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Fellow Redeemed,
Pastor Phil Rittner

September 2018

One thing always gets me. The fact you and I are living with a “dual citizenship”. We belong both to: we are members of this age (in this time, in this place), and, we are also members of the age to come: heaven.

What gets me is how so many of us, me included(!), live as though this is it! Live it up my friends! The old eat, drink, and be merry sort of stuff. *“Yeah, I’m a naturally born citizen of America.”* And, every now and then, you could almost faintly hear a little voice way out back whisper...” *yes, I’m saved by Christ and Heaven is my home.”*

In the book of Acts, St. Paul made sure folks understood he too had a “dual” citizenship. He was Roman by birth; and he claimed Heaven as his home. (Phil. 3:20) The magistrates tried to have Paul released from prison quietly, without any fanfare and justly allow Paul his “rights” as a citizen of Rome – but the good Saint would have none of that! In Acts 22 Paul stood firm in his faith and demanded to know why he was to be flogged be a duly, rightful, birth-born citizen of Rome? The Roman Centurions feared they would unjustly be violating Paul’s rights.

But... writing to the church in Philippi, St. Paul says that for Christians **“our citizenship is in heaven.”** Our Lord Jesus Christ even remarked that His Kingdom was not of this world. (John 18:36)

So. You and I are to remember as we seek to be faithful with our dual citizenship, (1), that we fully recognize God rules over all things; (2), we understand that just because our earthly citizenship is not ultimate, that doesn’t make it unimportant! ; (3), we’re to gladly receive all of God’s good and perfect gifts, ***INCLUDING*** His common grace of government!; and (4), we should embrace God’s means on earth for publicly identifying our heavenly citizenship!

With that, I, your pastor, encourage each of you to participate in worship: here, in the church of Jesus Christ – made up of God’s people gathered in God’s place under God’s rule practicing God’s Means of Grace. For here, within this Sanctuary, IS the institutional expression of the Kingdom of God here in this world.

There are more important things in life than the political order and our civic engagement. For instance, the inner-workings of the Church itself require more than just a pastor, a Sunday School teacher or two, and somebody doing the music. This building requires maintenance and upkeep. Our Youth need tending to, bringing them up in the love and fear of the Lord. The beautiful space you and I worship in needs preparation for worshipping our Lord. Even this newsletter needs its submissions, the printing and the distribution. And then there’s the Outreach and Evangelism, the fundraising, the Mission Projects, and the list goes on!

Now ongoing and to continue until our October Voter’s Meeting, the Nominating Committee (which is Ralph B. alone and yours truly.) is seeking to fill 22 elected positions for our church council and committees. Pray about that now. Give strong consideration to serving our Lord and His Church by serving in the functioning of this Holy House and helping by your contributions, spreading the love of God and the Salvation won by Christ upon the Cross – the Good News!

See you in church! Soon!

Pastor Phil Rittner

p.s. As reference for this article, I used materials out of the September 2018 issue of *Tabletalk*; “an Outreach of Ligonier Ministries, Sanford, Fl.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Phil". The signature is written in black ink and is centered on the page.

Church Council

August 21, 2018

Zion Lutheran Church
Counsel Meeting
August 21, 2018

Kenny Knuth called the meeting to order. Pastor Rittner opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes: Joyce Reidt made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Zealant, Chuck Cooper 2nd the motion passed with the following corrections. 1. Youth profits for the corn dog wagon are

\$2,078.03. Net Revenue for June is \$2,993.76

Receiving Treasurer: Chuck Cooper

	July	YTD
Unrestricted Receipts	\$7,672.00	\$52,788.47
Restricted/ Miscellaneous	\$ 315.74	\$ 3,545.59
Dividends	\$ 314.12	\$ 2,234.22
Interest	\$ 3.12	\$ 16.97
Total Receipts	\$ 8,304.98	\$58,585.25

Steve Smith made a motion to accept the report as presented, Pastor Rittner 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Disbursing Treasurer: Jill Coons

	July
General Checking/Savings	\$ 1,528.50
Youth	\$ 14,971.98
Restricted Funds	\$ 13,246.84
Lehmburg Legacy	\$ 77,761.54
	(Market Value 6/30 \$74,433.12)

Statement of Activity/ Net Revenue	July	YTD
General Budget	\$ (959.36)	\$ (3,218.67)
Non-Budgeted	\$ (1,289.33)	\$ (3,115.12)
Youth	\$ (840.15)	\$ 1,987.77
Total	\$ (3,088.84)	\$ (4,346.02)

Elders: Steve Smith

Meeting opened with prayer.

