
THE ZION HERALD

September 2024

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

The Pastor's Ponderings



As I was moving through our sanctuary space early one Sunday morning, I reflected on the beauty of the stained glass we have in our church. Sometimes stained glass is one of those things that we recognize is there, but we can become so used to it that we forget to stop and admire its beauty. The tradition of using art - and stained glass in particular - in worship spaces was useful in an era when many in a congregation didn't read and those who did may never have a Bible of their own to read from. Worship was also oftentimes conducted in Latin, so art could help the faithful to learn some of the basic cornerstones of the faith. In modern churches, this tradition of using art as a way to reflect scripture continues. Stained glass in most church isn't intended to only be beautiful - it's intended to teach us.

The stained glass windows along the west side of the sanctuary each have two messages included. One is a sort of 'timeline' of the story of Jesus, the other is a command or instruction for how to live. When walking into the sanctuary from the entrance, the first window you come to includes the words, "The Nativity" and the image of a manger, helping us to remember the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem written in Luke 2. Beneath that, you will see the instruction, "Welcome the Stranger" with a pair of clasped hands. The commandment to welcome the stranger is in Leviticus 19:34 but is repeated or paraphrased a number of times in the New Testament as well.

Art is a gift from God to inspire us and our worship. We are fortunate to have such beautiful art adorning our sanctuary - I encourage you to take some time to admire it!

In Christian Love,
Pastor Sharilyn

September Readings

September 1

15th Sunday after Pentecost

- Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9
- Psalm 15
- James 1:17-27
- Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

September 8

16th Sunday after Pentecost

- Isaiah 35:4-7a
- Psalm 146
- James 2:1-17
- Mark 7:24-37

September 15

17th Sunday after Pentecost

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 116:1-9
- James 3:1-12
- Mark 8:27-38

September 22

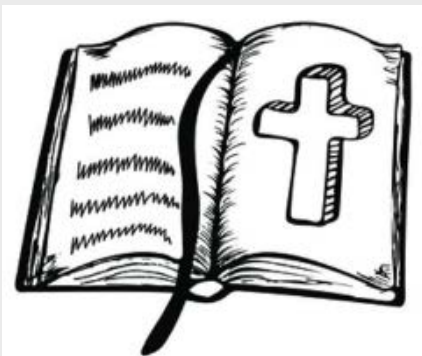
18th Sunday after Pentecost

- Jeremiah 11:18-20
- Psalm 54
- James 3:13-4:3,7-8a
- Mark 9:30-37

September 29

19th Sunday after Pentecost

- Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29
- Psalm 19:7-14
- James 5:13-20
- Mark 9:38-50



OUT OF OFFICE



Pastor Sharilyn will be out of the office from Tuesday, September 3 until Monday, September 16 and during this time will not be able to be reached by phone/text/email.

If you have an urgent pastoral care need (hospital visit, funeral needs, etc.) during this time, please contact our Elders. They will get you in touch with the pastor who has agreed to be on-call for the date you need them. Do not leave urgent needs on the church voicemail as it will only be checked intermittently during this time.

If you are aware of someone needing charity care, they should leave a message on the church voicemail. This will be checked and the request routed to the appropriate person. It may take a few days before they hear back. We will not be able to guarantee financial assistance on an "emergency" basis during this time.

Mark Prout
765-348-0163

Paige Walker
239-218-2675

September Birthdays

Don Goetz	9-9
Tanner Hendricks	9-11
Barbara Schoel	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



A graphic for an outdoor worship and church picnic. The left side features the words "Outdoor worship" in white, bold, sans-serif font over a background of green foliage and small white flowers. The right side features the words "Church Picnic" in a large, black, distressed, hand-drawn font over a red and white checkered background.

Outdoor worship & Church Picnic

SAVE THE DATE

The annual outdoor worship and church picnic is back! On Sunday, September 29 we will gather for outdoor worship at 10:30am at Ray and Linda Stanley's house. Following worship, the congregation is invited to stay for the church picnic. Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, drinks, plates, and cutlery will be provided. You are invited to bring sides and/or desserts to share. Some tables and chairs will be brought from the church, however you are encouraged to bring a lawn chair if you are able.

