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September 1, 2018

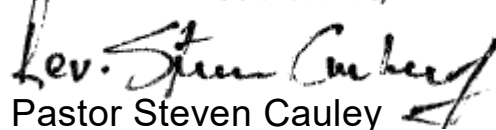
Dear Members and Friends of Zion Lutheran Church:

Consecration Sunday for our congregation is coming up on Sunday, October 14th. We believe that you have sufficient concern for your spiritual growth and the mission and ministry of our congregation to attend the one special event of this day, Sunday morning worship at 10:30 AM, as well as the Celebration Luncheon to immediately follow the worship. This is a catered meal, so we need reservations for each person who plans to attend. If you have not finalized plans to attend these two events, please do so immediately.

Our goal is to have every member and regular worship attendee present. You will be able to make your reservations in the upcoming weeks. If you have any questions about Consecration Sunday, please contact Kathleen Schippers at 563-260-1101.

The effectiveness of our church's mission and ministry next year depends on your initiative and dedication. Please make whatever sacrifices are necessary to be present on October 14th.

Your servant in Christ,


Pastor Steven Cauley

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:

Elaine Van Grevenhof, Beth Simpson, Linda Maas, Dave Reusswig, Steven Pugh, Sharon Pugh, Bette Logel

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE:

BIRTHDAYS &

ANNIVERSARIES:

* = 90+ yrs., ** = 100+ yrs.

Anniversaries = 50+ yrs.

Carol Giovanazzi 9/9

Dick & Evie Marr 9/1

Roy & Joleen
Schnedler 9/2

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Gateway: 3:15 PM - 9/7

All Comm: 6:30 PM - 9/6

Executive: 6:15 PM - 9/13

Council: 7 PM - 9/13

CHOIR PRACTICES:

Bell Choir @ 6:15 PM on
9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26

Senior Choir @ 7 PM on
9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26

HOSPITALITY:

9/2 Labor Day Brunch

9/9 Finance

9/16 Social Ministry

9/23 Evangelism

9/30 Worship

OUT - TO - LUNCH BUNCH

Out-to-Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 AM on **September 13** at *The Red Berry Cafe*. Sign up on the nursery bulletin board.



SUPPER CLUB

Supper Club will meet at 6:00 PM on **September 15** at *The Family Restaurant in Tipton*. Sign up on the nursery bulletin board.



GROUP 5

Group 5 will meet on **September 18** at 9:30 AM at *Marilyn Briscoe's*.



GROUP 6

Group 6 will meet on **September 27** at 7:00 PM at *Brenda Roskens'*.



DISPLAY CASE

The October display case will feature green glass. Please have items to the church by **September 28**.



Z-BOOK CLUB

The next meeting for Z-Book Club will be Monday, **October 1** at 5 pm at *HyVee Market Cafe*. The book we will be reading is Between Sisters by Kristin Hannah.



BELL CHOIR

If you would like to help bell choir "ring out" in praising God and in honoring each other through music, we have a place for you! Please talk to Charles Potter about joining.

REMINDER

If you have any dish towels or dish clothes that belong to the church, please bring them back to the church. Also, the two-wheel dolly that belongs to the church has been misplaced. If you have the dolly or know of its whereabouts, please let the church office know. Thank you.

GREETERS UP:

9/2 Sheryl Mercer
9/9 Ruth Starkweather &
Lois Greenwald
9/16 Margaret Marolf &
Kathy Othmer
9/23 Sheryl Mercer
9/30 Jim & Linda Maas

GREETERS DOWN:

9/2 Mark & Julie Evans
9/9 Bob & Mary Danner
9/16 Carl & Judy Carlson
9/23 Helen Colony
9/30 Jacob & Kelsie
Dornbush

READERS:

9/2 Rachel Creamer
9/9 Kathleen Schippers
9/16 Lizzy Richardson
9/23 Andy Smith
9/30 Dyann Roby

ACOLYTES:

9/2 Matt Richardson
9/9 Aidan Armstrong
9/16 Austin Lawrence/
Clayton Smith
9/23 Ryan Mandsager/
Jackson Brendel
9/30 Lizzy Mills/Avery
Schroeder

USHERS:

Richard Jacobsen, Kent
Heckman, Jake Evans, Bill
Toyne, Steve Knox

ALTAR GUILD:

Stacey & Sheryl

LABOR DAY BRUNCH

Zion Youth will be serving brunch after service on Sunday, **September 2**. Youth and parents are needed to set up on Saturday, **September 1** at 9 AM and to serve Sunday. This is a great way for confirmation students to get service projects done!



OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, **September 3** for Labor Day. Please plan any visits or appointments accordingly.



CONFIRMATION RESUMES

Confirmation ministries will resume for all confirmation students on Wednesday, **September 5** at 6:30 PM at Zion.



GWOH

On Saturday, **September 8** from 10 AM to 2 PM, New Era, Shepherd of the Cross, Grace, and Zion will join together in a combined community service to obtain needed supplies for the Muscatine Food Pantry. This will be our 5th year at a new day and time! Volunteers can sign up at:

<https://doodle.com/poll/78tv4zdkq9xf9bz> or call Heather at 563-263-5074 and she will sign you up. We are asking for two volunteers per 1-hour shift at either Hy-Vee Main on E.6th; Walmart; Hy-Vee Food Store on 2nd Ave. or Fareway at 2100 Cedar Plaza Drive. In 2017, sixteen (16) volunteers from Zion helped during this event. Your duties would be to monitor the MUSCATINE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION DAY table by distributing a needs list to incoming shoppers, accepting and thanking them for the donations, and placing them in the shopping carts, all of which will be provided. You may want to bring a lawn chair and wear your Zion T-shirt. Please contact Deb Hughes (563-264-1202) if you have any questions.

God's work.
Our hands.



Community Outreach Carnival

**Saturday September 8th
1:30pm-4:30pm**

Join us for a community outreach event right here in the parking lot. Get to know our neighbors and a special invitation to our Liberian brothers and sisters.

Come and play carnival themed games, enjoy a hotdog and lemonade, and dunk Pastor Steve in the Dunk Tank! Vicar Liz will be taking a splash too!

Come join in the fun and then stay for *The Table* worship service at 5:00pm!

Volunteers are needed for this event; please contact Tyler if you would like to help or for more information at (563) 506-5295.

Hope you can come and join in the fun!

THANK YOU:

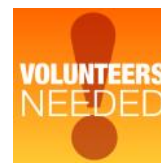
We would like to thank all of our wonderful family of Zion. Having Jim and Sophie cared for made my recovery time so much easier. All the delicious food, walks for Sophie, and visits to Jim, we thank you. The Lord blessed us when he led us to Zion.
~ Jim & Linda Maas

Thank you Zion for sending me the Sunday bulletin. I enjoy reading it and singing the songs I'm familiar with. Also, thank you for the monthly Contact. Both tell me the Holy Spirit is active at Zion. How wonderful! God bless you all.
~ Dick Boldt

Thanks to all who participated in and assisted with the Hymns and Hot Dogs event August 12th in celebration of my tenth year at Zion and my 70th birthday! You made it a truly memorable occasion for me. Thanks as well for all the cards and greetings. See you in church!
~ Charles Potter

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with the annual Zion Sauerkraut Supper. There are different areas where help can always be used. You can contact Stacey Ramos at 571-0363 if you have any questions or would like to help. *The last meeting will be **September 11** at 6:30 PM.*



RALLY DAY

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, **September 9** at 10:15 AM. This is a time to meet teachers, enjoy a craft, and to gear up to learn about Jesus.



INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS

The following teachers will be installed during worship service on Sunday, **September 9**: Preschool - Kathleen Schippers; Kindergarten/1st - Sheryl Mercer; 2nd/3rd Grade - Rachel Creamer & Stacey Ramos; 4th/5th Grade - Lizzy & Michelle Richardson; 6th/7th/8th - Tyler Baars; Confirmation - Stacey Ramos, Pastor Cauley, and Vicar Liz Koerner; Openings/Music - Kathleen Schippers; Sunday School Superintendent/Sub - Sara Evans; Subs - Kathy Othmer, Diane Emlet, and Susan Smith.



