

Zion Herald



Monthly Newsletter of Zion Leola October 2018

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From the Pastor's Desk

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever. –Isaiah 40:8

By Pastor Karen E. Larson

Fall has officially begun following a very strange summer which seemed to begin late, then became unreasonably hot and dry, then wet with historic and repeated flooding in the area. When it wasn't raining (and even when it was), it was hot and muggy. Indeed, a very strange summer, but despite the strangeness of the season, there was plenty of "light" – the light of Christ - shining at Zion Lutheran Church!

Waterslide Day happened and Community Meals were held and plans were made for the new program year; in the midst of all that, Zion began a new chapter with a new pastor, a child was baptized, and we welcomed guests and came together for a joyous celebration of Sue Orth's retirement, where we got to reminisce and praise God for Sue's gifts and

faithful service.

In response to the graciousness of God in those ministries and so many others, you contributed, in honor of Sue's work among the saints of Zion, over \$5,000 which was divided between the Helping Hand Fund and the Mzata Congregation, where ministries will continue to happen and grow.

In late summer, a new Director of Faith Formation was found and we prepared to receive the ministry of Patti Corll among us. Indeed, God is good – all the time! We got to hear from the youth who had traveled to Houston for the ELCA National Youth Gathering, and from their recollections and reflections, got to hear about how the grace, peace, love, and the mercy of God changes everything!

As the verse from Isaiah indicates, no matter the season, or the strangeness of it, or the passage of time, or our own coming in and going out, God's word endures forever. And God has been present in each

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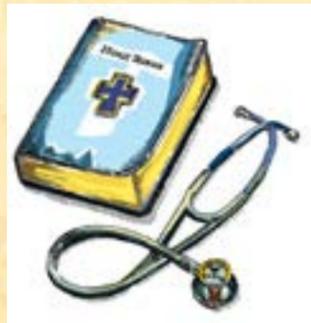


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of our celebrations and all of our work, blessing us and encouraging us onward to even more and greater things.

This month, as the grass withers and the leaves on the trees change color and fall and the flowers indeed fade and fall as well, we will come together in joyous celebration of God's love which always remains, renewing us and calling us to ever greater faith and work. On October 14 at 4 p.m. we will come together for a very special celebration in the life of the church of God at Zion, as I am installed as your called pastor.

The Holy Spirit has called us together in this church, where we Gather to Grow, and Live to Serve. Each Sunday morning we begin worship with a reminder of our mission statement, the purpose for which God calls us together. Let us continually pray for the mission and ministries of Christ at Zion, and in that spirit, I humbly request your prayers that, as God has called me to this place to serve God as we work together side by side, we may all be directed and uplifted by the word of God, which endures forever.



Hospital Visitation from Zion

By Pastor Karen E. Larson

Please let us know if you or a family member are hospitalized or has a pastoral need, especially over the weekend.

Hospitals do not have staff dedicated to making notification calls to churches over the weekend or at night, and because of HIPPA regulations some hospitals do not make calls at all.

Pastor Karen's after-hours phone number is 302-897-4154. The church phone voice message contains this number as well.

Confirmation and Reformation Sunday Oct. 28

By Pastor Karen E. Larson

Get in the Spirit and wear your red on Sunday, October 28! We will commemorate Reformation Day at both services, and this year will be Confirming four young adults in the faith at the 10:30 service.

Megan Bixler, Tucker Hastings, Ethan Proch, and Owen Shetter, will each Affirm their Baptism. A reception will be held following the 10:30 service, where you can greet and congratulate our newly confirmed members.

Confirmation students and their families will share a dinner and rehearsal the evening prior, beginning at 5 p.m.

Called Home

By Pastor Karen E. Larson

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection, we laid to rest several members of our congregation in September.

