

[View this email in your browser](#)

 **ZION** Lutheran Church



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, CLOQUET

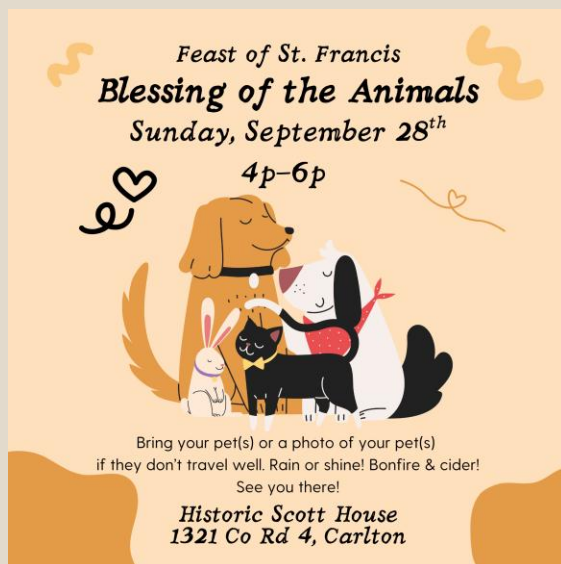
# *october* NEWSLETTER

**October Newsletter** | Vol. 25, Issue 10

---



## Blessing of the Animals | September 28th



Join us tomorrow evening at the  
**Blessing of the Animals at Historic Scott House [1321 Co Rd 4, Carlton]**  
from 4-6p.

Feel free to bring your pet(s) if they travel and socialize well. If they prefer to stay home a photo or an object representing them is a welcome substitute.

Rain or shine! Bonfire and cider!  
See you there!

## A Vigil of Lament | October 18 | 6:30p

## A Vigil of Lament: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Woman and Relatives (MMIWR)

**Saturday, October 18th, 6:30p**

Join us for a candlelight vigil to pray for justice, lament racial violence, mourn missing and murdered Indigenous woman and relatives, and look ahead in hope. All are welcome!



## Apple Festival | October 5th



**October 5th from 1:30-4p**

Join us for an afternoon of music, apple picking, and cider pressing!

**Apple Tasting | All Day**

9 different varieties with or without caramel

**Apple Picking | All Day**

Bring your own bags or boxes for apples. Apple picking tools will be available.

**Cider Pressing | All Day**

Take juice home in your containers or ours

### **Presentation | 1:45-2p**

Greeting from Zion's Hunger & Justice Committee and Update on Ministry in Medical Mission

### **Live Music | 2-2:45p**

By The Deviled Eggs | Presenting a fun, upbeat variety of musical genres

Donations gratefully accepted for Sante 2000 : A small medical clinic in Limbe Haiti. Checks should be made out to Moose Lake Covenant Church with a memo: Ministry in Medical Mission. Thank you for your generosity.

---

## **Second Sunday Surprise | October 12th**

Second Sunday Surprise  
Intergenerational Sunday School  
has begun!!! Mark your calendars!

**Sunday | 10:45 | Social Hall**

**October 12th**

**November 9th**

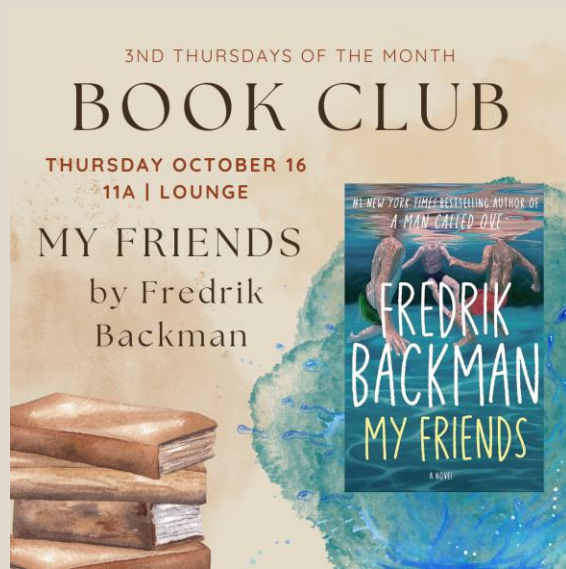
**December 14th**

We begin around 10:45 with coffee and discussion, participate in a craft and fellowship time and finish with a free-will offering lunch. All are welcome!

