

# The Tower

October 2016

For Members & Friends of Zion Lutheran Church

*Know Christ! Grow in Christ! Make Christ Known!*



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## What's Happening at Zion

### Zion Receives Gracious Gifts from the Vogel Sisters

On August 25, 2016, William Birkee, Trustee of the Mary Vogel Charitable Remainder Trust and the Helen M. Vogel Charitable Reminder Trust presented Zion with checks for \$690,000 to be used to maintain or improve the existing church. This is a gracious and beautiful gift that speaks volumes of Mary and Helen's faith and love of Zion.

Mary and Helen were lifelong members of Zion. Helen was born and baptized in 1916, confirmed in 1941 and died in April 2016. Mary was born



Mary

in 1919, baptized at in 1920, confirmed in 1934 and died in 2011. They worshiped weekly, feasting upon the good news of Jesus Christ. They lived their faith quietly everyday. For over forty years they cleaned Zion's pews every Monday.



Helen

They weeded and tended to the Memorial Garden. They participated in many of the circles and missions of Zion. They also felt strongly about two of the missions that Zion supports, as their trusts also gave \$450,000 to Samaritas (formerly LSSM) and \$225,000 to Peace Neighborhood Center.

We are thankful for this gift, but even more for the faith witness that Mary and Helen have left for us to follow. Updates of projects and repairs will be shared, so that all will know how this gift will be used to maintain and improve Zion's building. May we continue to follow Jesus and run the race of life, surrounded by the faithful witness who have gone before us. *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.*

—Hebrews 12:1

### Please Note

October 21 & 22 both Pastor Jim and Vicky will be out of the office, attending an intern leadership retreat. If you have an urgent pastoral need during their absence, please call the church office and let Diane know.

### Christmas Decorating Volunteers Needed

Linda Greb is retiring from Christmas Decorating at Zion after 10 years! Thank you Linda for your years of making Zion beautiful during the Christmas Season.

We are looking for volunteers to step up and help decorate during the season. The Sanctuary is already taken care of, as Elgin has volunteered to do our worship area. However, we still have Stellhorn Lounge, front office and chapel as well as the outside, which consists of the pillars, a new nativity scene and the wreaths on the door.

Linda has offered to be around this year to assist our new decorators. So don't be afraid you would be on your own the first time! Please contact the church office if you are interested. Thank you for considering helping beautify our church during the Christmas Season!

### Associate Pastor Call Committee Update

Hello! Thanks for your continued prayers and support. Our members include: Holli Bertram, Kay Davoux, Dale Eckart (chair), Dan McConnell (ex officio), Margie Reynolds, Matt Rudy, Bob Thompson, and Emmeline Weinert.

The committee has received several candidate profiles from the Southeast Michigan Synod of the ELCA. In August, we brought two candidates to visit Zion and interview in person. One candidate was not a good fit, but the other impressed us a great deal. We voted unanimously to ask him to be our associate pastor, but unfortunately he chose to serve at another congregation in another state. In the ELCA, there are more churches seeking pastors than available candidates, so the process is very dynamic. In September, we conducted more Skype interviews, and plan to invite the strongest candidates to visit us in Ann Arbor this fall.

We're working on God's timetable, led by His Spirit. While we know that God will lead us to the right person for Zion, we don't yet know when that process will conclude. We're grateful for your continued prayers and support.

# Worship Core Ministry

## Calling All Musicians!

It's a great time to join a music ensemble at Zion!

- **The Rings of the Lord (Handbells)** meets weekly on Thursdays from 6-7:30PM in the Sanctuary. **We are in need of ringers!!** We welcome ringers, ages high school to adult. No ringing experience necessary.
- **Chancel Choir** meets weekly on Thursdays from 7:30-9PM in the Sanctuary. We welcome singers, ages high school through adult.

Singers and instrumentalists are also encouraged to provide Special Music throughout our weekly and festival worship services. If you are interested in sharing your music, please email Natalie Downs ([ndowns@zlc-aa.org](mailto:ndowns@zlc-aa.org)).

## October Lectionary

- Oct 2** Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10  
**Oct 9** 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15C, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19  
**Oct 16** Genesis 32:22-31, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8  
**Oct 23** Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14  
**Oct 30** Jeremiah 31:31-34, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36

## Zion Concert Series

2016-2017 Season

*Sunday, Oct. 16, 3PM* - Elgin Clingaman, organ and piano\*

*Sunday, Nov 13, 4PM* - The Stephen Lynerd Group Sacred Jazz Concert\*\*

*Saturday, Dec. 10, 4PM* - The Detroit Lutheran Singers\*\*

*Saturday, Feb. 11, 4PM* - Eastern Michigan University Choir\*

*Sunday, Apr. 2, 4PM* - Measure for Measure\*\*

\* Free-will offering will be accepted

\*\*Ticketed event

## Zion Singers

**Zion Singers** is a group of singers with day-time availability who come together once a month (usually the 4th Friday of each month) to prepare and present a program of sacred, fun, and seasonal songs to residents at a local nursing care, assisted living, or hospice care facility. All are welcome to participate! Our next date is Friday, October 28 at The Sanctuary at St. Joseph's Village. Our rehearsal will be at 12:30PM in Music Room 1 on Level B1, and the performance will be at St Joe's at 2PM.

## Meet Our Choral Scholars

The Choral Scholars Program has kicked off this fall at Zion! This scholarship program is open to university students studying vocal music. We were blessed to have so many donations from Zion members to help fund this new scholarship program. Thank you to those who donated! With the funds received, we were able to award five scholarship spots this year. Our Choral Scholars include Mahari Conston (Soprano 1), Claire Agresta (Soprano 2), Aurora Haziri (Alto), Collin Price (Tenor), and Tanner Hoertz (Baritone). They will be singing with the Chancel Choir, cantor at First Light and Sola worship services, and provide special music on occasion. We are excited to have them this year to share their musical gifts at Zion!

# Intern's Corner



**Question:** Tell us about a significant moment in your faith journey that has helped to shape your ministry today.

**Answer:** There are countless moments in my life that I can now see have shaped me into the pastor that I am today. It is amazing to me how God uses all of our situations and creates blessings from our burdens. But one particular example that I'll share took place in my freshman summer of college.

