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*"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith."*

*- Hebrews 12:2a*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Christian stewardship is the faithful management of every earthly thing you and I have received from God, including our time, our unique talents, and our financial resources. All that we have we received from God, and indeed, it all belongs to him. As Paul reminded Timothy, "We brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world." Since everything we have belongs to God, we should use it for his purposes. These purposes are revealed to us in our vocations. A father and mother, for instance, put their earthly gifts and goods to Godly use when they feed, nurture, protect their children, and especially teach them the Christian faith.

Besides the vocations that you and I have in family life and society, we are also all Christians and members of this congregation. How are you and I faithfully to use our earthly gifts and goods in regard to this vocation? To answer that question we must look to God's Word.

In Matthew 6, Jesus explains that, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Your heart always goes where you put God's money. That is a sobering thought, yet it is the truth. Stewardship is not an optional subcategory of the Christian life; it is the living out of a Christian's dependence upon God every single day God gives you. Whether you recognize it or not, you are already a steward, a manager, of that which God has entrusted to you. And God does this because he cares for you – all of you – body and soul. He provides for your every physical need just as he provides for your every spiritual need, and these are not unrelated – they go hand in hand. Indeed, your faith, finances, time, and talents are all inseparably connected by God who gives them all to you.

Managing God's gifts is what you already do, and will be our endeavor once again this October as we emphasize our stewardship of these things and see both how God has blessed us and what he has to say about how we use these gifts and goods. While the world tells us that happiness is found in the accumulation of more and better things, you know that the things of this world don't last. True joy is found in clinging to Christ and the gifts he gives – he poured out his life on the cross for you and now gives you his life in his Word, in Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper. The things of this world are temporarily given to us by God to oversee, and we will be called to account for our stewardship.

This month our stewardship emphasis will revolve around the theme, "Eyes of Faith," based on God's Word in Hebrews 12 which leads us to focus on Christ, our Savior in all things. Indeed, God has already given us eyes of faith in Holy Baptism, and continues to do so as we daily battle with our Old Adam and seek to live obediently as his forgiven children. Join us, please, for this stewardship emphasis, which will conclude on Sunday, October 24, when you will have the opportunity to bring your pledges forward in a sealed envelope. Those not worshiping with us in person who would like to make a pledge this year may mail it to Zion or drop it off during the week. Your pledge is between you and the Lord, and will stay in the sanctuary until it is returned to you, sealed, next fall. God bless and keep all of us at Zion as we seek to faithfully live as God's children and rejoice in his forgiveness!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Bakker

## Christian Education

Most of you are aware that Mrs. Fauver has moved to a preschool in Midland. This has left our four-year-old room without a lead teacher. During the absence, Mr. Coulson has stepped in and provided a much-needed substitute teacher. Upon completion of a search for Early Childhood Teachers in the area, we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Christy Barton will be joining our teaching team here at Zion. Mrs. Barton is a 2001 graduate from Central Michigan University. She holds an Elementary Education Certification with an Early Childhood Education/ZA endorsement that she earned in 2012. Mrs. Barton has over 14 years of Early Childhood experience and is very excited to share her love for Jesus and learning with our children here at Zion.

We have had a change in our Toddler Room as well. Mrs. Greenacre has taken a position at Mt. Pleasant Public Schools and our toddler teaching assistant Megan (Lapham) Skorna has moved into the Lead Teacher position.

The Lord has continued to provide many new teaching assistants too. Danielle Anderson, our toddler teaching assistant, has moved from part-time to full time. Hannah Sanders is a Mid-Michigan College student studying Elementary Education. Stephanie Carlo is a Central Michigan University student studying Health Administration, and Mallory Meaton is our returning CMU student helping in our Toddler Room.

The Board of Christian Education would like to thank all past and present staff members. The board continues to see God's hand on this program and feel so grateful to Him. Thanks be to God! Here are a few classroom deadlines coming up. School Picture Days are October 6 and 7. Little Caesars Fundraiser paper forms are due October 6. On-line orders must be submitted by October 10. Order delivery will be the week of October 25.

## PRESCHOOL PIZZA FUNDRAISER

### **Order Deadline approaching soon !**

Money will be used for classroom equipment, supplies, field trips and financial aid. Help us reach our goal! *Order forms for pizza kits and cookie dough are available at Zion, CTK, or the Preschool.*

**Paper orders are due on October 6. Online orders can be placed at [pizzakit.com](http://pizzakit.com) until October 10.** Click products, then click shop. Use Fundraiser ID #393100. Customer care is available at (888) 452-5487.



