

“SHARING THE GOOD NEWS”  
**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**



**Wednesday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup>** -All  
Committees' meetings @ 7 pm  
**Thursday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>** - Ruth Circle  
meeting @ 11 am  
**Sept 10-17** – Washington County  
Fsrir Week  
**Monday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>** – Monday  
w/MayDell 10am – 12 noon  
**Tuesday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>** – 4H Club  
meeting @ 7 pm  
**Wednesday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>** – Church  
Council meeting @ 6 pm  
**Wednesday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>** – Naomi  
Circle meeting @ 6:30 pm

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**Homebound**

Charlie Bentke  
Elverna Borchardt  
Gene (JoAnn) Draehn  
Laverne Ganske  
Dorothy & Bradley Grimm  
John & Darleen Hardin  
Josephine Helm  
Gertrude Krinke  
Weldon & Marjorie Krinke  
Veradell Lehde  
Alice Macik  
Joyce Marburger  
Bobby & Mary Lee Mertz  
Joyce Meyer  
LaVerna Schiller  
Glenn Schroeder  
Erna Seilheimer  
Nathan & Carolyn Zibilski

**Brenham Nursing & Rehab**

Jannet Rosenbaum

**Encompass Health & Rehab**

Glenn Schroeder

**Isle @ Watercrest** (in C/S)

Alvin & Ruth Free

**Kruse Village**

LaVerne Blum  
Gracy Lange  
Evelyn Plueckhahn

**Magnolia Assisted Living**

Cn'tr/Bellville, Tx  
Doris Blum  
Leroy Hodde

**Oak Haven Assisted Living**

Bernice Vaughn (Industry)

**Silver Sage Assisted Living**

Florence Borchardt  
Mary Lee Schneider



**2022 Council Members**

President: Marvin Spreen  
(979) 277-5956  
Vice President:  
Doris Redman  
(979) 777-5952  
Secretary: Liz Capan  
(979) 661-9047  
Treasurer: Sandy Blum  
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Witness: Chadd Neumann  
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Bldg/Grounds: Jason Blum  
(979) 203-9380  
Parish Ed: Stacy Hardy  
(979) 421-2932  
Worship: Joyce Boeker  
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Stewardship: Matt Supak  
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# Monthly Meeting of Zion Lutheran Church Council

Date: August 17, 2022

Current Membership  
415 Baptized, 344 Confirmed

*Executive Committee: Marvin Spreen (President), n/a (Vice President),  
Liz Capan (Sec), Sandy Blum (Tres),*

*Board Chairs: Chadd Neumann (Witness), Matt Supak (Stewardship), Jason Blum (Bldg/Grounds),  
Stacy Hardy (Parish Ed), Joyce Boeker (Worship)*

**Attendance:** Church Staff: Pastor Glenn Hohlt

Executive Committee: Present : Marvin Spreen, Liz Capan

Absent: Sandy Blum

Board Chairs: All Present: Chadd Neuman, Matt Supak, Jason Blum, Joyce Boeker, Stacy Hardy.

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Glenn

## Reports

- Financial Report –Presented by Marvin, budget was reviewed and approved.
- Approval of minutes of previous meeting

## Committee reports

➤ Pastor's Report –Pastor Glenn

- Worship Service:

July 24, July 31, August 7, August 14.

- VBS Sunday
- Camp Presentations
- Blessing of the Backpacks

- Robert Jeske

This month Pastor Glenn attended hospital visitations, family visitations, Funeral home planning, and visitation at the funeral home.

