

LADIES DEPARTMENT



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

*Women in Mission – Zion Lutheran
Mission Valley*



Bible Study times each month....

Esther Circle-2nd Tuesday of the Month-9 am
Ladies Aid-1st Thursday of the Month-2 pm
Rebecca/Ruth Circle-1st Monday of the Month-
10 am. Each Bible study group or circle has ongoing
activities they are involved in, such as the kits, quilts,
Ladles of Love, etc. *But to participate, you do not
have to belong to a circle...*



ESTHER CIRCLE

Esther Circle met on Tuesday, September 9, 2025,
at 9:00 a.m. for its regular monthly meeting. Present
were Iris Heller, Carolyn Seifert, Priscilla Dornburg,
Eva Cooke, Shirley Gisler, Shelley Sharp, Bettye
Pribyl, Gail Woytasczyk, Irene Heinold, Darlette
Mathisen, and Sherilyn Arnecke.

Hostesses were Darlette & Betty.

Business: LWML Rally is being hosted by Zion
on September 13 with a salad luncheon, and
collection of socks & underwear. Reps from the
Orphan Grain Train will do a presentation. Zion will
present 60 Health Kits to Orphan Grain Train for
delivery to a needy location. **Sewing** is September
16. Esther's next **Ladles of Love** prep & delivery
will be October 11 with Esther C in charge. Esther B
delivered **LOL** on August 31 due to Labor Day
falling on the normal delivery day. They served Ham,
Potato Salad, Vegetable Casserole, Pudding, and
Rolls. **Zion's Bunco** is scheduled for September 23.
Bettye Pribyl gave information on "**Messiah's
Mansion**" presentation. **Zion's Annual Picnic** will
be Sunday, September 14, following worship.

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs will be served along with
Desserts. There will be Face Painting, Bouncy
House, Silent Plant Auction and Bingo. **Trunk or
Treat** will be held on Zion's parking lot October 25.

Cards were sent Marvin & Pauline Janak, Mai
Harwell, Hoefling Family and Julie Heinold.

Offering: \$110.

All ladies of Zion are invited to join *Esther* on the
second Tuesday of each month as we study the Word
of God! Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 14,
2025, at 9:00 a.m. Hostesses will be Shelley & Judy.

Sherilyn Arnecke, Secretary/Treasurer

REBECCA/RUTH CIRCLE

Rebecca Ruth Circle met on September 8, 2025
with 8 members present: Denise Afflerbach, Sharon
Alex, Peggy Lee, Shelvy Schneider, Seda Weaver,
Gloria Buchhorn, Winona Klacman, JoNell Martin.

Denise led the Bible Study, "Bearing Life's
Burdens Together" from Woman's Summer
Quarterly. Closed Bible Study with Prayer.

Business Meeting was led by Denise: Saturday,
September 13th **LWML Mid-Coast Fall Rally**;
Sunday, September 14th **Church Picnic** after church;
Tuesday, September 16th **Sewing Day** at 9:00 am;
Tuesday, September 23rd **Bunco** registration at 6pm;
Sunday, Oct. 12th **LWML Mite Ingathering
Service**.

A Thank You note was read from Holly. Cards
were sent. Prayer partners were draw.

October 6, 2025, Rebecca/Ruth Circle will meet
Monday at 10:00am. Pat Harper will be Bible
Leader. The Bible Study will be from Fall Woman's
Quarterly Magazine.

Closed meeting with Lord's Prayer.

Everyone is invited to come and join us for Bible
Study and Fellowship.

Secretary, Winona Klacman

LADIES AID

Ladies Aid met on Thursday, September 4th with
Winona Klacman as hostess. Our lesson was "That
Human Touch" and we took turns being the leader.

Business: Sept. 13th Fall Rally; 14th Picnic after
church; 16th Sewing; 23rd Bunco starting at 6pm
registration.

Cards were sent to: Birthday – Mai Harwell;
Sympathy – Heath Hoefling family; Thinking of You
– Shelvy Schneider, Julie Heinold, Marvin & Pauline
Janak.

