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Zion Evangelical Church

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From the Desk of Pastor Darrell

America The Beautiful

By Katherine Lee Bates, 1859-1929

The following description of the patriotic hymn, "America the Beautiful," is taken from the book, Amazing Grace, 366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions, written by Kenneth W. Osbeck, published by Kregel Publications, in 1990.

Each time we join together in singing the vividly descriptive lines of "America the Beautiful," we are moved emotionally as we contemplate the wonders of our great nation. The scenic beauties, the courage of the early settlers, and the sacrifices of heroes in battle all stir us to avid appreciation of our country's heritage.

But this national hymn does more than inspire us to praise our great nation. It also encourages us to pray for it. Each stanza is completed with an earnest plea for God's grace, God's healing, and His refining until we as a people achieve true brotherhood, law-abiding control, and nobility. The author felt deeply about the message of her patriotic hymn:

"We must match the greatness of our country with the goodness of personal godly living. If only we could couple the daring of the Pilgrims with the moral teachings of Moses, we would have something in this country that no one could ever take from us."

As we consider this hymn, we are reminded that America owes its birth to the living vital and dynamic faith in God that our founding fathers demonstrated. There is a real need today for a return to such a national dependence upon God as well as a renewed pride in our wonderful land.

Katherine Bates, who was a teacher and head of the English department at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, wrote the original lines of this text in 1893, while teaching summer school in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where the Rocky Mountains and Pike's Peak had especially impressed her.

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
 For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
 America, America! God shed His grace on thee,
 And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stem, impassioned stress,
 A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
 America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
 Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
 Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!
 America! America! May God thy gold refine,
 Till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees, beyond the years,
 Thine alabaster cities gleam-undimmed by human tears!
 America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
 And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Give thanks to God for the noble heritage and the many beauties of our great country He has entrusted to us. Raise your voice in praise to God and country.

Do so by coming to the Millstadt Patriotic Concert, which will be held at Zion Evangelical Church, on Saturday, July 3rd, starting at 7:00 pm.

Blessings of Christ Jesus be with you, Pastor Darrell

July/August 2023

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We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

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Meets every Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m.
 Coordinator - Gary Shondy - 618-281-6509

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(Every Second Monday of the Month - 7:00 p.m.)

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(00) indicates the year that the Council Member's term expires.

Worship Schedule

(starting June 11 through September 3)

9:00 AM - Worship Service at Park
 10:15 AM - Adult Bible Classes/SS

Office Hours

Amanda Frierdich
 Monday through Thursday
 From 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Lunch 12:00 - 12:30
 Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Lay Liturgist Schedule for July and August

We have 12 liturgists who read the Scriptures: *David Harres, Tracy Holmes, Linda Hopfinger, Annette Hund, Sean Mahoney, Kay Mehrstens, Vicki Pellmann, Bill Savering, Joyce Tastad, Richard Trent, Dave Woehlke, and Marjie Weber.*

We are looking for more volunteers to read the Scriptures during our Worship Services. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office (476-1778) to be signed up.

The Lay Liturgist schedule is given below. To make a change, contact someone listed below.

July 2	Kay Mehrstens	618-792-3138	leskay@htc.net
July 9	Vicki Pellmann	618-806-8878	vdp2007@aol.com
July 16	Bill Savering	618-920-9236	bsavering@yahoo.com
July 23	Joyce Tastad	618-660-6259	jtastad51@charter.net
July 30	Richard Trent	618-939-8765	trentech@htc.net
Aug 6	Marjie Weber	618-972-5532	weber_ddw@charter.net
Aug 13	Dave Woehlke	618-719-3616	dlwoehlke1959@Charter.net
Aug 20	Dave Harres	618-806-9567	twigsharres@hotmail.com
Aug 27	Tracy Holmes	618-791-5922	tlholmes1971@gmail.com



Summer Worship in the Park

Weather permitting, we will have Worship in the Park at 9:00 a.m. throughout the Summer. So join us as we "Praise the LORD from the earth," (Psalm 148:7ff)



Bring a Friend / Ice Cream Social Sundays

Bring your friends to Worship in the Park on Sundays July 9th and Aug. 13th. Following worship, we will head over to the Pavilion for an ice cream social. I plan on making Home Made Ice Cream using my grandma's recipe as well as their White Mountain hand crank freezer, which is older than I am. Our Council will bring store bought ice creams and toppings as well. So join us for a Summer treat, and bring your friends as well.