August 5- Funeral

- Pastor Glenn drove to Magnolia Assisted Living only to find they are closed to outside visitors due to Covid until further notice- he visited via telephone.
- Confirmation planning meeting with Mary Keienburg –they will be team teaching.
- Pastor Glenn received a call from a member of his previous congregation to preside over a funeral, however, due to church agreement when he left - he had to decline.
- Prayer with a member before surgery.
- God's Work Our Hands-new insight; previously youth led.
- Upcoming

- August 30 Zoom meeting required by ELCA; sponsored by Gulf Coast Synod: Boundaries Training; no cost.
  - While Pastor Glenn is busy at church he is also taking steps to care for his Mom. He had a Care Plan meeting with his family.
  - Time in prayer and meditation.
  - Mental Health Committee- Research is provided by: Barna Group is a visionary research and resource company located in Ventura, California. Started in 1984, the firm is widely considered to be a leading research organization focused on the intersection of faith and culture. Pastor Glenn participates in a regular counseling relationship processing family systems issues and their effect on his ability to provide pastoral leadership.

➤ Building-Grounds-Jason Blum

- Trees around church have been trimmed.
- The ones along the highway need to be professionally trimmed. Two bids have been received. Council voted to accept the bid from Prestige Tree Trimming. They will trim twenty three trees and haul debris away.
- Front door lock still needs to be fixed. The parts required have been ordered waiting for arrival.

➤ Parish Education-Stacy Hardy

- Discussed plan for Confirmation. Mary Keienburg and Pastor Hohlt will share the teaching duties. Mary will reach out to parents to find the best day and time to have classes. Kickoff event will be held on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> and will include a dinner for the confirmation families.
- Discussed ideas for a fun event in October for the confirmation students. Ideas included a progressive dinner, dinner and games at church member's home, or a scavenger hunt around the Zionsville community.
- Christmas Caroling is planned for December 4<sup>th</sup> or December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussed possible worship and/or lunch plans for Reformation Sunday.
- College Scholarship
  - Nine letters were sent to senior high school student members explaining the qualifications to receive a College Scholarship from Zion.

➤ Stewardship-Matt Supak

- Fall Fund Raiser
  - It was decided there would not be a Fall Fund Raiser this year. Other options were discussed.
  - Matt discussed getting Tithely slide made to be seen during service worship hour so more people would know we have on-line giving. I asked Steve Capan since he has media for next Sunday and he has inserted a slide for Tithely in the pre service (8:30-8:58am) and

during the church service's offering. He will speak to the media group to continue this slide in the future.

➤ Witness-Chadd Neumann

- Birthday cards for August have been sent out to Homebound members.
- Placed an Ad in the Banner Press, due to an over sight by Banner Press the money was returned and the ad was printed at a later date for free.

➤ Worship-Joyce Boeker

- Communion
  - Communion will continue to be served at the altar. Serving an average of 75-80 people per Sunday.
- Landscaping- Joyce Boeker and Janice Rau
  - Flower bed beautification- a bid has been received to prepare the beds for planting. Joyce will submit a form to Thrivent to request funds for the project.

➤ President-Marvin Spreen

- Air Conditioner Unit- On July 24 at the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Marvin ask for approval to go forward with the best bid to replace the air conditioning unit since there is over \$120,000 in the building fund. A motion of authority was made and second. Congregation approved. A bid of \$29,300 was the only bid at the time.
  - Marvin has received a second bid for comparison.
  - Council approved going with Brenham Heating and Air. The bid was for \$29,300 if the unit is not in the warehouse it will be next year before installation.
- Roof repair
  - Although we are not replacing our roof in the near future another company has been contacted and they offered to make a bid on the roof. Marvin met with them and has received their offer. This with other bids will be revisited when time comes to replace or fix the roof if it should start to leak again. It's always good to have multiple contacts and bids when needed.
- Youth Gatherings
  - Pastor Cindy Robles from Greenvine has invited our youth to join Greenvine and Rehburg to participate in youth gatherings. She requested a point of contact person-Matt Supak will ask Bobbi Jo if she would serve as contact person.
- Church Insurance Policy renewal was approved.

➤ Closing prayer: Lord's Prayer led by Marvin.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Capan*



## ***Faithful or Fitting In***

Being in the midst of the call process with no current prospective candidates can be an anxiety producing environment. How can we learn and grow during this experience rather than simply treading water while we wait? Let go and let God! We begin with God's promises, including the promise that God will provide. The Moses story is about God's people learning to trust God.