Eva Cooke, Chairperson



LADLES OF LOVE

Esther C is in charge of Ladles of Love in October. **Meals will be delivered on October 11th.** If you would like to participate in a group or form your own group, please talk to Sherilyn Arnecke.
Sherilyn Arnecke, Chairperson



Each month the ladies of the church are collecting a different item as one of their projects for Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry (VCAM). For the month of **October** LWML is collecting **1# bag of Pinto Beans**. We are asking the congregation to help with this project. It would be very much appreciated. There is a box in the **Narthex near the Ladies Restroom** for your donated item. Please help restock the shelves at VCAM. If any questions, contact Eva Cooke, project chairperson.

Want to thank everyone for contributing food for all these people in need.

Eva Cooke, Chairperson

Thank you, thank you. For the month of August, 53 lbs. of Mac & Cheese were collected for VCAM!



SEWING DAY

Sewing Day was held on September 16th with 8 ladies tacking 2 quilts for the homeless: Kay Lagal, Bettye Pribyl, Shelley Sharp, Irene Heinold, Winona Klacman, Darlette Mathisen, Michelle Wendel and Eva Cooke.

Shelley and Kay then checked out our new regular sewing machine. Irene and Darlette purchased and donated. Thank you, ladies, for a much needed sewing machine.

Our next regular Sewing Day will be **Tuesday, October 21st** at 9am in the multi-Purpose Room.

Eva Cooke & Irene Heinold, Chairpersons



Judy and Keeleigh

LWML FUNDRAISERS QUILT RAFFLE SALE



EXCITING NEWS! The winner of our beautiful LWML quilt raffle was Keeleigh Cooke. Her name was drawn at Sunday's Church picnic. JoNell and I cannot put into words our appreciation to Judy Faulkner for making and donating the quilt and to our congregational family for the great support in making this raffle a success. We accumulated \$716.00. With this amount and the bake sales, we are well on our way in helping defray costs of sending several women to the 2026 LWML National Convention in Austin.

Ladies of Zion, it will be here before you know it, please consider attending this event June 11-13, 2026. More information will be forthcoming in early 2026.



ATTENTION ALL CIRCLES & LADIES AID!!

At you October meetings you need to have election of officers, Bible Study leaders, and hostesses for the LWML 2026 Yearbook. Please give to me no later than October 31st so I can compile the new yearbook in a timely manner. Thank you. Seda Weaver



The Mite Ingathering will be held during church service on **Sunday, October 12th**. Various members will take part in the worship service as well as the actual collection.

October has been designed as LWML month with emphasis on the work for which the ladies are known. All members of the congregation are invited to participate in this endeavor and encouraged to **wear purple**, LWML colors symbolizing royalty.

The Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national [mission grants](#) and implement the LWML program. There are 14 Mission Grants for 2024-2026 which totals \$272,314.00. If anyone wishes to use one of the Mite boxes, talk to Sherry Hornstein.

This year's theme begins a four-year cycle focusing on the LWML Mission Statement — As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. For Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2025 we focus on Proclaiming Christ.

Everything we do as Lutheran Women in Mission begins with Christ's message of repentance and forgiveness. The Ascension text of "GO" (*Luke 24:44-53*) is the mission emphasis for Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2025. On Ascension Day, Jesus gave his followers an assignment "that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations." We, as the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, have a responsibility to proclaim the message of Christ, to be that body which proclaims repentance and forgiveness, showing forth the merciful Christ in what we do and say. As Lutheran Women in Mission we continue to support, encourage and uplift missionaries, and also provide physical support and compassion to all people. It is the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name that motivates us to do this work. All Glory be to Jesus!



LWML GENERAL MEETING

The Quarterly General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **October 28th**, at 6:45pm with election of officers. Nominees for 2026 will be presented and voted on. Please consider serving as an officer or joining LWML if you are not currently a member.

Also, items of business will include discussion of 2026 budget and projects. All LWML members are strongly encouraged to attend so that your voices can be heard concerning these projects. Rebecca/Ruth Circle has the devotion and Esther Circle is hostess.



LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTIONS

Zion Lutheran Women will once again have the opportunity to subscribe to the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Magazine for the upcoming year, **Spring thru Winter 2026**. The cost for the quarterly magazine is **\$6.00**. The magazine features articles, Bible studies and information available online. **Please give payment to treasurer of your circle by October 12, 2025, or Terry Depine.** Make checks payable to **Zion Lutheran LWML**.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT





SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP FACEOFF DAY

Fellowship Faceoff Day will be **Sunday, October 12th**, at 9am and we plan to meet on the 2nd Sunday each month thereafter. a fun-filled game day during the Sunday school hour! We'll be playing games like Jeopardy, Kahoot, and more — something for all ages, **from our littlest learners to adults**. As we navigate this season of transition between pastors, we'll be hosting a game day once a month to grow in faith, fellowship, and fun together. Come ready to learn, laugh, and earn some serious bragging rights!

This time we'll be playing **Jeopardy**, so get your buzzer hands ready. No prizes, just bragging rights and plenty of laughs. Don't miss out on the fun!

For any questions, see Megan. **See flyer**

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS



Kathy, Candice, Barbara, Megan, Pastor Scott, Bea, Jacki

Installation of Teachers was August 31st with Pastor Scott Jensen, our guest pastor. Our Sunday School teachers for 2025-2026 are Jacki Cooke, PreK-K; Bea Fuchs and Kathy Harryman, 1st-3rd grade; Barbara Schmidt, 4th-5th grade; Megan Meyer, Junior High & High School and Candice Clay and Jacki, Board of Education/Youth.

This will be the start of 2025-2026 Sunday School with new curriculum and activities. Sunday School/ Adult Bible classes start at 9am. Everyone is invited.



Kim, Veronika, Korgen

We welcome our foreign exchange student from Munich, Germany, Veronika Doleschel. She is a junior at West High School. She likes volleyball, soccer and horses. Robert and Kimberly Ramirez, Korgen and Kaden are her host family for this school year. Please welcome her and introduce yourself.



Join us for Trunk or Treat on **Saturday, October 25 from 4–6 PM!** We're looking for volunteers to host a booth, decorate a trunk, or plan an activity for the kids. Participants will need to provide their own candy (no chocolate, please), water, and snacks.

Not able to host a booth? You can still help by donating candy!

Sign up using the QR code or the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

This family-friendly event features safe trick-or-treating with well-lit, supervised candy stations. It's a Halloween event full of family-friendly fun you won't want to miss. Questions? See Megan Meyer or a member of the Board of Education.

See flyer.



If your children have any news like school recognitions, honors, sports, achievements this year that you would like to share, please submit them to the church office. Throughout the year, please submit special happenings. We love to hear about our children.

COMMITTEE NEWS



The Call Committee received the Pastoral Survey Report and Executive Summary Report from Pastor Bahn, our District Congregation Support Specialist, on August 25th. These reports were shared with the congregation at a meeting on September 7th after the

worship service. If anyone missed the meeting and would like a copy of these reports, please contact any of the Call Committee members. At the September 7th meeting, a request was also made to the congregation for pastor nominations. If anyone would like to submit a pastor nomination the deadline was September 14th. No nominations were received. On September 18th the Call Committee submitted a Cover Letter, Congregational Self Study, Pastoral Survey Report, Executive Summary and a copy of Zion's Constitution to the District President. These documents will be processed by the District and a list of candidates will be provided to the Call Committee. The District said this process normally takes 4-6 weeks. Once the list of candidates is received, the Call Committee will review each one to identify the best candidates for Zion. The Call Committee will bring the top candidates to the congregation for the final decision. Please continue to keep the Call Process in your prayers that God's will be done and He leads us to the pastor he has already chosen for us.

Submitted by David Miller



ALTAR GUILD

The new LWML Women in Mission-Zion Lutheran Mission Valley Book for 2026 will be compiled soon and I would like to add your name to the schedule of rotation for Altar Guild. The larger groups are working out better. Please prayerfully consider. Thank you, too, for the substitutes. If any questions or you would like to volunteer, please contact Pauline Janak by October 31st, which is the deadline.



