

The Tower

October 2017

For Members & Friends of Zion Lutheran Church

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October Focus Statement

God doesn't love us because of our worth, we are of worth because God loves us.

- Martin Luther

Psalm 62—God is Our Refuge

1 For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken.



When life isn't going the way I think it should it is easy to try and make things happen myself. I have learned over the years to look for a psalm to match what I am going through. Psalm 62 goes against the very core of human nature, it challenges us to be still. God is the source of our deliverance, he is our rock. This psalm tells us God is the source of our Salvation. The Hebrew word for salvation in this psalm is yesha, meaning safety, welfare, prosperity. This means God has us covered on all fronts. He is all encompassing. That's all we have to do is be still, and trust.

Life can be frightening indeed, but scripture, particularly the Psalms, can minister to our souls whenever we're troubled. If we become weary or discouraged, this verse reassures us that we can unload every care onto the Lord's shoulders (Matthew 11:28-30; I Peter 5:7). God replaces our worries with His peace (Philippians 4:6-7).

God can handle any of the struggles or doubts that I bring to Him. He never condemns me when my emotions are involved. He allows me to unburden my soul to Him. And then, He gently restores me, allowing the Word to minister to me and to comfort me. It is during uncertain times I have learned to rely on God's power, because when I am at my lowest, He has never failed to be my refuge and my source of strength.

Remember faithful love belongs to God. God's love for us will never fail. It does not matter what may happen to us in life or how bad our circumstances may be, God still loves us and his covenant with us will never be broken. As Paul said, nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

-Nathan

Prayer for today:

Heavenly Father, please help us remember You care about everything that happens to us. Teach us how to surrender all of our cares to You. Be our shelter and our place of safety.

Carol Muehlig Returning to Zion as Organist Emeritus

Beginning in October 2017, Carol Muehlig will be returning to Zion as our new Organist Emeritus. Elgin Clingaman will continue to be Principal Organist for Zion and Dr. Natalie Downs will continue as Director of Choirs and Special Music. Elgin and Carol will be sharing playing in worship and accompanying the choirs. Carol played the organ at Zion twenty years ago and is pleased to be coming back to Zion, which she considers her home congregation. Please welcome Carol back to Zion as she rejoins Zion's exceptional music staff.

Common Prayer Service: Lutheran and Catholic Commemoration of the Reformation at Zion

October 28 at 4PM

The ecumenical commemoration of the 500 year of Reformation marks a very special moment in the journey from conflict to communion between Lutherans and Catholics. The Common Prayer Liturgy offers an opportunity to look back in thanksgiving and confession and look ahead, committing ourselves to common witness and continuing our journey together.

Bishop Donald Kreiss of the Southeast Michigan Synod of the ELCA will be joined with Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit of the Roman Catholic Church. They will lead us in a Common Prayer Service here at Zion on October 28 at 4PM. Congregations throughout southeast Michigan have been invited to this historic moment of joint prayer. Please join us! We are in need of participants for the service; please see Pr. Jim if this interests you.

Please Note

From the afternoon of October 22 through October 24, both Pastor Jim and Pastor Vicky will be out of the office, attending an Autumn Synod Leadership Conference. If you have an urgent pastoral need during their absence, please call the church office and let Diane know.

Worship Core Ministry

Calling All Musicians!

It's a great time to join a music ensemble this fall at Zion.

- **The Rings of the Lord** (Handbells) needs you! We are in need of ringers!! The Rings of the Lord meets weekly on Thursdays from 5:45-7PM in the Sanctuary. We welcome ringers ages high school to adult. No ringing experience necessary. Music reading helps.
- **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).

Zion Singers

Zion Singers is a group of singers with daytime availability who come together once a month on a Friday 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. Our next outing will be at Hillside Terrace on Friday, October 20 at 2PM. Rehearsal in Music Room 1B at 12:30PM. All are welcome to participate! Interested in joining? Contact Natalie Downs: ndowns@zlc-aa.org.

October Lectionary

- Oct 1:** Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32
- Oct 8:** Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:4b-14b; Matthew 21:33-46
- Oct 15:** Isaiah 25:1-9; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
- Oct 22:** Isaiah 45:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
- Oct 29:** Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

Zion Concert Series

2017-2018 Season

Don't miss these exciting concerts coming to Zion! Unless otherwise noted, all are in the Sanctuary with a free-will offering.

University of Michigan Gilbert and Sullivan Society
Sunday, November 5th, 2017 at 4PM

Chamber Concert presented by the Community Music
School of Ann Arbor
Sunday, January 28th at 4PM

David Troiano, organ recital
Sunday, February 25th at 4PM

Achievers Women's Choir from the Detroit School for the
Arts

Saturday, March 18th at 4PM

Wartburg College Choir
Monday, April 23rd at 7PM

Meet Our Music Scholars

Rachel Barnhart (Handbell Scholar) is a junior at Concordia University, majoring in music with a minor in Worship Arts. She is a member of the Concordia Marching Band as part of the color guard. She is from Lansing, MI. She hopes to pursue a career in music ministry.

Mahari Conston (Soprano 1 Choral Scholar) received her Bachelor's of Music in Voice Performance from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A native of Charlotte, North Carolina, Mahari performed Handel's *Messiah* as the soprano soloist with University United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill. She also starred as Cinderella in Pauline Viardot's adaptation of the operetta with the University of North Carolina Opera Theatre. She is now studying to receive her Masters of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of Michigan. Most recently, Mahari was a fellow in the Aspen Music Festival's Opera Center.



Clare Evett (Handbell Scholar) is a senior vocal performance major at Eastern Michigan University. She previously played handbells in middle school. After graduating with her bachelors, she wants to pursue a masters and doctorate degree in voice. She also enjoys opera and hopes to sing professionally.

Mackenzie Granata (Alto Choral Scholar) is a freshman at the University of Michigan studying vocal performance. She is from Lambertville, MI, where she previously attended Bedford High School. Mackenzie has been involved in various musical theatre productions, choirs, and solo and ensemble. She is excited to be a choral scholar at Zion and looks forward to a great year.

