Our Rally Day and Sunday School Theme for the year is "Following Jesus." Part of that theme is singing the song "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus," each Sunday morning. Of the 21 children and youth we have in Sunday School (SS), we have been averaging 14 a week. Only 1 High Schooler (Jacob Doerr) out of 8 has come to SS. And only 4 confirmands (Katelyn Allen, Caleb Doerr, Josephina Riemann and Ella Weaver) out of 6 has come to Confirmation.

Jam in the Park, organized by Dale Gruenewald was a great success. We planned family night activities at the Park that night as well. However only 2 families came – Darren & Jessica Doerr, and Mike & Jodi Notter. Darrell & Debbie Doerr and Jeri Arnold were there to help us.

We had 3 funerals and a Memorial Service in September.

Dale Gruenewald is organizing a Polka Sunday for October 15th.

Our biggest mission of the year, Operation Christmas Child, kicks off on Octber 15th and wraps up on November 5th. In 2021 we collected 124 boxes and 126 in 2022. We already have 18 boxes.

Our Church is once again hosting a Halloween Night party on Tuesday evening, October 31st. We expect well over 200 children plus families to come by our Church. Sisiter-in-Faith is a big help in making this happen.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Garden Place Made 3 of 4 Bible Studies (Tuesdays at 1:00 pm) - Marianne Baltz, Marilyn Beil,

Shirley Brandenburger, Diane Mehrmann, Dottie Rickard

Garden Place Made the Worship / Communion Service (2nd Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm)

Baptisms none

Weddings 5/04/24 – Cody Funk & Mallory Allgire *

9/14/24 – Jvon Morris* & Hannah Seidlitz

Funeral 9/07/23 – James Alan Reece, age 65 – creamated

9/08/23 – Bonnie Holmes, (Rick's mom) – at Shrader Funeral Home in Ballwin, MO 9/09/23 – Irene Elvira Irma (Dohrman) Skaer, age 84 – Mt. Evergreen Cemetery, service

done by her son, Daryl Skaer

9/16/23 – Burial of Ashes for Joe Barnes at Valhalla

OTHER INVOLVEMENTS

9/09/23 – Met with EA Pastor, Rev. Dr. Rick Mortimer

9/17/23 – Ringing of the Church Bells at 3:00 pm in honor of Constitution Day by the Daughters of the Revolution.

OTHER ITEMS

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VACATIONS

Note: We are renting a slip at West Access Marina in Carlyle from 5/15 thru 9/15, which is why we will be at Carlyle a lot this summer. Vacations are basically Fridays thru Mondays.

2. Oct. 20-23: Camping at Carlyle Lake. I'll be back for Sunday School and Worship on Oct. 22nd

1. Opening Prayer (7:00 pm) Pastor Darrell Weber 2. Church Mutual Update Les Mehrtens 3. Treasurer's Report Office Administrator – Amanda Frierdich 4. BCE Report Pastor Darrell Weber 5. Minutes Secretary – Charlotte Mehrtens Pastor Darrell Weber 6. Pastor Report 7. Renewing Zion Church 8. Committee Reports Audit & Budget Betty Keller-Timmer Long Range Ministry Charlotte Mehrtens Mission & Outreach Mary Lou Peter Staff / Parish Relations Darren Doerr Property Rich Hoffelmeyer Volunteer Ministries Sherry Wynn Annette Hund Worship & Music Cemetery Board (as is needed) Kurt Pellmann 9. Old Business A.) Al Scharf interest in a portion of Zion Church Park B.) Custodian C.) D.) E.) 10. New Business A.) B.) C.) 11. Executive Committee Meeting (if needed) 12. List of Council Action Items and Who Will Do Them 13. Closing Prayer Pastor Darrell Weber President – Kurt Pellmann

Assistant Treasurer – Rich Hoffelmeyer

Vice Pres – Barb Scharf

Secretary – Charlotte Mehrtens