I was working on Michigan Avenue in Chicago at an internship in a busy marketing firm. Each lunch hour people would pour out of office buildings, quickly move through the streets with their heads down to get to a restaurant or cafe, and then return to the offices an hour later. There was little interaction with others. It felt so mechanical to me. It felt lifeless.

The first day I followed suit and joined the masses, but on the second day, I noticed a man sitting on the ground hitting a bucket with a stick. I decided to stop and talk to him. Quickly he and I realized that both of us felt out of place in this hustle and bustle of corporate America. A friendship developed and I spent every day of that summer with "The Drummer Boy" eating lunch. He looked forward to the picnics I would pack and I looked forward to his insight into human behavior and how easy it is for people to ignore the outcast. In those three months, my friend taught me lessons about life that I would never have learned in a café with fellow yuppies closed off to the world. He taught me about compassion and love; about cherishing each moment even if homeless, legless and playing a bucket for tips; he was the face of Jesus for me.

At the end of my summer, "The Drummer Boy" took my hand into his and placed a gumball machine locket into the palm of my hand. He told me it was to be a reminder of him. I've carried that little heart shaped, plastic locket with me for the past 26 years. It is my most prized material possession. Each time I look at it, I am reminded that God has called me to notice his children. He asks me to lift my head and pay attention to the outcast, the broken, the sick, and the poor, and in so doing I know that I will be the one to receive the blessing.

# Young Discipleship

## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Program

The **J.A.M. Youth** (6th, 7th, and 8th graders) are heading up the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Program at Zion again this year. It's easy and it brings much joy to the child who receives your shoebox filled with gifts. Here's how you can help:

1. **Take home an Operation Christmas Child shoe box provided for you.**
2. **Cut out the LABEL** form on the back of the flyer (or print one from [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)). Check off the appropriate age for the child. Attach the label to the top of the box.
3. **Fill the box with gifts** (school supplies, toys, hard candy/gum, toothbrush, bar soap; a large folded tin foil sheet as moms of kids like to use/reuse it for cooking—see website for more suggestions).
4. Each box needs **\$7 to send it** to its destination. Consider using **EZ Give** (online) then print out special EZ Give shoe box labels included in the e-mail receipt. Then you can receive e-mail telling you the destination of your gift. If you prefer paying by check, make it payable to Samaritan's Purse, and note on the memo line "Operation Christmas Child."
5. Please **bring finished boxes back to church** on or before **Sunday, November 13th**. Look for a drop-off area in Bibleland upstairs, the Welcome Center, or drop off at the church office.

There will be flyers in the Welcome Center with more details – please pick one up.

**Questions?** Email or call Nina Johnson (734-649-8116, [njohnson@zlc-aa.org](mailto:njohnson@zlc-aa.org)) or Tom Clifford (668-6309, [tm3clifford@yahoo.com](mailto:tm3clifford@yahoo.com)) or Amy Peters ([amykpeters@yahoo.com](mailto:amykpeters@yahoo.com)).

We hope to collect **over 150** boxes. Think of the smiles your box will bring to those who receive it!

## Calendar

*Oct 2 - Catechism 10:10—11:10AM*

This week in catechism we will spend some time with our students talking about the Lord's supper, what it means to us as Lutherans, and why we take it every week.

*Oct 9 - Grace Place 6—8PM*

This week we will continue our series on what it means to have a Christ-centered identity. As always, food and entertainment provided!

*Oct 16 - Catechism 10:10—11:10AM*

This week in catechism we will continue our discussion about the Lord's Prayer as our students continue to grow in their faith and have an all-around great time!

*Oct 23 - Grace Place 6—8PM*

High school students, come join us as we finish our discussion about living as Christians in today's world. Guaranteed to be a great time, as always!

*Oct 30 - Student Night at Three Cedars Farm*

Come on out to the Three Cedars Farm in Northville to celebrate the Fall season with us. The night will include a corn maize, cider, donuts, and a bonfire. Maybe even some s'mores with friends or family! All are welcome.

## 4th Graders and Parents—First Communion Class

First Communion instruction for fourth graders will be in November this year, rather than in the spring. A scheduling conflict will not allow for the normal spring instruction during Lent.

All fourth graders and at least one parent are invited to come to two sessions on November 6 and 13 from 12:30—2:30. Lunch will be provided. We will learn: How Jesus Gives the Gift of Communion, How Communion Connects Us With God's Saving Love, How Communion Feeds Us In Many Ways, and How Communion Prepares Us To Serve Others.

Together we will bake bread, watch videos, create a memory and have fun learning about God's gift of The Lord's Supper. On Christ the King Sunday, November 20 we will celebrate First Communion during worship. Sign-up with Nina in Bibleland.

## Thank You and Congratulations

Praise and thanks be to God for: the perfect weather, our prayer warriors, Alison and the praise band for the live music, Natalie and her beautiful bell ringers, our weekend custodian Max for all his hard work moving tables and chairs, our grillmasters Randy Dence and John Goldstein, our tour guide, Tom Weber, who also along with Alan McComb moved tables and chairs, Peri Thomas for helping with set up, Bob Thompson, Ken Utsunomiya, Pastor Jim and Barbara Debner for the extra help with cleanup, Kent Peterson for bringing the leftovers to the shelter, Diane Rinehart who made endless copies and coordinated announcements, our nursery attendant, Kamryn Hayes who sat in the hot sun and watched over our little ones in the bounce house, everyone who participated in the ministry fair, and to all our members who came out and supported the Open House.