- A new visitation Schedule will be posted
- In one of the upcoming issues of Lutheran Engaged Magazine there will be an article on the Whitley county Jail Ministry
- Elders are preparing their part of the 2019 budget.
- Average attendance for July Sundays-48 Mid-week- 11 Meeting closed with the Benediction.

Trustees: Jeremy Grant

- We are waiting on estimates from Marinos for weed control.
- Cross for the front outside of church will be mounted by the end of September.
- Signage for the church entrance is done.
- 8 new emergency exit signs are purchased and will be replaced.
- Pastor Rittner will help solicit quotes for replacement windows in the basement.

Board of Education:

Board meet August 12 with 5 members and 1 guest present. Pastor Rittner led us in prayer.

Sunday School Report: Kami Wilburn and Barb Knuth will update the Sunday School Directory.

Average Attendance for July: Students 2 Adults 15

Missions: \$203.81 has been collected for Destiny's Rescue for July/August.

Pastor Report: Thursday night bible study will begin September 6, 2018. Pastor may start a senior's bible study during the day. Katie will start teaching confirmation on Sunday September 9, 2018.

Old Business: Several volunteers from Zion handed out information to promote the church during 4-H fair and also helped with the corn dog wagon and handed out water during Old Settlers Parade. Thank You to all the volunteers who helped and donated supplies.

New Business; October fest will be October 20, 2018. Installation of Sunday School Officers will be Rally Day Sunday September 16, 2018. Christmas program will be December 16, 2018 more on this at a later date.

Stewardship: Chuck Cooper

On-line giving options are being considered. Some of these are text-to-give, simply giving, Thrivent, or Joyful Response. Shred it day is September 22, 2018 if you have confidential items to dispose of. Security measures were discussed in leaving monies for the receiving treasurer.

Youth:

Trip to Deep River Water Park is August 25, 2018. Urban Station will prepare food for

lunches. Scot Woodhouse is working with youth to prepare for the 2019 Convention in Minnesota. Thank You to Jill/Phil Coons for all their work during Old Settlers with the Corn dog wagon.

Pastors Report:

- Red Cross has distributed their planned blood drives here at Zion for the remainder of 2018 and 2019. August 30, 2018 and October 25, 2018. June 6, July 26 (free Cedar Point tickets), August 1 all 2019.
- Pastor up-dated vacation schedule-September 25-October 1, 2018. A Seminarian has been contacted to cover services during this time.
- Steve Hill from Destiny's Rescue will be at Zion September 9, 2018 to make a presentation during Adult Bible class and following church service. There will be a door offering that day.
- Sam Mullet will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday October 28, 2018 with a reception to follow.
- Do we need to update our Constitution? (Discussion)
- Detailed inventory/research of past Voters Resolutions. (Discussion)

No Unfinished Business:

New Business: Budgets for 2019 are due to Jill Coons by September 30, 2018.

With no other business Chuck Cooper made a motion to adjourn Joyce Reidt 2nd, the motion passed.

Pastor Rittner closed with the Benediction.

Respectively submitted Joyce Reidt (sec.)

Zion Ladies Aid

LADIES AID

Ladies Aid continues to sew cancer pads on the first and third Thursday of each month. 100 completed pads were returned to Cancer Services of N.E Indiana, 80 brought back to sew and 100 more ordered for Dec. 1. We have been having about 10 sewers at each session. The ladies all look forward to these sewing sessions as we have great fellowship while doing a very worthwhile project that we have done since 1985.

WE visited Karen Scheuman who is out at the Oaks and plan to visit Alberta Warnick in N. Manchester soon. Alberta was a longtime active member of our Ladies Aid. We will be doing other visits also. Visits and cards to Zion's sick and shut ins is one of our mission projects.