Aurora Haziri (Soprano 2 Choral Scholar) is a sophomore at the University of Michigan studying vocal performance, under the direction of Caroline Helton, with a minor in German. She is a native Michigander, hailing from the city of Royal Oak. She is very excited to be part of the Zion Choral Scholars program!

Tanner Hoertz (Bass Choral Scholar) is a first year master's in voice student at the University of Michigan. He is a proud alumni of the University of Kentucky where he received his Bachelor's in Music degree just last year. Tanner has sung several operatic roles including Bob from *The Old Maid and Thief*, Melchior from *Amahl and the Night Visitors* as well as his most recent credit as Alidoro in Rossini's adaptation of the classic Cinderella story. In addition to his operatic accomplishments and aspirations, Tanner also loves to dabble in the Music Theatre and the American Negro Spiritual repertoire. Tanner is very happy to be able to call Zion Lutheran Church his home and looks forward to a great year of music at Zion.

Collin Price (Tenor Choral Scholar) is a masters student from New York state studying Choral Conducting at Eastern Michigan University. Collin has previously acquired a bachelors of Music Education from Houghton College in NY, and has experience teaching grades 3-12. Collin has served as musical director for numerous shows including *The Sound of Music* and *The Drowsy Chaperone* and guest conducted in multiple concerts. After his masters, Collin intends to pursue a DMA in choral conducting at an undetermined institution.

Family Life and Young Discipleship

Mark Your Calendars!

There are three important milestones to add to your calendar for the children of our church. More information will be distributed in Bibleland. Notice that First Communion has been changed to February this year.

- Sunday, October 8th - *3rd Grade Bible Blessing* at the 11:11 AM service
- Sunday, February 4th – *First Communion* at the 9 AM and 11:11 AM services
- Sunday, May 20th – *Confirmation* at the 11:11 AM service

The All-New Bibleland Christmas Production

We are a church filled with many talented people, including our children. This year we are stepping up our annual Bibleland Christmas service a notch. God gives us many gifts to glorify our Lord and that is what we intend to do. On Sunday October 22, all those who are interested in having a role in this year's Christmas musical (other than being in the chorus) will audition in the worship space at 12:30PM. Everybody who auditions will make the cast. The auditions will help us to determine who to cast in which role. All students in Bibleland, JAM, and Caffeine & Christ are invited to participate!

There is also a need for anybody who has a love for Jesus (and theater) to help with directing, producing, costume designing and sound. Please contact Pastor Vicky Lovell if you are interested at vlovell@zlc-aa.org.

Family Fall Day at 3 Cider Farm

October 20 from 6—9PM, we will be hosting a Family Fall Day at 3 Cider Farms in Northville, Michigan. The day is for all families of Zion! And of course friends are always invited. The evening will start at a private bonfire pit, snacking on cider and donuts. We will then head out for a hayride and a trip through the 7 acre corn maze. We will return to the bonfire pit for some S'mores and hot dogs! The price per person is \$15 and this includes all food and activities listed. To sign up, please email Nathan at ndan-drea@zlc-aa.org or sign up with him at any Sunday service. For questions about the event, please call the Zion office or email Nathan directly.

High School Lock-in and Backward Halloween—October 27 7PM-7AM

Calling all high school students! October 27 from 7PM-7AM, Zion Youth will be having a lock-in! The night will be spent doing a backward Halloween, where we will be going out into the community, handing out candy and showing our neighbors who we are at Zion, what we are about, and showing Christ's love in a tangible way! We will come back to Zion for a night filled with games, snacks, movies, and music! Of course friends are also welcome to come. Had a busy week and the thought of running around the building going crazy all night isn't too appealing? No problem! Spend the night in one of the chill rooms just watching movies and snacking on popcorn. There will be activities for everyone! And a great time is guaranteed!

ELCA Youth Gathering

Houston, Texas June 27—July 1, 2018

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

We are excited to share with you the theme for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering, "This Changes Everything." Our primary scripture will be Ephesians 2:8 *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."*

Grace is a foundational and distinctive piece of the Lutheran faith. This gift, undeserved and freely given, changes lives and perspectives as people realize they are enough because of what Christ has done, and are called into the world to serve their neighbor and share the good news.

This is going to be a special Gathering as our service is much needed in the Houston, Texas area after the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. The benefits of an event such as The Gathering are pivotal in the life of a student. This is something that they will not want to miss. If you are interested in registering your high school student, (including those that will be in 9th grade next year), now is the time!

The cost per student is in the range of \$1,200-\$1,500. This includes airfare, hotel room for the week, transportation in Houston, and meals for the entire week. If the price seems steep, we have good news—we will be doing many different fundraisers throughout the year to raise money to help offset the cost of this trip. Any student who helps on a fundraiser will get a portion of the proceeds deducted from their balance. You can essentially work off the cost of the trip.

To register visit www.elca.org/YouthGathering, print off a student registration form and return it to Nathan D'Andrea at Zion with a deposit check of \$150. Or swing by the Youth Room at Zion and pick up a registration form. We will have registration open through December 31, as we need time to plan the trip knowing the number of students we have going.

If you have any questions about the Gathering, or its cost, please call Nathan D'Andrea at 734-994-4455 or email ndandrea@zlc-aa.org.

Congregation Council

Council Meeting August 15, 2017—Highlights

Financial Report

- **Cash**—Available cash at the end of July was \$248,806. Cash in the operations account as of 8/11/17 is approximately \$236,000. We currently have sufficient cash on hand for the foreseeable future.
- **Income**—For the month of July, contributions were \$85,568 which was \$7,479 more than was projected in the budget. This compares to contributions of \$76,451 in July last year. YTD, contributions are \$25,190 more than budgeted, and \$38,935 more than YTD last year.
- **Expenses**—Two ministries were over budget in July. One ministry is over budget YTD. Overall spending was \$3,037 under budget for the month. Spending is \$67,641 under budget YTD.
- **Attendance and Offering (through July 31)**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Attendance (YTD)	9,597	9,532	65
-Including Bibleland	10,895	10,858	37
Offering (YTD)	\$517,499	\$478,564	\$38,935
Offering per Person	\$53.92	\$50.21	\$3.72

Since we have sufficient cash on hand, Council discussed whether we want the quarterly endowment distribution. Pr. Jim made the case that we could jump start the 5 elements in our Stewardship focus (including microphones, mobile ministry, communication, Bishop's fund, refugees). Because the policy is for quarterly distributions, no vote was necessary.

