

A large, mature tree with a thick trunk and a wide, spreading canopy of golden-yellow and orange autumn leaves stands in the center of a field. The field is covered with fallen leaves in similar colors, creating a textured foreground. In the background, rolling hills are covered in dense forests of trees with autumn foliage, under a clear, bright blue sky. The entire scene is framed by a wide, light blue border with a subtle, mottled texture.

*I am the vine,
ye are the
branches.*

JOHN 15:5

Zion Evangelical Church

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9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:15 - Worship

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Polka Sunday - October 15th, 2023

PRELUDES

German Polka Band

Patti French Dale Gruenewald, Kenny Harres Armin Mehrtens, Brian Mueller

LIGHTING CANDLES / WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING BELLS

Praising FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT!

* PRAISE MEDLEY **“Come, Let Us Worship”** *German Polka Band (tune “Beer Barrel Polka”)*

Come now and worship, come now and worship the LORD.

Come now and worship, join as we sing and adore.

Gather together, give GOD the praise that is due.

Hear us as we come to worship, singing praises to YOU.

JESUS our Savior, died on the cross just for us;

Rose from the dead, CHRIST gives salvation to us.

Gather together, drawing us closer to YOU.

Hear us as we come to worship, singing praises to YOU!

* CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

from Psalm 20

Pastor The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!

People The name of the GOD of Jacob protect you!

Pastor May HE send you help from the sanctuary,

People And give you support from Zion.

Pastor May HE remember all your offerings,

People And regard with favor your sacrifices.

Pastor May HE grant you your heart's desire,

People And fulfill all your plans.

Pastor Now I know that the LORD will help HIS anointed;

People HE will answer from HIS holy heaven with mighty victories.

Pastor Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,

People But our pride is in the name of the LORD our GOD. Amen and Amen!

Confessing Your Sins to the LORD!

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Dear LORD, forgive us for our pride and trust in our own abilities and resources, rather than taking pride and trusting in YOU alone. Forgive us when we are upset with YOU when troubles come upon us, rather than turning to YOU for help. Now receive our own silent personal confessions.

(please pray in silence)

Dear FATHER, forgive us and fill us afresh with YOUR HOLY SPIRIT. For we pray in JESUS' name. Amen and Amen!

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

from Acts 3:19-20

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the LORD, and that HE may send the CHRIST appointed for you, JESUS.

* RESPONSE

"Gloria PATRI"

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Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON, and to the HOLY GHOST.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen!

Listening to the LORD!

READING OF GOD'S WORD

Psalms 54 (p 493)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"The LORD is My Helper"

Praying to GOD!

JOYS/CONCERNS

We Thank YOU / Hear Our Prayer, O LORD!

INTERCESSORY / THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts and debtors)

Our FATHER who art in Heaven, Hallowed be THY Name. THY Kingdom come, THY will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For THINE is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever, Amen.

OFFERING

October Mission is Operation Christmas Child. Envelopes or checks (with note on the memo line) designated "OCC," will support this work. Please give generously.

* RESPONSE

"Let the SON Shine In"

German Polka Band

Joyful home, love of GOD, and smiling faces,

Is the heritage we have as sons of GOD.

CHRIST has risen to new life, Put an end to death and strife.

Now we celebrate as one and sons of GOD.

REFRAIN

So let the SON shine in, Share CHRIST with your neighbor,
And happiness will never leave your heart.

So let the SON shine in, Shake hands with your neighbor,
And happiness will never leave your heart.

On the job, in your home, or at a party,

People wishing all their friends would be surprised.

Happy feelings, in the air, Forget your troubles and your cares,

And join all those who share the peace of CHRIST.

REPEAT REFRAIN

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Going out to Serve GOD!

* CLOSING HYMN "*The Good News Worship Polka*" German Polka Band (tune "Pennsylvania Polka")

REFRAIN

Lift up your voices and sing out your praise – the Good News Worship Polka.
Pick out a partner and share all your praise – the Good New Worship Polka.
It started with twelve men and spread to the world; where all distinctions parted.
You have got the HOLY SPIRIT – the church of CHRIST is where it started!

VERSE

While you're singing – All your cares will swiftly melt away.
While you're praying – You will know you've found a brand new day.
CHRIST will guide you – As you feel a peace you never knew.
You stop to share a smile, As you're thankful all the while;
You hug, and then, You're thankful once again!

