

“SHARING THE GOOD NEWS”

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Wednesday, Sept 1st – All committees’ meeting @ 7 pm
Sunday, Sept 5th – Birthday blessings: Communion Stewards blessings: No Sunday School
Monday, Sept 6th – Labor Day Holiday/Church offices closed
Tuesday, Sept 7th – Bible study group @ 2 pm
Thursday, Sept 9th – Ruth Circle meeting @ 7 pm
Sunday, Sept 12th – “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday: Anniversary blessings; Grandparents blessings: Blessing of the hands
Tuesday, Sept 14th – 4H Club meeting @ 7 pm: Bible study class @ 2 pm
Tuesday, Sept 21st – Bible study group @ 2 pm
Wednesday, Sept 22nd – Naomi Circle meeting @ 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Sept 29th – Church Council meeting @ 6 pm

Zion Lutheran Church

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Argent Court

Robert Jeske

Brenham Nursing & Rehab

Gertrude Krinke
 Jannet Rosenbaum

Kruse Village

LaVerne Blum
 Evelyn Plueckhahn

Oak Haven Assisted Living

Bernice Vaughn

Homebound

Charlie Bentke
 Elverna Borchardt
 Florence Borchardt
 Gene (JoAnn) Draehn
 Laverne Ganske
 Bradley & Dorothy Grimm
 John & Darleen Hardin (in Waller)
 Josephine Helm (in Cameron)
 Weldon & Marjorie Krinke
 Gracy Lange
 Veradell Lehde
 Alice Macik
 Marvin & Joyce Marburger
 Joyce Meyer
 Mary Lee Schneider
 Glenn Schroeder
 Alton & Erna Seilheimer
 Nathan Zibilski (in Magnolia)

Isle @ Watercrest (in C/S)

Alvin & Ruth Free

Rosehill Retirement Home/Bellville, Tx

Doris Blum
 Leroy Hodde



Council Highlights

2021 Council Members

President: Brandon Keller
 (979) 661-4536
 Vice President:
 Open
 Secretary: Liz Capan
 (979) 661-9047
 Treasurer: Stacy Hardy
 (979) 421-2932
 Witness: Chadd Neumann
 (979) 277-5382
 Bldg/Grounds: Jason Blum
 (979) 203-9380
 Parish Ed: Allison Crowson
 (979) 277-5768
 Worship: Joyce Boeker
 (979) 277-2271
 Stewardship: Matt Supak
 (979) 203-4533



Monthly Meeting of Zion Lutheran Church Council

Date: August 18, 2021

Church Staff: Karen Buck (*Interim Pastor*), Cindy Lyles (*Youth and Family Coordinator*)

Executive Committee: Brandon Keller (President), Open (Vice President),

Liz Capan (Sec), Stacy Hardy (Treas),

Board Chairs: Chadd Neumann (Witness), Matt Supak (Stewardship), Jason Blum (Bldg/Grounds),

Allison Crowson (Parish Ed), Joyce Boeker (Worship)

Current Membership

420 Baptized, 347 Confirmed, Active 150

Attendance:

Executive Committee: All present

Board chairs: absent- Chadd Neumann

Church Staff: All present

Opening Prayer: Pastor Karen

Reports:

- Financial Report: Submitted and reviewed by Stacy Hardy
 - Reviewed offerings, revenues and expenses for August and one-time expenses.
 - Discussed Cemetery Monument Marker-estimated cost of \$9,000 that was approved at the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting. Made down payment in August of \$4,375.00 from cemetery funds.

- Approval of July minutes: Two corrections to be made 1. Date corrected from October 8 to October 29 for Fall Fundraiser/Festival. 2. Number of Led cans from 20 to 30.
 - Minutes approved.
 - Minutes corrected for July. Submitted corrected copy to Pastor Karen, August 19.

Committee reports:

➤ **Pastor's Report: Pastor Karen**

- Discussed Pastoral Care for August
- One death- Viola Weiss
- Discussed the worship impact/outreach online attendance
- Gave update on the call process for new pastor
- Baptism-Saturday, August 28 at 10:30am
- Discussed office/pastoral duties
 - Confirmation
 - Two weddings in October.
 - Leading a Boundary Training session with SS teachers in September.
 - Presently enrolled in two online courses.

