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Pastor Paul writes...

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” - Romans 8:31-39 (The Second Lesson for LWML Sunday, October 2, 2022)



“For Us and With Us” is the theme of LWML Sunday this year. On October 2 we will be joining with the women of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League to give thanks to God that He is always “For Us and With Us” by His grace and mercy in Jesus Christ and to be inspired to live in mission for His kingdom goals.

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The LWML was officially founded in 1942, but it had its beginnings nearly a century earlier, as God’s women stepped up in practical ways to serve the mission of Christ by meeting the needs of people with acts of love and mercy.

Today the LWML is focused on affirming each woman’s relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions. In so many respects, the LWML is the church at its best, which is the church in mission: building up the Body of Christ, so that the Body of Christ may be earnest and effective in its mission of making Christ known to all people.

The official mission statement of the LWML parallels our mission at Zion. The LWML mission statement is: “As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.”

Thank God that He is always “For Us and With Us” in Christ, who died for our sins and rose again for our justification and who lives and reigns to empower His church on earth for the holy mission of bringing the good news of His saving love in Christ to all people. To God be the glory!

~ Pastor Paul

Weekly Worship

Sundays: 9 am Traditional Worship In-person & On-line 11 am Contemporary Worship On-line
All Worship Services are Available 24/7 via the Zion App, Website, YouTube and Facebook.

Bible Class: Sundays at 8 am Wednesdays at 10 am

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On August 25, 2022 Zion enjoyed an outdoor worship service, preceded by a potluck meal.

Game Night

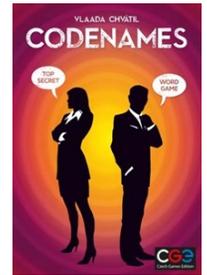
October 11, 2022 @ 6:30 pm

Game Night is an enjoyable time of friends and fellowship.

This month is a classic: Scrabble.

Wait after game night on September 13, Codenames is being brought back by popular demand!

Join us for the team game that keeps your mind sharp as you track down your agents and avoid the assassin.



Movie Night at Zion

Movie Night

Saturday, October 22 @ 7:00 PM

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As a boy, Carl Fredrickson wanted to explore South America and find the forbidden Paradise Falls. About 64 years later he gets to begin his journey along with Boy Scout Russell by lifting his house with thousands of balloons. On their journey, they make many new friends including a talking dog, and figure out that someone has evil plans. Carl soon realizes that this evildoer is his childhood idol.

Free Movie! Fresh Squeezed Lemonade! Fresh Popped Popcorn!

Rated PG Run Time 1 hr 36 min



Catechism Corner

Luther's Morning Prayer

In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say:

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Then go joyfully to your work, singing a hymn, like that of the Ten Commandments, or whatever your devotion may suggest.

STUDYING GOD'S WORD

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Join us at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays, either in-person in the Garden Room or online via Zoom. We continue our study and discussion of the book of Exodus. As we study the care and detail with which God instructed His people to construct the tabernacle in the wilderness and prepare furnishings for it, we see how every feature of it conveyed the honor of God's name and the blessing of His presence among His people in this holy place. It's amazing to see how these details foreshadowed the Person and work of Christ in the New Testament!

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS I

Join us on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in Pastor's office! Pastor is leading a study of the prison epistles of St. Paul. We are going to study the amazing letter to Philemon, where we will learn the power of forgiveness and the blessing of partnership in the Gospel of Christ.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS II

"What's so Amazing about Grace"
"Grace is Final"

Bible Class II will be starting a new Video Study on Grace by bestselling author Philip Yancy on Sunday September 25 at 8:00 am in the conference room. This study explores the concept of Grace and illustrates what

it looks like in action. Grace is God's voluntary and loving favor given to those he saves. We can't earn salvation, nor do we deserve it. No religious, intellectual, or moral effort can gain it, because it comes only from God's mercy and love. Without God's Grace no person can be saved. To receive it, we must acknowledge that we cannot save ourselves. Only God can save us and that our only way to receive this loving favor is through faith in Christ.

