

Tidings from



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Rooted in Christ

Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

"As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." (Colossians 2:6-7)

Flag Island is in the Northwest Angle on Lake of the Woods. Gary and I have spent some time on the island because we have some friends who live there in the summer. The island is full of greenery that includes trees and bushes of all sizes.

On our first island hike with our hosts, they showed us an interesting thing about the trees that had toppled over. Instead of a root system that grows deep into the ground, the root system of the trees on this island run along the surface of the ground because the island is mostly rock. Because of the rock, the roots of trees cannot grow deep in order to anchor the tree. Therefore, it is easy for trees to topple over even when there isn't any wind.

People whose root systems run deep in the soil of Christ are less likely to topple over when the winds of difficulty blow. Paul the Apostle wrote to the Colossian Christians about their roots in Christ: "As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." (Col. 2:6-7)



Paul then explained to them how to be rooted in Christ. They are to make sure they are not deceived by doctrines and philosophies that turn them from Christ. They are to let go of greed that seeks to own other people or things that do not belong to them. They are to put off anger, slander, foul talk, and lying.

Paul continued by saying that the person who is rooted in Christ is to put on love. Some of the characteristics of love he listed are compassion, kindness, patience, gentleness, humbleness, tolerance towards others, and forgiveness.

He explained that we are rooted when we let the word of Christ dwell in us by teaching others about Christ, encouraging others in the faith and by singing hymns and psalms with thankfulness. As we do everything in the name of Jesus, our roots will continue to sink deeper into the rich soil of Christ's love. Both students and teachers involved in Sunday School, Pre-Confirmation and

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An opportunity to say "Thanks!" to Karen

An appreciation coffee in honor of Karen Cran will be hosted by Zion's church council following worship on Sunday, October 20. Karen has retired as Parish Nurse after nine years of dedicated service to God and the members of Zion Lutheran Church. Please join us for some cake and thank her for all she has done and wish her the best in all her future retirement plans. Δ



Council News

Deb Lalim

As Zion's fiscal year is coming to a close, your council has been busy preparing for the Annual Meeting on October 30, 2019. Prior to the annual meeting, a potluck meal will be served, followed by worship at 6:30 pm and a 7:00 pm start time for the meeting.

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Congregation Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 30

5:00 pm– Potluck Meal

6:30 pm– Worship

7:00 pm– Meeting

Zion's annual meeting will be held Wednesday night, October 30, at 7:00 pm following a brief devotional worship service at 6:30 pm. A potluck meal will begin at 5:00 pm. Annual Report packets will be available in the Gathering Space about one week prior to the meeting. Δ

Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be Monday, October 14, at 6:00 pm.
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There will be no
Wednesday
evening worship,
pre-confirmation,
or confirmation
classes on
Wednesday, October 16.



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Monday-Thursday
10:00 am to 4:30 pm
with additional appointments
by prior arrangement.

Worship Services

Wednesdays at 6:15 pm
Sundays at 9:00 am

Zion Lutheran Church Financial Update

Fiscal year is October 1 through September 30.

General Operating Account as of August 31, 2019

Income	Aug	YTD
General Envelopes	\$6,636	\$128,930
Electronic	\$9,589	\$103,806
Loose Offerings	\$178	\$3,396
Misc.		\$2,015
Total	\$16,404	\$238,146
Expense	Annual Budget	YTD
Support Staff	\$186,544	\$164,913
Benevolence	\$16,000	\$13,650
Parish Wellness	\$200	\$93
Admin	\$17,966	\$14,157
Worship & Music	\$1,720	\$344
Christian Ed	\$1,800	\$289
Outreach Services	\$4,581	\$5,036
Property	\$20,287	\$20,062
Total	\$249,098	\$218,544

Loan Repayment Account as of August 31, 2019

Dedicated Funds	Aug	YTD
Deposits*	\$733	\$11,177

* Monies received from Warroad Community Church will be dedicated to the repayment of our building loan.

