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What's for Supper?

We have a plan for you!

If you're in charge of Wednesday supper at your house, there's no need to be puzzled when someone asks you "What's for supper?" We've got you covered at Zion!

Beginning Wednesday, October 5, a meal is served every Wednesday from 5-6pm in the Fellowship Hall. There is no need to sign up, just come for a great meal with your family or with your friends. This year we will be accepting a free will donation.

- October 5: Burgers
- October 12: Pasta
- October 19: No meal (fall break)
- October 26: Tater Tot Hotdish

Wednesday Night Suppers is always open to new faces, so if you would be interested in joining one of the supper teams, or if you are interested in being a sub or helping out with more than one team, please feel free to reach out to Lora at Lora@ZionBuffalo.org. We'd be happy to have you join us!

Mission Jamaica Won!

By STEVE PETERSON, GLOBAL MISSION COMMITTEE

We had a great Zion golf outing on Monday, August 29th. God again blessed our annual golf outing with a beautiful summer day. We had a total of 56 golfers enjoying the day while raising funds in support of our Mission Jamaica partner. The 1st place winners of the golf scramble were a foursome of Cliff & Andy Eng, Rod Erickson, and Andy Tscholl. An interesting note was shared by Cliff Eng of the winning team. Cliff is from Cokato and has lived there for most of his adult life, but he grew up in Buffalo on a family farm. His family farm was the land that our church is now built upon.

The real winner is Mission Jamaica. A total of \$4,645 was raised to help purchase building materials for a small house in Jamaica, which will be built for a family in great need of a better place to call home.

A little background on Mission Jamaica. Mission Jamaica provides various types of onsite support in many ways. Basic health exams and care is provided to the Jamaican people by teams of U.S. doctors, nurses, and laypeople that travel to Jamaica at their own expense and set up day clinics to examine and treat individuals in need of medical attention. Some volunteers can provide various types of help and support at an orphanage, while others provide labor to build one-room homes for Jamaicans who require this type of support. Through Mission Jamaica's guidance churches around the country are encouraged to put together teams of individuals that travel to Jamaica to support these various ministries. Over the years Zion Lutheran has sent many of these teams to Jamaica. We are looking forward to sending more teams in the future.

Through our Zion Global Mission committee, we provide support to three primary mission partners: Mission Jamaica, All Kids Can Learn International, & Redeemer Lutheran Church. Each year the committee identifies a special need for one or more of the mission partners that the golf outing will support. Through the generous support of the golfers and the sponsors that help us with costs, we can provide financial support for our partners. God has truly provided us all with so much as we are all blessed to live in such a prosperous area. He calls us to share our gifts with others. Support of our mission partners is a wonderful blessing to us from God. Thank you.



Seeking Leadership Candidates

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the following positions, to be voted on at the December Annual Meeting. Those interested in serving the congregation in one of these positions, please contact the church office or a member of the Nominating Committee (Susan Davis, Vicky Kath, Jenny Paripovich, Terry Peterson, or Kathy Swanson).

Congregational Council Member

The twelve elected members of the Congregational Council meet monthly. The functions of the council are to lead the congregation in its mission and its long-range planning, listen to the congregation and review committee activities, provide overall direction and guidance for the congregation, monitor the church's financial well being, discuss and act on major initiatives to ensure the overall well-being of the congregation.

Council members serve a three-year term. Each member of the council serves as a liaison to a standing committee and is responsible for keeping the council abreast of their committee's activities. Council members rotate Sunday morning duties which include baptismal support and communion duties. Council members are encouraged to listen to the church members' comments and feedback and to share them at council meetings.

Nominating Committee Member

The Nominating Committee's main function is to seek out qualified candidates to present to the congregation at the annual meeting. The committee is to have at least six members. Members of this committee are elected at the congregational annual meeting to a one-year term. The committee typically meets 3-6 times throughout the year. They determine the characteristics of good candidates, seek congregational input and nominees, and recruit candidates for the church council, the foundation committee, the Synod Assembly, and the Nominating Committee.