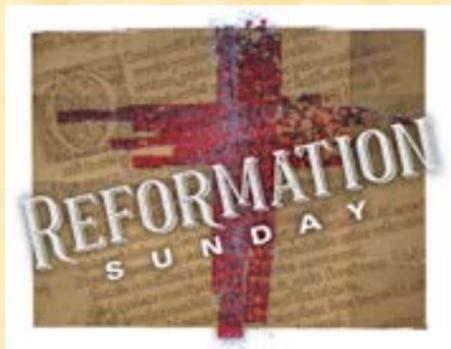
A Memorial Service was held September 15 for Phyllis Derr, who died June 20, 2018. Following the service, graveside prayer was shared for Phyllis and her husband Al together. Al passed away in 2011.

A funeral service for Evelyn Brown took place at Zion September 19, 2018. Evelyn died on September 15; interment took place in the church cemetery following worship.

A memorial service was held September 20 at Jacobs Lutheran Church, Pine Grove, for Sister Sandra Lehr, with Pastor Karen officiating and Pastor Barry Spatz, of Jacobs, presiding at the communion table. Interment took place in the family plot at Jacobs Church Cemetery.

We also received word that former member, Sharon Wettig passed away September 23.

Our condolences also to several in our community who lost family members and friends recently: Jeanne Gammache (Lodema Adams, friend); The McQuate family (Virginia Mosebach, Keith's grandmother); Meriam Hershberger (Leta Hershberger, Meriam's mother); Jackie Heise and family (Jackie's Uncle Alex).



Sunday, October 28
Wear RED to celebrate!

The Offering and the Tithe

By Pastor Karen E. Larson

Long ago, God commanded the Israelites to give the first fruits of the harvest or of the flock or what we might today consider "income" or "earnings" to the Temple (Leviticus 27:30; Deuteronomy 14:24; Numbers 18:26; 2 Chronicles 31:5). Numerically, the offering was equal to 10% of the earning of the family and was viewed as a tax – a legal obligation to support the work of the priests and the ministries carried out by the Temple, including work to care for the widows and orphans.

This ten percent giving, or "tithe" was a requirement of the Law. The New Testament does not contain an explicit command or recommendation to submit to this Mosaic Law, but it is clear from Jesus' teachings that he is concerned about our attachment to our wealth, and desires that we free ourselves of this attachment and, in fact, give generously to the mission of the church and work of God, as well as to the poor, the widow and the orphan. We call this giving our "offering."

As a practice of faith and discipline, there are many Christians who do use the 10 percent guideline as a minimum goal to achieve faithful giving. Most of us struggle with that concept – "I can't afford ten percent!" It's true, if you struggle to make ends meet, ten percent seems an unreachable and unreasonable goal. God does not desire our giving to become one more obligation or stressor in our lives, and neither does your church! Rather, God desires our giving to be generous and joyful, from the heart and from our material stores.

For those who have won the struggle through years of working toward a ten percent or higher rate of giving, the rewards are unbelievably liberating. Finding yourself capable of dedicating a consistent and generous portion of your wealth to the mission and ministries of God is humbling. God is ultimate in generous giving; God gave it all for us.

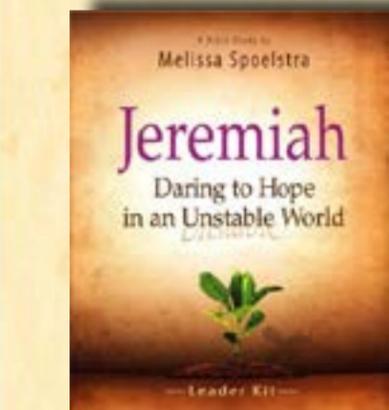
It took me many years of nudging my offering amount up to the point of ten percent-plus giving. Each year I determined to increase my offering if I could even when my own income was stagnant or fell. There were times when I wasn't able to give so consistently – when my increase was just 1 percent or less. I have come to see my giving as a spiritual discipline; stewardship is an act of faith and trust in God.

During a season when many churches are ramping up their annual pledge drive, it is helpful for us to examine our own giving patterns and philosophies. Here is a publication from the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, Washington, to help you discover your own passion for giving. May God bless you and grant you faith in your stewardship.