- Working with Cindy on projects for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday.
 - Discussed "to do list" and completed other task of decluttering.
 - Recognized Stan Ford for the use of his Gator/Club Car during Viola Weiss funeral.
 - Beverly Roehling hosted a mini quilt show. Good to see the gathering of about two dozen people and the use of our church facility.
- Discussed thing to do
- Employee reviews
 - New events in the coming months of September, October and November.
- **Building-Grounds Jason Blum**
- Playground area:
 - Wooden fence near sidewalk has been replaced with a new steel frame and wooden planks.
 - Gary and Linda Wagner have plans for the flower bed.
 - Mowing of the cemetery has been scheduled for regular mowings. Discussed ways to keep Bahia grass in control during spring.
 - Rodney Wittner will check on lights.
- **Parish Education-Allison Crowson**
- Sunday School will be finishing Rocky Railway then starting a study of the Old Testament.
 - Confirmation-Fall Semester is outlined. Parents meet on August 22 with Pastor Karen
 - No SS on September 5
 - September 20, 6pm Boundary Training session with SS teachers. Lead by Pastor Karen.
- **Stewardship- Matt Supak**
- October 29 Fall Fundraiser/Festival
 - Decided on Theme, will be –150th Anniversary
 - Smitty's Chicken Fried Steak Dinner will be held at Smitty's on Hwy290.
 - Ticket price for plate-\$14.00
 - Two options for Dinner- Drive Thru 4pm-6pm
 - Dine in 6pm-9pm with Live Music and Raffle
 - Matt had a dinner ticket draft for committee to see, he plans on having 800 printed.
 - Tickets are sponsored by Marvin and Penny Spreen, Thrivent Representatives.
 - Discussed parking details at Smitty's.
 - Discussed ways to sell more tickets, such as advertising on local radio station.
 - Have youth group sell tickets.
 - Zion shirts to be worn to festival old or new to fit theme.
- **Worship-Joyce Boeker**
- Discussed Zion's Funeral Policy for member/non-members, fees and contributions. Still needs clarification and updating.
 - Zion's wedding policy still needs clarification and updating.
- **Witness-Chadd Neumann-Absent**
- **Youth- Cindy Lyles**
- Report submitted
 - Discussed the Youth Mission Trip to Colorado
 - Discussed youth excitement of sharing Mission trip with congregation last Sunday.
 - Reformation Sunday, October 31.
 - Discussed ways to get the youth involved in parish worship.

- **President Brandon Keller**
 - Preliminary discussions about the budget for 2022.
 - Pastor Karen discussed ways to encourage members to be generous with giving and fundraisers.
 - Discussed the Council Positions for 2022.
 - Brandon will be going to the nominating committee to get the process started for new member replacements.
 - Three council members terms will end December 31, 2021.
 - President of Council-Brandon Keller end of 3-year term.
 - Parish Education- Allison Crowson end of 3-year term
 - Stacy Hardy 2-year term as Treasurer. She has agreed to help the new person with the financial report. She still has one year remaining on council
 - Reminder-September meeting rescheduled to September 29 due to fair week.

- Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer lead by Brandon Keller.

*Respectfully submitted,
Liz Capan, Secretary*



Questions:

1. Of what, specifically, was man not allowed to eat in the Garden of Eden?
2. What was Solomon famous for building?
3. Jesus asked: "Can the blind lead the?"
4. Who told Peter to "watch and pray that he entered not into temptation"?
5. What is Paul's command to husbands in his letter to the Colossians?

<p>1. Tree of knowledge of good and evil [Gen 2:17] 2. Temple [1 Ki 7:51] 3. Blind [Luke 6:39] 4. Jesus [Matt 26:40-41] 5. Love your wives, and do not be bitter towards them [Col 3:19]</p>
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From the Interim Pastor...

Events and Excitement Sundays during September!!!

