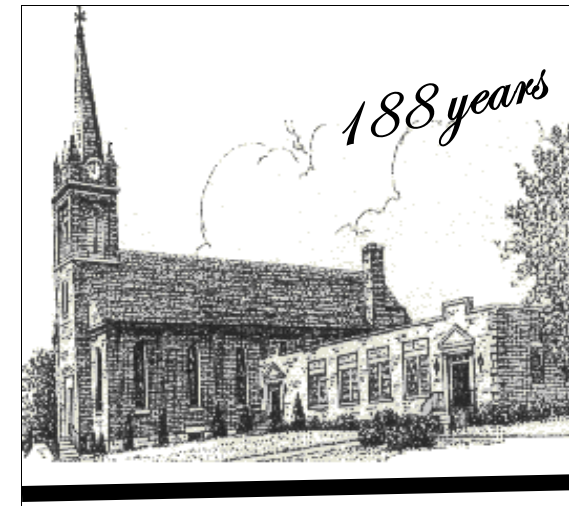


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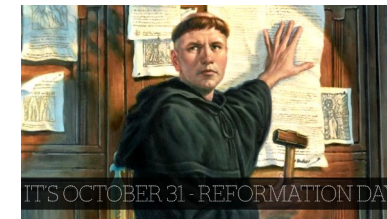
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Zion Evangelical Church

Serving in Christ's Name Since 1835

From the Desk of Pastor Darrell



Reformation Sunday, October 29

The Protestant Reformation became an enduring reality on October 31, 1517 (506 years ago). On that date, Catholic Priest Martin Luther posted his protesting paper, "The 95 Theses," on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg in Germany.

The Reformation focused on 5 basic truths: 1) It is by Grace Alone, 2) received by Faith Alone, 3) placed in Christ Alone, 4) perfectly proclaimed in Scripture Alone, 5) that we are saved (from sin and death and reconciled to God) so that we may bring God the Glory Alone.

Zion Evangelical Church traces its heritage to this Reformation. This year (October 29 Sunday Reformation Service), I'll focus on Faith Alone.

Our Evangelical Catechism (the 1896 edition) asks, "2. How can you secure the salvation of your immortal soul?" The answer given is, "We secure the salvation of our immortal soul thru faith in our Lord Jesus Christ."

The following about "faith alone" is taken from the 1916 book, Evangelical Fundamentals, Part Two – Evangelical Belief and Doctrine – The Evangelical Catechism Explained.

"Faith means confidence. Faith in Jesus Christ is the simple and sincere confidence that Jesus Christ can and will save from sin and give eternal life. We find examples of this faith in the paralytic, Matt. 9:2 ("behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.'" - the friends of the paralytic wouldn't let the crowd or even the roof stand in the way of bringing their paralytic friend to Jesus for healing); the centurion, Matt. 8:5-10 ("When he (Jesus) had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him ... When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, 'Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith.'" - for the centurion believed without having to see the miracle done); the Canaanite woman, Matt. 15:22-28 ("behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, 'Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.'" ... Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly." - even when Jesus effectively told her no, she still believed), and in Martha, John 11:27 ("She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.'" - then Jesus raised her brother Lazarus from the dead). Such a faith receives the assurance "Thy sins are forgiven thee" and the strength to begin a new and better life."

"To believe in the way of merely regarding as true, is to have only the outward form of a faith that is dead in itself, James 2:17 ("So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."). True faith makes the believer better; a dead faith leaves him as he is."

On Reformation Sunday, October 29, I will focus on the message of "Faith and Salvation." I will turn to 1 Peter 1:3-9 and its message in vs 5, "through faith for salvation," and vs 9, "the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

So, join us, and allow God's Word and Spirit to grow and strengthen your Faith. Also, look over this month's song, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

May the Blessings of a living and enduring Faith in Jesus Christ be yours;
 Pastor Darrell

October 2023

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

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Sisters in Faith

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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.)

Darren Doerr	(26)	618-980-5055
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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 October

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.

