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GOD GIVES AN UNCHANGING GIFT.

Fall is a season of change. The oppressive heat of summer gives way to chilly breezes. Crops nurtured and cultivated for months, are ready for harvest. Our children return to school a grade higher and a few inches taller. All these remind us that things constantly change.

This season of change doesn't agree with everyone. Sinus and allergy affliction increase. Sun worshippers depress. But whether we appreciate autumn or not, we are always reminded at this time annually of what doesn't change. What does not change is His gift to us and all the world. It is the herald of His love and mercy. The unchanging gift is God's Word.

Reformation Day (October 31) gives us a reason to review the divine qualities of Holy Scripture. The first reformation spearheaded by Martin Luther signaled a needed change, but not with the Bible, but rather the organized church. Thankfully the gift of God's Word cannot be changed. So it was the basis to be able to correct the abuses of the visible church at the time.

Here are some of the qualities of Scripture which do not change. Scripture has DIVINE AUTHORITY. The Bible is the only foundation on which to base our faith, our lives, and our knowledge of God. Nature teaches us that God is eternal, wise and powerful. Our conscience (damaged by sin) tells us that God punishes sin. It however is not always reliable in determining the Lord's standards of right and wrong. But Scripture is completely reliable. For the source of the Word is the Lord Himself.

“All Scriptures is God-breathed and is
Useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting,
And training in righteousness.”

2 Timothy 3:16

Scripture is EFFICACIOUS. It accomplishes God's will. God's Word is the way the Holy Spirit uses to create and strengthen faith. The Word gives Baptism and the Lord's Supper their power.

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MESSENGER

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Communion is offered regularly on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, and the Wednesday that precedes that Sunday. Both Individual and Common Cup will be available at the Sunday Communion Services. Individual Cup will be available at the Wednesday Communion Services.



Wed., Sept. 29 & Oct. 13
Sun., Oct. 3 & 17

Tuesday Worship

We have a 1:30 p.m. worship service on the second Tuesday of the month with Individual Communion.



Tues., Oct. 12
1:00 p.m.
this Tues.

WELLSPRING

Zion conducts worship services at The Wellspring Lutheran Home on the 3rd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Services begin at 10 a.m. The Wellspring Lutheran Home is located at 1236 S. Monroe St.



October Schedule:
Due to Phase 4
COVID-19,
NO SERVICES

“So is My Word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty, but will
accomplish what I desire and achieve the
Purpose for which I sent it.”

Isaiah 55:11

Scripture is SUFFICIENT. In the Word, God reveals everything necessary for eternal salvation. We don't need additional information either from the traditions of men or new revelation. The way of salvation taught in the Bible is absolutely complete.

“They have Moses and the prophets;
let them listen to them.”

Luke 16:29

Scripture is CLEAR. God's eternal truths are presented in clear and understandable terms. No interpretation is required by individuals or organizations on behalf of believers. The words speak for themselves in the light of the context in which they are found.

“From infancy you have known the Holy
Scriptures, which are able to make you
wise for salvation through faith in
Christ Jesus.”

2 Timothy 3:15

These properties of God's Word have never and will never change. As we think about Reformation, we praise God that the Bible teaches us about our Savior, Jesus. In Him, we have forgiveness for our sins. In Him, we have the power to lead God-pleasing lives. Because of Him, we will stand justified before the Lord and spend all eternity with Him.

Most things change. But Jesus Christ and His Word which testifies about Him cannot change. Thank God for giving us this unchanging gift.

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL, BIBLE CLASSES AND YOUTH GROUP - All classes are scheduled to start up on Sun., Sept. 12 at 9:30 a.m. Look for Adult Bible Class in the gym. Look for Sunday School in the church basement. Look for Youth Group in the teen room in the church basement.

LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL — Zion started a school in 1858. Currently we teach students from Preschool through 8th grade. Our staff of five teachers are both certified and experienced to provide instructions in all academic areas, but especially in God's Word. They are:

Deanna Schneck — Preschool

Stacey Sordahl—Kindergarten

Michelle Roth — Grades 1 & 2

Ryan Roth — Grades 3, 4, & 5

Bryan Schneck — Grades 6, 7, & 8 and Principal

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CALL NEWS: Pastor David Ruddat, currently serving St. Paul's L.C., Greenleaf, WI and Immanuel L.C. of De Pere, WI, has been called to serve as our Associate Pastor. Please keep Pastor Ruddat in your prayers so that he will be led to serve where Christ wants him to be. If you want to contact Pastor Ruddat, his cellphone number is (920)632-8632. SOLI DEO GLORIA.

