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Newsletter for Zion Lutheran Church

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And the peace of God,
which surpasses
all understanding,
will guard your hearts
and your minds
in Christ Jesus.
— Philipians 4:7, ESV —

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The mission and vision of Zion Lutheran Church is to share

J~oyfully worship
E~ducate all people
S~hare God's Word
U~tilize all gifts

PASTOR'S PAGE

I just preached on, “Doors are Closing, and Doors are Opening,” before my surgery from which I will be recovering for a few weeks. In that sermon, I announced that the doors are closing for my ministry here at Zion, as I will be retiring December 31st of this year.

I have some personal health concerns that run in my family, and I want to attend to family needs that are pressing, like interacting with my 4 children and 9 grandchildren, and extended family members far and wide.



Pastor Paul Hauser
and Debbie

The Council members of Zion will be working with the Michigan District to proceed in the proper way of finding a new shepherd for this flock at Zion. I have been privileged to care for you here since the year, 2000. Many joys and sorrows have occurred during that time, as challenges came and were met by the love of our Triune God and the wonderful body of Christ here at Zion.

It is my hope that you do not just see a door closing, as I will no longer minister here at the end of the year, but to see a door opening for Zion and each one of you that makes up Christ's body here, for holy opportunities He has yet to show each of us.

I pray that together we would pray, hear God's Voice in His Word and still small loving whisper. Let us go through the doors in His timing, which He knows well, as He is called, “the Door,” to eternal life. That includes however many days we have serving together yet, and the many He will surprise you and me with in the future.

“To God be the glory, great things He has done!” We look forward for far more to be done by Him and through us, as the best is yet to come, by faith in Jesus' name. Amen!

Your pastor for a little while yet,
Pastor Paul Hauser



OCCUPATIONS IN THE BIBLE

Puzzle Fifty

ARCHER	R C H M E D I A T O R P T R I Y	
CARPENTER	R W V E D D E A C O N R L E Y Z	
CLERK	E G E U L O Z E N R I A M R G R	
DEACON	K S T X Y P O R E Z I I E U B E	
DIVINER	A M A I D S E R V A N T S S A T	
DOORKEEPER	M O R G A V E R K S N P S A O N	
EVANGELIST	T N T E O H E U T E H F E E T U	
FISHERMAN	N E S G T H K R P I E T N R E H	
GATHERER	E Y I A C S U R L R N P G T L A	
GOVERNOR	T C G R Z C A O E I E U E L K N	
HANDMAID	W H A W T C S M J L B N R R L D	
HELPER	E A M O H O B M P H C B I S Y M	
HEWER	A N R E P T S I L E G N A V E A	
HUNTER	V G W H O V E R S E E R E R I I	
INSTRUCTOR	E E E Q V O N A M R E H S I F D	
MAGISTRATE	R R E T S A M L O O H C S V N T	
MAIDSERVANT	NURSE	TER
MEDIATOR	OVERSEER	SHEEPMASTER
MESSENGER	PHILOSOPHER	TENTMAKER
MONEY-	RABBI	TREASURER
CHANGER	SCHOOLMAS-	WEAVER

Water Hydrant (faucet) beside Gazebo does not work

The water faucet by the gazebo does not work. In order to replace this hydrant the water to hydrant needs to be shut off. So far we have found no way to shut off the water to that hydrant. If anyone has any ideas about where or how to shut the water off please let us know.



Kitchen Fire Extinguisher was Tested

This is required periodic testing done by Summit Fire Protection.

Dishwasher Maintenance

The Kitchen dishwasher was not working. Hobart Service was called and replaced a failed part. Cost \$472

Lawn mowing

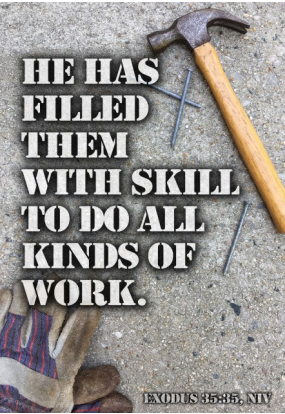
Don Hollingsworth and Dick Bluemer have been doing a wonderful job keeping the lawn mowed.

Thanks to the Trustees and their helpers

Trustees Dave Hutfilz & Bruce Tessin Helpers: Dick Bluemer, Paul Bohn, Roger Kade, Dave Kade, Irene Kruth, Mark Richardson, Don Hollingsworth

Labor Day laughs ~Take a break and enjoy this work-related humor!