Oct. 1	Bill Savering	618-920-9236	bsavering@yahoo.com
Oct. 8	Vicki Pellmann	618-806-8878	ydp2007@aol.com
Oct. 15	Joyce Tastad	618-660-6259	jtastad51@charter.net
Oct. 22	Richard Trent	618-939-8765	trentech@htc.net
Oct. 29	Marjie Weber	618-972-5532	weber_ddw@charter.net



“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” by Ray Palmer (1832)

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior Divine;
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day, Be wholly Thine.

May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee,
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire.

While life’s dark maze I tread, And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my Guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow’s tears away,
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

When ends life’s transient dream, When death’s cold sullen stream, Shall o’er me roll,
Blest Savior, then in love, Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

The following is taken from the weblink:

<https://hymnstudiesblog.wordpress.com/2008/09/18/quotmy-faith-looks-up-to-theequot/>

This “hymn which encourages our faith to look up to Jesus, the author and finisher of that faith. ... The text was written by Ray Palmer. ... he was a member of the Park St. Congregational Church. Later, he decided to become a minister.”

“One evening during the fall while studying and translating some German poetry, Palmer penned this poem. ... It was never intended for publication but for private devotion. However, a couple of years later, he made a return visit to Boston and ran into his old friend from Park St. Congregational Church, composer Lowell Mason (1792-1872). Mason was publishing a hymnbook and asked Palmer to give him something for it. Palmer pulled out the notebook and showed Mason the verses that he had already set down. The two men stepped into a nearby drug store so that Mason could jot down a copy. That very night, Mason composed the tune (Olivet).”

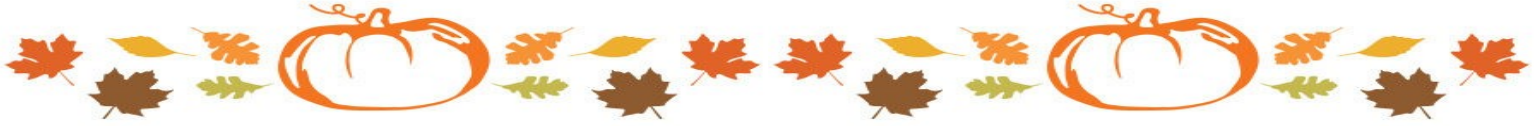
“Mason was so excited about it that when he saw Palmer again a couple of days later, he said, ‘Mr. Palmer, you may live many years and do many good things, but I think you will be best known to posterity as the author of ‘My Faith Looks Up To Thee.’ Mason was right about Palmer. He is best known today as the author of this much-sung hymn.”

“... It is well remembered that when writing the last line, ‘a ransomed soul,’ the thought that the whole work of redemption and salvation was involved in those words, and suggested the theme of eternal redemption, moved the writer to a degree of emotion that brought abundant tears.”

Zion Evangelical Church

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship	2 8:15 AM Preschool	3 8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	4 8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM Bible Study	5 9:00 AM Quilting 12:00 PM Sisters of Faith	6 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM FH – Chair Yoga	7
8 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship	9 8:15 AM NO 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 Bible Study	12 9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM G.P. Worship	13 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM FH – Chair Yoga	14
15 OCC Kick-Off 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:00 AM Polka Ser-vice 10:15 AM Worship	16 8:15 AM Preschool	17 8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study 7:30 PM FH – MCC Rehearsal	18 8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM Bible Study	19 9:00 AM Quilting	20 Vacation – Pastor 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM FH – Chair Yoga	21 Vacation – Pastor
22 Food Pantry 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship 7:30 PM FH – MCC Rehearsal	23 Vacation – Pastor 8:15 AM Preschool	24 8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	25 8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM Bible Study	26 9:00 AM Quilting	27 8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM FH – Chair Yoga	28
29 Deacon’s Fund Reformation Sunday 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship	30 8:15 AM Preschool	31 Reformation Day 8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study 5:00 PM Halloween Party				



AMERICAN LEGION
MILLSTADT POST#502
POKER RUN
OCTOBER 8, 2023
American Legion helping local Vets!

\$5 a hand or 5 hands for \$20

Attendance Prizes

50/50

Top three hands.

Sign-up 11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Starts at TR's
4901 Concordia Church Road, Belleville, IL

Ends at Ott's
20 E Washington St, Millstadt, IL 62260

MOTORCYCLES, JEEPS & ALL OTHER VEHICLES WELCOME!

