to take (\$200 covering the cost of tuition and books)
 - Taking the funds to cover the cost out of the scholarship fund
 - TEEM – Scheduled to meet with 2 people from ELCA and Wartburg seminary and Synod on September 21st– should know at the end of that what needs to be done
 - Ferguson Ministerial Alliance - good meeting with few people – discussion was focused on how can FMA churches and ministries focus on something in the next year?
 - Congregational Vitality workshop Saturday September 15th – Eight members from Zion attending - What the Synod is attempting to do with a number of congregations involved in transition right now

- Central State Synod Mission support – Doing well in supporting them
- Family Systems – John Mann – First Thursday of the Month at Holy Cross – Looking at Perspectives of Congregational Leadership – Learning that you can slow down the lifespan stages or turn it back around
- Sunday the 30th of September – Larry in New Mexico shutting down his property – Preacher needed
- Update on All Among Us – Janet
 - Survey in Progress – Janet called to get quotes – Favorable bid was Topos at \$2,750 and has started the process. Council approved.
 - In order to maintain a cohesive relationship with AAU, council has agreed to have our lawn mowing company mow AAU and snow plow the parking lot. It was also agreed to allow them to use our trash dumpster since we never fill it completely
 - We will continue to use our vendors and pay them directly
 - AAU understands they are responsible for the inside maintenance of the building
- Update on Fish Fry opportunities and challenges
 - Janet, the Negwers, and Sue discussed some opportunities and met with Lenny from M&L– want anyone who is interested in the Fish Fry to come to the Negwers or Janet's house for a meeting– putting a slip of paper in the worship bulletins asking about meeting dates and where to go for the meeting – opinions on what to do next season to help make it successful – always looking for volunteers
- Nominating Committee – Sue
 - Checked with Janet (President) and Kristen (Secretary) – both willing to run again
 - Members at large – Norma, Johnnie, and Sue
 - Need replacements for Norma and Sue
 - Fanny said she will think about it
 - Spoke to Dorothy about placing a new person on Member Care Ministry – don't need 6 districts so just redistricting with the changes made – everyone seems to be agreeing to stay
- Next meeting scheduled for October 16th – changed to 3rd Tuesday due to Larry being at Bishop's Convocation on October 8th
- Voters Meeting – Scheduled for December 2nd
- Closing Prayer (Prayer for Zion's Future)
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- Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm



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Serving on Sundays in October

	Oct 7	Oct 14	Oct 21	Oct 28	Nov 4
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	P Herrmann	R Schademann	N Wolz	J Martin	P Herrmann
Reader	P Herrmann	N Wolz	D Balestier	K Kinney	D Tucker
Children's Message	L Lemke	N Wolz	G Voss	L Lemke	N Wolz
Communion Servers	K Malin	W Devenport	S Miller	A Martin	N Wolz
Ushers	F Cole J Schaper J Tucker	R Taylor S Taylor D Kaiser	K Malin G Voss J Martin	S Dunham B Negwer L Wolk	F Cole J Schaper J Tucker
Altar Guild	E Negwer A Fink	E Negwer A Fink	E Negwer A Fink	E Negwer A Fink	K Malin

* 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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October Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:30am-Worship 11am-Fellowship	1 9am-Facility Use (UR)	2 4:30pm-Member Care  D Kaiser	3	4 6pm-Service Team Meeting (UR)	5	6
7 9:30am-Worship 11am-Stewardship 12pm-Lunch 1pm-Interview w/God Class	8	9 6pm-Finance 6:30pm-Council	10 1:30pm-Worship Committee Mtg	11  N Wolz	12	13 3pm-W.O.W. (UR) 5:30pm-Murder Mystery (MP)
14 9:30am-Worship 11am-Stewardship 12pm-Lunch 1pm-Interview w/God Class  L Moore	15	16	17  P&C Herrmann	18 7pm-Facility Use (MP)	19  L&L Lemke  E Cason  C Vogelsang	20 9am-Facility Use (MP) 6pm-FMSC Trivia Night @ Atonement
21 9:30am-Worship 11am-Cong. Vitality Review 12pm-Lunch 1pm-Interview w/God Class	22 Tidings Deadline	23	24  J Schaper  G Voss	25  K Oswald	26	27 3pm-W.O.W. (UR)
28 9:30am-Worship & Noisy Change 11am-Fellowship Hour 1pm-Interview w/God Class	29	30	31 Halloween  & Reformation	1	2	3

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**Celebrating
God's Grace**

October 2018

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