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"Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day." – Psalm 96:1-2

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, music is a gift from God, given that we might return to him our thanks and praise for his graciousness and mercy toward us. Music has adorned our worship at Zion as long as any of us can remember. We have rejoiced in the Lord, singing hymns, hearing our choirs, and occasionally having solo instrumentalists or vocalists share their gifts at Zion. Last fall, our music director resigned, and while we have been carrying on with volunteers stepping up to assist with coordination of our organists, planning worship services, and even setting up occasional special music for the church service, a gap in our staff and ministry remains. Zion's elders have the primary responsibility for oversight of the music at church, and have invested considerable time in looking at the big picture of music at Zion, consulted with our church members, and looked at what other Lutheran churches have in place for their music. The elders have also crunched budget numbers, sought input on how more music leadership at Zion could be incorporated into our ministry, and came up with a plan that was discussed and passed at our April voters' meeting. Since then, little has been said with regards to music, but that is about to change.

First of all, the basic details of the plan passed by the voters are as follows. The elders' recommendation is that we call or hire (depending on their certification) a full-time director of music (or "Kantor" as they are sometimes called in the Lutheran church), ideally someone trained at one of our Concordia universities. If we are unable to afford a full-time position, then a part-time position would be considered. The benefits of a full-time musician would be manifold, but it would mean



some change. This person would likely become the primary organist at our services – not to replace the organists who already serve us completely (and we thank God for them!), but the main responsibility of this position would be for the music in our worship services. This would include directing a choir, recruiting and organizing soloists, and capitalizing on the musical gifts of various members of our congregation, including youth and college students. They would also be involved in our other ministries at Zion, working with the campus ministry and with our preschool and early childhood center. Beyond that, it would depend on their particular gifts and the support of the congregation and maybe the community. At the heart of their work, however, would be carrying out our mission and ministry to our congregation and community. To this end, our own members have expressed numerous ideas and possibilities, all worthy of consideration. Perhaps a community children's choir based out of our congregation, where the music they sing would reflect our Lutheran faith, teaching these children (and their families) the gospel of Jesus Christ. Perhaps this person could teach private music lessons to children, and host recitals at our church, again with music that proclaims what we believe, rather than music that reflects the ideologies of the world. Perhaps this person could organize special worship events that would bring together our fellow Lutherans from area congregations to celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord, or Ascension, or All Saints' Day, etc.. As I said earlier, there are many possibilities to expand the ministry of the Gospel at Zion through musical leadership, and the plan the elders' proposed and which was passed by our voters makes way for this to happen.

Yet...not only has none of this come to fruition; for some of you, this may be the first time you have heard about seeking full-time musical leadership at Zion! The major impediment, as we all know, would be the financial cost of supporting such a person, along with any family they may have. Because the budget passed by Zion last fall does not include funding for a full or part time music director, we voted to challenge ourselves to raise \$50,000.00 as seed money for this position. A dedicated fund was established where Zion members can give (above and beyond their tithes and offerings) toward calling or hiring a Kantor/music director for Zion. When we reach this, additional funds will be made available from our Special Needs Reserve dedicated fund to cover the cost of the first year of this person's employment at Zion. We will actively search for this person once we have reached our goal, and then subsequent budgets would include this position as it stands, and reflect the additional commitment we would be making to another person on our staff. As stated earlier, if the financial support is absent, indicating a lack in our will to pursue this, we will consider a part-time position (though a candidate for this may be more difficult to find), or else have to return to the drawing board.

My prayer is that the Lord's will be done. Please prayerfully consider how you and your family might sacrifice to support an expanded music program at Zion. You can give toward this goal in the church office or on Sunday mornings by designating "Music Director" with your gifts. God bless us at Zion as we sing to the Lord, bless his name, and tell of his salvation from day to day!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Bakker

Vacation Bible School

July 11-15

Please join us for a fun-filled week at VBS !!! We are still in need of a few more volunteers. Openings that still need to be filled include, teachers, snack coordinators, arts and crafts, music and babysitters. Please contact Cori Bingham (989) 621-5855 if you are interested in any of these positions. Thank you! An application is included in this newsletter. Feel free to make copies if you need more than one. They can be turned in at the church office.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



As another school year ends, I like to take a moment and recount many of our Blessings. As you can imagine, I never have enough time or space to include them all. First and foremost, we thank God that He has given us this opportunity to share the Gospel message with all these amazing children. We thank God that he sent us all these children and their families, you are truly wonderful. We are thankful for our awesome staff who have dedicated so much time and energy every day. You are all such a gift. God has kept our children and staff healthy and strong this year through more pandemic challenges. We thank our church family for your outstanding support of this program. You are a constant encouragement to us. God Bless You All!

