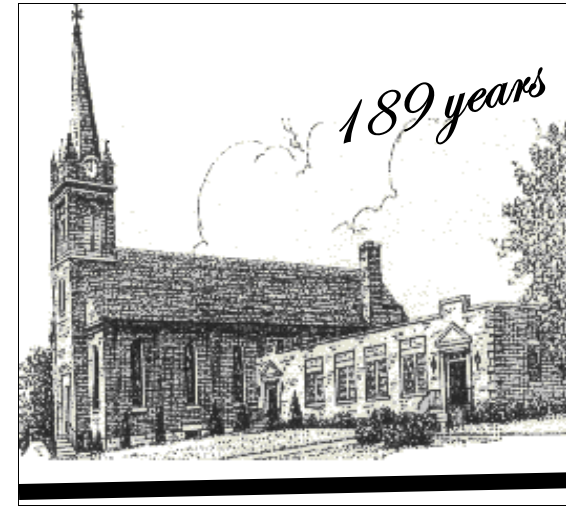


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From the Desk of Pastor Darrell

Summer at Zion

We are now in the Summer Rest time of Zion Church. Following Vacation Bible School (June 10-14) and Father's Day (June 16), we are in a time of rest until Rally Day (September 8).

By this I mean our Church activities are at a minimum – Worship in the Park on Sundays at 9:00 a.m., Z-Team meeting on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m., and Quilters meeting on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. The Sunday School, Bible Studies, Preschool, Committee meetings, Women's Fellowship are all on breaks during this time.

In a way we are on an extended Sabbath (which means rest) during the Summer. Remember, the origin of the Sabbath Day was God Himself resting after the six days of creation. Then, He established the seventh day (Saturday) as the Sabbath Day – even making its remembrance the fourth Commandment.

Each Summer we, Zion, are in a resting and relaxing period in the life of our Church. This is a time for us to be refreshed and renewed. A time for vacations and travel. A time to be with family and friends. A time to enjoy God's creation.

Let us not forget that it is also a time for us to draw near to God to Worship Him – with heart (passion), mind (thoughts and meditation), and soul (decisions and choices).

With this in mind I chose the 162 year-old hymn "O Day of Rest and Gladness" as the hymn of Summer (described below). It was put to a delightful and lively German Folk Song. Unfortunately this hymn isn't in our current Hymnal. But, as with others not in our Hymnal, we simply copy it into our Worship Bulletin from our older hymnals.

So, may you and yours be refreshed and renewed throughout this Summer. And may you begin each week, assembled with Christ's Church, in worship – "To HOLY GHOST be praises, To FATHER, and to SON; The church her voice upraises, To THEE, blest Three in One."

Summer blessings to you and yours;
 Pastor Darrell

July/August 2024

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

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 Coordinator - Gary Shondy - 618-281-6509

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

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

Worship Schedule

(starting June 9 through September 1)

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

Office Hours

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



Lay Liturgist Schedule for July and August

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

We are looking for more volunteers to read the Scriptures during our Worship Services. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office (476-1778) to be signed up. The Lay Liturgist schedule is given below. To make a change, contact someone listed below.

July 7	Richard Trent	618-939-8765	trentech@htc.net
July 14	Marjie Weber	618-972-5532	weber_ddw@charter.net
July 21	Dave Woehlke	618-719-3616	dlwoehlke1959@Charter.net
July 28	Dave Harres	618-806-9567	twigsharres@hotmail.com
Aug. 4	Joy Dormeier	618-401-3484	skyfarmjoy@gmail.com
Aug. 11	Tracy Holmes	618-791-5922	tlholmes1971@gmail.com
Aug. 18	Linda Hopfinger	618-406-0269	dlnshop@msn.com
Aug. 25	Annette Hund	618-719-6306	71threenn@gmail.com



“O Day of Rest and Gladness” by Christopher Wordsworth (1862)

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
 O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright;
 On thee the high and lowly, Through ages joined in tune,
 Sing "Holy, holy, holy", To the great GOD Triune.