Our offerings from Sunday School this year will be going to the Orphan Grain Train! “In the days of the priest Eli the word of the Lord was



rare, there were not many visions...” Young Samuel had been dedicated to the Lord by his grateful mother Hannah, and was probably somewhere between the ages of four and twelve when the Lord spoke to him. At first, he thought it was his mentor Eli. When he finally realized it was God speaking to him, he replied once again with “Here I am! Speak, your servant is listening!” The Word of God is readily available to the world at large in our time. In fact, it is so common, that God’s precious word to us is treated like any other book. You can find it in boxes at yard sales, along with Harry Potter, Jacqueline Suzanne, and Clive Cussler.

It takes a little experience to hear God speaking to us, and often patience, to recognize His answer to our prayers.

We need to teach our young Samuels and Hannahs how to speak to God and wait for His response. We all need to stand up at that time and join with Moses, Abraham and Samuel with a hearty “Here I Am!”

## Regular Quarterly Voters’ Meeting

**Sunday, October 24**

**12:15 p.m. at CTK**

The 2022 budget will be presented and voted on. Keep an eye on the bulletin boards at Zion and CTK for the proposed budget in the coming weeks.

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

We are very blessed to have Pastor Bakker and Pastor Beckett with us at Zion. Take the time during this month to let them know just how much you appreciate everything they do. Come to Bible study and worship services and thank them personally.



# STEWARDSHIP

Monthly Income & Expense Report  
through August 31, 2021

	2021	2020
YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$ 309,601.76	\$ 304,376.08
YTD Actual Expenses	\$ 312,530.95	\$ 277,841.47
YTD Balance	\$ (2,929.20)	\$ 26,534.61
YTD General Fund Income	\$ 320,919.48	\$ 254,091.69
YTD Actual Expenses	\$ 312,530.95	\$ 277,841.47
YTD Income Less Expense	\$ 8,388.53	\$ (23,749.78)

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the Word and instruction of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal. 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did. Children emulate their parents. When they grow up, they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents. But there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, and how they do and say most everything. Then children try to copy it. This can be quite humorous when caught in the act. They do this even when parents don't want them to. Everyone has been in the uncomfortable – and embarrassing situation – where a child does or says something one of their parents have done or said that is less than polite. Sitcoms thrive on these. It only works because of the truth that children emulate their parents, and they do it because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God – by grace through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins. In exchange, He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit – by which we cry out, "Abba, Father."

We are born again – born from above, born of water and the Spirit – to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ through

Baptism. Since we are sons, we are heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace, mercy, and generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

This is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As Luther's Small Catechism teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

In other words, He gives us everything that we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds.

Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week and set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the church. This is not done because He has commanded us so to do but rather because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.



## Mission of the Month

### Concordia University - Ann Arbor

Concordia University Ann Arbor (CUAA) is a private, liberal arts university in Ann Arbor, Michigan. It is a Lutheran higher education community committed to helping students develop in mind, body, and spirit for service to Christ in the Church and the World.



#### In memory of Alice Helms

Adella Bergey  
Julie Courtney  
David & Linda Coyne  
Yvonne Fitzgerald  
Ruth Giffin  
Dale & JoAnn Gust  
Ken & Doris Johnson  
Lynn & Audrey Laskowsky  
Bonnie Mauk  
Patty Pickler

#### In memory of Dorothy Myers

Adella Bergey  
David & Linda Coyne  
Yvonne Fitzgerald  
Ruth Giffin  
Bonnie Mauk

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat

**Sunday, October 31**

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**



# October

All Zion members and preschool families are welcome to participate! This event will take place in the parking lot at Zion.

**Pastor's  
Corner**



A very big thank you to all of our Trustees for all the work they do to keep Zion's properties functioning to serve the ministries of the congregation. Much of this service happens behind the scenes, and usually we only think of them when something isn't working properly, but we have a great group of Trustees here who really do take care of our facilities to give us a wonderful place to carry out the ministry of the Gospel. We appreciate your service! In Christ, Pastor Bakker

### **Blessing of a Civil Marriage**

Zion members Steven and Megan Skorna were legally married in a civil ceremony and desire God's blessing upon their marriage. Our Lutheran Service Book has such a rite and it will happen as a brief part of the 8:30 a.m. Divine Service at Zion on Sunday, October 3. God's blessings and congratulations to Steven and Megan, united in Christ ! Pastor Bakker

### **Evangelism News**

The Board of Evangelism thanks you for participating in the new church directory, welcome back Sunday (wearing a name tag), and the Red Cross Blood Drive. Communicating these events through email appears to be successful. If you are not receiving emails (Zion News) please contact John Schimmelman at [ml3153@winntelco.com](mailto:ml3153@winntelco.com) to be added to the list. In regards to the directory, it should be arriving soon. Each person who had a picture taken will receive a directory. Also the directory will be on-line and members can access the information with a provided password. The online directory also allows a designated person to upload pictures and information on new members—keeping the directory current. More information to follow on the directory. Our board was contacted by our parish nurse, Phillis Daws, regarding food safety, nutrition, and labeling, said if enough people are interested, she would put together a program. The link to the Church Vitality program has been included on the home page of the Zion Web site. [www.zionchristtheking.org](http://www.zionchristtheking.org) Just click and the survey will open.