Building Fund as of August 31, 2019

Dedicated Funds	Aug	YTD
Gifts Received	\$2,300	\$48,337
Loan	\$0	\$0
Building Fund Account Balance		
Security State		\$26,664
ELCA MisInvFnd		\$2,451
Total		\$29,115
Payments	Aug	YTD
The Verdin Co.		\$1,649
Marvin Home Ctr.		\$192
E&L Electric		\$454
Peterson Sht. Mtl.		\$5,000
MN Seal Coating		\$3,500
Other		\$1,011
Loan Interest		\$7,591
Loan Principal		\$78,500
Total	\$0	\$97,896

Building Loan

Principal Outstanding	\$266,500
Repayment Account	\$41,095
Net Loan Balance	\$225,405

Zion Church Council

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Office Manager/Editor Vicki Dalager
President Jeff Galle
Vice President Trent Hard

Christian Education News

Pre-confirmation Class for kids in grades 6 and 7

Shawn Brunelle

Pre-confirmation class has started! Choose the class time that best fits your schedule. Join us at 2:30 pm or at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays. Don't worry if you missed registration—you are not too late. Contact Shawn Brunelle at 386-3644 to get your student signed up.

We will *not* have class on the following days:

Wednesday, October 17
Wednesday, October 30 Δ

8th Grade Confirmation

Shawn Brunelle

Eighth grade Confirmation has two class times to choose from, Wednesdays at 5:15 pm or Sundays at 10:15 am. If you missed registration, please contact Shawn Brunelle at 386-3644.

We will *not* have class on the following dates:

Wednesday, October 16
Wednesday, October 30
Sunday, October 13
Sunday, October 27 Δ

9th Grade Confirmation

Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

Classes are held Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:00 pm. We will not have class on the following dates in October:

Wednesday, October 16
Wednesday, October 30 Δ



Middle School Youth Gathering interest meeting will be Sunday, October 6, at 10:45 am

Shawn Brunelle

The ELCA Middle School Youth Gathering is for students in grades 6 through 8 and is held twice: pick either Friday and Saturday, November 22-23, or Saturday and Sunday, November 23-24. The cost is \$120 and includes three meals, housing, a t-shirt, and a lot of fun with worship, music, games, and activities. Chaperones and drivers are needed. The gathering is held at Luther Crest Bible Camp near Alexandria, MN. Contact Shawn Brunelle at 386-3644 with questions or see the church bulletin board. Δ



Sunday mornings
10:05-10:45 am
Ages 3 to Grade 5
Please join us!

Note that there will be no Sunday School on Sunday, October 13. Please join us for Harvest Festival worship at 10:30 am and a turkey meal to follow. Δ

First Communion



September 15: Addison Thompson, Mary Lancot, Madyson Landin, JoyDell Sprenger, Owen Larson, Parker Lien, Mayci Keomany, Brayden Hunter, Ayven Hontvet.

Presentation of Bibles



September 15: Dennis Lancot, Kendan Curtis, Jaxon Hammer, Ayden Thompson, Daniel Hammer, Jenna Goulet, Aaliya Jackson, Barrett Hontvet, Ayven Hontvet, Kael Thompson, Broden Hontvet.

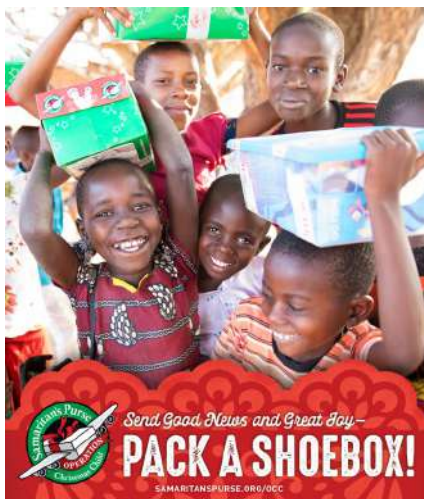


September 22: Kiah Larson, Cooper Tveit, Lucy Poole, Rodrick Jackson, Thadeus Jackson, Ruthann Sprenger, Liana Keomany, Kash Keomany, Yvette Hodne. Δ

The service of
Affirmation of Baptism
is Sunday, October 27
at 9:00 am.



There will be coffee fellowship
following the service where the
congregation can congratulate the
members of the confirmation class.



Operation Christmas Child Box Joy!