On thee, at the creation, The light first had its birth;
 On thee, for our salvation, CHRIST rose from depths of earth;
 On thee, our Lord victorious, The SPIRIT sent from heav'n;
 And thus on thee, most glorious, A triple light was giv'n.

Today on weary nations, The heav'nly manna falls;
 To holy convocations, The silver trumpet calls,
 Where gospel light is glowing, With pure and radiant beams,
 And living water flowing, With soul refreshing streams.
 New graces ever gaining, From this our day of rest,
 We reach the rest remaining, To spirits of the blest.
 To HOLY GHOST be praises, To FATHER, and to SON;
 The church her voice upraises, To THEE, blest Three in One.

The following is taken from 101 More Hymn Stories, by Kenneth W. Osbeck (1985).

The nineteenth-century author, Christopher Wordsworth, reminds us in this hymn text of a truth that men have realized through the ages, that even as God rested following His acts of creation, so man, too, needs a day each week for rest and spiritual renewal.

His hymns were written to illustrate his convictions that hymns should not deal with personal, individual interests, but rather should teach the truths of Scripture and voice the worship of the entire congregation. He also believed that it was the first duty of the hymnwriter to teach sound doctrine to believers, and to reach the unsaved with the gospel. On another occasion he stated, “*A church which foregoes the use of hymns in her office of teaching neglects one of the most efficacious instruments for correcting error and for disseminating truth, as well as for ministering comfort and edification.*”

“*O Day of Rest and Gladness*” is the first hymn in Wordsworth's The Holy Year hymnal and the only one still widely used today.

Christopher Wordsworth based his hymn text on Psalm 118:24: “*This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*”

An important spiritual truth taught and illustrated in this hymn by Christopher Wordsworth is the doctrine of The Trinity. It is interesting to note in the second stanza that the author compares the triune Godhead with three important events that occurred on the first day of the week: The creation of Light, the resurrection of Christ, and the advent of the Holy Spirit. He refers to these events as the “*triple light.*” In the final stanza, Wordsworth addresses each member of the Godhead by name, as the Church raises its perpetual voice to “*THEE, blest Three in One.*”

August 2024		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		4 Comunion 9:00AM Worship in the park	5 Vacation - Pastor	6 8:30AM Z-Team 1:00PM G.P. Bible Study	7 9:00AM Quilting	8 9:00AM Quilting 2:00PM G.P. Worship	9 5:00PM Park - MCS First Priority	10 10:00AM FH - Mill - stad Library
		11 9:00AM Worship in the park 10:00AM Ice Cream Social	12 Vacation - Pastor 7:00PM Council Mtg	13 Vacation - Pastor 8:30AM Z-Team 1:00PM G.P. Bible Study	14 Vacation - Pastor	15 Vacation - Pastor 9:00AM Quilting	16 Vacation - Pastor	17 Vacation - Pastor
		18 9:00AM Worship in the park	19 Vacation - Amanda	20 Vacation - Amanda 8:30AM Z-Team 1:00PM G.P. Bible Study	21 Vacation - Amanda	22 Vacation - Amanda 9:00AM Quilting	23 Vacation - Pastor	24 Vacation - Pastor
		25 Food Pantry 9:00AM Worship in the park	26 Vacation - Pastor	27 8:30AM Z-Team 1:00PM G.P. Bible Study	28 7:00PM Confirmation Overview	29 9:00AM Quilting	30 Vacation - Pastor	31 Homecoming Vacation - Pastor