- The Welcome Ministry Team

# Congregation Council

## August 16, 2016—Highlights

### *Financial Report:*

- Cash—Available cash at the end of July was \$137,561. Cash in the operations account as of 08/12/16 is approximately \$134,000. We currently have sufficient cash on hand to last the next several months. The Zion Endowment Board made transfers to Zion accounts in July: \$26,178.45 was deposited to the Operations account, and an additional \$1,133.20 was deposited to several dedicated accounts. We will likely receive one more disbursement before the end of 2016 (three total for 2016).
- Income—For the month of July contributions were \$76,451, which was \$8,391 more than was projected in the budget. This compares to contributions of \$66,654 in July last year. YTD, contributions are \$478,564, compared to \$494,647 YTD at the end of July last year. This is \$25,739 less than budgeted and \$16,083 less than YTD last year.
- Expenses—Spending was \$11,940 under budget for the month. All ministries are under budget YTD. Total spending is \$100,151 under budget YTD.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Attendance (YTD) *	9,532	10,142	(610)
-Including Bibleland	10,858	11,777	(919)
Offering (YTD)	\$478,564	\$494,647	\$(16,083)
Offering per Person	\$50.21	\$48.77	\$1.43

\* There were 31 Sundays through end of July in 2016 and 30 Sundays in 2015

### *Wedding Coordinator:*

Between meetings, Council voted via email to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation of Emmeline Weinert for the position of Wedding Coordinator and approve the increase in what a couple would be charged for this service (i.e., the pay for the wedding coordinator).

### *New Council Member:*

Dan will be forwarding information on a few people who are interested in serving on Council.

### *Endowment Committee*

Council affirmed David Daily as a member of the Endowment Committee.

### *Stewardship for All Seasons (SFAS):*

Bob T. sent an email to Zion leaders to ask, what would we want to fund, if we had an additional \$30K to work with? Some good ideas have been contributed. Funding specific ideas encourages generosity, and demonstrates how God is acting in our lives.

### *Heating and Cooling Expenses:*

B&G requested that Council approve assorted HVAC repairs, which tally about \$6000. There are 42 numbered units and the bid mentioned specific numbers of the unit

that need maintenance. The estimated work is based on an inspection from the vendor with whom we have the service contract. David Beck is looking at an option to reduce costs. Council will ask B&G about the research they have done on this HVAC request and whether a plan indicating the location of these units is available or needed. Council approved B&G spending up to \$5000 from the Capital Reserve Account for HVAC; if additional funds are needed, B&G will need to seek Council's approval.

### *Insurance:*

David Beck wants to rebid our church coverage with a different insurance provider. Our premiums have been increasing and if we switch we'd save close to \$4000 on a yearly basis. Council approved.

### *Call Committee:*

Dan reported that the committee has two candidates and has done Skype interviews with both of them. The committee has had a face-to-face interview with one candidate, and one is scheduled with the other candidate this Friday [see update, page 1].

### *Pastoral Intern Updates:*

Vicky Lovell is in her new office, as of today. She's made contact with Concordia, Eastern, Washtenaw, and possibly will contact U of M to get an intern to help us with marketing. She has also made contacts for "God's Work, Our Hands" in supporting first responders because it's the anniversary of 9/11. Pr. Jim asked if she'd like to go to Haiti and she's willing to go. A giver has already funded her expenses (\$800) for the October trip [see page 8].

### *September Open House:*

Welcome Core Ministry is planning an Open House on September 18; there will be over 20 tables of groups within the church that will be talking about what we do and how we serve the community. There will be a bounce house and BBQ; invitations will be going out to the neighborhood. Welcome Core Ministry has created a new information folder to give out.

### *Global Leadership Summit:*

Pr. Jim, Barbara, and Vicky Lovell attended. This conference focuses specifically on leadership skills. One idea Pr. Jim described is that Council could be acting as a board of directors. We are running a \$1 million business and we need to hold each other accountable. A board needs to know how the company is functioning. We should know what areas are green (going well), yellow (needing support), or red so we can determine how best to support the core ministries. Each core ministry can be considering: what's the vision, where do you want to be in 5 years? Assigning a Council member to each core ministry is a step in this direction. Subsequently, Pr. Jim can align staff time to help the core ministries.

# Welcome Ministry

## New Discipleship Orientation

Welcome to Zion! If you are new to Zion and are interested in knowing more about our mission and ministry, come attend the next "New Discipleship Orientation" (New Member Class) scheduled for October 9, 16, 23 in Class Room C during the Faith Formation Hour (10:10 on Sunday). Together we will explore what it means to be a Christian, a Lutheran and a member of Zion. There will be time to ask questions and be reminded again of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. On October 30 Zion will welcome in worship those who want to join Zion in our discipleship walk. Contact Zion's Office to indicate your interest.

## Name Tags

To help our new Intern, Vicky Lovell, get to know everyone a little easier, please be sure to wear your name tags every Sunday. If you need a name tag, fill out a green sheet (attached to the magnetic board in the Welcome Center) and give it to a Welcome Desk volunteer. Diane Rinehart will then make your name tag and put it on the white magnetic board for you by the following Sunday.



## Revamped Welcome Center Area

The Welcome Ministry has revamped the tiled area in the Welcome Center for Zion's members. This space will provide another place for members to have some coffee and visit with each other. It will also be a place where you can pick up information for upcoming events. Sign up sheets for various events will be found there too. Check out the new biography board! A great big thank you to Doug Behnke and Jill Goldstein for making that happen!

We also have new welcome folders that are located on the Visitor's desk. If you happen to meet a new visitor on a Sunday morning, please invite them to pick up this information. Also, if you are the head of a ministry and would like to provide information about an upcoming event, please feel free to reserve the table that is up against the wall, for the Sunday you wish to use it. To make sure it is available, just sign the reservation sheet in advance. Otherwise, always feel free to place information on the sign-up table. The wings of the visitor's desk are also always available if we need more space, but we are making an effort to keep member activities away from the visitor's desk, whenever practicable. Questions? Please contact Joanne Dence ([joannedence74@gmail.com](mailto:joannedence74@gmail.com)).

# Other News

## Tastes of Faith

Food That Celebrates Gratitude and Joy

Chinmaya Mission, 4760 Packard, Ann Arbor

This year the Interfaith Round Table is extending the theme of our annual Thanksgiving celebration to include a fundraising dinner that showcases food from a variety of faith traditions that are representative foods served to celebrate holidays and holy days – your way! This fundraiser will precede our annual Thanksgiving Celebration and all are welcome and encouraged to attend one or both of the events.