The Evangelical Catechism

I am continuing the series of articles on the 1896 edition of the Evangelical Catechism (which is in the public domain). It has been re-published (in modern English) by the Evangelical Association in 2018. This article covers the 10th of 52 weeks in the catechism. This continues the explanation of "The 10 Commandments" (weeks 3 through 13).

Week 10 is composed of questions 26 through 28.

26. What is the Eighth Commandment?

You shall not steal.

27. What does God forbid in this Commandment?

God forbids robbery and theft, unfair and dishonesty in business and conduct. Hab. 2:9; Deut. 25:13-15; 1 Thess. 4:6; Deut. 27:17; Ps. 37:21; Jer. 22:13; James 5:4; Prov. 10:4

28. What does God require in this Commandment?

God requires that we assist in protecting and improving our neighbor's possessions and livelihood, and that we be content with all that He gives us. 2 Cor. 9:7; Eph. 4:8; 1 Thess. 4:11-12; 1 Tim. 6:6-10, 17-19

May you be blessed as you examine this founding statement of our Evangelical faith and heritage.

Zion Evangelical Church

August 2023

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday		8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study		9:00 AM Quilting	10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga	
Monday						
Tuesday		8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study		9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM G.P. Worship	Vacation - Pastor 10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga	
Wednesday						
Thursday		8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study		9:00 AM Quilting	10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga	
Friday		8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study		9:00 AM Quilting	Vacation - Pastor 10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga	
Saturday						
Sunday	9:00 AM Summer Worship	9:00 AM Summer Worship 10:00 AM Ice Cream Social	7:00 PM Confirma- tion Overview	9:00 AM Quilting	10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga	
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Zion Evangelical Church

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Vacation - Pastor						
2 Communion 9:00 AM Summer Worship	3 Vacation - Pastor 7:00 PM Patriotic Concert	4 Office Closed Vacation - Pastor	5	6 9:00 AM Quilting	7 10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga	8
9 9:00 AM Summer Worship 10:00 AM Ice Cream Social	10 10:00 AM Sr Center BS 7:00 PM Council Mtg	11 8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	12	13 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM G.P. Worship	14 Vacation - Pastor 10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga	15 Vacation - Pastor 8:00 AM Park - Scheibel
16 9:00 AM Summer Worship	17 Vacation - Pastor	18 8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	19	20 9:00 AM Quilting	21 10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga	22
23 Food Pantry 9:00 AM Summer Worship	24 10:00 AM Sr Center BS	25 8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	26	27 9:00 AM Quilting	28 Vacation - Pastor 10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga	29 Vacation - Pastor
30 Deacon's Fund 9:00 AM Summer Worship	31 Vacation - Pastor					



Vacation Bible School Update

We held Group's Stellar VBS from June 5 thru 9. Our numbers were up from 54 children in 2021, to 37 in 2022, to 62 this year. Of the 62, 8 were from Zion (*Jocelyn Doerr, Micah Doerr, Henry Mehrtens, Oliver Mehrtens, Sadie Notter, Wyatt Notter, Tessa Pellmann and Olivia Wolfmeier*).

We also had 18 youth helpers, 6 from Zion (*Katelyn Allen, Caleb Doerr, Jacob Doerr, Lucy Mehrtens, Alessandra Riemann and Josephina Riemann*).

And 18 adult leaders, 17 from Zion (*Jeri Arnold, Ginger Bourn, Darrell Doerr, Debbie Doerr, Jessica Doerr, Sue Hoffelmeyer, Linda Hopfinger, Annette Hund, Kay Mehrtens, Elaine Morris, Jodi Notter, Vicki Pellmann, Mary Lou Peter, Kathi Trent, Marcia Twellmann, Pastor Darrell and Marjie Weber*) and our Administrative Assistant, *Amanda Friedrich* was our other adult leader.