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP: Now that Zion is resuming some of her regular activities there is a need for members to give of their time. Volunteers are needed for ushering and helping operate the camera at late service for live streaming the service.

CHURCH SERVICES: Please call Zion (734) 242-1378 to register for church services. At the present time, we are publishing our entire service in the bulletin. In order to be wise stewards of our resources, it will help us to know in advance if we are to print 100 bulletins per week or 150 bulletins per week. Never let not registering for a worship service keep you from attending that worship service. We always print a few extra bulletins. **But please if you can, call and register. Thank you.**

TRUNK-O-TREAT OCT.30TH, NOON-2 PM: CEA will not be able to host the traditional Harvest Party this year due to COVID-19. CEA has decided to have **TRUNK-O-TREAT**. They are asking for volunteers to come pass out candy in the Zion parking lot from Noon-2pm. You are free to decorate your trunk (not required) in a Harvest Party acceptable theme. If you would like to join in on the fun just call the office to register your vehicle. All children are welcome to come and get some candy at NO cost.

OVER ABUNDANCE TABLE: Do you have too much produce in your garden? Are you afraid it will go bad before you can use it all? We have a solution – bring your extra items into church and share your good fortune with others. There is a table in the west foyer to leave your items. Anyone can come and grab something from the table for **FREE** to take home and enjoy. Thank you to everyone who donates. Everyone please enjoy.

NOMINEES FOR COUNCIL POSITIONS: If you have received a letter asking you to consider a church council position, **please return the letter or tell one of the pastors of your decision to accept or decline the position by Thurs., Oct. 21st.** Thank you and God Bless You.

OUTDOOR FALL DECORATIONS NEEDED – We would like to decorate our church/school grounds for fall. If you have any outdoor fall decorations that you would like to donate, please contact the office for more information. Thank you!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NO SCHOOL – There is no school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 6-8, 2021. Zion's teachers will be at Teacher's Conference in Owosso, MI. School will resume 8:00 a.m., Mon., Oct. 11th.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT FOOD DRIVE FOR THE WLS FOOD BANK



It is time for the Michigan District's annual donation drive for the Food Bank at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin. These gifts of love are greatly appreciated by our future pastors and their families. On the reverse side of this insert you will find a current list of needed items. Donations should be brought in a sturdy box that can be closed to make loading easier and transportation safer.

We will be collecting food donations in the West foyer. Please bring all donations by **Wednesday, Nov. 3rd**. Zion will make sure it is delivered to HVL by Fri., Nov. 5th. Thank you.

2021 WLS Food Bank Needed Items

All items should be at a drop-off location by Friday, November 5.



Diapers	Peanut Butter
Paper Towels	Laundry Detergent
Toilet Paper	Sugar and Flour
Coffee	Pasta Items (<u>not</u> sauces)
Fruit Juice	Canned Fruit
Breakfast Cereal	Cooking Oils

Monetary gifts are very welcome (checks made payable to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary). These gifts are used by the Food Bank managers to purchase grocery store gift cards for the students to buy perishable food that can't be stored at the Food Bank, and for help those with special dietary needs.

Please do not send any packages or cans that are damaged or expired.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to many generous donors, the WLS Food Bank has an **abundance of certain items**.

While all donations are gratefully accepted **please limit contributions of the following:** Canned vegetables, pasta sauce, instant potatoes, Hamburger Helper, tea.



Fall Fest Schedule of Events
Saturday, October 16th, 2021

10am-12pm: Decorate a pumpkin and play carnival games under the large beach pavilion. Bounce House will also be set-up weather permitting.

**10am-5:45pm: Vote for your favorite decorated campsite and turn in votes to the office
(winner announced after church)**

10am-5:45pm: Silent Auction baskets in the Dining Hall (winners announced after church)

3pm-4pm: Trick-or-Treating around the campground (Look for campsites with a pumpkin light)

6pm: Church Service at the big fire pit in front of the Dining Hall (or inside the Dining Hall if inclement weather)

7pm-9pm: Hayrides with Cider and Donuts at Bubba's Cider Shack (Weather permitting! If not, find us in the Dining Hall for your Cider and Donuts)



Principal's Report – October Zion Newsletter

"May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us-- yes, establish the work of our hands." – Psalm 90:17

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through our first quarter. What a privilege it is for our faculty and congregation to serve God by serving his lambs on a daily basis. The psalm passage above is a favorite of mine. Whatever we do as believers, we ask God to bless our efforts and make them fruitful. This is also our prayer for Zion Lutheran School, our students, and our families.

