



Zion Lutheran Church

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Ferguson Spooktacular



Zion will be participating in the Ferguson Fall Spooktacular. The format is a bit different this year with tents instead of trunks. We are asking Zion members to contribute small treats such as candy, trinkets, toys, etc. to pass out to the attendees or monetary donations to help purchase items for the event. And – you are invited to come along and have some fun!

The event will be outdoors at the Ferguson Community Center at 1050 Smith Ave. on October 30th from 4:00-8:00 PM. We will set up so everyone is a safe distance from the people attending the event. Even if you can only be there part of the time, please think about helping. If you are interested in helping, please contact Bill Budenholzer.



The Launch

It was the last Sunday in August! We launched our five-year plan that we've been working on since mid-2019. A team of creative folks covered the East wall with the four goals and messages about each of those goals.

Every Sunday in September, individuals representing each of the four goals, have encouraged us all to become involved in some way with our effort to reach out into our congregation and community to make a difference for Jesus and for Zion.

This future is about you! Yes, the Strategic Planning Team has been hard at work, and so have each of the teams that represent the goals that you, as a congregation, have chosen. The future is about you and how you can help keep Zion's mission of reaching out with the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who have not heard it, because that is what Jesus has asked us to do.

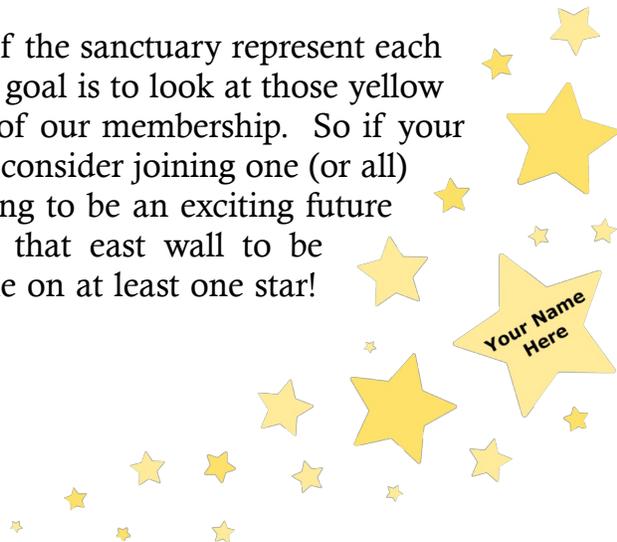
Some of the things we will be doing will work great, and some might not work so great. That means we will have learned from the not so great and we move on to something else. We don't intend to have failures, but we do intend to learn from everything we've done.

We want all our experiences to be positive and for all of us to be cheerleaders as we go forward. Cheerleading is a good analogy: we have cheerleaders for sports, whether we win or whether we don't. We need to encourage one another, and as Jesus would say, we need to "be at peace with one another." – Mark 9:50b

I understand that we all have our limitations, but I'm guessing every one of us prays. If someone would like to form a prayer group that could then include all of us in some way, that would be wonderful.

The yellow stars on the east wall of the sanctuary represent each member of the team they surround. My goal is to look at those yellow stars with names on them as a role call of our membership. So if your name is not on a star on the wall, please consider joining one (or all) of the teams, and be part of what is going to be an exciting future for Zion. Remember, I'm looking for that east wall to be covered with yellow stars with your name on at least one star! God is good and full of GRACE!

Peace & Blessings,
Pastor Larry



October Birthdays

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



All Saints Celebration

With Reformation falling on Sunday, October 31st, we will celebrate All Saints on Sunday, November 7th. As pandemic procedures continue, worshipers will receive a votive candle to take home and light in memory of loved ones. A special prayer is included below so whether you worship by streaming, watching the recorded service, or in person, everyone will be able to participate in this special time of remembrance and thanksgiving. Take some time to share with others or think about the blessings God gave you through these special people.

October Anniversaries

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

We Love to Tell the Story

Worship Team planned to have one Sunday to sing some of our favorite hymns. So many were suggested that we are going to include as many as we can in the services for the entire month of October! Seasonal favorites will be included at the appropriate time in the church year calendar.

Thank you for sharing the hymns that inspire and encourage your faith.

Thank You

Thank you to whoever was responsible for sending the anonymous flowers to my office after the launch. They were beautiful and I really enjoyed them.

- Andi

*“Merciful God, you heal the broken in heart. In Christ’s rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to everlasting life. We give you thanks for the time we shared with our loved ones. Renew our trust in you that by the power of your love we shall one day be brought together again with _____. Strengthen us and give us courage for the days ahead. In your name we pray. Amen.”**



*Based on a prayer from the Funeral Rite, ELW page 285.

