



The Clarion

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

September - December 2026

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SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

Sept 1 - Jenn Kok
 Sept 2 - Jeff Bickel
 Sept 2 - Shelby Schneider
 Sept 4 - Kailee Schultz
 Sept 4 - Karen Voegeli
 Sept 5 - Eunice Burgraff
 Sept 5 - Mark Flenard
 Sept 5 - Nicolas Kendig
 Sept 5 - Cora McCain
 Sept 5 - Seth Ellefson
 Sept 6 - Eden Mesmer
 Sept 7 - Brenda Locke
 Sept 7 - Emma Lowitz
 Sept 10 - Sunhild Muldbakken
 Sept 10 - Leah Pidde
 Sept 10 - Sydney Schager
 Sept 10 - William Strandell
 Sept 10 - Glenda Stene
 Sept 11 - Michael Drefs
 Sept 11 - Ezekiel Gaye
 Sept 12 - Dianne Corkill
 Sept 12 - Maddyson Pusch

Sept 13 - Melanie Bundy
 Sept 14 - Tyler Erck
 Sept 15 - Rayna McCain
 Sept 15 - Lane Sommervold
 Sept 15 - Marilyn Stratton
 Sept 16 - Marlys Brockberg
 Sept 16 - Griffen Olawsky
 Sept 16 - Macie Raabe
 Sept 17 - Jory Clow
 Sept 17 - Daniel Fick
 Sept 17 - Carol Stember
 Sept 18 - Sandra Anderson
 Sept 18 - Brynn George
 Sept 18 - Barb Peterson
 Sept 19 - Graham Pierce
 Sept 20 - Lisa Westberg
 Sept 20 - Hudson Zens
 Sept 21 - Carl Eichstadt
 Sept 21 - Franklin Scott
 Sept 22 - Hadley Becker
 Sept 22 - Brynlee Boehrs
 Sept 22 - Bekah Crownover

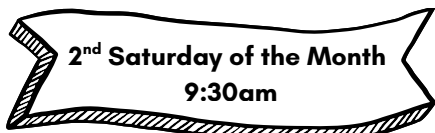
Sept 22 - Alex Johnson
 Sept 23 - Michael Berg
 Sept 24 - Matt McMillen
 Sept 24 - Hayes Graff
 Sept 24 - Holden Graff
 Sept 26 - Brian Frenztz
 Sept 26 - Alex Holmes
 Sept 26 - Ava Kellenberger
 Sept 26 - Emily Lafrentz
 Sept 27 - Abigail Peterson
 Sept 28 - Traci Kiggins
 Sept 28 - Jake Scott
 Sept 28 - Marilyn Titze
 Sept 28 - Margie Wiebers
 Sept 29 - Mallory Callies
 Sept 29 - Larry Eisenbraun
 Sept 30 - Ruth Dunkle
 Sept 30 - Lenora Hendry
 Sept 30 - Rebecca Onnen
 Sept 30 - David Sturzenbecher



Zion Book Club

September Book

"The Westing Game" By Ellen Raskin



This highly inventive mystery involves 16 people who are invited to the reading of Samuel W. Westing's will. They could become millionaires - it all depends on how they play the tricky and dangerous Westing Game, a game involving blizzards, burglaries, and bombings! Ellen Raskin has created a remarkable cast of characters in a puzzle-knotted, word-twisting plot filled with humor, intrigue, and suspense.

Ellen Raskin was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and grew up during the Great Depression. She was the author of several novels, including the Newberry Medal-winning *The Westing Game*, the Newberry Honor-winning *Figs & Phantoms*, *The Tattooed Potato and Other Clues*, and *The Mysterious Disappearance of Leon (I Mean Noel)*. She also wrote and illustrated many picture books and was an accomplished graphic artist. She designed dust jackets for dozens of books, including the first edition of Madeleine L'Engle's classic *A Wrinkle in Time*. Ms. Raskin died at the age of 56 on August 8, 1984, in New York City. (From the Publisher)





May - June - July Income

Home Giving.....	\$144,564
Plate.....	\$7,235
Coffee/Donuts.....	\$1,398
Flowers.....	\$763
Treasure Chest.....	\$234
Memorials.....	\$1,450
Missions.....	\$435
Wednesday Suppers (May).....	\$371
Miscellaneous.....	\$300
Total Received.....	\$156,750
3 Month Need.....	\$246,471



Join us for Zion Choir

Zion Choir's new director is Bekah Crownover!

