



THE ZION ZEALANT

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Yes! It's okay to begin gearing up for the holidays during October! October begins with the Knuth's preparing a wonderful Oktoberfest; and at the end of the month we'll celebrate Reformation Day.

We're nearing the end of the Season of the Church Year called Pentecost, soon is the End of the Church Year, and the beginning again of the exciting time of Advent! *[Spoiler alert! This year's Advent sermon series will be none other than Martin Luther's own Advent sermons, edited for time, of course! Luther was known to preach for hours...]*

Yet, in our looking toward the future, there is still much to hear from our gracious Father in heaven. Jesus proclaims much joy to you in the Gospels assigned for October: how to increase your faith by the sweet grace of God; how indeed you are blessed giving thanks for all He has done for you; more about the promised return of our Savior; on Reformation Day we'll hear of our being made free from the slavery to sin, and made welcome disciples of Christ; and soon it'll be November 3rd and we celebrate All Saint's Day.

Over the past two months, I have repeatedly heard from physical therapists that nowhere do I have time to relax and cease to continue exercising my new joint, stretching out nasty scar tissue that'll hinder my movements in the years ahead. Nor is there time for you and me to relax much from being set free as children of God! In the old days, it was called 'resting on your laurels', meaning you've taken advantage of the freedom given you – like the other 9 lepers that failed to return and give thanks to the Lord for healing them.

For you see, Satan is a wily and crafty sort. His goal is to separate you and me from God and take us to the very pits of hell. Jesus has shed His blood for you to inherit the Kingdom of God: salvation. Heaven. It's for me and it's for you. Christ has defeated sin, death, and the devil to procure for you a life everlasting in glory – forever and ever! But when we sit on our advantages... when we drop our guard and allow doubt, temptation, misery, and sin to regain a foothold on us – and we do that by stopping our worship, prayer, and hearing the very Word of God – the devil walks right in.

It is not for my glory or gain I tell you that you need to be in church – it is God who desires your presence in His Holy House. It is for YOU and YOUR salvation I earnestly speak to you how imperative it is you come, hear His Word; partake of His Sacraments; so, you and I will know of HIS glory... HIS salvation for all mankind.

See you in church, soon! Oh, and bring a friend!

Pastor Phil Rittner

Church Council Meeting

September 17, 2019

Meeting called to order by Scott Woodhouse with six (6) members present.

Pastor Rittner opened the meeting with Matthew 5 – Salt of the Earth

Minutes: Steve Smith made a motion to accept the August minutes printed in the September Zealant with no corrections. Pastor Rittner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Receiving Treasurer: reported by Chuck Cooper

	August 2019	YTD
Unrestricted Receipts	\$ 8,551.00	\$ 72,388.56
Restricted/ Miscellaneous Receipts	\$ 4,930.69	\$ 108,403.90
Dividends	\$ 307.42	\$ 2,505.71
Interest	\$ 6.64	\$ 31.72
Total Receipts	\$ 13,795.75	\$ 183,329.89

Katie Rittner made a motion to accept the report as presented. Judy Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Disbursing Treasurer: reported by Chuck Cooper for Jill Coons

Check/Savings August 2019

General Checking/Savings	\$ 12,516.13
Youth	\$ 9,822.13
Restricted Funds	\$ 19,823.01
Lehmburg Legacy/ Kyler Endowment	\$176,214.26

Statement of Activity

	August	YTD
General Budget	\$ 1,617.26	\$ 6,038.24
Non-Budgeted/ Reimbursed	\$ 5,205.95	\$ 103,644.83
Youth	\$.25	\$ (3,303.40)
Net Revenue	\$ 6,823.46	\$ 106,379.67

Steve Smith made a motion to accept the report as presented. Katie Rittner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Elders: Steve Smith

Meeting opened with prayer.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

No transfers.

Discussed the following:
Fall Pastor's conferenced with Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege.
Circuit meeting.
Lutheran's for Life held at Zion on September 14.
Budget.

Average attendance for August was:

Sundays	52
Mid-week	10

Meeting was closed with the Benediction.

Respectively submitted,
Stephen Smith (Sec.)

Trustees:

Roof being replaced – should be done by 9/20/
Still working with Masters about sanctuary AC and solution.