10 Reasons Why People Tithe

1. It is the way God's people have given through out the ages regardless of culture, income level or nature of the economy.
2. It is a spiritual discipline that shapes the character of the one who gives.
3. It invites God into our finances, helping us become a better financial manager while breaking the power of materialism in our life.
4. It serves as a practical reminder that God is Lord over all life, including business and the economy.
5. It allows us to develop greater trust of God's care and provision in our life in new and surprising ways.
6. It nurtures the spiritual growth of the individual.
7. It nurtures the spiritual growth of the church.
8. It strengthens the ministry, outreach, stability and vitality of the church.
9. It provides the means to keep the staff of the church healthy - physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually.
10. It provides for the maintenance of the church's building and grounds assuring everyone in the community a safe, attractive, comfortable and serene place to worship and pray.

~Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, Washington



Women's Bible Study
Friday, October 12
at 7 p.m.

Pastor Karen's Installation

By Pastor Karen E. Larson

A pastor's installation is a special event in the life of a congregation. This is Zion's celebration and we invite and welcome all members of the church, the community around the church, and other guests to participate in the service. Please join us at this special event:

Pastor Karen's Installation will take place Sunday, October 14 at 4 p.m. A reception will immediately follow the service in the multi-purpose room of the church.



Faith Formation News:

By Patti Corll

Thank-you! Thank-you for the warm welcome you have given to me and my family. We have felt included right from the very start, and we are glad to be at Zion to serve with you! And what a great Sunday to begin my service at Zion, just in time to hear the youth report on their Houston trip. Our youth did a wonderful job!

We have begun our instructional year, which means Sunday School, Confirmation, Senior High and Adult Education offerings have begun.

In Sunday School, we are discovering the Bible, from the beginning! In September and October, the children are learning about Creation and the first sin. November will find them learning about Noah. In December, we will learn about

Abraham and Sarah and how all God's promises to Abraham are fulfilled through our Savior, Jesus. In the New Year, we will learn about Isaac and Rebekah, Joseph with his coat of many colors, and Moses. Sunday School uses cooking, music, games, art, drama and even science to teach the great Bible stories to our children. It is NOT a sit down and learn experience. It is interactive and engaging!

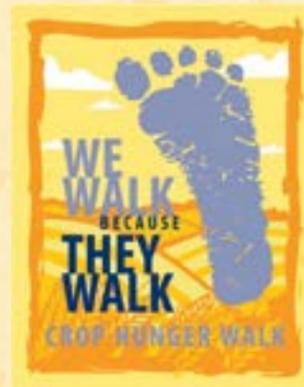
Our Middle and High School youth have also kicked off their gatherings.

Specifically, on October 7 after the late service, the youth will have their Kick Off event for Youth Ministry. A potluck lunch will be served and our youth will gather to finalize plans for the year's activities, including our mission trip, and to get to know each other and me a bit better!

On the event note, our annual CROP Walk to End Hunger will take place on October 21, 2018. Donations can be placed in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to Zion and write "CROP Walk" on the memor line.

A number of our Middle School youth attended the synod's ALiVE gathering at camp Nawakwa in late September.

I will continue to move forward with programming and will be in touch with many of you over the course of the coming months as we continue to learn and grow together.



All Saints' Day Sunday, Nov. 4

This year we will remember our loved ones during the service. If you have a loved one that has passed away since November 1, 2017 and would like their name to be read during the service, please fill out the form found on the Fast Facts table and return it in the offering plate.

We will also be having a picture slide show of our loved ones who have passed away over the years; if you have a picture you would like to include, please email it or give it to Paula McQuate at leolazion@gmail.com. Deadline is Oct. 28.



Budget Requests Are Due By Tuesday, Oct. 30



Many Blessings

Zion welcomed Hailey Lehman, granddaughter of Helen Hall-Baker, into membership by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, September 30.