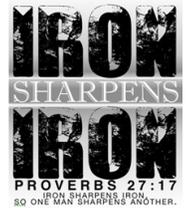
Come join us in the start of this 6 Session Video Study on September 25 at 8:00 am in the Conference Room.

IRON MEN

Thursday, October 6 at 6:30 pm

We are nearing the end of our study of the Not-So-Nice -Bible-Stories: Gory Deaths. We have just four more to go. If you have missed the other Gory Deaths, JOIN us for the last few Gory Deaths. This month the topics are: Hanging On To Guilt and The Terrible Tree. There is a connection between these two Gory Deaths.

Join us for food (our "manly" meal), fun, fellowship, and faith building!



Christmas Pillowcase Project 2022

Christmas is right around the corner so that means the Christian Concerns Committee is planning the annual Christmas Pillowcase project for the men at City Team Ministries, Oakland. There are 50 men in the Recovery Program at City Team this year. As in the past the handmade Christmas pillowcases are filled with personal hygiene products, t-shirts and socks, a towel and wash cloth, and a sweet treat. The pillowcases are a Christmas gift to the men in this long term residential program, who are working to transform their lives from addiction and place Jesus Christ at the center.

Once again we are asking for your financial help. You may support the project in a couple of ways:

* Choose a "Christmas ornament" donation amount from the Christmas tree in the Narthex, and place your donation, cash or check, in the offering plate.

* Make a donation via Subsplash, Zion's online giving option.

* If you are worshipping with us online you may also support the project by sending a check to the church office or Subsplash, Zion's online giving option.

Whatever method you choose to support the project, the Christian Concerns Committee is most apprecia-

tive. This project has grown over the years due to need. This annual project is a perfect example of the "church without walls". God Bless this loving and compassionate Zion family!!!!

Please clearly mark your donation "PILLOWCASES".



Backpack Thank You

Special thanks to all of you for your generous support of our annual LWML School Supplies project. We collected just over \$1300, and were able to purchase 69 backpacks and several bags full of supplies as well. Thanks from all the students who benefited from your generosity.

Carolyn Dal Ferro

Food of the Month

The backpacks have been filled and the bell has rung----time for school!!!! Now let's help our Oakland neighbors who are struggling to put food on the table and maybe pack a lunch.

Please prayerfully consider adding extra groceries to your cart for those who are struggling. We know this is a BIG request—considering how much groceries have gone up lately!!! All groceries are given to City Team Ministries, Oakland for their daily meal program and their community assistance delivery program. Please look for the bright yellow barrels in the Narthex for your donations.



God Bless your love and generosity for our neighbors in need!!!

SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

PROPERTY COMMITTEE NOTES ~ DID YOU KNOW...

- The current Property Committee consists of Kelly Greenan, Chair, George Berge, Sharon Murphy, Bill Swift, and George Van Fossen.
 - The Property Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room on the first Monday of every month. The meetings are open and everyone is welcome to come.
 - A variety of skill sets are needed. If you would be willing to help out, let us know.
 - Your “eyes” are important. If you see something in need of attention, let us know.
- Watch this space each month for updates on projects and plans for the future.

Altar Flower Donations October 2022

Sunday, Oct. 2	LWML
Sunday, Oct. 9	Holbrook
Sunday, Oct. 16	Uhle
Sunday, Oct. 23	Hamblin/Shockley
Sunday, Oct. 30	Open



Coffee Hour Hosts October 2022

Sunday, Oct. 2	LWML
Sunday, Oct. 9	Open
Sunday, Oct. 16	Open
Sunday, Oct. 23	Open
Sunday, Oct. 30	Open/Reformation Sunday

+ Communion Assistant Schedule + October 2022

Sunday, Oct. 2	9 am	Dave Nemy
Sunday, Oct. 9	9 am	Frank Cham
Sunday, Oct. 16	9 am	Jonathan Schaff
Sunday, Oct. 23	9 am	Brian Walsh
Sunday, Oct. 30	9 am	Dave Nemy

