



B.A.S.I.C. Newsletter

Brothers and Sisters in Christ at
Zion Lutheran Church of Mondovi



October 2024

It's Harvest Time!

October is a wonderful time of the year in Wisconsin! The leaves are beginning to change and are providing beautiful scenery. Many of us are enjoying the cooler days, calmer weather, and the return of football. It's also 'harvest time.' From apple orchards to cranberry bogs, green gardens and golden cornfields all around, growers are reaping the 'first-fruits' of the produce that our Creator has provided to nourish and satisfy our physical lives. We don't have to wait until November to think about, and thank the Lord for, the good gifts he has given us!

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the Word of truth, that we might be a kind of first-fruits of all He created." (James 1:17-18)

At Zion we also thank God for the gifts He has given to strengthen our spiritual lives. We are thankful for church leaders and servers giving their time and efforts by teaching Sunday School, leading Bible classes and youth activities, inspiring us musically, visiting and helping the sick and hurting, caring for our church property, and reaching out to the community with the unchanging love of God in Christ. We are thankful for all of God's people, young and old, coming weekly to worship our Lord and celebrate His goodness with us. We are thankful for God's true and unchanging Word in Holy Scriptures.

God has promised: ***"As the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return to it without watering the earth, making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my Word that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but shall accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."*** (Isaiah 55:10-11)

As we celebrate ***the Reformation*** of the church this month, we are reminded of the importance of hearing and teaching God's Word. That is at the heart and center of all our activities at Zion Lutheran Church. That's what the 'Lutheran' church is all about – learning and teaching God's true and unchanging Word.

Luther wrote: *“The noblest and greatest work and the most important service we can perform for God on earth is bringing other people, and especially those who are entrusted to us, to the knowledge of God by the Holy Gospel.”*

It is through His powerful Word that God has given us new birth into a life with Him that lasts forever. Let’s all rededicate and commit ourselves to taking advantage of every opportunity to hear, learn, share, and live by the life-giving and life-changing Word of God. It’s harvest time!

Come, and grow with us!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Mark Benning

Parish News

What’s going on in the Call Process?

There are several different steps that the congregation takes in the process of issue a Divine Call to a Pastor. We are in the middle of our process. Please reach out to any of the Call Committee if you have any questions about next steps.

- ✓ Pre-Call Meeting with President Lueck and Circuit Visitor Wessel
- ✓ Call Committee meets to organize and decide timelines
- ✓ Congregational Survey is sent to members (due 7/17)
- ✓ Call Committee meets to evaluate/compile surveys (7/17)
- ✓ Members can nominate possible candidates – Nominations due 7/31
- ✓ Congregation meets to review documents and information 8/11
- ✓ Information sent to the North Wisconsin District Office
 - North Wisconsin District President sends candidate list to congregation
 - Call Committee meets to review candidate information and make recommendations to Zion
 - Congregational Call Meeting - Congregation votes to extend a Divine Call to a candidate

The call committee met Tuesday, September 10th. Pastor Benning was a guest. He was invited to describe experiences with the call process during his career as a LCMS Pastor. Pastor Benning discussed reasons why pastors may accept or decline calls, housing issues, follow up calls, interview methods and questions, and much more. He stressed decisions need to be made by the call committee, he's sharing his ideas and experience to assist the call committee members. Thank You Pastor Benning! The call list from the District is expected by mid-October.

Members of the Call Committee are Dan Heike, Jeremy Anderson, Jane Reineke, Laura Nowaskey, Joel Lewiston, Matt Mohn, and John Schultz.

Fall Sunday Education Hour

October will find the adults finishing up the series “In The Dust of the Rabbi.” We will then spend some time focusing on Martin Luther and his emphasis on “Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone.” We will learn about his life, his teachings, and the culture at the time of the Reformation. Join us every Sunday morning in the fellowship hall from 10:30-11:30 as we grow in our faith.

Sunday School

Sunday School – Our Fall Sunday School is off and running. Each Sunday the students begin their time together with an opening at 10:30. This is a time to sing and learn more about the story they are learning about, or a faith concept they can grow in. During October they will learn about the prophets Elisha and Jonah. They will also have a special Sunday devoted to learning about the Reformation. Thank you to all the teachers who have committed to helping our youth grow.

Confirmation 2024-25

Zion’s 6-8 graders starting meeting at the beginning of September to learn and grow in their faith. We are excited to have about 20 students who are coming every Wednesday evening to study God’s Word and understand what He has to say to them. During the month of October our youth will focus on the four Gospels. We thank Zion, the students’ parents and grandparents for supporting them in this process of growth. Please pray for these students that they may put God’s Word in their hearts as they live out their lives being led by Jesus Christ.