Prayer Requests

Art Moyer
Betty Eaton
Beverly Younger
Chuck Rathey
Damian Henderson
Dan Brennan
Dwain Dumas
Ellen Horst
Evelyn Nelson
Florence Benner
Fred Weisbach
Henry Byler
Jay Rosado
Jennie Roland
Dr. Joseph Besecker
Judy Greiner
Keith Shetter
Kelly Smith-Frank
Mel Eby
Nancy Wiker
Nicole Bricker
Pat Bunker
Paul Naffin

Phyllis Hutchison
Ralph Brunken
Roy Koenig
Russ Wagner
Ruth Landis
Ruth Ruby
Sharon Perreault
Sylvia Grube
Tom Nory
Verna Youndt
Walter Eisenhower
Wayne Branchide

Service Personnel

*Ben Handel (New Mexico)
*Brad Strickler (stateside)
*Steven Wasilewski & family
*Davey Engel (stateside)
*Rob Devlin (stateside)
*Nick Chubb (stateside)
*Matthew Green (stateside)
*Brandon Devlin (stateside)



Downtown Meals 2018 Schedule

*Carpool leaves at 4:15 p.m. from Zion.
*Please sign up to donate food and your time.
*Sign-up sheet is located on the Mission & Service bulletin board.

Redeemer Church (3rd Thursday of the odd months)

Nov. 15

Grace Lutheran Church (5th Wednesday of the month)

October 31

Leola Community Meal

Friday, October 19, 2018

Served at 5:55 p.m.

*Held here at Zion

*Hosted by Stumptown Mennonite Church

Donors for Christmas Gifts Wanted

By Katie Reiff, CV School Social Worker

This is the fun part of the holidays right—the part that we get to bless those less fortunate.

All gifts purchased will serve Conestoga Valley students and their younger non-school aged siblings; last year we served 531 children, within 230 families...that's a lot of kiddos, and a lot of donors!

We anticipate a similar number of children served this year. Please follow this link to sign-up to be a gift donor:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyb-2zArgp_2tlgETCI8PiqD3m7Fjf6fJGreFNO6NhH22w/viewform?usp=sf_link

Gift Give Away Volunteers Wanted

By Katie Reiff, CV School Social Worker

Volunteers are needed for preparation and the day of the Gift Give Away event.

We have lots of opportunities to volunteer, anything from delivering presents to those who don't have transportation to manning tables the day of the event. There are opportunities during the day leading up to help us prepare all the gifts for distribution as well (very organized process, no prior experience needed). Please contact Katie at 717-394-0555 Ext. 6840 to volunteer or follow this link to sign-up to volunteer. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0948A9AE2DA2F94-cvholiday>.

October Stewardship Principle of the Month

Share abundantly as we have received. The purpose of these gifts is for the good of the community of God. We give to build up the body of Christ. We use and share our gifts for the benefit of all.

"...and God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

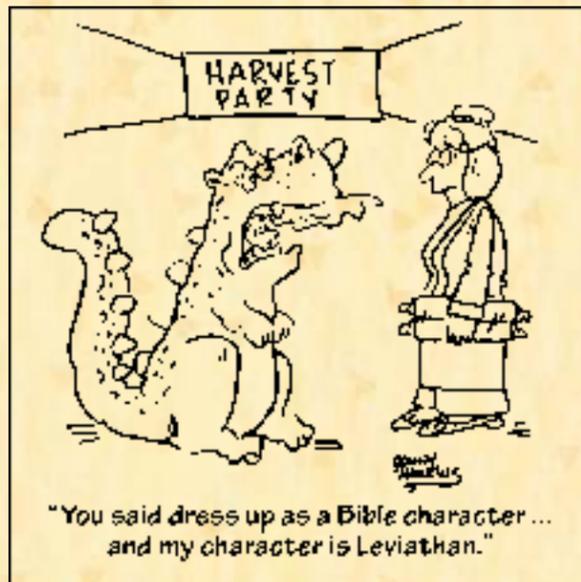
2 Corinthians 9:8



- 4 Brent & Paula Nelson
- 11 Kevin & Beth Hostetter
- 16 Robert & Debra Stewart - 33 years
- 21 Jimmy & Sarah Woomer
- 23 John & Betty Lou Cunningham - 58 years
- 25 Darrell & Missy May