- 5—7PM ~ Tastes of Faith Fundraising Dinner. \$25 per person with sponsorship opportunities at \$50, \$75 or \$100.
- 7—8PM ~ Thanksgiving: A Celebration of Gratitude and Joy (free)
- 8PM ~ Dessert for all (free)

For ticket information please visit [www.irtwc.org](http://www.irtwc.org).

The Interfaith Round Table, for 22 years, has been dedicated to creating space for conversations that matter to people across the faith traditions in our county. Our open forums, educational classes and co-sponsorship of programs that take action on issues that have direct impact on the lives of our community have been mainstays of our work. In today's contentious world, this work is more important than ever. Our annual Thanksgiving Celebration brings together people from across the faith spectrum to celebrate the themes that underpin our gratitude and our desire to be inclusive in our expressions on the Golden Rule. We greatly appreciate your choice to support this important work by attending our fundraising dinner. The money we raise will go directly into advancing our programming and our commitment to service the interfaith community of Washtenaw County.

## Member Caring Ministry

### *Be Refreshed at Sweet Life Café!*

Yes, this café-themed getaway is as relaxing and refreshing as it sounds! Get away from the busy-ness of life as you relax with friends, share laughter and stories, and spend time with God. Join us at our Sweet Life Café retreat to experience all this and more!



### ZION'S WOMEN'S RETREAT!

**Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, at Zion Lutheran Church**

**5:30PM – 9:00PM** (Food starts at 5:30, worship & program at 6:30 – end 9:00PM)

**Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at Zion Lutheran Church**

**8:00AM – 5:00PM** (8:00 registration, light breakfast - 8:30 music starts & programs)

The cost of the retreat is \$35 until the registration deadline of October 2 – after that date, it's an additional \$5.

**For more information or questions, please contact:**

Barbara Debner – 860-919-4421 cell, [babdebner@gmail.com](mailto:babdebner@gmail.com)

Pamela Warwashana – 586-482-1724 cell, [pamelaww@gmail.com](mailto:pamelaww@gmail.com)

**Invite your friends or daughters (age 12 & up)**



### Seeking Men With Serving Hearts

There will be an opportunity for interested and skilled handsome men to serve lunch at the Fall (Women's) Retreat (*see above*) between 11AM and 2PM on Nov 5 and/or at the Women's Candlelight Luncheon on Dec 17. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or contact the church office by Oct 10 for the Retreat and by Dec 3 for the Candlelight Luncheon. Helpers will receive a meal and a simple thank you gift, and are encouraged to wear black and a smile. Barbara Debner ([babdebner@gmail.com](mailto:babdebner@gmail.com)) is the contact person if you have questions about helping with these events.

### Brown Bag Connections Following Chapel

Interested pray-ers of Zion, you are invited to come to Wednesday Prayer Time / Chapel at noon during October. Bring a brown bag lunch and stay for conversation, a fun lunch date and a simple study on "Prayers of the Bible" with Barbara Debner. Dine with friends around the Stellhorn Lounge table with your favorite bag lunch. We will begin connecting following holy communion offered at chapel, and end around 1:30PM. Bring your bible or use one already on the table. Prizes will be available for people who bring a new friend.

### Festive Chick Flick Night

Women and girls are invited to meet in Zion's Gathering Place on Sat Dec 3 to enjoy two movies and popcorn. Wear warm lounge clothes and bring a comfy lounge, beach or lawn chair (the floor gets hard after the first hour).

Arrive at 4:30PM; the first movie, *The Preachers Wife*, starring Denzel Washington, starts promptly at 4:35. Stay for one or both—the second movie (title TBD) will begin around 6:20. Bring your daughter, a friend, or a granddaughter and start a fun tradition.

We encourage you to bring black socks to donate to the Ann Arbor homeless.

Popcorn will be provided or you may bring your own healthy snacks. Bring a favorite beverage if you don't enjoy water with your popcorn. There is no reschedule if it is a snowy date.



## Member Caring Ministry (cont.)

### Finding Calm and Inner Peace Through Painting and Poetry

A workshop for those who have lost a spouse or loved one.

Creating is an act of spirit involving love, faith and risk. Come and enjoy and experience and not worry about the result. Over the centuries art and poetry have been used to capture memories and tell stories, but most of all, for the pure pleasure of creating.

The goal is to help you feel relaxed and refreshed by the creative process, and hopefully ease the sense of loss and loneliness. You don't have to be good at art to enjoy painting or good at writing to enjoy poetry. Poetry can offer an outlet for grief. Painting can calm the soul. Both are therapeutic. No painting or poetry writing experience is necessary for this workshop. No pressure! Enjoy the experience rather than the result.

This workshop will be taught by Cathy Hightower, Saturday November 12, 10AM—2:30PM in the Gathering at Zion. Bring a lunch-drinks will be provided. Call the church office 734-994-4455, by October 31 to register. Limited to 12 participants. A supply list is available at the church office.



### Women's Candlelight Luncheon

"Mary's First Christmas"



December 17th—11:00 AM—Piper Hall

Table hostesses needed. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings or call the church office for both hostesses and guests.

Questions, contact Barbara Debner: [babdebner@gmail.com](mailto:babdebner@gmail.com)

### Flu Shot Clinic

Wednesday, October 12th

9AM—2PM

Stellhorn Lounge

Flu Shots - \$33

Pneumonia Shots - \$157

Insurance card must be presented to clinic staff

### Volunteers Needed for Leadership Event

Volunteers are needed for the Southeast & North/West Lower Michigan Synods' Annual Pastor's Autumn Leadership Event to be held here at Zion Lutheran on October 16-18, 2016. Please contact Zion's Office Administrator Diane, to coordinate dates and times. The featured speaker is John L. Bell of the Iona Community who will present on Spirituality for a Complicated World.

## Samaritas News

### Refugee / New American Services

Samaritas, previously known as Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, continues to find more ways to serve people in need here in Michigan. Samaritas is the largest refugee resettlement agency in Michigan and has helped thousands of people from throughout the world. This work is done through their "New American Services" group, which has offices in Troy, Grand Rapids, Lansing and Battle Creek. They provide translation and legal services, as well as help with housing, employment and school for children. In 2015, a total of 3,406 people were served by Samaritas refugee programs. There is strong interest in helping refugees here in Washtenaw County and people from the Lansing office have had a small table at the Ann Arbor Farmers Market on some Saturdays this Fall. As you know, the need is particularly great right now. If you want to help, you can contact Samaritas at the Lansing office (517-321-7663).