The theme was the Outer Space. The 2nd thru 5th graders built 30 rockets, and we flew them at the Church Park on Thursday. One landed on the roof of Mac Medical, and two got hung up high in trees. We also had telescope viewing on Thursday night at the Church Park. We had a big inflatable water slide on Friday and the closing program and lunch, that was attended by many parents.

We learned to "Shine Jesus' Light", For Jesus is "the Light of the World" (**John 8:12**), We are to Shine Jesus' Light: 1) When life feels dark, 2) When people don't get along, 3) When good things happen, 4) When people are sad, and 5) When people need help.

We encountered the following Bible passages: 1) Jesus comes as a baby to be king (**Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 1:18-2:12**), 2) Jesus accepts Zachaeus (**Luke 19:1-9**), 3) Jesus enters Jerusalem as king (**Luke 19:28-40**), 4) Jesus cares for his mother during his crucifixion (**John 19:20**), and 5) Philip helps the Ethiopian (**Acts 8:26-39**).

We raised \$300 as a mission offering for **African Vision of Hope** (<https://africanvisionofhope.org>). AVOH is our church's February Mission of the Month as well.



Corn Dog & Funnel Cake Batter



We have funnel cake and corn dog batter mix available for a free will donation. The mixes can be picked up at Church. Contact Charlotte Mehrtens (618-978-2655) if you have any questions.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 2023 SCHEDULE WEDNESDAYS

ST. JAMES
JULY 12, 2023
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

VFW
NOVEMBER 29, 2023

To schedule an appointment
1-800-733-2767 or
visit RedCrossBlood.org
Bring Photo ID



For Whom the Bells Toll

Delores Lang
June 14, 2023

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord



July Anniversaries (50+ years)

Roger & Kathryn Davis
62 years on the 15th

August Anniversaries (50+ years)

Richard & Judith Sutter
62 years on the 3rd

Weldon & Linda Harber
59 years on the 15th

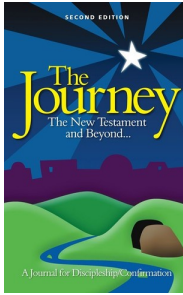
William & Carol Albert
54 years on the 17th

Robert & Linda Germann
50 years on the 18th

Confirmation Orientation on Wednesday, August 30

Confirmation training for 7th & 8th graders and older youth who would like to join us will begin with an orientation on Wednesday, August 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be an overview session of what we will do in the coming year. Therefore, all Confirmands and their parent(s) are asked to be at this meeting. If a parent(s) cannot attend, please send a representative (like a grandparent).

If you have any questions, please give Pastor Darrell a call.



Pastor's Vacations

Pastor Darrell and Marjie have many camping and boating trips planned this summer. Each weekend that we will be camping at Carlyle Lake - where our Pontoon boat is at the West

Access Marina - we will come back home for Sunday Worship at the Park, then return to finish out our extended camping weekends.

June 30-July 4, camping at Elden Hazlet State Park and boating on Carlyle Lake. We will be back in Millstadt for Worship at the Park on July 2nd.

July 14-17, camping at Dam West and boating on Carlyle Lake. We will be back in Millstadt for Worship at the Park on July 16th.

July 28-31, camping at Dam West and boating on Carlyle Lake. We will be back in Millstadt for Worship at the Park on July 30th.

August 11-14, camping at Dam West and boating on Carlyle Lake. We will be back in Millstadt for Worship at the Park on August 13th.

August 25-28, camping at Dam West and boating on Carlyle Lake. We will be back in Millstadt for Worship at the Park on August 27th.



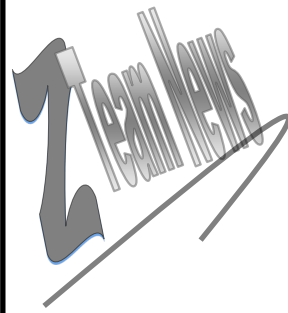
Missions Article for July & August

Thank you for your support of our June mission, **Gideons International**, (<https://www.gideons.org>).