Board of Education: DATE: 01SEP2019 **Minutes taken by:** Jim Mullett

Meeting called to order: 1140

Members/guest: Barb Lahrman, Barb Knuth, Kenny Knuth, Jim Mullett, Kris Woodhouse, Judy Gilbert, guest Scott Woodhouse

Opening Devotion: Lord's Prayer

Previous months Minutes: Reviewed and approved

Sunday School Report: month of August

Students: 5 Adults: 8

Missions: \$201.27 Rose bud Lutheran Indian Church for July and August
September and October Interfaith mission (Columbia City Lighthouse, Mathew 25)

Library Reports: Chris is still printing off pictures

Purchase order for Lutherans for Life has been submitted to purchase the materials for all rights.

Pastor Report: no report

Old Business: Rally day will be here September 8, 2019. Having a Potluck brunch.

Kris is also working on pictures she has been taking to put in the library.

Confirmation begins next week.

New Business: Oktoberfest is 05OCT2019. Hotdogs will be provided please bring a dish to share.

Christmas Celebration is being headed up by Chris and Janice. Chris is looking online. Barb presented previously used programs. 22DEC2019 will be the program during service

Other: Rally day drinks were discussed.

Next Meeting: 06OCT2019

Meeting adjourned: 1200PM

Board of Christian Outreach: No report

Board of Stewardship:

Online giving still in process of set-up.

Board of Youth: Dodgeball challenge has been received by the youth in our Circuit... We need a date!!!!

Pastor: Pastor Rittner

1. 2019 Season of Advent mid-week sermon series will be *“The Advent Sermons of Martin Luther”*. Sermons to be preached will be those (translated) words of Luther himself.
2. We have received the form from the Indiana District – LCMS asking for **Zion’s Pledge** for the year 2020. This pledge should be completed alongside our budgeting next month.
3. Thursday Evening Bible Study is: *“Walking With Paul”*. Folks can always jump in and join the discussions at anytime!
4. Additional copies of the **proposal** for reorganizing Zion’s governing policies are available from Pastor Phil. It has become difficult to conduct church business using the present ‘Church Council’ method; and the lack of volunteers to hold elected positions and participation on various Boards and committees further prohibits successful day-to-day operations.
5. Pastor and Elders return to **visiting our shut-ins** to commence shortly, as Pastor Phil continues to recover from knee surgery.
6. Zion has been assigned a 1st year Deaconess student for Fieldwork, Michaela Strelow! The plan is for her to simply observe Zion for a few weeks, and then she’ll ‘shadow’ Deaconess Katie Rittner in her duties of teaching Catechism and music for worship. Additional duties, as per the requirements of the Fieldworker Program, will begin after Michaela becomes more comfortable with us here at Zion.

Unfinished/Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

With no further business, Steve Smith made a motion to adjourn. Chuck Cooper seconded. The motion carried. Pastor Rittner closed with the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine (Katie) Rittner, Recording Secretary

SCOOP OCTOBER 2019

Rally Day Potluck was enjoyed by 40 people on September 8th. Many thanks to all who attended and brought those tasty dishes!

Catechism classes for Grades 6-8 resumed September 15, lead by Deaconess Katie Rittner! Students meet in gym with adults for Sunday School opening at 9a.m. and then dismisses for class 9:10 a.m.- 10:15 a.m..

Mission project for September and October is the Columbia City Interfaith Lighthouse Mission. Please give prayerful consideration as you help support this local ministry.

Sunday School STATS – August 2019

Class Attendance: Preschool – Elementary – 62.5% (Banner Class!)

A tie for 2nd with Catechism and High School – 50%

The 2019-2020 Sunday School Directory will be coming soon!

UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS

October 5, Saturday 4 to 7p.m. is the 2019 OKTOBERFEST wienie roast at the home of Kenny & Barb Knuth 4279 E. Lincolnway (Map on Narthex Bulletin Board.)

You won't want to miss the awesome fall decorations inside of barn and outside! They will definitely "light up" your evening!

Bring friends and enjoy grilled hotdogs (provided) and the food dishes shared by others. Food is inside barn (Rain or Shine), and a bonfire will be out back, weather permitting. Bring along a lawn chair for the outside fire. Hot chocolate & lemonade is provided. Bring a favorite dish/snack to share.

Dress accordingly – Hayride for children/youth will be available for a fun evening through the paths and wooded area.

For questions or directions, call 260-244-6065.

October 27th, Sunday after service Reformation & Appreciation for Pastor and Deaconess Brunch –

Let's have a special day together on Sunday October 27th and combine 2 celebrations into one: Pastor Phil and Deaconess Katie Appreciation -and- Reformation Sunday (Martin Luther's nailing of the '95 theses' declaring God's True and Holy Word for all)

After the 10:15 a.m. Reformation Sunday Service, we'll have a Pancake/Sausage Brunch in the gym. The Board of Elders are serving up a great meal with Phil Coons manning the pancake grill!

