



# B.A.S.I.C. Newsletter

Brothers and Sisters in Christ at  
Zion Lutheran Church of Mondovi



## September 2024

### Rally Around the Word of God!

Good things have been going on at Zion this summer! In June, young and old enjoyed “The Great Jungle Journey” in our V.B.S. In July, seven youth (and adult leaders) had an awesome adventure in the Servant Event at Shoshone Mountain Retreat in northern Idaho. Many have continued to receive Christ “The Bread of Life” through His Word and Holy Supper in worship services on Sundays and/or Wednesdays. Children and adults learned of our spiritual legacy in the lives of the “Heroes of Faith” in Hebrews 11 on Sunday mornings.

As another summer comes to an end, many of us are squeezing in a few more vacation trips and children are getting ready to return to school. At Zion Lutheran Church, we are also getting ready to “kick off” a new season of Christian Education for all ages.

Confirmation instruction for “middle school” youth (in grades 6-8) will begin with an Orientation meeting for students and their parents on August 28 at 5:30 pm.

Sunday School classes will start again with our annual “Rally Day” at 10:30 am on September 8, followed by a Fellowship Meal.

Every week – God’s Holy Word will be proclaimed in our worship services and taught to learners of all ages in Sunday School and Bible classes. Other opportunities for adult Bible study groups will be available on Monday evenings and Thursday mornings.

We never outgrow our need to learn the eternal wisdom of God’s Word in Holy Scriptures. That’s why our church provides worship services, Bible classes, and Christian instruction for all. Jesus said that those who continue learning His Word are truly His disciples, “and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31).

St. Paul wrote to his young student Timothy: “Continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus” (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:14,15).

Let's all keep learning and growing, together as God's people, as we rally around the Word of our Lord! Come, and grow with us!

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 Pastor 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 forms due 7/31
- ✓ Congregation meets to review documents and information (tentative 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

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

### **Fall Sunday Education Hour**

The opening of our Fall Education Hour will be celebrated on Sunday, September 8. During the service our teachers will be installed. Sunday school will start at 10:30 in the gathering space by the downstairs classrooms. Middle School will meet in the upstairs classroom, with Senior High students meeting in the library. Adults will meet in the fellowship hall. After the education hour, we will celebrate together with a pot-luck meal.

## BUFFALO COUNTY FAIR



The Evangelism Committee of Zion Mondovi once again sponsored a booth during the 4 days of the Buffalo County Fair. This was represented by members of Zion who volunteered their time to visit with people and share God's work and Word as fair goers wandered through the commercial building. We had a new game this year..."Plinko". Adults and children alike enjoyed this game. Many prizes with other freebies were given away. Besides little trinkets with Zions name on most, we gave free Bibles and a Bible Story book for children.

### **Confirmation 2024-25**

The orientation meeting for the 2024-2025 school year was held Wednesday, August 28. Students and parents had the opportunity to review the year's schedule, ask questions, and talk about what confirmation is and some Bible basics. During the month of September our students will be introduced to the Creeds, the Small Catechism, reading God's Word, and what worship is. Please pray for our youth as they learn more about God through these lessons. If you'd like to brush up on some of these fundamental truths of the church, be sure to check your bulletins. We plan to include a "Confirmation Corner" which will highlight the area of study for the week and challenge you to brush up on your memory work with them!

**Parking Lot Project Pledge for Matching Funds Sheets** can be found in the Resource Center. Thank you for your prayerful offering toward the Parking Lot Project enhancing our church.

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

In our Thursday Morning Bible Class this summer we have been looking at our “vocations” or “callings” in life. 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!

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://www.nwdlcms.org) under 'Events and Info'.

**Ladies Society Pizza Supper**  
**September 12 at 5:30 p.m.**

The Ladies Society Pizza Supper meeting will be September 12 at 5:30 p.m. Jacquelyn Lahn, Zone 15 President and NWD Recording Secretary will attend this meeting and give a presentation on the LWML Convention that was held in Appleton. There will also be a Ladies Society officers meeting before this meeting starting at 4:30 p.m. Please also note that there will be an Altar Guild meeting starting at 3:30 p.m. to answer any questions, set a date to decorate for Christmas, and complete the 2025 serving schedule.

