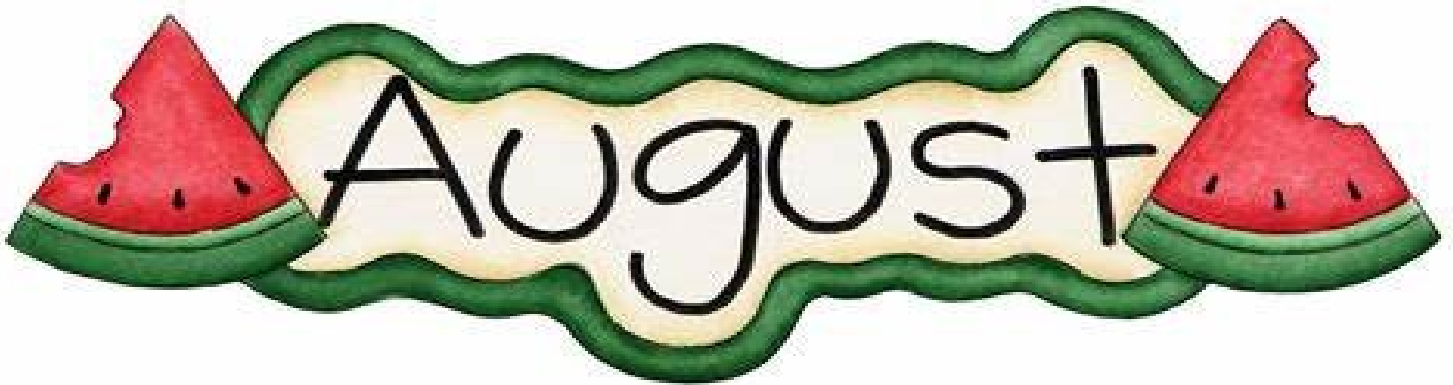


# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

## August 2025



### JOY



This spring and early summer has been a whirlwind of happiness and accomplishments for our family. Alexis (1 granddaughter) was married in early July after a season of celebrations preceding the big event. Lydia (2) is buying her first house. Megan (3) earned an associate degree, was pinned as a Medical Assistant and has been accepted into a nursing program and Wyatt (#4) is now a sophomore in high school. Marv and I celebrated our 56th wedding anniversary. And yet...

As much as we hope happiness will be an everyday experience, we know that life in this world is filled with challenges, frustrations and disappointments. Happiness tends to be temporary contentment brought about by an event and/or current circumstances. Joy, however, is less dependent on circumstances and can be with us daily, even when it may seem impossible. The Bible talks about joy more than two hundred times. When we choose to live with faith, we are invited to focus on the promises of the Triune God, rather than being too concentrated on whatever trials our daily lives may bring. "Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder." (Romans 12:12 MSG)

The people in our lives, like each one of us, will have an easier time living a life of faith if we are surrounded by love, prayers and support. "May the God of hope fill you up with joy, fill you up with peace, so that your believing lives, filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, will brim over with hope." (Romans 15:13 MSG)

submitted by Sally Middleton

For further reference, see also: Nehemiah 8:5-10; Psalms 28:7, 30:5 and 126:3; Habakkuk 3:17-18; John 15:9-13, 16:21-24; 2 Corinthians 4:17, 12:8-12; Galatians 5:22; James 1:2-3 and 1 Peter 1:8-9.

## PRAYER/HEALTH CONCERNS:

**Sharon Miller**, is in good spirits. She is feeling better post radiation. She has upcoming appointments to monitor her progress. Prayers as she goes through her journey of remission and healing.

**Rose Benjamin**, wife of Larry Benjamin, having treatments for cancer currently. Prayers for her and Larry as she goes through this procedure.

**Trudi and Ed McNulty**, both have some health issues they are dealing with currently. Prayers appreciated.

**Bonnie Herman**, recovering from multiple surgeries following a car accident. She's in a rehab facility. Pray for comfort, strength, healing and appropriate rehab.