---



# Book Club | October 16th



Book Club is back at it again! Join us on Thursday, October 16th at 11a in the Lounge to discuss:

My Friends by Fredrik Backman.

Happy reading!

---

# Meatball Supper | October 29

‘Tis the season for meatballs!

**Wednesday October 29th from 4-7p in the Zion Social Hall!**

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 10.

Please also consider volunteering for this event! It is a Zion fundraiser and many hands are needing to make the work light. Opportunities include: helping bake apple crisp, set up, seating people, serving food, refilling drinks, and selling tickets. Thank you so much!

---

# From the Pastors Desk | October



## From the Pastors Desk

Pastor Christina Johnson

### Stewardship Drive FAQ

#### **What is a stewardship drive?**

A stewardship drive is a time for the congregation's finance committee and leadership to educate on church finances and to ask for pledges for the upcoming year. We hope that you received in the mail an envelope with some materials related to our stewardship drive including two things we hope you will return to Zion: a *pledge card* and a *time and talent form*. If you did not receive one, please let us know!

#### **What is a pledge?**

A pledge is an amount of money you/your household believe you will contribute to Zion in the next calendar year. Pledges are not promises or contracts, rather they are informed estimates which may change or fluctuate as your life changes and fluctuates. We ask for your pledge so that we can create a budget for the upcoming year that most closely aligns with the amount of money we will have in the coming year.

#### **Who will see my pledge and how do I give?**

Only our financial secretary, Paul Holm, will see your pledge. He takes his role as financial secretary very seriously and makes confidentiality a priority. Once all pledges are collected, Paul will share the total of all pledges made with the finance committee to begin working on a budget for 2026. Zion accepts your giving in various ways including in the plate (with or without



envelopes), on our website and through your bank. If you have questions about how to give, please ask Paul or contact the office.

### **What is the time and talent sheet for?**

Money is only one aspect of stewardship. In our stewardship drive, we hope you will consider not only how you will financially support Zion, but also how you will support Zion through your time and talent in the coming year. Choir members share their time and talent by singing, property and groundskeepers share their time and talent to maintain our building and green spaces, bakers share their time, talent and resources to provide hospitality at fellowship and funerals. Each and every member and friend of Zion has something to offer the community – our hope is that through this stewardship drive, you might find it.

**We have some particular needs that I'd like to highlight for you** so you can prayerfully consider if you can support Zion in these ways which are needed in such a time as this.

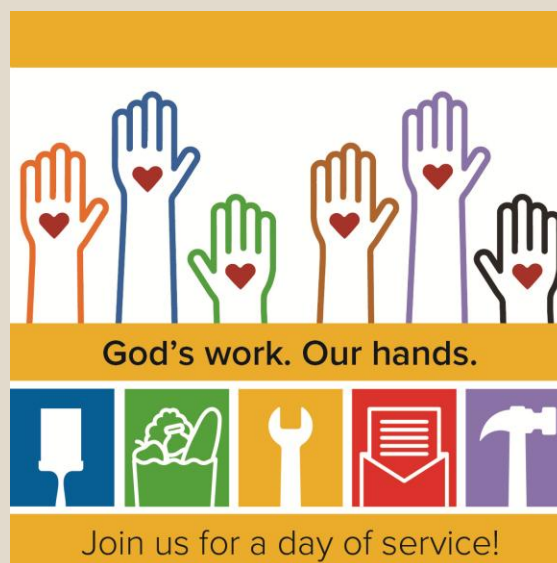
- Filling the little food pantry: Our little food pantry gets filled nearly every day and is typically empty by the end of each day. We are looking for more people to come by to help make sure the pantry is stocked for our neighbors who need it.
- Volunteer coordinators: As your pastor, I need support in volunteer recruitment. I hope to find one or more people that I could call when I need help sourcing volunteers. This could be done from anywhere– even your couch!
- Video editing and uploading: Ever wonder how our services get on Facebook, CAT-7 and WKLK? A volunteer edits the recorded video and uploads them to each place. We could use more people to help with this ministry.