Financial Presentation

The September 26th presentation on wills and investment options by Stephen Phelps, Regional Gift Planner for ELCA, was cancelled because of COVID-19. While it will be rescheduled at a later date, Stephen has offered to meet in person or by phone individually with anyone interested. You can contact Stephen by phone at (314)703-6949 or email Stephen.Phelps@ELCA.org at no cost or obligation.

A Message from the President

Dear Zion Family,

Our strategic plan was launched like a rocket on Sunday, August 29th. We welcome each and every person to participate in more than one activity surrounding our goals. Not every activity will require a long-term commitment. Maybe you'd like to volunteer to make a breakfast or dinner casserole when the temperature dips below freezing for the 6-4-3 Warming Center in Ferguson. That sounds easy enough, assuming you can cook. If you do not cook much, you could volunteer to deliver the food and chat with the people staying at the warming center during breakfast or dinner. We need people to call others to coordinate the food when it is needed so maybe making phone calls is something you can do. Prayers are needed for all of Zion's missions. I know we have lots of prayer warriors out there. If someone asks you if you would like to help with a specific project, we hope you will prayerfully consider the opportunity. If you feel called to help, please contact someone on the team you are interested in and let them know.

I want to thank everyone who helped with God's Work. Our Hands on Sunday, September 12th. We made over 70 blessing bags to take to the employees at Oak Knoll Skilled Nursing across the street. They were very grateful. We also decorated yard signs and put them outside of the church to share encouragement with the community.

I saw this scripture the other day and thought of Zion as we enter the autumn season: *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.* Galatians 6:9

Blessings to all,

Pam 



God's Work Our Hands Recap

Thanks to everyone who participated in the blessing bags and signs of encouragement service projects for "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday. A special thank you to Andi and our project leaders Emma and Jayda. Below are some images from the service day and signs located around the church. Notice how a butterfly landed on the "s" of the cloud sign just as I took the picture!



Finance Reports

Coming out in early October: A report of Zion's financial history! It reads like a thriller and maybe to some a mystery. Well really, it probably is not all that thrilling, but it is important to understand where we have been and where we are today, financially. As the cover letter says in the report, the strategic goal of "financial sustainability" is more than just about finances. It is about the sustainability of God's mission through Zion.



The reports are in your mailbox at church but if they are not picked up, they will be put in the mail to you. We will also send it out electronically by email.

Please do not hesitate to ask Pam Statler, Paul Herrmann, Bill Budenholzer, or Pastor Larry any questions you have about the report. We also welcome comments and observations, too. We are considering updating and issuing this report each year and would appreciate knowing if you think that would be beneficial. Thank you in advance for your consideration!

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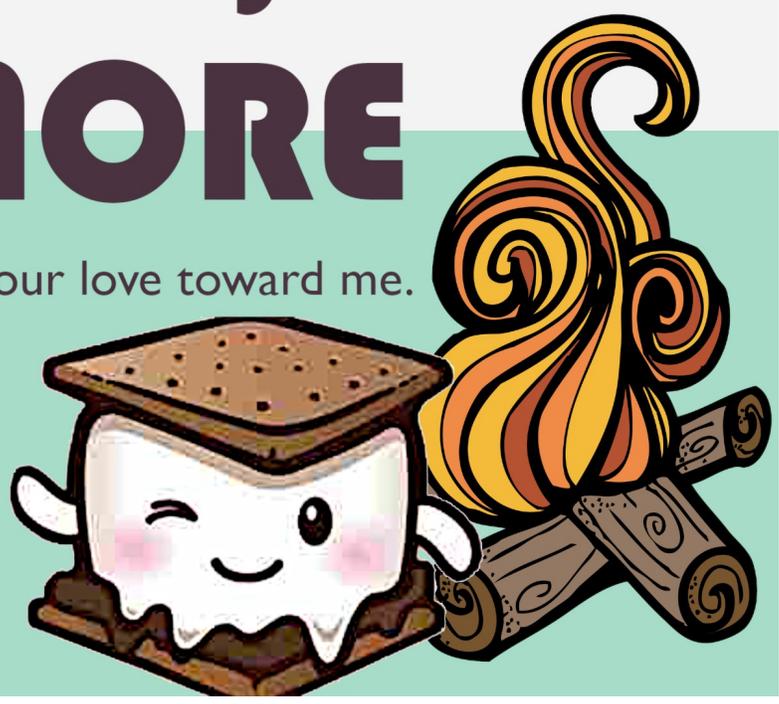
FRI., OCT. 8TH & 22ND
AT 6:30 PM

FOR A SHORT SERVICE & ROASTING S'MORES

Jesus loves you

S'MORE

for great is your love toward me.
Psalm 86:13



LUMIN Buy One/Give One Face Masks



This fall, students returning to the St. Louis area college and university campuses will face a newer challenge – staying safe from the Delta variant of COVID. For \$20, you will purchase two masks. One is for you, to share your support of campus ministry and to help you love your neighbor by wearing it. The second will be given to a student during orientation of the new school year to help them stay safe.

