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# Zion Evangelical Church

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## From the Desk of Pastor Darrell

### Rally Day

Rally Day is Sunday September 10. It's the Sunday after our Millstadt Labor Day/Homecoming weekend. It's kind of the official end of Summer. Schools are back in session and the summer vacations and the holiday weekend are over.

That's why our Church has set Rally Day as Return Day to Zion. We Return to the Fall / Winter / Spring schedule. Sunday School Returns for all ages, at 9:00 a.m. Our Worship Service Returns to the Sanctuary, at 10:15 a.m. This has been true for Zion for many a year now. You can read more about the particulars of this year's Rally Day later in this Visitor.

I am calling this "Rally Day" "Return Day." Note: I used the word Return 4 times in the above paragraph. Not just a Return of our children and young families who have been on vacation and away from the Church this Summer. But as a Call of Return to our many inactive members.

To emphasize this Call of Return, I chose to write about Daniel Schutte's song "**Here Am I, Lord.**" This song presents the heart of Christ for us, including the many who have "*turned away.*" Read through the words of the song below. Better yet, go online and listen to the beautiful melody and let the words touch your heart. Hear the passion of Jesus Christ for you and for the world that is separated from Him. Respond to His Call for you to Return to Him through His Church. And reach out to your family and friends to come and follow Jesus as well.

Pray that this Rally Day, this Return Day, will spark a Renewal and a Revival within the hearts, minds and souls of our people – active and inactive. Pray that the Lord Jesus will pour our His Spirit upon us. Pray that the Lord will give Zion a future and a hope.

The Blessings of Jesus Christ be upon you,  
 Pastor Darrell



### "Here Am I, Lord" by Daniel L. Schutte (1981)

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.**

**All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.**

**I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.**

**Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?**

### Chorus

**Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.**

**I have wept for love of them. They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.**

**I will speak My words to them. Whom shall I send?**

### Chorus

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.**

**I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.**

**Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied.**

**I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?**

### Chorus

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

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President - Charlotte Mehrstens - 476-1267

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Meets every Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m.

Coordinator - Gary Shondy - 618-281-6509

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

### Worship Schedule

9:00 AM - Adult Bible Classes/SS/Conf

10:15 AM - Worship Service

### 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 September

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.

Sept. 3	Linda Hopfinger	618-406-0269	<a href="mailto:dlmshop@msn.com">dlmshop@msn.com</a>
Sept. 10	Annette Hund	618-719-6306	<a href="mailto:71threng@gmail.com">71threng@gmail.com</a>
Sept. 17	Sean Mahoney	618-977-3240	<a href="mailto:seancari@htc.net">seancari@htc.net</a>
Sept. 24	Kay Mehrstens	618-792-3138	<a href="mailto:leskay@htc.net">leskay@htc.net</a>

I chose this song because of its two aspects. These are God's Call (the verses) and the Response He wants (the chorus).

Each verse opens with a declaration of the Lord's love for us. They end with His Call for us, "Whom shall I send?" That is, who will answer His Call by sharing Him with those who "dwell in dark and sin," with those who "turn away," and with the "poor and lame."

The chorus presents the Response of someone who has truly heard Jesus' Call, by saying "I will go," and "I will hold Your people in my heart." This person Responds by saying, "if You lead me," trusting not in their own ability, but in the Lord's provision.

To me, this is the Lord's Call upon each of Zion's members for Rally Day, Return Day. He is looking for those who will Respond to His Call by reaching out to those around them, bringing them to Him.

May each person who is reading this (especially those who have drifted away from Him), hear Jesus. May each of us respond to Jesus by Returning to Him and bring others to Him and His Church.

The following is taken from: <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2017/10/12/here-i-am-lord-little-known-story-behind-catholic-hit>

Dan Schutte was a 31-year-old Jesuit studying theology in Berkeley, Calif., when one of his friends asked him to write a song for an upcoming diaconate ordination Mass.

"I sort of had to catch my breath, because he was knocking on my door on Wednesday and I knew the ordination was on Saturday," Mr. Schutte told America.

His friend wanted the song to include the images of the word of God, the light of Christ and the bread and wine - images that would eventually appear at the ends of the verses: "Who will bear my light to them?" "Who will speak my word to them?"