REPEAT REFRAIN

* BENEDICTION

from Psalm 40:13

Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!

* SUNG BLESSING

"*The Sung Benediction*"

German Polka Band (tune "Edelweiss")

May the LORD, mighty GOD, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift your eyes and see GOD's face, trust GOD's grace forever.
May the LORD, mighty GOD, bless and keep you forever.

* POSTLUDES

Calendar of Events for Zion Evangelical Church

Sunday, October 15 - Operation Christmas Child Kick-Off

Sunday School/Conf 9:00 a.m.
 Polka Service 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service..... 10:15 a.m.

Monday, October 16

Preschool 8:15 a.m.

Tuesday, October 17

Z Team 8:30 a.m.
 Garden Place Bible Study 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18

Preschool 8:15 a.m.
 Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 19

Quilting 9:00 a.m.

Friday, October 20 - Pastor Vacation

Preschool 8:15 a.m.
 Chair Yoga 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 21 - Pastor Vacation

Sunday, October 22 - Food Pantry

Sunday School/Conf 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service..... 10:15 a.m.

Council Duties

Sunday, October 15
 Richard Hoffelmeyer
 Sherry Wynn

Sunday, October 22
 Mary Lou Peter
 Darren Doerr

October 8, 2023

Giving: \$2,784.00
 Attendance: 56



Food Pantry - Our food pantry list for the month of October is: cornbread mix, stuffing mix, cranberries, and pumpkin pie mix. The month of November is: chicken broth, cake mixes/frosting, and Hamburger Helper.

Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House -- Congregation Member Eric Wolfmeier is a Firefighter in Belleville. His Firehouse is collecting can tabs, keys, and money for the Ronald McDonald House. Please drop off any you collect at the Church. Amanda will have a receptacle labeled for these. Thank you for helping out.



October 15, 2023
In the Hospital

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bruce Alberter
Donna Altemeier
Arik Barnes
Wanda Basse
David Becherer
Marilyn Beil
Roche Beine
Cindy Berlelsmann
Robert Billhartz
Delores Bocker
Ginger Bourn
Lindsay Bourn & Family
Baby Levi Boyle
Joyce Brand (Janice Seidlitz's Mother)
Shirley Brandenburger
Steve Crook
Roger Davis
Sheila Davis (Jessi Doerr's Mother)
Wayne & Tricia DeCloux (Mark Rie-
mann's Uncle and Aunt)
Ann Dietrich
Melissa Dietrich
Bill Ditch
Annie Dulle
Mark Eckman
Mark Emring
Patti Evansco
Mike French
Fritz Fritzingler
Lynn Gass
Mary (Boerke) Graham
Greg
Pearl Griebel
Baby Adalyn Harres
Carol & Jim Haury
Debbie Hoef
Family of Bonnie Holmes
Charlotte Hoock
Mary Hund
Gary & Sharon Jones

Judy Jones
Steve Jones
Joyce Kasper
Roger Keim
Billy Klopmeier
Scott (Barbra Knoth's Son)
Jim Kostelac
Elizabeth Koval
Tom & Renee Kreher
Kathy Kuehner
Family of Jessica LaDuke
Lucille Lang
Richard Madden (Kathi Trent's Brother)
Erin Mahoney
Charlotte Mehrtens
Kay Mehrtens
Lance Morris
Anna Belle Muskopf
Dean Norrenbern
Andrea Nunnally (Bill Savering's Niece)
John O'Donnell
Jim O'Saben
Doris Obernagel
Baby Ariela Oliver
Pat Parrish (Wayne Jones's Sister)
Janet Pauketat
Sheila Peters
Stephanie Poletti
Lois Potter
Bruce Reece
Lucille Reece
Lyle Reuss
Dottie Rickard (Adam Hubb's Grand-
mother)
Rich Riemann
Cole Robinson & Family
Mark Robinson
The Family of Jim & Susan Savering
Janice Seidlitz
Glenn Schaeffer
Jan & Cindy Schneider

Mitch Scott
Nancy Smith
Shelly Smith
Mike Speichinger
Sharon & Edgar Stallmann
Mary Stevenson
Lisa Taake
Steve Tade
Ray Teliczan
Mike Toenjes
Rich Trent
Elizabeth Tubbs
Baby Ty
Lacey Grace Valentine
Mark Vandermyde
Helen Vigna
Bill & Donna Ward
Mary Weldele
Joan Wilkins
Jeffrey Willey
Crue Wilson
Bart & Kelley

JOYS

To add a name to our prayer list, please locate a communication card in the pews. Provide the name, address, phone, and reason for the prayer request - place the card in the offering plate or give it to an usher. You may also contact the church office. Members of our prayer team will pray daily for everyone on our list. (Contact Barbara Hohlt for more information (476-1750)). Names will be left on the list for one month unless you contact Barbara Hohlt or the church office.