Youth Ministry (Jr & Sr. High Youth)

October event - Our next event will be on Sunday, Oct. 13 at church. Our 6-7 grades will be invited to this event for fellowship, food, games and pumpkin carving! Watch for more details. We will meet starting at 11:30. October will also present a few opportunities for service projects. Youth will have the opportunity to help at the German Dinner. Also, watch for information about helping to work at the German Valley cemetery and Registration for the National Youth Gathering.

Porch Pots and Wreaths Fundraiser - Something to keep in mind . . . This fall our youth are planning on doing a fundraiser to help defray the costs of attending the National Youth Gathering and other activities and events they participate in. We are still in the planning stages, but we plan to offer both porch pots and wreaths for sale. They will be available toward the end of November. Watch for details and keep us in mind as you think into your future decorating!

Senior High Youth – The **National Youth Gathering** will be held in New Orleans July 19-23, 2025. This year’s theme ENDURE, based on Hebrews 12:1-3, will help youth focus on our Savior and what He has done for us. Information about this event is available, please contact Jane Reineke if you would like more information or have any questions. We are asking that youth who are interested in registering for this event fill out paperwork and have a \$100.00 deposit turned in by Oct. 20. Online registration begins November 1, and we want to be some of the first to register!



The 2025 LCMS National Youth Gathering will be held in New Orleans. Zion is in the planning stages for this coming summer’s event. Held every 3 years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God’s people to be

encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity.

Midweek Morning Bible Class ***Celebrating Life as Grandparents***

One of our callings as we get older may be serving children as grandparents. Grandchildren (and other children in our lives) are a blessing from God, and we can be a blessing to them by enriching their lives in many ways. This month our Thursday morning class will consider “Celebrating Life as Grandparents” to see how we can share our faith and life values with grandchildren and other “kids” from our neighborhood or church. Join us for this interesting and enjoyable interactive class on Thursday mornings at 10:00am in the classroom at Zion!

Parking Lot is paid in full! The donations that were so generously given have provided us with a new look and will be much appreciated this winter. Thank You!

North Wisconsin District Adult Gathering

October 15, 2024

Make plans now to attend the NWD Adult Gathering on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston. Registration & morning refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. with the program from 10:00 a.m. — 2:30 p.m. A catered lunch will be served at noon. Devotions will be led by District President Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck. Keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, will share a message based on his book "Overcoming Life's Sorrows: Learning from Jeremiah" which is included with each registration. Dr. Lessing currently serves in various roles such as The Edwin F. and Esther L. Laatsch Chair of Old Testament Studies, and Director of the Center for Biblical Studies at Concordia University in St. Paul just to name a few. The \$40 registration fee includes morning refreshments, program, lunch and Dr. Lessing's book. Registration deadline is October 1st. A freewill offering will be collected to support Peru missions. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall and on the NWD homepage at www.nwdlcms.org under 'Events and Info'.

Ladies Society September 12, 2024

The Thursday, September 12 Pizza Supper meeting was held in the fellowship hall. Ginny Gunderson, President called the officers' meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the pizza supper beginning at 5:30 p.m. Present were 14 members, Pastor Mark Benning, and Jacquelyn Lahn the LWML NWD Recording Secretary. The minutes from the August 8 meeting were available for reference and the treasurer's report was presented. At the 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. meeting the officers discussed and prepared for the many events planned-

LWML Sunday, October 6 - There will be a "blessing of the quilts" and after the worship service "Mighty Muffins" will be served. "Mighty" in reference to the mite offerings that are collected and donated to many areas of need. Remember to wear purple. The Mission Statement of LWML is "As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others."

The Zone 15 LWML Fall Rally will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fall Creek on Saturday, October 12, 2024. Registration is 8:30-

9:00 a.m. There is a registration fee of \$8.00. The Bible Study “Holy Spirit- Helper, Sanctifier, Teacher.”

GERMAN DINNER and Bake Sale will be on Sunday, October 20. The menu is a delicious dinner of ham, brats, sauerkraut, baked beans, coleslaw, German potato salad, baked potato, apple crisp, cookies, apple cranberry juice, coffee, milk. The cost is adult \$12.00, children ages 5-10 \$8.00 each, children ages 4 and under free. Proceeds from this dinner go evenly one third to a project, a mission, and the Ladies treasury.