At the time, Mr. Schutte had no idea how to work the images into the song. He recalled thinking, "Gosh, I don't know what to do with that." He sat at his desk with his guitar and a blank sheet of staff paper in front of him, praying, "God, if I'm going to do this for my friend, you're going to have to help me."

Mr. Schutte has received letters from people suffering terminal illnesses or from their spouses, who say the hymn has helped them face their hardships with the hope that God accompanies them.

I asked Mr. Schutte how he reacts when he receives personal, emotional letters like these.

"There's a whole constellation of feelings that surround it for me," he said. "I feel so grateful that God seems to have chosen that song to accompany people through so many moments of their life.... I didn't plan that. I didn't know that the song was going to be special. I'm very aware that God is doing something beyond me when I get those letters from people.... It's also very humbling because it's something way, way far beyond what I can do."

### 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 republished (in modern English) by the Evangelical Association in 2018. This article covers the 11<sup>th</sup> of 52 weeks in the catechism. This continues the explanation of "The 10 Commandments" (weeks 3 through 13).

Week 11 is composed of questions 29 through 31.

29. What is the Ninth Commandment?

*You shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor.*

30. What does God forbid in this Commandment?

*God forbids perjury, slander and all manner of lies in speech and action. Prov. 19:5; John 8:44; Eph. 4:25; Ps. 5:6; Prov. 11:13; Lev. 19:16; Luke 6:37; Isaiah 5:20*

31. What does God require in this Commandment?

*God requires that we promote and maintain the honor and good name of each other, and to be honest and truthful throughout our life. Ps. 34:13-14; Phil. 4:8*

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

# Zion Evangelical Church

## September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Gary Franke Preaching Vacation - Pastor 9:00 AM Summer Worship at Church	2 Labor Day Office Closed Vacation - Pastor	3 8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study 7:00 PM Missions Comm.	4 8:15 AM Preschool	5 9:00 AM Quilting 12:00 PM Sisters of Faith	6 Vacation - Pastor 10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga	7 Vacation - Pastor
8 Rally Day 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship 6:00 PM Jam in the Park	9 Vacation - Pastor 8:15 AM Preschool 7:00 PM Council Mtg	10 8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	11 8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM 1 John Bible Study	12 8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM 1 John Bible Study	13 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga	14 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga
15 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship	16 8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM 1 John Bible Study	17 8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	18 8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM 1 John Bible Study	19 8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM 1 John Bible Study	20 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga	21 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga
22 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship	23 8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM 1 John Bible Study	24 8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	25 8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM 1 John Bible Study	26 8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM 1 John Bible Study	27 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga	28 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga
29 Food Pantry 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship	30 8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM 1 John Bible Study	31 8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	32 8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM 1 John Bible Study	33 8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM 1 John Bible Study	34 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga	35 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM FH - Chair Yoga









During the month of July the guys have been watering flower and young trees. The storms have brought down tree branches and limbs. There was a lot to clean up. This took a number of Tuesdays. Thanks to Les Mehrtens and Bill Albert for coming up another day to cut up some of the branches. Thanks guys!

The guys poured a small slab at Freivogel Cemetery. The slab is a place to place names of victims of the Saxtown murder. A distant relative met with the Cemetery Committee. The name plates were furnished by the relative. Thanks to Andy Taake for coming out to help. Andy's company he works for gave the cement mix for the slab.

The radiators in church have been removed. They are to be sandblasted and painted. It is a job!

At the park the handrails have been raised to meet code. When the concrete walks were poured to the bridge they then became too low. Thanks Bill Albert for taking the charge.

It has been good to see Ray Hohlt back and painting away!

Good to see Mike Germann coming around since his operation.

Gary Shondy

Pastor Darrell's report; motion carried.  
**RENEWING ZION CHURCH:** We will be working on this in the Fall. On July 9, we had 62 people attend the Worship in the Park service, and 28 stayed for the ice cream social. Council discussed possible ways to encourage more people to stay for the ice cream. Suggestions included having tables by the shed so that no one has to walk down the hill to the pavilion.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit & Budget. (Betty).** Mid-year audit will take place on July 11. Volunteers are Rick and Tracy Holmes, Linda Hopfinger and Stacy Woehlke.