- My first job was in an orange juice factory. I got canned because I couldn't concentrate.
- When I couldn't hack it as a lumberjack, I got the ax.
- I wasn't suited to being a tailor.
- Working in the muffler factory was too exhausting.
- I was a banker ... until I lost interest.
- I realized there was no future in being a historian.
- Any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard at the deli.
- I studied to become a doctor but had no patients.
- My job at the coffee shop was always the same old grind.
- When I worked as a plumber, the tasks were too draining.
- I was hired at a gym but wasn't fit for the job.
- Finally, I got a job at a bakery; I kneaded dough!



We welcome into membership Steven Mayer who was recently baptized and confirmed. Steve is the husband of Nicole (Hodges) Mayer and father of Jaedyn and Reagyn Mayer. We welcome Steve into membership and are pleased to have him join our church family.

Welcome! New Members!

We welcome into membership John Wirtz V as he was baptized on August 14. "Little John" is the son of John Wirtz IV and Kayla (Hutfilz) Wirtz. Pictured is mom, Kayla, holding Little John, dad, John Wirtz IV, sponsors Matthew and Savannah Wirtz, and Joel Hutfilz. May he, into whom the holy Spirit places saving faith through baptism, nurture him all his life on God's Word and the Lord's Supper to be kept faithful to Jesus for eternity.

Offerings Received
for the Lord's Work

As of August 21, 2022



Income received from:	
General Fund Offerings	\$ 11,919
Misc. Other Income, Rent	\$ 6,652
Total Income	\$ 118,571
Offerings 1/1/22 thru 8/21/22	\$ 111,919
Expenses 1/1/22 thru 8/21/22	\$ 132,047
Income minus Expense	(\$ 20,128)
Amount needed weekly \$3,888 per budget	
Total offerings received thru 8/21/22	\$ 111,919
Offerings needed thru 8/21/22 - 34 weeks	\$ 132,192
Offerings short per budget	\$ 20,273

Thank You!



God's Helping Hands thanks Brickel Berry Farm and Backwood's Blueberries for letting us pick for free for those in need. We gave these berries away on August 13th when we helped 80 families and 240 people. They were delighted to receive the berries. 120 lbs were picked.



Trustees Group Have Been Busy

A light for the flags

The lights have been installed and the flags are flying 24/7
Narthex roof replacement with a sloped roof.

We have been working on finding a contractor to give us a quote on new roof on the Narthex. This past Tuesday, Hardwood Hills Construction (they did Fellowship Hall and Church project in 2010), looked at the roof. They will be back with a structural engineer to determine what needs be done.

(Update) The architect was on site in June and said he should have his findings for us sometime in August.



Window Repair/Replace for the school

The windows for all the old school classrooms plus for the Quilters room, Library and the east wall of the kitchen are in need of repair or replacement.

(Update) Windows have been ordered (Cost \$14,700) and the replacement of the windows is being done Mark Hilbrandt and is scheduled for the end of September.

Leak in boiler water pipe in the Quilter's room.

The heating hot water loop for the old school had a leak in the Quilters room. The leak was from a pinhole in the piping due to the age of the system. A temporary fix was made that should allow us to wait until warm weather to make the repairs. Piper Heating Cooling and Plumbing to be doing the work this spring.

(Update) The repair of the pipe will be done on August 24

Upgrade of the Churches Audio/Video system

The upgrade included installation of a new camera and controller and a new audio mixing board with a unit that can be preprogrammed for scenarios i.e., using the Clavinova, turning mics off when not needed, when choir sings, when Randy plays and so on.

(Update) The upgrade is completed. This included the equipment needed to Live Streaming and new audio equipment that will make it easier for one person to operate the system during the service. It also included replacing the Assisted Listening (for people with hearing issues) Cost \$12,792

Replacing the carpet in the office area

(Update) The carpet installation is complete. There are 5 boxes left with approximately 250 square feet if anyone is interested. Cost \$4,421



Replacing the Carillon (installed in 1957)

(Update) We have done some looking and have gotten one quote

Water leaking into Fellowship Hall bathroom

Water was found to be leaking from the ceiling of the bathroom by the Fellowship Hall. The trustees believe they have found in source of the leak in the roof above the bathroom and are working a repair.

(Update) Repairs were done to the roof by the Trustees and there has been sign of water leaks.

Air Conditioning & Heating for 3 rooms: Quilters, Pantry & Children's Clothing

A system to provide air conditioning and heating the rooms has been installed. It is a "Mini-Split" similar to the air conditioning units installed in the church. During the heating season Mini-Split will provide the heat until outside temperature is below 20 deg then the hot water system will take over.
Cost \$11,513



Bell Tower roof leak

Some mold was noticed on the drywall in the bell tower room next to organ. This was traced to a leak from the Bell Tower roof. The trustees will be working on fixing this.

(Update) It could not be determined exactly where the leak but coming from so caulking was done on any areas that appeared to need it.