Having interviewed a number of candidates and not found someone suitable to be the next pastor my observation is that the call committee has a particular candidate in mind. I applaud their faithfulness to the process.

Many of you have expressed your desire for me to drop the 'interim' part of my call and replace it with 'permanent.' I'm extremely flattered and blessed to have that type of affirmation from you as I serve as your interim pastor. Aside from the fact that the you and I both made a promise at my installation to the contrary (it wasn't lost on me that not everyone responded, haha), the reality is that I'm effectively not in a place in my journey at this time to do that, and no amount of encouragement on your part is going to change that reality.

However, I would like for you to think about why you would want me as your permanent pastor? Because in my 25 years of experience, I have seen many congregations call pastors for the wrong reasons. One of those reasons is the anxiety of the interim period. I also wonder if one of those reasons is that for the most part, I fit in. I grew up in the area, I'm an approachable person, and my expertise is in pastoral care and counseling-that means I often look FIRST to affirm people where they are.

But what about a pastor who challenges you, the way Jesus challenged the religious of his time! In this cultural environment where we tend to gravitate toward like-minded people, have we lost sight of Jesus' counter cultural, anti-organized religion, law breaking, table turning-over...his eating with tax collectors, prostitutes, lepers, outcasts, unreligious, non-church-going, people of poverty. Have we become more like an exclusive club where people who look alike and think alike and fit in gather once a week to affirm our likenesses? Yes, we SAY that we all are welcome, (Paraphrase of Matthew 7:21-Not everyone who says Lord, Lord, is DOING kingdom of God work) but hospitality is more than a slogan.

Hospitality is dying to self (Matthew 16:24-deny yourself take up Jesus' cross, i.e. his way of being in the world) to follow Jesus. Hospitality is setting aside our focus on inside/outside to engage all people on a deep level, especially those who are unlike us, going beyond the superficial to the spiritual: relationships, value, purpose.

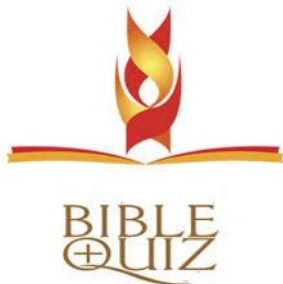
Are we ready to be challenged by Jesus' radical hospitality, i.e., truly welcoming everyone, not just those who fit in to our definition of faithful? Are we praying for a pastor who does more than fit in, living out baptismal and ordination vows? At the installation of your next called pastor, that person will promise to: (Will you) preach and teach in accordance with the holy

scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church? (Will you) carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America? \*

Are we looking for a pastor who by remaining faithful to scripture and confessions may challenge some of what we have always believed about scripture? Are we looking for a pastor who lives, proclaims, and teaches in harmony with the constitutions of the ELCA? Or do we want a leader who fits in, never challenging our human tendency to create an image of God who likes and dislikes the same people and things that we like and dislike? While Jesus walked this earth when individuals were separated as insiders and outsiders, Jesus was, and will always be on the side of the outsiders! Something to ponder.

*\*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Evangelical Lutheran Worship Occasional Services for the Assembly (Kindle Locations 3353-3354). Augsburg Fortress Publishers.*

*Pastor Glenn*



Questions:

1. How did the people listening to the Sermon on the Mount view Jesus' teachings?
2. What does faith require to make it a living faith?
3. What did Jesus say you should do if someone asks you to go with them for a mile?
4. In the parable of the grain of mustard seed, when it becomes a tree birds come and do what?
5. The field that Judas Iscariot purchased with his betrayal money was called Aceldama, but as what was it also known?

**1.** He taught as one with authority [Matt7:29] **2.** Works [Jam 2:17] **3.** Go with them for two miles [Matt 5:41]  
**4.** Build nests [Matt 13:32] **5.** Field of blood [Acts 1:19]



*News  
from  
the  
Call  
Committee*

## **Call Committee Update**

August 21, 2022

Since the completion of the ministry site profile in February 2021, the Call Committee interviewed 15 candidates. The committee extended an invitation for a second interview to four of these 15 candidates. One of these four candidates came for an onsite interview and was subsequently released by Zion, two of the candidates withdrew their name because either their spouse accepted a lucrative position advancing their career or the candidate accepted a call with another congregation, and one of the candidates would not respond timely to communications regarding a second interview.