Choir Rehearsals will be
Thursdays from 6:00-7:00pm.

New Voices Welcome! Contact Bekah or the
church office with questions:
bekahmarie2000@gmail.com



SLEEP MAT PROJECT

Will be moving to 5:00pm on Wednesdays
starting September 16.

All are welcome to help until the Wed.
night activities begin at 6:30pm.

SHOW AND TELL

BRING AN ITEM
THAT HAS
SIGNIFICANCE TO
YOU

55+
JOY ★

POTLUCK TO
FOLLOW

SIGN UP SHEET IN
THE ATRIUM

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SEPT 15TH
10:30AM

ZION LUTHERAN



Parish
Nursing



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Parish
Nursing

back to
school



HEALTHY HABITS

**WHETHER YOU ARE GOING BACK TO SCHOOL OR NOT - NOW
IS A GREAT TIME TO RE-SET INTO HEALTHY HABITS**



MAKE SLEEP A PRIORITY

sleep is as important as exercise

HEALTHY FOOD CHOICES

limit caffeine and sugar

PRAY

Philippians 4:6-7

Psalms 145:18

LIMIT SOCIAL MEDIA

find a hobby, read a book, or go for a
walk



TALK ABOUT YOUR DAY

share the day's highs and lows

Need more resources?

Contact Parish Nurse Rachel

for more tips check out: [Johns Hopkins Medicine](#)





Good News (?)

In the Old Testaments? In the Prophets?! Perhaps that seems like a strange theme for the upcoming series at Zion. The Old Testament is probably not the first place you'd look for Good News, especially not the Prophets.

The Prophets have a reputation for bad news, messages of judgment. Even in their own times and places very few of the prophets were ever popular or admired figures, most were persecuted outcasts. Your inclination would likely be to look somewhere else for encouragement and hope.

Indeed, the Prophets did often live rough lives under duress. They often delivered harsh messages that confronted their listeners and a permissive culture. Some lived and worked in obscurity. Some spent a lifetime lamenting their harsh messages and their rejection. Some died violently.

But their messages outlive them, their audiences, and their times. Still read, repeated and appreciated by the church over centuries. Including you and me today, people whose world and lives might seem to reflect that Old Testament and those Prophets: places where Good News seems out of place. There's ample reason to seem pessimistic or discouraged personally (rough lives under relational, financial, occupational or health duress) or culturally.

The Prophet's harsh messages do exist and persist as necessary wake-up call to repent, but that is not all they have to say. In and among the laments and admonitions is indeed GOOD NEWS!! The Prophets have words of hope and encouragement. In fact some of the laments can help give voice to your own complaints, doubts and fears; helping focus your prayers and delivering you to a place of promise and hope.

The prophet Isaiah, to take one example, is filled with comfort and hopefulness, so much so that his book is sometimes referred to as "the fifth gospel." Like all the prophets, Isaiah orients your grief and frustration toward the anticipation that God is always near, God knows, and God will act to deliver. God indeed does carry your burden in the person of the Suffering Servant who will emerge from the struggle victorious.

Over this upcoming year, join us for this journey through the Prophets to find a message of hope and peace that persists beyond this "bad news world" and leads you out into clear-eyed reality that acknowledges both the struggle and the victory through Christ to "bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom to the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Isaiah 61:1-2).

In Christ,
Pastor Paul Winckler



EXTRA! ZION KIDS '26-'27

GOOD NEWS!