FAITH STEPPING STONES

Three Year Olds will begin Sunday School on Sunday, **September 9** along with the other students. These 3 year olds will also be receiving their Story Bibles this day during worship. *Third Graders* will begin a review of the Bible on Sundays, **September 16, September 23 and September 30**. They, along with their parents, will work on finding specific verses in the Bible and reviewing both the Old and New Testaments. The third graders will then receive their Bibles on Sunday, **October 7** during worship service. (There will be no Sunday School on October 14 for Consecration Sunday.)



ADULT EDUCATION

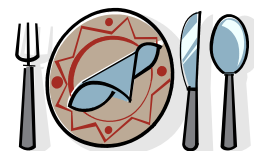
Zion's Fall Adult Educational series will launch with a book study by author, Brian McLaren. The book we will be reading is "*Everything Must Change*." Our first session will be held on Sunday, **September 9** during the education hour. The study will run each Sunday through November 4. Brian McLaren is an internationally known speaker and the author of over ten highly acclaimed books on contemporary Christianity including "*The Secret Message of Jesus*", "*A Generous Orthodoxy*", and "*A New Kind of Christian*". You can learn more about him at www.brianmclaren.net. You can order the book off Amazon.com for \$9.99 or sign-up by Sunday, August 25th and the office will place a bulk order. You can pay Zion for the book.



SAUERKRAUT SUPPER

Zion will be having their annual Sauerkraut Supper on Thursday, **September 20**. The meal will be served from 4 to 6:30 PM. Prices are \$9.50 per adult and \$4.50 per child ten years and under.

Menu: Sauerkraut with roast pork, mash potatoes and gravy, green beans, noodles, applesauce, a roll with butter, and pies for dessert. Coffee and milk will be provided for beverages. *Carry-outs are available with tickets*. You can now purchase tickets after worship on **September 2 and 9** or feel free to stop by the church office from **September 4 to September 20, 9 AM to noon or 1 PM to 3 PM**. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the door.



ELCA WOMEN AND JUSTICE

The ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice: One in Christ, has written a draft as a step toward the development of a social statement that will be considered by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Draft social statements are a means to invite



everyone to participate in the process toward the creation of an official statement. There will be two hearings around this statement in the Southeastern Iowa Synod: Saturday, **September 22**, 2018 at Faith Lutheran Church in Clive, Iowa from 10 - 11:30 AM, Sunday, **September 23**, 2018 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport, Iowa from 3:15 - 4:45 PM.

ALOA: LUTHER HOSTEL

ALOA, an inter-Lutheran ministry for older adults presents its Ironwood Springs Luther hostel on **September 24-28**, 2018 at Miracle Lodge Retreat & Conference Center, Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch, Stewartville, Minnesota. Join ALOA for a time of learning, reflecting and connecting with others! Dr. Robert Holst will present *The Wonderful Witness of Women in the Gospel of John*. James Coe will lead music and devotions, bringing a Biblical perspective to worship and singing. Find out more at aloaserves.org/events/luther-hostels/



CROP WALK FOR HUNGER

The 47th Annual Muscatine CROP Hunger walk will be held on Sunday, **October 7** at 2 PM by the Pearl City Station on Muscatine's Riverfront. The Church World Service CROP Hunger Walk events raise funds and awareness to stop hunger both locally and globally. 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. Everyone's support is needed to join Muscatine congregations in this year's CROP Walk event by donating, participating in a CROP Walk fundraiser, sponsoring a walker, coming to the CROP Walk kick-off prior to the walk, and/or joining the group for any part of the walk. A Shop & Share CROP Walk fundraiser at Muscatine Hy-Vee will be **October 1, 2 and 3**. Coupons for the Shop and Share days will be available at Zion at the CROP Walk table. Please stop by the table following Sunday morning services on **September 9, 16, 23, 30, and October 7**. You can also donate or sign up to walk online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/muscatineia>. Please help Zion join Muscatine congregations in support of this year's CROP Walk event by participating in all or part of the walk on October 7, making a donation, or participating in the Shop & Share CROP Walk fundraiser on October 1, 2 and 3.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