## Quarterly Voters' Meeting

August 11, 2024

Dan Heike called the meeting to order. Pastor Benning led with a Prayer. The minutes from the previous quarterly meeting were approved. **Treasurer and Financial Secretary's report:** A copy of the Financial and Treasurer's report was available to all. There's a \$37,000 balance due on the Parking Lot replacement. There was a \$1000.00 parking lot donation recently. The 2025 budget sheets were distributed to all committees today. Finance and Treasurer's reports were approved. **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Benning stated everything is going well, he works part time, about 20 hours each week. He meets with the Elders to discuss the congregation's needs such as visits, service, and classes. **Trustees:** The parking lot is done. There's some erosion between the lot and front yard on the west side of the parking lot. A fence by the river is in the works as is outside carpeting on the front steps.

**Evangelism:** The committee gave two thumbs up to the fair booth and thanked the helpers. The Garm's family will perform the first Saturday in December. **Education:** VBS was a success. Dave Reineke is the new Sunday school superintendent. There will be a teacher's meeting soon.

**New Business:** Diane Pfund was thanked for her updates to Zion's Website (bulletin, newsletter and more).

Dan and Lisa Heike were thanked for establishing a matching fund for the parking lot. Keith Reinhart mentioned the front door was locked before service on a recent Sunday. Ken Blodgett usually unlocks the door, he was out of town that day. This will be a topic for the Elders.

John Gehrke asked about a Mortgage Burning celebration. Debbie Deutscher has requested a mortgage that should be available soon.

The congregation approved the use of the Fellowship Hall next summer (2025) for the Geisecker Family reunion.

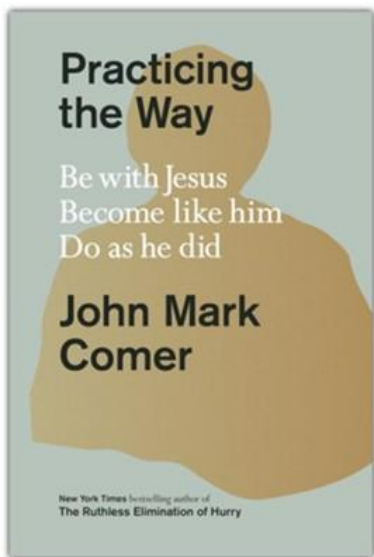
Pastor Benning mentioned that 2025 is the 75th anniversary of the current church building. A celebration should be in the works.

Confirmands will meet the last Wednesday of August. Pastor Benning and volunteers will teach the classes. Dan recommended that Zion keep current on a photo directory by self submitting photos. Jane R., Diane P., and Diane A. are meeting to complete this task.

A list was available showing the terms of Zion's elected positions. Elizabeth Leasum, Recording Secretary, has termed out. Elections will take place at the next quarterly meeting, November 3rd. Next Meeting is at 10:30, Sunday November 3rd, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall. Respectfully submitted by John R. Schultz

## Men of Zion- Saturday Men's Group

Our Saturday morning monthly study with breakfast will resume on Saturday, September 21. We will pick up with the book we started in June - *Practicing the Way*. In September, we will review Goal #1 - *Be With Jesus* again. It will be a good review for some and new to others! 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. May God grant you rest and revitalization this summer! Hope to see you soon.  
David Reineke



## Youth Ministry

**Senior High Youth Group (grades 8-12) fall kick-off!** Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 21. We will be having a BBQ kick-off at the Loscheiders. We plan to go from 3-6. This event is for both kids and parents. We will have games, food, fun and go through our plans for the coming year. We will spend some time talking about the National Youth Gathering and what will be involved with that event this summer. Plan to bring your questions, a dish to pass, and your enthusiasm! If you have any questions, please talk with the Craig or Julie Loscheider.



## ZION CHOIR NOTES

September begins our fall rehearsal schedule. We will start Thursday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join us. We practice each Thursday for about an hour (you don't have to be able to come to every rehearsal). We sing, but we also laugh, learn and grow as we celebrate the gift of God's Word in music.