Lynn Kofstad

It's the time of year to once again
put your Operation Christmas
Child boxes together and get them
ready to ship out. There is a
display at the church with
information of what to include and
what not to include in the boxes.
Please read this as things change
year to year. **Please have your
filled boxes returned to the
church by Wednesday,
November 13.** There is a
recommended shipping fee of
\$9.00 per box. There is also a sheet
that you may take and fill out and
send with your box to tell the
recipient about yourself and where
you live. Δ

Thanks a bunch for collecting "Our Family" UPC barcodes!

Thank you for your "Our Family"
UPC barcodes! Zion's Christian
Education program receives \$.05
per barcode from "Our Family"
products. You may place your
barcodes in the collection box
on the Christian
Ed bulletin board by the church
offices. Δ



A prayer for peace

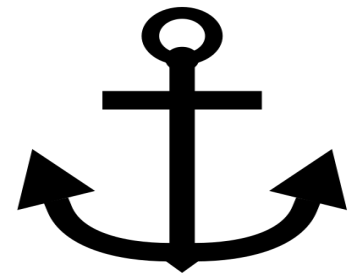
St. Francis of Assisi, an Italian
Catholic friar, is commemorated
on October 4. Though it's unclear
whether this famous "peace
prayer" was his, it reflects his
gentle spirit as an ardent Christ-
follower:

*Lord, make me
an instrument
of thy peace;
Where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is error, truth;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
O, Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
To be understood
as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning
that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying to ourselves
that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.*

Sunday Morning Study continues

Gary Giltthvedt

Sunday morning Bible Study is
held each Sunday at 10:15 am
under the title, *Readings in John's
Gospel*. We will include occasional
comparisons to themes from Paul's
epistles. We can think of John and
Paul as brothers in the Faith as
they share a number of key
Christian concepts that could lead
us to think that they were quite
familiar with one another, or at
least with one another's preaching
and teaching. Please come, read,
think, pray! Δ



*We have this hope as an anchor for
the soul, firm and secure.
Hebrews 6:19a*

WELCA Conference 1 Fall Gathering October 16, 2019

Sion Lutheran Church
Lancaster, MN

Coffee and Registration 3:30 pm
Meeting and Speaker 4:00 pm
Light Supper 6:00 pm

Speaker: Wilma vonWyle
from Harrismith, South Africa

Registration/Meal - \$15. Send to:
Barb Peterson
407 Minnesota Ave
Lancaster, MN 56735 Δ

"God's work. Our hands."
Service Projects and Brunch
Deb Lalim

On September 8, 2019, one hundred seven people enjoyed a fantastic brunch and a whole lot of fellowship before helping with a variety of projects for the ELCA National Day of Service. Eighty school bags were packed for Lutheran World Relief and many squares were cut for the LWR quilters. In addition, there were people who helped clean Zion's designated ditch area along highway 11. The people who planned this day of service would like to give a huge THANK YOU to everyone who brought food for the brunch. Plus, a well deserved thank you to the people who helped in the kitchen. The help from both of these groups was critical in making the brunch run smoothly. Additionally, we can't thank the people who helped with the projects enough. Your many hands made for light work. Δ

Harvest Festival isn't *only* about the meal...

Julie Jones

Harvest Festival has been set for October 13, save the date! The Women of Zion will hold their fall bake sale and silent auction with the turkey dinner following morning worship. The women's group are seeking baked goods, garden produce, craft items, homemade jams and jelly, and other biddable items for the silent auction. Are there any lefse makers? For more information please call Julie Jones at 386-3692. Δ



**Fall, Winter, and Spring
Coffee and Cookie
Fellowship**

Carol Hallan

We are going to continue to serve coffee after the Sunday morning worship service. However, this year we've added cookies! We are calling it Coffee and Cookie Fellowship.

Coffee and cookies will be served from the kitchen window in the Fellowship Hall. It's a serve yourself thing. So serve yourself and sit and visit with friends and newcomers for a bit.

We need a bit of help, however. We will need cookies, so there will be a sign-up sheet on the serving counter for those who can make 5 to 6 dozen cookies for a Sunday. We will have it there for a month at a time. There will be spaces for two individuals to make cookies—3 dozen each—if 6 dozen seems a bit daunting. Cookies can be baked or bought—Oreos are just fine. :-). If there are Sundays when there are no cookies, that's okay—have two cups of coffee!