It started with a quilt guild in Minnesota and a nurse in Georgia who was collecting pill bags for the Doctors without Borders project. The pill bags were given to people to hold items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, and medications. It continued to a dentist in Spencer, Iowa. The pill bags go all over the world. So, here's where your help comes in. Neal's Vacuum and Sewing is hosting a sewing day for you to come in and sew on Tuesday, September 25 from 10-3 PM. You can come anytime during the day. You don't need to stay all day. Fabric and ribbon could be donated to the cause if you aren't sewing abled. If you'd like to sew some bags at home, please see the instructions below:

Supplies

1 piece fabric 11"x18"

27" drawstring/ribbon/kite string, cording, shoe string, strong yard (1/4" or 3/8")

Thread

Sewing machine

Instructions

- 1) Fold down 1" on one of the 18" sides. This will become the top of the bag. This will be the casing for the drawstring. Edge stitch close to the raw edge. (You can turn under a 1/4" if you like a clean finish.)
- 2) Insert some sort of drawstring in the casing.
- 3) Fold fabric in half right sides together along the side making it 9"x11". Starting just below the casing you just made, stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance down each side making sure you DON'T stitch through the casing.
- 4) Turn right side out and you are done!

A NOTE FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

Dear Friends and neighbors at Zion,

Many thanks for the amazing Garden of Eatin' on the corner. It brings a huge smile every time I pass by, which is frequently, on my way downtown. What a great deal of hard work it has taken to build and maintain that corner garden! It is a most impressive effort and those who benefit from the fresh vegetable are indeed fortunate. Thank you, thank you, thank you for brightening our hearts as well as our corner of the city.

With gratitude and blessings,

Judith Lokenvitz

(Sycamore Street neighbor)

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank You for another generous response to the monthly Food Pantry collection. The Social Ministry Committee would like to express their appreciation again this month to the congregation for another wonderful response to our food drive for the local Food Pantry. Approximately 169 pounds of food were delivered to the Food Pantry this morning. Through this important ministry, the members of Zion are continuing to respond generously to our Biblical calling to feed the poor and hungry.




FINANCIAL UPDATE

	July 2018 Actual	6/12 Yr. Budget	Yr.-to-Date Difference
Budgeted Income	\$145,193	179,650	(34,457)
Budgeted Expenses	172,307	179,650	(7,343)
Net Ordinary Income	(27,114)	-	(27,114)
Unbudgeted Income	3,657	-	3,657
Unbudgeted Expenses	1,065	-	1,065
Net Income	(24,522)	-	(24,522)

Fund Balances

Unified	\$119,002	Designated Benevolences	\$ -
Building	\$1,772	Quilters	\$1,913
Memorial	\$24,943	Mission Fund	\$95,698
Fellowship	\$4,687	Flower Fund	(\$509)
Youth	\$5,600	Gateway	\$35,159

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00 AM Worship	27 12:00 PM Contact Articles Due	28 9:00 AM Quilting Ladies	29 7:00 PM Senior Choir	30 9:00 AM Contact Assembly	31	1 9:00 AM Labor Day Brunch Set-up 5:00 PM Table Worship
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9 Happy Grandparent's Day Rally Day/Teacher Installation/ Faith Stepping Stones-3 YO Bibles 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Ed	10	11 Patriot Day 9:00 AM Quilting Ladies 6:30 PM Sauerkraut Meeting 	12 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study @ Zion MPR 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Senior Choir	13 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch @ The Red Berry Cafe 6:15 PM Exec. Comm. 7:00 PM Council	14	15 5:00 PM Table Worship 6:00 PM Supper Club @ The Family Restaurant, Tipton
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