Foundation Committee Member

The six-member Foundation Committee meets quarterly and is responsible to the distribution of the proceeds of the foundation funds. Committee members will coordinate the reception of requests for the funds available, discuss all the requests and determine the distribution of those funds within the legal requirements of the foundation. Two members are elected annually to three-year terms.

Synod Assembly Voting Member

The elected Synod Assembly Voting Members will attend and represent our congregation at the annual Minneapolis Area Synod (MAS) Assembly meeting held annually. Typically it is a two-day assembly held in the spring where all MAS voting representatives will discuss and vote on various issues that are important to our synod. The number of voting members we can send may vary. Voting members to the Synod Assembly are elected to two-year terms.

Meals on Wheels

Sign up for November Routes

Zion has the opportunity to help feed our community during the month of November!

We provide three volunteer drivers each day to deliver meals in and around the Buffalo area. Sign up early, since the sign up is now open to the community as well as Zion. You don't want to miss your opportunity! Note that the sign up may look different than it used to because it is prepared by the community center rather than Zion. Look for a football theme. Sign up at ZionBuffalo.org/MOW, contact Kim at 763-682-1245 ext. 102, or email kim@zionbuffalo.org.

- Meals are picked up at the Buffalo Community Center. 206 Central Avenue (across from the post office).
- It is a great way for families of all ages to serve together.
- GPS on your phone or in your car makes it so easy to follow the route!
- Parking spots are available in the back parking lot behind the community center.
- Three route drivers are needed each day.
- Meals are ready at 11am or a bit earlier.
- Deliveries are being done on Weekdays, Monday through Friday.
- Routes usually take 45-60 minutes to complete.

Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated!



Living God's Call

Prayer Group

Members and regular attenders are invited to join the private Zion Lutheran Church Prayers group on Facebook (facebook.com/groups/zionbuffaloprayer) to share or respond to prayer requests.

Connect Card

If you have questions, prayer requests, a new mailing address, etc., please fill out a connect card online at ZionBuffalo.org/card or find a card in the pew racks. The same card can be used to record your participation in Holy Communion.

Getting To Know Your Zion Volunteers

Gloria Siemers

BY KIM HAGGEN

Gloria Siemers is one of our amazing volunteers at Zion. She serves every month as a greeter on a Sunday Welcome Crew. Gloria's work on Sundays helps people to feel seen and welcomed as they enter Zion's doors. She describes herself as a cheerleader and wants everyone to know that whatever it is, THEY CAN DO IT!



A Few Things About Gloria:

DID YOU KNOW???

It takes a small village of **VOLUNTEERS** to make things run smoothly on indoor Sundays at Zion.

Check out the stats below:

10 Ushers

8-12 Communion Servers

2-4 Coffee Fellowship Hosts

4-6 Greeters

1 Online Host/Information Desk

2-3 Communion Setup and Cleanup Workers

2 Lectors

3 AV People

1-Many Musicians

Many Sunday School Volunteers



Q. What is your proudest accomplishment?

A. Becoming a dairyman's wife.

Q. If you could write a book, what would it be about?

A. Children

Q. What is the happiest moment in your life?

A. When I said I do.

Q. What is your dream job?

A. I work early child- special needs.

Q. What is something you were known for in high school/college?

A. With one exception, boys meant nothing to me.

Q. What does your ideal day look like?

A. Sunshine, partly cloudy with a breeze.

Q. If you were a color what would it be?

A. Butter.

Q. If you were stranded on an island, what would you bring with you?

A. Music and a book.

Many thanks to Gloria for her service! We love and appreciate our Zion volunteers!

If you are interested in getting involved at Zion contact kim@zionbuffalo.org or 763-682-1245 ext. 103

Call Committee Update

BY PASTOR BAHE

The Call Committee met with the Transition Team to learn more about the results of the CAT (Congregational Assessment Tool). The conversation was lively and filled with excitement for the future at Zion. Thank you, again to over 400 of you who participated in the CAT assessment. There is much to glean from what you told us through this tool and the Call Committee will use the feedback to guide and direct the search for Zion's next Senior Pastor.