Sunday

Living into Our Faith

September 5

Birthday Blessings
Blessing Home Communion Stewards

September 12

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday
Project for ALL ages as we seek, as a Church,
to serve others in Christ's name
Blessing Grandparents
Anniversary Blessings

September 19

September 26

FIRST "Classroom Day" for Confirmation

Thank you!

+ To Linda (& Gary) Wagner for painting the trim around the playground and giving the area a facelift!!!
+ To Ricky Bosse and crew for replacing wood fence behind church!
+ To ALL of Zion's Volunteers who assist with our community mission work with Burton Bridge Ministry!!! YOU make a difference in so many lives! AND you are both an inspiration and a model for those wondering what it looks like to live as Christ's disciples in the world around us!

Did you know...???

+That at its recent Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Burton Bridge Ministry honored the work and service of Jane Little who served as a Board Member and Zion's Representative for/to Burton Bridge Ministry??? Her husband, John, received the heart-shaped gift in her honor that night.

In Between Times...

On a recent Sunday, the baptismal font moved about the congregation (with the assistance of Ricky Bosse). As it moved, I shared about what it meant when the font sat at the front of the church and in the back of the church. It found its resting place for the remainder of the service right smack dab in the middle of the aisle in the middle of the sanctuary...and the in the middle of the congregation.

As some of you imagine what it might have been like to have that font in the middle of the aisle, others of you are remembering its presence among you in worship that day. I noted that when it sits there in the middle of everything, “we are reminded that our baptisms and our life together as disciples are to be about fully living into those baptisms and should be the center of our lives.”

Later in worship, at the Call for Offering as Susan Henske poured water into the font, I invited those present in worship to remember their own baptisms and how they live (or might live) fully into them. I noted that this time of year, as so many of us change gears from lazy summers to a more structured fall, is a great time to hit the “reset” button in our lives. We hit “reset” as we clean out our cabinets; weed the garden and ready it for a fall planting; re-commit to diets, exercise, or a healthier sleep schedule; or ready our homes and lives for “back-to school” routines. So, too, we are invited to hit the “reset” button on our faith lives!

We have the opportunity to re-direct and re-focus our lives as disciples of Christ as Fall Programming goes into full swing here at Zion. Confirmation Classes are resuming. Sunday School for our children is wrapping up Rocky Railway **and** gearing up for a return to the stories of the Old Testament. We will soon be hearing about programming for Zion’s Youth. AND...for the Adults seeking to re-root in the biblical stories of our faith, a mid-week Bible Study will be offered on Tuesdays at 2:00pm here at the Church.

This Adult Bible Study is for EVERYONE whether you read the Bible daily or you just dabble in reading it every now and then. I would invite you to come and explore the stories of our faith in a way that is open to discussion and learning not just from the text or textbook but each other as well. We will be using a study guide called “The Greatest Story”. IF you are interested in attending the class, please join me for the **FIRST CLASS on Tuesday, September 7 at 2:00pm**. IF you are interested, but would prefer to join us on Zoom, please let me know ASAP so that I can get that set up and send you the invitation to join us.

Adult Faith Formation...because no matter how old our driver’s license says we might be...we never age-out of growing as disciples of Christ!

Pr. Karen



**Lutherhill Ministries 15th Annual
S'mores & Champagne Gala**

Saturday, September 11, 2021

In Person: 6:00pm at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott
Virtual: 7:00pm from the comfort of your own home



RSVP by August 28th
www.lutherhill.org/gala for more information



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**Zion Lutheran Church
Thrivent Committee**

Purpose

+To oversee and recommend the disbursement of Thrivent Choice Dollars generously donated by Thrivent members both within and beyond this faith community. Thrivent Choice Dollars are to be used for ministry and mission project ideas to be used to serve our neighbors in need. Thrivent Choice Dollars are not to be used for budgeted line items.

The Committee

+Members are: Herbert Hardan, Walline Lorenz, Dinah Niemeyer and Carol Gaskamp.

+Marvin Spreen, Thrivent Representative and member of Zion, serves as Advisor to the committee

+Members are volunteers; no term limits; no rotation.

+The Committee meets on an “as needed” basis when they have an application to approve.

History

+Committee was formed with the approval of the Church Council on April 11, 2018.

