

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 2025



Thankful for Imperfections

We have a male cardinal who regularly visits our window feeder. He is the only cardinal who does. That is not his only distinction, he has a feather on the left side of his body that is permanently sticking straight out. In my early 20's, my cooking endeavors took a turn when fire broke out, causing me to have visible scars for life as a burn survivor. Any youthful thought of mine that life would be perfect was gone.



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The world and culture we live in would lead us to believe in the possibility of perfection. We may strive for that through our jobs, through sports or in some other interests or hobbies. Striving for the best is a worthy endeavor, but there is a point at which it is necessary and healthy to recognize that perfection is only achievable through God. The apostle Paul had great learning of the Jewish laws and the culture and was convinced that he was doing the right thing by persecuting the people following Jesus. Paul approached his faith through a strictly legal lens, ignoring God's love. That changed when he was struck by temporary blindness. However, he records that even as that event changed his purpose in life "I was given the gift of a handicap to keep me in constant touch with my limitations...At first I didn't think of it as a gift, and begged God to remove it. Three times I did that and then he told me, "My grace is enough; it's all you need." (2 Corinthians 12:7-9 MSG)

Our cardinal continues to live life, evidently adapting to his life as it is. My life has been much fuller, though imperfect, but aided by faith because of understandings learned "the hard way". As we approach another month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving, may we be thankful for the imperfections in our lives. They are meant to show us that God understands that perfection is not possible in our current lives. God's perfection aims to share with us unimaginable love, grace and mercy, now and in the future world. "What a God! His road stretches straight and smooth. Every God-direction is road-tested. Everyone who runs toward him Makes it." (2 Samuel 22:31 MSG)
submitted by Sally Middleton

For further reference, see also: Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 18:30 and 19:7; Mark 10:15; Romans 5:6-8 and 12:2 Ephesians 2:8-10 and 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

PRAYER/HEALTH CONCERNS:

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

Bonnie Herman, who is recovering from a serious auto accident a few months ago, dislocated her hip that was replaced. She bent the wrong way and it popped out. They were able to put it back in place. She will see her orthopedic surgeon Monday. Please lift up Bonnie, comfort, good medical decisions and healing. Bonnie is a friend of Sue Davila.

Jan Coffman, has been home since last Wed. She is doing well moving about her apartment with her leg brace on and using a walker. She starts rehab at OSMC Nov. 5th and has a dr appt Dec. 9th. Please continue to lift up Jan, comfort, strength, successful rehab and healing.

Phyllis VanZile, Phyllis who is 90, has been experiencing pain and is on different meds to help control her discomfort. Please lift her up, comfort and peace. Phyllis is Dave's mother.

Blaine VanZile, Blaine who is 41, is experiencing some challenges in his life. Please lift him up to help him make good choices.

Jeanne Young, who is in her 80's, who had leg surgery in early September, has left the rehab center where she was rehabbing to get stronger. She has moved in with her son and daughter-in-law continuing to get stronger preparing for her valve replacement surgery. Please continue to lift Jeanne, strength, God's timing for a successful surgery and adjusting to living with her son due to not being able to return to her home yet. Jeanne is Lesley's neighbor.

Bob Kauffman, passed away Tuesday morning. He has been taken to Yoder Culp funeral home in Goshen. Arrangements are not yet known. Please lift up Mary and their family.

Sharon Miller, had 2 doctor appointments last week and got good reports from both of them. One more test is scheduled this week. She is feeling much better. Please continue to lift her up comfort, strength and a good test result.

Mary O'Connor, Mary who is 60, has recently been diagnosed with cancer. She is starting chemo every 3 weeks for 9 weeks. Please lift her up, comfort, strength, good medical decisions, successful treatments and remission as well as prayers for her family. Mary is one of the gals that helps with the Clothed With Compassion with Ruthann.

Kerry Richards, who had shoulder surgery in June and has experienced a long challenging recovery, fell recently and injured that shoulder. He is experiencing much discomfort. He is scheduled for surgery Nov. 17th. Please lift up Kerry comfort, strength, pain control and good medical decisions.

Donna Rex, had a bad fall, she fractured her pelvis, a bone in the knee area and hit her head. She had surgery to deal with the head injury. She is hospitalized at EGH. Please lift up Donna comfort, strength, good medical decisions, and healing. Donna is a neighbor across CR6 from the church.

Phyllis Tubbs, Phyllis fell in her home Thursday and was admitted to Memorial Hospital. After some tests, it was determined her weakness and being disoriented was due to a UTI she apparently has had a while. She is going to Greenleaf Rehab to help regain her strength. Please lift up Phyllis comfort, strength, successful rehab and healing.