# Adult Discipleship

## Adult Classes - Fall 2016 - 10:10-11:10AM

(see brochure for complete details)

Our Neighbors' Faith: Piper Hall

**Oct 2:** Basic beliefs and practices of Islam, led by Ms Leenah Safi, UM Chaplin to Muslim students.

**Oct 9:** The experience and challenges of being Muslim.

**Oct 16:** The history and development of Islam, led by Prof Mark Whitters (EMU history faculty).

Bible Studies

**Oct 2:** Last of 4 sessions on Galatians: Classroom C

**Oct. 30, Nov. 6 & 13:** 1 and 2 Thessalonians, Classroom A. 1 Thessalonians is the earliest letter we have from Paul and it may be the oldest writing we have from the early church. Come and read a letter that is encouragement for believers.

Three Interludes: Piper Hall

**Oct 23:** Solomon: The Richest Man Who Ever Lived, led by Marge Becker

**Oct 30:** Luther and the Protestant Reformation, led by Pr. Walt Schmidt.

**Nov 6:** Missionary experience in Ethiopia, led by Bob Miller.

The Refugee Experience: Piper Hall

**Nov 13:** Kelly Nieman Anderson will be with us to share her experiences traveling to visit refugees and migrants and the churches that accompany them.

**Nov 20:** Refugees Among Us. Zion families who have become involved with Syrian refugees will share with us their experiences and how they came to the decision to do this.

Dwelling in the Word With Pastor Vicky

**Nov 20 & 27:** Pastoral Intern Vicky Lovell will be leading Dwelling In the Word in Classroom A. The purpose is to listen to God and to one another to hear and discover in new ways God's direction by reading scripture and posing questions. "Dwelling in the Word" is a missional practice based on our understanding that God continues to speak to us in the context of our day and calling. Listen for God's voice or sense God's presence in scripture to connect with God's mission in Christ. Listen to the voices of others about what God is doing in their lives. This practice is not about gaining information from scripture. Dwelling in the Word is about imagining how God is calling and sending us to embody and live the concerns and passion of Christ in our communities and the world.

Book Study with Pastor Jim

**Dec 4:** Pastor Jim will be discussing the book: *#Struggles, Following Jesus in a Selfie-Centered World* by Craig Groeschel. Read the book or just come and discuss what it means to restore balance in our lives and end our unhealthy over-reliance on technology. The average person now spends 7.4 hours a day staring at a screen and that is just the beginning. We'll meet in Classroom C.

## Life's Lessons Book Club

Do you like to read and discuss books? A small group at Zion meets monthly during the school year. We've just read and discussed a book called *Quiet*, by Susan Cain. It's about the power of introverts in a world that can't stop talking. Cain says that a third of us are introverts; we prefer listening to speaking and we dislike self-promotion. Our book for next month is *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman and it's a charmer. If you'd be interested in reading the book and would like to know more about our reading project, contact Mari Lohela at [lohela@comcast.net](mailto:lohela@comcast.net) or 663-8525. We meet next on October 4 at 7PM in Stelhorn Lounge.

# Mission Core Ministry

## October, 2016 Haiti Mission Trip

We have a group of seven Haiti mission travelers planning to visit our partners in ministry, Mary Jane and Andris Jolibois at Living Hope Ministries. Our travel dates are Oct. 28 – Nov. 3. We have participants from three different churches. It's great to share ministries with folks from other churches and cities. We plan to take photos and measurements of all the children for the Sponsorship program; do crafts and activities with the classrooms; conduct some staff training; help with light maintenance/finish projects in support of the Trade School rebuild; and create a new promotional video.

We hope to raise some additional funds to help Living Hope with adding three additional classrooms on the roof of the existing concrete preschool. Termites have infested their temporary wooden / tarp school rooms, so they are rebuilding with more permanent concrete. In addition, the total Preschool / Primary school has now swollen to over 580 total students, so additional classroom were also needed.

Please pray for our safe and productive travels. We hope to have a Sending Blessing before we leave.

## Blood Drive—October 3

On Monday October 3, 2016, Zion will again host a blood drive for the American Red Cross from 1—6:45PM in Piper Hall. Volunteer blood donors are a vital part of America's health care system. There is a constant demand for blood, as it is perishable and must be used within 35 - 42 days.

To schedule an online appointment go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) with Zion's sponsor code, zionlutheran. There will also be a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center on Sundays after Labor Day. You may also contact Mary Pearson ([marpear@gmail.com](mailto:marpear@gmail.com)) or call Deborah Weber (734-662-7781) to schedule an appointment.

## Mission Core Ministry (cont.)

### SOS Community Services

SOS Community Services is a community-based non-profit located in Ypsilanti. SOS is dedicated to preventing and ending homelessness in Washtenaw County through partnerships with caring individuals, local businesses, congregations and social service agencies.

They directly serve 4,700 people annually including families, adults and children with comprehensive services that move people from homelessness to self-sufficiency and permanent, stable housing. They also offer a food pantry, provide tutoring, transportation services, counseling and referrals to other appropriate agencies.

Zion has a long history of supporting SOS. They are one of the first recipients of our ongoing collection of non-perishable food items, receive an annual contribution from our Mission Core Ministry and are a local recipient of some of the funds raised through the annual CROP Hunger Walk. Zion member Paul Wacker is one of the regular volunteers at SOS. He stocks shelves in the produce pantry and assists people in getting food to their cars. He finds the work very rewarding. He says his co-workers and the people they serve are fun to work with.

Perhaps you are looking for a way to serve the community and make a difference. SOS has a list of volunteer opportunities on their website. Many jobs relate to food distribution. Other jobs include volunteering with children, tutoring or providing transportation to and from their day care facility. They also have jobs helping with office tasks/general administration.

To volunteer, check out their website at [www.soscs.org](http://www.soscs.org), call 734-484-9900 or email the center at [volunteer@soscs.org](mailto:volunteer@soscs.org). To donate, check the website and click on the "Donate" link.

