

“SHARING THE GOOD NEWS”

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Wednesday, Nov 2nd -All Committees' meetings @ 7 pm
Nov 2nd - Confirmation Class
4:15-5:45

Saturday, Nov 5th – Lutheran World Relief annual pick-up at Zion 8 am till 10:30 am

Tuesday, Nov 8th – 4H Club meeting @ 7 pm

Thursday, Nov 10th – Ruth Circle @ 11 am

Monday, Nov 14th – Monday w/MayDell 10am – 12 noon

Wednesday, Nov 16th – Church Council meeting @ 6 pm

Nov 16th - Confirmation Class 4:15-5:45

Nov 24th & 25th – Church offices closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Nov 30th - Confirmation Class 4:15-5:45

Sunday, Dec 11th – Congregational Meeting following worship service

NOTE: Due to the Thanksgiving Holidays – the Naomi Circle meeting for November has been moved to November 30th.

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
Bobby & Mary Lee Mertz
Joyce Meyer
Jannet Rosenbaum
LaVerna Schiller
Nathan & Carolyn Zibilski

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
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Vice President:
n/a

Secretary: Liz Capan
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Parish Ed: Stacy Hardy
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Worship: Joyce Boeker
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Stewardship: Matt Supak
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Monthly Meeting of Zion Lutheran Church Council

Date: October 19, 2022

Current Membership
412 Baptized, 343 Confirmed

Attendance: Church Staff: Pastor Glenn Hohlt

Executive Committee: Present: Marvin Spreen, Liz Capan, Sandy Blum

Board Chairs: Present: Matt Supak, Joyce Boeker, Stacy Hardy.

Absent: Jason Blum, Chadd Neuman

Opening Prayer: Pastor Glenn

Reports

- Financial Report –Presented by Sandy Blum, the report was reviewed and approved.
- Approval of minutes of previous meeting

Committee reports

- Pastor's Report –Pastor Glenn
 - Worship Service:
September 25, October 2, October 9, October 16.
 - Pastor Glenn seems to be fully recovered from Covid he is back to his usual busy self.
 - Reading sermon reports from confirmation students.
 - Newsletter article
 - Sermon preparation
 - Computer setup
 - Donnie made business cards for Pastor Glenn to leave when visiting members at assisted living so that family would know that he had visited their love one. He received a thank you from a family member and was very grateful.
 - Seminary student supervision.
 - Beer and hymns-publicity
 - Kruse Village-nursing home communion.
 - Burton-National night out
 - Donation from home loan-Burton Bridge Ministry
 - Hospital visit via telephone
 - New member visit
 - Ordered Grief materials from Thrivent; Grieving with Hope and Step by Step
 - Member visit –outreach
 - Around the Synod-Weekly News from Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod (TLGCS)
 - Connections-monthly newsletter from TLGCS .
 - Contacted Association of Lutheran Church Musicians for possible membership.
 - Blessing of Health Kits discussion.

- Invitation to Burton Bridge Advisory Board meeting to participate October 29, 10- 12pm at Greenvine Baptist Church.
- Vacation request-November 20-23 Donna Krueger, TEEM (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries) candidate is available for Sunday service on November 20.
Council approved for her to preside Sunday, November 20 for Pastor Glenn.
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- Building-Grounds-Jason Blum absent. Marvin said the parts for the front door are still on order.
- Parish Education-Stacy Hardy
 - We have looked at the budget for next year and made a few changes. A copy was given to Sandy Blum.