+At that point in time, the Choice Dollars were commingled with the Building Fund.

+The Thrivent Committee requested that \$50,000 Choice Dollars be transferred to a new account titled “Zion Lutheran Choice Dollars”.

+Future Choice Dollars were to be put directly into this account.

Disbursement of Funds

+Individuals and/or groups from Zion can request funds for use for ministry provided they fill out an application form and return it to the Thrivent Committee.

+Applications can be requested from the Church Secretary during Church Office business hours.

+The Committee can approve disbursements up to \$500.00.

+If the request is over \$500.00, then the Committee makes a recommendation to the Church Council for final approval and disbursement.

+When a check is issued, it must have TWO signatures. ONE of those signatures must be from the Church Treasurer.

Updated description 8/24/2021



Zion's Fall Fundraiser

*Join your family, friends & neighbors of Zion Lutheran Church at
Smitty's Cafe on Hwy 290 , Friday, OCTOBER 29th for a Chicken Fried
Steak Meal!*

Drive thru: 4 - 6 pm

Dine In & Entertainment: 6 – 9 pm

Tickets \$14/each

*Volunteers are needed as well as Raffle Items! Contact Matt Supak
(979-203-4533) if you can help!*



The youth led worship service on Youth Sunday, August 15th! Great job

Save the date: October 31st

Join us on Sunday, October 31 for worship and after for a Reformation kind of day!!



Congratulations to these three ladies headed to the college of their dreams and Zion's scholarship youth!
Jenna Hardy - Texas A&M
Cara Davis - Texas A&M
Arabella Maitland - Louisiana State University



Thank you for supporting our mission team youth by buying a ticket for some yummy chicken fried steaks made by Smitty's Cafe! What a successful event it was!



The 2021 Mission trip team that traveled to Loveland, Colorado. What an awesome and spiritual trip this was! The youth were amazing as they helped out at High Pointe Facility, a place where the clients with disabilities come for learning skills and games of all sorts. If you want to hear more - you can ask Mason Elledge, Cody Supak, Jill Rosenbaum, Leah Blum, Gavin Blum, Brazos Supak, Chadd Neumann, Nathan Simons or Cindy Lyles! Thank you all for your support!

OUR STAFF & STUDENTS THAT ATTENDED VBS







Attendance

Date	Worship In-house	Worship Mail-outs	Sunday school
8/01	105	25	11
8/08	62	25	9
8/15	58	25	9
8/22	83	25	7

Elvera Drews
 M/M Alton Moellering
 Earl Roemer family
 M.T. Schultz family
 M/M Rickey Gaskamp
 M/M Frank Zapalac, Jr.
 M/M Elroy Maass
 Marvin Spreen

Offerings

Date	Regular	Memorials
8/01	3823. 00	50. 00
8/08	3105. 00	540. 00
8/15	1856. 00	0
8/22	4366. 57	120. 00

Lucille Kelm
 Zion Bluebonnet Club

Arnold Knuppel
 Marvin Spreen

Denise Ebert
 Marvin Spreen

John Hermann
 M/M David Buck

Joyce Rust
 M/M James Vaughn
 M/M Larry Koehler
 M/M Elroy Maass

Leon Thiel
 Billy Lehde

Marvin Jurries
 M/M James Vaughn

Mathilda Sommerlatte
 M/M James Vaughn

Milton & Evelyn Haack
 M/M Aubert Jaeger

Ona Lange
 Marvin Spreen

Robert "Bob" Van Lenten
 M/M Larry Koehler

Wilbert Meier
 Mary Lee Schneider



Viola Weiss

Nina Runge
 M/M Don Lyles
 M/M E.F. Marburger
 Bluebonnet Club
 Jo Ann Reimer
 M/M Paul Cmajdalka
 Bobbie Ising
 Carolyn Heidemann
 Shirley Cmajdalka
 M/M Allan Niemeyer
 Robert Rippenhagen, Jr.
 Women of Zion
 M/M Aubert Jaeger
 Veradell Lehde