After a week out for Covid, our staff is back to school full strength. It is so nice to be fully in-person, and we pray that God continue to bless our school family with good health.

As a chapel mission project this year we have adopted the WELS work in Pakistan. Great things are happening with the Word in this country with only a 1% Christian population. By God's grace thousands are enrolled in online Bible Classes and Bible and study materials are made available in their three native languages. The students will be collecting mission offerings for this vital ministry all year long. If you would also like to donate along with the school children, just leave a donation with Amy in the church office and let her know it is for school chapel missions. Apart from that, we ask our congregation members to pray for the work in Pakistan that it may continue to be a blessing to the people they serve.

Due to smaller numbers in our upper grades, our fall team sports have been extended sdown to grade 3 this year. Our soccer season wrapped up during the last week of September. We thank our coaches Pastor Fager and Mr. Roth for their work with the Warriors, and congratulate our Warriors for their effort. This was a growing year, but our young athletes made excellent progress and we are very proud of them. Girls' volleyball will be starting this next week, October 4th! Mrs. Sordahl, Mrs. Roth and Mrs. Schneck will working with our grade 3-8 girls. We encourage you to watch the schedule and take an opportunity to see the Warriors in action at a volleyball match.

After almost a two-year break, we have once more started up our Junior Choir, directed by Mrs. Roth, and Handchime groups, directed by myself, and we look forward to their participation in our worship at Zion. We also plan to have our students in K-8 sing for our 10:45 a.m. worship service on October 24th. Various student groups will be serving our worship at Zion throughout the yea

As our students settle in to the school year, we also look forward to some fun activities for our school family, including a visit to Cackleberry Farm and, at the end of October, our much anticipated Zion CEA Harvest Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 30th from 1:30-3:30 p.m. We are always looking for donations of candy (they may be dropped off in the church office) as well as volunteers to help us organize and run the event. We especially need volunteers to decorate their cars or trucks and hand out treats! A sign-up to do so will be made available in the coming weeks. Please speak to a faculty member if you wish to help out, and we will connect you to the right people.

Our teachers will be attending the Michigan District Teacher's Conference on October 10-12, with a variety of workshops focused on ideas to help us develop our classrooms and school ministry.

As you can see, we have an active month planned for your school ministry. Thank you for your support, and please pray for our students, teachers, and school families.

In Christ's service and yours,

Principal Bryan Schneck

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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FROM THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

There were 10 Council Members present at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Steve Sordahl

- I. The meeting was opened with a devotion by Pastor Ulrich "FREED TO PRAISE"
- II. M/S/C to approve the council minutes from August 19, 2021 (Krueger, Freiny)
- III. M/S/C to approve the submitted Pastoral Report from September 16, 2021. (Kipf, Freiny)
- IV. No Principal Report
- V. Board Reports
 - A. M/S/C to accept Board of Ed verbal report – (Kipf, Krueger)
 - B. M/S/C to accept the Statistical report through July and submitted report from Board of Elders. (Krueger, Freiny)
 - C. Board of Outreach – No Report
 - D. Board of Service & Fellowship – No Report
 - E. M/S/C to accept the Board of Stewardship report (Freiny, Kipf)
 - F. Board of Trustees – Verbal Report M/S/C (Kipf, Ulrich)
 - i. Looking into tree removal at cottage – will take place sometime in October
 - ii. Looking into roof leak at school – Trying to get some
- VI. M/S/C to accept the Treasurer's Report: Balance Sheet August 31 2021, P&L Comparison for JAN-AUGUST 2021, P&L comparison YTD AUGUST 2021, as printed and submitted, and included in the handout packet (Freiny, Kipf)
- VII. M/S/C to accept the Financial Secretary's report which is submitted for the month of August 2021 and included in the handout packet. (Kipf, Freiny)
 - A. Numbers balance

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (CONT.)