You will not need to worry about serving or cleanup. Just put the



cookies on the counter and napkins will be provided. Remember, it's self-serve. Coffee will be made by Carol Hallan or Muriel Olson, and they will also clean the pots afterwards. If you feel inclined, a can of coffee would be appreciated once in a while.

This is a "No Muss, No Fuss, No Crumbs" event, so just come and enjoy each other. Δ



Jim Hallan

Zion's Adult Choir will be assembling soon, and we need your voice. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, October 6, at 8:00 am, in advance of singing at the 9:00 am service.

We've had a good time, and we welcome everyone to join this ministry. Many in our choir sang in a high school choir or ensemble, but several have not had previous experience. The success of Zion's choir hinges on members using their talents in this manner. If you go south in the winter months, we welcome you to contribute when available.

We have found fun, fellowship, and friendship ministering through choir and I trust that we will experience the same this year. If you have any questions, call Jim Hallan at 386-1285. Δ

Area Pastor updates

Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

Pastor Mytch Dorvilier has been called as an interim pastor shared by Moe and Messiah Lutheran Churches in Roseau. Her first Sunday was September 29.

Pastor Rufus Kudee has resigned from the Williams-Roosevelt Lutheran Parish and has accepted a call to serve as pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church in Green Bay, WI, starting October 1. Δ

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Confirmation classes, and Bible studies let their roots grow deep in Christ as they participate. So also when we worship on Sundays and Wednesdays, share Bible stories with our children and grandchildren, have family devotions, or engage in personal devotions (Bible reading and prayer), we are letting our roots grow deep in Christ. When we put off actions that are unloving and put on the actions and attitudes of love, our roots are drawing from the rich soil of Christ.

The Psalmist says that as we delight in the Word (Scripture and Christ), we “are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.” (Psalm 1:3) We are like trees with deep roots anchored in Christ who will hold us fast in the storms of life.

Pastor Mary Gilthvedt Δ

Save the date!

Creative Works at Zion will be starting up again on Sunday, November 10. Our first class offered will be creating cards with Bobbi Aker. Creative Works is a time for Zion and friends from the community to come together and take a class, work on personal projects, and share in food and conversation. A lunch (freewill offering) will be provided and guests are encouraged to bring a snack to share. Watch for more details in the coming weeks. Δ



We're at full speed for Lutheran World Relief through October

Marlene Lewis

Thank you to everyone who helped pack the school bags for Lutheran World Relief during our “God's work. Our hands.” event. The workers were tremendous. We appreciated having moms, teenagers, and a younger child helping out. Things got packed up quickly. Also, thanks to the helpers who put the packed boxes into storage. Your help was very appreciated.

We have a few boxes packed with personal care kits. There is still time to drop off supplies or completed kits.

The quilters have been busy putting quilts together. A few new workers have been helping this fall. We welcome all experienced and inexperienced help. We have been able to put 12-14 quilts together each week. We are enjoying the fellowship as we tie, pin, and sew the quilts. We will continue to meet and quilt through the end of October. We welcome any extra help whether it be at the Community Center or if you prefer to do some cutting or sewing at home, we are happy to supply fabric for cutting and/or blocks for sewing. We are always accepting blankets, quilts, bedspreads, sheets, pillowcases, and fabric to use for our quilts. We also can use upholstery fabric to make bags for our school kits. You can drop off the materials at the church or at the Community Center.

Lutheran World Relief items will be shipped out in early November. We also will be shipping our box of 3-4oz. bars of soap in their original wrapper. There is still time

to drop those off. There is a container in the Gathering Space where they can be placed.

Don't forget - quilters meet Monday from 9 am to 12 pm at the Community Center. If you have questions, please contact Judy Landin at 242-0589, Marlene Lewis at 386-2018, Nancy Reinhart at 386-1017 or stop in on a Monday when we are quilting. Δ

Good news about AmazonSmile and your smartphone!

If you are an AmazonSmile customer, you can now support Zion Lutheran Church in the Amazon shopping app on your Android device! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

1. If you have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping App, open the App on your Android device.
2. View Settings and select AmazonSmile.
3. Follow the in-App instructions to complete the process.