To order, visit www.lcmstl.org/support-lcm and click on the face mask picture, enter your payment, enter “MASK” in the special instructions and your mask will be sent to your billing address.

Thank you for loving God, loving your neighbor, and supporting this vital ministry.

Free Oil Change

Calvary Church will host two free oil change events in October for single parents and struggling families. An appointment is required; visit www.communitycouncilstc.org/events/community-calendar/event/1658 to reserve your spot. They must have the year, make, model, and VIN. Registration for appointments close at noon on the Wednesday prior to the oil change date.

Saturday, October 9th

Calvary Church – St. Charles
1701 North 2nd Street
St. Charles, MO 63301



Saturday, October 23rd

Calvary Church – Mid Rivers
3998 Mid Rivers Mall Drive
St. Peters, MO 63376

Zion Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 – 6:30PM Zoom

In attendance: Pam Statler, Bill Budenholzer, Kristen Kinney, Pastor Larry Lemke, Jan Roevekamp, Jason Martin, Doris McCall, Stacey Miller, Johnnie Tucker

Absent: Carol Linhorst, Fannie Cole

- **Welcome and Devotion**
 - Mark 8: 33
 - “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all...”
 - “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name, welcomes me...”
 - Be childlike; serve
- **Confirm approval of meeting minutes from August 2021 meeting**
 - Motion made, seconded, and approved
- **Pastor’s Report**
 - Ferguson Ministerial Alliance – 10 people in attendance; almost everyone in Ferguson Florissant school is in class and not virtual; Father Tom at BTC had a stroke on Sunday 9/12 during service and is currently at DePaul and doing okay;
 - Audrey Fink had surgery
 - Bishops Convocation in Lake of the Ozarks is the 12th-14th of October and Pastor will be in attendance
- **Space Sharing Update – meeting with Boone/Nathan weekly**
 - Nothing new to report; things seem to be going well
 - Room 1 update from Doris
 - The objects have been posted on Facebook and had some response
 - Things will get boxed up and Richard is willing to load it up into his truck to take it to wherever it is designated to go at the beginning of October
 - Will ask Marvin to clean and strip the floor after everything has been removed
- **Constitution and By-Law updates – asked Paul H and Jason to consider**
 - Jason looking it over to see if there have been any changes that need to be made to our Constitution and/or bylaws
- **Formation of Mission Team – asked Bill B and Linda Lemke to meet**
 - Still working towards this and going to try to gather

information for the next meeting

- **Nomination Committee – need to organize**
- **Stewardship – asked Gail Voss if she was willing to help again**
 - Gail is willing to help again on this and is talking to others for their ideas
- **Team Reports**
 - Worship Team – Pr. Larry
 - Talked a little about Thanksgiving and the possibility to team up with Woke Bridge
 - Everything is going to be kept the same in regards to COVID with emphasis on keeping distance and keep masked
 - Favorite Hymn Sunday October 3rd – turned into a favorite Hymn month for the month of October
 - Briefly discussed the rest of the year – nothing final has been made; want to enjoy Christmas and slow down a little
 - Possible Wednesday evening event would be a Bible Discussion instead of a service
 - Positive comments about the temple talks from the members of different strategic plan teams
 - Member Care Ministry – Doris
 - Meeting held in September
 - Discussed members who needed special prayers
 - Property – Pam/Johnnie
 - Hole in lower parking lot \$780 repair
 - Motion made to repair the hole in the lower parking lot for no more than \$1000, seconded, and approved
 - Air conditioner belt fixed
 - Doris mentioned looking into a possible railing added to the stairs outside on the patio on the Carson side to help people down the stairs from the upper level of the patio to the lower level of the patio
 - Sewer drains in the patio have sunken in and need to be looked at repairing or placing a cone near it so no one trips over it
 - Light in the Carson Stairwell by the door needs to be replaced
 - Flag needs to be replaced
 - Treasurer Report – Bill
 - Current YTD for church is negative \$5,015
 - August was in the black for \$4,914