## Guided Reading

With the conclusion of Pastor

Ulledalen's Bible challenge over the

past year and a half, some of our

members have requested a reading guide again to

tackle the whole of the Bible in an organized way.

Due to the large amount of work that went into it

the first time around, we will follow again (with a

few adjustments, as needed) a manageable plan

that will be complete in 3 years. The starting place

is easy – the book of Genesis. There is some time

at the end of October to catch up, but this is one of

the lengthier books of the Bible, so stay disciplined

to keep it manageable. From the Creation of

everything that exists to the establishment of the

Lord's people in Egypt, Genesis is the foundation

for all that follows



Genesis 1-2 – Creation and Marriage

Genesis 3-4 – The Fall; Cain, Abel, and Seth

Genesis 5-6 – Adam to Noah; Flood Promised

Genesis 7-8 – The Flood Comes, Subsides, God's  
Covenant

Genesis 9-10 – Noah and his Descendants after  
the Flood

Genesis 11 – Tower of Babel

Genesis 12-13 – Abram, Sarai, and Lot

Genesis 14-15 – Rescue of Lot; Covenant with  
Abram

Genesis 16-17 – Sarai and Hagar; Circumcision  
Covenant

Genesis 18-19 – Isaac Promised; Lot's Family's  
Struggle in Sodom

Genesis 20-21 – Abraham and Abimelech; Isaac  
Born

Genesis 22 – Sacrifice of Isaac

Genesis 23-24 – Sarah's Death; Isaac and  
Rebekah

Genesis 25-26 – Abraham's Death, Jacob and  
Esau Born

Genesis 27-28 – Isaac Fooled; Jacob's Ladder

Genesis 29-30 – Jacob's Wives

Genesis 31-32 – Jacob Fears Esau; Wrestles with  
God

Genesis 33-35 – Brothers again; Dinah Defiled;  
Rachel and Isaac die

Genesis 36 – Esau's Descendants

Genesis 37-38 – Joseph's Dreams, Judah and  
Tamar

Genesis 39-40 – Potiphar's Wife; Joseph  
Imprisoned

Genesis 41 – Pharaoh's Dreams

Genesis 42-43 – Joseph's Brothers Come to  
Egypt

Genesis 44-46 – Joseph Rescues his Family

Genesis 47 – Jacob's Family in Goshen

Genesis 48-49 – Jacob Blesses his Sons

Genesis 50 – Jacob's Burial; Joseph's Death

**Listening Forums:** The Michigan District Board of Directors (BOD) is hosting four listening forums this fall. The Board would like to hear from you regarding (1) what you believe are the biggest challenges in our district right now; (2) what problems your congregation is facing right now; (3) what characteristics you think we need in the next district president; among other things. All church workers, convention delegates, lay leaders, and laity are invited to come to one of these four events in preparation for the 2022 Michigan District Convention. Two remaining Forums: **Guardian Lutheran Church, Dearborn** on October 5, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – snacks included. A **Zoom Meeting** on October 6 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Go to <https://michigandistrict.org> and register. The zoom one would be the easiest to attend. (Dale Gust, BOD for the MIDist, LCMS)

**MDFL Survey:** Thanks to all for completing the Survey. If not, you still have time through Sunday, October 3. Please help Zion identify what we do well and where we can improve. The results will be shared with the congregation. (Dale Gust, Elder)



**Men's Breakfast Bible Study**  
*Saturday, October 16*  
*8:00 a.m. at Zion*

# Zion Lutheran Women's Group



## In the Word

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge... Proverbs 1:7a*

## Of the Word

What do you fear? For some, it may be tornadoes or hurricanes. For farmers, it may be drought, frost or flood. For employees, it may be loss of job because of a downturn in the economy. Every one of us has experienced times of fear, and those times usually bear a negative connotation.

But what is Solomon's definition when he speaks of *the fear of the LORD*? (Proverbs 1:7a) Living in the fear of the Lord means that, like St. Paul's Colossian friends, we ... *may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding...* (Colossians 1:9b) Earthly fear may still tempt us, but by the power of the Holy Spirit we are free to love our all-powerful God.