Strategic Planning Update

Dan reported that we finished our Strategic Planning

Meeting prior to this meeting. The document is in reasonable shape and we will share it with core and support ministry leaders for support, in advance of the congregation. When we're ready to share it with the congregation, we will invite Pr. Mike Ward to present it. (Included in what we have paid him.) An article in the September *Tower* provided a short summary for the congregation.

Personnel Committee Recommendations

The Personnel Committee (PC) had recommendations regarding salaries and benefits for Council's review, including an update regarding reimbursement for cell phone, internet, and gym membership, and a recommendation of a 2% increase in salary for all staff members who have been here a year (which would not include Pr. Vicky or Nathan, as neither has been here a year). Council approved the PC recommendations.

New Business

Gordon Loll has resigned from Council and his position needs to be replaced. Council needs to select a person to fill the role, and at the next annual meeting, the seat will be up for election. Vickie will follow up and contact potential candidates.

Old Business

A question was raised about when the pledge year starts. Because people made pledges in April, it will be difficult to determine whether or not you met your pledge. Pr. Jim will communicate that to David Beck.

Feedback about the Hoe-Down

We had fun! General sense was that we need more marketing and more communications. Last year, we sent postcards to the neighborhood for the Mission Fair; but we did not for the Hoe-Down. Marc suggests a "best dressed" award.

Memorial Garden Update



It's hard to miss the construction of the new South Entry and the addition to the Good Shepherd Memorial Garden! We hope the inconvenience and noise were kept to a minimum, and we expect the end is in sight. The columbarium units are due to be placed by the middle of this month, and then the outer wall can be completed.

Several people have asked when they could purchase their columbarium niche, and we are ready to accept your requests. All of the forms

related to funerals and burials at Zion have been updated and completed, and are now available in the racks outside the office and in the Welcome Center. Look for a gray funeral planning booklet, a folder about the Good Shepherd Memorial Garden, and forms for Ground Interment, Columbarium Interment, and brick purchases for the Memory and Donor Sections.

The Secretary of the Garden Committee, Gladys Knoll, will be happy to meet with you at church to help you complete the correct form, and answer any questions you might have. She can be contacted by email at gladysknoll@yahoo.com, or by phone, (734) 780-7507 to set up an appointment.



From Pastor Jim

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8:31-33

This is a year to look backward and to lean forward. Jesus' words in the gospel, "You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" are worth memorizing. The truth that sets us free is a person, Jesus, rather than a proposition. We are free in Christ to be the church, the body of Christ in the world. We are free to look back at what has gone well and what has been a disaster. We are free to lean forward into the future, to risk in love, to step out in faith, to be bold in Spirit.

During the sixteenth century, some German Lutheran churches celebrated an annual thanksgiving day for the Reformation, and in 1667 the festival was set for October 31 or the Sunday prior, since on this date in 1517 Martin Luther posted the Ninety-five Theses on the Wittenberg church door. The date on which to commemorate the life and achievements of Martin Luther is February 18, his death day in 1546. The point of the festival of Reformation is the continuing need for perpetual reformation of all churches, rather than Lutheran self-congratulation.

October 2017 marks the five hundredth anniversary of the reformation and we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free. We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church in proclamation and witness to the world and we pray for the day that all Christians will be one at the Lord's table. Plan to attend the Common Prayer Service on October 28 at 4 pm held here at Zion as we live into looking back and leaning forward with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters.

In May of 2017, The Lutheran World Federation met in Windhoek, Namibia and focused on three themes:

1. Salvation – Not for Sale: We look back to reclaim God's free gift of grace. But we also lean forward to discern where we are tempted to sell salvation with promises of wealth and success.
2. Human Beings - Not for Sale: Every person is created in God's own image. We lean forward to stand against racism and whatever demeans God's beloved children.
3. Creation – Not for Sale: In 1517, the reformers did not know that humans could destroy God's creation. We lean forward to protect the earth and all its creatures even though that calling seems impossible.

We look back at Zion Lutheran, Ann Arbor and give thanks for all who were faithful to the gospel the last 142 years. We lean forward into the future. We are never alone but trusting the one who bends down to be with us no matter how challenging it is to be the church in 2017.

Pastor Vicky's Corner

We are into October and officially have all of our educational ministries up and running. It is so nice to feel the excitement as people of all ages dive deeper into their faith. These last few months have really given me a new appreciation for all of you who work so hard to make Zion an exceptional church home. This reminds me of the verse in 1 Corinthians 12:12, "For just as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, and so it is with Christ."

I find myself in awe of the commitment that many members of Zion make to contributing to our faith community. Folks have meetings every day of the week, e-mails are exchanged, committees make big decisions, parties are planned, curricula are learned, Bibles are studied, Communion is taken to shut-ins, meals are made for others, prayers are said, songs are learned, and the list goes on and on. If you haven't taken a moment to get involved in some way yet, come see me! I'd be happy to help you connect. Why not start out as a greeter welcoming each person into the church on Sunday mornings? Such a simple way to be a blessing. Or perhaps your family would like to make a meal for the God and Grub Wednesday Ministry? We are always looking for food donations to feed our homeless friends.