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| 1 Leonard Brenneman | 17 Alexandra Knox |
| 1 Daniel Stevens | 17 Paula McQuate |
| 2 Joyce Miller | 18 Kelly Beitzel |
| 2 Brent Nelson | 18 Greg Glaser |
| 2 Michelle Strohm | 18 Lauren Moyer |
| 3 Linda Morris | 18 Arlene Walter |
| 3 Joe Weidner | 19 Patty Williams |
| 4 Jan Robinholt | 21 Jeff Usner |
| 5 Nicholas Smucker | 23 Ben Cunningham |
| 5 Melinda Stevens | 23 Gwen Mylin |
| 7 Bob Gates | 26 Madison Brown |
| 14 Kim Almodovar | 27 Greg Lemke |
| 14 Cherri Snader | 30 Brian Stambaugh |
| 15 Matthew McQuate | |
| 16 Pam Wilson | |



**Zion
Work Day
Saturday
October 20
8a.m. to Noon
Indoor and outdoor
tasks to do**

Minister to Your Ministers

Adapted by newsletternewsletter.com
In honor of Clergy Appreciation Month, use these alphabetical reminders of how to treat your pastors:

- Accept them as people.
- Build them up. Say "thank you."
- Communicate with them.
- Defend them when someone tries to run them down.
- Entertain them. They like to have fun, too!
- Family. Allow them to have a family life.
- Genuine. Be honest with them. Be yourself around them.
- Honor them. Don't put them on a pedestal, but respect them.
- Income. Pay them enough so money isn't a concern.
- Judge not! Avoid being critical.
- Kind. Treat pastors as you want to be treated.
- Love. See 1 Corinthians 13.
- Maintain. Their families have the same needs as other families.
- Nurture. Help them grow in grace.
- Offer to help. The list of things you can do is endless.
- Pray for them. Lift up their names to God daily.
- Quelch not. Encourage instead!
- Rejoice in and with them.
- Surprise them - in little and big ways.
- Trust them. Believe in them.
- Understand them. Put yourself in their place.
- Vacation. They need time away.
- Welcome them into your home. Don't wait for an invitation.
- eXpend yourself, not them.
- Zap all gossip!



Zion Happenings For October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1 pm Staff Meeting	2 6:30 pm Mutual Ministry Meeting 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7 pm Praying Scriptures Together	3 6:30 pm Worship in Chapel	4	5	6
7 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group 8 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Noon Youth Group Kick Off Meeting & Lunch	8 1 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Council Meeting	9 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7 pm Praying Scriptures Together	10 9 am CVCCS Clothing Bank work day for seniors 9 am Women's Book Study Group 6:30 pm Worship in Chapel	11	12 7 pm Women's Bible Study Meeting	13 8am-1pm Habitat for Humanity Day
14 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group 8 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4 pm Installation Service for Pastor Larson	15 1 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Outreach Planning Meeting	16 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7 pm Praying Scriptures Together	17 6:30 pm Worship in Chapel	18	19 5:55 pm Leola Community Dinner hosted by Stumptown Mennonite Church	20 8 am Zion Work Day
21 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group 8 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Youth Sunday 12:15 pm Contemporary Worship Task Force Meeting 1:30 pm CROP Hunger Walk	22 1 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Worship Planning Meeting	23 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7 pm Praying Scriptures Together	24 9 am CVCCS Clothing Bank work day for seniors 9 am Women's Book Study Group 6:30 pm Worship in Chapel	25 4:15 pm carpool leaves to serve meal at Redeemer Church	26 7 pm Women's Bible Study Meeting	27
28 6:30 am Wake Up Call Men's Group 8 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Reformation & Confirmation Sunday	29 1 pm Staff Meeting	30 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7 pm Praying Scriptures Together Budgets are due to Luke Harris	31 4:15 pm Carpool leaves Zion to serve meal at Grace Lutheran Church 6:30 pm Worship in Chapel			

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Worship Services

Traditional Service, Sundays at 8 a.m.
Contemporary Service, Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
Traditional Service, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Communion is offered at each service.
Wine and grape juice are offered as well as a
bread and gluten free wafers.

We gather to grow; we live to serve!

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