### ELCA World Hunger-Focus for 2016/17

This year, we are asking members to support the ELCA's world hunger ministry. This ministry has a comprehensive approach in nearly 60 countries that works to solve challenges that perpetuate hunger and poverty. ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts make it possible for the ELCA to support sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

For more information and to donate online, visit [www.elca.org/campaign](http://www.elca.org/campaign) and designate ELCA World Hunger. To mail your donation, send checks to ELCA World Hunger, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. To donate by phone, call 1-800-638-3522. To give through Zion, make checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church, indicating ELCA World Hunger in the memo line, and place your gift in the offering plate or deliver to the church office.

Please pray for our national church's many missions that seek to see the face of Jesus in those we serve, spreading His love to all. Thank you for your support.

### Foster Kids/Blavin Scholars Christmas Gifts Program

Fall has barely begun and we're already planning ahead for our annual Foster Kids/Blavin Scholars Christmas gift program. Beginning Sunday, October 23rd, Chris Gajar and Allison Rullman will be in the Welcome Center with this year's gift requests, Sundays through November 27th.

For many of us, picking up an extra gift or two is no big deal. But earlier this year, we learned exactly how much these gifts might mean to a child or young adult. We attended the Blavin Scholars' graduation celebration the night before the University of Michigan's graduation ceremony. Miriam Connolly, Director of the Blavin Scholars Program, shared one young man's experience. When asked to identify his favorite part of being a Blavin Scholar, he told Miriam that it was receiving a Christmas present – his first Christmas gift ever (and he was a college senior). Thank you to all who have helped provide gifts to this young man, and all the others we serve. You just never know how much your gift may mean.

If you'd like to contact either of us before the 23rd, Chris can be reached at [chris-gajar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chris-gajar@sbcglobal.net) and Allison can be reached at [akrullman@yahoo.com](mailto:akrullman@yahoo.com).

We look forward to seeing you in the Welcome Center and thank you for your continued support!

### After School Program at Peace Neighborhood Center

Zion has supported grades K- 8 after school meal program at PNC for 40 plus years. New coordinators Helmi Raaska and Linda Hilst are seeking volunteers to help again this year. Three volunteers are needed 2—5PM on the 1st and 4th Thursdays and the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Typically, Zion volunteers help prepare and serve an after school meal to approximately 75 eager, smiling faces. Thank you to all of you who have served in the past. We hope you will continue your service and encourage a friend or two to join you. Sign up sheets are located at Zion Welcome Center. For more information, contact Linda at [linda-hilst@yahoo.com](mailto:linda-hilst@yahoo.com) or 585-943-4644.

## From Pastor Jim

### Sin Boldly—Believe in Grace Even More Boldly

*But when he (Peter) noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" [31] Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" [32] When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.—Matthew 14:30-32*

*Undaunted Courage* is Stephen Ambrose's bestselling account of the Lewis and Clark expedition. After two years of battling nearly insurmountable problems—hunger, fatigue, desertion, hostile enemies, severe illness and death—the party had reached the headwaters of the Missouri River. This they believed was the end of their journey and that the Pacific Ocean would lie just on the other side of the bluffs. Then Meriwether Lewis left everyone and climbed the bluffs so that he could see the other side, maybe catching a view of the ocean and the end their journey. Imagine what he felt when he looked out and saw the Rocky Mountains.

In life we often think our biggest problems are behind us, only to realize that we have just been warming up. Eventually the Lewis and Clark party crossed the Rocky Mountains. This new challenge brought forth creativity, perseverance, unforgettable memories and courage.

Peter was on his way to hero status. The hard part was behind him – getting out of the boat. He had mastered the water walking—then reality set in and Peter saw and felt the wind. Storms can disrupt business even for those who have walked in faith for a while.

Maybe you have started a new job, a new school, a new relationship, a new family. All is well as you begin, but then you see and feel the storms: unexpected conflict, people let you down. Just when you think you have reached the end of your trials, you find yourself looking at the Rocky Mountains.

Greg Levoy says, "Jesus promised those who would follow him only three things...that they would be absurdly happy, entirely fearless, and always in trouble." Martin Luther found himself in trouble often. He knew what it meant to feel the storms of life. He lived during a time that when you disagree with the powers that be, you were made into a martyr. There were plenty of people around Luther who were filled with fear—fear of failure, fear of change, fear of being found out, fear of being misunderstood, fear of judgment.

Luther wrote to his friend Philip Melancthon these encouraging words in the face of the storm, "If you are a preacher of Grace, then preach a true, not a fictitious grace; if grace is true, you must bear a true and not a fictitious sin. God does not save people who are only fictitious sinners. Be a sinner and sin boldly, but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly. For he is victorious over sin, death and the world. As long as we are here we have to sin. This life is not the dwelling place of righteousness but, as Peter says, we look for a new heaven and new earth in which righteousness dwells...pray boldly—you too are a mighty sinner."

Sin boldly. Believe boldly. Believe in grace even more boldly. Rejoice boldly. Pray boldly. Love without limits. Live this life.

It's good to remember that God is no stranger to the response of fear. Throughout Scripture, whenever God revealed Himself directly to His people, either as an angel of the Lord or as the risen Jesus, the people's first reaction was terror. There was something about experiencing the true presence of God that was incredibly revealing and confronting. God's response every time: "Fear not." From there He would explain why: *Fear not, for I am with you. Fear not, for I am your God. Fear not, for I will strengthen you and I will help you. Fear not, for I bring you great news*—see Isaiah 41:10, 13; 43:5; Luke 2:10.

In order to take our gospel identity seriously, we have to stop fearing our inabilities and start believing in God's ability, that He is with us and that He is for us, and that His view of us and our circumstances is more expansive than ours.

Our God is a third day God and ever since the third day, whatever bad news, whatever storm is blowing, it has no power to separate us from God. Resurrection begins now and will have the last word in our lives. So go and live life in the face of storms that are blowing. Sin boldly. Believe boldly. Believe in grace even more boldly and you will find undaunted courage to love without limits.

