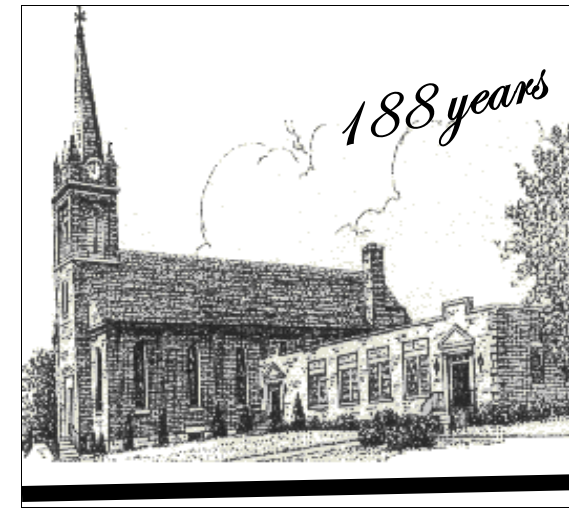


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From the Desk of Pastor Darrell

Thanksgiving

In response to the Lord's Blessings - in particular to HIS provisions for our daily bread - we come and give Him Thanks and Praise. This giving of Thanks and Praise is not limited to our farm and Ag business families, whose livelihood depends upon God's Blest provision of the seeds, soil, sunshine, rain, and weather. Each of us receives Blest provisions from the hand of the Lord our God all throughout the year - health, family, friends, jobs, work, education, and so on. Our response is always to be giving Him Thanks and Praise.

So join us on Sunday, Nov. 19, for a Thanksgiving Service at 10:15 a.m., as we gather together as a Church family to Thank and Praise our Gracious God and King - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit for His many Blest provisions.

May you and yours seek, praise and thank HIM from whom all Blessings flow;
 Pastor Darrell

November 2023

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

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 Meets Sept., Oct., Nov., March, April and May at 12:00 p.m.
 President - Charlotte Mehrtens - 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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Betty Keller Timmer	(26)	618-476-7326
Sherry Wynn	(26)	618-615-7915

(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.



"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" by Henry Alford (1844)

Come, ye Thankful people, come, All is safely gathered in God, our Maker, doth provide Come to God's own temple, come,	Raise the song of Harvest home; Ere the winter storms begin. For our wants to be supplied. Raise the song of Harvest home.
All the world is God's own field, Wheat and tares together sown, First the blade and then the ear, Lord of Harvest, grant that we	Fruit unto His praise to yield; Unto joy or sorrow grown. Then the full corn shall appear; Wholesome grain and pure may be.
For the Lord our God shall come, From the field shall in that day, Give His angels charge at last, But the fruitful ears to store,	And shall take His Harvest home; All offenses purge away. In the fire the tares to cast, In His garner evermore.
Even so, Lord, quickly come, Gather Thou Thy people in, There, forever purified, Come, with all Thine angels, come,	Bring Thy final Harvest home. Free from sorrow, free from sin; In Thy presence to abide: Raise the glorious Harvest home.



Lay Liturgist Schedule for November

We welcome Joy Dormeier to our Liturgist team. We now have 13 liturgists who read the Scriptures: *Joy Dormeier, David Harres, Tracy Holmes, Linda Hopfinger, Annette Hund, Sean Mahoney, Kay Mehrtens, 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.

Nov. 5	Dave Woehlke	618-719-3616	dlwoehlke1959@Charter.net
Nov. 12	Joy Dormeier	618-401-3484	skyfarmjoy@gmail.com
Nov. 19	Dave Harres	618-806-9567	twigsharres@hotmail.com
Nov. 26	Tracy Holmes	618-791-5922	tlholmes1971@gmail.com

One of the ways we as Christians give our Thanks and Praise to God is through “*singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with Thankfulness in our hearts to God,*” (Col. 3:16).

One of the most beloved hymns of the Harvest and Thanksgiving is “*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come.*”

The following is taken from **101 More Hymn Stories** by Kenneth W. Osbeck.