Mary Standaert will lead the Lions Club serving on September 23 and October 28.

Serving group #5 will serve the next funeral or the Community Sharing Table on November 13.

Ginny Gunderson led the prayer for the prayers requested. The Lord’s Prayer and the table prayer prayed. A variety of pizzas from the pizza truck were enjoyed. Pastor Mark Benning shared an authentic mite coin and the Widow’s Mite Luke 21:1-4, Mark 12:41-44.

Respectfully submitted by,
Elizabeth Leasum, Recording Secretary

LWML Sunday-October 6

The first Sunday in October is called LWML Sunday. It’s the Sunday that many women at worship service are wearing purple, talking about the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, and serving “Mighty Muffins” at coffee hour. On that Sunday, which this year is October 6, mites will be collected for the many worldwide missions that the LWML supports. In your mailbox, in the Narthex, is a Mite Box. These boxes will be collected on Sunday, October 6. Please consider a donation to LWML. When you give you don’t just make a donation - you make a difference! Your offerings and prayers bring the love of Jesus to those in need in our neighborhoods and around the world. Thank you.

Ladies Society Officers Needed

The offices of President and Vice President will be elected at November’s meeting of the Zion Ladies Society. They are two-year terms. Please consider if the Lord is calling you to serve in this way. Many traditions of this group go back historically more than 80 years. The main service that is provided, if families desire, is to serve a meal following funerals. The many different talents of ladies are needed in the kitchen that is maintained by the group and utilized by different Zion groups, Evangelism, Sharing Table, Youth, etc. Information about how this Society functions to serve the

congregation can be found in their handbook that is published each year. All the ladies of the congregations are assigned a serving group and are called on as they are able and willing.

Greetings fellow Zion members 😊

Once again your Ladies Society is sponsoring a card challenge. We will be handing out “Thinking of You” type cards after both the October 2nd and October 6th services with the challenge for you to send someone a note of cheer. You may choose to sign the card or send anonymously. Please help us show some love and spread God's goodness. Last year this was quite successful and we are praying for an even bigger response this year! Thank you! In Christ, Zion Ladies Society

The Mondovi Area Food Pantry is currently searching for a Director. This is a volunteer position. A great team of volunteers run the Pantry, yet a Director is needed to oversee operations. The current Director will work with and assist the new Director. This position is available immediately.

If interested in a very fulfilling opportunity to give back to the Mondovi/Eleva/Gilmanton communities, please call 715-926-3115 and leave your name and phone number. Someone will call you back with more details and answer any questions you may have.

Council Meeting September 12, 2024

The Thursday, September 12, 2024 Zion Lutheran Church council meeting was called to order by Dan Heike, President at 6:00 p.m. in the library room. Pastor Mark Benning opened with 1 Corinthians 1-2, he spoke about callings, that God calls people to serve, he spoke about the Thursday morning Bible study of “God at Work,” he spoke about the call committee, Romans 8:28-30, 2 Thessalonians 2:14, and prayer.

Recording Secretary’s Report- The minutes from the Thursday, June 13 meeting were approved.

Financial Secretary/Treasurer’s Report- Deborah Deutscher reported on the offering totals, income and expense, and balance sheet for January 1 through August 31, 2024. She reported that the blacktop bill for the parking lot is paid in full. Elizabeth Leasum made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, seconded by Joe Osenga. Motion carried.

Pastor’s Report- Pastor Mark Benning reported that as our Vacancy Pastor he has been doing everything that our Pastor would do and that he is happy

to serve as Zion continues the call process. He has served at the Washington Street Apartments, the American Lutheran Home, Senior Fellowship, Thursday Bible study, attended meetings and hospital visits, the Wednesday and Sunday worship services, there has been one baptism and one funeral. Confirmation classes have begun with Jane Reineke and Sunny Lewiston also teaching. The council thanked him for everything that he is doing.

Elder's Report- Joe Osenga reported that the elders are looking at the election for elders and set the elder serving schedule.

Youth Committee- Joe Osenga reported on the youth's scheduled events. They will be fundraising.

No other committee reports.

Business- Pastor Mark and Emily Benning will attend the NWD Adult Gathering. A lay person can also attend. Deborah Deutscher made a motion for Zion to cover the \$40.00 registration fee for a lay person to attend, seconded by Galen Aase. Motion carried. The council approved the proposed budget for Stewardship. They also approved putting the "first time to camp" under the Youth budget along with the National Youth Gathering and Busy Bags under worship. The elders will make a decision about continuing the first Sunday of the month loose change donation. Next the council looked at copier replacement information from Loffler. A motion was made by Galen Aase to accept the Xerox AltaLink Multifunctional C8130, seconded by Deborah Deutscher. Motion carried. The council approved the October 5 request by the Stuber family to use the fellowship hall.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. The Lord's Prayer prayed.

