

**Bulletin Sentence: Matthew 22:5** – ‘But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business.’ The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think that there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God’s invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world’s bowl of pottage?

**Faces of the Reformation Bible Study** – No Bible Study this Wednesday because of the SOAR Service. Please join us Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the school meeting room as we learn about: “If Martin Luther was the writer of the Reformation, then Lucas Cranach was its painter. The Cranach studio produced more than a thousand paintings, most notably for the Small Catechism and Luther’s German translation of the Bible. Cranach’s use of his artistic talents to glorify God exemplify that all vocations in life are necessary and God-pleasing, including those in fine arts.” Babysitting provided; please contact Chris List (989) 600-9035 to set up or if you have any other questions.

**Church Attendance October 7 & 8 2017**  
**Saturday: 87 (C70) Sunday: 184 (C137)**

**Offerings October 7 & 8 2017 \$ 11,806.50** (Weekly need is \$11,461.54)

**Those serving this weekend:**

**Organist: L. Engelhardt**

**Alter Guild for October: Darlene Pugsley 989-835-6572**

**Sat:** ELDERS: Herb Leinberger and Dennis Hyatt  
USHERS: Sandra Westphal, Linzey & Amy Turmell & Michael Graham  
**Sun:** ELDERS: Bill Kohn and Chris List  
USHERS: Paige, Jason & Morgan Trevillian and Eli Keyser

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# Welcome

*I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.*

**October 14 & 15, 2017**

*Psalm 122:1*

The mission of Zion Lutheran  
is to better know & show Christ’s love.

**Worship Whys:** : Why are offerings considered a part of worship? The giving of offerings as a part of worship is a long standing custom in worship. The book of Deuteronomy for example says, " No man should appear before the LORD empty-handed: Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you." (16:16b-17) In our offerings we give to God something of ourselves. The offering forms the bridge from hearing the Word to doing the Word, from an intellectual to a physical expression of our faith, and from emotion and feeling to action.

**Large Print Bulletins** are available from an usher and may be helpful to our guests, making it easier to follow the service without using a hymnal.

**Children’s bulletins** are also available from an usher.

**Zion’s Web Site:** [www.zionbeaver.com](http://www.zionbeaver.com) The website contains the most recent church newsletter, and information about activities at Zion.

**Our Focus** today is on Making a Commitment. Why is making a commitment to give to the Lord important? Do we make commitments in other areas of life? Has the Lord made a commitment to us?

**This week at Zion**

**Commitment Weekend**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Worship 9 AM</b> <b>Family Bible Hour 10:15 AM</b> <b>New Member Class 10:15 AM</b> <b>Reformation Bus Trip Breslin Center</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>18</b>	Ladies Bible Class 9 AM Quilting 10 AM <b>Worship with SOAR 7PM</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>21</b>	Apple Pie pick up <b>Adult Bible Study 5:45 PM</b> <b>Worship w/Communion 7 PM</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Worship w/Communion 9 AM</b> <b>Family Bible Hour 10:15 AM</b> <b>New member class 10:15 AM</b> <b>Jr. Confirmation Class 6-8 PM</b>

**Retable Flowers:** In celebration of Ozzie Jammer's 90th birthday.

**Pastor's Bible Class** - will be meeting with the New Member Class this week. Please join us for the study Saturday at 5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary or Sunday at 10:15 a.m. in the Cafeteria as we grow in our faith!



**Sunday School:** In Sunday School today, students learn the story of "Naaman and Elisha." The Word of God spoken by the prophet was in and with the water of the Jordan to restore the flesh of Naaman. The Word of God spoken by the pastor is in and with the water of Baptism to cleanse us of our sin and restore us as children of the heavenly Father. Consider discussing, *"What was Elisha's unusual 'prescription' for Naaman's condition? How have you been healed with water?"*

**Discussion Bible Class** led by LeRoy Engelhardt will continue their study of *(The Lutheran Difference)*. They will meet in the conference room after Sunday service at 10:15 a.m.

**3rd quarter financial statements** are available in the narthex, please pick yours up.

**Welcome to the Lord's Family:** This Wednesday we will welcome to our heavenly Father's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Kayden Adam Morand, infant son of Adam Mathewson and Ellen Morand. Kayden was born on June 18, 2017. Sponsors for Kayden are Marlee, Kaysie and Jackie Morand. May God who has begun this good work in Kayden see it to completion in the day of our Lord's appearing.