The Nomination Committee is seeking nominees for Council Financial Secretary, Elder, and a Board of Endowment member to be voted on at the December Voters' Meeting. **If there is any other Boards that are seeking members, please contact David Miller.** Please prayerfully consider serving in one of these roles. If you would be willing to serve or know someone who would, please contact David.

CONGREGATION NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS

Keegan Heller and Bridget Frazer were united in marriage on September 20, 2025. The event took place at The Evermore Venue in Edna, Tx. The couple resides in Mission Valley.



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 10, from 6–8 PM for Family Game Night!** We'll provide the snacks and drinks—just bring your favorite board game to share. Come enjoy a night of laughter, fellowship, and friendly competition! **See flyer.**

A BLAST FROM THE PAST



This was the historical display in the library at the Church Picnic on September 14th. **SHARING GOD'S LOVE FOR 110 YEAR – 1915-2025** as of August 15, 2025. Our past is rich with stories, scripture and service. Thank you Judy Faulkner & Denise Afflerbach for sitting up the display.



Our Church Picnic was held on Sunday, September 14th. And another thank you to all those who came, helped out, donated auction items and those who supported. It was another fantastic church picnic! A fun evening was had by all. The proceeds of the picnic will go towards the Building Fund.

Picnic Proceeds:

Income:

Free Will offering	\$486.00
Plant Silent Auction	\$678.00
Total	\$1,164.00

Expenses:

Meat	\$140.00
Bouncy House	\$265.00
Balloon Lady	\$100.00
Veggies	\$ 14.00
Total	\$519.00

Profit After Expenses: \$645.00

See insert for pictures!



**HEARING
ASSISTANCE**

HEARING ASSISTANCE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

To assist anyone to hear the discussion at meetings in the Fellowship Hall, the Fellowship Hall is now equipped to use the same hearing assistance devices that are used in the sanctuary. Just bring one of the devices from the sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall. Contact David Miller or David Pribyl for any assistance.



PASTORS APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, an observance that some clergy don't publicize. It's an ideal time to thank pastors for their dedication to God's people and the ministry. A written note, a card or even a free meal is a nice gesture of appreciation. But if you were to ask pastors what they'd like or what they need, most would probably reply, "Pray for me." That's what the apostle Paul requested throughout his letters. To the church at Rome, he urged, "Join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).

As you appreciate and encourage your pastors, remember them in your prayers. Then let them know you're doing so! Please take some time during October to pray for our guest pastors and express to them your appreciation of their service to our congregation.



THANK YOU

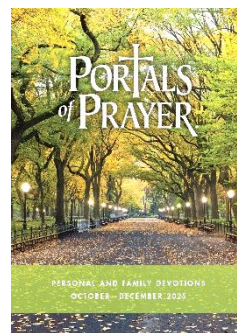
Thank you for your cards, phone calls and prayers during my recent surgery. All is well.

Edward Heller

THANK YOU

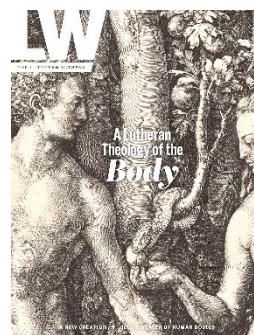
Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards and phone calls when I had my shoulder surgery. Everything went well.

W.A. Afflerbach



PORTALS OF PRAYER

October thru December Portals of Prayer, large or regular print, are available in the magazine rack in the Narthex. First come, first serve, if you want one, please help yourself. If you know of anyone who needs one, please take them one.



THE LUTHERAN WITNESS
RENEWAL TIME DUE BY OCTOBER 12th OR ACCEPTING NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS. The flagship magazine of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, *The Lutheran Witness*, offers synodical news, reports from Lutherans around the world, feature articles, columns, Q&As, a Bible study, and more. Plus, there is an added insert, *Texas Messenger*, which covers all of the Texas District news, upcoming events with LWML and LOMT (Lutheran Outdoor Ministry of Texas) and articles. *The Lutheran Witness* is a monthly publication with a June/July combined issue. If you are interested in getting a subscription to the magazine the cost remained the same for the church, **\$24.75 per year.** **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex of the church.** The magazine will be delivered to your home, so we need your name along with a check/cash **payable to Zion Lutheran Church.** Notifications for renewals will also be sent to the office and I will contact you if wanting to renew subscription. Please give your money to Seda Weaver in the office and the order will be placed through the Texas District. **DEADLINE OCTOBER 12th!!!**



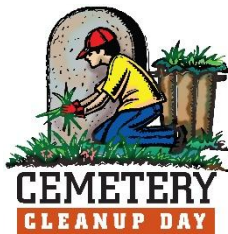
ATTENTION VETERANS!!