In addition to each of you being wonderful, I must give a shout out to our staff who has tirelessly worked to prepare for this fall's classes, the Reformation commemorations, and all of the worship and other events on the calendar. There is one person in particular who deserves applause, Mrs. Diane Rinehart. If you ever call Zion, it is Diane's friendly voice on the other end of the line. Diane is our little angel. Not only does she answer the calls, manage the church calendar and all who rent the space, type and prepare announcement sheets, highlight and print worship bulletins, handle the day-to-day operations in the administrative offices along with countless other tasks, but she also drops everything to help the person who walks into the office, she assists every ministry area with creating publicity and printing, she preps the Wednesday meal each week for our homeless ministry, and greets every person who walks into the building with a warm smile and sweet comment. Because of Diane, hundreds of families from Ann Arbor Schools had a fabulous experience while at Zion for summer camp. Most of all, Diane mothers the staff and listens to our woes and our joys. She makes sure there is always chocolate on her counter and gives out wonderful hugs to all who need one. In the famous words of Diane, she is just "ducky!" So when you have a chance, drop her a note, send her an e-mail, pop your head into the office to remind her how much she is appreciated for being an unsung hero at Zion. Diane reflects the face of Jesus each and every day. I am grateful for her.

Thank you, Zion family, for stepping up and making our church something extra special! We truly are one body in Christ!

Adult Discipleship

Adult Education Classes for October

Sunday, Oct. 1: Bible Study on 1 & 2 Peter

This class will continue our Bible Study on 1 & 2 Peter, begun in September. The book of First Peter is a word to those who are suffering. Should Christians flee or resist? Should Christians tone down their outward signs of faith? Come learn about the struggles of the early church and what it could mean for us today.

Second Peter was written to remind readers that the worst dangers aren't always from the outside, but from within the church community. Second Peter calls for a return to the true gospel, and warns against the common pitfalls that endanger the church. This book is about hope in the coming Day of the Lord. It spoke to the low morale of early Christians and of the faithful today.

10:10-11AM, Classroom C

Teacher: Pastor Jim Debner and Pastor Vicky Lovell

Sunday, Oct. 1: Reformation Roots Video

This class will feature the last video in the series "Reformation Roots" that we have been watching as part of our celebration of the 500th anniversary of Luther's launching of the Protestant Reformation. This last video will focus on the reform that the Catholic church undertook in response to the challenges posed by the Protestant Reformation.

10:10-11AM, Piper Hall

Moderator & Host: Prof. Charles Schulz, from Concordia University.

Sunday, October 8, 19, 22, 29 Luther and Creation

As part of our celebration of the 500th anniversary of Luther's break with Rome, these classes will examine Luther's commentary on the first three chapters of Genesis, to gain insight into how the Wittenberg reformer understood the account of creation given there. Along the way, Luther's perception of the creation story will be compared with that depicted by Michelangelo on the Sistine Chapel ceiling in the Vatican Palace in Rome.

10:10-11AM, Piper Hall

Teacher: Ron Delph

Sunday October 8, 15, 22 Life in the Digital Age:

For these three classes, we have invited two philosophers from Eastern Michigan University to help us explore how the digital revolution has deeply affected our lives, our minds, and our interactions with others. Professors John Koolage and Jeremy Proulx will discuss issues surrounding artificial intelligence and digital media. Further topics include the effect that computers are having in the field of medical research and transportation.

Time: 10:10-11AM, Classroom C

Teachers: Professors John Koolage and Jeremy Proulx, EMU

Sunday, Oct. 29 "One Day Honey, One Day Onions—Life in Palestine"

Dr. Michael Connor, a bio-medical engineer and member of the ELCA, recently spent 3 months in Palestine and Israel. While there, he worked as a volunteer Ecumenical Accompanier, providing "protective presence" for people like Bedouin shepherds and schoolchildren in the occupied area of the West Bank. He will share with us his experience and what he learned about what life is like for Muslims, Christians, and Jews living in the West Bank and Israel.

10:10-11AM, Classroom C

Teacher: Dr Michael Connor

Thursday Midweek Bible Study - 1 Corinthians

Please join us for our continuing Thursday Bible study of 1 Corinthians! In this year of our Reformation celebration we are selecting another epistle that was instrumental for Martin Luther and the Reformation: 1 Corinthians. This is a fascinating epistle where St. Paul addresses such issues as the "Lord's Supper" (this is the earliest biblical record of Jesus' Last Supper and the institution of Holy Communion, as this Epistle predates the Gospels), the question of "spiritual gifts," the image of the church as the "Body of Christ," the famous "Love Chapter," (1 Corinthians 13), Paul's most thorough discussion of the "resurrection," plus much more.

We meet Thursday afternoons, 1:30 - 3PM (with a break in between for some goodies!), and we will conclude on November 16, the Thursday before Thanksgiving. We have outgrown the Omega Room and we now meet in the Gathering area at the south end of the second floor. We would love to have you join with us! These sessions will be led by Pastor Walt Schmidt.

Reformation Bookstore in October and November

Want to learn more about Luther and the Reformation during this Quincentennial anniversary of Luther's break with Rome? This fall, Zion will be hosting a Reformation Bookstore! Dozens of books on Luther and the Reformation will be on hand for you to peruse—including biographies of Luther, editions of his works and sermons, and devotional works. Augsburg Fortress Press is offering 50% off on all these titles, plus free shipping. Members of the Adult Education committee and Zion's Library will be on hand to help you with your selections. Dates for the Bookstore: Sunday Oct 29, Sunday Nov. 5, and Saturday Nov. 11, 9AM-noon, in Stellhorn Lounge.

Mission Core Ministry

43rd Annual CROP Hunger Walk

The Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice (ICPJ) is pleased to be hosting the 43rd annual CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 15 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1400 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Registration begins at 1PM and the walk begins at 2PM. There will be short (about 1 mile) and long (about 3 miles) routes available.

75% of the funds raised go to support international hunger relief through Church World Service. 25% of the walk proceeds go to local hunger relief and prevention through organizations including Avalon Housing, Hope Clinic, Growing Hope, Packard Health and the St. Andrew's Breakfast Program.

For more information and to register, stop by the Welcome Center table on Sunday mornings or visit www.icpj.org. Please consider walking, donating or volunteering at this important community-based event.