“*The first stanza of this harvest hymn is an invitation and an exhortation to give thanks to God in the earthly temple - His Church - for the heavenly care and provision of our earthly needs. The following two stanzas are an interesting commentary on the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares as recorded in Mathew 13:24-30, 36-43. The final stanza is a prayer for the Lord's return - ‘the final harvest home’ - the culminating event that Henry Alford sees as the ultimate demonstration of God's goodness in His eternal purpose of man's Redemption.*”

“*It is said that at the end of a hard day's work, as well as after every meal, it was customary practice for ‘Dean’ Alford to stand to his feet and give thanks to God for the blessings just received or enjoyed during the day. This spirit of perpetual gratitude is clearly evidenced throughout this hymn.*”

Keep this hymn in your heart and on your tongue as you go through the month of November, and especially on Thanksgiving day.

Calling All Zion Members

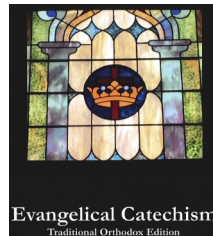
Calling all Zion members!

Jesus Christ, your Lord and Savior, the head of Zion, and every Church, is calling **you** to recommit yourself and your family to Him. To recommit yourself to gather with His people to worship the Father, Son and Holy Spirit every Lord's Day – Sunday. To seek and Worship the LORD first (Matthew 6:33), before you do anything else.

As I approach retirement in the coming year, my heart has been, is, and will be concerned about our congregation's future. Our witness and service to Jesus Christ, in Millstadt and beyond, really is at stake. It's at stake because so many of our members have drifted away – either occasional attenders or not at all.

Jesus rejoices with those who do gather weekly to worship the LORD. Jesus' heart breaks and yearns for those who occasionally worship Him, especially for those on our rolls who don't gather to worship Him at all.

So, for those reading this who have drifted away from Worshipping Him, may you have an ear to hear the Spirit. Come and make the Worship of the LORD God your first priority, each and every week. **Rev. 2:11.** “*He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.*”



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 13th of 52 weeks in the catechism. This concludes the explanation of “The 10 Commandments” (weeks 3 through 13). These questions express the summary and curse of the 10 Commandments and the blessing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Week 13 is composed of questions 35 through 39.

35. What is the summary of the Ten Commandments?

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength (Deut. 6:5). You shall love your neighbor as yourself (Lev. 19:18) On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets (Matt. 22:40).

36. What does God declare concerning these Commandments?

God says: “Cursed be he who does not confirm all the words of this law by doing them.” (Deut. 27:26; Gal. 3:10). “You shall therefore keep my statutes. And my ordinances by doing which you shall live: I am the LORD.” (Lev. 18:5; Luke 10:28).

37. What is meant by this declaration?

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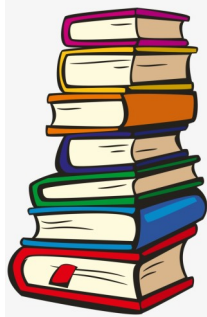
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**MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOOK BAZAAR
2024**

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!



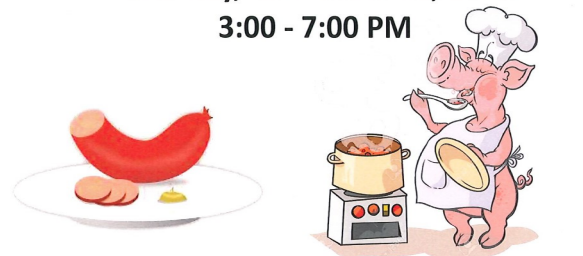
*Upcoming
Events*

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| Wurstmarkt | November 11th |
| Congregational Meeting | November 12th |
| Totenfest Service | November 26th |
| MCC Christmas Concert | December 17th |

**You're Invited
to Zion's**

WURSTMARKT

Saturday, November 11, 2023
3:00 - 7:00 PM



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Church Office 618-476-1778

**Dinner Featuring:
Pork Sausage, all the trimmings,
and dessert
\$15.00**

Dine In or Carry Out

*thank
you*

On behalf of the MHS, I'd like to say "thank you" for letting us use the park pavilion for our guest speaker, Mr. Nicolas Pister. The even was very well attended and had it not been for the pavilion, many may not have fit into the museum display area.