**School Staff Report – Colett Dominowski**

2,000 pies in just two and a half days. This is one of our very few fundraisers for the school and requires all help from our church and school families. There are volunteer sign-up sheets on the wall across from the school office and down by the gym. Please let us know you can help! October 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. TEAM is hosting Trunk-or-Treat on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please consider having a table/booth to hand out treats or bring your kids dressed up in costume.

VETS, we are celebrating you this year on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Activities will start in the cafeteria with a dessert reception. We want to invite all congregation members to our weekly Chapel on Wednesdays at 10am. Please join us and start your day with our students and the Lord.

**Senior Pastor's Report – Pastor Menz**

Thank you for the vacation time allotted. It enables pastors to see family and get a mental rest from the ministry. It is great to have a full school and daily interact with parents and students. Smorgasbord weekend was amazing, many thanks to all who made it come together. New member class is up and running with 7 non-members attending as well as 5 members. Stewardship Series is upon us and Commitment Weekend is October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

Again, who wants a home visit?

**Associate Pastor's Report – Pastor Hemme**

October brings about a special celebration at Zion and many other Lutheran Churches. This October is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther posting the 95 Theses on the Church door in Wittenberg Germany. Zion will remember this occasion by attending a special worship service in Lansing Michigan on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. This service is sponsored by the Michigan District. We also will have a Reformation celebration on Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> after church. Confirmation classes for Zion Lutheran School students have started. Public school class began on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We have 4 returning students and 9 new students in the Confirmation program. Sunday School started on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Children's messages have started up again on non-communion weekends. Pastor Menz and Pastor Hemme and the Day School teachers will be leading them. Pastor Hemme and Pastor Menz plan to attend the Michigan District Pastor's Conference on October 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business**

**Nominations for 2018 Officers:** Nominations for the 2018 officer vacancies have been made and tallied. Letters will be sent to those who have been nominated.

**Michigan District Convention is June 24-26, 2018** – Dean Gray will be the Lay Delegate Representative for Zion.

**New Business**

**LEAP (Lutheran Education Advancement Plan)** – Sarah Diener is stepping down as Zion's representative and will be replaced by Heather Schember. **Radio advertising:** A congregation member has offered to pay for a three month trial of radio advertising for Zion Lutheran Church and School of Auburn on FM Talk and Sports Radio 100.5.

**10.03.17.D** A motion was made, supported and carried to approve three months of radio advertising, to be re-evaluated before the end of the trial period.

**10.03.17.E** A motion was made, supported and carried to end the meeting.

Pastor Hemme closed the meeting with Prayer

In His service,  
Megan Keyser

and the American Flag's left. New brackets were installed in the sporting equipment room to properly hang the hula-hoops. The school hallways are in the process of being painted (money received from Harold Endline Fund). Photos were hung in the connecting hallway, east of the kitchen entrance.

#### **Board of Christian Day School - Tonya Kuizenga**

Veronica Riker is working out very well as Hot Lunch Coordinator, and Angela Riske, Emily Menz, and Anjani Mahabir have adjusted well in their new teaching roles. Anjani Mahabir has stepped in to the morning Preschool teacher role, upon the resignation of Ashley Simons. New hire Kandace Gonyea will be helping in the afternoon preschool class and in our aftercare program. Aftercare fees and guidelines of use have not been refreshed since the inception of the program. The board will be doing some benchmarking with similar programs and looking for ways to improve the program to best suit the needs of our parents.

#### **Board of Parish Education - Gail Wegener**

Sunday School started September 10<sup>th</sup> and seems to be going well. There are 17 children enrolled with an average attendance of 12 each week. The teachers will meet with us at our next meeting in October for an update on things.

We have over seven nominations at this time, Gail Wegener will be going off this year, Jenni Steih has one more year, and Cheryl Riske has two more years.

Reformation: The 500<sup>th</sup> year celebration at the Breslin Center in East Lansing has a full bus heading from Zion on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Here at Zion, we will have a Reformation dinner in the gym on October 29<sup>th</sup> with a little different format than we have had in the past.