The Call Committee has also met with Pastor John Hulden, Assistant to the Bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA. Pastor Hulden led the group through the procedure that is followed in the ELCA when a congregation is seeking to call a pastor. The process is clear and used by all ELCA congregations. It begins with the synod office helping the congregation focus their search for candidates that fit with the goals, ministry, and mission of the congregation. Each candidate is a member of the ELCA's roster for ordained ministers, which helps us know that they have the required education, certification, and endorsements to serve in a congregation.

The synod office helps us navigate through the process which means they are with us every step of the way as a valuable resource and partner in this process. Once the Call Committee has compiled our paperwork, which introduces potential candidates to our hopes, goals, mission, and ministry, the bishop will begin helping us match with pastoral candidates for interviews.

Pastor Hulden stressed the importance of confidentiality throughout the process. Not because there are any secrets, but to respect that some candidates may currently be serving in a congregation and it can be disruptive for a congregation to learn their pastor is interviewing. It is also important for the Call Committee to center their work in prayer and give themselves the time and space they need to discern God's will for this next chapter.

The congregation will continue to be kept well informed as to what phase of the call process we are in. For example, you may see an update that our paperwork has been submitted, that we are interviewing candidates, or that a final candidate has been named. In other words, the details are kept confidential, but not the process.

We will all celebrate at the end of the process when the Call Committee can announce to the council that they have a final candidate! From there, we will gather as a congregation and learn the name of that final candidate and then we will pray, discern, and eventually hold a vote to decide if we are calling that final candidate or if we will continue to interview other candidates. There is no way of knowing exactly how long the process will take because there are so many variables involved. Even so, we can know for certain that God is in the midst of it all.

Please continue to pray for the Call Committee: Josie LaFave, Andy Kohls, Dominic DesMarais, Taryn Bullert, Phyllis Bengtson, Eric Mattson, Jennifer Gustafson, Joan Halderson (alternate), Paula Herda (alternate), Hannah & Tyler Peterson (alternate).



October 9-19 @ Zion

Drop off NEW COATS or gently used coats, hats, mittens, and snow pants in the bin near the church office, or call 763-317-6052 to set up a drop-off appointment.

Our goal is to collect hundreds of coats in the hope that no child will have to be cold this winter!

Distribution

Coats will be distributed FREE at Zion during the Blessing Closet Distribution:

Saturday, October 22

9am-2pm

Celebrating on Sundays

Our Mission...

Zion seeks to
Share Christ's Word,
Strengthen faith, and
Serve those in need.



Our Vision...

Helping people
experience the joy
of life in Christ by:

1. Celebrating on Sundays:

Creating Sunday morning experiences that invite, welcome, engage, and inspire people to live for Christ.

2. Living God's Call:

Engaging people in a process of discipleship which inspires them to trust in Christ, grow in faith, and serve God's world.

3. Connecting with Care:

Creating a community where people are connected in relationships and supported in need.

For This to Be

JAMESON WAKEFIELD, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Fall is one of the best times in Minnesota. The weather is great, school activities are happening, the hunting season starts for those of us so inclined, and we enter the "other" part of the church year when all kinds of activities begin. But, there's a catch. For the congregation to be, we need to be here. We need to be here for Sunday school (which now includes an 8:30 option!) and confirmation. Fall activities such as Harvest of Hands are getting underway. And, although a little further out, we can't forget that in late fall we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth.



For all of this to be, the congregation needs us to be here. Over the past month, we have held sessions to walk congregation members through the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) results, our Senior Pastor Call Committee has started their work, and our ministries are reaching out to members and the community to provide emotional and logistical support for those that are in need. I can't say this enough ...

For this to be, we need to be here.