Month of October

- October 9
 - Acolyte training was led by Judy Jeske.
 - Hayride/Games & Scavenger Hunt/Pizza for confirmation class
- October 30
 - 3rd grade Bible presentation

Month of December

- December 3
 - Zion will have a float in the Brenham Christmas Parade -Cindy Lyles will be in charge.
The float's theme is "Frosty the Snowman" all congregation members are invited to participate.
- December 11
 - Caroling
- December 18
 - Drive Thru Nativity –Looking at adding more stations
- Stewardship-Matt Supak
 - Pastor Glenn's 25th Ordination Anniversary is scheduled for December 11.
 - Matt will check on ordering chicken for the lunch. Monies will be used from Fellowship/Hospitality budget.
 - We will have a Pot Luck for members to bring sides and desserts.
 - Church will furnish tea.
- Witness-Chadd Neumann-absent. Message from Marvin-No banner press ad due to cost.
- Worship-Joyce Boeker
 - Committee will be putting Prayer request and pencils back in the pews after taking them out during covid.
 - Communion is staying the same we did have one Sunday with over a hundred in attendance.
 - On line attendance for the month
 - September 25, 29 views
 - October 2, 23 views
 - October 9, 17 views
 - October 16, 20 views

- Worship Committee would like to get the service to those that do not have internet as of right now they only receive a bulletin total 37.
- Poinsettias are \$12.00 each –available to order by congregation until December 12.
- Landscaping-Joyce Boeker and Janice Rau
 - Phase 1-Main flower bed is in and completed. Looks beautiful.
 - Phase2- Still work in progress
 - Judy Jeske has donated \$1,500 as a Memorial for Robert Jeske to landscaping committee.
- From the President-Marvin Spreen
 - Discussed Pastor Glenn’s contract extension for next 6 months-approved and signed by council
 - Scheduled a date for observance of Pastor Glenn’s 25th Ordination Anniversary-Sunday, December 11.
 - Pastor Tracey from the synod office will be here and preside over the service. Bishop Mike Rinehart was unable to attend.
 - After the service we will have a congregational meeting to approve the budget for the next year and elect new council members. Then the congregation is welcome to join Pastor Glenn in the Family Life Center for a Pot luck meal to celebrate his 25th Ordination Anniversary.
 - Budget discussion for 2023.
- Closing prayer: Lord’s Prayer led by Marvin.

*Respectfully submitted,
Liz Capan*



Questions:

1. How did the wise men know that the King of the Jews had been born?
2. What test did Elijah set the prophets of Baal, which failed, proving their god to be false?
3. Who was the tax collector that climbed up a tree so he could see Jesus?
4. What is Jesus’ final commission to his disciples?
5. The Lord said that Jacob and Esau were two what in the womb?

1. They saw a star in the East [Matt 2:2] **2.** Lighting a fire under the sacrifice on the altar [1 Ki 18:24]
3. Zacchaeus [Luke 19:5] **4.** 17] **4.** Teach all nations, baptizing them [Matt 28:19] **5.** Nations [Gen 25:23]



From The Interim Pastor's Desk

Justice and Justification

Our first thought about justice is the courtroom and people receiving punishment for some law they broke. That's also how justice is mostly perceived throughout the Old Testament (maybe a better phrase is Hebrew Scriptures). From a particularly simplistic perspective, God's Chosen discerned the state of the relationship between God and God's people by safety, security, prosperity, what we sometimes call blessings.

We proclaim that Jesus ushered in a new way to be in relationship with God and therefore with one another: the new covenant. This new covenant is not like the old one. Jesus tells us and shows us how this new covenant works. First, God writes God's laws upon our hearts...not stone tablets. Consider the difference between stone tablets and our hearts: one is solid, unchanging, cold, unmoving while the other is constantly moving, blood, oxygen, nutrients throughout our body...a living organism.

Which one are we like? In this month of Reformation, re-forming, as we begin the process of acknowledging what the pandemic has done personally and corporately, we have an opportunity to show the world what it means to 'engage the world with God's amazing grace.'

Did you know that what we do on Sunday morning is meant, on one level, a practice of how we live our everyday lives? When we participate in confession and forgiveness, we are practicing the act of forgiveness that is part of the light we are challenged to share so that others may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

We repent, from the Greek *metanoia*-to change our minds-from one way of thinking-it's all up to us-to another way of thinking-it's all up to God. Without ever doing anything in between confession and forgiveness, we hear God's promise: in the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Have you ever thought why we have the sharing of the peace directly after confession and forgiveness?