In communications with the Synod this summer, the Bishop's associate stated that many of those available for a call are near retirement or they are a part of a clergy couple who needs two calls near each other. Other candidates are choosing to interview elsewhere before considering a Texas call or a rural call.

At the beginning of August 2022, the Synod database of pastors indicated that there were 420 pastors available for a call which equates to one pastor for every four open calls in the ELCA. When the call process started at the end of February 2021, there were nearly 2,000 candidates available for call. With the pool of candidates being much smaller, the Synod has not had any candidates to offer Zion.

The Synod will provide the names of additional candidates as they become available.

We appreciate everyone's continued support, patience, and prayers during this time.

Zion Call Committee

Shane Bentke, Melisa Bosse, Trey Hardy, Melonie Rau, Gary Wagner and Lori Wittner

# Updates from the Church Office:



*All our ladies enjoying the “Olde Time Religion” worship service with their “Old Time” fashion bonnets!*

*A Gentle  
reminder*

***If you're interested in donating or just attending: Don't forget!  
Cross Trails Ministry Fall Festival Quilt Show & Auction  
Online & in person, September 17, 2022  
Fredericksburg Marketplatz***

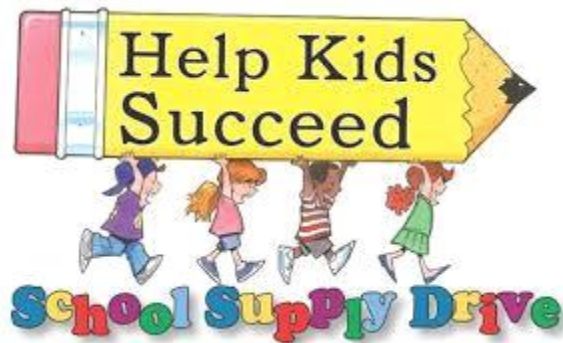
*If you or someone you know would like to donate quilts to the auction, please contact  
Jessica Pina, outreach director, by email for more information at  
[Jessica@crosstrails.org](mailto:Jessica@crosstrails.org)*





Come for SUNDAY SCHOOL!  
In *God's Wonder Lab*  
we are learning that Jesus does the impossible  
by exploring Bible stories where Jesus does marvelous things.  
We are learning about the vast and amazing love that God has for each of us!

Continuing through September



**Help stock the shelves - School supply drive for Burton  
I.S.D.**

**Collection ends September 4<sup>th</sup>**



Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, some of the youth that attended Lutherhill and shared their experiences during the worship service:

Pictured are:

Tyler Ramirez, Shelby McKee, Erin Keller, Leah Hardy and Tyson Ramirez

# Having fun during summer camp @ Lutherhill



*Lauren Pepper & Erin Keller*



*Brazos Supak*



*Ella Pieper*



*Tyler & Tyson Ramirez*



*Shelby McKee*



*Nate Rau & Luke Hardy*



*Gavin Blum*

*In Loving Memory*



**Alton Seilheimer**

Bobbi Ising  
M/M Elroy Maass  
Kathy Stelter  
M/M Fred Rau  
M/M Paul Cmajdalka

**Marvin Marburger**

M/M Charles Hahn  
Gertrude Krinke  
M/M Clinton Kettler  
Hoya & Angie Ash family  
M/M Fred Rau  
Bobbie Ising  
M/M David Buck  
Blue Bell Creameries  
JoAnn Brieden  
M/M Craig Conner  
Joyce Boeker  
M/M Gary Grantham  
M/M Don Studhalter  
Kathy Stelter  
M/M Gary Knebel  
M/M Herbert Klatte, Jr.  
M/M Larry Koehler  
M/M Michael Mueller  
Ruth Maass  
M/M Nathan Zibilski  
M/M Paul Cmajdalka  
M/M Randal Hoppens  
Ruby Juergens Renck & family