Kindest regards,
Sharon
Millstadt Historical Society

thank you

Zion Sisters in Faith would like to extend a sincere thanks to the family of Doris Schaller and the family of Irene Skaer for their generous donations to our fellowship. May these donations continue to keep the memories of Doris and Irene in our church and in our hearts. Blessings to you for your kindness.

God threatens to punish all who break His commandments. But to those who keep them he promises grace and blessings. We should, therefore, fear to do wrong and seek to do God's will.

38. Have you or has anyone ever perfectly kept the law of God?
No man has ever perfectly kept the law of God. By nature we are inclined to do evil and have in many ways disobeyed God's Commandments and well deserve the curse of the law. Rom. 3:19-20; Ps. 130:3; Ps. 143:2.

39. Can we in any way escape the curse of the law and be saved?
We can escape the curse, and be saved through the Grace of God, by which the gospel of Jesus Christ is given to us and faith in the same worked in us.

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



Daylight Savings Time Ends on Nov. 5

Reminder – daylight savings time ends early Sunday morning, Nov. 5. So set your clocks back one (1) hour before going to bed on Saturday night, Nov. 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, Nov. 12

We will gather together for our Fall Congregational meeting, following the Worship Service (11:15 am) on Sunday, Nov. 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 Tegmeier and Andrew Taake
CE Board nomination is: Heather Kish
4. Approval of the 2024 Budget.
5. Old Business
6. New Business
 - a.) A.J. Scharf, Scharf Building Supply, has requested to purchase roughly 1 acre of our Church Park, offering \$35,000.
 - b.) Proposal to pave the Church Park Parking Lot. Ted Moore indicated a price of \$53,000.

Please plan on participating in this meeting, which will set the future direction of Christ's ministry in and through our Church. **Note: We need a quorum of 40 members in order to make this meeting happen. So mark this date on your calendar and plan on attending.**



Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, Nov. 19

Our **Thanksgiving** Service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 19, at the morning Worship time of 10:15 a.m. Our message will be "**Shouts of Joy,**" from **Psalm 126**. We will focus on the harvest and will sing hymns of the harvest as well: "**Bringing in the Sheaves,**" "**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come,**" "**We Gather Together,**" "**Now Thank We all Our God,**" and "**For the Beauty of the Earth.**"

So plan now on joining with us to lift up **thanksgiving** to our Lord God Almighty. And invite your family and friends, especially those who have travelled to visit with you this **Thanksgiving** season.



Totenfest - Christian Memorial Service - on Sunday, Nov. 26

Totenfest, the *Christian Memorial Service*, will be held on Sunday, Nov. 26 - the day traditionally observed by our former Evangelical Church. It gives us the opportunity to meditate on our loved ones who passed away in the last year. We can rejoice that we shared in their lives. We can mourn this present time of separation. And we can praise God for the victory of Jesus' resurrection (**1 Cor. 15:54b**, "Death has been swallowed up in victory;"), and through Him, our own coming resurrection (**1 Cor. 15:57**, "Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.") This year we remember:

Member	Age	Born	Died
Donald "Don" Frederick Arthur Mehrtens	81	11/08/1941	02/05/2023
Anna Lee (Prater) Fischer *	83	10/05/1939	02/02/2023
Joseph Eugene Barnes	56	04/06/1967	04/22/2023
Delores M. (Schuchhardt) Lang	92	06/02/1931	06/15/2023
Janet Adele (Baltz) Mueller	81	12/04/1942	07/12/2023
Roger Gene Schubert, Sr.	85	10/20/1938	07/26/2023
James "Jim" Alan Reece	66	10/31/1957	09/01/2023
Irene Elvira Irma (Dohrman) Skaer	84	06/22/1939	09/03/2023
Bonnie Jean (Cahill) Holmes *	79	07/01/1944	09/04/2023

If you are aware of a member who has died but is not listed above, please contact our church office so that we can correct our oversight and properly remember them.



