

“SHARING THE GOOD NEWS”
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Monday, Sept 4th – Church offices closed for holiday

Wednesday, Sept 6th – All Committees' mtg @ 7 pm

Monday, Sept 11th – Monday w/Maydell 10 am – 12 noon

Tuesday, Sept 12th – No 4-H meeting in September

NOTE the change of date due to Fair Week:

Wednesday, Sept 13th – Church council mtg 6 pm

Thursday, Sept 14th – Ruth Circle meeting @ 11 am

Sept 15th – 23rd Washington County Fair Week

Wednesday, Sept 27th – Naomi Circle meeting 6:30 pm

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Homebound

Charlie Bentke
Elverna Borchardt
Gene & JoAnn Draehn
Dorothy & Bradley Grimm
John & Darleen Hardin
Josephine Helm
Cleo Jaeger
Gertrude Krinke
Marjorie Krinke
Veradell Lehde
Joyce Marburger
Joyce Meyer
Glenn Schroeder
Nathan & Carolyn Zibilski

Colonial Living & Rehab

(in Bellville)
Alice Macik

Isle @ Watercrest (in C/S)

Alvin & Ruth Free

Kruse Village

LaVerne Blum
Gracy Lange
Evelyn Plueckhahn

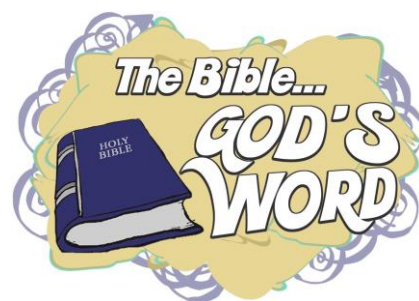
Oak Haven Assisted Living

(Industry)

Bernice Vaughn

Silver Sage Assisted Living

Mary Lee Schneider



Reminder: the weekly Bible study group with Pr. Glenn will resume on Sunday mornings after worship service beginning Sunday, September 3rd.



2023 Council Members

President: Marvin Spreen
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Vice President: Charles Hahn
(979) 203-6171

Secretary: Melisa Bosse

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Treasurer: Sandy Blum
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Witness: Chadd Neumann
(979) 277-5382

Bldg/Grounds: Matt Supak
(979) 421-8445

Parish Ed: Sandra Lange
(979) 251-2201

Worship: Cindy Buck
(979) 830-7791

Stewardship: Liz Capan
(979) 661-9047



Monthly Meeting for Zion Lutheran Church Council

Date: August 16, 2023

Attendance:

Staff: Pastor Glenn Hohlt

Executive Committee: Marvin Spreen-President, Charles Hahn-Vice President (absent), Melisa Bosse- Secretary, Sandy Blum-Treasurer

Committee Chairs: Matt Supak-Bldg/Grounds, Cindy Buck-Worship(absent), Liz Capan-Stewardship, Sandra Lange-Parish Ed, Chad Neumann-Witness

Opening Devotion and Prayer: Pastor Glenn

Reports:

- Financial Report – Motion to approve by Melisa; seconded by Liz. All approved.
- May Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve by Sandy; seconded by Sandra. All approved.

Committee Reports:

- Pastor's Report –
 - o Worship on 7/2, 7/16, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13
 - o Prayer and devotion time
 - o Sermon preparation, bible study, bulletin proofing, newsletter article
 - o VBS planning – leading music, making musical instruments
 - o Confirmation planning – ordered backpacks, renew confirmation curriculum
 - o Shut in communion at Isle@ Watercress and Silver Sage
 - o Conversation with Gene Draehn