Respectfully submitted by, Elizabeth Leasum, Recording Secretary

These minutes unapproved, to be approved at the next council meeting.

This is a listing of current offices that need to be filled for 2025/2026-
Four 2 year terms may be held in an office. Please make nominations
known to/or if you want to volunteer yourself, talk to a current council
member.

Vice President: Andy Heike has served 2 terms

Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Leasum Out of terms

Treasurer: Deborah Deutscher has served 1 term

Board of Elders: Jose Osenga has served 2 terms

Matt Mohn Has served 3 terms

Galen Aase has served 3 terms

Board of Trustees: Oscar Howell has served 1 term

We need to have the election in the month of November to give any new individuals the month of December to shadow their predecessor, so they know the duties they are taking over and have time to ask questions & get answers.

Officer duties per Zion Bylaws.

VICE PRESIDENT - Perform President duties in his absence,. Assist President in his duties as assigned.

RECORDING SECRETARY - Keep accurate minutes of Voter's Assembly and Council. File, signed by President, copies in permanent records. Maintain an accurate list of voting members and all officers, boards and committees.

TREASURER - Promptly pay all bills and salaries authorized by Voter's Assembly, boards or the President. Keep accurate records in books (computer programs) and submit for audit. Submit a report at each Council, Voter's Assembly.

BOARD OF ELDERS - Be an example of Christian living. Assist the Pastor in all matters pertaining to spiritual welfare of the congregation, doctrinal matters and matters pertaining to the godly walk of life for Pastor, officers, and members of the congregation, observing the Lord's instructions in Matthew 18: 15-18. Help the Pastor arrange pulpit supplies, special services, and guest speakers. Ensure worship services are conducted orderly and decently. Each Elder is assigned to serve on a committee and report to the Elders and Council of those committees activities.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Keep record of all meetings and decisions made by them at said meetings. Be legal representatives of the congregation. Be custodians of the congregational properties including all valuable papers such as deeds, documents, insurance policies, certificates of incorporation, etc. In an emergency, perform all acts necessary for the protection of congregational property. Have authority to propose projects

and submit to voters. Supervise hired and volunteer workers involved in maintenance and operations of the church property and submit reviews of performance and salaries recommendations for the budget.

All officers are members of the Church Council. It is the duty of the church council members to meet regularly, to consider and discuss all matters pertaining to the spiritual and material welfare of the congregation.

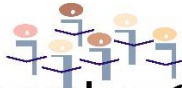
1976 Fellowship Hall Addition

We are in search of *pictures of the 1976 Fellowship Hall addition* to add to the Zion website. If you are able to share any, please email them to pfunddiane@gmail.com, or leave them in Diane Pfund's mailbox here at church with your name on them so they can be scanned and returned to you.



ZION CHOIR NOTES

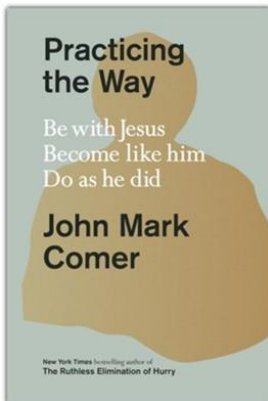
You are invited to join us every Thursday evening from 6:30 -7:30. This is a great opportunity to get to know people and become part of Zion's family. This year we are looking at how the Psalms can impact our lives as we look at different settings and songs that come directly from the Psalmody. We sing, but we also laugh, learn and grow as we celebrate the gift of God's Word in music.



Thanks, Choir!

Men of Zion- Saturday Men's Group

Our Saturday morning monthly study with breakfast will meet on Saturday, October 19. We are continuing with the book we started in June - *Practicing the Way*. This is a very practical study on what it means to be an 'apprentice' of Jesus. We are providing this book for all who are interested and want to join us. Please let me know if you need a copy of this book. I will make sure to have one ordered and available for you.
David Reineke



Evangelism Committee – September 17, 2024

- Garms Family Christmas Concert

When: December 7, 2024 Saturday 6:00pm

Evangelism will serve snacks after the concert

- Hot Chocolate, meat & cheese trays, cookies, crackers and bars.
- Check with Ellsworth Creamery and Eau Galle for some sliced cheese. - Ken
- Check with Gundersons for some Summer Sausages. - Mike
- Check if we can get a KwikTrip card on the new KwikTrip in Mondovi.
- Get flyers from Garms to distribute around.