Hanging of the Greens on Nov. 28

The Advent Season (the 4 Sundays prior to Christmas) begins on Sunday, Nov. 26. We will be hanging the Greens on Tuesday, Nov. 28. In the morning, the Z-Team will bring decorations up from storage in the basement. At 10:00 a.m. the retirees and anyone else who can help (women and men) will decorate the sanctuary except for the tree. We can put the tree base (big box) in place, move the piano, hang garland, etc. And in the evening (7:00 p.m.) we will decorate the tree and whatever else needs to be done.



November Birthdays



Marcia Twellman	11/06	Leonard Bueckman	11/23
Randall Eckert	11/07	Carol Bueckman	11/24
Emily Twellman	11/07	Janet Pauketat	11/24
Deanna Middaugh	11/08	Robert Wolfmeier	11/24
Jonathon Powles	11/08	Daniel Doerr	11/27
Cari Mahoney	11/13	Erica Gruenewald	11/27
Earl Mehrtens	11/16	Linda Pistor	11/27
Todd Seibert	11/17	Kathleen Hankammer	11/28
Ryan Kochmann	11/19	Jessica Doerr	11/29
Trevor Seibert	11/21	Josephina Riemann	11/29

Oak Hill Nursing Home

Shirley Brandenburger
Pearl Griebel

Our Lady of the Snows

Betty Baltz

Garden Place at Millstadt

Marianne Baltz
Marilyn Beil
Dianne (Muskopf) Mehrmann
Dottie Rickard

The Atrium of Belleville

John Kalbfleisch

The Villas of Holly Brook

Don Mueller

Freeburg Care Center

Arlene Dohrman



AMERICAN RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE
2023 SCHEDULE
WEDNESDAYS

VFW
NOVEMBER 29, 2023

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1-800-733-2767 or
visit RedCrossBlood.org
Bring Photo ID



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

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	\$16,390.86	\$21,953.02	\$ (5,562.16)	\$ 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	\$ 170,424.92	\$ 229,612.37	\$ (59,187.45)	\$ 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.



HONEY BUTTER CREAMED CORN



- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 3 cups frozen corn
- 1/4 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Melt butter in large skillet over medium. Add onion and cook about 5 minutes. Stir in corn and 1/2 cup water. Cover and cook 10 minutes. Stir in all other ingredients, then transfer half the mixture to a blender. Blend until smooth. Add back to skillet and cook until thickened, about 5 minutes. 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 October 9, 2023

Meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Darrell. Council members and guest present were President Kurt Pellmann, Sherry Wynn, Betty Keller Timmer, Annette Hund, Richard Hoffelmeyer, Mary Lou Peter, Charlotte Mehrstens Secretary, Barb Scharf Vice President, and Amanda Friedrich. Guests present were Les Mehrstens, Andrew Taake, and Bill Albert. The meeting was opened at 7 P.M.

Les Mehrstens was present to talk about our Church Mutual Insurance and policy changes that go into effect October 31, 2023. Richard motioned to stay with \$1000.00 deductible and was seconded by Barb; motion carried.

Betty, budget committee along with Bill Albert and Andrew Taake, presented the budget for this year. After much discussion Richard motioned to approve and seconded by Barb to present the budget to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on November 12.

Office Administrator Amanda gave the **Treasurer's Report** and reported everything to be in order at this press time. Annette made a motion to approve the treasures report and seconded by Mary Lou; motion carried.

Pastor reported that the **BCE** has not met yet this month but were getting ready for the Halloween Community Party on Halloween Night starting at 5 P.M. Sisters in Faith will be packing the candy bags on Wednesday 25th starting at 9 a.m. Anyone is welcome to come and join the ladies in the fellowship hall downstairs.