Once again, it's partly because we don't do anything to receive the peace that is forgiveness. It's given to us. This is Luther's understanding of justification by grace through faith. Through one man, (Adam/Eve) sin came into the world and through one man, (Jesus), forgiveness came into the world. We are justified, justice is served, righteousness happens, justification is given-grace, free, God's gift to us, and we believe it, trust it, live as if it's true because it's God's promise, God's word-faith! We believe it not because of blind faith, but because we have seen and heard what God has been doing

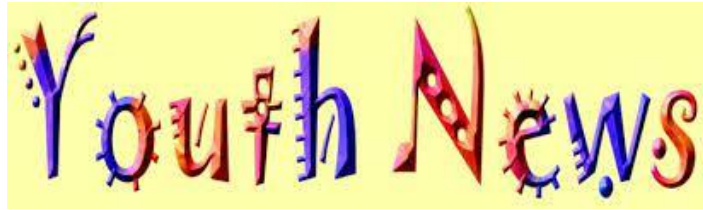
throughout history, from the very beginning until now, and trust that God will continue into the future loving the world, all people.

October is Reformation month for many in the Protestant denominations. To live by faith, justified by grace, a free gift of God is a protest against the kingdom of this world. November begins with All Saints Sunday where we give thanks for all those who persevered in faith so that we may be inspired to continue living into God's gracious promise! Happy Fall, Ya'll!

Pastor Glenn



Having fun at Mondays with May Dell luncheon



SAVE THE DATES:

December 3rd – Zion will have a float in the Brenham Christmas Parade. Cindy Lyles is taking charge of this event. The float's theme is "Frost the Snowman". All congregation members are invited to participate.

December 11th – Christmas Caroling to Zion's homebound members.

December 18th – Zion's Drive-Thru Nativity. Lots of volunteers are needed to present this event to the community. Please consider participating...children, youth and adults.

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON REGARDING THESE EVENTS!

The Parish Ed Committee sponsored a fun night for the Confirmation class on October 9th. Riding on a trailer with beanbags the group traveled to several homes of Zion members in the Zionsville area for fun and games, then returned to the church for a scavenger hunt and pizza dinner.

Many thanks to Gary and Linda Wagner for the trailer and to Gary for driving the truck. We visited the Ramirez family where the group flew kites; then on to Fred and Janice Rau's home where we all played catch with laundry baskets and rubber chickens; next we joined Craig & Lisa Conner where the group played cornhole and marshmallow games plus enjoying nachos.

Thanks to Beverly Roehling for having pizza ready when we returned to the church.

Special thanks to Linda Wagner and Beverly Roehling for organizing the event.

Mary Keienburg (I had a great time accompanying the group and being the photographer)

Confirmation Class Fun Night









Don't Forget!!! If you have you ever wanted to visit the "Painted Churches of Schulenburg" - Well now you can. Join us December 12th for a day trip by coach bus to venture over and see the 5 churches and then enjoy a lunch at Oak Ridge Smokehouse! Cost for the meal and trip is \$25/person.

This will be our Mondays with MayDell get together for December. Please RSVP to Allison Crowson @ 979-277-5768 ASAP, the mini-charter bus only holds 40 passengers so don't delay!

Reminder: Burton Bridge Ministry's Advent Project
Bags & grocery lists are available for pick-up in the narthex



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.





Robert Jeske
Jeske family
Janet L. Haynes

Luther Draehn
M/M Gary Dannhaus

Mack Machacek
M/M David Buck

Ella Mae Love
M/M James Vaughn

Betty Yoakum
M/M James Vaughn

Wayne Fuchs
Lynlee Kocurek
Darrell Meyer
Lorilai Schultz
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	On-Line
10/02	66	31	8	23
10/09	91	31	15	17
10/16	70	31	6	23
10/23	72	31	9	8

Offerings

Date	Regular	Memorials
10/02	6588.68	30.00
10/09	3623.68	1500.00
10/16	2433.68	72.52
10/23	3268.68	20.00



