



Zion Lutheran Church Information Bulletin

Weekend of September 25, 2022

Worship Services: Saturday 5PM, Sunday 8AM, 10:30AM (Family Praise Worship) & Monday 6:30PM

Giving Online

Visit our website www.zionmarengo.net and click on "GIVING ONLINE" to make a one-time regular offering or set up contributions.

Stewardship Message

God's stewards rejoice and live out of what the Lord has declared them to be through the cross- saints. Stewards also recognize that they are sinners who fight sin and its consequences daily. Eph. 4:22-24 .

"Being Challenge" this weekend!

Great opportunities for growth in God's Word with the Being Challenge, a 40-day opportunity to grow in the patterns and practices of being like Jesus. This Bible discussion group will take place after the worship service. A special opportunity for discussion and community fellowship will take place after the Saturday service each weekend through this seven-week series at Joe's Place with friends from St. John's Lutheran in Union., and at 5:00 p.m. each week before our Monday evening service.

Fall Faith Foundations Bible course

You are invited to Faith Foundations, an introduction to the basics of growing closer to Christ and to others. This seven-week course is led by Pastor Ripke and begins September 25 at 9:30 a.m. Participants can take part in-person or online. To sign up or for more information, please complete the Google form here: <https://forms.gle/V8ma8BmWBvqSbAo6> or call the Church Office to speak with Pastor Ripke. Participants not prior members of Zion Lutheran Church are eligible to join upon completion

Coffee Hour

This week's coffee hour is being hosted by: **Joan Nierman**
September 25th will be hosted by: **The Samson Comfort Dog Team**

For those hosting coffee hour, the instruction for making coffee are in the cupboard above the sink. Any questions or would like to do a week please contact Diana Long 815-354-7368.

Sunday School Help Needed

The Sunday School is in search of another adult willing to help teach. You can watch God's shaping hand in a child's life.

Help Needed!

Not trying to rush summer to get over, but Zion school & church is looking for someone or a company that would be interested in plowing the parking lots on the property. Must be done plowing before school starts in the morning. Also we are looking for a few people (men or women) that could help with the shoveling of walks around the entrances. Usually about 1 hour work every time it snows. Start time is 5:30AM. If interested talk to, or call Scott Dunker (815) 354-3655.

Ladies Aid Meeting

The Ladies Aid Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5th at 12:30 PM with a Baked Potatoes Lunch.

Blood Drive

Our Social Action ministry is sponsoring a blood drive here at Zion on Tuesday, October 11th from 1 PM - 5 PM. You can sign up online at versiti.org or call Pam Woodruff at 815-505-8224.

40 DAYS OF PRAYER

Since our nation's very first days, God's greatest movements have been fashioned and sustained by Prayer. How vast are the possibilities when we pray! Please join Zion's Prayer for Unity in Our Community Team and pick up the booklet IF MY PEOPLE. This is a free resource for us to join in a 40-DAY journey of prepared prayers to encourage us to seek God's will for our future and ask Him to continually intercede on behalf of our Nation. Begin reading the prayers on Sept 30th through Nov 8th. Direct your questions to Pastor Galligar, at pastor.galligar@zionmarengo.net.



Healing

Susie Silberhorn
Pat Knake
Woody Woodruff
Taylor Heinberg
(granddaughter of Roger Beth)
Gail Horky
(sister of Lorrie Borders)
Frank Wismer
(brother of Roslyn Volpendesta)
Jon Plushkis (friend of Payton Black)

Blessings

Jim and Joan Nierman's 57th
Wedding Anniversary

Comfort

To the family of
Mike Henke
Former Principal of Zion

Altar Flowers

Altar Guild

Quarterly Voters' Meeting

The meeting will take place following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 25.

SCRIP

Orders are due Monday,
September 26th, at 8AM.

Sunday School

Sunday School will meet in the chapel at 9:15. All children preschool thru 8th grade are welcomed.

Last Week's Attendance

Total – 258

Sat. 5:00 PM 80
Sun. 8:00 AM 71
Sun. 10:30 AM 56
Mon. 6:30 PM..... 51

Financial Recap

GENERAL GIVING:

Weekly Budget \$18,000
Weekly September 18th \$16,270

Samson Snippets

Hello my church and school Family!