Estela Davila, 86, was admitted to the hospital due to dizziness. After several tests, a stroke has been ruled out. The doctor thinks she has vertigo. They are going to do physical therapy Tuesday and hopeful she can go home. Please lift up Estela comfort, and physical therapy helps the vertigo.

Jim Ashcraft, his heart procedure went well and he is home now. Please continue to lift him up comfort, strength and healing.

Ruthann Owen, is scheduled for a back procedure to block 3 nerves Tuesday the 29th. This will diminish back pain she has been experiencing. Please lift up Ruthann comfort, a successful procedure and free of back discomfort.

Bill Owen, is dealing with some health issues. Please lift him up comfort, strength, good medical decisions and healing. Bill is Ruthann's son.

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

Those unable to worship with us: Mike Griggs and Maria Richards

Prayers for all unspoken requests both emotional and physical.

Cancellation

Roadside
Cleanup is
cancelled until
spring.



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
November 11, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

Landscape Committee

We are in need of weed pullers! If we can get four new members, then teams of two would only need to do it once a month.



CARING CHRISTIANS

Zion Lutheran is a “family” of people who show their faith both in word and action. This year, ‘Caring Christians’ monthly newsletter article describes a social ministry challenge. In November, the budgeted \$50 from Social Ministry will go to our traditional November event: **World Hunger Auction on Sunday, November 9, after the church service.** This auction is unlike other auctions as finding a bargain is not the goal! A great variety of food items, handmade items, offerings of future social gatherings, etc. are brought in by many of us to be entered into the auction. After a free-will, tasty chili luncheon, the good-natured auction has people bidding more money than they would usually pay for similar items. All the money raised will go to feed hungry people. Please join us for this fun event. If you are unable to attend, you can donate cash or check to Zion throughout the month, just be sure to indicate that the donation is intended for the Hunger Auction.

World Hunger Auction

November 9, 2025 after church

Raffle tickets for the amazing quilt are
\$2.00 for one or three for \$5.00.

Tickets are available before and after church in the Narthex until November 9, 2025.



The Hub Donations

For the month of November our church will be collecting Toilet Paper for the Hub. Please bring all donations to the table in the Narthex.



November

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



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

Thank you!



November 5 Ed McNulty
November 6 Randy Hisey
November 7 Rob Teall
Becca Davila
November 10 Joyce Kruse
November 22 Don Carter
November 23 Elsa Fretz
November 26 Dan Teall
November 30 Gary Kruse

TECHNOLOGY TEAM

November 2 Dan Teall
November 9 Marv Middleton
November 16 Juan Davila Jr.
November 23 Dave VanZile
November 30 Dan Teall
December 7 Marv Middleton

SUNDAY SCHOOL

November 2 Sue Davila
November 9 Lana Stutsman
November 16 Katie Teall
November 23 Amber Teall
November 30 Rob Teall
December 7 Sue Davila

SCRIPTURE READERS

November 2 Aaron Crocker, Jim Kensinger
November 9 Lynn Shelley, Mary Ziegler
November 16 Greg Siberry, Sally Middleton
November 23 Lyn Hisey, Lynn Shelley
November 30 Chris Otto, Jerri Hisey
December 7 Gloria Davila, Maria Davila

OFFERING COUNTERS

November 2 Steve Krallman, Dave VanZile
November 9 Lois Bostian, Lyn Hisey
November 16 Dave VanZile, Marv Middleton
November 23 Chris Harrison, Jerri Hisey
November 30 Dave Teall, Larry Benjamin
December 7 Steve Krallman, Dave VanZile

GREETERS/USHERS

November 2 Aaron & Janine Crocker
November 9 Chad & Sheila Root/Phyllis
Tubbs(trainer)
November 16 Terry Siegler, Mary
Zielger
November 23 Jim & Darlene Ashcraft
November 30 Amber Teall, Elaine

November 1 Randy & Liz Yohn
November 14 Aaron & Jeannine Crocker
November 28 Doug & Lana Stutsman

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

November 2 Randy Yohn
November 9 Sue Davila
November 16 Steve Krallman
November 23 Chris Harrison
November 30 Dave Teall
December 7 Steve Krallman

ALTAR CARE

November 2 Lana Stutsman
November 9 Lois Bostian
November 16 Jerri Hisey
November 23 Darlene Ashcraft
November 30 Lois Bostian
December 7 Lana Stutsman

REFRESHMENTS

November 2 Mary Ziegler, Liz Yohn
November 9 Ruth Ann Owen, Jerri Hisey
November 16 Darlene Ashcraft, Chris Otto
November 23 Sue Davila, Amber Teall
November 30 Lana Stutsman, Sherry Sigsbee
December 7 Lyn Hisey, Judy Sparr

Week	Number
10/5	54
10/12	50
10/19	73
10/26	56
AVERAGE	58

**A month to remind us
to be Thankful for the
many positive things &
blessings in our lives.**



Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, October 14, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Zion Church

Attending: Chris Harrison, Pastor Karen Strietelmeier, Chad Root, Jerri Hisey, Sue Davila, Sally Middleton, Marv Middleton, and Ruthann Owen

1. Devotion

Chris opened the meeting at 5:54 PM with a devotion and prayer.