Zion Evangelical Church

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0 9:00AM Worship in the park	1 Vacation - Pastor	2 8:30AM Z-Team 1:00PM G.P. Bible Study	3 7:00PM Patriotic Concert	4 Office Closed Vacation - Pastor 9:00AM Quilting	5 Vacation - Pastor	6 Vacation - Pastor
7 Communion 9:00AM Worship in the park	8 Vacation - Pastor 7:00PM Council Mtg	9 8:30AM Z-Team 1:00PM G.P. Bible Study	10 9:00AM Quilting 2:00PM G.P. Worship	11 9:00AM Quilting 2:00PM G.P. Worship	12 Vacation - Pastor	13 Vacation - Pastor
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21 9:00AM Worship in the park 11:00AM Park - Weaver's	22 Vacation - Pastor	23 8:30AM Z-Team 1:00PM G.P. Bible Study	24 9:00AM Quilting	25 9:00AM Quilting	26 Vacation - Pastor	27 Vacation - Pastor
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The Evangelical Catechism Traditional Orthodox Edition of 1896

I am continuing the series of articles on the 1896 edition of the Evangelical Catechism, republished in modern English by the Evangelical Association in 2018. This article covers the 21st of 52 weeks in the catechism. This section covers the Apostles' Creed, Weeks 20 through 47.

Week 21 is composed of questions 55 and 56

55. Of what does the first article of the Christian faith treat?

The first article of the Christian faith treats of God the Father and of the work of creation.

56. What is the meaning of: God is the Almighty Maker?

God created heaven and earth by the power of His almighty word. Genesis 1:1; Psalm 33:6; Hebrews 11:3; Revelation 4:11; John 1:1-3.



Summer Worship in the Park

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



Bring a Friend / Ice Cream Social Sundays

Bring your friends to Worship in the park on Sundays July 14 and Aug. 11. Following worship, we will head over to the Pavilion for an ice cream social. Our Council will bring a variety of ice creams and toppings as well. So, join us for a Summer treat, and bring your friends as well.



Vacation Bible School Update

We held Group's SCUBA VBS from June 10 through 14. Our numbers continue to increase!!! We had 37 children in 2021, 54 in 2022, 62 in 2023, and 72 this year.

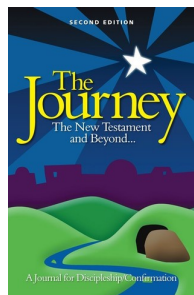
Of the 72, 7 were active in Zion's Sunday School; (*Peter Grootenboer, Jocelyn Doerr, Micah Doerr, Sadie Notter, Wyatt Notter, Tessa Pellmann, and George Wolfmeier*).

We also had 22 youth helpers, 8 from Zion's Sunday School (*Katelyn Allen, Carson Allen, Caleb Doerr, Jacob Doerr, Wesley Hale, Alessandra Riemann and Josephina Riemann, and Isabelle Wolfmeier*).

And 23 adult leaders, 21 from Zion (*Jeri Arnold, Jonathan Arnold, Lori Becherer, Bill Bourn, Ginger Bourn, Debbie Doerr, Jessica Doerr, Nancy Glaeser, Stacie Grootenboer, Annette Hund, Kay Mehrrens, Elaine Morris, Jodi Notter, Jessi Seidlitz, Josh Seidlitz, Hannah Seidlitz, Betty Keller-Timmer, Marcia Twellmann, Pastor Darrell and Marjie Weber*) as well as our Administrative Assistant, *Amanda Frierdich*.

Our theme was SCUBA - *“diving into friendship with God.”* We learned that *“God is a friend who's real,” “God is a friend who loves,” “God is a friend we can trust,” “God is a friend forever,”* and *“God is a friend for everyone.”*

We raised \$400 as a mission offering for **African Vision of Hope** (<https://africanvisionofhope.org>). AVOH is our church's February Mission of the Month as well.



Confirmation Orientation on Wednesday, August 28

Confirmation training for 7th & 8th graders and older youth who would like to join us will begin with an orientation on Wednesday, August 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be an overview session of what we will do in the coming year. Therefore, all Confirmands and their parent(s) are asked to be at this meeting. If a parent(s) cannot attend, please send a representative (like a grandparent).

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



Pastor's Camping Vacations

Pastor Darrell and Marjie will be on many weekend camping vacations in July, August, and into September.