Fall Enrollment is a blessing too. Our Toddler program remains full with a waiting list. Our Three-Year-Old Class is full with a waiting list. Our Four-Year-Old class is full Monday and Wednesday, but we do have a few slots available Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Summer Camp begins Monday, June 13, and ends Friday, August 12. Enrollment continues to grow; we are looking forward to a summer full of fun. Please spread the word! We are feeling incredibly blessed by the addition of our new playground! We were not expecting its installation until mid-July. Blessed again! Construction began Tuesday morning, May 24.

We pray for continued blessings for our Early Childhood Center and once again thank everyone for their support.



Youth Group Table Talk is going to pause for the summer and will resume on Rally Day, September 11, at 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ricky. You can reach him at the chapel office: 989-773-5050, or email: revbeckett@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP

Monthly Income & Expense Report
through April 30, 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$ 174,692.08	\$ 159,050.88
YTD Actual Expenses	\$ 232,287.31	\$ 154,976.11
YTD Balance	(\$ 57,595.23)	(\$ 4,074.77)
YTD General Fund Income	\$ 223,026.39	\$ 167,319.01
YTD Actual Expenses	\$ 232,287.31	\$ 154,976.11
YTD Income Less Expense	(\$ 9,260.92)	\$ 12,342.90

Mission of the Month

Orphan Grain Train is a 501c3 Nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us.

Congratulations to Zion members graduating this year!

Jace Kuehnlein - Alma College

Lillian Bailey - Shepherd

Gabriel Camp - Clare

Quentin Couturier - Mt Pleasant

Lydia Grossnickle - Mt Pleasant

Thomas Narr - Mt Pleasant

Macey Novak - Sacred Heart

Eliot Roe - Alma

Natalie Vogel - Mt Pleasant

Sydney Warne - Online



Graduation Open House

You are invited to join us for Thomas Narr's Open House next Saturday, June 11, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Our address is 1019 South Fancher, Mt Pleasant. Tim & Chris Narr



Sunday
June 19

Ramirez Family on Home Service from Dominican Republic

Deaconess Caitlin Ramirez and her family will be visiting Zion on **Sunday, June 12**, to share about the work they are doing and will be doing in Latin America. Please join us that day for worship and Bible study to hear from them, and also note that a free-will offering will be held on their behalf that day and the following Sunday.



We are all teachers. As disciples of Christ, we are all under the Great Commission: to go and make disciples of all nations, including Isabella County and, in essence, everyone we meet. We recognize this as a witnessing for the Lord.



Here at Zion our educational staff have taken this mandate to heart. From our toddlers and preschoolers, our Sunday School, the youth classes and (we must add) our adult bible studies, our instructors are filled with the Holy Spirit, showing God's love in all our activities. Probably by the time you read this, our preschool will have concluded. We have had a wonderful year! We've provided a much-needed service to God, our community, and most especially to our "little human" population.

Our Vacation Bible School returns this year (after a two-year absence) on July 11. The theme this year is "Rainforest Explorers" (Jesus Leads the Way). The staff is most enthusiastic, and looking forward to reaching out with God's Word to the kids of "Mountain Town" and beyond!

Our Sunday School attendance this year was, unfortunately, "sporadic". Our Lord told His disciples: "For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them". Matthew 19:20 Well, our Lord was always here, even when our children... weren't.

We are all teachers, by the will of God. We are required by the Spirit to shed light on a dark world, be it to our children, one another, or (especially) strangers to His Word. As Christians, it should be as natural as your next breath. One of our favorite songs in preschool: Jesus' Love is a Bubblin' Over! Yes! Oh Yes!

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Brad Coulson

Sunday School Superintendent



As we come to the close of another Sunday School, CCI, Preschool, and Early Childhood Center year full of challenges and blessings, we must take the opportunity to thank God for all who make the sacrifices to carry forward our mission to teach the Good News of Jesus Christ, our Savior, to all! We said farewell to the college students early in May, and soon the rest of the schools will recess for the summer. Congratulations to all those who have graduated – the Lord bless you and keep you in every endeavor. Thank you to our teachers, volunteers, directors, secretaries, and everyone else who also prays for and supports our various education programs at Zion. I thank God for you!