**Sue Albert**, cancer treatment, prayers for comfort, good medical decisions and total remission.

**Everett Francis**, heart surgery, prayers for comfort, and healing. Prayers for his parents as well, Austin and Miranda. The family are friends of Dave Teall.

**Kerry Richards**, recovery from neck and rotator cuff surgery. Kerry is continuing to improve. Pray for comfort, appropriate meds for pain relief and healing. Kerry is Helga Maria's son.

**All areas affected by flooding and fires**, Pray for the families who have lost loved ones and their homes, and for the safe return of those who are still missing. Pray for all those aiding in the clean-up and recovery efforts.

**Randy Crusemeyer**, had a stroke and is hospitalized. Randy is continuing to improve. Pray for comfort, strength, good medical decisions and healing. Pray for his family as well, he is Helga Maria's nephew.

**Dan Hebel**, home from the hospital, and receiving dialysis. Pray for comfort, strength, good medical decisions and healing. Dan is Linda Hebel's husband.

**Christine Pedler**, has cancer in her lungs, spine, ribs and liver. Please lift her up, comfort and peace as well as prayers for her family. Christine is Ruthann's daughter's sister-in-law.

**Paul Hoffmeister**, in the process of preparing to move into assisted living. Please lift up Paul for strength and comfort in making this change and prayers for his family to find a facility that will meet his needs.

**Prayers for our servicemen and women both at home and abroad.**

**Those unable to worship with us: Shirley Yoder, Mike Griggs, Maria Richards**

**Prayers for all unspoken requests both emotional and physical.**

## CARING CHRISTIANS

In 2025 Zion Lutheran will continue to be a "family" of people who show their faith both in word and action. Each month our Zion budget will donate \$50 to a social ministry cause and ask you to also contribute to the cause. In August, the seed money will go to Mercy Chefs. Mercy Chefs is a faith based, non-profit disaster and humanitarian relief organization. They provide restaurant-quality meals to victims, volunteers, and first responders in natural disasters and emergencies. Their mission: JUST GO FEED PEOPLE! They coordinate with like-minded organizations and churches to achieve the mission. You may put money or check in a pew envelope or other form so long as it is clearly marked to indicate it is meant for this cause. Please consider adding your donation to this social ministry cause!

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

August 11, 2025 AT 6:00 PM



To all kids, teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators returning to school. We hope you have a great year, filled with many blessings.

# august

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2 8:30-10:30 am Café Compassion  9:00 am to noon Clothed With Compassion
3 8:15 Adult Sunday School 9:00am Fellowship 9:30 am Worship Service  Holy Communion	4 7:00-8:00 pm 4-H Meeting	5	6 9:00 am Quilting  6:00pm Bible Study	7 9:00 am Men's Group	8	9 9:30 am Biblical Journaling (come and go as you please)
10 8:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Worship Service	11 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	12	13 9:00 am Quilting  6:00pm Bible Study	14 9:00 am Men's Group	15	16 9:00 am to noon Clothed With Compassion  11-3 pm Car Show @Congdon Park
17 8:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:30 am Worship Service  Holy Communion	18	19	20 9:00 am Quilting  6:00pm Bible Study	21 9:00 am Men's Group	22	23
24 8:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Worship Service	25 11:30 Young At Heart at Perkins	26	27 9:00 am Quilting  6:00pm Bible Study	28 9:00 am Men's Group	29	30
31 8:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Worship Service						



**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO  
BE PRESENT FOR YOUR  
SLOT, PLEASE CONTACT  
ANOTHER VOLUNTEER  
TO TRADE PLACES!**  
**Thank you!**



August 1 Trudi McNulty  
August 3 Lynn Williams  
August 4 Anna Greta Fretz  
August 4 Elaine Wolkins  
August 7 David Ziegler  
August 8 Sally Middleton  
August 18 Grace Ritchie  
August 19 Don Lundquist  
August 19 Linda Hebel  
August 23 Anna Davila  
August 24 Kay Komins  
August 31 Judy Sparr

