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ZION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Zion Lutheran Church Trust Fund is ready to receive college scholarship applications for 2017. Depending upon the available funds and number of applicants, three or four scholarships ranging from \$750 to \$1000 will be awarded this year. Application Rules:



1) Applicants must have been members of Zion for at least two years. 2) Applicants must be full-time students at an accredited college or university. 3) Applicants must have completed at least one semester of post high school study at the time of application. 4) Applicants can only receive one Zion Lutheran Trust Fund scholarship. Applications are available from the church office, email, or on <http://zionmuscatine.org>. Applications must be returned to the Trust Fund by **November 3, 2017**.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Daylight Savings Time ends on **November 5**. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour so you don't miss worship!



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 5 is All Saints Sunday. On this day, we remember and celebrate the witness of faith of God's Saints who have entered into eternal life. If you would like to have your loved one especially included in the bulletin, please call the church office by 3 pm on Thursday, November 2nd. New this year, we are asking all members to bring in photos of loved ones who have died (in a frame what can stand on its own) as a visual reminder of the great cloud of witnesses that join us in our walk of faith. Please bring photos Sunday morning, and you may take them home with you that day.



PRAYERS AROUND ZION

"Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs."

FOR THOSE THAT ARE ILL:

Bob Nicolai, Deb Burke, Nancy Franklin, Dorothy Shanks

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE:

Doug & Deb Hughes on the loss of Doug's brother, Jim. Scott Richardson and family on the loss of Scott's dad. Ray Taylor on the loss of his son, David Taylor.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

*Birthdays with * beside the name represents a birthday of 90+ years, ** represents 100+ years. Anniversaries listed are for 50+ years.*

*Dorothy Shanks	11/1
*Dick O'Brien	11/3
*Marietta Zimmerman	11/3
Wilma Montgomery	11/8
*Ellen Tietje	11/13
*Ray Taylor	11/18
Keith Butcher	11/24
*Mildred Meyer	11/24
Keith & Mary Butcher	11/4
Ron & Karolyn Subbert	11/4

OUT - TO - LUNCH BUNCH

Out-to-Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 AM on **November 9** at *Happy Joe's*. Sign up is available on the nursery bulletin board.



SUPPER CLUB

Supper Club will meet at 6:00 PM on **November 18** at *Salvatore's*. Sign up is available on the nursery bulletin board.



GROUP 5

Group 5 will meet on **November 21** at 9:30 AM at *Sharon Pugh's*.

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GROUP 6

Group 6 will not be meeting in the month of November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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DISPLAY CASE

The next display case will be a personal collection. Please check back in December's Contact for the next display case update.

PUB THEOLOGY

Pub Theology is a concept, not a place. If you are 21 years old or older, please attend, make new friends, meet new people, and engage with your community regarding topics that matter and are relevant in the world today. The next meetings will be *TBA*.



NEW CONFIRMANDS

Congratulations to Parker Freyermuth, Hannah Keith, Quintin Meerdink, Alexandria Steele, Cole True, and Julissa Williams as they affirmed their baptisms in Christ on October 29, 2017. We are so proud of you all! Please continue to pray for them as they continue on their faith journey.

ALTAR GUILD:

Stacey & Sheryl

USHERS:

Mike Carter, Daryl Smock,
Gregg Mandsager, Julie
Frye, Jake Evans, Justin
Dornbush

GREETERS UP:

11/5 -Butch & Rose Doyle
11/12 - Carol & Evelyn
Christophersen
11/19 - Sharon Pugh &
Evelyn Christophersen
11/26 - Sharon Pugh &
Carol Christophersen

GREETERS DOWN:

11/5 - Dave & Sara
Reuswig
11/12 - Jurgen & Jan Boche
11/19 - Jim & Julie Haage
11/26 - Bill & Patty
Chrisman

READERS:

11/5 - Mark Perisho
11/12 - Abby Frye
11/19 - Julie Frye
11/26 - Dave Starkweather

ACOLYTES:

