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The Zion Spirit



"Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing"

September 2019

Church Hours to Shift for Fall



I have met many people already but for those I have not met, Hello! My name is Allison Mikyska. I am a recent graduate of Augustana College—Rock Island, and currently live in West Dundee with my parents. I will be starting classes at Lutheran School of Theology (LSTC) on September 3rd pursuing a Master of Arts in Ministry to become a deacon. I have been working at Zion since April and volunteered with the summer lunch program.

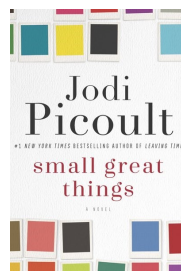
To best meet the needs of Zion, Pastor Dave, Deacon Marlene, and myself will be adjusting our work schedules around my classes. Starting this month, we will be in the office Mondays, Wednesday afternoons and Thursdays. Please stop in to say hi!

After School Program to Resume

Last year we had our first year of weekly after school programming. It was a great beginning to a new commitment to the kids and families in our community. We will resume this programming again this fall with Dianha Ortega-Ehreth serving to lead and coordinate it. We will still need volunteers to assist in this. If you can help on Wednesday afternoons during the school year, please let us know. If we get a few people to volunteer, we can rotate and each person will not need to work every week but can work in rotation. See Dianha if you are able to help or want more information.

Evening Book Club

The Evening Book Club will be reading *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. We will meet to discuss the book in the Zion Library on Wednesday, September 4 at 7pm. Contact Rebecca Rizzo with any questions.



Service of Prayer for Wellness and Healing — September 17th at 6:45 PM

Our next Service of Prayer for Wellness and Healing will be held on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:45 PM in the Zion Sanctuary. A contemplative and meaningful service, this is a great chance to pray for others, bring friends to share, or simply come and ask for prayers for something(s) in your own life. Plan to come and share in this important and meaningful time.

Pastor Dave and Deacon Marlene to Take Sabbatical

It is hard to believe but next year will have been seven years since our ministry team took a sabbatical! Next year's will be much less elaborate (no Lilly Foundation Grant!) but an important chance to recharge. Church Council has approved a two-month sabbatical in 2020 - from mid-January to mid-March. They will focus on worship and preaching, visit some mid-sized congregations that are growing and doing good work with young adults and families with children, and take some time to renew. In addition, their daughter Erin is pregnant and they hope to welcome their first grandchild with Erin and Joe around the end of February. There are many details to be worked out still, so watch for more info as plans develop.

Fall Schedule Resumes – September 8th

Our fall schedule begins on Sunday, September 8th. It will include the startup of Godly Play for the children, a youth class for middle and high school aged kids, and adult education in the library.

Our schedule will be:

- 8:30 – Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:45 – Children and Youth Sunday School
- 10:00 – Adult Education
- 10:45 – Worship with Holy Communion

BeFriender Ministry Training to Begin

Zion's BeFrienders want to grow our Ministry! We currently have seven BeFrienders who visit seven members of our congregation regularly, but we would like to offer support to more people who may be in need of a friend to support them, so we need more BeFrienders!



A Listening Presence

We will be conducting BeFriender training the week of September 15th. Training dates and times will be set up to accommodate the BeFriender candidate schedules. We are excited to have three candidates already, but would encourage any of you who are interested in becoming a BeFriender, to contact Bev Breskovich or Pastor Dave.

July Verse of the Month

Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land." (Deuteronomy 15:11)



Worship Scripture Lessons

September 1

Deuteronomy 15:1-2, 7-11 (sermon text)

Luke 15:11-32

September 8

Genesis 2:4b-25 (sermon text)

Mark 1:16-20

September 15

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 (sermon text)

Mark 10:23-27

September 22

Genesis 32:9-13, 22-30 (sermon text)

Mark 14:32-36

September 29

Exodus 1:8-14, 3:1-15 (sermon text)

Mark 12:18-27

CROP Walk

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 20. Our team website is already up--visit <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/elginil/ZionLutheran> to sign up or donate. More information will be coming. See Rebecca Rizzo with any questions.



Diakonia Program Coming to Elgin

Diakonia is a two year program to train lay leaders in the classic areas of church leadership and education. Classes are offered in areas covering Bible, theology, outreach, church history, pastoral care and more. Courses are offered on Saturday mornings and each unit has 5 sessions. There is a class cohort being planned to be hosted at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Elgin - so it can't get more convenient! Pastor Dave will be teaching one of the classes (New Testament) and other classes will be taught by other leaders with expertise in that area. Interested in more info? Talk to Pastor Dave right away. Classes start up in September!



Thank you!

I would like to say thank you to Zion Lutheran Church for sending me to the Global Leadership Summit. It was an incredible experience. I am so thankful to have learned so much that I can apply to my life in school, sports, and friendships. I am excited to take what I have learned and teach others through the stories I learned. This experienced impacted me in many ways. I can't wait to share with you what I experienced. Thanks again for showing me faith and believing in me to be a leader.

Thank you,
Kelby Bannerman

New Altar Candles

The old altar candle stands have been crooked and rickety for a number of years. After discussion about new options, we have ordered new ones that will sit on the altar. There will be three to represent the Trinity and we'll be able to remove the old ones – making the space look cleaner and more open as well as crisper and fresh. Thanks to the women of the church who helped purchase these.



- Centro De Informacion Gala—October 12
- Bishop Yehiel Curry Installation—October 19
- Crop Walk—October 20
- Reformation Sunday—October 27
- All Saints Sunday—November 3
- Prayer Service for Wellness—November 19
- Community Thanksgiving—November 24
- Thanksgiving Service at Zion—November 28
- Christmas Eve Service December—24

| FINANCIAL UPDATE YEAR TO DATE THROUGH JULY 2019 | | |
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| <u>Fund</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expenses</u> |
| General | \$128,650 | \$126,211 |
| Building | \$5909 | \$6472 |