All hands turned in by 5:00 P.M.

All proceeds will go towards a new Veterans Memorial in Millstadt

WURSTMARKT

Sunday, October 22, 2023
11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Concordia United Church of Christ
Corner of Rt. 163 & Concordia Church Road
Belleville, IL

Drive-thru/Curb Service Only
\$13 Adults \$6 – Children 12 & under

Menu
Pork Sausage
(2 pieces for adult, 1 for child)
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Sauerkraut
Green Beans
Applesauce
Horseradish
Bread
Cake

618-476-3377

Halloween at Zion
Tuesday, Oct. 31st
5:00 – 9:00 PM

Come to Zion Church for a howling good time!

Kids' Games & Prizes
Crafts
Candy
Cookies

Open to ALL kids of the comm
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT

You're Invited to Zion's WURSTMARKT

Saturday, November 11, 2023
3:00 - 6:00 PM

Zion Evangelical Church
117 W. White Street
Millstadt, Illinois
Church Office 618-476-1778

Details to Come!

We are in need of candy for the Halloween Party on Tuesday, October 31st. Next time you are at the grocery store, could you please pick up a bag and drop it off at the Church office? Donations are requested by Wednesday, October 25th. Thanks!



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

“As we walk in this life, we should always turn in our hearts to Jesus and say, ‘My Faith Looks Up To Thee.’” Indeed, this hymn lifts up the basic Protestant truth of Faith Alone. Not simply of faith in faith, but faith in Jesus Christ!

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 11th of 52 weeks in the catechism. This continues the explanation of “The 10 Commandments” (weeks 3 through 13).

- Week 12 is composed of questions 32 through 34.
29. What is the Tenth Commandment?
You shall not covet thy neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.
30. What does God forbid in this Commandment?
God forbids all evil lusts and desires for wrongful possession or enjoyment. James 1:14-15; Rom. 6:12; 1 John 2:15-17
31. What does God require in this Commandment?
God requires that we have joy in Him and in His holy providence. Ps. 37:4; Rom. 7:22; Prov. 23:26



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

Polka Sunday, Oct. 15

Come join us for a Polka Sunday on October 15. Our music will be Christian songs set to polka music, thanks to Dale Gruenewald and others to be named.



Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Darrell and Marjie have one more camping weekend planned. October 20-23, camping at Dam East at Carlyle Lake. We will be back in Millstadt for Sunday School and Worship on October 22.

All Hallow's Eve Community Outreach, October 31

Join us in reaching out to the children and youth of Millstadt for Halloween. For we do this in Jesus' Name, to bless children, youth and families with Jesus' blessings of grace, mercy, peace, joy and love.

We need donations of candy, as well as those who will make cookies and small cupcakes. Our Sisters in Faith will fill well over 200 bags of candy (date and time to be determined).

We need helpers to decorate our Reiss Hall and later to take the decorations down.

We need helpers to direct children and families in and through our Reiss Hall (where all the activities take place): Activities of passing out candy bags, tracts and papers about Jesus, crafts and games. And even passing out cups of cold water or hot chocolate, and even giving weary parents and youth an opportunity to sit and relax for a few minutes.

We have been blessed, and have been a blessing to Millstadt's children, youth and young families through this Halloween outreach since 2015. So join us in prayer and in service to them in Jesus' name again this year. And if you haven't been able to help in past years, then join us this year. See the flyer on another page of this Visitor. And invite your children, grandchildren and neighbor kids to join us on All Hallow's Eve!



Daylight Savings Time Ends on November 5

Reminder – daylight savings time ends early Sunday morning, November 5. So set your clocks back one (1) hour before going to bed on Saturday night, November 4. If you forget, don't worry; you will arrive at Worship or Sunday School an hour early on Sunday morning!

Fall Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 12

We will gather together for our Fall Congregational meeting following the Worship Service (11:15 a.m.) on Sunday, November 12.

The following items are on the agenda:

1. Update on the Current & Long-Range Plan to renovate our Church facilities
2. Z-Team Report
3. Election of Church Leaders (3 for the Church Council and 1 for the Christian Education Board) for the 2024-2026 term
Council nominations are: Joshua Seidlitz, Kurt Tegtmeier and ???
CE Board nomination is: Heather Kish
4. Approval of the 2024 Budget
5. Old Business

For Whom the Bells Toll

James Reece
September 1, 2023

Irene Skaer
September 3, 2023

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



We again have been watering flowers and young trees at the park. We also had to clean up tree branches that had fallen.