- o Blessing of the backpacks
- o Youth Sunday – Camp Youth
- o Planning and funeral of Jannet Rosenbaum
- o Sick days Aug 1-2
- o Continuing Education – 5 books
- o Helping Ira move
- Building/Grounds – Matt Supak
 - o Stan Ford and Jason Blum removed back pew from church.
 - o Fischer Tile quoted \$1,001 to install carpet in back pew spot. Motion made to purchase and have carpet installed by Melisa; seconded by Sandra. All approved.
 - o Outside entry doors have been repaired
 - o Moeller Electric installed LED lights in outside lighted sign
 - o Cool Shades will clean windows for \$250 quarterly.
- Parish Education – Sandra Lange
 - o August 13 backpack blessing Sunday
 - o August 27th, 3rd grade bible and confirmation recognition and welcome to Sunday school for 2-year-olds
 - o August 27 Confirmation orientation with parents and meal
 - o New acolytes trained in September and start in October
 - o No Sunday School in August
 - o VBS discussion – went well, children loved it
 - o September Sunday School curriculum ordered
 - o Discussed Christmas activities
- Stewardship – Liz Capan
 - o Super Sunday resulted in low participation. Provided lunch for 7 persons. VBS attendees showed up at 4 pm and had good time playing games and using bouncy house. Need more volunteers.
 - o Asking for volunteers to assist with media production (creating slide presentation) and with sound system. Only 2 people in rotation. Training and mentoring available. Contact the church office if interested.
 - o Discussing Fall events.
- Witness – Chadd Neumann
 - o Birthday cards sent.
 - o Banner Press ad placed in area church edition
- Worship – Cindy Buck (absent)
 - o No meeting during the month of July

New Business:

- Paul Minar reset A/C timers after power outage and recommended updating thermostats. Estimates will be requested.
- Live streaming of Sunday services is being interrupted due to internet connectivity issues. Vendors have been consulted with no resolution. Consideration under discussion of uploading recordings to church's web site instead to provide full recordings of the services.
- Wedding policy is being revamped. First draft handed out to council members for review and response.
- Natalie Bell's memorial service tentatively scheduled for Sept. 13.

*Respectfully submitted,
Melisa Bosse, Secretary*



Iterim
Pastor's
Message

Fix Your Eyes on Jesus

I've recently fixated on a quote from N. T. Wright, Christian theologian and New Testament scholar that includes this: And go on (looking at Jesus) until you are no longer a spectator. Are we looking at Jesus, listening and understanding? Are we looking at Jesus and seeing and hearing what we want to hear?

I've often spoken about how Jesus seems to give an answer to a question no one asked. Recently (Matthew 15: 12-14) Peter says to Jesus that the Pharisees took offense at his suggestion that it's not what goes into the mouth but what comes out of the mouth that defiles. The Pharisees are upset that Jesus is challenging the tradition. For as long as anyone could remember real Jews washed their hands before they ate and if someone didn't, they were unclean, needed to go to the Priest and receive their penance in order to become clean again.

Being unclean meant more than simply risking germs; it also meant that you were literally untouchable. Anyone who touched you was ritually unclean. You, yourself, were unclean until the priest said you were clean again. Couldn't there be room for that to be overlooked? To the Pharisees rules were rules and there was no room for exceptions.

Look at Jesus if you want to know what God looks like...at Jesus if you want to know what it means to be human...at Jesus if you want to know what love looks like. Maybe not everything is black and white. According to Jesus the simple act of eating without washing your hands isn't always a big deal. According to Jesus healing someone on the Sabbath isn't breaking the third commandment.

Maybe Jesus is saying that the Sabbath is made for humans not humanity made for the Sabbath...oh, wait he did say that.

Jesus also challenged everyone's notion of Messiah: a suffering servant. No matter how often we hear that one, we will need to continue to listen and understand. Maybe there's a lot about Jesus that we will never completely understand so we keep on looking, listening, and understanding.

If you are like me, every time I look at Jesus something about my understanding of God, God's will, God's kingdom, gets challenged. If we are not challenged, then I have to wonder if we are more focused on tradition (the way we've always thought about and done things) than seeking God's kingdom. So, we continue to seek first the kingdom of God!