11/5 - Lizzy Mills & Ella
Schroeder
11/12 - Aidan Armstrong &
Nathan Taylor
11/19 -Ryan Mandsager
11/26 - Matt Richardson

ANGEL TREE

Zion members will again have an opportunity to help the individuals served by LSI and Lutheran Living to have a nice Christmas. Zion and Grace will team up to provide gifts for the HOPES children and assist with a Christmas dinner party for the families. Social Ministry will have two trees set up on **November 5** with angel gift tags. The Hopes staff is making a change in their requests due to budget cuts and philosophy. One tree will have angel tags that indicate the gender and ages (prenatal to 5 yrs.) of the child, requesting an appropriate book of choice and a specific family game. The other tree will have tags requesting diapers and wipes. Please help these families by selecting one or both tags and returning the unwrapped items to Zion by *November 26*. There will be large boxes beside the angel tree to put gifts in. Following this event, there will be new angel tags placed on the tree **November 26** for residents of Lutheran Living who have no family members and may not be remembered at Christmas. These gifts will need to be gift wrapped and returned by *December 17*. Thanking you in advance for being someone's Christmas Angel! Social Ministry Committee



SOUP & PIE SUPPER

Tuesday, **November 7** from 4:30-6:30 PM will be the Zion Soup and Pie Supper. This is a fundraiser to help support Zion Youth. The menu includes: homemade chili or chicken noodle soup, pork/ham sandwiches, pies, and cakes. Food donations are requested. Please check the bulletin board for a sign-up sheet. Adults are \$6, children 10 and under are \$4, 60 and up are \$5. Extra soup or sandwich can be purchased for \$1.



HOSPITALITY:

11/5 - Worship
11/12 - Property
11/19 - Stewardship
11/26 - Fellowship/Council

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Gateway: 3:15 PM on 11/3
All Comm: 6:30 PM - 11/2
Executive: 6:15 PM - 11/9
Council: 7 PM - 11/9

CHOIR PRACTICES:

Bell Choir at 6:15 PM on
11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29
Senior Choir at 7 PM on
11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29

OFFICE CLOSINGS:

The church office will be closing at noon on Wednesday, November 22 and will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24.

MISSING ITEMS:

There are some folks who are missing their pie pans from the Sauerkraut Supper. Please double check your pans at home to be certain that you did not accidentally take pans that have others' names on them. If found, please bring to the church office.

BLOOD DRIVE

Zion will be hosting their semi-annual blood drive of the year on **November 9** from 2:30-6:00 PM in the multipurpose room. Please contact Nancy Tietge at 263-0032 with any questions or to get more information. Anyone who is eligible to donate is encouraged to do so and new donors are always welcome. You don't have to be a Zion member to donate here. Tell your friends and family, spread the news on social media, share any way you can...it could help save someone's life!



MITTEN TREE

Sunday School Sponsored Opportunity: The 4th and 5th Grade Class will put up the Mitten Tree on **November 12** and it will remain up until Epiphany in January. Mittens, hats, scarves, socks, underwear, and sweat pants can be placed on the tree. They will be given to LSI, MCSA, and schools for children in need.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Zion's Youth is doing "Operation Christmas Child" a project of Samaritan's Purse. Everyone is encouraged to participate. There is an empty tote outside the office for donations. Age categories are 2-4 years, 5-9 years, and 10-14 years. A check for \$9 payable to Samaritan's Purse should be enclosed to help cover shipping and other costs. Items we are looking for: stuffed animals, cloth dolls, toy trucks, cars, boats, balls, jump ropes, toothbrushes, combs, t-shirts, socks, pencils and sharpeners, pens, crayons, markers, coloring books, ivory bar soap, wash rags, band aids (non-ointments), underwear, empty plastic or cardboard shoe boxed. Please have all items dropped off to the church by **November 12**. Thank you for all of your support!



ADVENT PARTY

Zion Youth will be having a fall party for kids preschool through grade 5 on **November 26** during Sunday School. There will be crafts, food, and fun!