June 28-July 1, camping and boating at Dam West campground on Carlyle Lake. We will be back in time for Worship on Sunday, June 30.

July 4-8, camping and boating at Dam West campground on Carlyle Lake. We will be back in time for Worship on Sunday, July 7.

July 12-15, camping and boating at McNair-Dam East campground on Carlyle Lake. We will be back in time for Worship on Sunday, July 14.

July 19-22, camping and boating at McNair-Dam East campground on Carlyle Lake. We will be back in time for Worship on Sunday, July 21.

July 26-29, camping and boating at Cole's Creek campground on Carlyle Lake. We will be back in time for Worship on Sunday, July 28.

August 2-5, camping and boating at Cole's Creek campground on Carlyle Lake. We will be back in time for Worship on Sunday, August 4.

August 12-17, traveling to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan for a family vacation.

August 23-26, camping and boating at Dam West campground on Carlyle Lake. We will be back in time for Worship on Sunday, August 24.

August 30-September 2, camping and boating at Dam West campground on Carlyle Lake. We will be back in time for Worship on Sunday, September 1.



July Anniversaries
(50+ years)
Roger & Kathryn Davis
63 years on the 15th


August Anniversaries
(50+ years)
Richard & Judith Sutter
63 years on the 3rd

Weldon & Linda Harber
60 years on the 15th

William & Carol Albert
55 years on the 17th

Robert & Linda Germann
51 years on the 18th

For Whom the Bells Toll



Arlene Dohrman
May 11, 2024

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord



July Birthdays



Sara Caponi	07/01	Kurt Pellmann	07/11	Richard Hoffmeyer	07/21
Barbara Savering	07/01	Pat Morris	07/11	Michael Mueller	07/22
Marilyn Beil	07/02	Linda Harber	07/12	Sue Hoffmeyer	07/24
Tommy Davis	07/03	Garrett Hagarty	07/15	Jacob Doerr	07/24
Weldon Harber	07/03	Joseph Mundy	07/16	Jocelyn Doerr	07/25
Connie DeRousse	07/03	Lindsay Mueller	07/17	Darren Doerr	07/25
Donald Mueller	07/03	Dale Dohrman	07/18	Ashley Penn	07/27
Billy Launius	07/05	Aubrey Weaver	07/19	Christina Doerr	07/28
Richard Trent	07/09	Kirby Forbeck	07/20	Sarah Gruenewald	07/29
Justin Dickerson	07/09	John Baltz	07/20	Joseph Reece	07/29
Carson Allen	07/10	Sherri Vogt	07/20	Abbie Bates	07/30
				Eileen Doerr	07/30



August Birthdays



Ralph Bourn	08/02	Megan Vogt	08/10	Doris Steiger	08/24
Bridget Hagarty	08/02	Madison Kinder	08/10	Tessa Pellmann	08/24
Stacy Seib	08/02	Robert Germann	08/12	Thomas Fogarty	08/25
Missy Scharf	08/03	Hannah Seidlitz	08/12	Gabriella Holmes	08/26
Alessandra Riemann	08/03	Andrew Taake	08/13	Olivia Wolfmeier	08/26
Gary Helfrich	08/04	Darrell Doerr	08/14	William Reece	08/27
Brian Gardner	08/05	Ronald Wolfmeier	08/19	Joshua Sins	08/28
Rick Kochmann	08/05	Kathleen Keim	08/22	Susan Caponi	08/30
Caleb Kish	08/07	Katelyn Allen	08/23	Samantha Glaeser	08/30
Patti Kern	08/07	Joan Launius	08/23	Kay Mehtens	08/30
Everett Timmermann	08/09	Alyssa Pellmann	08/24		