The first of six radiators have been sandblasted and painted. On Thursday August 31st Mark Germann was able to use a lift. The lift was used to lift radiators up the front stairs. In one hour we had the six setting in place. We removed three more radiators to be worked on and are waiting to be refinished. By noon on Saturday, all six radiators were hooked up. Thanks to Gary Hammel and Marvin Albert.

The new water fountain has been installed. A number of guys worked on it. Took two Tuesdays to finish.

We have placed U.S. flags at the veteran's trees in the park for the Labor Day weekend. We plan to place flags on Veteran's Day, November 11th.

Thanks to Gary Hammel for servicing and installing the new parts to the Gator.

Gary Shondy

We are the Hands of Christ



Missions Article for October

Thank you for your generous support of our September mission - Joy 99.1 FM.

Operation Christmas Child Kick-Off Sunday, Oct. 15

We will kick off **Operation Christmas Child (OCC)** shoebox mission on Sunday, October 15.

OCC is our biggest mission each year here at Zion. We collected 124 boxes in 2021 and 126 in 2022. Our goal this year is 130 boxes. So, pick up a box or 2 and bless children around the world in Jesus' Name.

We will then have a special "*In Gathering Service*" for the **OCC** on Sunday, November 12.

More info about OCC can be found online at: <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ>.

Now is a good time to pick up items to fill those shoeboxes. Designated and loose offerings during October will go to purchase items and pay postage for the shoeboxes.

October is one of the months with a fifth Sunday. Please consider making a contribution on October 29 to the Deacon's Fund. That money will be available to help a Zion member, a resident of the Millstadt area or another family or individual who is in need. The Stewardship Mission Committee is always ready to consider suggestions for a gift from the Deacon's Fund. Please contact Pastor Darrell and he will communicate that information to the Stewardship Mission team.

As always, the Food Pantry box in the front of church is a handy place to bring your donations of food and household items to help those in need in our community. The Food Pantry is always looking for items to keep its shelves full so they can be distributed to residents who need them. Please bring your items to church by the fourth Sunday of each month, and thank you for your kindness!



October Birthdays



Caleb Gruenewald	10/01	Linda Diedrich	10/11	Kenneth Allen	10/23
John Kalbfleisch	10/01	Henry Mehrtens	10/11	Nancy Glaeser	10/23
Gary Shondy	10/01	Nicholaus Hoeing	10/12	Raymond Hohlt	10/25
Linda Yagge	10/03	Amanda Kreher	10/12	David Woehlke	10/25
Micah Doerr	10/04	Cassy Reece	10/12	Brent Little	10/26
Clark Ferry	10/04	Lyle Reuss	10/15	Denise Muskopf	10/26
Sharon Gruenewald	10/05	Roger Davis	10/16	Taylor Fulgham	10/28
Joshua Gardner	10/06	Jenna Lang	10/17	Linda Germann	10/30
Nicholas Muskopf	10/06	Scott Green	10/19	Travis Jones	10/30
Kristen Skaer	10/06	Linda Hopfinger	10/21	Sydney Valerius	10/30
Hunter Reid	10/08	Chad Parkhurst	10/21		
Karynna Kuhlmann	10/09	Kathy Pellmann	10/21		
Sherry Wynn	10/09	Marge Wolfmeier	10/21		
Isabelle Wolfmeier	10/10	Lori Becherer	10/22		

Upcoming Events

- Halloween Party October 31st
- Wurstmarkt November 11th

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOOK BAZAAR 2024



Collection of books began Tuesday, August 15th and will continue to December 16th. It will start back up on Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 9th through March 16th 2024.

Please drop off books at the Hospital Warehouse or you may bring them to church and arrangements will be made for pickup. Please, NO encyclopedias. Thank you!