THANK YOU'S:

We would like to take the opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the love, prayers, and support we have been shown during this very difficult time. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

~ Twyla Subbert, Dan & Sara Schmelzer

ADULT EDUCATION:

Our new education series begins Sunday, November 5 and will continue through the end of the year. Please join Pastor Cauley as we prepare for our congregation visioning and planning process next year using the material "Why Nobody Wants to Go to Church Anymore". In this course, we will explore the reasons why the church is in decline and steps that we might take towards building an irresistible church. We will discuss the "Four Acts of Love" to employ as we consider a faith community where people want to be. This is sure to be an exciting discussion, so grab a cup of coffee and join in on the discussion!

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Everyone is invited to have Coffee with the Pastor. Maybe you've been attending Zion for awhile, but have questions about the inner workings of the church. Maybe you're new and would like to get to know Pastor Steve and learn about the ways you can get connected. Whatever stage you are at, we want to engage with you and serve you in the name of Christ! Please ask an usher for a "Coffee with the Pastor" coupon, put your name and number on it, and place it in the offering plate. You may also call the church office or email Pastor Steve to set up a time for "Coffee with the Pastor."



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Kindergarten and older will rehearse for the Christmas program on Saturday, **December 2** at 9 AM. This year's Christmas program will be on Sunday, **December 10** at 4 PM. The program will feature Zion's children, teens, and young adults. This year's program is titled "Tree-Mendous Love: From the Manger to the Cross."



ADVENT SILENT NIGHTS

New this year, we will be hosting a free time of prayer, meditation, relaxation, and rest in the sanctuary on Thursdays in Advent. Come and go as you please between 5 and 9 PM on Thursday, **December 7, 14, and 21** as we all prepare for and await the coming of our Lord.



SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Caroling to shut-ins will be held **Saturday, December 16**. The schedule is as follows:

4:00-4:45 PM - Soup supper

5:00-5:30 PM - Table Worship at Zion

5:30 PM - Meet at church to leave for caroling!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office.



CROP WALK UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported the 46th Annual Muscatine CROP Hunger Walk this year whether you walked or donated funds, supported walkers, participated in the Hy-Vee Shop & Share, or the fundraising event at the Mississippi Brew. A special thank you to Vicar Kyle for creating the Muscatine CROP Walk page for the event. 25% of the funds raised from the Muscatine CROP Hunger Walk are donated directly to the Muscatine Community Food Pantry and the Bag of Blessing program.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Zion received \$20,000 from the Flickinger Estate. Half was deposited in the Trust Fund and half in the Innovative Mission Fund.
- Social Ministry reported that the CROP Walk netted 3,352 pounds of food and \$847.11 in cash for the Food Pantry.
- Pastor Luhwa requested monies to finish construction on the Kihurio companion congregation main church. Council approved \$4,500 to provide electricity, finish the ceiling, and provide toilets. This money will come out of the Innovative Mission Fund.
- Zion Council decided to provide a new personal laptop computer to Pastor Luhwa. His old one was no longer functional.
- Property reported that they received a check of \$3,022 for hail damage on the library church roof. A roofing contractor is being contacted.