I know the council president's newsletter article is usually focused on what is going on with the council and issues and decisions facing the congregation, but Zion is in a transformation place after all of the change and all of the challenges of the past two years. That is why I chose to focus on a topic that is a little more subjective and a lot less objective. I have seen faces on Sunday that have been absent for too long and that is wonderful. I have talked to individuals that are new to Zion, or individuals that have been gone from Zion for a great deal of time, and both comment on how welcoming we are and how much they enjoy being able to be at service and worshipping in person with fellow Christians.

For this to be, the congregation needs us to be here.

On a closing note, I would like to thank the increasing number of volunteers who make Sunday worship services possible. While I say an increasing number, we will always welcome more volunteers. Thank you to the Zion staff who have done amazing work over the past year and who go well beyond their prescribed roles to make sure Zion continues to function for not only the members but for the community as well.

Not to sound like a broken record but for this to be, the Church needs us here. So, I'll see you on Sunday.

Sincerely,

Jameson



A Steadfast Anchor

BY PASTOR BAHE

Since we live in the land of 10,000+ lakes, it seems fitting to use the early church imagery of an anchor as we draw ourselves to the truth that we have a hope that is sure and certain. Jesus is our anchor in every storm and in the still waters as well. We are in the middle of a sermon series called: "Strength for Today and Hope for Tomorrow." The last few years have challenged all of us in unsettling ways. Doesn't it feel like we are all longing for strength and hope?

In the Bible, an anchor is used as a symbol of our hope in Jesus which gives us stability and steadfastness in life. In ancient days, the anchor was used in artwork and engravings as a symbol of Christianity. Anchors appear in the Roman catacombs on the tombs of Christians, showing that Jesus Christ is our hope in this world and the next.

In Christ, there is strength and there is hope. This hope is not simply wishful thinking. It is a confident expectation of an absolute certainty: Jesus is your anchor for all that life brings. This hope is sure, steadfast, and secure.

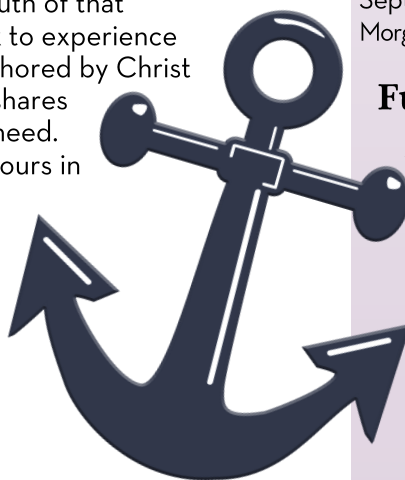
Hebrews is often called a letter, but in recent years, scholars have argued that it is more likely that it was a sermon. That would be a 13-chapter sermon; a bit longer than we are accustomed to! The first people who heard it were a group of Christians who were not eyewitnesses to Jesus' time on earth. In their early years, they were a community that was strong in their commitment to the gospel and to each other. However, as time moved on, their strong and bold faith began to drift.

The words of this early sermon are grounded in a wide-sweeping remembrance of God's goodness and grace. They are words that your best friend might share with you, words filled with honesty and encouragement. They are words to remind you that when your boat seems small or like it is in danger of capsizing, Jesus Christ is with you, unchangeable, unmoving, steadfast, and sure. An anchor for your soul.

And, it is here at Zion, that we are reminded of the truth of that promise. We gather together all throughout the week to experience faith with one another, to serve others, and to be anchored by Christ in a world that tosses us around. Zion is a place that shares Christ's word, strengthens faith, and serves those in need. By doing so together we hold fast to the hope that is ours in Christ Jesus, our Lord, and anchor.

"...we who have fled for refuge have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul."

