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# THE ZION HERALD

## September 2023

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*"Happy are those whose strength is in God, in whose heart are the highways to Zion." Psalm 84:5*

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### The Pastor's Ponderings



Dear, beloved, children of God – Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

When an exciting time to be the People of God in the world!

There's no denying it – the world is moving quickly into the future – sometimes so quickly that it feels like it's hard to keep up! And it's no surprise that with all the change in culture, technology and education, the church needs to look at how and where we are also changing. We welcome new members and say farewell to others. We try new projects and retire others. And this all happens as we watch, notice, and respond to where God calls us to action in our congregation, our community, and the world. Again – what an exciting time to be the People of God!

As we move into the future here at Zion Lutheran Church, it is important that we use our time, energy, and resources wisely while considering the particular talents, gifts, and people God has given us. The last time that membership of Zion Lutheran had intentional conversations around what we would like to see happen in our ministry was in the time before COVID-19 and before I came to serve as your pastor. What will the future hold? What do we already do well and work to do even better? What will we try that's new?

We need the help of everyone in our congregation to answer these questions. With that in mind, during September and October, our worship texts will focus on where we have been as a congregation, where we are now, and where we are looking to go. Director for Evangelical Mission, Pr. Nancy Nyland will visit Zion Lutheran on October 29 (Reformation Sunday!) to lead us in conversation about Zion's priorities for ministry within and outside our walls. What an exciting time to be the People of God!

In Christian Love,  
Pastor Sharilyn

## September Readings

September 3  
*14th Sunday of Pentecost*

- Jeremiah 15:15-21
- Psalm 26:1-8
- Romans 12:9-21
- Matthew 16:21-28

September 10  
*A Future of Service to Others*

- James 2:1-10,14-17
- Deuteronomy 15:7-11
- Proverbs 11:25, 19:17, 22:9
- Matthew 25:31-40

September 17  
*A Future of Gathering Together in Love*

- Hebrews 10:24-25
- Matthew 18:18-20
- Luke 15:3-6
- Romans 12:15-18
- Acts 2:42-47

September 24  
*A Future of Celebrating Our Baptism*

- Matthew 28:19-20
- Acts 8:26-40
- Galatians 3:27
- 1 Corinthians 12:13
- Romans 6:3-11



thank you

### A WORD OF THANKS

Thank you so much for the lovely flower arrangement that was sent to the funeral home for my dad's death last month. It was beautiful and completely unexpected – although knowing the people of Zion it is something I should have expected. Thank you to everyone who has extended a kind word, sent a card, or offered help in this time. While nothing can make grief “easy” it is far easier burden to have knowing that I have a community of faith who will help me carry it when needed. Thank you again.

~Pr Sharilyn

## September Birthdays

Don Goetz.....	9-9
Tanner Hendricks.....	9-11
Barbara Schoel.....	9-15
Tom Willmann.....	9-15
Viola Willmann.....	9-19
Dennis Walker.....	9-23
Iris Johnson.....	9-25
Orville Uggen.....	9-27
Gene Banter.....	9-28
Max Langdon.....	9-28
Autumn McCammon.....	9-29





**SUNDAY,  
SEPT 17**

## CHURCH PICNIC

Join us after worship in Fellowship Hall

Zion will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, and drinks. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Celebrate the ending of summer and enjoy food and fellowship with your church family!

# REFORMATION SUNDAY

Plan to stay after worship on Sunday, October 29 for lunch and conversation!

Director for Evangelical Mission, Pr. Nancy Nyland will visit Zion Lutheran to lead us in discussion about Zion's priorities for ministry within and outside our walls. This will take place in Fellowship Hall after worship service and Zion will be providing lunch for everyone.

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HELP US CELEBRATE

**DON GOETZ'S**

BIRTHDAY!

09/09/23 2-4pm Folts Rec Room  
Heritage Pointe 801 N Huntington Ave  
Warren, IN 46792  
Call Jackie at 317-752-4084  
with any questions

DEJA BREW - WEDNESDAYS 5-7PM

# ASK A PASTOR

QUESTIONS, DOUBTS,  
DECONSTRUCTING, AND  
"WHY?" ARE ALL WELCOME!





## “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



### 2023 Council Members:

President & Elder	Cindy Knotte
Vice President & Elder	Mark Prout
Secretary	Paige Walker
Treasurer	Libby Stroble
Deacon	Scott Clamme
Trustee	Neil Stroble

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Monday: 2:30pm-5:30pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 9am-Noon

Other Times by Appointment

Please call first to be sure she is in!



One in five individuals in the United States experience a mental health disorder. Zion’s Mental Health Support Group will start meeting again after a break during the summer Mondays at 6:30pm. This support group is intended to work alongside other services like medication, therapy services, or pastoral counseling to help members reach mental health recovery. Members as well as any member of our community are welcome to join.