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FROM THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

VIII. MSC to accept Committee Reports –

- a. Financial Staff Committee – no report
- b. Budget Committee – no report
- c. Nominating Committee – no report
- d. Security Committee – No Report
- e. Audit Committee – No report
- f. Technology Committee – No Report
- g. Cottage Committee – No Report

IX. Unfinished Business

- a. Tenets of Leadership – THE KEYS

X. New Business

- a. M/S/C to accept the Burke family into membership via transfer from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jenera, OH Jason and Jennifer Burke and baptized children JJ, Jonah, Jaylyn and Jacquelyn. (Kipf, Krueger)
- b. M/S/C to recommend to Council to continue Communion as we have been based on pandemic situation. (Kipf, Freiny)
- c. M/S/C to recommend the purchase of 1 lapel mics at a cost to not exceed \$150 with funds coming from Undesignated Funds 9605. (Freiny, Kipf)

XI. With no other business needing attention, a motion was M/S/C to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 8:10 PM (Kipf, Freiny)

- A. Next council meeting will occur on October 21, 2021 7PM

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Krueger

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Sun., Oct. 3	8:15 & 10:45 Worship Service (IC) 9:30 Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group
Wed., Oct. 6	No School – Teacher Conference Worship Service
Thurs.-Fri., Oct. 7-8	No School – Teacher Conference
Fri., Oct. 8	Office Closed
Sun., Oct. 10	8:15 & 10:45 Worship Service 9:30 Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group
Tues., Oct. 12	1:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
Wed., Oct. 13	Worship Service (IC)
Sun., Oct. 17	8:15 & 10:45 Worship Service (IC) 9:30 Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group
Wed., Oct. 20	Worship Service
Thurs., Oct. 21	Church Council Meeting
Sun., Oct. 24	8:15 & 10:45 Worship Service (IC) 9:30 Sunday School & Youth Group Open Forum
Wed., Oct. 27	Worship Service
Sat., Oct. 30	1:30-3:30 p.m. Trunk-O-Treat
Sun., Oct. 31	8:15 & 10:45 Worship Service 9:30 Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group Voter's Meeting

MEMORIALS



In memory of Tom Greene from

Marty & Leisa Nadeau

Jim & Kathy Vanisacker

Huron Valley Group

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

	Oct. 3	Oct. 6 & 10	Oct. 13 & 17	Oct. 20 & 24	Oct. 27 & 31
ALTAR GUILD		Stacey,	Lily, Eloise Sordahl		
USHERS	<p><u>Oct. 3</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Tony Affholter Dan Fuerstenberg Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p><u>10:45 a.m.</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Klaus Koenig Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick</p>	<p><u>Oct. 6</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Tony Affholter Dan Fuerstenberg Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p><u>Oct. 10</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee David Krueger Russ Vitale</p> <p><u>10:45 a.m.</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé</p>	<p><u>Oct. 13</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé</p> <p><u>Oct. 17</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny</p> <p><u>10:45 a.m.</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>	<p><u>Oct. 20</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p> <p><u>Oct. 24</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Tony Affholter Dan Fuerstenberg Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p><u>10:45 a.m.</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Klaus Koenig Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick</p>	<p><u>Oct. 27</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Klaus Koenig Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick</p> <p><u>Oct. 31</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee David Krueger Russ Vitale</p> <p><u>10:45 a.m.</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé</p>
COMMUNION HELPERS	<p><u>Oct. 3</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Rob Krueger</p> <p><u>10:45 a.m.</u> Alan bober</p>		<p><u>Oct. 13</u> Jeff Grubb</p> <p><u>Oct. 17</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Mark Kipf</p> <p><u>10:45 a.m.</u> Steve Sordahl</p>		

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OPEN FORUM

9:30 A.M., SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

VOTERS' MEETING

ELECTIONS FOR 2021

BUDGET FOR 2021

NOON, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

OCTOBER, 2021

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 8:15 a.m., Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group 10:45 a.m., Worship (IC)	4	5 7:00 p.m. Bd Elder Meeting 7:30 p.m. Bd of Ed Meeting	6 7:00 p.m., Worship	7	8	9
			No School—Teachers' Conference @ Salem L.C. Owosso, MI			
10 8:15 a.m., Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group 10:45 a.m., Worship	11	12 1:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)	13 7:00 p.m., Worship (IC)	14	15	16
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31 8:15 a.m., Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group 10:45 a.m., Worship Noon Voter's Meeting						



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