Hebrews 6:19



Sunday Worship Services

- 8:30am: Traditional Worship (with livestream)
- 8:30am: Sunday School
- 9:30am: Coffee Fellowship / Adult Education / Family Events
- 10:30am: Contemporary Worship
- 10:30am: Sunday School

Prayer and Healing

October 30 is the fifth Sunday of the month, so the Service for Prayer and Healing will be a part of all worship services. You are invited to submit specific prayer requests in advance or during worship on Sunday, which will then be included during the services 8:30am and 10:30am services

All Saints Sunday

What makes a saint? We remember loved ones and people of the past on All Saints Sunday and we are also thankful for the many saints we see everyday who set an example of what it is to model Christ in our daily lives.

This year on All Saints Sunday, November 6, Zion will take time during both 8:30 and 10:30 worship to celebrate the saints, a time to name those special people who have passed away during this past year and remember the many saints who are blessed children of God.

Weddings

September 10
Morgan Krause & Bryan Davis

Funerals

September 15
Selmer "Sam" Monson

Finance & Stewardship

Memorial Gifts Received

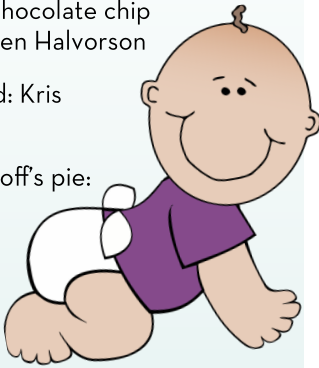
A gift to AKCLI in memory of Scott Stedje, from Marlys Corhouse.

A gift to the Diaper Drive in memory of Sam Monson, from Judy Sandeen.

Winning Donors

Giant heartfelt thanks to all those who donated to the Blessing Closet's diaper drive and hats, mittens, and scarves for Coats for Kids. Your generous donations will help children in our community stay warm and dry! Winners of the weekly drawing for home baked treats were:

- Sherilyn's chocolate chip cookies: Ellen Halvorson
- Kim's bread: Kris Harlan
- Mary Bischoff's pie: Roger and Nancy Johnson



If you would like to make a financial contribution, go to zionbuffalo.org/give, choose Other Fund, and enter 'diapers' and the SERVE planning team will do the shopping for you.

Have You Remembered

Zion Lutheran Church Foundation in your estate planning?

When you update your will, trust, or asset beneficiaries, please consider including a gift for ministry, using the following legal directive:

"I bequeath ___ % of my estate (or my fund) to Zion Lutheran Church Foundation, located at 1200 Hwy 25 S, Buffalo, Minnesota, EIN #41-1385843."

Foundation gifts are welcome at any time. A gift to the Zion Foundation keeps on giving.

For more information, call 763.682.1245, visit ZionBuffalo.org/foundation, or email foundation@zionbuffalo.org.

Financial Report

By JOHN LINDLIEF, FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee would like to share the following information. For the month of August, total General Fund income was almost \$50,500. Last year we received August income of a little over \$66,500. For the year to date, we have had income of about \$477,500 which is about \$21,000 less than what was received up to this point in 2021.

Our expenses for August 2022 were almost \$57,000 compared to August 2021 expenses of a little over \$55,000. For the year so far our expenses are about \$528,000 which is about \$71,500 more than what we spent at this point last year and about \$50,500 more than what our 2022 income has been. As we have been saying this year, it is exciting to see almost full staffing and returning programming to Zion.

Building Fund income for the month of August was about \$9,700. This compares to almost \$14,000 given in August of 2021. For the year our Building Fund income is about \$107,500 which is a little over \$3,000 less than our mortgage payments have been. Our monthly mortgage expense is \$13,834.

We expected that these expenses would exceed our income for a while. We look forward to the time when again our income meets our expenses. Thanks to all for your financial support.



Stewardship, Mission, and Sheep

By PASTOR BAHE

Oh, that picture of Jesus carrying the lost sheep back to the fold! It is an image that most anyone who attended Sunday school has in their memory bank. Jesus tells the story of a shepherd who leaves 99 of his sheep to find the one that is lost.

That one lamb being carried on the shoulders of the Great Shepherd, Jesus. What a loving image of a God who never gives up on us, and never tires from bringing us back to community. But have you ever thought about another aspect of that story? There is the one, but what about the 99?