## Synod News

### SE Michigan Women of the ELCA 18th Biennial Convention

October 15, 8:30AM—3PM

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Livonia

"Our Hands Doing God's Work", Matthew 25:34-40

Keynote Speaker Victoria Lovell (yes, "our" Vicky)

Cost \$30 (includes registration, continental breakfast and lunch)

# OCTOBER CALENDAR

## Saturday, October 1

### Sunday, October 2

7:45 AM Early Bird Coffee/Welcome Center  
 8:00 AM First Light Worship/Sanctuary  
 9:00 AM Sola Worship/Sanctuary  
 10:10 AM Adult Discipleship/Piper Hall  
 10:10 AM Adult Discipleship/Classroom A  
 10:10 AM C+C/Omega Room  
 10:10 AM JAM/Youth Room  
 10:10 AM Bibleland/2nd Floor  
 10:10 AM Parents w/Young Children Café/Omega Room  
 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Yeager Chapel  
 11:11 AM Ignite Worship/Sanctuary  
 4:00 PM Practicing our Faith/Stellhorn Lounge

### Monday, October 3

6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot  
 12:30 PM Monday Women's Bridge/Stellhorn Lounge  
 1:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive/Piper Hall  
 1:30 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 6:00 PM Prayer Team Meeting/Omega Room  
 6:15 PM Loss Recovery Support Group/Alpha Room  
 7:00 PM Washtenaw Refugee Meeting/The Gathering

### Tuesday, October 4

12:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 7:00 PM IT Committee Meeting/Omega Room  
 7:00 PM Life's Lessons Book Club/Stellhorn Lounge

### Wednesday, October 5

10:00 AM Staff Meeting/Pastor's Office  
 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 12:00 PM Mid-Week Worship /Yeager Chapel  
 12:45 PM Brown Bag Connection/Stellhorn Lounge  
 6:00 PM The Way of Life/Omega Room  
 6:00 PM Family Matters Group/Creation Station  
 6:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
 7:30 PM Al-a-teen/Omega Room  
 7:30 PM Al-anon Meeting/The Gathering  
 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall

### Thursday, October 6

7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot  
 12:30 PM Thursday Ladies Cards/Stellhorn Lounge  
 1:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 1:30 PM Bible Study w/Pr. Schmidt/Omega Room  
 6:00 PM Rings of the Lord Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
 6:30 PM Common Ground/Youth Room  
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

### Friday, October 7

12:30 PM Women's Friday Bridge/Stellhorn Lounge

### Saturday, October 8

4:00 PM SIKHYA/Piper Hall

### Sunday, October 9

7:45 AM Early Bird Coffee/Welcome Center  
 8:00 AM First Light Worship/Sanctuary  
 9:00 AM Sola Worship/Sanctuary  
 10:10 AM Adult Discipleship/Piper Hall  
 10:10 AM New Membership Class/Classroom C  
 10:10 AM C+C/Omega Room  
 10:10 AM JAM/Youth Room  
 10:10 AM Bibleland/2nd Floor  
 10:10 AM Parent w/young children café/Omega Room  
 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Yeager Chapel  
 11:11 AM Ignite Worship/Sanctuary  
 4:00 PM Practicing our Faith/Stellhorn Lounge  
 6:00 PM Grace Place/Youth Room

### Monday, October 10

6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot  
 12:00 PM Good Thyme Garden set up/The Gathering  
 1:30 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 6:00 PM Ann Arbor Fiber Arts/Piper Hall  
 6:15 PM Loss recovery Support Group/Alpha Room  
 7:00 PM Weber's Small Group/Stellhorn Lounge  
 7:00 PM Adult Discipleship Mtg./Omega Room

### Tuesday, October 11

10:00 AM Good Thyme Gardeners/The Gathering  
 12:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 2:00 PM IDAP/Omega Room

7:00 PM Five Miles More Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
 7:15 PM Building & Grounds Meeting/Creation Station

### Wednesday, October 12

9:00 AM Flu Shot Clinic/Stellhorn Lounge  
 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 12:00 PM Mid-Week Worship/Yeager Chapel  
 12:45 PM Brown Bag Connection/Library  
 5:30 PM Endowment Board Meeting/Youth Room  
 6:00 PM Family Matters Group/Creation Station  
 6:00 PM The Way of Life/Omega Room  
 6:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
 7:30 PM Al-a-teen/Omega Room  
 7:30 PM Al-anon Meeting/The Gathering  
 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall

### Thursday, October 13

7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot  
 9:00 AM Activity Day/Piper Hall  
 9:15 AM Mom's Bible Study/Omega Room  
 1:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 1:30 PM Bible Study w/Pr. Schmidt/Omega Room  
 6:00 PM Rings of the Lord Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
 6:30 PM Common Ground/Youth Room  
 7:00 PM Mission Core Ministry Meeting/Stellhorn Lounge  
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

### Friday, October 14

9:00 AM Garden Club Planning Mtg/Piper Hall  
 5:00 PM Kreykes/Crowley Wedding Rehearsal/Sanctuary

### Saturday, October 15

5:30 PM Kreykes/Crowell Wedding/Sanctuary

### Sunday, October 16

7:45 AM Early Bird Coffee/Welcome Center  
 8:00 AM First Light Worship/Sanctuary  
 9:00 AM Sola Worship/Sanctuary  
 10:10 AM Adult Discipleship/Piper Hall  
 10:10 AM New Membership Class/Classroom C  
 10:10 AM C+C/Omega Room  
 10:10 AM Catechism All Grades/Youth Room  
 10:10 AM Bibleland/2nd Floor  
 10:10 AM Parents w/young children café/Omega Room  
 10:40 AM Acolyte Training (5th grade)/Sanctuary  
 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Yeager Chapel  
 11:11 AM Ignite Worship/Sanctuary  
 3:00 PM Elgin Clingaman's Recital/Sanctuary  
 4:00 PM SE & NW Synod Retreat/Sanctuary

### Monday, October 17

6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot  
 8:00 AM SE & NW Synod Retreat/Sanctuary  
 8:00 AM SE & NW Synod Retreat/Piper Hall  
 1:30 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 6:15 PM Loss Recovery Support Group/Alpha Room