Articles for the December newsletter must be submitted by November 21st. Thank You

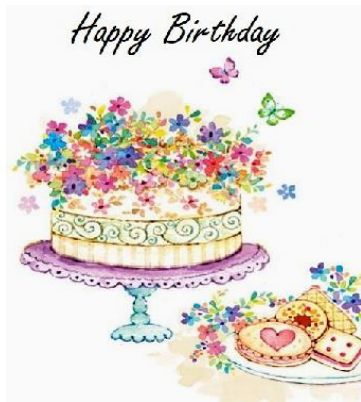


Prayers thru the last month of September have gone out to:

Family & friends of Luther Draehn
Lanie Blum
Shirley Ganske
Kurt, Lisa & Baby Dawson Jaskiski
Marjorie Krinke
Holly Lehde
Alice Macik
Jannet Rosenbaum
LaVerna Schiller
Dean Winkelmann
Nathan & Carolyn Zibilski
Stephen Broussard
Charlotte Chavez

Special Anniversary Celebration:

On December 11th we will observe and celebrate Pastor Glenn's 25th Ordination anniversary. Pastor Tracey Breashears Schultz from the synod office will be here to conduct the morning worship service. After worship, we will have our annual December Congregational meeting to elect new council members and approve our 2023 budget. Following the meeting, we will have a pot luck luncheon to celebrate with Pastor Glenn. Please bring a side dish or dessert if you plan to attend (Zion will provide the meat dish). There will be a sign-up sheet available in the foyer. We hope everyone will be available to attend and make this an extra special occasion for Pastor Glenn



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Jerry Kunkel	3-Nov
Kerstynn Meyer	4-Nov
Kathy Stelter	6-Nov
Avery Maass	7-Nov
Patricia Donnell	9-Nov
Mary Lee Schneider	11-Nov
Shonda Ziese	11-Nov
Allison Bentke	14-Nov
Doris Redman	14-Nov
Kathy Blum	15-Nov
Jeanette Ford	15-Nov
Deynene Roberts	15-Nov
Stacy Hardy	16-Nov
Joyce Marburger	16-Nov
Carmen Niemeyer	19-Nov
Gloria Stoddard	20-Nov
Doris Blum	22-Nov
JoAnn Draehn	22-Nov
Russell Heidemann	23-Nov
Marla Maitland	23-Nov
Krista Engeling	24-Nov
Marjorie Krinke	24-Nov
Kourtney Cook	25-Nov
Wrenley Pieper	25-Nov
Chadd Neumann	27-Nov
Cooper Hodde	28-Nov
Lance Lehde	28-Nov
Randy Hodde	30-Nov
Shelby McKee	30-Nov
Bobby Mertz	30-Nov
Rodney Wittner	30-Nov
Terry Wunderlich	30-Nov

Curtis Meyer	2-Nov
Gunther Niemeyer	4-Nov
Brian Lorenz	6-Nov
Dylan McKee	7-Nov
Kristen Schroeder	9-Nov
Don Studhalter	9-Nov
Diana Rosenbaum	10-Nov
James Vaughn	10-Nov
Rod Vincent	10-Nov
Gary Rosenbaum	11-Nov
Judy Jeske	13-Nov
Hannah Mantey	15-Nov
Sean Rosenbaum	15-Nov
Katy Wunderlich	15-Nov
Gary Wagner	18-Nov
Laura Zibilski	19-Nov
Jennifer Lorenz	20-Nov
Hayes Pieper	20-Nov
Roy Boehnemann	21-Nov
Betty Wiesepape	21-Nov
Gavin Blum	23-Nov
Nikki King	23-Nov
Presley Parker	23-Nov
Bennett Rodenbeck	26-Nov
Emily Rodenbeck	26-Nov
Carolyn Zibilski	26-Nov
Beth Eckelhoff	27-Nov
Alexander Niemeyer	30-Nov
Shonda Ziese	30-Nov

Deanna and Clayton Robert Zwilling	5-Nov
Brian and Jennifer Lorenz	7-Nov
Leroy and Gladys Hodde	9-Nov
Brandon and Jill Keller	11-Nov
James and Karon Vaughn	13-Nov
Aubert and Cleo Jaeger	16-Nov
Michael and JoAnn Marburger	20-Nov
Elmer and Dorine Marburger	29-Nov



Time to order your Poinsettias for the holiday season. Order forms are available - Poinsettias \$12.00/each. Deadline to place order December 12th.