Pastor Glenn

Contact information for Pastor Glenn

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Email: mugisha3089@hotmail.com

Attendance

Date	Worship in-house	Worship Mail-out	Sunday school	On-line
07/30	86	26	0	45
08/06	67	26	0	21
08/13	77	26	0	24
08/20	85	26	0	19
08/27	68	26	0	15

Offerings

Date	Regular	Memorial
07/30	2098.68	195.00
08/06	4413.68	685.00
08/13	2097.68	215.00
08/20	2451.68	225.00
08/27	2044.68	175.00



We are pleased to let you know that a deposit has been made to Zion thru Thrivent on behalf of:
Craig Blum
Kathy Blum



Questions:

1. What was the first plague the Lord sent upon Egypt?
2. What did the disciples do when people brought their young children to Jesus?
3. Who does Joseph say are the two most important people to love?
4. What happened to Jesus on the 8th day of his life?
5. Who looked after the coats of the men who stoned Stephen?

1. Water turned into blood [Exo 7:21] 2. They rebuked them [Matt 19:13] 3. God and your neighbor [Luke 10:27] 4. He was circumcised [Luke 2:21]] 5. Saul [Acts 7:58]

Youth activities



A Great “Babylon” VBS!

For five days in July, 30 youth and over 25 young-at-heart volunteers gathered at Zion for Vacation Bible School to learn about God and Daniel’s Courage in Captivity in Babylon. Each evening began with a meal, and then everyone gathered in Babylonian costumes for music and an introduction to the night’s Bible story. Students rotated through storytelling with Daniel, music, marketplace, and games sessions. The night wrapped up with Pastor Glenn and Allison C. in the FLC. On the last night, everyone enjoyed a finale with musical instruments that they had made. It was an awesome, memorable week!

A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who made VBS possible and a great experience for all:

Music- Allison Crowson & Pastor Glenn Hohlt

Storytelling- Ryan Miglicco, Liz Capan & Carol Gaskamp

Games - Linda Wagner & Shannon Hetzel

Marketplace- Beverly Roehling

Tribe Leaders- Jill Rosenbaum, Sandy Blum, Sandra Lange, Allison Marburger, Sandy Winkelmann, Erin Keller, & Leah Hardy

Kitchen Coordinator- Lisa Conner

Kitchen Helpers- Ruth Maass, Carol Ann Spreen, Charlene & Charles Hahn, Penny Spreen, Craig Conner, Cindy Kelm, & Joy Fuchs

Director- Mary Keienburg

A BIG THANK YOU to all the parents and grandparents who brought their children to VBS!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated or loaned items for the dinners, decorations, or activities!

A BIG THANK YOU to Theresa Rodenbeck & Lisa Conner for Thrivent grants!

A BIG THANK YOU to Judy Jeske and Carol Gaskamp for making the tribe colors!

A BIG THANK YOU to the decorating crew- Beverly, Linda, Jill, Shannon, Liz, Sandra L. & Mary!

A BIG THANK YOU to the Stewardship Committee for the Super Sunday Activities and the meal on Sunday!











Thank You!



Dear Zion Scholarship Committee, Parish Ed Committee and the Church Council:
Thank you so much! I am very honored to have received this amazing scholarship and I have appreciated your generosity at church.

Carmen Niemeyer



Zion Lutheran Scholarship Committee:

Thank you for granting me the \$500 educational scholarship! I am honored to receive this scholarship from an institution that has played such a large role in my upbringing. I am incredibly grateful and I will use this scholarship to help lessen the negative financial impact of college.

Zion Lutheran has been a place where I have made many wonderful memories. Whether it be going to VBS or Sunday School, I always felt at home in the Church's kind atmosphere. Thank you to all the staff and church members who helped me grow into the person I am today.

Once again, thank you for the scholarship.

Allison Marburger



Zion Youth Update:

Kristy Pieper is continuing her education at Blinn College and made the Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester. Keep up the good work Kristy!



Zion's Country Walk

Sunday School kiddos and interested adults can participate in the next Country Walk on October 8th. Immediately after worship, we will explore Zionsville's historic cemetery with an informative scavenger type hunt. An indoor snack will take place after the excursion! Talk to Mary K. or Allison C. for more details!!