- Investments did well for August
- **Strategic Goal Reports**
 - Financial Sustainability – Pam
 - Scheduled with an ELCA representative to come on Sunday September 26th to discuss different financial things
 - Discussion about the use of the Upper Room and opening it again for meetings for Zion Members
 - Agreed that nothing to change right now, revisit next meeting
 - Community in Unity (Partnership/Outreach) – Stacey
 - Discussed ministries and had one person from the congregation come to learn more about Laundry Love and 6-4-3 Warming Center
 - Looking for volunteers and getting more information regarding the ministries
 - GWOH the blessing bags were made for the Oak Knoll Staff
 - Education and Faith Formation – Jason
 - Looking to do some education with the Lord's Prayer and walking slowly with it due to the pandemic
 - Working towards doing Seeking Shalom in more of a zoom setting
 - Alternative Worship – Kristen
 - September 24th will be a Pet Blessing
 - Services seem to be going well and people are happy
 - Each service is something new so come and see
- **Shout outs for people sharing talents and time**
 - Christine Walters and Linn Moore for speaking about their respective Strategic Goal teams
 - Stacey Miller and Pam Statler and everyone else that was involved in GWOH and getting that set up
 - Everyone that participated in GWOH to help make the even successful and who helped get it off the ground
- **Next Meeting Date – October 12th**
- **Adjourned 7:55pm**



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October Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct 31 9:30am-Worship & Reformation Day	27	28	29 10am-Bible Discussion	30 6:30pm-Education & Faith Form.	1	2  D Kaiser
3 9:30am-Worship	4	5	6 10am-Bible Discussion	7 10am-Member Care	8 6:30pm-Alternative Worship Service	9
10 9:30am-Worship	11 2pm-Worship Team  N Wolz  J Tucker	12 6:30pm-Council	13	14 6:30pm- Community in Unity  L Moore	15	16
17 9:30am-Worship  P&C Herrmann	18  M Robinson	19  C Vogelsang  L&L Lemke	20 10am-Bible Discussion	21	22 6:30pm-Alternative Worship Service	23
24 9:30am-Worship Spooktacular Donation Deadline  J Schaper  G Voss	25 Tidings Deadline  K Oswald	26	27 10am-Bible Discussion	28	29	30 4pm-Ferguson Spooktacular

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Serving on Sundays in October

	Oct 3	Oct 10	Oct 17	Oct 24	Oct 31
Pastor	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke	TBD	L Lemke
Music Accompanist	C Rock	A Mayhew	C Rock	A Mayhew	A Mayhew
Assisting Minister	J Martin	N Wolz	P Herrmann	R Schademann	P Statler
Lector	L Moore	Li Lemke	D Tucker	D Balestier	S Miller
Children's Message	G Voss	L Lemke	N Wolz	G Voss	L Lemke
Ushers	Li Lemke J Tucker	D Kaiser L Wolk	G Voss J Roevekamp	Li Lemke J Tucker	D Kaiser L Wolk
Altar Guild	D Kaiser L Moore	D Kaiser L Moore	D Kaiser L Moore	D Kaiser L Moore	D Kaiser L Moore

* 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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**Celebrating
God's Grace**

October 2021

Zion Leaders

Congregation Council

Pastor	Larry Lemke
President	Pam Statler
Vice President:	Stacey Miller
Secretary:	Kristen Kinney
Treasurer:	Bill Budenholzer
Member At-Large:	Jan Roevekamp
Member At-Large:	Johnnie Tucker
Member At-Large:	Jason Martin
Member At-Large:	Fannie Cole
Member At-Large:	-

Member Care Ministry

Doris McCall*
Carole Herrmann
Dorothy Kaiser
Richard Schademann
Deborah Balestier
Carol Tillmann

Committee Chairs

Finance	Pam Statler
Property	Johnnie Tucker
Stewardship:	Pam Statler
Personnel	Ara Tess
Nominating	-

Organizations

Fellowship:	Robert Negwer
Altar Guild:	-
Hospitality	Doris McCall

Team Leaders

Worship	Gail Voss
Service & Community	Stacey Miller
Education	Jason Martin
Alt. Worship	Deb Murrish

Team Members:

Worship Team

Gail Voss*
Kristina Oswald
Nyokia Robinson
Norma Wolz
Doris McCall
Bill Budenholzer

Community in Unity Team

Stacey Miller*
Pam Statler
Bill Budenholzer
Linn Moore
Doris McCall
Sue Dunham
Deb Murrish
Kristen Kinney
Nikki Tucker
Annis Tucker
Dorothy Kaiser
Justin Kinney
Richard Schademann
Linda Lemke
Ara Tess

Education Team

Jason Martin*
Norma Wolz
Stacey Miller
Linda Lemke
Andi Martin

Financial Sustainability Team

Pam Statler*
Bill Budenholzer
Paul Herrmann

Alternative Worship Team

Deb Murrish*
Andi Martin*
Jason Martin
Kristen Kinney
Christine Walters
Bill Budenholzer
Pam Statler
Gail Voss