**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.

The Gathering is more than the five days of the event. The preparation process for the Gathering brings together young people and supportive adults to encourage each other in their baptismal identity. The Gathering provides young people a vision for the vastness of Christ's Church and equips them for vocational service as they continue their walk with Jesus. All youth grades 8-12 are invited to find out more about this experience. We will present information at the Sept. 21 youth group kick-off.

### **Evangelism Committee - August 20, 2024**

- Mondovi Fair 2024 – received lots of positive feedback. People love the Plinko game and the giveaway Fan.
  - Some leftover giveaways from the fair
    - Cross Maze & Neon necklaces
- We need little stand for the Plinko game if we're going to use it again next year.
- The 2 booths helped a lot providing sufficient space to us and booth visitors.
  - Order Kids Bible Stories book for next year's Fair.
    - Garms Family Christmas Concert  
When: December 7, 2024 Saturday 6:00pm  
Evangelism will serve snacks after the concert
      - Hot Chocolate, cookies, crackers and bars.
  - Check with Ellsworth Creamery for some sliced cheese.
  - Check with Gundersons for some Summer Sausages.
- Check if we can get a KwikTrip card on the new KwikTrip in Mondovi.

Other discussion:

- Reviewed and discussed Evangelism budget spending and current balance.
- Proposed to increase next year's budget from \$4,000 to \$4,500.  
Next meeting: September 17, 2024

## **Zion Lutheran Ladies Society - August 8, 2024**

The Thursday, August 8 meeting for the Zion Lutheran Ladies Society was held in the Bible study room. Ginny Gunderson, President called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. Present were 9 members. Elizabeth Leasum gave the devotion on the Widow's Mite (Luke 21:1-4 and Mark 12:41-44) and the LWML replica pendant of the Roman coinage. Pastor Mark Benning lead the Bible study from the Lutheran Women's Quarterly Summer 2024 page 16 "Speak the Truth in Love" Ephesians 4:1-16. Diane Pfund presented the work she has done to program the Zion Webpage with a link for the Ladies Society. The Ladies very much liked the Webpage. A committee was formed to assist with giving Diane updated information for her to put on the Ladies Society link. Those on the committee are Elizabeth Leasum, LaRae Grotzinger, Emily Benning.

The business meeting began with the reading of the May 9 minutes (no meeting in June or July was held). LaRae Grotzinger made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Deb Hill. Motion carried. Brenda McKissick presented the treasurer's report and it will be submitted for review. Thank you cards received were shared. The next serving group to serve for a funeral is group #3. Ginny Gunderson lead the prayer for the prayers requested. The Ladies then discussed and made plans for the many events in September and October-

Pizza Supper meeting September 12. The Ladies Society officers will meet at 4:30 p.m. with the Pizza Supper meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be a presentation on the LWML NWD Convention in Appleton. At the convention, Jacquelyn Lahn (our Zion 15 LWML President) was elected to be the NWD Recording Secretary. Please note that on September 12 the Altar Guild will meet at 3:30 p.m. to plan the 2025 serving schedule.

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

LWML SUNDAY October 6. There will be a blessing of the quilts and after the worship service "mighty muffins" will be served. During the month of September leading up to October 6 there will be information presented about the LWML mites and mite boxes available in your church mailboxes.

The Fall Rally will be held Saturday, October 12 by St Paul Lutheran Church Fall Creek, WI.

GERMAN DINNER Sunday, October 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A committee was formed to assist Susan Loomis with her plans. Those on the committee are Emily Benning, Margaret Ronnei, and



Mary Standaert. Proceeds of the dinner go evenly one third to a project, a mission, the Ladies treasury.

The project will be canine officer, the mission will be Zion Lutheran Church signs (still to be church council approved).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The League Pledge said.

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.

### **Annual German Dinner – October 20**

"Hallo!" Mark your calendars for our annual celebration of our German roots. The menu is finalized with ham, brats, baked potatoes, our famous German potato salad and coleslaw. We need bakers for apple crisp, ginger snaps and Pfeffer Neuse cookies. We are also seeking a variety of pickled items. Do you make watermelon pickles? Recipes for red cabbage are being explored, too.

We also would like to include a display as we did last year of historical German heirlooms like Bibles, wedding, confirmation and baptism certificates, dishes or other items you would be willing to share. They can be brought to the office and kept safe with Diane.