We continue to "Serve With Gladness".



Sunday School Lessons for Fall Quarter:
“God Protects His People in Egypt and the Exodus”
Sept. 2- “Joseph and His Brothers”
9- “Joseph’s Troubles”
16- “Joseph Feeds Egypt”
23- “Joseph Forgives”
30- “The Birth of Moses”

SCOOP September 2018

September is Christian Education Month and we will celebrate with Rally Day on September 16. Sunday School Staff will be installed at the 10:15 a.m. worship service, and a potluck will follow. Please bring a dish to share-drinks will be provided. The Board of Christian Outreach will recognize Zion’s new members that day as well:
Lynn Kyler and Dyllynn Jei Lepper.

On September 9th we will have a guest speaker during Sunday School Hour (9:00-10:00 a.m.) from Destiny Rescue, our mission project for July and August. Please join us!

Sunday school STATS for May 2018 Class Attendance:

Jr./High School: 50 %

Upper Elementary: 80% (Banner Class)

Catechism Class: %

Preschool/Kg: 20%

Sunday School Hour begins at 9:00am. With opening in the gym before dismissing for classes at 9:10-10:00 am. Coffee and Donuts available

Bible Trivia Questions 1) What was the apparent source of Samson’s strength? 2) From which country did Moses help the Israelites escape from their lives of slavery? 3) Who was the fourth person in the fiery furnace along with Daniel’s friends? 4) What did Joseph’s brothers do to deceive their father to cover up that they had sold Joseph into slavery? 5) What kind of leaves did Adam and Eve sew together to make clothes for themselves?



Peabody Home (Hawthorn unit):
Alberta Warnick

Brookdale (Assisted Living):
John & Lois Duffy

Those at home:
Tom Auer, Martha Essex, Linda
Hobkirk, Gene & Janice Klopfenstein,
Dortha Marsh, Bill Niedermeyer, John
Pullen, Tim & Sandra Rueger,
Willie & Karen Scheumann, and
Jeannine Slavicek.

New Office Hours: Thank you
for your understanding and
cooperation with Monday's
Change. This will be until the
end of the semester which is in
December.

Church Office Hours

Monday 7:30- 11:30 am
Tuesday 8:00-12:00 pm
Wednesday 8:00- 12:00pm
Thursday 8:00-12:00pm
Friday 8:00-12:00pm

SPECIAL PRAYER
REQUESTS
for

. . . and 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
2nd & 4th Wednesdays

**Just a reminder for all those
using the gym please check all
doors before you leave to
make sure they are closed
tightly. Thank You!**



We had our annual bake sale at Zion's Garage Sale last month. I would like to thank all that helped to prepare and made this a success. Thank you for all the donated bake goods and other donations. The L.W.M.L is blessed to have such a supportive congregation as Zion Lutheran, God has blessed us with this church family. I would also like to thank Christine Woodhouse for making our new banner for L.W.M.L. she did an amazing job.

LWML North Zone Rally- will be on Oct.6 at Emmanuel on W. Jefferson. Fort Wayne, IN.

LWML Sunday is October 7th.

Outreach:

We will not be having Coffee Hour between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

We are still collecting **Shoes** for the **Changing Footprints** project.

New Members Dinner September 16, 2018. We will be honoring Lynn Kyler and Dyllynn Jei Lepper.

Chris's Corner



School's back in session. Whether you've been out of the classroom for five years or fifty, it's never too late to read that classical literature you merely skimmed for sophomore English. Your church library is here to help!

Homer's Iliad. Shakespeare's Othello. Hugo's Les Misérables. Doyle's Sherlock Holmes. Even Brad Pitt, Lawrence Fishburne, Hugh Jackman, and Benedict Cumberbatch are excited for these reads (at least the scripts...)! Other quintessential writers include Hemingway, Plato, Euripides, Irving, Eliot, and more.

You'll be answering trivia questions (Sherlock Holmes resides at 221B Baker Street) and amazing your friends with fabulous quotes ("Laughter is sunshine, it chases winter from the human face." - Hugo) in no time.