Other discussion:

- The Luke 3:11 Project - can help them to raise donations for winter boots, coats and hats & personal hygiene products this year.

Luke 3:11 Project is a nonprofit based out of Mondovi. Its namesake is a reference to a quote from Jesus in the New Testament of the Bible that says, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” The project has been around for six years and has visited far and wide to bring items to those in need.

Next meeting: October 8, 2024

Project Luke 3:11

Once again we have a donation box located in our lobby area under the office window for anyone that has gently used items that they would like to donate to help the less fortunate in our community. This year they are once again asking for winter coats, boots, hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and blankets. The Huberts take their trailer loaded with these items to different places like the food pantries and other places in our area that people frequent to be available for others to get items that will help them through tough times. *“He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise” Luke 3:11*

Lutheran Hour Ministries

2024 Rose Parade Float Coloring Contest. “Make a Joyful Noise Unto The Lord.” Information is available in the Resource Center. Millions of households watch the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on TV. The LHM float is the longest running and only Christian float in the parade!



Wall of Honor

Veteran's Day, a day to honor those who have served and are currently serving our country, is observed on November 11. This year Zion would like to honor the veterans in our lives through a Wall of Honor. We will be setting this display up in the fellowship hall entry way the week of November 4. We would like your help in honoring those who have served us. Please take a "Wall of Honor" sheet (available in the narthex beginning Oct. 6), fill it out and return it by Wednesday, October 30. Pictures (not required) may be attached. Please do not send your only copy of a picture. If you would like the office to print a copy, please email a copy or bring the photo in and we would be happy to help you. Please use a separate piece of paper for each veteran. If you filled out a sheet last year and left it at Zion, we will use them for our Wall and you don't need to redo it. We are looking forward to a display that honors how God has used His people in service to our country.



Luther on Lutheran Education

The August Edition of The Lutheran Witness (a publication of the LC-MS Synod) highlighted the history of Lutheran education in the LCMS. Did you know that "LCMS schools represent the largest non-Catholic, single-denomination school system in the United States?" During the Reformation, Luther recognized that educating our youth was important to the church's Gospel work. Luther felt strongly that schools, along with parents, should teach the faith to children. (Psalm 78:1-7). In fact, Luther wrote the Catechism as guide for how families should teach the truths of God. Lutheran education focuses on God's Gospel (Good News) and how it interacts with our daily lives. We at Zion are blessed with a strong tradition of Christian education through our Sunday School and youth programs and strive to work together with parents to carry on the tradition of Christian education that Luther felt so strongly about. If you are interested in learning more about Lutheran Education in the LCMS, feel free to contact the office.

October Birthdays

2-Jessica Lisowski
3-Lori Hollister
4-Braxton Gavin
5-Jeremy Anderson
5-Casey Denk
5- Jim Parker
6-Alexander Mohn
10-Laurie Nichols
10-Jennifer Robinette
11-Adeline Endle
11-Makinley McDonough
12-Layne Dziekan
12-Brooklynn Howell
12-Jack Summerlot
14-August York
15-Andy Heike
15-Morgan Ronnei
17-Keith Reinhardt
17-Betty Sessions
17-Leon Urness
18-Reggie Corpuz
19-Lois Geffe
19-Piper Haigh
19-Marley Schmidknecht
19-Shauna Sie
21-Faye Betts
22-Aubree Tremel
22-Luke Warner
23-Julie Benning
24-Merissa Klein
24-Nicholas Rausenberger
25-Ellie Osenga
26-David Benning
26-Kevin Gilow
27-Lisa Heike
29-Katie Harris
30-Roger Suhr
30-Aubrey Wittig
31-Leory Heck
31-Allen Ronnei

October Anniversaries

1-Jason & Lynn Bechel
1-Joey and Shelly Dziekan
7-Jean & Robert Fleming
9-Andy & Greta Heike
9-Dan & Debra Hill
17-Cody & Josie McGee
18-Jeff & Julie Kacures
19-Rich & Bev Brion
19-Jim & Jane Schultz
20-Joshua & Sarah Hill
21-Rene & Dale Laehn
22-Mark & Emily Benning
22-Kim & Dale Kummer
22-Marvin & Lois Stay
24-Bob & Lori Grossell
25-George & Julie Benning
25-Joel & Sunny Lewiston

Thank you to “Thrivent Choice Dollars” donators:

Betty Trones



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Marriage of Casey Denk and Collin

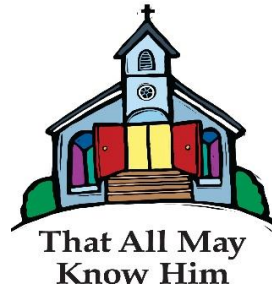
Weltzien on Saturday, September 14, 2024. Please pray that the Lord would bless this union as they unite in faith and love.