#### **OFFERING COUNTERS**

August 3 Steve Krallman/Dave  
VanZile  
August 10 Lois Bostian/Lyn Hisey  
August 17 Jim Kensinger/Amber  
Teall  
August 24 Dave Teall/Mary Ziegler  
August 31 Lois Bostian/Lyn Hisey  
September 7 Steve Krallman/Dave  
VanZile

#### **SCRIPTURE READERS**

August 3 Mary Ziegler/Lyn Hisey  
August 10 Greg Siberry/Sally Middleton  
August 17 Lynn Shelley/Lyn Hisey  
August 24 Jerri Hisey/Chris Otto  
August 31 Steve Krallman/Lisa Vaksvik  
September 7 Maria Davila/Gloria Davila

#### **ALTAR CARE**

August 3 Lana Stutsman  
August 10 Jerri Hisey  
August 17 Lois Bostian  
August 24 Lyn Hisey  
August 31 Darlene Ashcraft  
September 7 Lana Stutsman

#### **GREETERS/USHERS**

August 3 Mary Ziegler/Phyllis Tubbs  
August 10 Elaine Wolkins/Mary Ziegler  
August 17 Amber Teall/Phyllis Tubbs  
August 24 Jim and Darlene Ashcraft  
August 31 Elaine Wolkins/Mary Ziegler  
September 7 Aaron and Jeannine Crocker

August 13 Greg and Char Siberry  
August 17 David and Katie Teall  
August 25 Don and Joanne Lundquist

#### **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**

August 3 Chris Harrison  
August 10 Sue Davila  
August 17 David Teall  
August 24 Randy Yohn  
August 31 Sue Davila  
September 7 Chris Harrison

#### **TECHNOLOGY TEAM**

August 3 Dan Teall  
August 10 Juan Davila Jr.  
August 17 Marv Middleton  
August 24 Dave VanZile  
August 31 Dan Teall  
September 7 Juan Davila Jr.

#### **REFRESHMENTS**

August 3 Sue Davila/ Amber Teall  
August 10 Mary Ziegler/Liz Yohn  
August 17 Lyn Hisey/Judy Sparr  
August 24 RuthAnn Owen/Jerri Hisey  
August 31 Darlene Ashcraft/Chris Otto  
September 7 Lana Stutsman/Jodee Shaw

Week	Number
7/6	56
7/13	56
7/20	64
7/27	62
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>59</b>





**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting**  
**7/8/2025**  
**6 p.m.**

**Present:** Sue Davila, Chris Harrison, Jerri Hisey, Marv Middleton, Sally Middleton, Jodee Shaw and Pastor Karen Strietelmeier. Absent: Chad Root.

**President** Chris Harrison opened the meeting at 6 p.m. Secretary Jodee Shaw offered the devotions focused on how sometimes it feels like we're living in darkness, but that when we call upon God, he provides us with light, or sometimes even a hug.

**Secretary's Report:** Sally moved to accept the June report, with Sue seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously..

**Treasurer's Report:** Jerri Hisey presented the June budget. The 2025 budget remaining at the end of June was \$76,590.75. The total assets at the end of June were \$122,981.1. Offerings received in June were \$14,650. Jerri reported the Bell Tower is paid in full. She said Zion saved approximately \$14,000 due to refunds received due to the breaking of the bell itself. Sue moved to accept the report with Jodee seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Karen listed her June activities, including volunteering at Vacation Bible School, attending the Young at Heart luncheon and the Cafe Compassion breakfast, and meeting with a prospective member. Pastor reported she also met with the head librarian at the Bristol Public Library to discuss how Zion can collaborate with or volunteer there. Pastor said the library is hosting a car show on August 16. Pastor and Sherry Sigsbee will staff a craft booth there to promote Zion. Additional volunteers are welcome. Pastor reported the new church secretary, Lesley, will be working Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Any information that needs to go into the church calendar or online should be directed to Lesley.