The July mission benefits the Shaneyfelt family, who are members of the **Wycliffe Bible Translators** (<https://wycliffe.org>), and are assigned to work at the JAARS (Jungle Aviation And Radio Services) Center (<https://www.jaars.org>) in Waxhaw, North Carolina. These missionaries carry on their kingdom work where God has placed them, and need the services of translators to prepare bibles and other written materials for the people they serve. Your contributions will provide support for these services.

The August mission is the Millstadt Senior Center. Your contributions will assist the Center in providing services to seniors in our community, such as the lunch program at the Center, Meals on Wheels to homebound seniors, and the Senior Transportation Program. Many of the seniors can afford the full suggested donation for these services, but others need assistance, and our contributions can help to fill that gap. The Senior Center provides healthy meals, fellowship and assistance with senior health insurance matters, tax preparation assistance and other issues. Sometimes the Center provides a listening ear to seniors who just need to know that someone cares.

The July and August missions offer us the opportunity to be the Hands and Feet of Christ in a global and local way. May God bless you for your generous sharing of His gifts to you!



The guys have been working hard this month to get things done for the Church Picnic.

Two shrubs of the six planted in front of the park building died. We had to replace them. But some of the guys said we should paint them green! We got them replanted before the picnic. Thanks Darrell!

We had to clean and straighten up the new park building. The doors were open so it could be inspected. Bill Albert and Darrell Doerr hauled in dirt around the park building. They leveled the dirt to prepare for seeding grass. Darrell has been up there every day to water the grass. Thanks Darrell!

We planted flowers around the marked trees. Gary Helfrich and Bob Stumpf (who drove the water truck) helped me. Thanks Guys! This year we have placed at the marked trees a U.S.A. flag at those who were veterans.

We have made a number of holders for the memorial tree markers. Gary Hammel got the pricing and ordered the stainless steel material. Bill Albert cut all the materials into the required pieces. Ron Pannier Welded the pieces together. Thanks guys!

The bridge was completed in time for the picnic. It took some all day Tuesdays to get it done. Many fellows worked on it. Big thanks to Mike Germann for taking the lead on it.

Thanks to Mark Germann for grinding the three tree stumps in the park. The guys then cleaned up the clippings.

Bill Albert power washed the gazebo. Kurt Tegtmeier then stained it, with the help of bill and Darrell Doerr. We plan to power wash the hand rails of the bridge and stain it too.

Big thanks to Les Mehrtens for cleaning the park pavilion for the weekend and picnic. The guys placed mulch around the trees and restrooms. Thanks to Ted Moore for the mulch. David Harres and Bill Albert cut weeds along the creek. Thanks guys! Bill Albert furnished and installed two new swing seats at the park. Thanks!

Thanks to Bob Stumpf for the box of hand tools for the park. Thanks to Tony Caponi for the electric miter saw. It came in handy working on the bridge.

It is good to have cold water when working at the park. Thanks guys for bringing cases of water!

Ray - we hope to see you soon, when you have no doctor's visits on Tuesday.

Gary Shondy



July Birthdays



Sara Caponi	07/01	Carson Allen	07/10	Kirby Forbeck	07/20	Rita Fulton	07/29
Barbara Savering	07/01	Meredith Vogel	07/10	Sherri Vogt	07/20	Sarah Gruenewald	07/29
Marilyn Beil	07/02	Pat Morris	07/11	Richard Hoffmeyer	07/21	Joseph Reece	07/29
Margene Frommel Wachtel	07/02	Kurt Pellmann	07/11	Nathaniel Noerper	07/21	Eileen Doerr	07/30
Robbie Wolfmeier	07/02	Andria Vilchez	07/11	Michael Mueller	07/22	Abbie Rolland	07/30
Tommy Davis	07/03	Linda Harber	07/12	Thomas Germann	07/23	Jacob Schmidt	07/31
Weldon Harber	07/03	Garrett Hagarty	07/15	Haley Skaer	07/23		
Donald Mueller	07/03	Joseph Mundy	07/16	Jacob Doerr	07/24		
Jacky Tastad	07/04	Harper Gibson	07/17	Sue Hoffmeyer	07/24		
Billy Launius	07/05	Lindsay Mueller	07/17	Darren Doerr	07/25		
Claudia Vilchez	07/05	Dale Dohrman	07/18	Jocelyn Doerr	07/25		
Alex Werner	07/05	Rebecca Meyer	07/18	Paula Muskopf	07/26		
Hannah Constance	07/09	Brendan Noerper	07/19	Ashley Penn	07/27		
Justin Dickerson	07/09	Aubrey Weaver	07/19	Stephanie Vogel	07/27		
Richard Trent	07/09	John Baltz	07/20	Christina Doerr	07/28		