#### **Board of Youth - Krista Klein**

Thank you to all of our supporters for the mum fundraiser, 69 were sold. Some Youth were able to help move firewood for a Zion member. We had a human trafficking presentation on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Youth and parents were able to attend the presentation and enjoy a light luncheon. A hay ride is planned for Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **School Staff Report - Colett Dominowski**

The 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade went to Chippewa Nature Center, Kindergarten went to Leaman's Apple Farm, and we had the Delta STEM Explorer bus visit our school (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) for the 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Our 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade will be visiting WNEM's weather station in Saginaw and the 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders will visit Weiss's Farm in Frankenmuth, these field trips are planned for October. The preschool and aftercare program would like to welcome Ms. Kandace Gonyea. She will be helping the afternoon preschool class and in our aftercare program. Kandace is a junior at Saginaw Valley working on her teaching degree. Young 5 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will invite their "Special People" to visit our school and join us for Chapel. It's an opportunity to share what happens in our school with special guests on "Special Person Day". Ms. Massey is attending a monthly technology workshop called TEC 21. It is held in Saginaw and gives her the opportunity to learn new ways to incorporate and integrate technology in the classroom. I will be attending the MANS (Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools) Administrators conference in Mackinaw on Oct. 11-13, 2017. This is a great conference to build ideas on enrollment, school structure, learn more about State Legislation for Non-Public schools, and more. It's APPLE PIE time. We need all the help we can get. We are going to make over

**Attention Bus riders** to the Reformation service at the Breslin Center this Sunday, October 15. Loading at Zion starting at 11. Departing 11:30. Grand Traverse Pie box lunch and beverages provided before we arrive at the Breslin Center. Snack sack and beverage provided on the way home. The Breslin Center will provide security just like they would for any other event. Please note: "No bags or purses" is preferred; *all* bags will be checked. No weapons or outside food/beverages are allowed. Events in the concourse will include: Door displays, Girls of Grace dance group, children's activities, CPH display (Reformation items for sale), historical timeline of the Reformation, and other activities. Breslin Center food vendors will be open for purchases.

**All are invited to join us** in the gym Sunday, October 29 after worship for a Reformation celebration and brunch. We hope you will join us! - The Fellowship Team & Board of Parish Ed.

**Trustees are collecting** snow removal bids for 2017/18 season. Bid forms and coinciding contracts can be picked up at the office and must be returned by Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Apple pie work days** Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 or 4-7 and 7 until done. Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 8-12 or 12 until done, and Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-9:30 or 9:30-12:30 and 12:30 until done. We have over 2400 pies to make this year! We could use your help on any of these days. Thank you once again for all of your support!

**This weekend is Commitment Weekend.** Having prayerfully considered what you will give to the Lord through his church, please bring your commitment forms to be placed in the offering plate or the box in the narthex.

**Grave blankets are once again available.** For your convenience they are sold daily from November 6 to November 25 at a new site, 1233 South Eleven Mile Rd, (1 1/2 miles north of the church). Wreaths, swags, and seasonal decorations are also available. For early and special orders call 989-662-4170.

**Zion Lutheran Sprit Wear 2017** store will be open until October 23<sup>rd</sup> at midnight, visit <https://zionlutheran2017.itemorder.com/> to place your order.

**Please remember the Zion Food Pantry** when grocery shopping. With the coming holidays, we expect a greater demand for food to fill holiday baskets and emergency needs. Packaged items requested include chicken, tuna, fruit, soups, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, toilet paper, and laundry detergent. Items may be placed inside the pantry in the church basement.

**Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Dean Gray. Pastor Menz opened the meeting with prayer.

**Secretary Report – Megan Keyser**

**10.03.17.A** A motion was made, supported and carried to approve the minutes from September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Treasurer Report – Jodi Kukla**

**10.03.17.B** A motion was made, supported and carried to approve the Treasurer's report from September, 2017.

**Board of Elders –Chris List**

Membership changes

New accessions by Baptism: *Robert Grant Hoenicke infant son of Scott & Kathleen Hoenicke, September 24, 2017*

Members Removed by transfer to LC-MS congregation: *Cami Cumper and her daughter Isabel to Messiah Lutheran, Midland.*