Prayers thru the last month of August have gone out to:

Family & friends of Natalie Bell
Family & friends of Jannet Rosenbaum
Family & friends of Brian Wostal
Gene Draehn
Lisa Jasinski & Dawson
Coy Gurka
Holly Lehde
Cindy Lyles
Larissa Maass & MacKenzie
Alice Macik
Ricky Seilheimer
Mary Lee Schneider
Dean Winkelmann
Nathan & Carolyn Zibilski
Teri Benedictine
West Blum
Charlotte Chavez
Gloria Hanath
Denise Jones
Pat Joswiak
Lynlee Kocurek
Mark Marburger
Melissa Meyer
Lorilai Schultz
Lincoln Tiemann
Nolan Toole
Diana Williams
Bonnie Winkelmann

And continue to hold in your prayers:

*Zion's Call Committee;
Shane Bentke, Trey Hardy,

Melonie Rau, Gary Wagner,
and Lori Wittner.
*The Future Called Pastor of
Zion and his/her family.



Jannet Rosenbaum
Ricky Fischer
M/M Allan Niemeyer
M/M Gene Draehn
Charlyn Krause
M/M Mark Appelo
Four County Auction Center
Janie Dreyer
M/M Bill Keienburg
W.D. & Danita Schovajsa
Doris Eckermann & Hughes
Family
Bradley Schomburg Family
Jerry & Jennie Simpson
Zion Women of the ELCA
Florine Raska
Otis & Bertha Upshaw
Marvin Spreen
M/M Stephen Citzler
M/M J. Sommers
T&L Cattle Company
Craig & Lisa Conner
Bobbie Ising
Gladys Hodde
Elvera Drews
M/M Charles Hahn
Sara Ramirez Family

Natalie Bell
M/M Elroy Maass
M/M James Vaughn
Mrs. Pat Snider
Margie & David Rountree

Aubert (Bert) Jaeger
Ray & Linda Thaler

Leroy Hodde
Nelson & Susie Zibilski

Cole Dismukes
M/M Elroy Maass
M/M Ricky Bosse

Floyd Bentke
M/M James Vaughn

Roger Toll
M/M Jim Helfrich
M/M Gary Wagner

Ruth Ganske
M/M James Vaughn
Bobbie Ising
M/M Charles Hahn
M/M Rickey Gaskamp
Cleo Jaeger



Shane Hahn	1-Sep
David Lange	4-Sep
Karen Buck	6-Sep
Robert Ziese	6-Sep
Allison K. Crowson	7-Sep
Bernadine Blum	9-Sep
Gavin Blum	9-Sep
Ricky Bosse	9-Sep
Darleen Hardin	9-Sep
Hannah Mantey	10-Sep
Collin Pepper	10-Sep
Memphis Meyer	11-Sep
Myles Niemeyer	11-Sep
Fred Rau	11-Sep
Curtis Meyer	13-Sep
Lauren Pepper	13-Sep
Dane Rau	13-Sep
Dawson Jasinski	14-Sep
Kailyn Neumann	15-Sep
Gary Dannhaus	16-Sep
Walline Lorenz	16-Sep
Bruce Muske	17-Sep
James Pelkemeyer	17-Sep
Dylan McKee	19-Sep
Presley Parker	20-Sep
Amanda Roberts	21-Sep
Don Studhalter	21-Sep
Amelia Pelkemeyer	23-Sep
Cullen Roberts	24-Sep
Joe Gurka	25-Sep
Diana Rosenbaum	26-Sep
Carolyn Zibilski	26-Sep
Alexander Niemeyer	27-Sep
Kristen Schroeder	29-Sep
James Vaughn	29-Sep
Judy Jeske	30-Sep



Dylan Bentke	1-Sep
Theresa Orts	1-Sep
Brandon Keller	2-Sep
Erin Keller	3-Sep
Ruth Free	4-Sep
Julie Maass	4-Sep
Chase Neumann	10-Sep
Kailyn Neumann	10-Sep
Nathan Simons	10-Sep
Cullen Supak	11-Sep
Emily Conner	12-Sep
Matthew Conner	12-Sep
Gloria Rauch	12-Sep
Kristy Gaskamp	14-Sep
Rickey Gaskamp	14-Sep
Elverna Borchardt	16-Sep
Billy Lehde	16-Sep
Bobby Lehde	16-Sep
Jacy Niemeyer	16-Sep
Jeffrey Maass	19-Sep
Scot Dannhaus	20-Sep
Ivy Mantey	20-Sep
Marci Raley	21-Sep
Leslie Little	25-Sep
Brandon Muske	25-Sep
Ricky Seilheimer	25-Sep
Katelyn Wittner	26-Sep
Mason Elledge	27-Sep
Herbert Jr. Glaesmann	27-Sep
Amanda Roberts	29-Sep