Treasurer's Report

2024	GENERAL FUND - Updated Version					
	2024 INCOME	2024 EXPENSE	difference	BUDGET 2024	2023 INCOME	2023 EXPENSE
January	\$39,247.55	\$26,950.00	\$ 12,297.55	\$ 22,006.00	\$19,575.07	\$27,228.77
February	\$60,341.26	\$19,664.53	\$ 40,676.73	\$ 22,006.00	\$19,135.11	\$29,700.64
March	\$27,123.69	\$26,135.08	\$ 988.61	\$ 22,006.00	\$17,094.66	\$19,708.48
April	\$20,833.67	\$29,548.51	\$ (8,714.84)	\$ 22,006.00	\$30,417.21	\$28,239.45
May	\$17,110.13	\$20,948.60	\$ (3,838.47)	\$ 22,006.00	\$15,956.14	\$34,598.97
June			\$ -	\$ 22,006.00	\$9,208.61	\$16,591.59
July			\$ -	\$ 22,006.00	\$23,961.75	\$36,382.84
August			\$ -	\$ 22,006.00	\$18,685.51	\$15,040.61
September			\$ -	\$ 22,006.00	\$17,977.92	\$21,911.42
October			\$ -	\$ 22,006.00	\$22,409.09	\$24,934.93
November			\$ -	\$ 22,006.00	\$28,167.36	\$24,257.77
December			\$ -	\$ 22,006.00	\$53,732.24	\$23,060.70
TOTALS	\$ 164,656.30	\$ 123,246.72	\$ 41,409.58	\$ 264,072.00	\$ 276,320.67	\$ 301,656.17



MONTH	ONLINE AVE. 2024	IN PERSON AVE. 2024
January	9	66
February	10	63
March	6	96
April	5	56
May	10	59
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
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December		
Christmas Eve		
Year-to-Date	8	68

- 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 Dohrmann



Council Meeting June 10, 2024
ATTENDANCE: Council members present were President Kurt Pellmann, Sherry Wynn, Secretary Betty Ann Keller Timmer, Vice-President Annette Hund, Assistant Treasurer Barb Scharf, Joshua Seidlitz, Andrew Taake, Kurt Tegtmeier, Office Administrator Amanda Frierdich, Les Mehrtens, Jessie Doerr, and Pastor Darrell Weber. Kurt P. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Pastor Darrell gave an opening prayer.

CHURCH INSURANCE: Les opened the discussion on Church Mutual Insurance Company's notice of cancellation, which was received the week of June 3rd, with an effective date of October 31, 2024. We have had a good claims experience with Church Mutual, our provider for approximately 25 years. Les has been working with them through the years. Les has also been in contact with Gearhart Insurance Group, which handles Brotherhood Mutual and Guide One Insurance. Several fellow churches have these plans and are satisfied with the service. Les asked for someone from Council to become acclimated to the insurance program and to assist him in gathering information and to allow further work with the Gearhart Group. A motion was made by Barb, and seconded by Annette to let Les meet with Gearhart; motion carried. A meeting has been set for June 18 to meet with a Gearhart representative at Zion; Kurt P. will also attend this meeting.

REQUEST FOR USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES: Jessie would like to become a franchisee of Singers' Company, which is a business that empowers little girls through singing and dancing. She was asking for permission to use the Church facilities for practices, two hours per week, starting in September. She could also possibly offer summer camps. The Church policy book only allows non-commercial use of the Church facilities, resulting in the denial of her request.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Amanda distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report. Moore Asphalt submitted an invoice for \$5430 for the sealing of the parking lot. A motion was made by Barb, and seconded by Josh to pay the parking lot sealing from the Marilyn Fischer Fund; motion carried. Sherry stated that the cake raffle stand at the Firemen's Picnic had a profit of \$1,323.25, slightly less than last year (133 cakes this year). The proceeds will go to the Youth Fund. A motion was made by Andrew, and seconded by Josh to approve the Treasurer's Report; motion carried. Amanda had checked with Central Bank concerning setting-up direct deposit for employees' paychecks. Central Bank would do the entire payroll and tax filings for a fee of \$60 per month. After some discussion, consensus was reached to forgo direct deposit.