In our November Messenger, we will be recognizing our veterans. If you are a living member of Zion and have not notified the church office of what branch the military you were in and rank (this also includes if you were in the reserves), **please do so by October 12th.**



ATTENDANCE CARD

Members & Guests, please fill out an attendance card for each worship service attended and place them in the offering plate. These cards help us to keep accurate records and assist with pastoral care. Please list each individual's name attending if in a family. That way each one gets counted.



MISSION VALLEY CEMETERY

Mission Valley Cemetery, off of Arnold Road, has a workday scheduled **for Saturday, October 11th beginning at 9am.** We are hoping for a strong turnout so that the workday will go quickly. Gloves, rakes, shovels, and lopping shears will be needed if you have them. We will have lawn carts and a trailer for removing the debris. Look forward to seeing you there. Any questions, contact Henry Wood.



RECYLING INK CARTRIDGES

How do we get rewards for recycling ink cartridges? As a Reward Member of Office Depot, the church gets \$2 back in program rewards for each ink cartridge that we recycle, up to 10 cartridges per month. Qualifying purchases include any product or service purchase made in store or online. All brands of ink qualify for recycling rewards. This helps with the rising cost of supplies for the church. There is a basket on a shelf in the Narthex between the Men's & Ladies' Restrooms for your cartridges.



Entire Service on: Zion's Facebook page
<http://www.facebook.com/zionmissionvalley/>

*****We are trying to "boost" our social media (Facebook) and internet presence. If you are a Facebook user, go ahead and give us a "Like" at facebook.com/ZionMissionValley. We are posting several times a week with various memes, quotes, Q&A, and interesting articles. "Like" and share what you see, whether it's Sunday's service or a goofy meme! Also, be sure to click on the church webpage, <https://zionlutheranmv.org/> and let it load up. You don't even have to read it! It drives the algorithms to keep us closer to the top when people do searches for churches in the Victoria area.



VISITATION

If you are in the hospital or would like a home visit, please call an Elder or Church office.



Due to the privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify pastors when a member is admitted or treated. If you know of anyone being taken to the hospital (emergency or otherwise), or who is especially ill, please call an Elder or contact the church office.



PRAYER LIST

To add another person's name to our prayer lists, you must be a member or active worshipping guest of Zion and identify yourself as the one requesting prayer for someone else. It is your responsibility to gain this permission! The church office reserves the right to edit prayer requests for publication.

*******PRAYER REQUESTS*******

Please check names on the Prayer List. Please let the office know should someone be removed.



REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

1. Bill Lagal
2. Cole Ohrt – friend of Zion
3. Holly Corey
4. Loma Chandler – Karen Wood's sister
5. James Morris, Sr.
6. JoNell Martin
7. Ann Pantel – wife of Curtis Pantel
8. Maudi Garcia – friend of Jacki Cooke
9. Jeanette Laza – cousin of Irene Heinold
10. Lisa Roman – niece of Cass Martignoni
11. Kamryn McDavid – granddaughter of Pribyl's
12. Mai Harwell
13. Rose & Dalhardt Goebel
14. Allie Faulkner – Faulkner's granddaughter
15. Julie Heinold
16. Alissa Blount
17. Jodie Schaefer – friend of Barbara Schmidt
18. Becky Debore – friend of Irene Heinold
19. Glennie Bednorz – friend of JoNell Martin
20. Travis Weaver – brother of Ronny Weaver
21. Ava Soliz – Ann Heller's friend's daughter
22. Jim Krause
23. Priscilla Dornburg
24. Pauline Janak
25. Emily – friend of Ann Heller
26. Charles Krueger – Cass Martignoni's brother
27. Gail Hogan – Barbara Schmidt's cousin
28. Kenneth & Nancy Hahn – Faulkner's friends