If you do not have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping App, update your App.

AmazonSmile is not currently available for iOS (Apple) users. Δ



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Vicki Dalager was recognized during the September 8, 2019 worship service for twenty-five years of employment at Zion. The council provided a cake in her honor as part of the “God’s work. Our hands.” brunch, which was part of the ELCA National Day of Service. Thank you, Vicki, for your years of service and dedication to your job; it is greatly appreciated.

In appreciation for Karen Cran’s nine years of service as Zion’s Parish Nurse, coffee and cake will be served following the worship service on Sunday, October 20, 2019. Many of you may not know that Karen had resigned as parish nurse, but continued to volunteer in that position. What a great example of dedication to serving the people of Zion. Thank you, Karen, for all that you have done for Zion.

Below is a list of what took place at the September council meeting.

- All benevolence payments for the synod and senior meals have been made.
- Funds from the Harvest Festival meal were designate to the building loan repayment fund.
- Approved the allocation of up to \$10,000 from the general operating budget to the building loan repayment fund.
- Approved the purchase of 18 tables and 144 chairs for the fellowship hall.
- Approved new members: Casey and Tiffany Larson.
- October 20, 2019 was set as the date for an appreciation coffee for Karen Cran in honor of her nine years as parish nurse.
- Voted to eliminate the parish

nurse position from the line item(s) in the budget. (The Personnel Committee made this recommendation after completing their exit interview with Karen Cran.)

- Voted to drop the names on the inactive list from Zion’s membership.

Please feel free to contact one of the council members if you have any questions.

Submitted by Deb Lalim
Council Secretary Δ

We can help survivors of this year’s hurricane season

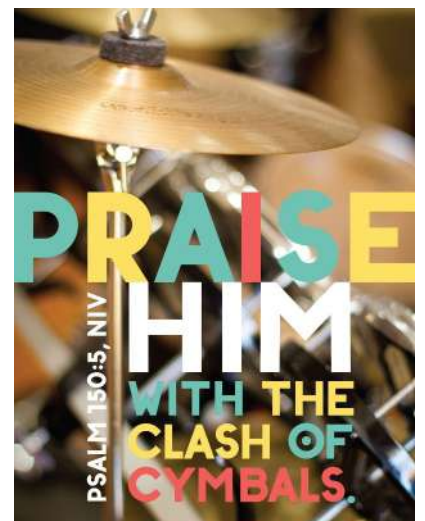
ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response is working with those in the areas impacted by Hurricane Dorian to provide immediate relief and long-term support. In the Bahamas, where the impact of the hurricane has been devastating, Lutheran Disaster Response and the Florida-Bahamas Synod are collaborating to assess the immediate need for relief and recovery. Lutheran Disaster Response is also in communication with the South Carolina Synod, the North Carolina Synod, Lutheran Services Carolinas and other partners who are preparing to respond.

With your support, Lutheran Disaster Response can provide survivors with immediate relief and can accompany them on the long road to recovery. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response will be used to help those affected until the response is complete. You may give through Zion by designating “Hurricane Response” in the memo of your check. Together, we can support those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes. Δ

Welcome to our new members!



Welcome to new members Casey and Tiffany Larson and their children Owen and Kiah who joined Zion’s faith community during worship on September 11. Casey grew up in Warroad and Zion Lutheran Church. He works at Sportsman’s Lodge in Baudette. Tiffany grew up in Roseau and works at Security State Bank in Warroad. Both Owen (4th grade) and Kiah (3rd grade) were baptized during worship on September 11. Δ