### Tuesday, October 18

8:00 AM SE & NW Synods Retreat/Sanctuary  
 8:00 AM SE & NW Synods Retreat/Piper Hall  
 12:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 7:00 PM Council Meeting/The Gathering

### Wednesday, October 19

10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 10:00 AM Program Staff Mtg./Pastor's Office  
 12:00 PM Mid-Week Worship/Yeager Chapel  
 12:45 PM Brown Bag Connection/Stellhorn Lounge  
 6:00 PM Family Matters Group/Creation Station  
 6:00 PM The Way of Life/Omega Room  
 6:30 PM Knit 2 Together/Stellhorn Lounge  
 6:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
 7:30 PM Al-a-teen/Omega Room  
 7:30 PM Al-anon Meeting/The Gathering  
 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall

### Thursday, October 20

7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot  
 9:00 AM Sarah's Circle/Stellhorn Lounge  
 1:00 PM International Neighbors/Piper Hall

1:00 PM Ruth's Circle/Stellhorn Lounge  
 1:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 1:30 PM Bible Study w/Pr. Schmidt/Omega Room  
 6:00 PM Rings of the Lord Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
 6:30 PM Common Ground/Youth Room  
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

### Friday, October 21

### Saturday, October 22

### Sunday, October 23

7:45 AM Early Bird Coffee/Welcome Center  
 8:00 AM First Light Worship/Sanctuary  
 9:00 AM Sola Worship/Sanctuary  
 10:10 AM Adult Discipleship/Piper Hall  
 10:10 AM New Membership Class/Classroom C  
 10:10 AM C+C/Omega Room  
 10:10 AM Catechism All Grades/Youth Room  
 10:10 AM Bibleland/2nd Floor  
 10:10 AM Parents w/young children café/Omega Room  
 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Yeager Chapel  
 11:11 AM Ignite Worship/Sanctuary  
 1:00 PM Comic Opera Guild/Sanctuary  
 6:00 PM Grace Place/Youth Room

### Monday, October 24

6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot  
 9:00 AM God's Gardeners/Stellhorn Lounge  
 1:30 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 5:30 PM Ruth's Small Group/Main Kitchen  
 6:15 PM Loss Recovery Support Group/Alpha Room  
 7:00 PM Weber's Small Group/Stellhorn Lounge

### Tuesday, October 25

12:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 6:30 PM Worship Core Ministry Mtg./Church Office  
 7:00 PM Five Miles More Rehearsal/Sanctuary

### Wednesday, October 26

10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 12:00 PM Mid-Week Worship/Yeager Chapel  
 12:45 PM Brown Bag Connection/Stellhorn Lounge  
 6:00 PM Family Matters Group/Creation Station  
 6:00 PM The Way of Life/Omega Room  
 6:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
 7:30 PM Al-a-teen/Omega Room  
 7:30 PM Al-anon Meeting/The Gathering  
 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall

### Thursday, October 27

7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot  
 9:15 AM Mom's Bible Study/Omega Room  
 1:00 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 1:30 PM Bible Study w/Pr. Schmidt/Omega Room  
 6:00 PM Rings of the Lord Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
 6:30 PM Common Ground/Youth Room  
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

### Friday, October 28

12:30 PM Zion Singers Rehearsal/Music Room #1  
 2:00 PM Zion Singers/St. Joseph's Village

### Saturday, October 29

### Sunday, October 30-Reformation Sunday

7:45 AM Early Bird Coffee/Welcome Center  
 8:00 AM First Light Worship/Sanctuary  
 9:00 AM Sola Worship/Sanctuary  
 10:10 AM Adult Discipleship/Piper Hall  
 10:10 AM Adult Discipleship/Classroom A  
 10:10 AM C+C/Omega Room  
 10:10 AM JAM/Youth Room  
 10:10 AM Bibleland/2nd Floor  
 10:10 AM Parents w/Young Children Café/Omega Room  
 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Yeager Chapel  
 11:11 AM Ignite Worship/Sanctuary  
 1:00 PM Comic Opera Guild/Sanctuary  
 6:00 PM Young Discipleship Fall event/Youth Room

### Monday, October 31

6:30 AM Men's Christ Care/Sunday Spot  
 1:30 PM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office  
 6:15 PM Loss Recovery Support Group/Alpha Room

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## September Life Passages at Zion

**BAPTISMS:**

**WEDDINGS:**

**FUNERALS:** *John Siller; Charles Hoffman*

**NEW MEMBERS:**

### Elected Ministry Leaders

#### Congregation Council

President: Dan McConnell ([dmcconnell@zlc-aa.org](mailto:dmcconnell@zlc-aa.org))  
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#### Core Ministries

Worship: Dale Eckart  
Welcome: Karen Salamin, Joanne Dence  
Adult Discipleship: Sonja Page, Peter Bertocci  
Young Discipleship: Tom Clifford, Ken Utsunomiya  
Caring: Dianne Daily, Laura Girbach  
Missions: Mark Gunderson, Layale Weinert

#### Support Ministries

Personnel: Diane Hunt, Dave Werner  
Building & Grounds: Jim Love, Bill Lehmann  
Financial Stewardship: Nick Rogers, Lisa Rombes  
IT: Ray Vanderbok, Marcus Hunt  
Endowment: Marcus Hunt, Leif Fry

### Staff

Senior Pastor	James Debner
Associate Pastor	<i>Vacant</i>
Pastoral Intern	Vicky Lovell
Director, Adult Discipleship	<i>Vacant</i>
Finance Manager	David Beck
Office Administrator	Diane Rinehart
Director, Young Discipleship	Roger Santini
Bibleland Coordinator	Nina Johnson
VBS Coordinator	Jessica Rudy
Director of Choirs & Special Music	Natalie Downs
Organist	Elgin Clingaman
Contemporary Worship Leader	Alison Hendricks
Sound Operator	Tyler Dence
Worship Media Coordinator	Eddie VanRiper
Resident Custodian	Chris LeVasseur
Weekend Custodian	Max Wojewski
Wedding Coordinator	Emmeline Weinert
Nursery Care Giver	Kamryn Hayes
Librarian	Carleen Vanderbok

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