

The Tidings

The monthly newsletter of
Zion Lutheran Church
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Zion Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor's Desk:

As you may be aware, our air conditioner unit in the sanctuary is barely limping along. Council has gotten several bids to determine the cost of replacing the system. This event has caused us as a council to consider again what is the most faithful way forward in the midst of this very large expense (approximately \$10,000). We do have money in our mutual funds to cover this cost, but this may or may not be the best use of those funds.

Some ideas that we have considered are that we sell the property and rent space in a store front, local school or church instead and have services there, or that we continue where we are and use the money to fix the air conditioner, or that we continue to work toward merging with another church (although that scenario seems unlikely), or work toward closing our ministry here. Our President will be sending out a letter sometime in September or early October to explain more fully the situation and options that we see before us. Council plans to have a town meeting several weeks prior to our annual congregational meeting that is always held in November where we can talk faithfully and frankly about our options before we call for a vote on this matter at our November Congregational meeting.

We look forward to your prayers and your feedback regarding what the future ministry of Zion looks like. Let us not be afraid but faithful!

In Him,

Pastor Denise

Zion Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

“Reaching in for the Holy Spirit, Reaching up for God’s Grace, Reaching out with Christ’s Love.”

Vision Statement

Seeking to share the love of Jesus Christ.

Core Values

*Share the sacraments;
Share God’s love;
Worship together;
There is a place
for everyone*



Thank You Zion!

Two of our members, Emilie Harless and Kaleigh Johnston attended Lutheran Memorial Camp this summer. They loved their camping experience and wish to express their thanks to the congregation for helping to sponsor them at camp. They hope to go again next year.

Sunday School

Sunday School returns for adults and children on **Sept 18**. The adult class will be studying the theme of “Love”.

WELCA Meeting

The next WELCA general meeting is scheduled for **Sept 18** at 6:00 pm.



School Supply Drive

We are gathering items to help supply backpacks and school supplies for the West Jefferson schools. Please join in by purchasing school items so that needs will be met for all children this school year. (We are collecting past the start of school because items are needed all year long). Please have your supplies to church by **September 18th**. Thank you!



Reformation Sunday

Reformation Sunday is **October 30**. Remember to wear red if you can!



Happy Birthday!

Don Schiff	09/01
Rod Hutton	09/02
Tim Reuter	09/13
Janis Murray	09/20
Emilie Harless	09/20
Rick Snodgrass	09/24
Pauline Beachy	10/03
Nancy Hoenie	10/06
Jerry Paulins	10/19

Did you know. . . .

- The coffee fund is not only used to purchase coffee. We also use it for cups, creamer, cleaning products, paper goods, etc.
- We are now serving Fair Trade coffee. It serves a wonderful purpose but costs more.
- The coffee fund is low -- even if you're not a coffee drinker, please consider making a donation once in a while. Thank you!

Anniversaries

Dick and Ginny Fogt



Daily Prayers:

Please keep these people in your prayers: Esther Mae Baker, Bob Feddern, and Don and Carol Schiff.