**Ministry Areas:**

**Long-Range Planning:** President Harrison said the Pavillion Committee is working to obtain a quote for electrical service. She said the builders want to contract out the excavating work. Chris said the committee is also looking into the purchase of heavy picnic tables that cannot be moved once set into place. She reported a vote of the congregation determined the pavilion will be built between the playground and the shed.

**Fellowship:** Sue had nothing to report.

**Worship & Music:** Pastor said the Bell Tower dedication is scheduled for September 15. She also stated she would like to see the Outreach and Evangelism committees focus more on intergenerational ministry. She said Zion's aging community needs to recruit families and 20 somethings into the congregation. Pastor said in order to do this, Zion needs to become more visible in the community and online. In addition to the booth at the Bristol Library car show, Zion will have a display at the Bristol Back to School event on August 12, where the school supplies and backpacks will be handed out. Pastor said it would also be nice to be seen at the annual Corn Dog Festival on September 6. Pastor said church volunteers will be needed to staff these events.

**Personnel:** Chad Nothing to report.

**Social Ministry:** Sally Middleton said Zion's August mission will be an organization that provides hot, nutritious meals to victims of recent catastrophes, such as the flash floods in Texas. She is researching several faith-based organizations to determine which will provide the best service.

**Property:** Marv said there are several Maple trees along C.R 19, adjacent to the cemetery, that are old and dropping branches. He said three Zion members have agreed to chop down the trees.

**Finance & Audit:** Marv had nothing to report.

**Nominating:** There was nothing to report.

**Cemetery:** Marv reported the Cemetery Committee has opened up 50 of the 186 plots to Elkhart-area Lutherans who are not members of Zion. They will be charged \$600 for a single plot or \$1,200 for a double. Marv stated this is the normal price for a plot in Indiana. The cost for Zion members is \$300 for a single and \$600 for a double. Marv said historical research shows that Zion is selling an average of 3 plots a year.

**Christian Education:** Sue had nothing to report.

**Technology:** There was nothing to report..

**Pastoral Advisory:** Sally had nothing to report.

**Old Business:** Sue reported that Vacation Bible School went very well. She noted there were plenty of volunteers to serve the 35 participants. Marv noted the online VBS musical program had 30 views.

**New Business:** Jerri said the next social activity is the South Bend Cubs baseball game on August 22. Chris asked what the congregation can do to recognize Sharon for her many years of service to Zion. The council decided the church will send her a thank you card and a gift card. As there was no other new business, Jodee moved to adjourn the meeting. Sally seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

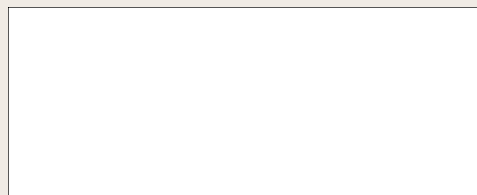
**Next Council Meeting:** Monday August 11, 2025 at 6 p.m. .

**Council Adjourned** at 7:12 p.m. Faithfully submitted by Jodee Shaw, Council Secretary.

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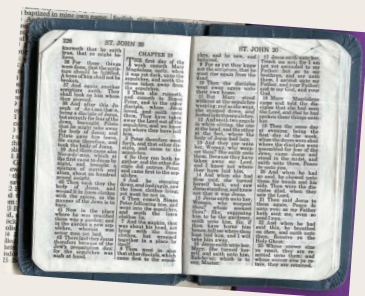
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#### **Zion's Mission**

**We are a family of Christians who  
choose to worship, to learn, to witness,  
and care  
by reaching out and sharing ourselves  
through the Good News of God, the  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**



***Jesus said,***

***"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No  
one can come to the Father  
except through me."***

***John 14:6***

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