Pastor Darrell gave his **Pastor's Report**. Dale Gruenewald organized the Jam in the Park; it was a great success. Operation Christmas Child kicks off October 15th and wraps up November 5th. In 2021 we collected 124 boxes and 126 in 2022. We need your help to do better this year. Help us to put a smile on a child's face this year.

Pastor has been doing bible study at the senior center and Garden Place monthly. On October 17th the Ringing of the Church Bells at 3 p.m. in honor of Constitution Day by the Daughters of the Revolution. We had 3 funerals and a Memorial Service in September. Mary Lou motioned to accept Pastor's reported seconded by Annette; motion carried. **Minutes** of September meeting was approved as presented. Richard motioned, and Sherry seconded; motion carried.

LONG RANGE MINISTRY Charlotte reported that Wurstmart will be held on November 11th with serving from 3 to 7 P.M. cost will be \$15.00 for adult and children \$10.00, free of charge 5 and under. It will be dine in and carry out. Workers are needed and members are requested to provide pies.

MISSION AND CHURCH Mary Lou reported that the Senior Center was the mission of the month and was doing very good for collection. Thanks everyone for all you do.

PROPERTY Rich reported that Al Scharf is still interested in buying an acre of church park ground, it will be voted on at Annual Meeting on November 12. The ground is next to his property, and he would like to expand his growing business. Money has been given in memory of Doris Schaller for the water bottle filler recently. The Z-Team install it while installing the other new water fountain that was broken.

Volunteer Ministry Sherry is still looking for another new council member for the next coming three-year term. Come serve the Lord.

OLD BUSINESS:

We are still in need of a custodian for the church if you know of someone, PLEASE contact Darren Doerr for the information.

NEW BUSINESS :

Wurstmart will be held on November 11 and help will be needed in the dining room, kitchen, frying sausage, pies, and clean up. Come join the fellowship and help make the workload easier on everyone. Call the church office for more information. See you there.

Barb motioned to adjourn the meeting, Rich seconded. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:10 p.m.

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



**Sisters in Faith Meeting
October 5, 2023**

There were sixteen ladies and Pastor Darrell at the meeting. Pastor gave the blessing. Ginger Bourn and Mary Lou Peter served a delicious German lunch.

Kay Mehrstens read a devotion about "Light of the World."

Pastor Darrell's Report:

Upcoming events:

Oct. 10th is the 40th Anniversary for the Senior Center. There are activities and a meal planned.

Oct. 15th Dale Gruenewald, Armin Mehrstens and Brian Miller will lead us in a Polka Sunday service.

Oct. 31st Halloween Party at Zion. We need helpers to fill treat bags and to help at the party.

Nov. 11th is our Annual Wurstmarkt. We will return to dine-in and carry-out meals.

Our Wednesday Bible study group is exploring the Evangelical catechism.

Prayers for Shirley Brandenburger who will be moving to Oak Hill permanently.

Pastor also had a particularly good visit with Pearl Griebel.

Lucille Reece was in Memorial Hospital. Her pulse rate was exceptionally low. She may need a pacemaker.

Patty Evansco had an episode called TGA. She had memory loss but is now doing much better.

Janice Seidlitz will be receiving radiation on her eye. They did find a mass on her spine. Doctors are still deciding on a course of action.

Adalyn Harres, granddaughter of Dave & Carol Harres, will be traveling with her parents to California for testing needed to receive gene therapy.

Linda Hopfinger read the minutes of September's meeting. Linda reported that Sisters in Faith will collect offering on the last Sunday of the month. The correct day is the 4th Sunday of the month. Linda will make the correction. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read, with the correction, and the motion carried.

Carol Harres gave the Treasurer's report. The savings account balance of \$823.67 was closed, per the vote at last month's meeting, and those funds were moved to the checking account. A withdrawal of \$2,000 was taken from the combined funds to purchase a certificate of deposit for 7 months at a rate of 4.5%. The balance of our checking account is \$7,015.78 on September 30, 2023. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Quilting – The quilters are ready for next year's luncheon quilt.