BCE REPORT: Vacation Bible School had a good first day, with 73 children in attendance (six from Zion), and 39 youth and adult volunteers (33 from Zion).

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The May 13, 2024 minutes were reviewed by Council. A motion was made by Sherry and seconded by Kurt T. to approve the minutes; motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Darrell had sent the report of his activities for the previous month to Council members. As previously noted, the first day of VBS went well. The Sunday School Picnic on June 2 had gone well - kids were active playing in the park, and the craft station went well. We served 82 people for the lunch, and 90 had attended Worship. We have received the small, insulated coolers that will be part of the gift, along with a gift card to a local business, two tumblers, and information about our Church for people visiting Zion. We have now switched to Summer Worship at

the Park at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Barb, and seconded by Josh to accept Pastor's Report; motion carried.

RENEWING ZION CHURCH: Pastor Darrell explained that he is thinking of adding a second weekly service on Monday nights, starting in the fall, hoping to reach younger people. He is continuing to work to get a Youth/Sunday School students' choir.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Audit & Budget. (Barb Scharf).** No report at this time.
- Long Range Ministry (Andrew Taake).** Andrew reported that the corn hole tournament was a success, with 13 teams playing. We may be having another tournament in the fall. Andrew will check with Dale Gruenewald to make sure it does not conflict with Jam in the Park.
- Missions & Outreach. (Betty Keller Timmer).** Amanda had distributed the 2024 mission report, which showed that we had received \$667 for Feed My Starving Children, the May Mission, and also \$125 for the Salvation Army/Ukraine, during May. The Mission Committee met on May 20, and is looking for some new volunteers. The Committee added "Give Me Water Lord", a nonprofit organization based in Elkhart, Illinois, whose primary purpose is drilling water wells for the people of Kenya. This mission will be collected in October.
- Staff/Parish Relations. (Darren Doerr).** No report at this time.
- Property & Long Range. (Josh Seidlitz).** Josh has talked to Patti French who will check with her son, Chris, about fixing the north wall of the Educational Building. Josh will get estimates for the repairs, and also ask Chris for some recommendations on getting someone to repair the plaster in the Conference Room. We have received two chair holders for the Fellowship Hall. Josh has gotten a new battery for the ring doorbell, but it still isn't working - Amanda is working with Ring Doorbell to get a new code. Barb added that she may be able to donate a ring doorbell. Kurt T. said that he had tried to fix the door handle for the back door, and he will get the needed part.
- Volunteer Ministries. (Sherry Wynn).** Sherry is continuing to recruit new Council members for the next three-year term.
- Worship & Music. (Annette Hund).** No Report at this time.
- Cemetery Board. (Kurt Tegtmeier).** No Report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Riemanns' Stipend. Mark and Kelly Riemann advised Kurt P. that they do NOT want to be paid for running the sound system.

NEW BUSINESS:

Placement of Memorial Trees at Church Park. Discussion on the placement of trees - Council has not had any input into the placement of these trees.

Meeting with Jim Barnes. Andrew suggested that we invite the Rev. Jim Barnes, president of the Evangelical Association, to a future Council meeting to get some guidance on how to proceed with finding our next pastor.

Meeting Adjourned: There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Barb, and seconded by Sherry to adjourn the meeting at 8:45p.m. Motion carried. Everyone joined hands to close with the Lord's Prayer.

- Kurt Pellmann - President Annette Hund - Vice-president
- Barb Scharf - Asst. Treasurer Betty Ann Keller Timmer - Secretary



Missions Article for July & August

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

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

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

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

Bless you for helping the less fortunate and for partnering with those who share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



The guys have mulched around the trees and flower beds at the Park.

We have started to repair the metal BBQ pit at the Park. The pit is 32 years old. I think it is time.

We have now started to water the trees and flowers. The new water line tot the shed is now complete.

The stone marker that marks where the first church stood on Saxtown road was power washed. The brick entrances a the Park were also washed. Big thanks to Bill Albert.