What a very busy pup I've been this last two weeks! It has been wonderful to meet and comfort so many people young and older. This past weekend was a very busy and fun one- I went to the Buffalo Grove Fire Departments Open House for their community. The firefighters tried to help me climb the ladder but I was happy to watch :-)

On Sunday I started my day early with my veteran handler Jeff in Glen Ellyn at the Thin Blue Line 5K. It supports first responders, law enforcement and their families. A boy named Zechariah runs 1 mile for each fallen officer- so far he has run 1,214 miles!!! After that, I came straight to Indian Oaks Park in Marengo for the Lovin Levi Color fun run along with a few of my friends. It was a wonderful day for our community and I even got to get colored- I look good in pink and blue!

The weekend before, I spent two days at the American Veterans Traveling Wall and Tribute. It was a very emotional and special way to spend September 11 for my veteran and me.

During the week I worshiped with Florence Nursing Home residents, visited Melody Living and Fair Oaks retirement villages and visited a few schools as well. Whew!! I'm such a blessed pup!!

Thank you all for your love and support for my team and I!

With much puppy love,
Samson

Life Chain

I would like to invite you and your friends to participate in the Life Chain. Life Chain is a prayerful and peaceful witness for LIFE. On Sunday, October 2nd from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. We will stand on the sidewalks at Route 23 and 20 in downtown Marengo. Pro life signs will be available or you can bring your own sign. You can stand for the hour or bring a lawn chair. Families, friends, young and old are all welcome. We will pray for the conversion of people's hearts and minds so that abortion will become unthinkable.

There is also a Prayer Walk before the Life Chain. It will begin at Zion Lutheran Church at 11:45 a.m. with a prayer. We will make 3 more stops, each with prayers for parents, abortion workers and babies, working our way to the Life Chain. Prayers can accomplish amazing things! Please join us on Sunday, October 2nd and be a witness for LIFE. God Bless, Barb Weidner.

Thrivent Member Action Team Info

If you are a Thrivent member you have the opportunity to help our congregation and school. There are thousands of dollars in Action Team money available free to us that we are not currently using. Thrivent Action teams provide up to \$250 per project in seed funds. All Thrivent members (policy and fund holders) 18 and older are eligible to participate in 2 action team projects each year. If you have any kind of Thrivent policy we would like to provide assistance to apply for these funds. We have someone who will sit down with you and walk you through it over the phone or in person. It's a simple and easy 15 minute process. Please let us know below if we can assist you in assisting us.

Baby Basket Items

Baby Basket items for September will concentrate on mommy. Personal hygiene items are needed (body soap, lotions, shampoo, conditioner, dry shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes, floss, mouth wash-alcohol free, razors, shaving cream. Direct your questions to Sara Lubas.

Operation Christmas Child

Share the Good News and Great Joy of Jesus! " Go therefore and make Disciples." Matthew 28:19-20 . Grab a shoe box and be a blessing to one of God's children. We are collecting HYGIENE SUPPLIES through October 7th. Most needed items are toothbrush, soap, washcloth, comb, nail file. Pray for the children and the families that will be touched by our shoebox gifts. Questions can be directed to Pastor Galligar or Wanda Stauber @815-545-4266

Looking for a way to make a difference in the community?

Zion and St. John's are partnering to be tutors in Adult Education through McHenry County College (MCC). MCC is offering free training for those who are interested in becoming adult literacy tutors. English classes meet here at Zion every Monday and Wednesday 6-7:30 pm. In addition to helping students learn to speak and read a new language, we help people learn the life skills they need in a new country. Volunteer tutors play a crucial role in helping these students build confidence and self-esteem. It's a tremendously rewarding experience. Training for the program is offered online. Volunteers can choose from a self-paced option or intensive option. Both require 12 hours of online training and two hours of in-person training with an MCC Adult Volunteer Literacy Coordinator. The intensive option is offered two Saturdays a month, while the self-paced option can be started anytime. There is no cost for volunteers to take the training, but a background check is required before volunteers can start the program. If you are interested in helping with this exciting program, please speak to Pastor Ripke.

WELLNESS CORNER

Intellectual Wellness: Emotional Wellness: Harmony The JOY of Life with Others "The fruit of the Spirit is...PEACE"
As I grow in God's grace of Emotional PEACE, I am finding joy in HARMONY with others by the Healing power of forgiveness.