James and Joyce Pelkemeyer	5-Sep
Craig and Kathy Blum	6-Sep
Ricky and Nancy Buro	6-Sep
Thomas Jon (T.J.) and Kelly Pohorelsky	9-Sep
Roy and Linda Boehnemann	11-Sep
Bobby and Barbara Lehde	12-Sep
Erwin and Allyne Emshoff	15-Sep
Paul and Kim Cmajdalka	26-Sep
Elroy and Carolyn Sue Maass	30-Sep



Articles for the October newsletter must be submitted by September 21st. Thank You



Dear Church friends,

A Texas-sized “thank you” to Allison Crowson and everybody who bought tickets, sponsored our event, or helped organize the “Celebrating Great Country Duets” fundraiser. Through your support we were able to raise \$5,400 to offset the costs of electrical work and an HVAC system for our furniture building.

Our furniture inventory continues to grow and so we’re hosting another “Half Off Furniture Sale” on Saturday, September 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the old Foehner building, 13560 West Washington. Shop, save, and feel good knowing your purchase helps underwrite our programs and services.

In food pantry news, we are so grateful for your ongoing support of our food pantry. More than 558 individuals from 217 families have access to fresh and nutritious groceries in what would otherwise be a food desert. In September and October, we’re kicking off the annual Advent bundles project, where we ask church members, schools and Scouts to collect premium groceries for distribution at Christmas-time. In the weeks ahead, look for marked grocery bags in the lobby or Narthex with our “wish list” of condiments, sauces and premium goods.

With gratitude,
Barbara Donnelly, Board President
Bridge Ministry of Burton Texas

Senior Fellowship and Meal

We welcome anybody 55 and older to join us most Fridays for the Senior Fellowship and Meal. No reservations are necessary for dine-in service, and the suggested price is \$4.

Where: St. John’s UCC, Family Life Center, 516 N. Colorado
When: Fellowship and games from 10 a.m. until noon
Bingo at 11 a.m.
Lunch is served at noon

Upcoming Menus:

- September 1:** No meal due to the Labor Day holiday weekend.
- September 8:** Fried fish, mac-n-cheese, slaw and hush puppies (catering by The Cannery, with volunteers from Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church)
- September 15:** Beef lasagna toss, green beans and bread (catering by White Horse Tavern, with volunteers from St. Paul Lutheran Church of Rehburg).
- September 22:** Sour cream chicken enchiladas, Mexican corn and cornbread (catering by On Deck, with volunteers from Greenvine Baptist Church)
- September 29:** Swedish meatballs, noodles, broccoli salad and dinner rolls (with volunteers from St. John’s United Church of Christ)

If you want a “to go” meal, call 979-337-3370 no later than the Tuesday before Friday. We suggest you arrive at 12:10 p.m. to pick up your meal.

If you’re 55+ or have health issues that require you to stay home, let one of our volunteers deliver a hot meal to you each Friday at no charge. Call our administrative office at 979-337-3370 for more information. Our delivery area is limited to Burton.

The Corner Shoppe

Burton Bridge Ministry's boutique thrift store accepts gently used donations of clothing, goods and household décor. These items are lovingly curated and sold at affordable prices to the community.

August 31-September 2

'Tis the season for tablescapes, when we freshen up our mantels, dining rooms and centerpieces with all the colors of fall: yellows, oranges, and every shade of brown. Start with one of our baskets — half off this week at The Corner Shoppe — then add fat ribbons, pine cones, a few gourds, fresh flowers and voila! Also on sale this week are small appliances, including coffee makers, electric grills, blenders and more.

September 7-9

Baubles, beads, bangles and brooches are all on sale this week at The Corner Shoppe. Get your style on with classic pearls, colorful necklaces, chunky earrings, and handsome watches. Everybody can benefit from a wardrobe “glow up,” so be sure to check out our shirts, pants, jackets and more. This week save 50% on clothing for men, women, children and babies.