August Birthdays

Joseph Watson	08/01	Megan Vogt	08/10	Thomas Fogarty	08/25
Ralph Bourn	08/02	Olivia Kaminski	08/11	Brandon Lang	08/25
Bridget Hagarty	08/02	Robert Germann	08/12	Gabriella Holmes	08/26
Stacy Seib	08/02	Hannah Seidlitz	08/12	Olivia Wolfmeier	08/26
Alessandra Riemann	08/03	Andrew Taake	08/13	Marilyn Brommelhorst	08/27
Missy Scharf	08/03	Darrell Doerr	08/14	Daisy Muskopf	08/27
Gary Helfrich	08/04	Brendan Gibson	08/16	William Reece	08/27
Brian Gardner	08/05	Ronald Wolfmeier	08/19	Joshua Sins	08/28
Rick Kochmann	08/05	Kathleen Keim	08/22	Benjamin Stedman	08/28
Paige Otten	08/05	Katelyn Allen	08/23	Katherine Stedman	08/28
Mary Beth Hascall	08/07	Joan Launius	08/23	Lily Stedman	08/28
Patti Kern	08/07	Victoria Staub	08/23	Susan Caponi	08/30
Caleb Kish	08/07	Alyssa Pellmann	08/24	Samantha Glaeser	08/30
Grace Staub	08/09	Tessa Pellmann	08/24	Kay Mehrtens	08/30
Everett Timmermann	08/09	Doris Steiger	08/24	Emily Otten	08/30
Madison Kinder	08/10	Terry Buecher	08/25		

Treasurer's Report



Council Meeting
June 12, 2023

2023	GENERAL FUND - Updated Version					
	2023 INCOME	2023 EXPENSE	difference	BUDGET 2023	2022 INCOME	2022 EXPENSE
January	\$19,575.07	\$27,228.77	\$ (7,653.70)	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 17,103.09	\$ 21,309.34
February	\$19,135.11	\$29,700.64	\$ (10,565.53)	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 17,135.69	\$ 18,881.14
March	\$17,094.66	\$19,876.48	\$ (2,781.82)	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 26,484.04	\$ 20,985.79
April	\$30,417.21	\$28,239.45	\$ 2,177.76	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 18,035.02	\$ 23,939.45
May	\$15,956.14	\$34,598.97	\$ (18,642.83)	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 19,504.14	\$ 17,124.96
June			\$ -	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 10,515.28	\$ 28,671.99
July			\$ -	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 19,274.63	\$ 16,962.38
August			\$ -	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 13,571.24	\$ 17,480.61
September			\$ -	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 18,093.74	\$ 18,977.58
October			\$ -	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 19,747.35	\$ 21,492.17
November			\$ -	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 20,625.21	\$ 46,594.67
December			\$ -	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 33,857.51	\$ 38,777.17
TOTALS	\$ 102,178.19	\$ 139,644.31	\$ (37,466.12)	\$ 245,304.00	\$ 233,946.94	\$ 291,197.25

Meting was opened at 7:05 P.M. with Rich Hoffelmeyer doing the prayer. Members present were Kurt Pellmann, Darren Doerr, Annette Hund, Charlotte Mehrtens, Mary Lou Peter, Rich Hoffelmeyer, Betty Keller Timmer, Sherry Wynn, Barb Scharf; also present was Amanda Frierdich.

Office Administrator Amanda Frierdich presented the **Treasurer's Report**. The report was found to be in order, Annette made a motion, seconded by Sherry to accept the report; motion carried.