✱ JOIN US THIS FALL FOR OUR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS. DETAILS BELOW! ✱

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our theme this year is **GOOD NEWS!** We will learn about God's prophets and the message they brought his people about the Good News of Jesus and his rescue, the best news of all. Sunday School is every Sunday from 9:15-10:15. See you then starting Rally Sunday, September 13th!



Calling all kindergarten - 5th graders! Wednesday nights are a fun way to connect with your church family and spend time in God's word together.

OWL (One With the Lord) Kind-3rd Grade

A Bible story time with crafts and music taught by Emily Lafrentz.

HOOT (Helping Older Owls Tackle Truth)

4th -5th Grade

We start this fall answering big questions like: How can I believe in a God I can't see? How do I know Jesus really died on a cross? Taught by Chezarae Shoup

FALL DATES

Sept. 13: Rally Sunday
Sept. 16: Wednesday Activities Begin
Sept. 20: 3rd Grade Bible Milestone
Oct. 25: Trunk and Treat 4:00
Nov. 29: No Sunday School
Dec. 6: Program Practice 9:15
Dec. 13: Program Practice 9:15
Christmas Program 4:00

HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE
WHO BRING GOOD NEWS. ISAIAH 52:7



**WEDNESDAY
NIGHTS 6:30**



STAY UPDATED ON OUR FB PAGE: ZION KIDS FAMILY MINISTRY



ZION YOUTH

It is time to start thinking about youth group activities this fall! Below is a summary of what we have going on in our youth ministry this year. I'm looking forward to another great year with your kids!



Sunday Bible Study

SUN 9:15-10:15 AM
Begins Rally Sunday

Bible Study is a great opportunity to grow in our Bible literacy and continue to learn about the stories of Scripture and how they point to Christ. Come and hang out in the youth room with your friends before we grab our Bibles around 9:45!



Youth Night

WED 6:30-8 PM
Begins Sept 16

Every Wednesday, we gather together with our friends and faithful adults who will mentor you in your faith in Jesus! This includes music, games, small groups and a separate middle and high school large group time. Youth Night is one of the best nights of the week! opening at 6:15!



Youth Events

Whether it's a Late-In, a servant event, or going golfing at Great Shots, there are plenty of opportunities to spend time with your church friends outside of youth night. Check out the youth calendar to see what we are planning to do this Fall!



Worship

SUN 8 & 10:30 AM

Prioritizing weekly church attendance is the so important for our kids faith formation. Youth, Bible Study, and Confirmation are all great, but those are supplements to worship, not a replacement! God has gifts to give us! Come and receive them each week through His Word and Sacraments!





WEDNESDAY SUPPERS

SEPTEMBER



- 16th - Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans
- 23rd - Broasted Chicken, Cheesy Potatoes
- 30th - Beef Tips, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy

OCTOBER

- 7TH - Tator Tot Casserole
- 14th - Pulled Pork, Mac n Cheese, Fruit
- 21st - Lasagna, French Bread, Salad
- 28th - Chicken Strips, Potato Wedges, Fruit



NOVEMBER



- 4TH - Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn
- 11th - Roast Beef, Baked Potato
- 18th - Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie



Wednesday Nights

AT



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4:30 - COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY
Conference Rm - Every other week

5:30 - FREE WILL OFFERING SUPPER

6:30-7:30

KIDS

OWL

K-3RD

ZION KIDS RM



HOOT

4TH-5TH

SUNDAY SCHOOL RM #2

YOUTH

YOUTH NIGHT

MS/HS YOUTH

YOUTH ROOM



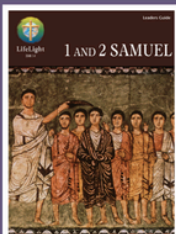
CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL
RM #4



ADULTS

LIFELIGHT STUDY:
1 and 2 Samuel



Conference Room

**"Bible Nobodies
Who Became Somebodies"**



Atrium



"Bible Nobodies Who Became Somebodies"

Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Atrium

One of the lessons we can gain from God's Word is that even the most obscure biblical characters and accounts have profound lessons to teach God's people. The Bible is filled with many fascinating individuals who lived their lives in the shadowslands of insignificance. Tucked away here and there in the pages of sacred Scripture, we may have passed over them as irrelevant nobodies, yet many of them lived their lives in faith and obedience to God despite facing overwhelming odds.