A basket will be available to shower Pastor and Katie with greeting cards or hand written notes. October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

Hope you'll join us for another great time of good food and great fellowship.



Brookdale (Assisted Living):
John & Lois Duffy

Those at home: Linda Hobkirk, Gene & Janice Klopfenstein, Dortha Marsh, Bill Niedermeyer, Maxine Lott, John Pullen, Tim & Sandra Rueger, John Meyers, Willie & Karen Scheumann, Jeannine Slavicek, Shane Hoffman, Lynn Kyler, Ralph & Barbra Kieper and Rhonda Freeman.

Those Serving in the Armed Forces:
Joshua Rittner, Jason & Ashley Weatherly

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

For anyone else we have not mentioned that might be in our hearts. . . . Lord, hear our prayers.

Worship Services

SUNDAY

Sunday School—9:00 a.m.

Worship—10:15 a.m.

w/Communion

1st & 3rd Sundays

WEDNESDAY

Worship—7:00 p.m.

w/Communion

SERVING AT CHURCH

Ushers

6th - Steve Smith
13th - Ralph Sexton
20th - Steve Smith
27th - Ralph Sexton

Acolytes

6th - Caleb Decker
13th - Sam Mullett
20th - Lily Lane
27th - Kirby Coons

Greeters

6th - Kathaleen Reese
13th -
20th - Pat Decker
27th - Peggy Brooke

Altar Guild

Betty Wilkinson



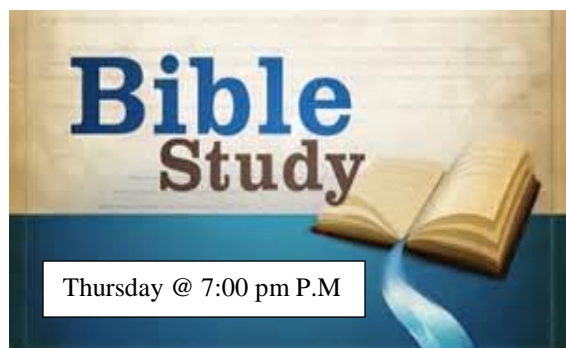
BIRTHDAY'S

1 Laura Mullett
2 Jim Mullett
2 Jacob Mullett
3 David Wiehe
8 Heather Decker
21 Caleb Roark
22 Mary Sexton
24 Lydia Childs
24 Jennifer Foldenauer
27 Amanda Crutchfield
27 Ervin Doehrman
28 Martha Williams
29 Daniel Knuth
29 Linda Williams

BAPTISMS



Andrew Hart
Violet Klopfenstein
Lois Duffy
Jacob Bills
Jack Foldenauer
Gilliana Knuth
Kenneth Knuth
Laura Mullett
Jill Coons
Kirby Coons
Riley Coons
Rachel Digitz
Kathleen Reese
Michael Sexton



ANNIVERSARIES

4 Spencer & Jessica Rossow
5 Rick & Sara Sawyer
16 Jim & Laura Mullett

Did you know?

The Whitley County Council on Aging will let you borrow any medical equipment that they have in house... Wheelchairs, Walkers, Knee Carts, Crutches etc... Any age can borrow from them. You can call to see if they have it in stock currently. They also accept unwanted medical equipment you no longer need. Call them to see if they have a need for the item. 260-248-8944. Near Bones Theatre. \$25 rental fee, however when you return the item, you get your check or money back. What a great resource to have in our community.

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BUDGET ARE DUE!	2020 Calendar Items are due!	1	2 7:00 pm Worship Service	3 9am Ladies aid sewing 7pm Bible Study	4	5 OCTOBERFEST 4p-7p
6 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30 am Bd. of Outreach Mtg.	7 Pastor's Day Off	8	9 7:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion Elder's Meeting after Service	10 7pm Bible Study	11	2 Pastor's Day Off
13 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Service 11:30 am Bd. Education Mtg.	14 Pastor's Day Off	15	16 7:00 pm Worship Service	17 9am Ladies aid sewing 7pm Bible Study	18	19 Pastor's Day Off
20 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30 am Voter's Mtg	21 Pastor's Day Off	22 Blood Drive	23 7:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion	24 Zealant Items Due! 7pm Bible Study	25	26 Pastor's Day Off
7 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Service 11:30 am Youth Meeting 11:15am Reformation & Appreciation Brunch	28 Pastor's Day Off		30 7:00 pm Worship Service	31 7pm Bible Study HALLOWEEN		