Sherry reported that the cake stand at the Firemen's Picnic made \$ 1,466.50. She wanted to thank everyone for their donations of cakes and those who volunteered their time to set up the stand and help during the picnic. Thank you to all the members for helping with this project. It was decided that the money would be used for youth projects in the future. Sherry made a motion and Annette seconded the motion to use money for youth projects; motion carried.

Minutes Rich Hoffelmeyer made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Betty Keller Timmer; motion carried.

Pastor's Report Six new people were received as members at Church in the Park on June 4th. We welcome all of them into our fellowship. VBS was held from June 5th thru June 9th with 62 children attending and 17 adults teachers and helpers, and 19 youth helpers. Thanks to everyone who helped and made it such a great time to learn about God. The older children built rockets that were shot off on Thursday at the church park ball diamond. They really enjoyed them. Some landed in the trees, and one even landed on the roof of Mac Medical across the street from the park.

Pastor has been busy with Bible studies and worship at Garden Place and the Senior center, did one baptism for Kaysen Michael Peter Grootenboer, grandparents Geoffrey and Stacie Grootenboer. He also did the burial of Tim Mehrtens ashes at Freivogel Cemetery in May. Barb made a motion to accept Pastor's report and Annette seconded; motion carried.

Long Range Ministry Charlotte reported that plans are being worked on for a Sunday Family Dinner after church this fall with entertainment. Watch for more information coming.

Property Rich reported that the bridge has been finished at the park and the new shed is almost finished. It is being used already for storage.

Volunteer Ministries Sherry is looking for three new council members to begin a term starting in January 2024. Please consider serving your church when asked to serve or contact Sherry to volunteer.

Worship and Music Annette reported the new sound system for the park is working very good.

Old Business Barb reported that the music committee will be meeting over the summer for a new Music Director. Committee members are Pattie French, Barb Scharf, Kelley Reiman, and Dale Gruenewald. If you know of anyone interested please contact one of the committee members.

Annette made a motion to add to the rental contract that the church key must returned to the church before deposit check is returned to renter. Betty seconded the motion; motion carried.

New Business The owners of Scharf Building Company of Millstadt were present to ask if the church would be interested in selling an acre of ground at the northeastern most edge of the church park on the ball diamond. They would like to expand their growing business here in town. They presented their plans for using the area if members were interested in selling the acre of ground. After some questions were answered, church council members decided to look into the possible sale of the acre of ground.

There being no other business Annette made a motion and seconded by Barb to adjourned meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 8:10 P.M.

President – Kurt Pellmann
Vice President – Barb Scharf
Secretary – Charlotte Mehrtens
Assistant Treasurer – Rich Hoffelmeyer



ATTENDANCE - SUNDAYS

MONTH	ONLINE AVE. 2023	IN PERSON AVE. 2023
January	10	68
February	8	69
March	5	70
April	11	114
May	7	64
June	6	68
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Christmas Eve		
Year-to-Date	8	76

Oak Hill Nursing Home
Pearl Griebel

Our Lady of the Snows
Betty Baltz

Garden Place at Millstadt
Marianne Baltz
Shirley Brandenburger
Dianne (Muskopf) Mehrmann
Dottie Rickard

The Atrium of Belleville
John Kalbfleisch

The Villas of Holly Brook
Don Mueller

Freeburg Care Center
Arlene Dohrmann

thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped with setting up and tearing down the cake stand at the Fireman's Picnic. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to work in the stand on Friday and Saturday night. Thanks to everyone who donated baked goods. It was a success!

Sincerely,
Sherry & Kathy



Merry "Half" Christmas
from the Millstadt Food Pantry

Christmas in July Food Drive

SATURDAY, JULY 15TH
9AM TO 1PM

Help the Knights of Columbus #4741

Stock the Pantry Shelves

Holiday Food Drive

Drop-Off at Lafayette & Washington Streets (drive-thru)

Please check expiration dates before donating food items.

"A single act of love makes the soul return to life!"