**Long Range Ministry.** No report at this time.

**Missions & Outreach. (Mary Lou).** Mary Lou reported that we had not had any requests for the Deacons' Fund since January. Pastor Darrell suggested having a Missions Committee meeting in August.

**Staff/Parish Relations. (Darren).** David Maeder has submitted his resignation for his position of Church Custodian. He will continue working through the summer, or until we find a replacement. We will start looking for a new custodian by placing ads in the *Republic-Times*, *Belleville News-Democrat*, and on Indeed.com and Facebook.

**Property & Long Range. (Rich).** The cemetery fence is now complete. The Park water bill was much higher than usual with the Z-Team watering the recently sown grass at the Park. \$200 of the bill will be charged towards the new shed. The water fountain in the hallway from the back entrance to Riess Hall started leaking. Discussion was held concerning options for a replacement. The Z-Team is also going to discuss options before a final decision is made.

**Volunteer Ministries. (Sherry).** Sherry has found one candidate, so far, to serve on Council starting in January.

**Worship & Music. (Annette).** No Report at this time.

**Cemetery Board. (Kurt).** No report at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Music Director Update:** Patti French and Kelly Riemann have stated that they wanted to wait until after the Community Choir's Patriotic Concert to begin the search for a music director.

**Scharf Building Services Interest in Land Purchase.** Scharf's submitted an appraisal on the one acre of the Church Park that they would like to purchase. We will contact an appraiser, also, to get a second appraisal, before setting a date for a congregational meeting on the possibility of the sale. A motion was made by Mary Lou, and seconded by Annette, to get a second appraisal on the sale of one acre from the Park to Scharf Building Services. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordination of Evangelical Association Licensed Pastor Bill Saverling.** Pastor Darrell recommended that we ordain Bill Saverling, who is a licensed pastor with the Evangelical Association, and a member of Zion Evangelical Church who has lead our services when Pastor Darrell is unavailable, as well as sharing the Lenten services with Pastor Darrell. The procedure begins with calling a meeting of Evangelical Association pastors, who will test Bill on his Biblical knowledge. Once they make a decision, we would set an ordination service.

**Meeting Adjourned:** There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Richard Hoffelmeyer, and seconded by Sherry Wynn to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried. Everyone joined hands to close with the Lord's Prayer.

**Council Meeting  
August 14, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE:** Council members present were President Kurt Pellmann, Vice-President Barb Scharf, Secretary Charlotte Mehrtens, Sherry Wynn, Rich Hoffelmeyer, Mary Lou Peter, Annette Hund, Betty Ann Keller Timmer, Darren Doerr, Pastor Darrell Weber, and Office Administrator Amanda Frierdich. Kurt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Darrell gave an opening prayer. Because of her recent injury, Charlotte asked, Betty to take the minutes for the meeting.

**Council Meeting  
July 10, 2023**

Council members present were Vice-President Barb Scharf, Sherry Wynn, Rich Hoffelmeyer, Mary Lou Peter, Annette Hund, Betty Ann Keller Timmer, Darren Doerr, and Pastor Darrell Weber. Barb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Darrell gave an opening prayer.

Because Council Secretary Charlotte Mehrtens was not in attendance, Betty volunteered to take the minutes for the meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** With Office Administrator/Treasurer Amanda Frierdich absent, Rich presented the Treasurer's Report. He noted that connectors for the Sound System (\$32.94) had been charged to the Sound System Fund, but he recommended that it would be charged to the M. Fischer Fund. Also, a bill for \$179.46 was for the new Park Building, and was paid from the checking account; it should have been paid from the Money Market Account. A motion was made by Annette Hund, and seconded by Sherry Wynn to accept the Treasurer's Report with the above noted transfers; motion carried. Two certificates of deposit in the In Loving Trust Window Fund matured in June, and two more are maturing in July, for a total of \$41,000. A motion was made by Betty, and seconded by Mary Lou to combine the CDs and reinvest with Edward Jones; motion carried.