Gifts and Memorials

- ❖ *In memory of Larry Hestekin
Parking Lot Fund
Vicki Denk
Robin Taylor
Deborah Deutscher*
- ❖ *In memory of Donald Roetter
Parking Lot Fund
Loretta Roetter*

❖ *In memory of Dean McGee*
Parking Lot Fund
 Audrey & Galen Aase
 Mary Brion
 Rene Laehn
 Derrick Segerstrom
 Kirsten Heck
 Alice Anibas
 Gary Holmen
 Jeff & Jule Kacures
 Florence Deutscher
 Mike & Diane Ashwell
 Julie & Ryan Vollmer
 Herman & LaRae Grotzinger
 June Deutscher
 Bill & Betty Sessions
 Katie & Jeff Harris
 Rick Sessions

Steve Odegard
 Richard & Bev Brion
 Pastor & Deb Woebeking
 Curt Bloom
 Deborah Deutscher
 Cheryl Anibas
 Kurt & Donna Engen
 Mary Heck
 Robin Taylor
 Margaret Sessions
 Blaine Brothers, Inc
 Mike Gleason
 Ken & Kathy Blodgett
 George & Julie Benning
 Rene & Dale Laehn



Reminder of “First Sunday Loose Offerings”

Twelve charitable organizations were approved. The name of each organization was put into a hat. Elders drew names for each month. Each month “First Sunday Loose Offerings” will be donated as follows:

January	Apple Pregnancy Center
February	Mondovi Backpack Program
March	North Wisconsin District Church Worker Debt Relief
April	Lutheran Public Radio (LPR)
May	Main Street Living
June	Scenic Hills Youth Ranch
July	LCMS Disaster Relief Fund
August	Mondovi Area Food Pantry
September	Mondovi Area Clergy Association (MACA)
October	Rev. Michael and Irene Paul
November	Camp Luther
December	Hope Gospel Mission

Rev. Michael and Irene Paul

Rev. Dr. Michael and Jen-Yi “Irene” Paul serve the Lord as career missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Taiwan. In this role, Michael serves as a theological educator for the China



Evangelical Lutheran Church. He teaches at the seminary and congregational levels and mentors new church workers. He also writes and translates Lutheran Chinese resources and makes many resources available online. Michael was born in Cotabato City, the Philippines, where his parents were LCMS missionaries. He received a bachelor’s degree in linguistics, with a minor in Chinese, from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. He received his Master of Divinity and a doctorate in doctrinal theology from Concordia Seminary, St.

Louis. Michael served six years in Macau and one year in Taiwan as an LCMS missionary. He also served as an associate pastor at his home congregation, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Evansville, Ind., where he planted and led the Chinese Mission that began at this church in 2011. Michael enjoys music and running.

Jen-Yi “Irene” was born in Chiayi, Taiwan. Her home congregation is also St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Evansville, Ind. She received a bachelor’s degree in elementary and special education from Concordia University, Nebraska, Seward. She earned a master’s degree in special education from Wayne State University, Detroit. Jen-Yi “Irene” worked as a learning disabilities and special education teacher. She enjoys music and exercising. Michael and Jen-Yi “Irene” have three adult children, Rachel, Jonathan, and Elizabeth, and two grandchildren, Enoch and Abel.



Growing in Faith

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study held at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Our studies will be video based series titled “In the Dust of the Rabbi-Learning to Live as Jesus Lived.” We will be exploring what it meant to be a disciple in Jesus’ time and how it relates to our lives today.

Our Monday Night Bible Study meets every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to join us.

On Thursday Mornings at 10 am, a weekly Bible Study will be offered on “Celebrating Life as Grandparents” in the Bible Study room at Zion.

Men’s Group will meet again on October 19th. We enjoy breakfast, watch & discuss a video, and encourage one another as men of faith.

Rachel Circle is a women’s Bible study that meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm. Feel free to join these ladies anytime.

You are most welcome to Worship
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
Wednesdays – 7:00 p.m.



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