+ Usher Schedule + October 2022

Sunday, Oct. 2	9 am	Rachel Heinitz Michael Grunow
Sunday, Oct. 9	9 am	George Berge Peter Grunow
Sunday, Oct. 16	9 am	Rachel Heinitz Michael Grunow
Sunday, Oct. 23	9 am	George Berge Peter Grunow
Sunday, Oct. 30	9 am	Kelly Greenan Llela Walsh

+ Lay Reader Schedule + October 2022

Sunday, Oct. 2	9 am	Andrea Uhle
Sunday, Oct. 9	9 am	Shannon Shockley
Sunday, Oct. 16	9 am	Amy Easton
Sunday, Oct. 23	9 am	Bill Keep
Sunday, Oct. 30	9 am	Brian Jacobson

LMWL sponsored a fun afternoon with lunch and games of Bunco on Sunday, September 11. This fund-raiser was to support future church leaders at the seminaries.



Zion Lutheran Church thanks God for the generosity of Barbara and Gilbert Brase, who made a bequest to the church, so Zion could continue to serve the Lord.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Solus Christus
Christ Alone

Soli Deo Gloria
Glory to God Alone

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Responding to Grace in the Lord's Prayer

"Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased that one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught His disciples.'" (Luke 11:1, NKJV)

Jesus was constantly in prayer - talking to His Father. What an example! Are we giving an example of being in prayer - talking to our Father? Do we wonder if our prayer is 'good enough' or the 'right formula'?

Jesus taught His disciples how to pray, first by constantly giving an example of a prayerful life and also by giving us an example of a prayer:

The Lord's Prayer.

"So He said to them, 'When you pray, say
Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day by day, our daily bread
And forgive us our sins
For we also forgive everyone
who is indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one.'" (Luke 11:2-4 NKJV)

Jesus first instructed His disciples to address His Father as Our Father. We can only do this because of God's gift of redemption, through Jesus. We become heirs with Christ.

Children all over the world make similar sounds as they are practicing to speak their native language. Just listen to a little baby making sounds: Baba, Dada, Mama, Abba. "Abba" is a universal sound unit in every language. It is often spoken in relation to a loved one, a caregiver or a parent. Jesus tells us to call our Father, Abba. The Father Who gave His only son for us so that we might live with Him forever. Our Holy Father, Who loves us more than we can comprehend. Abba.

So we begin to pray with the gift of grace to call Him, Our Father.

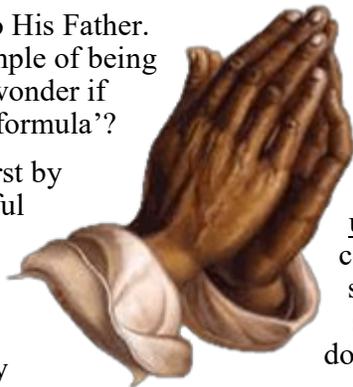
"Our Father Who is in heaven" (verse 2). God is our true and Holy Father, creator of all and Redeemer of all.

"Hallowed be Your Name" (verse 2). Your name is holy, Lord. By Your grace help us to keep Your name holy in what we say and in what we do. Grace to worship You and grace to keep Your name holy.

"Thy kingdom come" (verse 2). "God's kingdom comes when our Heavenly Father gives us the Holy Spirit - so that by His grace we believe His Holy Word

and lead godly lives here in time and in eternity. (*Praying Luther's Small Catechism*, John T. Pless, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, page 59).

Grace to believe and to lead godly lives. Grace to be members of His kingdom.



"Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (verse 2). Grace to break our stubborn wills and to put into practice God's good and gracious will. (*Praying Luther's Small Catechism*, page 60). Grace to keep us firm in our faith. God helps us to overcome temptation and sin. God gives us the strength that He gave to His Son when He said, "Not My will, but Thine be done." (Matthew 26:42)

"Give us this day our daily bread" (verse 3). Daily bread - not monthly bread. Not provisions for several months. Day by day depending on God for His provision to meet our needs. And this 'bread' is everything we need. God sends His blessings on us and onto those who do not acknowledge Him (Matthew 5:45). Grace to be our Benevolent and merciful Father, Who provides for every need.

