

From Pastor's desk...

September 2022

Dear Fellow-Redeemed of Zion,

It has surely been a memorable Summer. You read the papers, you saw the news, and perhaps you were involved in activities that only Summer provides.

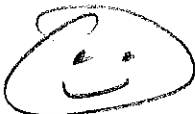
Some were ill. Some passed out of this life and into the life of the world to come. And some recovered to live another day of God's rich grace. And so life goes in a fallen world either inside us or outside.

But an old song reassures us, "I know where I'm going, I know who's going with me, fairest of the fair." And who is "the fairest of the fair?" It is none other than Jesus, the God-Guy. He laid claim to us in Holy Baptism, and has struggled with us, rejoiced with us, and comforted us every step of the way, whether we were aware or not.

That is perhaps the richest blessing that we receive, even when it seems like everything, including ourselves, is against us. "I will never leave you nor forsake you," he promises. "I am with you always, even to the very end of the age..."

So, "we've laid around and stayed around, this old town too long, Summer is almost gone and Winter is coming on." But unlike the song, we need not fear feeling like "we've got to travel on." Why? Because Jesus walks with us every step, carries us when we are too weak, and welcomes us back in confession and faith.

Blessed September, Everyone!

Pastor P. 



Beginning

September 4, 9:00 A.M.

**Children ages 3 years old - 6th grade
are invited to meet each Sunday
morning to learn about Jesus,
stories from the Bible, crafts and
games.**

DRAFT Zion Lutheran Church – Voter’s Assembly Minutes DRAFT
July 31, 2022

Gary Klekamp called the meeting to order at 11:40 am. Pastor opened the meeting with the Opening Prayer for a Congregational Meeting.

Attendance: 17 members present with 2 new people requesting membership - Darrell & Deanna Pabst and 1 member returning - Debbie Shull. Quorum was established.

Minutes: Minutes from the April 24, 2022 meeting submitted by Sue Matzat were reviewed. Motion by Eric Oschwald and seconded by Frank Wallace to approve minutes as printed, MCVV.

Treasurer’s Report: Stacy Stremsterfer presented a report for the first two quarters vs budget along with bank balances as of 6/30/22. Report was accepted by unanimous consent.

Financial Secretary Report: Eric Oschwald presented his year-over-year financial report for June, noting we are behind roughly 9,500 compared to last year. The majority of free will offering that was taken in was for Ukraine support. Report was accepted by unanimous consent.

Elder’s Report: Dennis Boesdorfer was absent with no report submitted. Pastor Pritchard noted he appreciates all the work Dennis has put in and is a very proactive Elder Chair.

Trustee’s Report: Dale Dobbe reported the church will be getting a wide wheelchair and the church will be power washed with memorial monies. Discussion was held concerning the coverings of the church’s stained glass windows and pictures were passed around. Currently they have plexiglass over them, which are aged to the point where you can’t see the stained glass. Looking into getting some bids to replace the covers. One business has visited the church to put together a bid which has not been received yet. Through discussions that day, an estimated cost could be \$50,000. Motion by Dale Dobbe and seconded by Bob TeRonde to go ahead with the stained glass project, secure more bids and the church start a fundraising campaign, MCVV.

Request has been given by Evelyn Brandt about replacing the sign for the church that currently sits between the two driveways. Potential design would include a billboard type sign where information/activities the church was hosting could be updated. Discussion was held. Dale Dobbe will work on getting more information from Ace Sign and work with Trustees and church council. Report was accepted by unanimous consent.

Education/Stewardship Report: Lindsey Van Zelle reported Vacation Bible School was held this past week which went smoothly due to a good group of volunteers and kids attendance. They were able to borrow decorations from Chatham which helped make it fun for the kids. Sunday school will resume after regular school starts. Report was accepted by unanimous consent.

Church Council Report:

Church Council met May 26, 2022. After hearing all reports from boards and Pastor, Church Council approved a Church service to be held at Clayville on July 3, 2022 with a fried chicken potluck immediately following. Cash donations were collected for the Clayville Historical Society.

Church Council met June 30, 2022. After hearing all reports from boards and pastor, items discussed were as follows:

1. Sondra Hermes performed a financial review of the information of our church for 2021 and the first half of 2022 and reported everything looks good.
2. Pastor and Stacy Stremsterfer worked on finalizing correct wording for our, soon to be, new website host.
3. Discussion was held concerning a funeral lunch line item for the 2023 Budget for the Church. Church Council recommended the upcoming 2023 budget committee discuss this.
4. A letter was received from the IRS concerning an increase in mileage reimbursement of 62.5 cents per mile (a 4 cent increase). Church Council agreed to increase Pastors mileage reimbursement July 1, to the recommended amount due to the increase in the cost of gasoline.
5. Discussion was held concerning Memorial Funds that have been received. Letters were mailed out to the families concerning our policy and information was received back. The decision was made to use Bernice Renken's memorial money to purchase an extra wide wheel chair and use Geraldine Boehme's memorial money to power wash the outside of the church. No objections to accepting the report by unanimous consent.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Pritchard reported:

201 baptized members

164 communicant members

Attendance: YTD 50

Communion: 45

Lent/Advent: 23

Completed normal pastoral activities with preparation for services, bible study, home visits, nursing home visits, attended handbook revision meetings, home communions, hospital visits and held private baptism. Was Chaplain for ISP Promotion ceremony, July 14 and in contact with numerous troopers in person and via phone.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was brought forward.