Looking ahead at Lighthouse for the Fall

Zion Homecoming, (the Sunday formerly known as “Rally Day”) is still several months away, but now is the time to start thinking about how you might want to get plugged in to some deeper study of God’s Word. Of all the bible studies available at Zion, Lighthouse is one of the most in-depth Bible studies we offer. For the past three years, we’ve done longer-range books (Genesis, Isaiah, and Luke) that occupied both the fall and winter sessions. This fall we are going back to studies that contain the whole book (and in this case, several books!) in just the one season. So consider and make plans to join us this September to study Ephesians, and 1 and 2 Thessalonians. Studies will be on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. beginning September 15.



**Men’s Breakfast Bible Study
Saturday, June 18, 8:00 a.m.**

Are you a flowers person?

Anyone who is interested in planting some flowers and caring for them in the six cement containers at Zion should contact Tim in the church office. Some funds are available for purchasing the flowers.



Guided Reading

A Month in 1 Samuel: The books of 1 and 2 Samuel cover some incredible moments in the history of God’s people. The transition from judgeship to a monarchy, and the lives of two of Israel’s most prominent kings, Saul and David. Saul’s reign and fall are covered in 1 Samuel. Next month we will see David’s reign. The readings are manageable, but sticking to the daily plan will make it easier to keep up!



- 1 Samuel 1 – Samuel’s Birth
- 1 Samuel 2 – Hannah’s Prayer; Eli’s Sons
- 1 Samuel 3 – Samuel is Called
- 1 Samuel 4 – The Ark Captured
- 1 Samuel 5 – The Ark and the Philistines
- 1 Samuel 6 – The Ark Returned to Israel
- 1 Samuel 7 – Israel Judged
- 1 Samuel 8 – Israel demands, and receives, a King
- 1 Samuel 9 – Saul Chosen King
- 1 Samuel 10 – Saul Anointed and Proclaimed King
- 1 Samuel 11 – Saul Defeats the Ammonites
- 1 Samuel 12 – Samuel’s Farewell Address
- 1 Samuel 13 – Saul’s Unlawful Sacrifice
- 1 Samuel 14 – Jonathan Defeats Philistine
- 1 Samuel 15 – God Rejects Saul as King
- 1 Samuel 16 – David Anointed
- 1 Samuel 17 – David and Goliath
- 1 Samuel 18 – David and Jonathan’s Friendship
- 1 Samuel 19 – Saul tries to kill David
- 1 Samuel 20 – Jonathan Warns David
- 1 Samuel 21-22 – David Hides; Saul Punishes the Priests
- 1 Samuel 23-24 – David Saves Keilah; Spares Saul
- 1 Samuel 25 – Samuel Dies; David and Abigail
- 1 Samuel 26 – David Spares Saul Again
- 1 Samuel 27 – David Flees to the Philistines
- 1 Samuel 28 – Saul Consults a Medium
- 1 Samuel 29 – The Philistines Reject David
- 1 Samuel 30 – David Defeats the Amalekites
- 1 Samuel 31 – Saul and Jonathan Die



Michigan District LWML Convention 2022

The convention has been changed to be held at Frankenmuth, Michigan, July 7-9. Janah Aldrich and Ann Hayes have volunteered to go as our delegates. We are still looking for a Young Woman's representative. You can attend the worship service for free on Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth.

CONVENTION TITLE:

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
2022 LWML MICHIGAN DISTRICT
39TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

CONVENTION LOCATION:

St. Lorenz Worship and Event Center, St. Lorenz Sanctuary and Bavarian Inn all in Frankenmuth, Michigan

CONVENTION DATES:

July 7-9, 2022

REGISTRATION FEES:

Registration Fee: \$130
Late Registration: (after June 5) \$150
Pastor Registration FREE
Accompanying Spouse/Teen: \$75

CONVENTION MEALS:

- Thursday Night Dinner: Pasta Buffet \$30
- Friday Continental Breakfast: Bagel, Coffee Cake, Fruit, Eggs, Coffee/Tea \$15
- Friday Boxed Lunch: Choices:
 - Turkey/Swiss/Cheese Croissant;
 - Ham/Cheddar/Cheese Croissant;
 - Tuna Croissant: \$20
- Friday Night Dinner: Chicken Buffet \$35
- Saturday Breakfast Sandwich: Choices:
 - Croissant Sandwich with Eggs.
 - Bacon and Cheese; Croissant, Sandwich with Egg, Spinach, Asiago and Sun-dried tomato \$15

NOTE: All meals will be served at the Bavarian Inn with the exception of the Saturday morning breakfast sandwich.