29. Cindy & Jennifer Henderson – Randy Carter's sister & niece
30. Alan Wendel – brother of Mark Wendel
31. Jana Ragsdale – niece of Julie Heinold
32. John Miles – Arnecke's friend
33. Pam Ficklen – niece of Barbara Schmidt
34. Kim Gisler – relative to Jacki Cooke
35. Lorene Ziechang – friend of Weaver's
36. Doug Hermes – Buchhorn's SIL
37. John Meharg – Calton Arnecke & Darlette Mathisen's cousin
38. Marvin Janak
39. Randy Kersten – Peggy Polster's brother
40. Colton Frazier – great nephew of Polster's
41. Jake Schulte – friend of Cooke's
42. Michael Arndt – brother of Denise Afflerbach
43. Don Schneider
44. Janie Bolten – Jacki Cooke's friend
45. Ronny Weaver



SHUT-INS

Please continue to keep our shut-ins in your prayers and enliven their lives through visits, letters, and cards or phone calls.

Dalhardt & Rose Goebel
3100 S. River Road
Cuero, Tx 77954

James Morris, Sr.
3472 FM 447
Victoria, Tx 77905

Dan & Doris Nugent
5404 FM 236
Victoria, Tx 77905



VICTORIA CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

Visit our website at: www.vcamvictoria.org or our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/vcam.org/> for VCAM services or news.

Services Provided for August 2025

Households Served – 1475, Total Number in households – 3734, Food Boxes – 1328, Basic Needs – 3191, Home Delivery – 21, Homeless Served – 137, Homeless Visits – 608, New VCAM Households Served – 81

Staple inventory items always in dire need in the pantry:

Rice (1 or 2 lbs. bags – uncooked), cereals (box or bag), 1lb. bag beans, pastas, tomato sauce.

In October, VCAM will be holding its annual fundraiser, a Raffle Ticket Fundraiser with drawing on Friday, October 24th. Tickets are selling now & you can purchase from any VCAM board member or at VCAM. Call 361-572-0048 or scan the bar code to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$5 each or a book of six for \$25.

VCAM has been in existence since 1986 & this is our ONLY fundraiser for the year. All our operating costs have gone up & our food inventory budget has skyrocketed. A donation of \$5 or \$25 could mean a raffle prize in return! Please show your support. **See flyer for bar code.**

Of course, the most spiritual & practical way to give is in the form of monetary donations:



Blessings...*Marc*

Clients come on a once-a-month basis, while our homeless population is served on a daily basis.

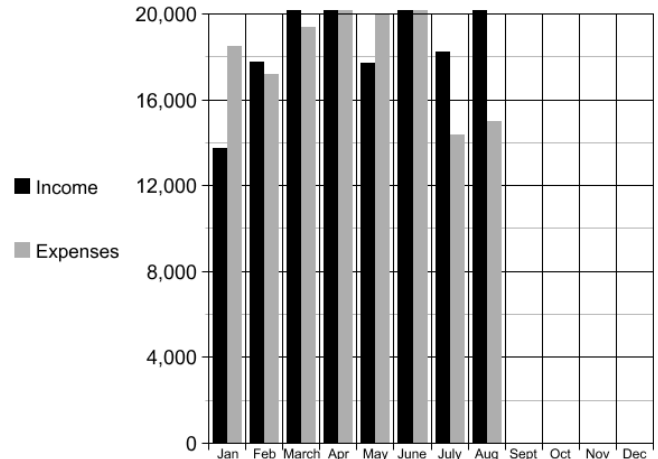
All services are provided free.

Please continue to refer those who require our services to VCAM & please continue to support.

“Providing hope when things seem hopeless...”

CHURCH ATTENDANCE	
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Sunday, September 14 th	97
Sunday, September 21 st	78

General Fund - 2025 Income vs Expenses

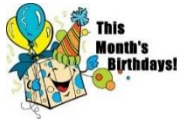


In the above chart, you can see our expenses and offerings. We share this with you so you are aware of how this is continuing to impact our overall ministry. Even as we continue to thank God for the many blessings He gives to Zion, including those of the financial offerings of His people, the Church Council and Church Office are being as mindful as possible about the stewardship of the church budget.