October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Abbreviations (R) or (I) Building use requested/granted FH Fellowship Hall S Sanctuary MP Multipurpose Room #____ CY Classroom Yellow CB Classroom Blue K Kitchen YR Youth Room		1	2	3	4	5
			12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> 2:30 pm- Pre-Confirmation 5:15 pm- 8th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm- Pre-Confirmation 6:15 pm- Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 pm- 9th Grade Confirmation	5:15 pm- Rebecca Circle (5-7 YR) 6:00 pm- Stewardship mailing assembly (6-7:30 CR1)	6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:00 am- Choir rehearsal 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion 10:05 am- Sunday School 10:15 am- Adult Bible Study 10:15 am- 8th Grade Confirmation 10:45 am- Interest meeting for 6th-8th graders re. NW MN Synod Middle School Youth Gathering	9:00 am- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at Warroad Area Community Center 6:00 pm- Executive Committee meeting	12:15 pm- Personnel Committee 5:30 pm- Christian Education Committee meeting 7:00 pm- WELCA Disbursements meeting (7-8:30 K, FH)	10:30 am- WSLC Communion 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> 2:30 pm- Pre-Confirmation 5:15 pm- 8th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm- Pre-Confirmation 6:15 pm- Worship with healing service 7:00 pm- 9th Grade Confirmation	5:15 pm- SSteam	6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	
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Harvest Festival Sunday 9:30 am- Choir rehearsal No Sunday School No 8th Grade Confirmation No Adult Bible Study 10:30 am- Harvest Festival Worship service 11:30 am- Harvest Festival Turkey Dinner with Sale and Silent Auction	9:00 am- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at Warroad Area Community Center 6:00 pm- Council meeting	5:30 pm- Property Committee meeting 6:00 pm- Congregational Care Committee meeting 7:00 pm- WELCA Fall Unit meeting (7-8:30 K, FH)	12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> No Pre-Confirmation No Confirmation No Worship	Education Minnesota, October 17-18		
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27	28	29	30	31		
Reformation Sunday 7:45 am- Confirmation rehearsal 8:00 am- Choir rehearsal 8:15 am- Confirmation pictures 9:00 am- Worship with Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) with coffee fellowship with confirmands to follow 10:05 am- Sunday School 10:15 am- Adult Bible Study No 8th Grade Confirmation	9:00 am- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at Warroad Area Community Center 6:00 pm- Stewardship Committee meeting		12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> No Pre-Confirmation or Confirmation classes Annual Meeting 5:00 pm- meal 6:30 pm- Devotional Worship 7:00 pm- Annual Meeting	Halloween		

25 With humility and gratitude, give thanks to God, the creator of all that exists, for being our sure and trustworthy help throughout life.

26 Give thanks for musicians, composers and writers who share their gifts and skills to help us give expression to our faith and worship and to praise God together through hymns, music, songs and liturgies.

27 *Reformation Sunday* Praise God! Give thanks that Jesus – the light and truth given for the world – sets us free from sin and the bondage of death, and transforms us for lives of love, mercy, peacemaking, serving our neighbor and sharing the good news with everyone.

28 Pray that our church's relationships with the Lutheran World Federation, the World Council of Churches and the National Council of the Churches of Christ will continue to grow, and that we will share resources and utilize people's diverse voices and gifts to do God's work in the world and serve our neighbor.

29 Give thanks for the message of the apostle Paul – which had a profound impact on Martin Luther and the foundational beliefs of our church – that we are all flawed and broken human beings yet are reconciled to God by God's gift of mercy and love in Jesus Christ.

30 Pray for the witness of the nine young people serving alongside the Lutheran Church of Australia as part of the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program; the Rev. Kim Crawford and Rev. Henry Martinez, YAGM country coordinators; and the Rev. Sara Bishop, ELCA missionary serving in parish ministry.

31 *Reformation Day* Remember the reforming work and teachings of Martin Luther, who sought to re-center the church, its theology and its practices in Scripture and the gospel. Pray that the church today will always discern how best to participate in God's work in the world, to share the gospel in changing contexts and to reform our church, its practices and its traditions in response to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit for the sake of mission.

This resource may be copied and shared among members and friends of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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God's work. Our hands.

PRAYER VENTURES

OCTOBER 2019

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

1 Give thanks for ELCA Disability Ministries and its work of connecting and assisting congregations, ministries and members to invite all people into full participation in this church and in the world. Pray that the Spirit will enrich and further the work and advocacy of intellectual and developmental disabilities ministries, mental illness ministries, deaf ministries, and blindness and visual impairment ministries.

2 Give thanks for the reelection of Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton and pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen her faith and will grant her wisdom, compassion and vision for the ministry of leadership to which she has been called.

3 Pray for our congregations that serve neighbors in need through food and clothing pantries, community meals, homeless shelters, community gardens, employment assistance and partnerships with local churches and organizations.