Zion Planning 2017 Mission Trip: Living Hope Ministries - Haiti

Zion is planning a mission trip to Haiti Oct. 27 - Nov. 3, 2017. This will be our 8th trip to visit our partners in ministry, Mary Jane and Andris Jolibois. We already have about 7 people interested and have begun planning, but more adventure-seeking travelers are very welcome. We will get to see first-hand the budding growth in student numbers in the primary school and trade school, and we will see the 2nd floor classrooms that Zion helped financially kickstart last year. The overall cost of the trip is approximately \$1000. We stay in a comfortable guest house...it's even air-conditioned. We will be taking photos and measurements of all the students for the Sponsorship Program, craft/recreation activities with the children, and some light maintenance projects. If interested, please contact Mark Gunderson, MLGondo@comcast.net, or 248-521-9240 cell.

Blood Drive—Monday October 2

On Monday, October 2, 2017, Zion will 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.

There are three ways to make an appointment:

1. Schedule an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org with Zion's sponsor code, *zionlutheran*.
2. Sign-up in the Welcome Center on Sunday.
3. To schedule an appointment through email, please contact Mary Pearson at marpear@gmail.com indicating your preferred time (appointments are available on the quarter-hour). You will receive a confirming email and we will do our best to reserve the time that is most convenient for you.

Uganda Missionary to Visit Zion

Sara Katana Sebyala from Kampala, Uganda will be visiting Michigan from October 3 through November 1. (The dates have changed slightly since the first mention of her visit.) Will you consider hosting Sara for a meal? She has mothered over 150 orphans in Uganda and is eager to share her story of God's love. If you have a group that would like to host Sara for a presentation or if you would like to spend some time with her, please contact Pastor Vicky to get on the schedule (vlovell@zlc-aa.org).

Lutheran Campus Ministry

LCM on the campus of the University of Michigan is up and running. The new Campus Pastor, Elizabeth Friedman, has hit the ground running and is doing a fantastic job of connecting with students and building relationships with them. If you'd like to get involved, please visit the LCM website: www.lcm-um.org. There is a place to sign up to bring a Sunday meal, donate baked goodies, or to serve at the Vida café. Check it out! It's exciting to see new life being breathed into this important ministry that we support.

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

For many years, Zion has partnered with Bread for the World, a collective and non-partisan Christian voice that urges our countries' decision-makers to end hunger at home and abroad. An important tool in that effort is the Offering of Letters, held annually in churches throughout the country. On Sunday Oct 15, we invite Zion members to learn more about the issues and to write letters encouraging congress to invest in vital policies and safety-net programs. These programs include WIC, Global nutrition and SNAP, and will move us toward the achievable goal of ending hunger by 2030. Letters to Congress, supported by prayer, have been shown to be a powerful witness to God's justice and mercy and to be effective in changing policies, programs and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist. We will also continue to highlight opportunities for Zion members to address issues of hunger right here in our own community and to support the ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal in its important work. Please join us on October 15 to make a difference!

Annual Fall Benefit for Living Hope Ministries in Haiti

Saturday, October 14th, 2017, 5:30PM (dinner at 6:30PM)

Buffet dinner, live and silent auction, presentation by Missionaries Mary Jane and Andris Jolibois. Der Dutchman Restaurant, 445 S. Jefferson Ave., Plain City, OH \$25 per person - make checks payable to Living Hope Ministries in Haiti. Register with Stacy Lane by email (cathystacy@aol.com), phone (614-792-6184) or on the website (www.livinghopehaiti.org)

Member Caring Ministry

Reformation Celebration Movie Event

David Granner welcomes you to a special movie event on the theme of Grace:

Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World!

Don't miss this special event! Imagine 1,000 people singing *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. Let's bring all Christians together to celebrate the historic 500th anniversary of the Reformation!

The Historic Michigan Theater
603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Friday, October 27th, 2017

6:30—7PM: Beverages & Popcorn with live music by Today's Brass Quintet

7—7:15PM: Hymn singing accompanied by organ, brass, choir, and Today's Brass Quintet

7:15PM: Screening of the feature film begins

IMPORTANT: Space is limited. All tickets are complimentary and must be secured in advance. Tickets may be reserved at the special website: <http://bit.ly/2lvruPX> (note: "2" is the only number in this link, the rest are letters), or by calling Lydia Bahensky at 734-996-8811.

If you are interested in singing in the choir, please contact Natalie Downs at [ndowns@zlc-aa.org](mailto:n downs@zlc-aa.org). There will be a rehearsal at the Michigan Theatre before the event. Details coming soon.

Anointing Prayer

Once a month, member(s) of the prayer team will be available to pray with you during either the 10:10 or 11:11 service. One of the pastors will make an announcement right before communion informing the congregation if it is an anointing prayer Sunday. The prayer team member will take communion first with the pastors and communion servers. Then s/he will go to the very back of the church right by the single pew in the hallway.

If you have a prayer request, a prayer need, a prayer "thank you" or just want general prayer, take communion and then come to the back of the church. The prayer team member will use a small amount of oil to make a cross on your forehead and ask you what you are needing today. With the Holy Spirit's guidance, s/he will pray for you. Prayers will be said quietly, and all information shared will be kept confidential. If you have any questions at any time please ask one of the pastors or prayer team members: Dan McConnell, Steve Johgart, Peri Thomas, Carolyn King, Barbara Debner or Lisa Ebert.

Follow the Star—Zion's Candlelight Luncheon

Matthew 2:10 When they saw the star they were overjoyed.

Saturday, Dec. 16th In Piper Hall From 11-2

Women ages 11– 99 are invited. Bring a friend.

Sign up for a spot at a table before Nov. 30 in the Welcome Center

\$7.00 for the Meal & Message

Make checks out to Zion Lutheran Church

Any questions ask Barbara: babdebner@gmail.com

Fall 2017 Women's Event

Saturday, Nov. 4, 10AM-2:30PM

We will be focusing on Encouragement, looking at God's words in Luke, Chapter 1 verses 39-56. Register before Oct. 21 (leave it at the Welcome desk or the office). Bring \$7 for the Soup & Salad at 12:30, and donate a box of cereal to No Empty Hands.