Kitchen – Ginger said there haven't been any additional mouse sightings. It is important that everyone who uses the kitchen should be mindful of cleaning up after themselves. Items in the refrigerator have been left to spoil. Ginger will order supplies for the Wurstmarkt.

Bereavement – Mary Lou said we've served seven funeral luncheons since January. We received generous donations from the Schaller and Skaer families. Linda will send thank you notes to both families and we will publish an acknowledgment in November's Visitor of their donations.

Food Pantry – Patti reported the Food Pantry has depleted shelves. Donations are appreciated. The Boy Scouts will hold their annual food drive in November.

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

Ushers – Nothing new to report

Old Business:

Thanks to all who helped with the BBQ.

New Business:

Pies and helpers will be needed for the Wurstmarkt on November 11th.

Helpers needed to fill Halloween treat bags. October 25th from 9-11 a.m.



Senior Center 40th Anniversary celebration October 10th

Our November meeting will include a Thanksgiving meal served by Patti French, Darlene Gansmann, and Kay Mehrstens. Desserts will be included.

Attendance prizes winners were Myrt Metter and Mary Lou Peter

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hopfinger, Secretary


Missions Article for November
Operation Christmas Child In-Gathering Sunday, Nov. 5

We kicked off **Operation Christmas Child (OCC)** shoebox mission on Sunday, Oct. 15. We will then have a special "In-Gathering Service" for the **OCC** mission on Sunday, Nov. 5. The shoeboxes will be delivered to St. Matthew Methodist Church in Belleville, which is an area OCC collection church, by Thursday, Nov. 9.

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

The mission for the month of November is the Food Pantry. Of course, we always appreciate your contributions of food and household supplies that you place in the container in the front of the church each month, but also during November we hope that many of our members will contribute cash offerings to help with the additional food items needed for baskets that will be distributed at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Meat items and perishable items can be purchased with these contributions. Please be generous so that the less fortunate can enjoy the holidays.

Bless you for your help with our mission projects!



All the radiators have been sandblasted and painted. They are back in place and hooked up. This has been an all summer job. Thanks to all the guys who helped. Big thanks to Gary Hammel and Marvin Albert for leading the project all year. The radiator covers at the back of the church have also been repaired.

Z-Team has received memorial donations from Delores Lang and Irene Skaer's families. The donations will be used to pay the cost of the radiators.

Bill Albert reseeded the grass around the new building at the park. Thanks Bill!

The wood bridge at the park has been stained. Thanks to Kurt Tegtmeier!

The belt of the paper folder machine broke and had to be replaced. It had to be taken apart to get to the belt. Mike Germann took on the job and replaced the belt. Thanks Mike!

The handrails in front of the church and the railing in front of the education building were sanded and painted. Thanks Ray Hohlt and Les Mehrstens!

The front concrete church stairs were washed and sealed.

Gary Shondy

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 NOVEMBER

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), 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, Anna Belle Muskopf, Dean Norrenbern, Doris Obernagel, Baby Ariela Oliver, Pat Parrish (Wayne Jones's Sister), Janet Pauketat, Bruce Reese, Dottie Rickard, Rich Riemann, Jim Savering's Family (Bill Savering's Cousin), Bob Seidlitz, Janice Seidlitz, Nancy Smith, Shelly Smith, Mike Speichinger, Sharon Stallmann, Ray Teliczan, Mike Toenjes, Rich Trent, Elizabeth Tubbs, Baby Ty, Lacey Grace Valentine, Mark Vandermeye, Bill & Donna Ward, Mary Weldele, Joan Wilkins, Jeffrey Willey, Bart & Kelley.

SERVING OUR COUNTRY Sgt. Anthony Hanson, Jr., Kenny Wolf, Brandon Lester, Kasey Davis, 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, 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.

November
chicken broth
cake mixes/frosting
Hamburger Helper

December
canned meat
pasta side dishes
pickles
peanut butter

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.