# **Zion Lutheran Church**

## **Congregational Council Minutes – July 25, 2023**

**Present:** Paige Walker, Mark Prout, Cindy Knotte, Pastor Sharilyn

**Absent:** Neil Stroble, Libby Stroble, Scott Clamme

### **A. Opening**

1. Call Meeting to Order – Cindy at 7:01pm

### **B. Secretary's Report**

1. Amend/Approve minutes from last Council meeting
  - a. Motion to approve by Mark, 2nd by Paige, Approved by All
2. Correspondence
  - a. Thank you from Grace Village for Lent/Easter donation
  - b. Thank you from Wernle for donations from church visit
3. Add Items to Agenda
  - a. None

### **C. Pastor's Report**

1. Meet & Know Members
  - a. Pastoral Care Visits: 11
  - b. Pastoral Acts: C. Hughes Funeral (6/24), J. Clamme Funeral (6/29)
2. Youth Education Program
  - a. Confirmation on hold until Fall 2023. Next year will focus on Biblical Literacy, Lutheran Theology, and Discipleship.
  - b. VBS at the Fair: Thank you to those who participated. We had groups of 1-4 children come and go during our time there. Each day varied between 5-10 kids.
3. Outreach Program
  - a. Ask-A-Pastor: Available at Deja Brew for questions/concerns/etc – open to community
  - b. 4-H Parade: Thanks to those who participated
  - c. Jail Ministry (once a month)
  - d. Worship at Envie Nursing Home (once per month)
4. Community Partnerships
  - a. Worship at Weiler: Zion will host July 30 and August 27
5. Congregational Responsibilities (per call documents)

How is God calling each of our members to fulfill these responsibilities?

  - a. We will schedule carry-in dinners for fellowship, small group gatherings
  - b. We will provide resources for multi-level education with teachers and an education committee
  - c. Our members will volunteer to support community projects
  - d. Members are involved in many organizations – we will utilize those relationships to include pastor

**D. Committee Reports**

- 1. Parish Education & Youth - Scott
  - a. None
- 2. Worship/Music/Memorial - Libby
  - a. None
- 3. Mission & Ministry - Cindy
  - a. God's Work Our Hands in planning stages

**E. Council Reports**

- 1. Deacon
  - a. Attendance and Holy Communion Report
    - 1. June 18 – 31
    - 2. June 25 – 30
    - 3. July 2 – 30
    - 4. July 9 – 39
    - 5. July 16 – 39
    - 6. July 23 - 30

- 2. Elders
  - a. None
- 3. Trustee
  - a. None

4. Treasurer

a. Report (as of June 14)	
Deacon's Fund Checking	739.43
Deacon's Fund Saving	66.24
General Fund, Thrivent Invested	83,037.61
General Fund, VIA Checking	12,729.33
General Fund, VIA Membership	56.28
General Fund, VIA Money Market	60,371.25
Memorial Fund, VIA Checking	16,846.42
Memorial Fund, VIA Money Market	4,095.49
Mission Invest., Memorial Fund	7,036.29
ZLCW Kitchen Fund Savings	1,723.07
ZLCW Kitchen Fund Checking	150.00
TOTAL ASSETS	186,851.41

**F. Business**

- 1. VBS Review – Is this something we want to continue? Might take some years to grow.
- 2. Sanctuary A/C – discussion held until Trustee can be present
- 3. Annual Picnic – Sept 17 after worship

**G. Closing**

- 1. Lord's Prayer at 8:20pm
- 2. Next Meeting: August 15 at 7:00pm with devotions by Mark

# September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Worship & Communion 10:30am  Worship at Envive 2pm	4 LABOR DAY Office Closed  Bible Study 8:00am	5	6   Ask-A-Pastor 5:00-7:00pm	7	8	9
10 Worship 10:30am  God's Work Our Hands 1pm-5pm	11 Bible Study 8:00am  Mental Health Group 6:30pm	12 Piecemakers 9:00am	13   Ask-A-Pastor 5:00-7:00pm	14	15	16
17 Education Hour 9:30am  Worship & Communion 10:30am  Church Picnic	18 Bible Study 8:00am  Mental Health Group 6:30pm	19 Council Mtg 7:00pm	20   Ask-A-Pastor 5:00-7:00pm	21	22	23
24 Education Hour 9:30am  Worship 10:30am	25	26 Piecemakers 9:00am	27	28	29	30
Pastor Out of Office						



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**Education Hour/Confirmation at 9:30am  
Worship at 10:30am**

## September 2023 Sunday Servants

### Greeters:

September 3- Peggy Willmann  
Tom Armstrong  
September 10 - Pat Gillis  
Claretta Dutro  
September 17 - Pat Gillis  
Buck & Kathy Sharp  
September 24 - Mark & Julie Prout  
Dennis & Debbie Walker

### Assisting Minister:

September 3 - Michelle Walker  
September 17 - Michelle Walker

### Lector:

September 3 - Linda Baker  
September 10 - Linda Baker  
September 17 - Kathy Sharp  
September 24 - Mark Prout

### Acolyte:

September 3 - Walker  
September 10 - Clamme  
September 17 - Clamme  
September 24 - Walker