**BCE Report:** No Board of Christian Education meeting during the month of June.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The June 12, 2023 minutes were reviewed by Council. A motion was made by Richard, and seconded by Annette to accept the minutes; motion carried.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Darrell had sent his Pastor's Report of his activities for the previous month. During June, Vacation Bible School was the major event. Sixty-two children attended this year, up from 37 in 2022, and 54 in 2021. Of the 62, eight were from Zion. We also had 18 youth helpers, with six from Zion, 18 adult leaders, with 17 from Zion, with Amanda Frierdich being the other adult. Pastor made four of five Bible Studies at Garden Place during June, and also led the Worship/Communion service at Garden Place on June 20. A motion was made by Annette, and seconded by Sherry, to accept



# September Birthdays



Elaine Buecher	09/03	Cynthia Walker	09/10	Caleb Doerr	09/24
Krista Gruenewald	09/03	Virginia Bourn	09/11	Lisa Bayer	09/25
Bryan Weaver	09/03	Elaine Morris	09/11	Brad Scharf	09/25
Darrell Weber	09/03	Oliver Gilmore	09/14	Shelly Smith	09/26
Dorothy Rickard	09/04	Nancy Wilson	09/16	Shannon Weaver	09/26
Jackson Schmidt	09/04	Robert Stumpf	09/17	Angelo Caponi	09/27
Kaitlyn Skaer	09/06	Sharon Veit Cromwell	09/17	Carli Fulgham	09/29
Arlene Dohrman	09/08	Jessica Seidlitz	09/18		
Philip Acker	09/09	Wendy Muskopf	09/22		
Elizabeth Doerr	09/09	Kathryn Davis	09/23		
Melissa Reece	09/10	Debbie Doerr	09/23		

**Oak Hill Nursing Home**  
Pearl Griebel

**Our Lady of the Snows**  
Betty Baltz

**Garden Place at Millstadt**  
Marianne Baltz  
Marilyn Beil  
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

*September Anniversaries*  
(50+ years)

**Raymond & Barbara Hohlt**  
56 years on the 9th

**AMERICAN RED CROSS  
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2023 SCHEDULE  
WEDNESDAYS

ST. JAMES  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

VFW  
NOVEMBER 29, 2023

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# Treasurer's Report

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	\$9,208.61	\$16,591.59	\$ (7,382.98)	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 10,515.28	\$ 28,671.99
July	\$23,961.75	\$36,382.84	\$ (12,421.09)	\$ 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
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 135,348.55</b>	<b>\$ 192,618.74</b>	<b>\$ (57,270.19)</b>	<b>\$ 245,304.00</b>	<b>\$ 233,946.94</b>	<b>\$ 291,197.25</b>



## 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	12	56
August	15	61
September		
October		
November		
December		
Christmas Eve		
Year-to-Date	9	71

### Fall Apple Cider Punch



- 6 cups apple cider
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1 liter ginger ale
- 2 apples, sliced
- 1 orange, sliced
- 10 cinnamon sticks

Place all ingredients in a large pitcher or punch bowl. Stir to combine. Refrigerate to chill at least one hour. Enjoy!

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Amanda presented the Treasurer's report. After some discussion, a motion was made by Barb Scharf, and seconded by Sherry Wynn to accept the Treasurer's Report; motion carried. Rich explained that a Cemetery Fund certificate of deposit for \$13,000 was coming due on September 5 at Edward Jones; he made a motion to add \$14,000 from the Cemetery Fund money market account to this CD and make a new certificate of deposit for \$27,000. Mary Lou seconded the motion, which carried. Rich also noted that we have approximately \$29,000 in the Marilyn Fischer money market account. He made a motion to start a certificate of deposit for \$28,000 from this fund at First National Investments-LPL, and it was seconded by Charlotte Mehrtens. Motion carried.

**BCE Report:** Pastor Darrell gave the Board of Christian Education report. Rally Day will be September 10. A meeting will be held following worship on August 20 for the BCE, Sunday School teachers and youth leaders. The BCE wants to start planning monthly family events; the first one is scheduled for September 10 to coincide with Jam in the Park, which will include activities for children.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The July 10, 2023 minutes were reviewed by Council. A motion was made by Richard Hoffelmeyer, and seconded by Barb Scharf to accept the minutes; motion carried.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Darrell had sent his Pastor's Report of his activities for the previous month. He has been visiting with all of our older members, either at their homes or with those in care facilities during July and August. As noted in the BCE report, he is preparing for Rally Day – we have 21 children in Sunday School, one third grader who will receive a Bible, 13 children and youth with faithful attendance (each will receive a pin and award), and six youth in confirmation (one 7<sup>th</sup> grader and 5 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> graders). Bill Savering is working on the requirements for ordination. And, finally, Pastor gave a "heads up" that he is thinking about retiring, no sooner than September, 2024, but possibly staying until VBS is over in June of 2025.