A one food wide stripe of dirt was removed and replaced with Rock placed over plastic all around the shed in the Park, to stop the grass from growing next to the building. The dripping outside the water hydrant has been fixed thanks to Kurt Tegtmeier.

Gary Shondy

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

We are currently accepting registrations for our 2024-2025 preschool year. Enrollment is limited to children who will be 3 or 4 by September 1, and who are fully potty trained.

Sessions Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Monthly fee: \$210
Non-refundable registration fee of \$50 and one time supply fee of \$50

Call the Church Office at (618) 476-1778 for more information.



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

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

IN THE HOSPITAL IN JULY AND AUGUST

CURRENT PRAYER LIST

Pray for strength and healing for the following:

Steve & Gerry Albert, Donna Altemeier, Brayden Baer, Arik Barnes, Linda Barth, Wanda Basse, Marilyn Beil, Roche Beine, Trish Bell, Cindy Bertelsmann, Roberta Billhartz, Lindsay Bourn and Family, Baby Levi Boyle, Joyce Brand, Shirley Brandenburger, Toby Brown, Jamie Case, Steve Crook, Colsen Davinroy, Roger Davis, Family of Maria DeJesus Mejia, Ann Dietrich, Melissa Dietrich, Bill Ditch, Annie Dulle, Mark Eckman, Mark Emring, Linda Eurgil, Marilyn Gallagher, Lynn Gass, Brenda Goudey, Mary (Boerke) Graham, Pearl Griebel, Adalyn Harres, Carol & Jim Haury, Rich Heitz, Jack Higgins, Willie Holdener, Charlotte Hooock, Mary Hund, Daryl Jones, Gary & Sharon Jones, Steve Jones, Travis Jones, Joyce Kasper, Jeff Kistner, Scott (Barbara Knoth's Son), Jim Kostelac, Elizabeth Koval, Tom & Renee Kreher, Kathy Kuehner, Connie Mack, Erin Mahoney, Dianne Mehrmann, Jan Morrin, Lance Morris, Anna Belle Muskopf, Dean Norrenbern, Andrea Nunnally, Karen O'Donnell, Jim O'Saben, Jerry Obst, Loraine Obst, Baby Ariela Oliver, Pat Parrish (Wayne Jones's Sister), Janet Pauketat, Don Pellmann, Mari Pellmann, Stephanie Poletti, Josie Potter, Lois Potter, Bruce Reese, Lucille Reece, Dottie Rickard, Rich Riemann, Donna Ritson, Shelby Ruckreigel, Jim Savering's Family (Bill Savering's Cousin), Jan & Cindy Schneider, Ron Schroeder, Jim Scott, Mitch Scott, Sheila Seagal, Janice Seidlitz, Nancy Smith, Shelly Smith, Mike Speichinger, Edgar Stallmann, Willis & Doris Steiger, Mary Stevenson, Steve Tade, Ray Teliczan, Mike Toenjes, Lillian Tracy, Elizabeth Tubbs, Baby Ty, Lacey Grace Valentine, Mark Vandermyde, Bill & Donna Ward, Andi Weber, Joan Wilkins, Jeffrey Willey, Jim Wilshire, Crue Wilson, Bart & Kelley.

SERVING OUR COUNTRY Sgt. Anthony Hanson, Jr., Kenny Wolf, Brandon Lester, Joe Morris, Kory Klein and Michael Barnes, Erin Green, Adam Stern, and Derek Ferguson serving overseas; Samantha Glaeser, Jesse Eimer, Jason Parrish, Kasey & Robin Davis, Chris Lewis, Sharon Wirth, Al Wirth, Joshua Trent, and Tristen & Stefan Caswell 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.

July
canned meat
pasta side dishes
pickles
peanut butter

August
instant potatoes
jelly
Hamburger Helper
jello or pudding

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



**AMERICAN RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE
2024 SCHEDULE
WEDNESDAYS**

ST. JAMES
JULY 24, 2024
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

VFW
NOVEMBER 13, 2024

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