September 14-16

This week find shoes, purses and cosmetic bags all on sale at The Corner Shoppe. Whether you're on the hunt for a classic clutch, cross-body purse, messenger bag or wristlet, you're sure to find a nice selection at a fabulous price.

September 21-23

Toys take center stage this week at The Corner Shoppe. Our volunteers have curated the donations and stocked the children's section with puzzles, playsets, plushies, action figures and more — all in good condition and ready to inspire and delight your children and grandchildren. Also on sale this week are fabrics and linens, including sheets, quilts, table cloths and curtains.

September 28-30

Find selected dinnerware on sale this week at The Corner Shoppe. From elegant china to everyday dishes, plus coffee mugs, serving platters and more, it's all on sale this week at can't miss prices.

All sales exclude “red dot” merchandise. More details can be found on our Facebook page and in the store.

The Corner Shoppe

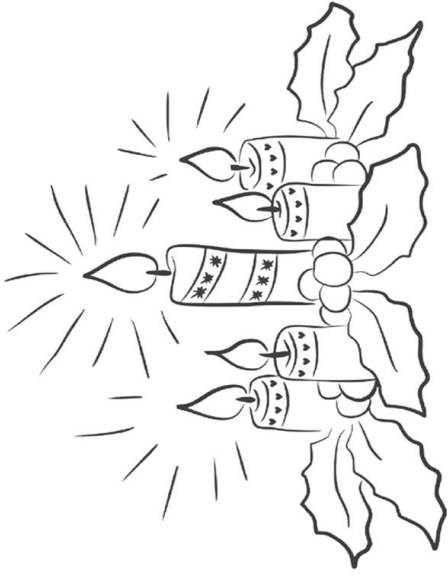
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Make this Christmas shine bright.

Please participate in
Burton Bridge Ministry's
Advent Bundles project.

Pick up a bag and grocery list.
Return filled bags at
the end of November.





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September 2023 Worship Assistants

DATE	September 3rd	September 10th	September 17th	September 24th
Ushers	Dane & Melonie Rau	Michael & Allison Bentke	Trey & Stacy Hardy	Matt & Bobbi Jo Supak
Greeters	“	“	“	“
Acolytes	Tyler Ramirez	Madison Maass	Shelby Muske	Coy Gurka
Lector	Sara Ramirez	Allison Bentke	Jill Rosenbaum	Bobbi Jo Supak
Altar Guild	Gladys Hodde & Jennifer Lorenz	Elvera Drews & Kim Cmajdalka	Judy Jeske & Carol Gaskamp	Don & Alice Studhalter
Bread	Allison Bentke	Elvera Drews	Ruth Maass	Judy Jeske
Communion Assistants	Dane & Melonie Rau and Jennifer Lorenz	Michael & Allison Bentke and Charles Hahn	Trey & Stacy Hardy and Shonda Ziese	Matt & Bobbi Jo Supak and Craig Blum
Coffee Servers	Carol Spreen	Don & Alice Studhalter	Jason Blum	Ricky & Melisa Bosse
Media Production	Kim Cmajdalka	Steve Capan	Kim Cmajdalka	Steve Capan
Media Operator	Melisa Bosse	Bobbi Jo Supak	Kim Cmajdalka	Carol Gaskamp
Sound System	Bruce Muske	Steve Capan	Bruce Muske	Steve Capan
Altar Flowers			Erwin & Allyne Emshoff	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2023</h1>					1	2
3	4 Church Offices Closed WE WILL BE CLOSED ON LABOR DAY 	5	6 All Committees' meetings @ 7 pm	7	8	9
10	11  PATRIOT DAY SEPTEMBER 11 Mondays w/MayDell 10 am – noon	12 No 4-H Club meeting in Sept.	13 Note New Date: Church Council @ 6 pm	14 Ruth Circle @ 11 am	15	16
17	18  County FAIR	19 Washington	20 County	21  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Fair	22 Week	23
24	25	26	27 Naomi Circle @ 6:30 pm	28	29	30