Serve the Lord with Gladness" Psalm 100:2

Cookie Walk / Bazaar – A chairperson is needed for Christmas Cookie Walk and also for the Bazaar. If you are interested, please contact Kathleen Nims at (989) 294-1373.

Women's Bible Study – We will meet on Saturday, June 11, at 9:30 a.m. at CTK.

Luncheon – Saturday, June 18, 1:00 pm – at Olive Garden Italian Restaurant – All ladies invited. Please try to bring a friend and RSVP to Kathleen Nims at (989) 294-1373 so she has the correct numbers. This is our last event of the season.

Hostesses - We are looking for volunteers to serve as hostesses at the District Convention. We need 50-60 hostesses. Please contact Kathleen Nims, hostess chair, (989) 294-1373.

YWR – Our Mid-Michigan Zone is looking for a YWR (21-35 – flexible) to attend as the zone YWR at the District Convention, Frankenmuth, MI, July 7-9. The deadline is past, however, they are still accepting applications. Fun activities are planned and all expenses are covered except special things.

MITES: THE DISTRICT IS STILL SHORT IN COLLECTION OF MITES. DO YOU HAVE POCKETS OF CHANGE? REMEMBER OUR MITE BOX IS LOOKING FOR LOOSE CHANGE. These mites are collected for the grants that are funded at each convention. Our goal is over \$360,000.



What's our 80? The LWML was established in 1942 as an official auxiliary of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. In thankfulness for 80 years, The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, is requesting each member, group, zone and district remember events from the last 80 years, or share legacy concepts for carrying forth the LWML mission. Our own group has adopted for our 80's goal to donate 40 adult coloring books and 40 sets of colored pencils for a dialysis center

THE LWML MISSION STATEMENT
As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.
—Adopted January 2021

NURSE'S NOTE:

Psalm 136:25 He gives food to every creature. His love endures forever.

Nutrition Labels

Learning how to understand and use the Nutrition Facts label can help you make healthier eating choices and identify nutrient-dense foods for a healthy diet. Here are some tips from the American Heart Association for making the most of the information on food labels.

Learn what to look for on the label.

1 - Start with the serving information at the top. This will tell you the size of a single serving and the total number of servings per container (package).

2 - Next, check total calories per serving and container.

Pay attention to the calories per serving and how many calories you're really consuming if you eat the whole package. If you double the servings you eat, you double the calories and nutrients.

The next section of information on a nutrition label is about the amounts of specific nutrients in the product.

3 - Limit certain nutrients.

Check key nutrients and understand what you're looking for. [Not all fats are bad](#), and total sugars can include both natural and [added sugars](#). Limit the amounts of added sugars, [saturated fat](#), and [sodium](#) you eat, and avoid [trans-fat](#).

When choosing among different brands or similar products, compare labels and choose foods with less of these nutrients when possible.

4 - Get enough of the beneficial nutrients.

Make sure you get enough of the nutrients your body needs, such as: calcium, choline, dietary fiber, iron, magnesium, potassium, and vitamins A, C, D and E.

5 - Understand % Daily Value.

The % Daily Value (DV) tells you the percentage of each nutrient in a single serving, in terms of the daily recommended amount. If you want to consume less of a nutrient (such as saturated fat or sodium), choose foods with a lower % DV (5 percent or less). If you want to consume more of a nutrient (such as fiber), choose foods with a higher % DV (20 percent or more).

Here are more tips for getting as much health information as possible from the Nutrition Facts label:

Remember that the information shown in the label is based on a diet of 2,000 calories a day. You may need less or more than 2,000 calories depending upon your age, gender, activity level, and whether you're trying to lose, gain or maintain your weight.

When the Nutrition Facts label says a food contains "0 g" of trans fat but includes "partially hydrogenated oil" in the ingredient list, it means the food contains some trans-fat, but less than 0.5 grams per serving. So, if you eat more than one serving, you could end up eating too much trans-fat.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates the Nutrition Facts label seen on packaged foods and drinks. In 2016, the FDA released changes to the label to make it easier to see how many calories and added sugars are in a product and to make serving sizes more realistic. These changes are still being implemented throughout the food industry, so for now you may see the redesigned version shown here or the old original version.

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In memory of Randy Kuranyi

Yvonne Fitzgerald

Wayne & Karyn Kiefer