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES FOR OCTOBER

October 2 – Bea Fuchs, Marvin Janak
 October 3 – Piper Heller
 October 5 – Garland Dentler, Priscilla Dornburg, Erin Reynolds
 October 7 – Gavin Hoefling
 October 8 – Darryl Heller, Lillian Heller, Logan Heller
 October 9 – Everett Mitchell
 October 10 – Calton Arnecke, Mark Dornburg
 October 14 – Eric Lester
 October 22 – Greyson Woytaszyk
 October 28 – Emmy Heller



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

October 1 – Marvin Janak
October 3 – Rachel Palmer
October 6 – Melissa Karnei
October 7 – Casey Reynolds, Elizabeth Clay
October 8 – Joseph Burns
October 9 – Kathy Harryman, Katherine Lester
October 10 – Mark Dornburg
October 11 – Rylan Heller, Keith Boswell
October 12 – W.A. Afflerbach, Shelley Sharp
October 20 – Ann Heller
October 21 – Holland Bluhm
October 25 – Doris Nugent
October 27 – Kelly Arnecke, Harvey Jaeger
October 28 – Ken Sifford
October 29 – Lana Webel
October 30 – Lydia Oranday



ERRORS AND/OR OMISSIONS

The Messenger Staff wants to correct any errors and/or omissions. Please let the church office know promptly.



CHRISTIANS ARE LIKE PUMPKINS

God picks you from the patch. *John 15:16*

He washes the dirt off of you. *Corinthians 5:17*

He cleans you up and removes the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.

Romans 6:6

Then He carves a new smiling face. *Psalms 7:23*

And He puts his light inside you to shine for all the world to see. *Matthew 5:16*

HOLY INTERRUPTIONS



Most of us are pretty good at planning—schedules, to-do lists, calendars filled to the brim. But what happens when God steps in with an unexpected detour?

Throughout Scripture, God often moved in the interruptions. Moses was tending sheep when he saw a burning bush. Mary was simply living her life when an angel appeared. Even Jesus was frequently “interrupted” by people seeking healing or hope—and He never turned them away.

"Interruptible faith" is a posture of openness. It's saying, “Lord, here's my plan—but I trust Yours more.” It means slowing down, paying attention, and being willing to let God rearrange our day for His greater purpose.

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV) reminds us, “*In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.*” May we have the courage to let Him.



THE SOUNDS OF WORSHIP

Have you ever paused to listen — really listen — to the world around you?

“*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*” (Psalm 98:4, ESV)

The hum of morning birdsong. The laughter of children. The comforting voice of a friend. Even the quiet moments of stillness. These aren't just background noise — they're invitations to worship.

God designed a world that sings. Worship isn't limited to Sunday mornings or formal songs; it's woven into the everyday moments that tune our hearts to Him. And when we pause to truly hear it, we are drawn into praise, right where we are.

What sound lifts your heart toward God today? Take a moment to listen. Let it remind you of His love and nearness.

Puzzle!

Who made the following statements in the Bible?

1. "Am I my brother's keeper?"
Samuel, John, Cain, Andrew
2. "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you."
Peter, James, John, Paul
3. "What is truth?"
Herod, Pilate, Simon Magus, Cornelius
4. "Choose you this day whom you will serve ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD!"
Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua
5. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
Nathaniel, John, Peter, Paul
6. "In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?"
Herod Agrippa, Pilate, Caiaphas, Annas
7. "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go."
Rebekah, Rachel, Ruth, Rahab
8. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
Paul, Peter, James, Barnabas

Answers: 1. Cain (Genesis 4:9); 2. Peter (Acts 3:6); 3. Pilate (Acts 26:28); 4. Joshua (Joshua 24:15); 5. Peter (Matthew 16:16); 6. Herod Agrippa (Acts 26:28); 7. Ruth (Ruth 1:16); 8. Paul (2 Timothy 4:7).

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