There were 99 to bring that lost lamb back to! What if the shepherd returned and there were zero sheep?

There had to be others there to receive the one. The same is true for Zion. You need to be here and a part of the work we do here. We always say the one is just as important as the 99, but the 99 are just as important as the one as well! That is how important community is to Jesus.

We focus on the one, but what an impact those 99 sheep have on the story. Without them, there is no reunion. No rejoicing.

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Our fall stewardship theme pulls us toward the great truth that every one and every “99” is precious in God’s sight. God gives us strength for today and hope for tomorrow through the community of Zion Lutheran Church. It is by being generous together that we make up the “99” to influence the one. Without the generosity of financial gifts, we would not be able to influence people’s lives in the many ways that we do.

Stewardship season is a time for us to be singlehearted and focused on closing the gap between our individual resources given and the God-inspired vision that we have been given together.

As we grow our ministries and dream of accomplishing our God inspired vision, there is excitement, but there is also an important reality for all to be aware of. The reality is that even with faithful, careful, watchful due diligence we are seeing the strong possibility that our needs will continue to outpace our giving, unless we all get back to being the “99.”

When was the last time you felt a part of something that was important, impactful, and had influence? That is what we are asking you to consider. Your financial generosity makes you a part of important, impactful, influencing ministry.*

Let Jesus be your influencer! In so many ways, Jesus teaches about the importance of the one and of the “99.” We need to be together and we need to give generously of our resources together.

By being generous in your giving to Zion you have an enormous impact on influencing people’s lives with the good news of Jesus.

Together, we are the “99” (and sometimes we are the one who needs the 99)!

Through generosity of financial gifts, we accomplish much in Jesus’ name. And there is much rejoicing in heaven over it, as Jesus says! Thank you for sharing in Zion’s God-given vision.



**always, and whenever I think of financial stewardship, I am mindful that there are many ways of giving to the church. I am also mindful that there are times in our lives when we feel that what we can give seems small---but every amount is important and has an impact on our mission. Give generously out of your heart, trust in the future God has called us to. Know you are loved and know that God sees and celebrates your generosity, no matter if the world deems it large or small. Thank you for all you do and give to make Zion the center of mission it is.*

Art: Good Shepherd by Liz Valente, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

Active Military

Hope Kellerhuis
Fort Drum, NY

Michael Christensen
Stationed in Virginia Beach, VA

Alexis Nichols
Stationed in Georgia

Vinnie Pecarina
Stationed in Hawaii

Adam Hartung
Stationed at FE Warren AFB, WY

Will Dobbins
Stationed in Hawaii

Luc Persson
Stationed at Aviano AFB, Italy

Jordan Thompson
Serving in the National Guard

Tyler Marr
Serving in the Air Force

Ben Pecarina
Air Force Reserves

Brianna Marschel
Serving in the Army

Christian Marschel
Serving in the Army

Collin Lesch
Stationed at Fort Wainwright, AK

Fred Pierce
Stationed at Kaneohe Bay, HI

And members whose names cannot be published for security reasons

Credo Card Fundraiser

The Zion women's ministry team will be bringing fall favorites to Zion in November. If you are looking for Christmas cards, all occasion cards, or some delicious lefse for your Thanksgiving feast your search is over.

Credo Designs in Brooklyn Park is partnering with Zion Women's Ministry this fall to bring uplifting greeting cards and gifts directly to your door or mailbox, November 1-22. There's also an in person sale at Zion on November 20.

Funds raised through online sales will be used to defray costs of women's retreats, spring brunches, and Bible studies.

October 2022

Saturday October 1

Sunday October 2

Holy Communion at all worship services

8:30am Traditional Worship Service (with Livestream)

8:30am Sunday School Starts

9:30am Coffee Fellowship

10:30am Contemporary Worship

10:30am Sunday School Starts

11:45am Executive Committee

Monday October 3

9:00am Quilters

6:00pm First Sunday Rehearsal

6:30pm Fall Bible History Class

Tuesday October 4

9:15am Storytime with Jesus

11:00am Staff Meeting

4:00pm Fare for All

Wednesday October 5

7:00am 50+ Men's Bible Study

9:00am Working Party Fellowship

3:00pm Blessing Closet Diaper Distribution

3:00pm Ring Forth

4:00pm Class Ring

4:30pm Youth Open Gym

5:00pm Wednesday Suppers : Burgers

5:15pm Elevate Choir

6:00pm Lifted Choir

6:15pm Altared Choir

6:30pm Joyful Ringers

6:30pm Confirmation Classes Start

7:15pm Senior Choir

Thursday October 6

Funeral

8:00am Men Seeking Wisdom Bible Study

Friday October 7

6:00pm 9th Grade Confirmation Lock-in

Saturday October 8

9:00am Harvest of Hands Work Day

Sunday October 9

8:30am Traditional Worship Service (with Livestream)

9:30am Coffee Fellowship

10:30am Contemporary Worship

11:30am Baptism Class

Monday October 10

Columbus Day

9:00am Quilters

9:00am Women's Ministry Committee

6:00pm First Sunday Rehearsal

6:30pm Fall Bible History Class

Tuesday October 11

5:30pm Children & Family Ministry Team

5:30pm Stewardship Committee

5:30pm Youth Board Meeting

6:00pm Outreach Committee

7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday October 12

7:00am 50+ Men's Bible Study

9:00am Working Party Fellowship

3:00pm Ring Forth

4:00pm Class Ring

4:30pm Youth Open Gym

5:00pm Wednesday Supper Pasta

5:15pm Elevate Choir

6:00pm Lifted Choir

6:15pm Altared Choir

6:30pm Joyful Ringers

6:30pm Confirmation

7:00pm Harvest of Hands Crafts

7:15pm Senior Choir

Thursday October 13

8:00am Newsletter Deadline

8:00am Men Seeking Wisdom Bible Study

Friday October 14

Saturday October 15

Sunday October 16

Holy Communion at all worship services

8:30am Traditional Worship Service (with Livestream)

9:30am Coffee Fellowship

10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday October 17

9:00am Quilters

6:00pm First Sunday Rehearsal

6:30pm Fall Bible History Class

Tuesday October 18

11:00am Staff Meeting

7:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday October 19

Fall Break

7:00am 50+ Men's Bible Study

9:00am Working Party Fellowship

7:00pm Church Council Meeting

7:15pm Senior Choir

Thursday October 20

Fall Break

8:00am Men Seeking Wisdom Bible Study

10:00am Rebecca Circle

11:00am Blessing Closet Distribution Set-Up

Friday October 21

Fall Break

Saturday October 22

9:00am Blessing Closet Distribution and

Sunday October 23

8:30am Traditional Worship Service (with Livestream)

9:30am Coffee Fellowship

10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday October 24

9:00am Quilters

6:00pm First Sunday Rehearsal

6:30pm Fall Bible History Class

Tuesday October 25

Wednesday October 26

7:00am 50+ Men's Bible Study

9:00am Working Party Fellowship

10:00am Newsletter Assembly

3:00pm Ring Forth

4:00pm Class Ring

4:30pm Youth Open Gym

5:00pm Wednesday Supper Tater Tot Hotdish

5:15pm Elevate Choir

6:00pm Lifted Choir

6:15pm Altared Choir

6:30pm Joyful Ringers

6:30pm Confirmation

7:00pm Harvest of Hands Crafts

7:15pm Senior Choir

Thursday October 27

8:00am Men Seeking Wisdom Bible Study

Friday October 28

6:00pm Middle School Fun Night

Saturday October 29
2:00pm Trunk or Treat

Sunday October 30
*Service of Prayer and Healing during
worship*
8:30am Traditional Worship Service (with
Livestream)
9:30am Coffee Fellowship
10:30am Contemporary Worship
2:00pm Affirmation of Baptism

Monday October 31
9:00am Quilters
6:00pm First Sunday Rehearsal
6:30pm Fall Bible History Class

Contact Info Corrections

If you have had any changes to your address, phone number, marital status, etc. please contact the office with your name, phone number and the changes that need to be made in our database.

Christ in Our Home

The new issue of the quarterly devotional "Christ In Our Home" for October, November, and December is now available at the information desk. This resource includes a scripture, devotional thought, and prayer for each day, and is provided by the Women of Zion in regular and large print editions.



Christmas Market in November

Harvest of Hands needs your help to be successful!

The Harvest of Hands annual event is held at Zion to feed the hungry in our own community and around the world. This year's event will be held on Saturday, November 5, and all proceeds will benefit the Buffalo Food Shelf and a global hunger project.

This year's event will include a new café area this year serving coffee, tea, hot cocoa, apple cider, and baked goods.

Craft groups will continue to finish many projects in October. Craft groups will meet in the Wilderness Room (behind the kitchen) every Wednesday evening in October at 7pm. All are welcome at the craft sessions, either to work on the planned projects or to bring your own projects and enjoy the time with friends. Join us for fun, fellowship, and a sense of accomplishment. Extra sessions are planned for:

- Saturday, October 8, 9am-12pm: Finish projects (lunch included)
- Thursday, November 3, 9am-4pm: Set up
- Friday, November 4, 9am-4pm: Set up

Think about how you might volunteer for the event and/or donate items for the bake sale and new café area. Signup is available online and on the HOH bulletin board in the main hallway. Cash donations can be will be used to help buy supplies.

As you are doing your fall cleaning, remember to set aside items for the white elephant sale. Please bring your white elephant items to the Red Sea room from October 31 through November 3. Other items needed for the sale are preserves, jams, jellies, salsas, pickles, baked goods, candies, dried flowers, plants, crafts, and silent auction items. Items can be brought to the Wilderness room.

Crafters can also work on projects at home. Supplies are available for home projects. Bring in your completed projects by November 3. Contact Joy Arens for more information.

Please help make this the best Harvest of Hands event yet!



Children, Youth & Family Ministry

Sunday School

Age 3 to grade 5

Starts October 2

Choose 8:30 or 10:30

Sign up at ZionBuffalo.org/SS

Confirmation

Grades 6-8

Students start October 5

Sign up at ZionBuffalo.org/Confirmation

October 7-8: Confirmation Retreat/
Lock-in for those about to affirm their
baptism

October 28: Middle school fun night

October 30: Rite of Confirmation at 2pm

Storytime with Jesus

Storytime with Jesus is a new opportunity at Zion for families with young children. This is for all care-givers and children at Zion and in the wider community. In other words: you do not need to be a member to attend---all are welcome!

The focus is on children learning through stories, songs, and play that Jesus loves them.

When?

First Tuesday of each month, beginning October 4, at 9:15am to 10:30am, in the Joel / Elijah / Micah classroom (at the intersection of the main hallway). If you can't be here by 9:15, come anyway!

9:15-9:30	Arrival. Kids play and socialize.
9:30-9:45	Learn through song and movement.
9:45-10:00	Storytime.
10:00-10:20	Fun activity, snack, socialize.
10:20-10:30	Clean up and closing prayer.

Families are welcome to join this new opportunity for a themed story time each month. Caregivers are encouraged to socialize while the children learn and play together. No registration required. Come and enjoy!

~To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.~

Everyone's Invited!

TRUNK or TREAT

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 29. All are welcome to this fun, family event! Come anytime between 2-4pm to go trick or treating from trunk to trunk in the parking lot.

- Candy donations can be brought to the collection bin by the church office October 1-16.
- Volunteers are needed to host trunks, help with carnival games and crafts, and help with set-up and clean up on the event day! Volunteers can sign up online at ZionBuffalo.org/trunk-or-treat.



More ZFest photos at ZionBuffalo.org/zfest



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