SERVING OUR COUNTRY Sgt. Anthony Hanson, Jr., Kenny Wolf, Brandon Lester, Kory Klein and Michael Barnes serving overseas; Erin Green, Adam Stern, and Derek Ferguson in the Middle East; Peter Blades serving in Kuwait; Samantha Glaeser, Jesse Elmer, Jason Parrish, Chris Lewis, Sharon Wirth, Kasey Davis, Robin Davis, Al Wirth, Tristen & Stefan Cashwell, and Joshua Trent serving in the States. Families of Service men and women in Afghanistan who lost their lives in the terrorist attack.

Community Bulletin Board

Chair Yoga led by Joyce Herman - Fridays, Zion's Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

St. Liborius Parish Wurstmarkt - **Sunday, October 15th**, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., St. Libory American Legion Hall. Pork Sausage, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, corn, green beans, applesauce and desserts. \$15 Adults/\$10 child. Enjoy your delicious dinner, shopping at the Country Store, playing the basket raffle, wheel and quilt raffle. Something for everyone!

Wurstmarkt - **Sunday, October 22nd**, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Concordia United Church Of Christ. Drive-thru/Curb Service Only. \$13 Adults/\$6 children 12 and under. Pork sausage, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, horseradish, bread and cake. For more information, call 618-476-3377.

Halloween at Zion - **Tuesday, October 31st**, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Join us for a howling good time! Kids games and prizes, crafts, candy and cookies. Open to all kids of the community. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. Candy bags will be filled on **Wednesday, October 25th**, starting at 9:00 a.m. Riess Hall will be decorated on Halloween starting at 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed starting at 5:00 p.m. on Halloween Evening.

Zion Wurstmarkt - **Saturday, November 11**, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Details to come!

Millstadt VFW Auxiliary Turkey Day Raffle. First prize \$400, second \$300, third \$100. No need to be present. This is our only fundraiser. Also a big buffet style Turkey Dinner served on **Sunday, November 19th**. Ticket donations \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Sisters in Faith/Cre8tive Souls would like to challenge everyone to share one card per week with someone. The cards will be: thank you, thinking of you, praying for you, etc. This person can be part of our congregation, community, or beyond. We would like for you to prayerfully consider who could use a card to let them know that they are thought about, prayed for, cared for or you wish that they would come join us at church, bible study, etc. Other persons who could use a card, police, firefighters, and servicemen, anyone who you feel could use a card. We will provide cards with envelopes or you are more than welcome to use your own cards. If you are willing, we would also like to hear back if you receive a response from someone whom you have shared a card with that their life was impacted in some way. Please sign the cards as an individual and include - "A Member of Zion Evangelical Church".



God Uses a Gift and a Letter to Change Lives



As a 7-year-old in Mongolia, Jargalmaa (pictured left) described one particular day as "unexpected." After school, her teacher invited her to a church where she received her very first gift! This Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift included, among other fun toys, stationery, and a set of hairclips. Inside, she also found a letter that said, "You are valuable and so loved by God." Jargalmaa cherished this message because her parents and grandparents had never told her that they loved her.

Jargalmaa went on to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program where she especially appreciated the lessons about God as Creator. Later in 10th grade, she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Through her testimony, five of her family members and two close friends also made this life-changing decision.

Now 15 years after receiving her shoebox gift, Jargalmaa, her husband, and two young children (pictured above) have recently moved to a new community where they are ministering to youth in hopes of starting a church.

"I would like to challenge people who are preparing shoebox gifts to also write a letter showing God's love," Jargalmaa said. **"What's written there may be very simple, but those simple words could completely change somebody's life."**



SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS



“WOW” ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes
- Small water bottles



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

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Shoebox gifts are
like snowflakes—
no two are alike!

—Franklin Graham,
President, Samaritan's Purse



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