# September Birthdays

1-Andrea Kees  
1-Brenna Vollmer  
2-Louisa Corpuz  
2-Austin Harper  
2-Calvin Olson  
4-Kali Ridgeway  
4-Selina Swenson  
5-Kathy Blodgett  
5-Kalista Weber  
6-Carter Heike  
7-Braedon Heike  
7-Rivyn Sie  
10-Maisyn McGee  
10-Randi McKissick  
10-Barry Schultz  
12-Ashley Fritze  
12-Zachary Hoffman  
12-Lindsay Larson  
12-Marissa Wallace  
16-Rachel Hoffman  
17-Randy Mann  
18-Haley Glanzman  
19-Donna Parker  
20-Roger Graese  
20-Shyla LaPorte  
20-Art Sessions  
20-Leandra Sessions  
20-Peggy Waldbillig  
22-Cheryl Anibas  
22-Cody Haigh  
22-LaRae Grotzinger  
22-Travid McDonough  
23-Denise Brion  
24-Becky Loomis  
25-Jos Osenga  
27-Kathy Bauer  
27-Ella Traun  
28-Darleen Urness  
29-Nathan Ashwell  
29-Randy Crank  
29-Audra Dieckman

29-Ryan Heck  
29-Sara Heike  
29-Emersyn McGee  
29-Mason McDonough  
29-Tammy Yuhas

# September Anniversaries

11-Ray & Peggy Waldbillig  
14-Jeffrey & Nancy Glanzman  
14-Scott & Danielle Erickson  
28-Richard & Wendi Ashwell  
28-Matt & Ashley Erickson  
29-Steven & Beth Segerstrom  
29-Gary & Debra Skoug

## Thank you to “Thrivent Choice Dollars”



**donators:** Duttie Kent & Ruth Kent

## Official Acts

Baptism of Christopher Holland Benning on Sunday, August 4, 2024. Please pray that the Lord would bless this child in body and soul as he grows in faith.

Funeral of beloved Servant of God, Dean McGee, August 16, 2024.

## Gifts and Memorials

- ❖ *In memory of Larry Hestekin  
Parking Lot Fund  
Cheryl Anibas  
Rich & Bev Brion  
Mary Brion  
Mike & Diane Ashwell*
- ❖ *In memory of Larry Hestekin  
Food Pantry  
Ken & Kathy Blodgett*

- ❖ *In memory of Carol Geraghty*  
Sunday School  
Larry & Jeanne Anderson
- ❖ *In memory of Mary Jo Bloss*  
Sunday School  
Herman & LaRae Grotzinger

- ❖ *In honor of Jeremy & Candy*  
*Anderson's anniversary*  
*Parking Lot Fund*  
Jean Weiss

## **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
<b>September</b>	<b>Mondovi Area Clergy Association (MACA)</b>
October	Rev. Michael and Irene Paul
November	Camp Luther
December	Hope Gospel Mission

### **Mondovi Area Clergy Association (MACA)**

MACA is a gathering of Christian Clergy (Pastors, Ministers, priest, etc), who come together to be better able to minister to the people of the Mondovi Area. They meet monthly to support one another, grow in faith, and to foster dialogue. We minister to those in need, proclaim God’s love and build up the kingdom of God. Below are 2 of many areas that MACA has supported.

**First Responder Community  
Worship Service - April 30**



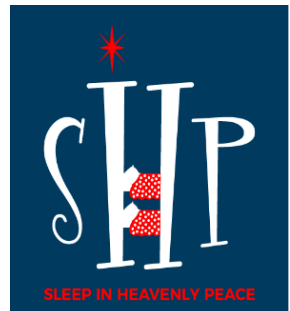
**Sponsored by:  
Mondovi Area Clergy Association**

To honor and say thank you to our area fire, police and EMTs - a First Responder worship service will be held at Central Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 30th @ 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome - spread the word! Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**Central Lutheran Church  
221 W. Main St.  
Mondovi, WI**

**\*Uniforms Optional**



# 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 Evening Bible Study** is returning on September 9<sup>th</sup> 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 September 21. 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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