

From Pastor's desk...

August 2023

Dear Fellow-Redeemed of Zion, a year ago I wrote:

It seems that Summer is simply zooming by, although the extremely hot days seem to linger. But that is the way it is in flatland Illinois in August.

Something else that lingers is the blessings of our Christian faith: Forgiveness of sins, Life, and Salvation. Sinners need not fear the heat of an everlasting heat wave, (hell), because Christ has delivered us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Although we will continue to struggle with our Old Adam (our flesh) until our last breath, the battle is won, the victory is ours, not because we fought well, but because Jesus defeated the curse of Eden when He rose triumphant from the tomb. Death could not hold Him, and it cannot hold us.

So now that the "heat is off," what shall we do? "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works that He before ordained that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2: 10) All good things are for us to do. Some of us can do one thing, some another. But Jesus has a job or two for each of us, and these works are rooted in the faith we have been given. Only Christians can do truly "good" works, not because they earn brownie points with God, but because His people are the only ones who can do such things.

So, carry on! Love as you have been loved, give as you have been given, forgive as you have been forgiven. And relax! The kingdom is already yours! (Anything good bears repeating!)

Blessings! Have Fun at the State Fair!
Pastor P. E.

**By official proclamation of
Craig Held
Mayor of Pleasant Plains**

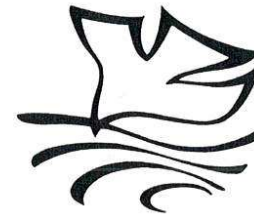
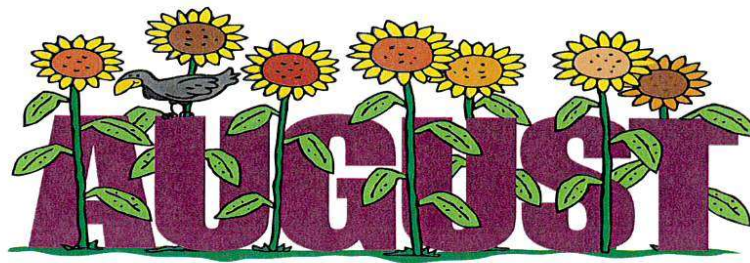
***August 23, 2023 has been declared
Evelyn Brandt Thomas Day***



**A reception in honor of her 100th birthday will
be held on HER day at The Grainery
3:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

**Everyone is invited to help Evelyn celebrate
her BIG day!!**

(No gifts, please!)



Baptism Birthdays

Birthday's

Kristin Irlam	8/1
Courtney Wieland	8/2
Clifton Mahler	8/7
Mary Curry	8/8
Andrea Marvel	8/9
Larry Schone	8/11
Frank Wallace	8/11
Dawson Manuel	8/12
Shane Van Veldhuizen	8/12
Gary Klekamp	8/14
Ron Jurgens	8/15
Holly Van Veldhuizen	8/16
Karl Carter	8/18
Fallyn Shull-Pernell	8/18
Bill LaMarca	8/19
Amanda Wieland	8/20
Margaret Oschwald	8/21
Bob Ruble	8/22
Robert Bernoteit	8/24
Heather Gleason	8/24
Evelyn Thomas	8/25
Megan Clark	8/27
Michelle Clark	8/27

Deanna Pabst	8/1
Kristi White	8/1
Bridget Wieland	8/2
Eva Chipol	8/6
Dean Kindhart	8/6
Fred Hagen	8/11
Joann DeCroix	8/13
Abe Bruce	8/15
Joyce Fraase	8/17
Lee Stremsterfer	8/21
Heather Gleason	8/25
Larry Schone	8/26
Alison Hermes	8/27
George "Butch" Ealey	8/31



Wedding Anniveraries

Shane & Holly Van Veldhuizen	8/1
Dale & Cathy Dobbe	8/5
Gary & Pasty Klekamp	8/9
Chris & Lisa Carter	8/14
Dean & Alberta Kindhart	8/19
Dennis & Monica Boesdorfer	8/21
Michael & Dana Greene	8/23



The Camp CILCA Lowdown

August, 2023

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Cantrall, IL 62625

Special Edition

CILCA NEWS



CILCA HOMECOMING

Free festival will be held on SATURDAY, AUGUST 5
10AM-2PM

- Outdoor Games
- Music and Square Dancing
- Face Paint & Balloon Animals
- Swimming & Boating
- Wagon Rides
- Food Truck & Vendors
- Campfire & Closing Devotion



CAMP PREPARES FOR THE 2023 CHICKEN FRY AND AUCTION

Labor Day Sunday, Sept 3, will see the annual fundraiser with fresh-fried chicken, dozens of auction items up for bid, an open beach and Trading Post, and more.



WWW.CILCA.ORG

Camp CILCA exists to strengthen and foster faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting.