**RENEWING ZION CHURCH:** This is part of the BCE's plans, with a focus on connecting young families.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Audit & Budget. (Betty Keller Timmer).** The mid-year audit took place on July 11. Betty will contact some potential volunteers for the budget committee and begin work on the budget after the end of August.

**Long Range Ministry.** Charlotte reported that she is looking for an October date for a dinner after Church. The Church bar-b-que is scheduled for Saturday September 16.

**Missions & Outreach. (Mary Lou Peter).** Mary Lou reported that we had a request for the Deacons' Fund to help someone with their Ameren bill – a payment was sent directly to Ameren. The Missions Committee will meet on September 5.

**Staff/Parish Relations. (Darren Doerr).** Darren will continue the search for a new custodian. Barb volunteered to sit in on the interviews. Council decided that the position would average 10 hours per week, at a rate of \$16/hour.

**Property & Long Range. (Rich Hoffelmeyer).** Rich stated that the Z-Team did not want to pay for a bottle-filler (\$800) on the new water fountains. They are willing to pay for the fountains (\$900). Charlotte said that the Sisters in Faith would pay for the bottle-filler option. A motion was made by Charlotte Mehrtens, and seconded by Barb Scharf, that we add the water filler to the fountain, the Z-Team paying \$900, and the Sisters in Faith to pay the balance. Motion carried. Rich also reported that the Z-Team would like to add an opener to the second door on the park shed. A motion was made by Richard Hoffelmeyer, and seconded by Annette Hund, to add an opener to the second shed door, and to pay for this with money from the Irma Hecke funds. Motion carried. Council discussed asphaltting the park's parking lot. Kurt will contact Ted Moore for a bid, and will also ask Ted Moore about sealing the Church parking lot.

**Volunteer Ministries. (Sherry Wynn).** Sherry has spoken to two more potential Council members to serve on Council starting in Janu-

ary.

**Worship & Music. (Annette Hund).** No Report at this time.

**Cemetery Board. (Kurt Pellmann).** No report at this time.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Music Director Update:** The committee has not met yet.

**Outreach Committee:** Council discussed having a packet available for visitors. Charlotte will check with the Millstadt Chamber of Commerce to see if they currently do anything for new citizens of the Village. Zion may do something with the Chamber or on our own.

**Scharf Building Services Interest in Land Purchase.** Rich reported that Kenworth Johnston has done a second appraisal on the one-acre of land that Scharf Building Services would like to purchase; Rich will let Council know the appraisal once he receives it (could take two weeks to receive the appraisal). Cost will be \$600, which AJ Scharf had said they would split with Zion. We will have to decide, based on the two appraisals, what number to give to Scharfs, and then wait to see if they are still interested in the purchase. If they are, then we will have a congregational meeting for a final decision.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Directory:** Council discussed status of inactive members.

**Millstadt Library Request:** The Millstadt Library had asked if they could use the stage in the Fellowship Hall for some one-act plays, based on the radio version of the Archie Andrews Halloween Party. After discussion, Council decided to not allow this request.

**Jam in the Park:** Dale Gruenewald is organizing Jam in the Park, set for Sunday September 10 from 6-8 p.m.

**September 3 Church Service:** Worship will be in the sanctuary, Mary Lu Bretsch will be the organist, Gary Franke will lead the service, and Linda Hopfinger will be the liturgist. Pastor reminded Council members that someone will need to come early to set the air conditioning at a lower temperature for the service.

**Funnel Cake/Corn Dog Mix:** Because the Millstadt Home-Coming had been cancelled last year, and this year's Home-Coming ride company will be selling funnel cakes, Zion has the mix from last year, stored in members' freezers. Charlotte and Les Mehrtens have been working to find an organization looking for the mixes, and they have succeeded – Zoar United Church of Christ at New Hanover will take the mixes.