**10.03.17.C** A motion was made, supported and carried to approve the membership changes.

The elders are reviewing attendance reports for their districts. Over the next couple months they will be trying to make contact with those on their list who have not attended a worship service as Zion since 2013. They will also be looking at the list to try to identify individual whose attendance in 2016 was significantly lower than 2015. They will try to determine circumstances that prevented them from attending more in 2016, i.e.; change in works schedule, now a "shut-in" but never notified the church office, or other problems or issues. The elders are reviewing the attendance reports for their districts to identify two families from their district where attendance has drop compared to years past. Then over the next 12 months the elders and one of the pastors will be visiting 2 of the families identified each month together to determine circumstances that prevented them from attending more often. The Fall Stewardship Campaign will begin October 1. That day we will welcome Rev. Dr. Richard J. Wolfram as guest preacher. Rev. Dr. Wolfram is an Assistant to the President; Congregation Mission and Ministries, North Zone / Stewardship Ministries, for the Michigan District. The campaign will continue the next 2 Sundays, October 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, with October 15<sup>th</sup> being Commitment Sunday.

**Board of Trustees – Martha Currie**

Our last Trustees Meeting was held on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. The following trustees attended: Martha Currie, Chuck Datte, Mike Dominowski, and Jeremy Rosenbrock.

**On Going Projects or Issues at the Church:** Zion Cemetery East Road: The work on the east cemetery road has begun. This is being completed through the cemetery committee, with all funding through the cemetery committee.

**Church Basement Drainage Issues:** Heavy rains continue to leach water into the basement of the church, especially in the northeast corner and where the nursery is in the basement.

Update from Mike Dominowski: Mike spoke with Thornton brothers who said they put a camera down the drain tile a couple of years ago and did not find any problems.

At this time, trustees felt it was not of value to put a camera down there again, but rather look closer into the northeast corner of the church and find ways to get the water away from the foundation that is coming off the roof. This will be completed this fall.

**On Going Issues at the School:** Drain Field Update: Trustees received two contract bids, both of which would cost the congregation; materials and supplies upwards of \$20,000.00. Trustees met with Jim Klein and reviewed the current field and approved placement of the new field. It was discussed that risers should be added to the access ports at the top of the new (previously installed) septic tanks for the school for easier access and ease when contractors are called to pump out the tanks. Trustees are hoping to complete half the project this fall and finish in the spring. The actual new drain field will be constructed on a weekend in the spring. More information to come as collected. Jeremy Rosenbrock and Mike Dominowski have both been in contact with Garth Casey regarding this and are waiting to hear back as to when he is able to assist. Flooring Project School Office Area: Supreme Flooring is coming Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, to bring some samples and provide an estimate. Bill Sian (Rustic Hardwood Flooring, Farwell) is coming on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon to see the project and provide a bid. Once the bids are received more information will be shared regarding the current funds available and if any further funding that may be needed. Snow Removal Bids: Requests for snow removal bids has been announced and will be in the bulletin starting the weekend of October 1<sup>st</sup>. The bid will be awarded at the trustees meeting in October. The bid form was revamped and added more specifics for bidders regarding snow removal and salting. The contract was updated to current information regarding the church services and that Zion does not necessarily follow Bay City Public Schools when it comes to inclement weather. Special snow and ice melt is used by the doors of the school and is purchased separately. This snow/ice melt does not track in and allows for easier clean up and maintenance of the school. Special thanks to Mike and Colett Dominowski who will, once again, be the go-to for all snow/ice removal at the church and school. Key Audit: A new key policy has been constructed. The entire key and access policy has been revisited and revised. All those who have keys and will be departing from a board or function, or who are not currently serving on a board or function are reminded to turn in these keys when complete. All those new to a board or function will have to complete a request for a key and fill out the coinciding paperwork. Budget: Trustees did well on the budget in 2017, overall. All line items will remain mostly the same.

**Completed Jobs at the School:** The LED bulbs that were bad in the gym have been replaced and returned to the manufacturer. The door on the ice machine in the kitchen was repaired by trustees and volunteers. The boiler room was cleaned of dirt and spider webs. Additional desks need to be added to the first and second grade room. Good parts were salvaged from damaged desks and additional desks with decent desktops were added. The damaged parts were thrown away. A bracket for a hot water line in the boiler room was remounted to the wall. The flags were securely fastened to the gym wall. We now have an American Flag, visible to everyone in the bleachers and dominating in view; a State of Michigan Flag, flown to the observer's left and the Christian Flag,