**Robert Jeske**

M/M Allan Niemeyer  
Natalie Bell  
M/M Bruce Kettler  
M/M Charles Hahn  
Penny Spreen  
M/M Steve Capan  
M/M Clarence Gerke  
M/M Craig Blum

Ron & Lisa Kuecker  
Marvin Spreen  
M/M Craig Conner  
M/M David Blum  
Mattie Thompson  
M/M Don Studhalter  
Lynette Pledger  
M/M David Buck  
M/M E.F. Marburger  
M/M Fred Rau  
M/M Elroy Maass  
Joyce Boeker  
Minnie Bostock  
M/M Gary Dannhaus  
M/M Emery Schulze  
M/M Gary Wagner  
Ruth Maass  
Sandy Gaskamp  
M/M Gene Draehn  
M/M George Lorenz  
Susan Bame  
M/M Glenn Bain  
M/M James Vaughn  
M/M Jerry Merten  
Birdie Sommerfeld  
Carolyn Heidemann  
M/M John Keienburg  
Bobbie Ising  
M/M John Wegner  
M/M Larry Blum  
Connie Gaskamp  
M/M Larry Henske  
Dorothy Wiesepape  
Earline Moody  
M/M Leroy Hodde  
M/M Mark Buck  
Elvera Drews  
M/M Michael McIntyre  
M/M Paul Cmajdalka  
John Linnstaedter family  
M/M Richard McCord  
Gary Schulze  
M/M Ricky Bosse  
M/M Rickey Gaskamp  
Imogene Laws  
M/M Robert Neuendorff  
M/M Robert Ziese  
John Kruse  
M/M Ronnie Hohlt & family  
M/M Samuel Furman

**Elois Glover**

M/M Larry Koehler

**Vernon Lehde**

Elvera Drews  
M/M Gary Dannhaus  
Gertrude Krinke  
M/M Nathan Zibilski

**Leroy Loesch**

Bobbi Ising  
M/M Charles Hahn  
Marvin Spreen

**Ruth Loesch**

Bobbie Ising  
M/M Charles Hahn  
Marvin Spreen  
Gertrude Krinke



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

Lanie Blum  
Mason Elledge  
Shirley Ganske  
Marjorie Krinke  
Alice Macik  
Nick Neumann  
Jannet Rosenbaum  
LaVerna Schiller  
Mary Lee Schneider  
Gloria Stoddard  
Dean Winkelmann  
Nathan & Carolyn Zibilski  
Stephen Broussard  
Wayne Fuchs  
Mark Marburger  
Darrell Meyer  
Inell Partin  
Lorilai Schultz  
Tommy Supak  
Sandra Zettle

**And continue to hold in your prayers:**

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

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

# Attendance

Date	Worship in-house	Worship Mail-out	Sunday School
7/31	87	31	11
08-07	74	31	8
08-14	80	31	0
08-21	75	31	9
8-28	10*9	31	15

# Offerings

Date	Regular	Memorials
7/31	5782.38	0
08-07	4178.00	135.00
08-14	2834.68	260.00
08-21	2135.00	625.00
08-28	3385.00	25.00



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

Elroy Maass  
Marvin Marburger  
Alton Seilheimer



Articles for the October newsletter must be submitted by September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank You



*Patriot Day, September 11<sup>th</sup>*

Happy  
Birthday

My   
Baptism  
DAY

Happy  
anniversary

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
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

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
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

Craig and Kathy Blum	6-Sep
Ricky and Nancy Buro	6-Sep
Reese and Kyla Goebel	9-Sep
Thomas and Kelly Pohorelsky	9-Sep
Roy and Linda Boehnemann	11-Sep
Erwin and Allyne Emshoff	15-Sep
Paul and Kim Cmajdalka	26-Sep
Elroy and Carolyn Sue Maass	30-Sep





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