Millstadt Community Choir

Patriotic Concert

July 3, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Zion Evangelical Church
117 W. White Street
Millstadt
618-660-4255

Join the MCC as we celebrate the birth of our Nation. The concert is titled "Home of the Brave", a collection of tunes celebrating our heritage. We will be singing many familiar patriotic tunes and as always, we will honor each branch of our military families. We hope you will be able to join us!

There is no charge to attend this event.

Preschool

We are currently accepting registrations for our 2023-2024 preschool year. Enrollment is limited to children who will be 3 or 4 by September 1, and who are fully potty trained.

Sessions are on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Monthly fee: \$200
Non-refundable registration fee of \$50 and one time supply fee of \$50.

Call the Church office at 618-476-1778 for more information.

Upcoming Events

- Patriotic Concert July 3
- Preschool Open House August TBD



Please keep the Fellowship Park and Hall in mind for your upcoming events. Call the office or stop by for a reservation form today!

In case of hospitalization or surgery, please notify our church office. When being admitted to a hospital, be sure to mention that you are affiliated with this congregation. This will help us keep you in our prayers and assist you in our ministry of care.

IN THE HOSPITAL IN JULY AND AUGUST

CURRENT PRAYER LIST

Pray for strength and healing for the following:

Bruce Alberter, Donna Altemeier, Arik Barnes, Family of Joseph Barnes, Wanda Basse, David Becherer. Marilyn Beil, Roche Beine, Cindy Bertelsmann, Roberta Billhartz, Ginger Bourn, Lindsay Bourn and Family, Baby Levi Boyle, Joyce Brand, Shirley Brandenburger, Eileen Brovan, Roger Davis, Sheila Davis (Jessi Doerr's Mother), Wayne and Tricia DeCloux, Bill Ditch, Dorene (Janice Seidlitz's Sister-In-Law), Mark Eckman, Gary Franke, Fritz Fritzing, Lynn Gass, Mary (Boerke) Graham, Greg, Pearl Griebel, Baby Adalyn Harres, Ray Hohlt, Bart Hood, Mary Hund, Joyce Kasper, Billy Klopmeier, Jerry Klotz, Scott (Barbara Knoth's Son), Jim Kostelac, Elizabeth Koval, Brian Kreher, Tom & Renee Kreher, Family of Jessica LaDuke, Lucille Lang, Richard Madden, Erin Mahoney, Charlotte Mehrtens, Lindsay Mueller, Anna Belle Muskopf, Dean Norrenbern, Doris Obernagel, Baby Ariela Oliver, Pat Parrish (Wayne Jones's Sister), Janet Pauketat, Bruce Reese, Dottie Rickard, Joesphina Riemann, Rich Riemann, Cole Robinson & Family, Jim Savering's Family (Bill Savering's Cousin), Bob Seidlitz, Nancy Smith, Shelly Smith, Mike Speichinger, Sharon Stallmann, Kesia Sutton, Ray Teliczan, Mike Toenjes, Rich Trent, Elizabeth Tubbs, Baby Ty, Lacey Grace Valentine, Mark Vandermude, Helen Vigna, Jason Walker, Bill & Donna Ward, Scott Weber, Mary Weldele, Matt Westrich, Joan Wilkins, Jeffrey Willey, Bart & Kelley.

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; Jesse Eimer, Jason Parrish, Chris Lewis, Sharon Wirth, Jimmy Combs, Kasey Launius, Al Wirth, Joshua Trent, and Tristen & Stefan Cashwell serving in the States; Samantha Glaeser serving in Vietnam.

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 between 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. weekdays or by leaving a message on our answering machine. 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.**

If you would like to receive prayer chain information via e-mail, contact Barb Hohlt at barbhohlt@aol.com

Meal-a-Month Schedule

Let us not forget those who are less fortunate. There never seems to be an end to those who are in dire need. Your help is appreciated.

- July**
- Canned Meat
 - Pasta Side Dishes
 - Pickles
 - Peanut Butter

- August**
- Instant Potatoes
 - Jelly
 - Hamburger Helper
 - Jello or Pudding

The Food Pantry is always looking for volunteers. Please consider donating your time to this worthy cause. Call Patti French at 618-660-4255 to sign up.