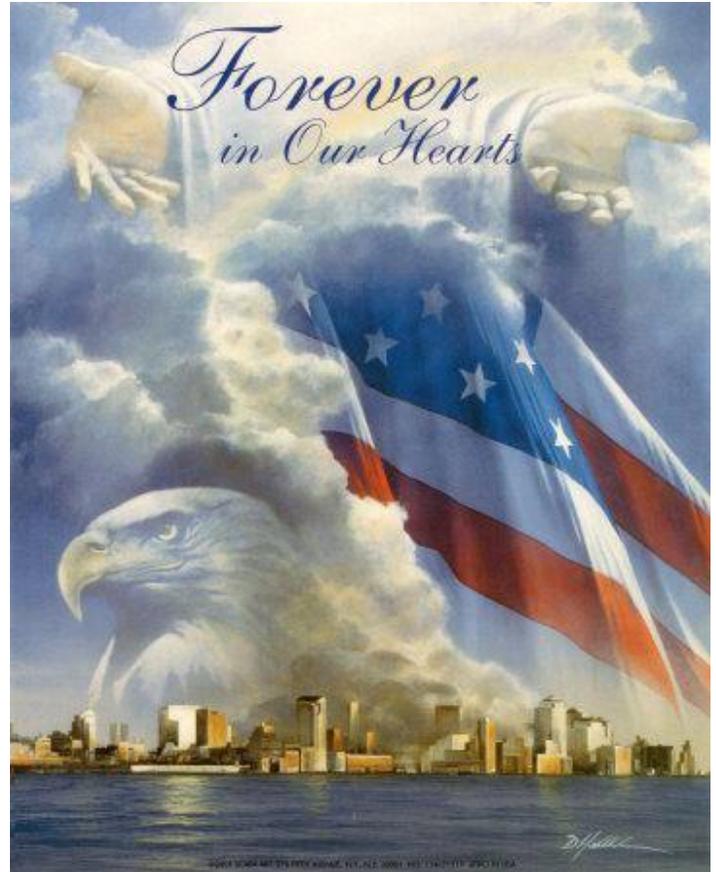
Prayers thru the last month of August have gone out to:

Family of Viola Weiss
Family of Emil Sodolak
Family of Cynthia Jackson
Family of Susan Pepper
Family of Marvin Jurries
Family of Rev. Gene Timm
Family of Joyce Rust
Laverne Blum
Gertrude Krinke
Veradell Lehde
Sue Maass
Marvin Marburger
Jane Pederson
Jannet Rosenbaum
Matt Grant
Levonne Hegefeld
Pat Joswiak
Keith Korth
Darrell Meyer
Cameron Lane Wilson
Herbert Rust

And continue to hold in your prayers:

*Zion's Call Committee; Shane Bentke, Melisa Bosse, Herbert Hardan, Trey Hardy, Melonie Rau, Gary Wagner, and Lori Wittner.

*The Future Called Pastor of Zion and his/her family.





Shane Hahn	1-Sep
David Lange	4-Sep
Karen Buck	6-Sep
Robert Ziese	6-Sep
Allison K. Crowson	7-Sep
Mary Kelm	8-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
Myles Niemeyer	11-Sep
Fred Rau	11-Sep
Kyla Goebel	12-Sep
Curtis Meyer	13-Sep
Lauren Pepper	13-Sep
Dane Rau	13-Sep
Kailyn Neumann	15-Sep
Jerry Pederson	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

James and Joyce Pelkemeyer	5-Sep
Craig and Kathy Blum	6-Sep
Ricky and Nancy Buro	6-Sep
Kyla and Reese Goebel	9-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
Robert and Judy Jeske	18-Sep
Paul and Kim Cmajdalka	26-Sep
Elroy and Carolyn Sue Maass	30-Sep

Dylan Bentke	1-Sep
Florence Borchardt	1-Sep
Theresa Orts	1-Sep
Brandon Keller	2-Sep
Erin Keller	3-Sep
Presley Wellmann	3-Sep
Ruth Free	4-Sep
Julie Maass	4-Sep
Marvin Marburger	8-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
Marci Raley	21-Sep
Andrew Cmajdalka	25-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
Jannet Rosenbaum	29-Sep



Articles for the October 2021 newsletter must be received by September 22nd. Thank you!


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