Questions? Contact Barbara at babdebner@gmail.com.

Parish Nurses Report

The annual Flu Shot Clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th, from 9AM to 2PM. We will be set up as usual in Stellhorn Lounge, and refreshments will be provided. This is an easy way to get your annual protection against flu, and parking is free and convenient. Mark your calendar now!

The Congregational Care Program is another service provided for Zion members, coordinated by the Parish Nurses. This program includes matching someone who needs transportation to an appointment or a medical test and a volunteer who will provide that transportation within Washtenaw County. Meals can also be provided for 2-3 times a week for up to four weeks. Should you need such help, please call the church office, and a Parish Nurse will contact you to make arrangements. We can always use more volunteers, as well; just leave your name with Diane in the office and you may be called to help out.

For the last few weeks of August, Zion's building was busy with lots of children from the Ann Arbor Recreation summer program. One of the adult workers stopped by to tell the Parish Nurse doing the weekly check of the AED, that she was so glad to see we were doing that. She recounted how she had worked in a place where, when someone collapsed and the AED was brought, it was not working— dead batteries and no paddles for administering the necessary shock! Please be assured that our AED is kept in working order, and so is the phone right beside it. Remember that it is located in the hallway just off the Welcome Center, opposite the Sacristy!

Member Caring Ministry (cont.)

Life's Lessons Among the Leaves

Are you a reader? Have you attended a book discussion? You are officially invited to participate! During the month of October a fun, active Zion book club (called LLATL, or Life's Lesson Among the Leaves) encourages you to read with us.



We will be reading the amazing fictional novel *Wonder*, by R.J. Palacio. Readers of all ages (male and female) who have enjoyed this touching book are invited to an upbeat discussion on Nov. 7 at 7PM in Stellhorn Lounge. We will finish our conversations about Auggie and his adventures before 8:15. There will also be a free drawing for a special movie pass. Arrive on time, bring your book and share your favorite part. Addie Lovell and Barbara Debner have agreed to lead this exciting event. The event is free, but

please RSVP to babdebner@gmail.com by October 24, so we have enough treats to share.

The movie release of *Wonder* starring Julia Roberts will be this November at local theaters. Read the book first; because the book is always better. Come share your thoughts. And then find a new friend to see this enjoyable movie *Wonder*.

Special Seniors Luncheon

The next Special Seniors Luncheon is scheduled for October 14, 2017, from noon to 2PM in Piper Hall. We will be helping the University of Michigan celebrate its 200th anniversary, with a look at Michigan Athletics!

Our speaker will be Judy Renfrew Hart, the daughter of Al and Marge Renfrew and Ann Arbor native. Her father started as a hockey player and later coach, but he became Ticket Manager in 1973. Al and Marge ran the Ticket Office until 1990, and Judy got to help out. She is a retired Ann Arbor Public Schools teacher, and recently wrote a book, *A Maize and Blue Ann Arbor*. We expect she will have some interesting tales to tell about the UM!

Please plan to attend, bring your friends, wear your school colors (we even accept scarlet and gray or green and white!), and enjoy good food and fellowship! The donation is \$8 per person. Please sign up at the Welcome Center desk on Sunday mornings, or by calling Diane in the church office by October 7. Thank you and GO BLUE!

Welcome Core Ministry

New iPad Stand in the Welcome Center



Welcome Core Ministry has installed a new iPad Stand in the Welcome Center for members of Zion to use. Zion's app is installed and you are welcome to look around the app and see all that is available. There are places to sign-up to volunteer, change your information, submit a prayer request, and make a donation. Stop by and take a look.

New Discipleship Orientation

If you are new to Zion and are interested in knowing more about our mission and ministry, plan to attend the next "New Discipleship Orientation" (New Member Class) scheduled for November 12 in Piper Hall at 12:30PM. Lunch will be provided; come down following the Ignite Service. 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 November 19, Zion will welcome new disciples in worship, at their primary worship service. If you want to join Zion in our discipleship walk, contact the church office at 734-994-4455 to indicate your interest before November 1.

Welcome Center Table Requests

The Welcome Core Ministry is excited that so many ministries are using space in the Welcome Center for table displays to inform members and guests about all the activities happening at Zion. We want everyone to have space when they need it, so please contact Joanne Dence (jdence@zlc-aa.org) to reserve your table. We have room for a few tables in the tiled area and we can use the wings of the Visitor's Desk for smaller displays. As reservations are made, they will be posted at the Visitor's Desk. Thank you!

Check Out the Pictures on the Zion Website

Zion has hosted some awesome events over the past month. There was the 2017 hoedown, in which we hosted over 175 members and visitors for an afternoon of line dancing, carnival games, picnic style lunch, and good old fashioned fun for all. At a recent Wednesday chapel service, two of our friends from the Delonis Center, were baptized. And on Sunday, September 10, Adult Education kicked off a new year of classes, with a party in Piper Hall, while the youth were having fun with their new curriculum, Think Orange 252. Check out all the photos on the Zion website. Go to the homepage and click on the link for Flickr on the bottom right hand side and enjoy!

Other News

Licensed Lay Ministry (LLM) Update

The fall season of LLM classes has begun, and I'm excited to see my classmates again. In addition, we have three new students who have joined the program, so this is their first class. The first class is Systematic Theology, which sounds more impressive than it is. Our instructor has chosen some great textbooks, and has grounded the instruction in Luther's theology of the cross. We're finding ways to think and speak about God that are faithful to scripture and relevant to our current context. Both Law and Gospel are important for Lutherans, and Pr. Bux is directing us to keep finding ways to share the Good News with those around us. - Dale Eckart

Friends and Alums of Lutheran Campus Ministry

Join the celebration--CONVERGENCE 2017--when the University of Michigan Lutheran Campus Ministry celebrates its 100th anniversary, along with the University of Michigan's 200th birthday, and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. You are invited to attend the Centennial Gala on Saturday, October 21 at Zion, starting with hors d'oeuvres at 5PM. Tickets are \$30. For more information, or if you plan to attend, please contact Pastor Dana Runestad at danarunestad@gmail.com by Sunday, October 8.