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

October Anniversaries

(50+ years)

Bill & Ginger Bourn
53 years on the 3rd



**AMERICAN RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE
2023 SCHEDULE
WEDNESDAYS**

VFW
NOVEMBER 29, 2023

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

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	\$18,685.51	\$15,040.61	\$ 3,644.90	\$ 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	\$ 154,034.06	\$ 207,659.35	\$ (53,625.29)	\$ 245,304.00	\$ 233,946.94	\$ 291,197.25

Please note: The high 2023 Expense amount is due to the new park building and landscaping (\$16,328.48), new lawn mower (\$11,175.75), fence at the cemetery (\$21,214.73), and new sound system (\$1,174.67), all of which were purchased with designated funds. Without these, the total 2023 Expense would be \$157,765.72.



Whipped Pumpkin Dip



- 4 oz. cream cheese
- 1/2 cup pumpkin puree
- 1/2 cup confectioners sugar
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup Cool Whip
- Graham crackers, pretzels, apples, etc.

Beat cream cheese, pumpkin, sugar, spice and vanilla on medium speed for 2-3 minutes. Add Cool Whip and beat additional 30 seconds. Enjoy!



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	5	61
October		
November		
December		
Christmas Eve		
Year-to-Date	9	70



Council Meeting September 11, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by President Kurt Pellmann with Annette Hund, Darren Doerr, Sherry Wynn, Amanda Frierdich, Pastor Darrell Weber, Rich Hoffelmeyer, and Charlotte Mehrstens present. Pastor Darrell opened meeting with a prayer.

Treasurer's Report Office Administrator Amanda Frierdich present the treasurers report after answering some questions about different accounts. Annette Hund motioned and seconded by Sherry Wynn, motion carried. Amanda shared with the council that she has sent out only 144 Monthly Visitors and in order to use the bulk rate we need to send 200. She checked to see if there is a cheaper rate but this rate is still cheaper. She will send 60 Visitors back to church so we can use the bulk rate.

There was no **BCE Report** as the committee had not yet met. They are working on some projects for the future.

Minutes were approved with Rich Hoffelmeyer making the motion and Darren Doerr seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report Rally Day was held on Sunday September 10 and was well attended. The Pre-School has 18 children signed up and started on September 6th. Pastor has been busy Bible Study at Garden Place and the Senior Center. He Worship and Communion services at Garden Place on the seconded Tuesday of each month. He had three funeral services. He has been meeting with other Evangelical Pastors during the month. Annette Hund motion to accept Pastor's report and seconded by Sherry Wynn, motion carried.

Audit and Budget committee will meet very soon. Committee is Bill Albert, Andrew Taake, Betty Keller Timmer and Amanda Frierdich.

Long Range Ministry Charlotte Mehrstens, reported on the B B Q for Saturday September 16. Help is needed on Friday September 15th to peel potatoes and other things. All help is greatly appreciated.

Staff and Parish Relations Darren Doerr reported we are still looking for a new custodian, if you know of someone would be interested please contact Darren as soon as possible.

Property Rich Hoffelmeyer reported that the tower lights still are not working, they a working on them. The East air conditioning is not working right they will check on that

also. The First National Bank of Waterloo will be using the parking lot at the park on September 26th for a trip they have planned. Jamie from Church Mutual will be coming to church on September 13th to go over insurance covering.

Volunteer Ministries Sherry Wynn reported she is still looking for a new Council member, please pray about this and come serve your church.

Old Business:

This past spring council talked about asphaltting the church park parking to make it easier to get around during the summer when we have church in the park for the older members. After much discussion Charlotte Mehrstens made a motion and seconded by Sherry Wynn to bring it to the Annual Meeting in November. Kurt Pellmann has talked to Morse Asphalt about the cost.

New Business:

Discussion was held on the Wurstmarkt to be held on Saturday November 11 with Dine In and Carry-out. Watch for more information for planning and help needed.

There being no other business meeting motion was made by Rich Hoffelmeyer and seconded by Sherry Wynn to adjourn at 8 P.M. closing with the Lord's Prayer.

President – Kurt Pellmann
Vice President – Barb Scharf
Secretary – Charlotte Mehrstens
Assistant Treasurer - Richard Hoffelmeyer





Sisters in Faith

**Sisters in Faith Meeting
September 7, 2023**

Sharing our love for God and each other. There were 11 ladies and Pastor Darrell at the meeting. Pastor gave the blessing. We had pizza from Breadeaux's for lunch and ladies brought salads and desserts.