2. Secretary's Report

The September 2025 minutes were referenced as being emailed to all parties. Sue motioned to accept the Secretary's Report and it was seconded by Sally. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed. Marv motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report and it was seconded by Sue. Motion carried. Items noted by Jerri Hisey included:

Sept checking balance \$37,683.28 vs Oct balance of -\$58.65. Marv will transfer \$10,000 from Fidelity account to checking.

Pavilion construction is paid.

Church maintenance increasing.

Installed new gutter drains

Installed new AC/Heat motor by Cecil's Heating and Cooling

Cecil has been contracted to provide maintenance service to HVAC

Windows recently cleaned for \$365

Estimate received to paint the back-lit cross for \$1,800; no action at this time

4. Pastor's Report – Pastor Karen

Pastor Karen shared activities from 9/16, 9/19, 9/21, 9/23, 10/2, 10/4, and 10/12. Shirley Yoder's Celebration of Life Service is scheduled for 10/25.

5. Ministry Area / Council Liaison Reports

- Long Range (Chris): Discussion on ongoing pavilion project and mention of a plan for gutters with covers in the spring.
- Fellowship (Sue), Personnel (Chad), Stewardship (Jerri), Pastoral Advisory (Juan, Sally, Chris H.): Nothing to report.
- Worship & Music: Discussed how to best arrange services and the suggestion to have communion every Sunday with the exception of the 4th Sunday of each month.
- Social Ministry (Sally): Still attempting to deliver items to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. November mission is the World Hunger Action.

- Property (Marv): New temperature settings are in place for the new piano. Heat is set to turn on at 64 degrees. AC is set to turn on at 74 degrees. Marv interviewed several neighbors to get feedback on the bell chimes. All positive and noted that it could be turned up a bit.
- Finance & Audit (Marv): Review 2026 proposed budget. Renaming Youth and Family Ministry to Supply Pastor. Chad motioned to approve, and Sally seconded.
- Nominating (Juan Davila, Lana Stutsman): We need two more council members.
- Cemetery (Marv): Ruthann mentioned an improvement in mowing and trimming.
- • Evangelism (Jerri): Goal for Angel Tree is 25 kids. We have 12 so far.
- Christian Education (Sue): Sunday School going well.
- Technology (Chad): Marv mentioned that the microphones are now using rechargeable batteries.

6. Old Business

- Pavilion: Mentioned above.
- Clothes Closet (Ruthann): New drop off time is now 10:00-1:00 on Thursdays while the team is there. Otherwise, Ruthann's phone number is posted for special arrangements. Dave Vanzile is keying the doors. The fire extinguisher needs to be replaced.
- The HUB: Program remains active and well attended.

7. New Business

- November Elections: November 16th
- Advent season begins 11/30. Wed services will be held 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17 at 6:30 PM. Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:00 PM.

8. Other Business for the Good and Welfare of the Church

Nothing shared.

9. Next Meetings

Date: Tuesday, Nov 11th, 6:00 PM, Devotions: Marv

Date: Tuesday, Dec 9th, 6:00 PM at Pastor Karen's home

10. Adjournment

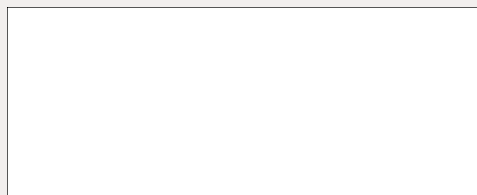
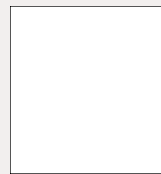
Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by: Chad Root

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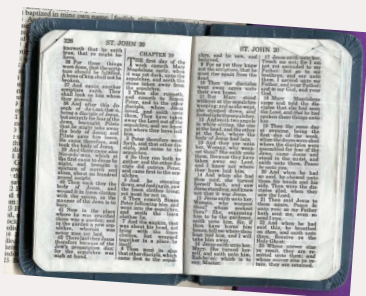
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Zion's Mission

**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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