**A Point to Ponder:** How does *the fear of the LORD* remove earthly fears that Satan may use against me?

## Walking with my Lord

Dear Lord, when I am beset by wordly fears, help me cling to you. Remind me that the fear of the LORD gives me joy and peace because You are my God. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Calendar of Events

**Quilting Group** – Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. (lunch,) and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. However, you can come any time that you choose. **Quilts will be displayed on LWML Sunday, October 3 and will be for sale for \$50 each.**

**Orphan Grain Train – Clothes** – These clothes must be in good condition and clean. Please place them in the container by the door at Zion. You can also bring them in a half-filled garbage bag. Please do not over-fill. Delivery will be made when quilts are taken to the Orphan Grain Train.

**No General Meeting in October**

**Dishes** – There are some very nice dishes at Zion Lutheran to be picked up. If you do not remember that you may have brought some for a meal, they are here waiting for you.

**LWML Sunday – October 3 – Display of Quilts** – Men and women are asked to wear the color of purple (redemption) on this day to observe LWML Sunday. Banners will be displayed and a large mite box placed in the narthex to collect contributions of “noisy change” mites. Also, cookies will be served at the fellowship hour, so bring a dozen of your favorite cookies. An LWML presentation, “I am the heart,” will be presented at the Bible Class.

**Women's Bible Study – Saturday, October 9, 9:30 a.m. at CTK.** The current study is The Lutheran Bible Study Companion – Old Testament. This will be the second of nine sessions. Contact Anne Bakker (989) 773-5050 if you have questions about the Bible Study

**Zone Fall Rally Day – October 30 – Zion, (Auburn) Beaver, 9:00 a.m. \$5 registration fee.** Gifts from the Heart will be a Birthday Celebration. Donate a complete bag – cake mix, tub of frosting, matching 8 birthday plates, cups, and napkins, couple toys, small coloring books, crayons and small balls. There will also be sewing of eye glass cases; stringing beads for MOST. We will be car pooling from Zion. Meet at 7:45 a.m. if you wish to attend.

**National Notes** – At the last National Convention, there were 32 grants submitted with 28 being funded for a total of \$2,150,000 in grants. Below is the SECOND grant that was funded,

**Healing the Invisible Wounds of War through Horses Spirit Warrior, Central Maine — \$95,000**

Many veterans and service members want to connect to God. Theological discussions, as well as hearing of the love of Christ, take place while caring for the horses. For information on the Spirit Warrior ministry, go to: [www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-2](http://www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-2).



**“Serve the Lord with Gladness” Psalm 100:2**

## Forgotten

You may have heard the story of a church picnic planned by the local congregation. A senior member, who normally was very involved in this sort of activity, was on vacation when plans were made and never officially notified of the picnic. The night before the big event, the pastor realized the oversight and apologetically called the member. The member was hurt and offended by the last-minute call, refusing to attend the festivities. How sad that we let simple mistakes take us down a path we likely will regret later.



None of us like to be overlooked, forgotten or ignored. It might hurt to think that we can so easily be replaced.

Psalm 115 reassures us that we never will be forgotten by God. Verses 11-13 read as follows: "You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield. The Lord has remembered us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron; He will bless those who fear the Lord, both the small and the great."

The entire bible demonstrates God remembering. He remembered Adam and Eve and promised to send a Savior. Romans 4:18 says "Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.'" Abraham was remembered.

As Jesus walked the earth he remembered the often-forgotten people of society. He healed the lepers and cast out demons. He spoke with the Samaritan woman at the well. He made well the many who were sick. Even while being crucified, He remembered the criminal on the cross next to Him. He remembered His mother, asking John to care for her.

God is also there for you. As you take your concerns large or small to the Lord in prayer, stop and listen. He will answer you. And He has

already taken care of the biggest need you have, forgiveness of sins and the assurance of eternal life. God loves you and remembers you.

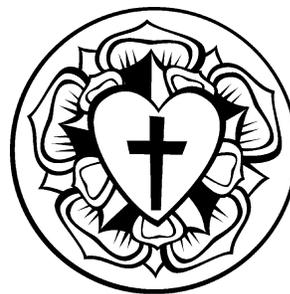
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Call us today.

Bill Burmeister 800-242-3944

## Reformation Sunday

October 31



### Ladies' Bible Study

Thanks to all who came this past week for Bible study. If you missed it and want a copy of the study, come to the chapel Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. I can also give it to you at the late service, or ship it to your house, if you prefer. In October we meet on **Saturday, October 9**. To prepare for this lesson, please read pgs. 17, 21, 495-498 and explore timeline pgs. lxxvi-lxxviii. I have purchased books for those of you who don't have one yet, and will contact each of you when they are ready to pick up. New ladies are always welcome to join us. If you want to come in October and need to order a book, please contact me. They are \$17. Thanks, Anne Bakker