4 *St. Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226* Pray that our faith and lives may exemplify Francis' simplicity, service, respect for others and care for creation and all creatures.

5 Remember in prayer the Rev. Elizabeth Johnson, the Rev. Brian Palmer, the Rev. Linda Johnson Seyenkuo, Elie Sanda, Arnie and Willibroad Langdji, and James and Lorraine Foster – ELCA missionaries serving in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon, the Lutheran Church in Liberia and the Lutheran World Federation in health care, development, women's and youth ministries, Bible translation and literacy, and primary, secondary and theological education.

6 Pray that, as people of faith and disciples of Christ, we may demonstrate through our words, actions and service a spirit of humility that expects no reward, recognition or repayment.

7 Praise God for the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association and the Christian Education Network of the ELCA, organizations that support, advocate for and equip Lutheran schools, educators, professionals and volunteers involved in faith formation ministries through our congregations and partner organizations.

8 Pray for the people of Puerto Rico, that their hope will be renewed and sustained; that they will have good, just governance and smooth transitions between political leaders; and that they will experience progress in their economic recovery and their long-term recovery from Hurricane Maria. Ask God to bless the ministry, service and witness of the Iglesia Evangélica Luterana en América Sinodo del Caribe (Caribbean Synod), its leaders and its congregations.

9 Consider how our faith in Jesus Christ, God's grace, the word of God, the witness of other people of faith and the calling we have through our baptism has influenced and changed us – and give thanks!

10 Thank God for the ways our church engages its members and leaders in discernment, biblical study and reflection, prayerful decisions and commitments, and teachings that help us grow in understanding of how our faith intersects with daily life and society. Pray that the recently approved social statement *Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action* will guide and inspire us to act on a range of issues, including gender-based violence, workplace discrimination and economic inequality.

11 We are a church that believes the God-given gifts of science and technology should be used to respect and promote communities, life and human dignity. Pray that the Spirit will guide us in conversations about how faith and science intersect and that we will be mindful of the impact of technology – intended and unintended – on humanity and creation.

12 Ask for God's help to resist the temptations of envy and greed that draw us away from trusting God and committing our lives and endeavors to God.

13 Just as the one leper returned to thank and praise Jesus for healing him, we pray that we, too, will be eager to thank, praise and worship God for God's miraculous, awesome love and healing presence in our lives.

14 Remember in prayer our ELCA missionaries working in education, evangelism, parish ministries, and lay and pastoral leadership development with our companions in Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Belgium, Germany, Poland, Norway and the United Kingdom.

15 *St. Teresa of Ávila, 1515-1582* St. Teresa was known for her life of contemplation and prayer, her theological reflection and writing, and her

strong identification with people suffering poverty and illness. Remember the people who have helped shape our faith, values and life, and pray that, through the work of the Spirit, our faith, example and service will have a positive influence on our neighbors, the church, society and the world.

16 Pray for the members who serve on their congregation councils, that God will help them lead with wisdom, vision and compassion as they guide and manage their communities of faith for mission.

17 Remember God's just and merciful works throughout history, the help and compassion we receive, the gifts and resources that sustain our lives, and the new covenant made with us in Jesus Christ.

18 Pray for the countries of Central America, especially for children and youth who are traumatized by violence and have fled to other countries; for an end to gang violence and drug trafficking; for a more just distribution of wealth; and for Christians and communities of faith to have courage and persistence in living out the gospel.

19 Pray that we will seek ways of supporting and affirming youth and family ministers in their work of faith formation, equipping young people with life skills, engaging young people in service, supporting parents and inspiring and encouraging new leaders.

20 Pray that the Spirit will make us persistent and fearless in our prayers, especially on behalf of people who long for justice, mercy, peace and relief from suffering.

21 Look around and listen to the people you have encountered today. Remember in your prayers their joys, struggles, questions and sorrows.

22 Pray for the Lutheran World Federation's global study of contemporary Lutheran identities as they are lived in the local contexts of Lutheran churches, and for the leaders now gathering for "We Believe in the Holy Spirit: Global Perspectives on Lutheran Identity," a global consultation hosted by the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

23 Pray that we will be bold witnesses, evangelists and teachers inspired, equipped and sent by the Spirit and our sisters and brothers in Christ to proclaim the gospel and to counsel, encourage and help people to discern truth from falsehood.