**Thank you!** Ministry at Zion is a joy to do alongside you as we seek to partner with God's creative and Holy Spirit in this time and place. As you prayerfully consider how God is calling you to share what God has given you, I encourage you to fill out and return your time and talent form and pledge cards by **November 9** as we prepare for the next year of ministry together.

---

## God's Work. Our Hands. | Thank you!

We want to thank everyone for their help with this year's God's Work, Our Hands. It was a beautiful day together with Bethesda and Our Saviors with about 80 people working together to do 8 Outdoor Projects and assembling the kits in Zion's Social Hall. We put together 68 baby care kits, 157 school backpacks, 103 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Also 72 ditty bags for the Seafarers Ministry in Duluth.



A big thank you to all who worked on that day and for those who donated items for the kits. Everyone working together makes this day such a success. We are already looking forward to next September.

Kathy and Ruth

---

## Moving for Hunger | Thank you!





Zion raised a current total of  
**\$3419.92 for ELCA World Hunger!**

Thank you all for your generosity!

If desired, you can continue to donate directly to ELCA World Hunger or through Zion with memos marked for ELCA World Hunger.

---

## Ongoing Ministries & Service Opportunities

---

### Orchard & Grounds Help Needed!

Help on the grounds is needed! Thank you so much already for the help. This is a consistent need that will continue until the harvest is complete and the orchard is empty.

It is extremely important that as the apples fall in our organic, mature orchard that they are removed before rotting. Rotting apples can cause bitter rot and other diseases in the trees. They will also attract pests like wasps that become a nuisance. Good orchard management is key to the continuation of this gem on our property! We have over 20 trees and consistent tending is required over the next few months to maintain the health of the orchard!

ongoing help needed



**apple orchard**

REMOVE FALLEN APPLES  
FROM THE GROUND TO  
PREVENT ROT, DISEASE, AND  
INSECT INFESTATION  
PUT DAMAGED APPLES IN  
THE DUMPSTER



CONTACT VICKI | 218.451.0278

Please contact Vicki (218.451.0278) for guidance and with any questions! Work can be done on your own schedule and once instruction has been given. Thank you!

---

## Ongoing Help Needed!

 <p>HELP NEEDED:</p> <p><b>Daily Stockers of the Little Free Pantry</b></p> <p>Stop by 1 (or more) scheduled days per week to load the Pantry. Training &amp; Building Key provided.</p>	 <p>HELP NEEDED:</p> <p><b>Counters</b></p> <p>Pairs of counters needed to help record &amp; deposit monetary tithes and offerings. One Sunday every 2-3 months. Training Provided.</p>	
<p><b>Contact the office with questions or to volunteer.</b></p>		

Daily stockers of the Little Free Pantry are needed to help keep our

Pairs of counters are needed to help record & deposit monetary

pantry a consistent source of food for our community. Commit to one (or more) scheduled days per week to load the Pantry. Training and Building Key provided.

---

tithes and offerings. One Sunday every 2-3 months. Training provided.

## Zion Choir Practice | 1st Wednesdays



Regular Choir practices have resumed! Join a fun group of singers and lend your voice to our (typically) once a month musical offering during liturgy! All are welcome! 🎵🎹

**Practice is held at the Presbyterian Church of Cloquet [47 4th Street] at 6:30p, on the 1st Wednesdays.**

Practices will be scheduled once monthly with potential extra times for Advent & Lent/Easter. Contact Jim Sheetz for more information!

---


## Quilters | Tuesdays | 9a

Zion's Quilters meet on Tuesdays  
at 9a in the Social Hall.