**2023-24 Preschool/Old Zion Pictures:** We have 17-18 children for the new school year. Sheila Peters, the pre-school teacher, discovered a box of old slides as she was getting the pre-school room ready for the year. Some of the slides are from the 1950's when the Educational Building was being built, the 1960's when the park was started, and also from 1985 during the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Charlotte and Linda Hopfinger will review the slides. We possibly could need a Historical Committee to catalog our historic artifacts, photos and papers. The slides could be converted to digital files and used for a viewing night for the congregation.

**Memorial Procedures:** Rich asked about our procedures for memorials. Someone will check with Amanda on how acknowledgements are handled.

**Millstadt Historical Society Calendar:** Betty had given the request to Amanda, but also asked for Council's participation on the 2024 MHS calendar. A motion was made by Barb Scharf, and seconded by Charlotte Mehrtens, to purchase two \$20 ads on the calendar, as in past years. Motion carried.

**Meeting Adjourned:** There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Barb Scharf, and seconded by Richard Hoffelmeyer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried. Everyone joined hands to close with the Lord's Prayer.

President – Kurt Pellmann

Vice President – Barb Scharf

Secretary – Charlotte Mehrtens

Assistant Treasurer – Rich Hoffelmeyer





**Jam In the Park**

  
**Sunday, September 10th**  
**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Zion Park**

Country & traditional music  
 Bring your lawn chairs/coolers  
 For information call: Dale Gruenewald at  
 618-660-9797

  
 Zion Park is located  
 south of Millstadt on  
 South Jefferson Street

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Help is needed on Friday, September 15th at 9 a.m. to help prepare food for the BBQ on Saturday.

Help will also be needed on Saturday, September 16th, the day of the BBQ. Starting at 8:30 a.m. all help is greatly appreciated. This is a church function and all members are needed. Contact Charlotte Mehrtens at 618-979-2655 with any questions.

**Zion's Annual Barbecue**

  
**Saturday, Sept. 16th**  
**11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
Or until sold out

**On the Church Parking Lot**  
**Choice of Pork Steaks, Brats or Chicken Breasts**  
**German and American Potato Salad**  
**Slaw and Baked Beans**  
**Dine In or Carry Out**

**Zion BBQ Order Form**

Plate includes choice of 2 sides:  
Slaw, Baked Beans, German Potato Salad and American Potato Salad

Pork Steak ( \_\_\_ x Plate \$12.00) ( \_\_\_ x Sandwich \$8.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Slaw	Baked Beans	German PS	American PS

Chicken ( \_\_\_ x Plate \$10.00) ( \_\_\_ x Sandwich \$6.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Slaw	Baked Beans	German PS	American PS

Bratwurst ( \_\_\_ x Plate \$10.00) ( \_\_\_ x Sandwich \$6.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Slaw	Baked Beans	German PS	American PS

Additional Sides ( \_\_\_ x \$2.50) \_\_\_\_\_

Slaw	Baked Beans	German PS	American PS

Soda / Water ( \_\_\_ x \$1.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_

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 SEPTEMBER**

**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, Lindsay Bourn and Family, Baby Levi Boyle, Joyce Brand, Shirley Brandenburger, Roger Davis, Sheila Davis (Jessi Doerr's Mother), Wayne and Tricia DeCloux, Bill Ditch, Dorene (Janice Seidlitz's Sister-In-Law), Mark Eckman, Fritz Fritzing, Lynn Gass, Mary (Boerke) Graham, Greg, Pearl Griebel, Baby Adalyn Harres, Ray Hohlt, Mary Hund, Joyce Kasper, Billy Klopmeier, Scott (Barbara Knoth's Son), Jim Kostelac, Elizabeth Koval, Tom & Renee Kreher, Family of Jessica LaDuke, Lucille Lang, Richard Madden, Erin Mahoney, Charlotte Mehrtens, Anna Belle Muskopf, Dean Norrenbern, Doris Obernagel, Baby Ariela Oliver, Pat Parrish (Wayne Jones's Sister), Janet Pauketat, Bruce Reese, Dottie Rickard, Rich Riemann, Cole Robinson & Family, Jim Savering's Family (Bill Savering's Cousin), Bob Seidlitz, Nancy Smith, Shelly Smith, Mike Speichinger, Sharon Stallmann, 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, 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](mailto: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.

**September**  
pancake mix  
syrup  
jelly  
sweet potatoes

**October**  
cornbread mix  
stuffing mix  
cranberries  
pumpkin pie mix

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.