Check out (pun intended) these great works today!

Thy Will Be Done
From the Portals of Prayer

Let the will of the Lord be done.” This is a good prayer that we can surely pray with certainty. Like praying, “Lord, have mercy,” it is good prayer when you simply don’t know what to pray for. With it, you hand the situation over to God and say, like a child to his dear father: “Please take care of this. I don’t know what is to be done, but I know that you do.”

Of course, the situation here is a bit more difficult. As Paul’s companions fail to bring him away from his plans to go to Jerusalem, plans that seemed destined for doom and disaster, they commend him to God. Paul already had commended himself to the Lord’s will. At times, the will of the Lord, although it is a good thing to pray for, does not bring happy things, but some pain and suffering. In Paul’s case, this would be for the sake of the Gospel. In our lives, our work in our different vocations may not always bring us joy, but it is God’s will. And praying for His will to be done can mean really praying for Him to give us the wherewithal to stand in the face of trial and say: “I am a child of God, and though they take all I have, they cannot take my Lord from me.” Whatever you face in life, God will be with you to guide, bless, and strengthen you, through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Our Father in heaven, Thy will be done. Amen.

Youth: The youth went to Deep River Water Park on August 25, 2018. A day filled with fun, a little rain and laughter. Urban Station prepared food for lunches. Scot Woodhouse is working with youth to prepare for the 2019 Convention in Minnesota. Thank You to Jill/Phil Coons for all their work during Old Settlers with the Corn dog wagon.

September

SERVING AT CHURCH

Ushers

2- Ralph Sexton
9- Steve Smith
16- Ralph Sexton
23- Steve Smith
30- Ralph Sexton

Acolytes

Greeters

2-Kathaleen Reese
9-
16-Pat Decker
23-
30-

Altar Guild

Do to an error on my part these two
Wonderful couples didn't make it into
the Zealant last month, so I chose to honor them
in the September Zealant. Happy Anniversary
to all our Couples that are celebrating
anniversaries these last weeks of August
and in September!

BIRTHDAY'S



1 Cheryl Thiele
2 Nicholas Decker
5 Shasta Childs
7 Maxine Lott
8 Madison Cook
8 Bonnie Pease
13 Kurt Goshorn
14 Kyler Bills
15 Tracy Decker
18 Linda Hobkirk
20 Lois Duffy
24 Katie Rittner
28 Kim Yann

BAPTISMS



Jeffery Clark
Latishia Carpenter
Jason Doehrman
Connie Forrester
Janice Klopfenstein
Cecily Knuth
Tom Knuth
Monica Koldyke
Maxine Lott
Emma Mullet
Wm. Niedermeyer

ANNIVERSARIES



August

26 Rev. Phil & Katie Rittner
31 Steve & Betty Wilkinson

September

20 Jared & Callie Braun
28 Toby & Lindsey Lepper

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Pastor's day off
2 S.S. 9:00 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am Bd. of Outreach. 11:30 am	3 Happy Labor Day! Pastor's day off	4	5 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	6 Ladies Aid sewing 9 am LWML- TBA Bible Study- 7:00pm	7	8 Pastor's day off
9 S.S. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Bd. Of Ed 11:30am	10 Pastor's day off	11	12 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm Elders Meeting	13 Bible Study- 7:00pm	14	15 Pastor's day off
16 S.S. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Youth meeting After service	17 Pastor's day off	18 Church Council Meeting 7pm	19 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	20 Ladies Aid Sewing 9 am Bible Study- 7:00pm	21 Zealant Items Due.	22 Pastor's day off
23 S.S. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am	24 Pastor's day off	25	26 Wed. Evening Service 7 pm	27 Bible Study- 7:00pm	28	29 Pastor's day off
30 S.S. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am						

Answers to Bible Trivia: 1) Long hair (Jdg. 16:17) 2) Egypt (Exo 13:3) 3) An angel (Dan 3:28) 4) Dipped his coat in the blood of a goat (Gen. 37:31) 5) Fig (Gen 3:7)

No items turned in:

