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"By love serve one another"
Galatians 5:13

Grace and Peace Dear Zion Member!

As we welcome the new Fall season, I was thinking about the unique characteristics that make living in the Midwest special. With the changing of the seasons every few months an air of renewal is always around the corner. The mornings get a little cooler. The leaves start thinking about changing colors. And before long, we'll be reaching for sweatshirts, making pies, watching the Packers, and wondering how summer disappeared so quickly.
Fall has always seemed like a season full of reminders about God's goodness. There is something wonderfully ordinary about an apple hanging from a tree, a kid running through an orchard, or neighbors gathering together for a community celebration. These are simple things—but they are also gifts.

Here in Galesville, we have plenty of opportunities to enjoy these gifts in the weeks ahead. Apple Affair will bring our community together once again. Our kids will have a chance to run around and have some fun at Ferguson's Apple Orchard. We'll gather for Trunk-or-Treat and enjoy the laughter, costumes, candy, and all the wonderful chaotic fun that comes with it.

And then there is one of my favorite fall traditions: picking apples!
Last year, our congregation gathered together for an apple-picking service project. We picked apples, filled bags, loaded them up, and took them around town to share with our neighbors.

By the time we were finished, we had delivered **more than 200 bags of apples** to people in our community.

Two hundred bags of apples!?
While, that's a lot of apples, what mattered most wasn't the apples themselves. It was the simple act of saying, "We thought of you. We're glad you're our neighbor!"

And this year we're going again! We will **Caravan from Zion on Sunday Sept. 6th at 2:30. We'll need pickers, and then people can sit in chairs and stuff the apple bags.** With service opportunities for different mobile abilities, together we can live into our mission to Serve our neighbors in the Love of Jesus.
Sometimes we imagine that serving God requires doing something big or extraordinary. But Jesus has this way of showing us that the kingdom of God can often look pretty ordinary.

Because sometimes, simply a bag of apples can be a good reminder that we have a God who has given us far more than we need—and calls us to share, that God's love might reach even further beyond our walls into our communities.

God bless you and your family this Fall Season ><>

Pastor Joe Iverson

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Funeral Policy Update: Technology Use During Service

Families wishing to use audio, video, slideshows, or other technology during the funeral are responsible for providing a family member or designated individual to operate the equipment during the service. To ensure everything functions properly, all media and equipment must be tested in the worship space prior to the day of the funeral. Families should schedule a time with church staff for a sound and video test run before the service.

Political Activities & Use of Church Facilities Policy Update:

To ensure that the Church's facilities are used in a manner consistent with its religious mission, values, and applicable law, the following policy is adopted:

Political Campaigns and Partisan Events

Church facilities, property, and grounds shall not be used to host, sponsor, or provide meeting space for political candidates, elected officials acting in a campaign or partisan capacity, political parties, political action committees (PACs), campaign organizations, or other partisan political groups for the purpose of campaigning, fundraising, organizing, endorsing, or promoting a political candidate, political party, or ballot measure.

The Church will not permit its facilities to be used for events that could reasonably be interpreted as supporting or opposing any candidate for public office, political party, or partisan political organization. This restriction applies equally to all political viewpoints, parties, candidates, and organizations.

No individual or organization renting or using Church facilities may advertise or represent that the Church endorses, sponsors, or is affiliated with any political candidate, elected official, political party, campaign, or partisan political organization.

The Church reserves the right to deny or revoke facility use if an event, meeting, or activity is determined to conflict with this policy or with the Church's mission, governing documents, or applicable law.

Nothing in this policy is intended to prohibit sermons, religious teaching, prayer, or discussion of public issues from a biblical or faith-based perspective, nor does it prohibit lawful, nonpartisan educational or civic activities that have been expressly approved by Church leadership and are consistent with the Church's mission.

Approved by council 7/21/2026

Free Items at Zion!

These items need a new home:

-Bass Drum (loft)
-Camera
-Camera Stand
-Cymbal (loft)
-Hymnals (Narthex)
-Computer monitor

August Reports

Attendance & Giving Reports

Sunday August 2	**50 people**
Sunday August 9	**44 People**
Sunday August 16	**70 People**
Sunday August 23	**70 People**
Sunday August 30	**Combined Worship!**

Please include in your prayers those of our Zion family who reside in extended care facilities in the area.

- Anna Marie Brudos
- Carol Fratzke
- Janice Engen
- Larry Jacobs

QUILT RAFFLE:

Our quilt is being raffled off! Proceedings are ongoing. Tickets available in the Office!

We officially have the raffle license through June 2027. Contact the office or Nancy Goller for more information!

Operation Christmas Child

We are looking for more volunteers to assist with organizing, packing boxes, and loading the truck this year!

Please contact **Lori N** at **(608) 865-0630** to find ways to support this ministry!
Financial donations are always welcome!

Monthly Financial Report:

As a response to requests for a more current financial picture, the monthly budget, offerings and expenses will be published in Tidings. Following are the totals for **July** plus year to date. In **July**, we spent less than was budgeted, and expenses were more than offering income. Please keep this information prayerfully in mind as you make your offerings.

	July	**Year to date**
Offerings	$11,120	$108,570
Dale Trust	$3,678	$11,034
Other Receipts	-$347	$6,582
Budget	$21,251	$148,757
Actual expenses	$18,064	$133,186

Expenses this year at the end of July are $6,263 more than receipts.

Additional Reports & Updates:

The following memorials were received for April, May, and June 2026

IMO/IHO	GIVEN BY
IHO Confirmands	Nancy Hovell
IHO Jazzy Olson Graduation	Russell & Betty Glomstad
IMO Ardelle Williamson	Barb Longwell, Dan Baer, Daniel & Sue Ekern, Gary & Lois Halverson
	Gordon Hoff, Harrry & Louise Janke, Jane Johnson, Jerald & Jackie Joanis
	Jim & Kathy Filkowski, Karen Benrud, Ron & Karen Weltzien
	Todd & Carol Johnson, Wayne & Kathy Meunier, Non-members
IMO Bob Lakey	Berniece Crogran, John & Sue Breitung, Nancy Hovell
IMO Ceil Nastvold	Eileen Trim, LaVon Manchuk, Mary Lou Poss
IMO Dan & Gwen Hanson	Paul & Paige Hanson
IMO Donna Parkhurst	Jerald & Jackie Joanis, Lori Meinking, Rev & Mrs. Parkhurst
	Ronald & Patricia Johnson, Non-member
IMO Len Splett	LaVon Manchuk
IMO Mary Engelien	LaVon Manchuk
IMO Perry Trim	John & Sue Breitung, LaVerne & Linda Dale

FUND	AMOUNT
DRIVEWAY PROJECT	$715
UNDESIGNATED MEMORIAL	$3,070
IMPROVEMENT FUND	$1,090
ELEVATOR FUND	$2,275
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD	$40
ORGAN FUND	$50
TOTAL	$7,240

W-ELCA Workings — August Report

W-ELCA met and discussed the baby & personal care kits which are now beginning to be assembled.

Items still needed:
-blue or black ball point pens
-bath-size bar soaps
-nail clippers

W-ELCA is donating a quilt for a benefit for Kirby Noren of Ettrick.

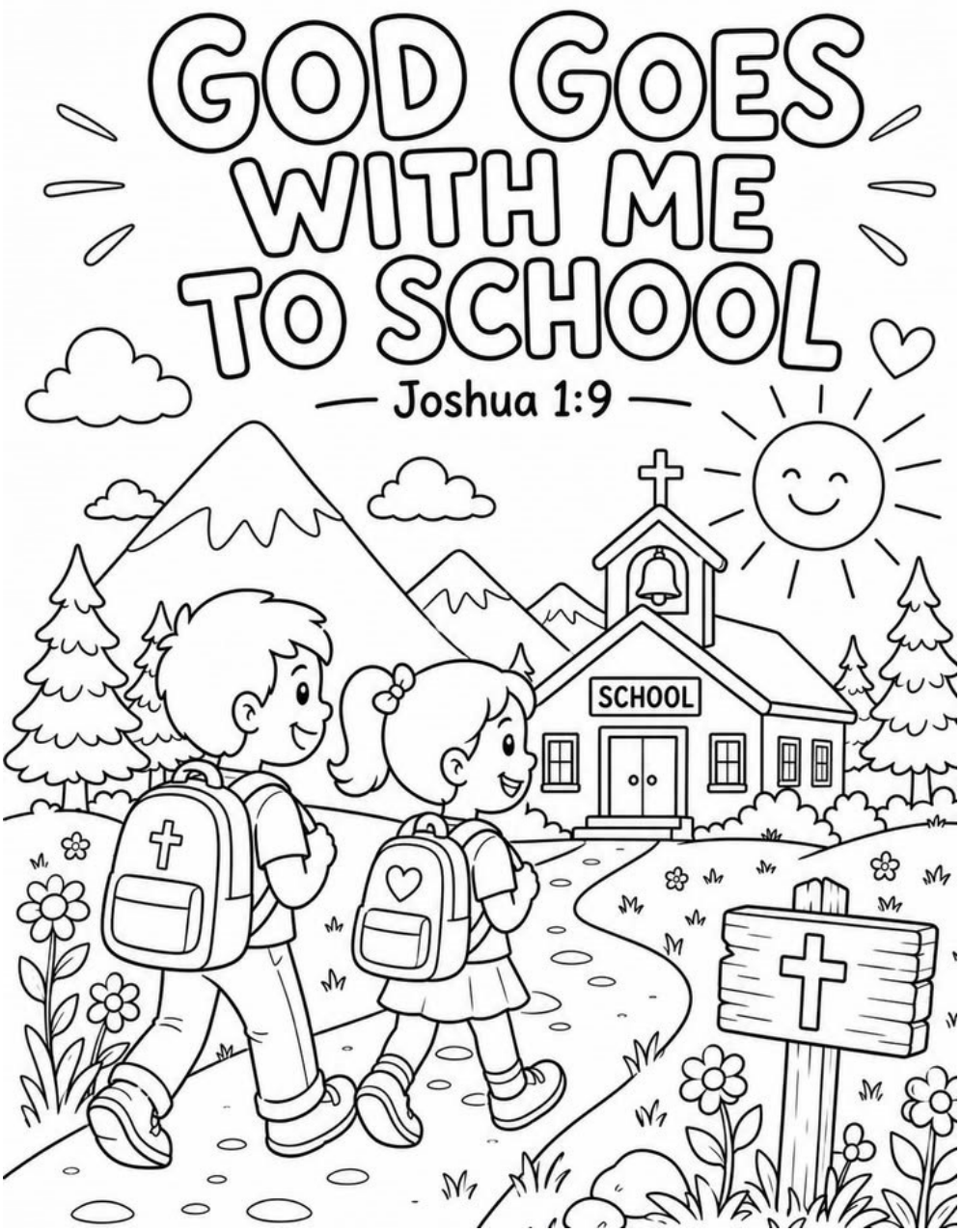
Thank you to Eileen Trim for her delicious chocolate zucchini cake and fresh fruit. Enjoyed by all! Arlene Severson & Lois Kaste will be the next hosts.

Thank you to Mary McKeeth for continuing to send encouragement and sympathy cards on behalf of Zion Lutheran! **Thank you** to those who donated handmade cards. They are particularly appreciated!

W-ELCA meets on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00pm in the Fireside Lounge for a bible study and/or meeting! No meetings in January or July. All women of Zion are welcome!

Children & Family Ministries

Color me! :)



"Be Strong and Courageous for the Lord is with you wherever you go"

-Joshua 1:9

Sunday School Overview:

- Children will be dismissed for class during worship after the Children's Sermon and will return to the Sanctuary by Communion
- Children are encouraged to utilize the Prayground area before and after Sunday School!
- Kristy Braunreiter is serving as our Sunday school teacher and has AMAZING lessons in store!

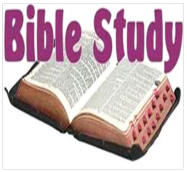
All are welcome to join for Sunday School!

If you would like to volunteer as a Sunday School assistant,
please contact the office or Kristy Braunreiter to get plugged in!

Zion Lutheran Sunday School resumes September 13th!

September Bulletin Board

Join us in the Fireside Room following Sunday worship service for Bible Study at 10 a.m.



Women of the ELCA

W-ELCA Bible Study September 17th; 1:00pm Fireside Lounge

Monthly WIC Clinics at Zion

Fireside Lounge — all day!

September 10th October 8th
November 12th December 10th

God's Work, Our Hands Service Day!

Sunday, September 6th — 2:30pm

Apple picking at the Guertler Orchard!

We will meet at Zion, caravan to the Orchard,
Pick, pack, and process bags of apples, then distribute throughout the community!

September Noisy Offering

Each week, we will take time for a noisy offering to raise money for **W-ELCA Projects**

Fall is Just Around the Corner!

-Sunday School resumes: Sept 13th

-Confirmation resumes: October 7th; *5:15-7:00pm*

-Family Fun at Zion:
Jesus at the movies!
Trunk-or-Treat, Parents Night Out, and more!

School Supplies Needed!

Some of the needs for students are not met without outside help. Kids come to the office especially to the Middle School Office for their needs.

Zion has offered to help to collect supplies as part of our Social Concern/Outreach Committee's call.

Please note these are not items that are in the school's budget. There will be a collection bin marked in the Narthex thru September 20th. Please give as you are able. We realize that money is tight for everyone right now. Let's help some kids in our area in need.

Contact **Lori N** at **(608) 865-0630.**

Items needed:

Deodorant Toothbrushes Travel toothpaste
Backpacks Feminine Hygiene Products
Teen Socks
Teen underwear
Water bottles
Pencil Cases

Blessing of the Backpacks!

Kids and families are welcome to join us for a back-to-school-blessing & celebration!

Kids are encouraged to bring their backpacks so that the congregation can share a blessing for the school year!

September 13th during worship

Root beer floats & sidewalk games following worship!

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Beth Meunier	**9/3**
James Miller	**9/3**
Adalyn Gilson	**9/5**
Kelly Stellpflug	**9/5**
Brett Thill	**9/6**
Carrie Brudos	**9/7**
Levi Thompson	**9/8**
Marjorie Dornquast	**9/9**
Rhonda Gartner	**9/9**
Janet Sue Ekern	**9/11**
Kathy Meunier	**9/12**
Allison Redsten	**9/13**
Connie Andersen	**9/14**
Joe Roehl	**9/14**
Judy Roehl	**9/14**
Brad Senn	**9/14**
Hailee Gilson	**9/19**
Hugh Kohlmeyer	**9/19**
LaVon Manchuk	**9/20**
Emily Osborn	**9/22**
Kendyll Brudos	**9/23**
Betty Glomstad	**9/24**
Larry Jacobs	**9/24**
Randy Nastvold	**9/24**
David Erickson	**9/26**
Tucker Henderson	**9/28**
Payton Buelow	**9/29**
Haylie Miller	**9/30**
Earl Trim	**9/30**

HAPPY Anniversary

Russell & Betty Glomstad
September 3rd

Betty & Gerald Crawford
September 22nd

Deb Becker-Galewski & Tim Galewski
September 23rd

James & Kristin Miller
September 23rd

Nathan & Ashley Knights
September 27th

Roger & Sandy Nelson
September 28th

Ron & Karen Weltzien
September 29th

Did we forget someone?
If you do not see your birthday or anniversary date in the Tidings, please contact the church office so we can update our records.
Thank you.

Zion Lutheran Congregation Council Minutes Tuesday, July 21st, 2026

Present: Carmen Nuland, **President**; Dave Erickson, **Vice-President**; Betty Crawford, **Secretary**; Dave Nuland, **Property and Grounds**; **Pastor** Joe Iverson; Sheryl Arms, **Treasurer**; Marilyn Braunreiter, **Financial Secretary**; Kathy Meunier, **Membership and Shepherding**; Jennifer Seiling, **Outreach and Social Concerns**.

The meeting was called to order by President Carmen Nuland at 6:34 p.m. Devotion and prayer were led by Pastor Joe.

A motion was made by Marilyn Braunreiter to approve the June Council Meeting minutes. This was seconded and passed.

A motion was made by Dave Nuland to approve the May and June Treasurer's report. This was seconded and passed.

Old Business:

Noisy Offering for August: The Noisy Offering for August will go toward the W-ELCA projects.

Addition to the Funeral Policy: Kathy Meunier made a motion to update the Funeral Policy to include "Technology Use During Funeral Services". This was seconded and passed.

Zion Lutheran Congregation Council Minutes Continued

New Business:

Building Rental Policy: Kathy Meunier made a motion to adopt the "Political Activities and Use of the Church Facilities" policy. This was seconded and passed. Kathy Meunier made a motion to add portions of the: "Political Campaigns and Partisan Events" into the building policy and will also add this information to the "Zion Church Building Expectations" handout. This was seconded and passed.

Worship in the Park: This event will be held August 30th, 2026, with the Presbyterian Church.

Quilt Raffle: W-ELCA will be having a Quilt Raffle. See upcoming information.

Apple Affair: A sponsorship request has been received from the Apple Affair Committee. Zion will donate $100 toward this event, as we have done previously.

Information and reports:

Pastor Joe: Pastor Joe will be assisting with VBS. This will be held August 3-6, 2026. He provided 3 personal visits this past month and one visit to Eden House. Pastor attended 2 funeral planning visits and participated in one funeral. He reported that the Parkhurst family request to provide memorial funds to the parsonage maintenance and upkeep. The family remembers growing up in the parsonage. Pastor's full report is on file.

Building and Maintenance: Dave reported that the new driveway is nearing completion. A donation of black dirt has been provided. Grass seeding has been completed. Parking lines will soon be added.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

A motion was made by Dave Nuland to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Crawford, Secretary

Update from the August Council Meeting

-MomCo (formerly MOPs): The partnership with MOPS will be dissolved.

-"Reserved" signs are now available for use in the Sanctuary.

September Serving Schedule

Date	Ushers / Greeters	Organist/Pianist	Communion Server
September 6 9:00 am	U: Earl Trim G: Arlene Severson	Eddie Kim	Connie Andersen
September 13 9:00 am	U: Wayne Meunier G: Arlene Severson	Kathy Meunier	Gary Meunier
September 20 9:00 am	Mike & Sherry Brady	Nancy Martinovici	Chuck Forster
September 27 9:00 am	Harry & Louise Janke	Selisa Erickson	Joe Roehl

Date	Lectors	Offering Counters	Coffee Fellowship
September 6 9:00 am	Connie Andersen	Mary McKeeth & Joe Roehl	Sue & John Breitung
September 13 9:00 am	Gary Meunier	Mary McKeeth & Joe Roehl	**Root Beer Floats** (Sarah K & Kristy B)
September 20 9:00 am	Chuck Forster	Mary McKeeth & Joe Roehl	Faye Gardner & Lori Nastvold
September 27 9:00 am	Joe Roehl	Mary McKeeth & Joe Roehl	Gary & Beth Meunier

Communion: Linda & Laurie Dale **Candle Care:** Dave Nuland

Volunteers needed to serve as a greeter/usher, lector, or for other worship service tasks, please sign up on the sheet that is on a clip board in the Narthex.

Volunteer Coordinators Needed!
We are seeking assistance with scheduling our volunteers monthly—contact Sarah in the office if you'd like to assist!

September 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 **9:00 am** Quilting **9:30 am** Pastor Meeting	2 Worship 6:30pm	3	4	5
6 **9:00 am** Worship 10:15 Word after Worship **God's Work, Our Hands Service Day!** 2:30 — meet at Zion	7	8 **9:00 am** Quilting **9:30 am** Pastor Meeting	9 Worship 6:30pm	10 **WIC Clinic—Fireside Lounge**	11	12
13 **Sunday School Resumes!** **9:00 am** Worship 10:15 Word after Worship	14	15 **9:00 am** Quilting **9:30 am** Pastor's Meeting / Fireside room Council 6:30	16 Worship 6:30pm	17 **Tidings articles due**	18	19
20 **9:00 am** Worship 10:15 Word after Worship	21	22 **9:00 am** Quilting **9:30 am** Pastor's Conference Meeting at Zion	23 Worship 6:30pm	24 **Tidings crew folders**	25	26
27 **9:00 am** Worship 10:15 Word after Worship	28	29 **9:00 am** Quilting **9:30 am** Pastor's meeting / Fireside room	30 Worship 6:30pm			

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