New Business:

Pastor Pritchard reported the LCMS District Convention went very smoothly, with no big issues to be discussed. Resolutions were passed, officers were elected and good lectures were held.

Letter was read from Dawn Zerkel, representative for LuHi, giving everyone an update on where LuHi is at with the mine subsidence problems and their plans for moving forward.

Motion by Sue Matzat and seconded by Stephanie Gobel to adjourn the meeting. Pastor Pritchard closed with prayer.

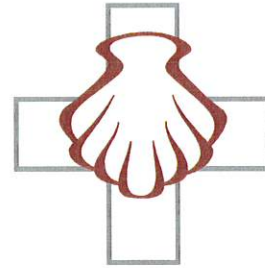
Minutes submitted by: Stacy Stremsterfer

SEPTEMBER



Birthdays

Anna Bruce	9/1
Jim Krone	9/1
Jackson Kuhlman	9/2
Alexia Manker	9/3
Madison Maro	9/9
John Morgan	9/9
Debbie Sparling	9/9
Lisa Carter	9/14
Ainsley Gumbel	9/14
Carol Frantz	9/16
Michele Stremsterfer	9/16
Stephanie Goebel	9/17
Jeff Jurgens	9/17
Kendra Theilen	9/17
Bonnie Jurgens	9/20
Tammy Tewes	9/22
Alexa Edwards	9/23
Kris Cowhick	9/24
Dana Greene	9/25
Norman Stremsterfer	9/26
Ken Matzat	9/27
Joe Curry	9/28
Romel Nolting	9/29
Debbie Edie	9/30



Baptism Birthday's

Jeff DeGeal	9/1
Monica Boesdorfer	9/2
Colton Stremsterfer	9/2
Dawson Manuel	9/4
Carolyn Greer	9/5
Joyce TeRonde	9/5
Kevin Hecht	9/9
Darrell Pabst	9/14
Bob Bernoteit	9/15
Courtney Wieland	9/15
Clifton Mahler	9/18
Amanda Wieland	9/19
Luke Oswald	9/25
Trenton Anderson	9/30
Ainsley Gumbel	9/30

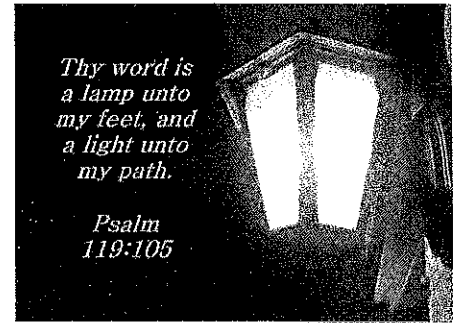


Wedding Anniversaries

Carl & Sondra Hermes	9/14
Barry & Jean Morgan	9/14
Alan & Kris Cowhick	9/27
Eric & Ann Oswald	9/27

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Light up the World with Christ. Psalm 119:105



August 15, 2022

Ladies of the LWML Society,

The ladies of Bethlehem Lutheran Church invite you to the 2022 Zone Fall Rally on Thursday, September 15, 2022. The church address is 120 West Monroe and is located 1 ½ blocks west from 97/123.

Registration and depositing of the ingathering items will begin at 4:30 p.m. with snack time then also. The rally will begin at 5:00p.m. in the church basement. The rally will include a lite dinner served during the rally which will consist of smoked pork sandwich, chips, various salads and dessert. Registration is \$15 form attached.

Presenting our rally theme: Light up the World with Christ is Rev. Martin Eden, who has been working with the Lutheran Church in Uganda. Our district president, Laura Stratman will bring district news and information. District Sr. Counselor Rev. Gaylord Spilker will lead our Bible study. Our business meeting will include Vice President elections. An offering will be collected, designated toward District operating expense.

We will be collecting items for our local area Lutheran High School. Lutheran High School as experienced significant damage from mine subsidence. They are currently holding school at the Springfield First Church of the Nazarene. We are going to be collecting items to help the teachers out during this transition period and any monetary donations to help Lutheran High will also be accepted.

We are trying something different this year by having an evening event we are planning on having the speaker and meal early so if you need to leave early you are more than welcome to do so. We hope to see many of you and please be sure to invite your pastors to attend.

Any questions, feel free to contact Dawn Zerkel at 217-416-6397 or Jan Morgan at 217-971-4933.