"And forgive us our sins" (verse 4). Forgive us our sins by placing them onto Your beloved son so that He could take our punishment on the cross. A sacrifice for us - so that we might have forgiveness of sins.

Here is where Grace comes to the forefront. God's Riches At Christ's Expense. God does not look at us. He looks at the perfect robes of righteousness that His Son brought for us with His sacrificial death on the cross.

All because of grace.
We are only forgiven because of grace.
Because of what God has done for us
through Jesus.
Perfect Son. Perfect grace.

"And lead us not into temptation" (verse 4). "We ask God to guard us and to keep us so that the devil, the world and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief and other great shame and vice." (*Praying Luther's Small Catechism*, page 70).

"But deliver us from evil" (verse 4). Do you need rescuing from every evil? Yes, every moment of every day. The moment I begin to think "I've got this," I don't.

And because of God's grace and the victory He gives us in Jesus, He takes us with Him to live with Him forever in heaven.

The prayer that Jesus gave to His disciples is a prayer given to us. It is filled with grace

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and points constantly to our Father and to His Son, Jesus. It is all because of what was done for us by Jesus, not because of anything we can do. It is because of Who He is. It is because of grace. A prayer of grace given to us from the embodiment of grace.

“Bring the rain of a thousand storms,

It cannot wash away my worth -
Nor drown the praise for You in my heart.

Holy are You Lord,
Holy are You Lord of heaven and earth.”
 (“A Thousand Storms”, Hope Publishing Service 2016)

– Marlene S. Grunow prayer ministry

Youth News

Thank you to everyone who supported the youth at the E-waste recycling and Document Shredding event. Because of our long relationship with the recycling company, they hosted the event for us. The Zion youth are being blessed with the same cut that we get from the recycling event! Thank you C & T Recycling! We are already putting aside money for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

Confirmation class has begun. This year, as Leni Mora begins her instruction, she is our only confirmand.

Another story to share from the youth gathering. Carlos is the man! Who is Carlos? You could put him in the awesome group of “orange cone guys” that were featured last month. But Carlos was our bus driver to our off-site servant event at Coastal Prairie Conservatory near Waller, Texas.

Carlos picked us up near our hotel, which was attached to the fanciest mall I have ever seen. The low-end stores were Apple and Lego. Along with another group we began our drive. It started out as expected, getting on the Interstate, then a US Highway, still four lanes, next we get off and the roads begin to get smaller. A big charter bus on a two-lane county road really takes up a lot of space, then a left turn on to a smaller country road, we were using more than half of this road. Carlos continues to drive on boldly and confidently. Another turn and I was worried about being in farm county and a tractor coming the other way. The tractor and the bus both would have been stuck—no place to pull off to the

side or to turn around and backing up for a mile wouldn't be fun.

So you think, that is as narrow as it gets. Nope! The next turn takes us on to a road where, I would guess, a charter bus had not gone before. It was “paved”, but the pavement was all broken up and trees and brush touched the side of the bus at times. Carlos pushed onward.

We came to the end of this little road at a t-intersection and the GPS loudly proclaimed, “Arrived!” Wait! What? There is nothing here. Carlos saw this little, worn out, old painted sign with the name. He turns left and then immediately right beginning to face the opposite direction, all the while missing the steep ditch on both sides, onto the now gravel road. Making a 90° left very quickly again to continue down the gravel road to a barn structure. We finally made it. “Carlos, you the man!”, was the cheer that went up.

Carlos just doing his job, driving us safely to our destination. Carlos was like the Holy Spirit that day, gathering, directing, and keeping us safe and in the one true way! The Holy Spirit is the man! As He calls, gathers, enlightens, and keep us in the one true faith. We need the Holy Spirit to daily help us on our faith journeys. And we need to trust in the Holy Spirit as we do in the bus driver, pilot, or conductor to get us to our final destination, our heavenly home.



Church Humor Christian One-Liners

Don't let your worries get the best of you. Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

People are funny. They want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

Photons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.

Prayer: Don't give God instructions -- just report for duty!

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.

God himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead, so why should you?



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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