FROM PASTOR LUHWA

Dear Pastor Steve and all members of Zion Lutheran Church, Greetings in the name of the Jesus Christ our lord and Savior. I am fine and my family too. I like to thank God for give me chance to visit you between September and October. Surely it was wonderful trip for your good arrangements. I like to give many thanks Pastor Steve for his administration and being a spiritual leader. He was a good advisor to me so I didn't get a trouble in my health. My travel was good and all my luggage are in good condition. Thank you for your money because I ate, paying tax, buying modem and to maintain cell phone in Dar for the cost of Tanzania shillings 160,000/ = \$71. It works in Tanzania with efficient. I appreciate your prayers that you did for me. In fact I have seen Lord and hearing from you. So I have learned many things from you. May God bless you. I like to thank president of Zion Lutheran Church Robert Nicolai for his good governance. I know it's not easy to mention names of people but enough to say everyone in Zion made me to feel I was in the house of the Lord. Thank you again and again to Karen and her family, Sarah and Mark Perisho and Christy and Williams family for being close with me all the time without forget, Vicar Kyle for his guidance to me. I pray that God gives us another chance to meet but more to meet in heaven. I like to invite you sisters and brothers of Zion Lutheran Church to visit us in Kihurio. Lastly, I believe that all my requests to you shall be implemented. The letter of Pastor Steve will be read tomorrow during our worship. I ask many blessings to you from God. Send my hug to all. In Christ's love, Pastor Luhwa.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Sept 2017 Actual	9/12 Yr. Budget	Yr-to-Date Difference
Budgeted Income	\$187,377	234,068	(46,691)
Budgeted Expenses	<u>220,342</u>	<u>234,068</u>	<u>(13,726)</u>
Net Ordinary Income	(32,965)	-	(32,965)
Unbudgeted Income	9,079	-	9,079
Unbudgeted Expenses	<u>3,314</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,314</u>
Net Income	(27,200)	-	(27,200)

Fund Balances

Unified	\$112,036	Designated Benevolences	\$20
Building	\$6,543	Quilters	\$2,047
Memorial	\$21,211	Mission	\$103,539
Fellowship	\$9,305	Flower Fund	\$2,793
Youth	\$11,908	Gateway	\$41,284


SAUERKRAUT DONATIONS

The following is a list of places that Sauerkraut Supper money was donated to on behalf of Zion Lutheran Church.

- CROP Walk for Hunger
- Pastor's Discretion Fund
- Zion's Unities
- Meat for Sauerkraut Supper 2018
- Emmaus Café
- Iowa City Chaplain Fund

Again, many, many thanks to everyone who helped in some manor for this year's Sauerkraut Supper. You are greatly appreciated!

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 Reformation/Confirmation Sunday 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Ed.</p> 	<p>30 5:00 PM Z-Book Club - HyVee Market Cafe</p>	<p>31 Happy Halloween/ Reformation 500 9:00 AM Quilting Ladies 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p> 	<p>1 All Saints Day 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study @ Zion MPR 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation @ Zion 7:00 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>2 6:30 PM All Committee Night</p>	<p>3 Scholarship Applications Due 3:15 PM Gateway Meeting</p> 	<p>4 5:00 PM Table Worship</p>
<p>5 All Saints Sunday/Daylight Savings Time Ends/LSI Angel Tree Up 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Ed.</p> 	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Election Day 9:00 AM Quilting Ladies 4:30 PM Soup & Pie Supper 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p> 	<p>8 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study @ Zion MPR 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation @ Zion 7:00 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>9 11:30 AM Out-to-Lunch Bunch - Happy Joe's 2:30 PM Blood Drive 6:15 PM Exec. Committee 7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day 5:00 PM Table Worship</p> 
<p>12 Mitten Tree Up/Operation Christmas Child Gifts Due 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Ed.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 9:00 AM Quilting Ladies 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>15 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study @ Zion MPR 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation @ Zion 7:00 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 5:00 PM Table Worship 6:00 PM Supper Club - Salvatore's</p>
<p>19 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Ed.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9:30 AM Group 5 - Sharon Pugh's 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>22 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study @ Zion MPR 12:00 PM Office Closing</p> 	<p>23 Group 6 - No Meeting Happy Thanksgiving - <u>Office Closed!</u></p>	<p>24 Office Closed!</p> 	<p>25 5:00 PM Table Worship</p>
<p>26 LSI Angel Gifts Due/L. L. Angel Tree Up 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Ed.</p>	<p>27 12:00 PM Contact Articles Due</p>	<p>28 9:00 AM Quilting Ladies 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>29 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study @ Zion MPR 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation @ Zion 7:00 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p>30 9:00 AM Contact Assembly</p> 	<p>1 3:15 PM Gateway Meeting</p>	<p>2 9:00 AM Christmas Program Practice 5:00 PM Table Worship</p>

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