Kay Mehrstens read a devotion about learning.

Pastor Darrell's Report:

Lucille Reece's son, Jim, passed away in his sleep. Visitation will be held Thursday, Sept. 7 from 4-6 p.m. at Leesman. A service will follow at 6:00 p.m.

Rick Holmes' mother, Bonnie, passed away. Her visitation is also Thursday, in Ballwin, MO from 4-8 with funeral on Friday, September 8th.

Irene Skaer visitation will be held on Friday, September 8th from 4-8 p.m. at Leesman. The funeral is Saturday, September 9, with luncheon at Zion following the burial.

Sunday, September 10th is Rally Day for our Sunday School. We will be returning to our 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and 10:15 worship. Bibles and attendance certificates will be awarded. There will also be an installation of our Sunday School teachers.

Letters have been sent out to invite people to come back to church.

Sunday evening, September 10th, is Jam in the Park. In addition to music there will be a Family night with activities and games for the young people.

We will also have our annual All Hallows Eve party in Reiss Hall on October 31st. Helpers needed.

September 16th is our church BBQ. Helpers are needed.

Prayers for Lyle Reuss. He had hip surgery and then had to return to the hospital due to a GI bleed.

The Secretary and Treasurer have their respective reports. Both reports were accepted as read. There was a discussion to close our savings account and transfer the funds to our checking account. A motion was made to close the savings account and transfer it to the checking. Also, we would take \$2,000 of the combined funds and purchase a 12-month CD. The motion was carried. Carol Harres with get information on a CD and will proceed.

Installation of new Officers 2023-2024

Pastor announced the new officers, and they were sworn in. President – Charlotte Mehrstens is returning to that position. Vice President – Debbie Doerr Secretary – Linda Hopfinger Treasurer – Carol Harres

Committee Reports:

Quilting – No report

Kitchen – Ginger said there was a mouse in the kitchen, and she installed some sticky paper under the workstations. We will continue to monitor that situation. Supplies have been purchased for the BBQ.

Bereavement – Mary Lou Peter has made a Bereavement Folder with information needed if she is not able to lead a luncheon. She also said we've served 7 funeral luncheons since January.

Food Pantry – Civic Club is holding a food drive on September 30th from 9-Noon at the Senior Center.

Cre8tive Souls – Elaine continues to send our birthday and anniversary cards. Barb Savering sends sympathy cards and Patty sends get wells.

Ushers – Mary Lou said we would begin collecting the offering since we are now in the Sanctuary. Sisters in Faith collect on the last Sunday of the month.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

New water fountains have been installed in Reiss Hall. A suggestion was made by the church council to also purchase a water filling station above the fountains. Sisters in Faith offered to reimburse the church for the filling station at a cost of \$800.00. A motion was made and carried, to make the reimbursement.

Help is needed on Friday morning, September 15th to peel potatoes, eggs, and chop vegetables for the BBQ. Please come at 9:00.

Charlotte suggested that we would like to have some assistance in serving the meeting luncheons. Volunteers are asked to take one month to decide on the menu and then prepare the tables before the meeting. We have a committee for the October meeting. Hoping this will continue as the officers have always been responsible for taking care of the food and setup. At the October meeting we will ask for other volunteers to sign up for the November meeting.

Patty announced that the Senior Center is celebrating its' 40th Anniversary on October 10th beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Les Mehrstens will be bringing the box back to begin collecting books for the Memorial Hospital Book Bazaar in 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Hopfinger, Secretary

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 OCTOBER

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, 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 Mehrstens, Kay Mehrstens, Anna Belle Muskopf, Dean Norrenbern, Doris Obernagel, Baby Ariela Oliver, Pat Parrish (Wayne Jones's Sister), Janet Pauketat, Sheila Peters, 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; Samantha Glaeser, Jesse Eimer, Jason Parrish, Chris Lewis, Sharon Wirth, Jimmy Combs, Kasey Launius, Al Wirth, Joshua Trent, and Tristen & Stefan Cashwell serving in the States.

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.

October
cornbread mix
stuffing mix
cranberries
pumpkin pie mix

November
chicken broth
cake mixes/frosting
Hamburger Helper

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.