Dear Church friends,

This month please continue filling Advent bundles with nonperishable foods, to be handed out to pantry clients in December. Call 979-337-3370 for information or to pick up a grocery wish list.

During November we are asking our partner churches to help collect new, unwrapped gifts for the Washington County Toys for Tots program. Burton Bridge Ministry is delivering ornament trees to partner churches with the ages and genders of children. Call 979-337-3370 to arrange for the pick-up of toys in early December, or drop them off in the lobby of The Corner Shoppe. Eligible parents will receive an application from their child's teacher.

November 3-5, Save 50% on clothes, jewelry and toys at The Corner Shoppe, open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 307 North Brazos. Visit [Facebook.com/BurtonCornerShoppe](https://www.facebook.com/BurtonCornerShoppe).

November 4, Senior Fellowship and Meal with manicotti Italian casserole, salad and garlic bread. Doors open at 10 a.m., Bingo at 11 a.m., lunch at noon at St. John's United Church of Christ, 516 North Colorado.

November 6, The 8th Annual Hymn & Beer Fest is hosted by partner churches Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Zion Lutheran Church and St. Paul Lutheran Church of Rehburg. It's scheduled for Sunday, November 6 from 4-7 p.m. at Brazos Valley Brewing Company, 206 South Jackson Street in Brenham. We've received donations of some great silent auction items, so bid early and take home something fabulous. Come meet friends both old and new and feel good knowing that this event benefits Burton Bridge Ministry's building fund.

November 10-12, Save 50% on shoes, purses, tote bags and luggage at The Corner Shoppe, open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 307 North Brazos. Visit [Facebook.com/BurtonCornerShoppe](https://www.facebook.com/BurtonCornerShoppe).

November 11, Senior Fellowship and Meal with Chicken Divan, buttered corn and bread (catering by White Horse Tavern). Doors open at 10 a.m., Bingo at 11 a.m., lunch at noon at St. John's United Church of Christ, 516 North Colorado.

November 11, On Veterans Day we honor military veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.

November 17-19, Save 50% on pictures, frames, CDs, DVDs and record albums at The Corner Shoppe, open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 307 North Brazos. Visit [Facebook.com/BurtonCornerShoppe](https://www.facebook.com/BurtonCornerShoppe).

November 18, Senior Fellowship and Meal with fried fish, mac-n-cheese, slaw and hush puppies (catering by The Cannery). Doors open at 10 a.m., Bingo at 11 a.m., lunch at noon at St. John's United Church of Christ, 516 North Colorado.

November 20, Community Thanksgiving Dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Burton American Legion, 13100 West Washington with special performance by the Hilltop Ramblers. Thanksgiving meal catered by Goebel Catering. All are invited. Doors open at 4 p.m.; meal is served at 5 p.m.

November 24-26, The Corner Shoppe will be closed Thanksgiving weekend so that our wonderful volunteers can spend time with their families.

November 25, No senior meal this Friday because of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

November 27, First Sunday of Advent.

December 2, Senior citizens are invited to come make Christmas wreaths at 10 a.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ, Family Life Center. All materials will be provided, there is no fee for this activity, and crafters can take their wreaths home. Please stay for fellowship and a meal (see below listing).

December 2, Senior Fellowship and Meal with King Ranch casserole, salad and bread (catering by On Deck). Doors open at 10 a.m., Bingo at 11 a.m., lunch at noon at St. John's United Church of Christ, 516 North Colorado.

With gratitude,
Taylor Whittaker
Executive Director, Bridge Ministry of Burton Texas



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