All skill levels are welcome to join  
this friendly and knowledgeable  
group!

Come sew, socialize, & collaborate!






### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Zion Lutheran Church in Cloquet Minnesota is committed to expressing the holy hospitality of God and welcomes all people into the community of this congregation and to the celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Christ's death and resurrection is for all people, therefore we affirm the sacredness of all people: all sexual orientations; gender identities and gender expressions (LGBTQIA2S+); races and ethnicities including Black, Brown, Indigenous, & Persons of Color (BIPOC); ages and abilities; those who struggle with addiction, physical or mental illness; socioeconomic or citizenship statuses. We stand together in Christ, striving to reflect the expansive diversity of God's image and creative work, through our commitment to racial equity, diversity, inclusivity; to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8)

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE.





### Zion Lutheran Church

1000 Washington Ave.

Cloquet, MN 55720

Pastor:

**Rev. Christina Johnson**

[pastorchristina@zioncloquet.org](mailto:pastorchristina@zioncloquet.org)

Council President:

**Naomi Palmquist**

Director of Music Ministry:

**Gretchen Chelseth**

Choral Director:

**James Sheetz**

Financial Secretary:

**Paul Holm**

Office Admin:

**Elise Ames**

Office Phone: 218.879.4647

Office Email: [office@zioncloquet.org](mailto:office@zioncloquet.org)

---

## Notes from the Pastor's Office

Pastor Christina's typical weekly office schedule in the fall is as follows:



**Monday** | 9-4p

**Tuesday** | 11-2p

**Wednesday** | Visitation: Contact to Schedule a Meeting

**Thursday** | 9-12p

*Pastor's days off are Friday and Saturday.*

**Sunday** | 8-12p (Worship & Fellowship 9:00-11:30.)

A more detailed monthly schedule is posted on Pastor's Office door.



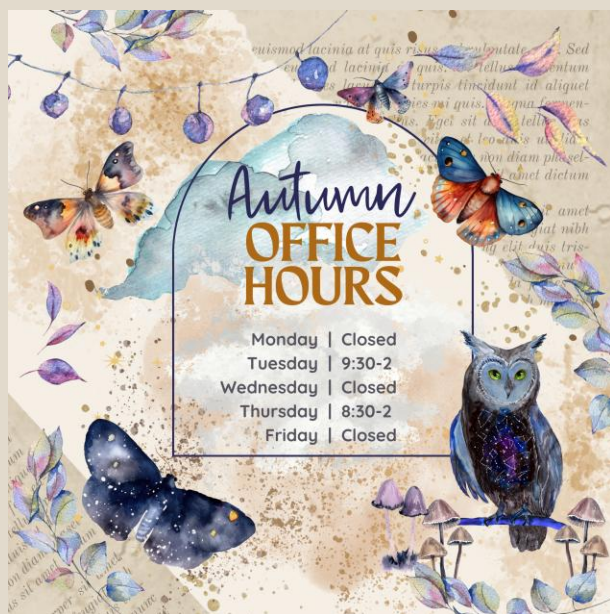
Email with any questions or to arrange a meeting:

[pastorchristina@zioncloquet.org](mailto:pastorchristina@zioncloquet.org)

---

## Notes from the Office

Bulletins will continue to be printed on Wednesdays with announcement submissions due by Tuesday afternoon of that week. Newsletter submissions are due two weeks prior to the end of the month to guarantee that they are in the printed/mailed copy of the Newsletter. Thank you all for everything you do for the ministries of Zion.



### Autumn Office Hours

Tuesdays | 9:30-2

Thursdays | 8:30-2

Contact the office:

[office@zioncloquet.org](mailto:office@zioncloquet.org)

---

 **ZION** Lutheran Church

*Copyright (C) 2025 Zion Lutheran Church Cloquet. All rights reserved.*

You are receiving this email because you opted in via our website.

Our mailing address is:

Zion Lutheran Church Cloquet 1000 Washington Ave Cloquet, MN 55720-2522 USA



Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe](#)