Plan to attend for a day of worship and fellowship!



God's work. Our hands.



Join us for a day of service

We will be having another Free Laundry Day for God's Work Our Hands Sunday!

Please plan to join us for a Free Laundry Day at DOK Laundry on Sunday, September 22. We will plan to get started at 1:00pm and will continue until 5:00pm or until the quarters run out.

Volunteers are needed to

assist with keeping the washers and dryers going that day.

We have heard a number of times how helpful this is for members of our community - imagine needing just the basics of clean clothes when you are having trouble affording it! In previous years, we've had almost every washer going! We do have plenty of laundry soap and dryer sheets still from previous years, but if you would like to give funds to the effort, we will be having some light snacks and possibly even some inexpensive laundry bags for people to take their clean clothing home in. You can also donate quarters to effort in the narthex. What an exciting opportunity for us to love and serve our neighbors!

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting

July 23, 2024

Present: Mark Prout, Libby Stroble, Larry Hile, Pastor Sharilyn, Paige Walker, Drew Walker
Absent: Sandy Langdon

Opening:

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Devotions from Mark. Motion to approve minutes from last Council meeting from Libby, 2nd by Drew, Approved by All.

Pastor's Report:

6 pastoral care visits in June. VBS at the 4-H Fair in conjunction with other congregations. Asking Council to be thinking about the focus areas from the future church conversations and how we can live these areas better. Attended monthly ministerium meeting. Summer worship at Weiler: Zion will be assisting with the multi-congregational Sundays which will be held in August and organized by leadership at Grace Methodist.

Committee Reports:

Worship/Music/Memorial reported that they have planned through August. Mission & Ministry are planning a meeting.

Council Reports:

Due to large need in the community right now, deacons fund is getting low (not reflected in treasurer report). Will put announcement in bulletins and/or newsletter.

Treasurer's report (as of July 12):

Deacon's Fund Checking	442.08
Deacon's Fund Savings	66.61
General Fund, Thrivent Invested	85,313.56
General Fund, VIA CD Hughes	44,981.58
General Fund, VIA CD Memorial	15,344.64
General Fund, VIA Checking	10,512.14
General Fund, VIA Membership	56.58
General Fund, VIA Money Market	25,186.18
Memorial Fund, VIA Checking	11,490.62
Memorial Fund, VIA Money Market	1,168.45
Mission Invest. Memorial Fund	7,092.73
ZLCW Kitchen Fund Savings	2,344.35
ZLCW Kitchen Fund Checking	150.00
TOTAL ASSETS	204,139.52



Business:

Semi-annual meeting and carry-in dinner on July 28. Summer Picnic is set for September 29 at Ray/Linda Stanley's house. Schedule a church spring cleaning/junk removal day in March 2025.

Closing:

Lord's Prayer at 7:50pm. Next meeting is August 20 with devotions from Sandy.

September 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Worship & Communion 10:30am 1	 2	Pastor Sharilyn Out of Office				
Worship 10:30am 8	9	Piecemakers 9:00am 10	11	12	13	14
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Worship & Communion 10:30am God's Work Our Hands 1pm-5pm 22	Coffee & Jesus Bible Study 8:00am 23	Piecemakers 9:00am 24	25	26	27	28
Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic at Stanley's 10:30am 29	Coffee & Jesus Bible Study 8:00am 30					



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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!

2024 Council Members:

President & Elder	Mark Prout
Vice President & Elder	Paige Walker
Secretary	Sandy Langdon
Treasurer	Libby Stroble
Deacon	Drew Walker
Trustee	Larry Hile

September Sunday Servants

Greeters:

Sept 1 - Edi Tarter
Tom Armstrong
Sept 8 - Tom Armstrong
Peggy Willmann
Sept 15 - Gene & Aneta Gardner
Dorothy Hale
Sept 22 - Gene & Aneta Gardner
Joyce Willmann

Lector:

Sept 1 - Matt Clamme
Sept 8 - Neil Stroble
Sept 15 - Matt Clamme
Sept 22 - Paige Walker

Assisting Minister:

Sept 1 - Linda Walker
Sept 8 - Mark Prout
Sept 15 - Michelle Walker