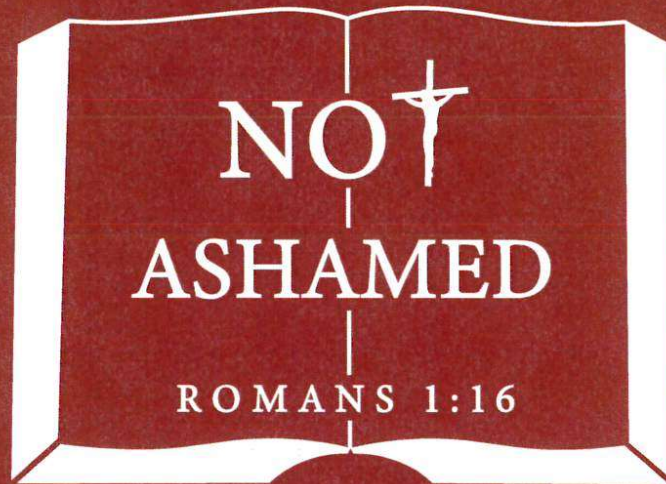
Find out more at www.cilca.org

SAVE THE DATE:

- **August 5: Homecoming!**
 - Food Truck, games, swimming, vendors, face painting, swimming, boating, wagon rides, and more. This **free** event is a great way to close out the summer season.
- **September 3: Chicken Fry and Auction**
 - Fresh fried chicken and all the sides.
 - Auction items up for bid. Preview all auction items at cilca.org/auction-items
 - Make a weekend of it and camp out with friends from across the state.

Find out more at www.cilca.org

Sharing the Good News in a Bad News World



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 @ 9:00 AM
TUSCOLA COMMUNITY BUILDING**

Please join us for a one-day conference entitled *Not Ashamed: Sharing the Good News in a Bad News World*, held Saturday, August 26, 2023 at the Tuscola Community Building. Come hear Pastor Adam Koontz, an engaging speaker and well-known podcaster, speak on the topic of *A Hope and a Home: Proclaiming the Everlasting Gospel to Today's America*. Event attendance is free but limited. Complimentary lunch is included in the registration. This event is sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tuscola, Illinois, and made possible in part by a grant from the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund.



Speaker:
Pastor Adam Koontz

To register, go to:
<https://bit.ly/notashamed2023>





Relief for Human Need Worldwide

**The Orphan Grain Train is coming to our area
this fall!!!!**

The Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships food, clothing, medical and other needed items to people in 71 different countries - including the USA.

During the month of August, our Mary Martha Guild will be collecting items for School Kits and Hygiene Kits to be donated to the Orphan Grain Train.

See the list of items for each kit – you can donate completed kits or items to be included in the kits we assemble. Tables will be set up in the All Saints Addition to collect your donations.



SCHOOL KITS

CONTENTS

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 backpack | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 ruler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 spiral notebooks | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 glue sticks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 scissors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pens | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 eraser |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 sheets of construction paper | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 package colored pencils (12 count) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 package crayons (24 count) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pencil sharpener |

PLEASE NOTE

- Backpacks, drawstring athletic bags, or homemade tote bags are all acceptable.
- We recommend leaving contents in the original packaging, but it is not required.
- No additions, deletions, or substitutions.
- Do not add money, photos, or personal notes.
- Do not include items with religious, camouflage, patriotic or military symbols.
- Pack only new or gently used items.
- Do not include plastic bags.
- It costs an average of \$11 to ship each box of kits. Please consider a donation to your local OGT branch to help with shipping.

Although well-meaning variations are tempting, please do not do this. It may result in heavy fines and/or the entire shipment being confiscated by customs officials.

ASSEMBLY

1. Stack flat items together.
2. Place all items inside school bag.
3. Close bag if applicable.



Thank you for making a difference in these children's lives. Your love of your Savior, Jesus Christ, is sent with each kit packaged. May God continue to bless your life as you serve Him.



HYGIENE KITS

CONTENTS

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bath towel | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 sturdy comb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 wash cloth | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 band-aids
($\frac{1}{2}$ " or $\frac{3}{4}$ ") |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bath-size bar of soap | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 small package facial tissues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 plastic soap box holder | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 nail clipper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 toothbrush | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 piece of strong ribbon or cord |

ASSEMBLY

1. Lay out the towel on a flat surface.
2. Fold over about 5" on each long side.
3. Place the rest of the items in the center under the folds.
4. Roll up the towel.
5. Use ribbon or cord to tie the towel together in the middle.

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AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service 10:15 A.M.	Evangelism & Outreach Committee 6:00 P.M.		Mary Martha Guild 2:00 P.M.			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service 10:15 A.M. State Fair Ends				<-----	Pastor in	Fort Wayne
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M. Rev. Mark Miller, Officiating	----->		Church Council 6:30 P.M.			
3	4	Notes: Elder Bill LaMarca				

***Zion's Newsletter
August, 2023***

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***Sunday School 9:00 A.M.
Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
Divine Service 10:15 A.M.***

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