24 Give thanks for the ELCA's long-standing commitment to interreligious and ecumenical relations that promote understanding among Christians and greater unity among Christ's people.

October Volunteers

Ushers/Greeters

Sunday Morning Services

10/6 Trent & Sheri Hard
Matt and Sam Hard
10/13 Maynard Nelson
Dan Lykken
10/20 David & Nancy Pellett
10/27 Keith, Deb, Erick Landin

Wednesday Evening Services

10/2 Lila Lanctot / Kailey Lien
10/9 Tayanna Cole / Kailey Lien
10/23 Gage Thompson
Landon Thompson
10/30 Brock Thompson
Kyler Lien

Sunday Lectors

10/6 Lois Harrison
10/13 Lois Harrison
10/20 Dan DeMolee
10/27 Deb Landin

Altar Care

10/2 Lynn Kofstad
10/6, 20, and 27 Jenny Howes
Catherine Thompson

Communion Assistants

10/2 Lynn Kofstad
10/6 Jenny Howes / Liz Hardwick
Deb Lalim / Catherine Thompson
Volunteer needed
10/20 Jenny Howes / Heidi Lien
Laurence Wright
Catherine Thompson
Volunteer needed
10/27 Matthew Hard / John Davis
Grace Lindner / Nels Nestegard
Grady Thompson

Sound Board Attendants

Sunday Morning Services

10/6 Trent Hard
10/13 Trent Hard
10/20 Volunteer needed
10/27 Volunteer needed

Wednesday Evening Services

10/2, 9, 23, 30 Brenda Haats

Attendance

	Sun. AM	Mid-wk. PM	Week Total
8/28*		No worship	
9/1	130		130
9/4		9	
9/8	130		139
9/11		35	
9/15	167		202
9/18		19	
9/22	138		157
9/25		tba	
9/29	tba		tba

*No Wednesday evening worship services between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

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Projector Attendants

Sunday Morning Services

10/6 Samuel Hard
10/13 Matthew Hard
10/20 Volunteer needed
10/27 Volunteer needed

Acolytes

Sunday Morning Services

10/2 Tayanna Cole
10/6 Jarrett Janson
10/9 Tayanna Cole
10/13 Kailey Lien
10/20 Broden Hontvet
10/23 Gage Thompson
10/27 Sam Hard
10/30 Gage Thompson

Tithes and Offerings

Offerings for week ending 8/25:

General Fund: \$2,850.47

Building Fund: \$205.00

Offerings for week ending 9/1:

General Fund: \$1,171.00

Offerings for week ending 9/8:

General Fund: \$5,106.62

Building Fund: \$685.00

Food Packing Event: \$371.00

Offerings for week ending 9/15:

General Fund: \$4,226.46

Building Fund: \$385.00

Furnishings Fund: \$500.00

VBS Fund: \$100.00

Offerings for week ending 9/22:

General Fund: \$7,436.26

Building Fund: \$870.00

Noisy Offering: \$108.07

(future "GWOH" projects)

Offerings for week ending 9/29:

To be announced Δ

Noisy offerings
will be collected
Sunday, October 20.

All donations will go to future
"God's work. Our hands."
projects.

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

September 1 - by Tom & Heidi
Lien in celebration of their 28th
wedding anniversary.

September 8 - to the glory of God
by Richard & Joyce Severson.

September 15 - by Roger & Sue
Kofstad to the glory of God in
celebration for all the years
following Roger's liver
transplant.

September 22 - by Bill & Marlene
Lewis in memory of Marlene's
mother Fern Pederson.

September 29 - by Joe & Joan
Olafson in memory of Katie Jo
Olafson. Δ



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Harvest Festival

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

10:30 AM WORSHIP

Note the worship time change to 10:30 with Choir Rehearsal at 9:30 am.

Turkey Meal and Silent Auction/Sale to follow the service.

Everyone is invited!

The sign-up poster for the Harvest Festival turkey meal is located in the Gathering Space.
Sign up to donate food and/or your time. Contact Brad Knudson at 469-2160 with questions.