New Recycling Container at Zion for Film Plastic and Household Batteries

An attractive new recycling container has been added at Zion (in the main hallway) to accept film plastic and household batteries. In addition to use by Zion staff, these materials are also welcome to be brought in by members and guests, with a goal of raising awareness about recycling and being a witness to the larger community concerning our commitment to Creation Care.

Film plastic includes produce bags, plastic shipping envelopes, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, case wrap, newspaper bags, food storage (zip lock) bags, product overwrap and bubble wrap. For more information on the recycling of film plastic, please go to www.PlasticFilmRecycling.org.

Household batteries are the rechargeable and non-rechargeable portable batteries used daily in devices such as radios, toys, flashlights, games, watches, calculators, hearing aids, cameras, telephones and other communications devices. They do not include larger batteries used in motor vehicles or other commercial and industrial applications. For more information on recycling household batteries, please visit www.nema.org (the dry battery section of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association).

Please participate in this new program, and direct any questions to Bryan Weinert at bryancweinert@gmail.com. The bin will be checked weekly and processed on an as-needed basis.

Thank You and Congratulations

Have you taken a peek at the display box outside of the library? There are many thank you notes from the community to Zion giving thanks for the generous gifts that the people of Zion are sharing with others. Here are some of the thank you notes that have come in:

- Samaritas - \$4,000 gift (one gift in May and another in September)
- Habitat for Humanity - \$3,000 gift
- Hope Clinic – donation of canned food and \$500 gift
- SOS Community Services - \$500 gift
- Grace in Action - \$1,000 gift
- Emmanuel Lutheran – donations to Ypsilanti food pantry
- Youthworks Detroit - \$1,000 gift
- Bread for the World - \$150 gift
- Ugandan Church Development - \$200 gift
- MISSION - \$2,000 gift towards a Tiny House for the homeless community

In addition to these letters, the pastors receive many thank you e-mails throughout the week from various community members letting us know that Zion Lutheran Church is making a difference in the community. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ with others!

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." – Psalm 46:1

Dear friends, now that the devastating impact of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma has come fully into focus, we see that the need will be great and recovery will take many years.

If you've already given, thank you so much. Please continue to pray and stay connected through our Facebook page. I also want to let you know that Thrivent is matching gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response. If you're a member, visit Thrivent.com and follow the instructions for personal donations.

With gratitude, *The Rev. Daniel Rift*
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

Note: The Zion Mission Core Committee, in response to the destruction of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, immediately sent a gift of \$3,000 to Lutheran World Relief where 100% of all donations will be used to help the victims of these natural disasters. Thank you, Zion, for your generosity.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1

8:00 AM First Light Worship/Sanctuary
 9:00 AM Blood Pressure Clinic/Counseling Office
 9:00 AM Sola Worship/Sanctuary
 10:10 AM Adult Discipleship/Classroom A
 10:10 AM Adult Discipleship/Piper Hall
 10:10 AM Bibleland/2nd floor
 10:10 AM JAM/Youth Room
 10:10 AM C+C/Omega Room
 10:10 AM Families with Young Children/Alpha room
 10:10 AM 3rd grade parent bible class/Church office
 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Yeager Chapel
 11:11 AM Ignite Worship/Sanctuary
 12:30 PM Confirmation Class/Youth Room

Monday, October 2

6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 11:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive/Piper Hall
 12:30 PM Monday Women's Bridge/Stellhorn Lounge
 6:00 PM Prayer Team Meeting/Omega Room
 7:00 PM Ruth's Small Group/Stellhorn Lounge

Tuesday, October 3

9:00 AM Uganda Bible Study via Skype/Pr Vicky's office
 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 5:30 PM Personnel Meeting/Church Office
 7:00 PM Five Miles More Rehearsal/Sanctuary
 7:00 PM Life's Lesson Book Club/Stellhorn Lounge

Wednesday, October 4

10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 12:00 PM Mid-week worship/Yeager Chapel
 12:45 PM Community Lunch/Youth room
 6:00 PM Way of Life/Omega Room
 6:00 PM Family Matters/Creation Station
 6:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary
 7:30 PM Al-a-teen meeting/Omega Room
 7:30 PM Al-anon meeting/The Gathering
 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall

Thursday, October 5

7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
 12:00 PM Thursday Ladies Cards/Stellhorn Lounge
 1:30 PM Midweek bible study/Sunday Spot
 6:00 PM Rings of the Lord Rehearsal/Sanctuary
 6:30 PM Interfaith Roundtable/The Gathering
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Friday, October 6

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

Saturday, October 7

Sunday, October 8

8:00 AM First Light Worship/Sanctuary
 9:00 AM Sola Worship/Sanctuary
 10:10 AM Adult Discipleship/Classroom A
 10:10 AM Adult Discipleship/Piper Hall
 10:10 AM Bibleland/2nd floor
 10:10 AM JAM/Youth Room
 10:10 AM C+C/Omega Room
 10:10 AM Families with Young Children/Alpha room
 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Yeager Chapel
 11:11 AM Ignite Worship-3rd grade Bible Dist./Sanctuary

Monday, October 9

6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 6:00 PM Ann Arbor Fiber Arts/Piper Hall
 7:00 PM Kesler Small Group/Omega Room

Tuesday, October 10

9:00 AM Uganda Bible Study via Skype/Pr Vicky's Office
 9:00 AM Flu Shoot Clinic/Stellhorn Lounge
 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 7:00 PM Five Miles More Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 11

10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 12:00 PM Mid-week worship/Yeager Chapel
 12:45 PM Community Lunch/Youth room
 6:00 PM Endowment Board Meeting/Youth Room
 6:00 PM Way of Life/Omega Room
 6:00 PM Family Matters/Creation Station
 6:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary
 7:30 PM Al-a-teen meeting/Omega Room
 7:30 PM Al-anon meeting/The Gathering
 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall

Thursday, October 12

7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
 9:30 AM Mom's Bible Study/Omega Room
 1:30 PM Midweek bible study/Sunday Spot
 6:00 PM Rings of the Lord Rehearsal/Sanctuary
 6:30 PM Interfaith Round Table/The Gathering
 7:00 PM Mission Core Ministry/Stellhorn Lounge
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Friday, October 13

8:00 AM Window Cleaning/All building
 12:00 PM Zion Senior's Lunch Set up/Piper Hall

Saturday, October 14

12:00 PM Zion Senior Luncheon/Piper Hall

Sunday, October 15

8:00 AM First Light Worship/Sanctuary
 9:00 AM Sola Worship/Sanctuary
 10:10 AM Adult Discipleship/Classroom A
 10:10 AM Adult Discipleship/Piper Hall
 10:10 AM Bibleland/2nd floor
 10:10 AM JAM/Youth Room
 10:10 AM C+C/Omega Room
 10:10 AM Families with Young Children/Alpha room
 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Yeager Chapel
 11:11 AM Ignite Worship/Sanctuary
 6:30 PM Love Lives Here Bible Study/Debner's Home

Monday, October 16

6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 5:00 PM Ruth's Small Group-Cooking/Main Kitchen
 6:15 PM Loss Recovery Group/Alpha Room
 6:30 PM Weber's Small Group/Stellhorn Lounge

Tuesday, October 17

9:00 AM Uganda Bible Study via Skype/Pr Vicky's office
 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 7:00 PM Council Meeting/The Gathering
 7:00 PM Five Miles More Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 18

10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 12:00 PM Mid-week worship/Yeager Chapel
 12:45 PM Community Lunch/Youth room
 6:00 PM Way of Life/Omega Room
 6:00 PM Family Matters/Creation Station
 6:30 PM Knit 2 Together/Stellhorn Lounge
 6:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary
 7:30 PM Al-a-teen meeting/Omega Room
 7:30 PM Al-anon meeting/The Gathering
 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall

Thursday, October 19

7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
 9:00 AM Sarah's Circle/Stellhorn Lounge
 11:00 AM Inter'n'l Neighbors/Piper Hall
 12:30 PM Ruth's Circle/Stellhorn Lounge
 1:30 PM Midweek Bible Study/Sunday Spot
 6:00 PM Rings of the Lord Rehearsal/Sanctuary
 6:30 PM Interfaith Roundtable/The Gathering
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Friday, October 20

6:00 PM Family Day/Cedars Farm

Saturday, October 21

12:00 PM Lutheran Campus Ministry/Piper Hall

Sunday, October 22

8:00 AM First Light Worship/Sanctuary
 9:00 AM Sola Worship/Sanctuary
 10:10 AM Adult Discipleship/Classroom A
 10:10 AM Adult Discipleship/Piper Hall
 10:10 AM Bibleland/2nd floor
 10:10 AM JAM/Youth Room
 10:10 AM C+C/Omega Room
 10:10 AM Families with Young Children/Alpha room
 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Yeager Chapel
 11:11 AM Ignite Worship/Sanctuary
 12:30 PM Christmas Play Auditions/Sanctuary

Monday, October 23

6:30 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 7:00 PM Kesler's Small Group/Omega Room

Tuesday, October 24

9:00 AM Uganda Bible Study via Skype/Pr Vicky's office
 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 7:00 PM Five Miles More Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 25

10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 12:00 PM Mid-week worship/Yeager Chapel
 12:45 PM Community Lunch/Youth room
 6:00 PM Way of Life/Omega Room
 6:00 PM Family Matters/Creation Station
 6:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal/Sanctuary
 7:30 PM Al-a-teen meeting/Omega Room
 7:30 PM Al-anon meeting/The Gathering
 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous/Piper Hall

Thursday, October 26

7:00 AM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
 9:30 AM Mom's Bible Study/Omega Room
 1:30 PM Midweek bible study/Sunday Spot
 6:00 PM Rings of the Lord Rehearsal/Sanctuary
 6:30 PM Interfaith Roundtable/The Gathering
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Friday, October 27

7:00 PM Youth Group Lock-in/Youth Room
 7:15 PM Luther Move at Michigan Theater

Saturday, October 28

12:00 PM SEMI Synod Meeting/The Gathering
 4:00 PM Ecumenical Worship/Sanctuary

Sunday, October 29-REFORMATION SUNDAY

8:00 AM First Light Worship/Sanctuary
 9:00 AM Reformation Bookstore/Stellhorn Lounge
 9:00 AM Sola Worship/Sanctuary
 10:10 AM Adult Discipleship/Classroom A
 10:10 AM Adult Discipleship/Piper Hall
 10:10 AM Bibleland/2nd floor
 10:10 AM JAM/Youth Room
 10:10 AM C+C/Omega Room
 10:10 AM Families with Young Children/Alpha room
 11:00 AM Korean Baptist Church/Yeager Chapel
 11:11 AM Ignite Worship/Sanctuary

Monday, October 30

6:30 PM Men's ChristCare/Sunday Spot
 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office

Tuesday, October 31

9:00 AM Uganda Bible Study via Skype/Pr Vicky's office
 10:00 AM Samaritan Counseling/Counseling Office
 7:00 PM Five Miles More Rehearsal/Sanctuary

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Member Caring: Dianne Daily, Laura Girbach
Missions: Mark Gunderson, Layale Weinert

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Financial Stewardship: Nick Rogers, Lisa Rombes
IT: Ray Vanderbok, TBD
Endowment: Marcus Hunt, Jill Goldstein

Staff

Senior Pastor	James Debner
Associate Pastor	Vicky Lovell
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Office Administrator	Diane Rinehart
Youth Discipleship Leader / Family Life Ministry Coordinator	Nathan D'Andrea
Bibleland Coordinator	Nina Johnson
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