This fall on Wednesday nights in the Atrium at 6:30pm we will be look at seven Bible Nobodies Who Became Somebodies. We will find that God used people from all walks of life not just the biblical superstars we are most familiar with. The moments of destiny in the lives of these ordinary people I pray will rekindle a spark of hope for that same destiny for your life today.

The truth of the matter is that God takes our ordinary lives and uses them for the working of his extraordinary eternal plan for this world whether or not they are perceived as important or valuable. I hope to open our hearts to the spirit of God as we discover afresh his wisdom to guide you through life

Schedule

Sept 16 - Abigail: The Nobody Whose Husband Was a Fool

Sept 23 - The Daughter of Pharaoh: The Nobody Who Couldn't Resist a Baby Boy

Sept 30 - The Ethiopian Eunuch: The Nobody Who Couldn't Wait to Get Dunked

Oct 7 - Joseph of Arimathea: The Nobody Who Finally Came Out of Hiding

Oct 14 - NIGHT OFF at Pastor's Conference

Oct 21 - Micaiah: The Nobody Who Took On Two Kings and Four Hundred Prophets

Oct 28 - Priscilla and Aquila: The Nobodies Who Dared to Speak Up

Nov 4 - The Roman Centurion: The Nobody Who Wowed Jesus



Zion Lutheran's

Trunk and Treat

October 25

4:00-5:30

Fun - Candy - Crafts

Sign-ups will be on the Welcome
Wall in the East entrance

Candy Donations are Needed



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VETERANS' DAY

Brunch

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PLEASE JOIN US IN HONORING OUR
VETERANS and FIRST RESPONDERS - TO
WHOM WE OWE A GREAT DEBT OF
GRATITUDE!

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Sunday, Nov. 8
8:45-10:30

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Everyone Welcome

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FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL GO
TO SUPPORT HONOR FLIGHTS

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Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday
November 25
6:00pm

PIE SOCIAL
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE





Advent Services
10:00am & 6:30pm

Dec. 2nd

Dec. 9th

Dec. 16th

Christmas Eve - Dec. 24

4:00pm - Family Service

7:00pm - Contemporary

9:00pm - Candlelight Communion

Christmas Day - Dec 25

9:00am - Traditional

Sunday - Dec 27

9:00am - Blended Service



Dear Zion Family,

As we step into a new church activity year of 2026-2027, my heart is overflowing with two simple, powerful words... Good News!

In a world that often feels heavy with uncertainty and noise, it's easy to forget that the Gospel isn't just news from the past... it is a living, breathing promise for today. Every new season is a fresh invitation to experience God's unchanging love and to share it with a world in deep need of hope.

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation...” (Isaiah 52:7)

Look around... God is on the move! You don't need extraordinary talents to make an extraordinary impact; you simply need a willing heart. As we launch our programs, I encourage you to step in with joy and expectancy. Invite a neighbor, join a new group, or lend a helping hand.

The good news today is simple yet profound... you belong here, and your presence makes our church family complete.

God is moving in exciting ways, and the story of this upcoming year is still being written. Together, as a united family, we have the opportunity to share His love, support one another through life's seasons, and bring light into our surrounding neighborhood.

We are not just restarting calendar events; we are carrying the greatest story ever told into our homes, schools, and workplaces. Let's make this year a testament to God's goodness. Welcome back, family... the best is yet to come!

Blessings,
Pastor Greg





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Every Sunday at 10:05am

At Zion Lutheran, we are
committed to reaching out,
strengthening the saved, and
serving Jesus Christ by
serving others!

“Streets of Bethlehem”



Please contact the church
office or a member of the
Board of Elders if you are
interested in taking on a
leadership position to
reach out and share the
story of Christ’s birth with
our community.