Dawn Zerkel

LUTHERAN HIGH

Below are the items that the teachers would find helpful:

- white board cleaner
- dry erase markers
- dry erase erasers
- pencils
- pens of all colors
- copy paper (20# weight paper)
- Kleenex
- post it notes (any brand is fine)
- Clorox wipes
- electric pencil sharpener
- paper towels
- quart size bags
- gallon size bags
- plastic utensils for lunch (kids always forget a fork)

Lutheran High School during Father's Day weekend started to notice damage to the building from downward displacement due to mine subsidence. The board decided to have an independent engineering company evaluate the building and it was determined that students should no longer occupy the building this fall. The Staff, teachers, administrators, and board members have worked hard to find a place to have school this fall. They found a suitable place in July and are now moving into their new place. Let's help the teachers during this transition time by purchasing some of items they need for the school year or by giving a monetary gift to Lutheran High School. Please make checks payable to: Lutheran High School

Registration Form

2022 Springfield Fall Rally

Fill out one form per group

Copy if you have additional members

Please return by September 8, 2022

Name of Church/City: _____

Society Name: _____

Email/phone of person sending in form in case of questions

Names of Attendees: Circle appropriate category for each attendee

_____	Member Guest Pastor
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Make checks payable to: Bethlehem Lutheran Ladies Aid Society

Number Attending _____ X \$15.00 total _____

Please send to:

Mabel Rupel

617 North 6th Street

Petersburg, IL 62675

INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE

RETREAT

CID LLL Annual Retreat

September 10, 2022

9:00am - 2:00pm

Camp CILCA

4124 Camp CILCA Rd | Cantrall, IL

Registration from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Registration fee \$20.00 (includes lunch)

Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Special Guest Speakers:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Harmelink, Concordia Historical Society Institute

Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb, Administrative Assistant to the President
of the Central Illinois LCMS District

Register by September 6 by sending fee to: Deloris Blessman, 24204 CR 1850N,
Topeka, IL 61567; phone: 309-361-1461 or email: delorisblessman@yahoo.com



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

www.lhm.org

August 16, 2022



Springfield Right To Life
Civic Committee
519 N. Bruns Lane
Springfield, IL 62702

To Pastor or Pro-Life Chair:

Greetings:

We are writing to invite you and your congregation to **3 national events** coming soon to Springfield, IL. They are the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, Life Chain Sunday and 40 Days For Life.

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will take place on Saturday Sept. 17th

10-11 am. This memorial service will start at the Right To Life building at 519 N. Bruns Lane and will then proceed on to the public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood just to the north. This inter-faith memorial service is being co-sponsored nationally by the Pro-Life Action League, Priests for Life and Citizens for a Pro-Life Society. And it is being hosted locally by Springfield Right To Life. In the past there had been ceremonies held at over 50 locations around the United States where the remains of aborted children have been buried and more than 100 other sites where these abortion victims are memorialized. This event has been an annual offering since 2013.

Life Chain Sunday will occur on October 2nd from 2:00 pm to 3:30pm. This special witness, which has expanded to be a nation-wide event in the USA and in Canada since its inception in 1987, is one in which believers in the sanctity of life for the unborn have gathered on the first Sunday of every October since 1987 to prayerfully stand for life. Additionally, Life Chain Sunday is recognized as our local official kick-off for the Fall 2022 "40 Days for Life" campaign. See the flier for local Life Chain sites and additional information.

40 Days For Life prayer vigil to end abortion will be observed every day from Wednesday, Sept. 28th through Saturday, November 6th on the public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood at 601 N. Bruns Lane in Springfield, IL. We encourage Prayer Warriors to sign up for at least one full hour shift between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. Individuals and groups are welcome. 40 days is a timeframe God consistently uses throughout salvation history to transform His people. Since the first coordinated 40 Days for Life campaign took place in 2007, Life Chain has reached over 1000 cities in 63 countries. Please refer to the accompanying fliers for further details.

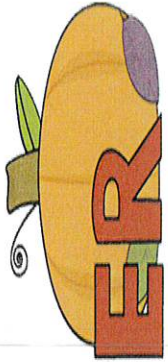
For further inquiry please contact Mary Jean Sheets at Springfield Right to Life at 217-523-2700 or Dave Klestinski at 217-741-8230.

Sincerely,

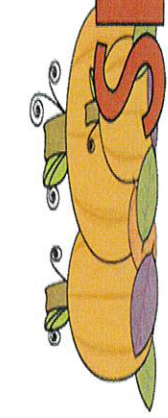
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Dave Klestinski

SRTL Civic Committee



SEPTEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service 10:15 A.M.						LLL Annual Retreat - Camp Cilca
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M.				LWML Fall Zone Rally - Bethlehem, Petersburg		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service 10:15 A.M. Confirmation Class 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.			October Newsletter Articles Due			
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M. Confirmation Class 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.				Church Council 6:45 P.M.		
2	3	Notes: Elder Bob TeRonde September 5 - Labor Day - Church Office Closed				

***Zion's Newsletter
September, 2022***

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525 North Cartwright
P.O. Box 167
Pleasant Plains, IL 62677***

(217) 626-1282

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

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