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SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Family Worship at 10:00 a.m.



“Whatsoever Is of Good Report”

Our friends, Klaus and Doris spent a little over a week in our community earlier in the month of September. It has been about a year ago that Sue and I had waved goodbye to them in the Frankfurt airport as we hurried to catch our plane back to the U.S. It was great to see both of them again, and after the hugs and laughter I asked, “How are things in Germany?” To this Klaus looked at the ground and mumbled, “Not good, not good, unemployment is over 14%, people who are employed are complaining about taxes being too high, the political structure seems to be bogged down into more talk than actions . . .” But then he looked up, waved his hand and said, “Ken, let’s think about better things”. I thought the words were familiar, and later that evening I recalled the words from the New Testament letter to the Philippians where the author said, “Whatever is of good report . . . think on these things”.

I know too many sweets in our diet can be sickening, and even sweet words alone may cause us some momentary nausea. However, all too often we fail to see the blessings of the simple things of life. It may change the way we face the day before us if we take seriously the words of Scripture that encourages us to think about good things. “Whatsoever is true, whatsoever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is anything worthy of praise think about these things . . . and the peace of God will be with you.” Philippians 4:8-9

ATTENDANCE

Date	Worship	Sunday School/Other
9-2	172	76
9-9	188	88
9-16	183	54
9-23	182	80

ACOLYTE

10-7	Morgan
10-14	Kyle
10-21	Quinten
10-28	Jourdan
11-4	Justin

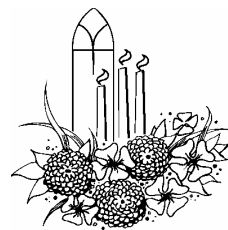
GREETERS

10-7	Mike & Debbie Schorr
10-14	Steve & Cathy Schroeder
10-21	Dave & Lisa Simpson
10-28	Darrel & Marilyn Smith
11-4	Carolyn Turner & Logan Turner

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

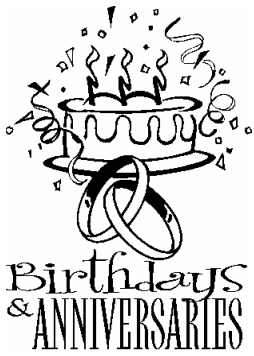
October	Monica Cullman
Nov & Dec	Volunteers needed

In the event you are not able to serve as Greeter or Acolyte on the appointed date, please try to find a replacement and contact the church office with the change information.



With Sympathy

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Christina Herrenbruck, who passed away September 5, 2007 at Parkview Nursing Home. Funeral services and burial were held at Zion on September 8. We cherish good memories of Christina.



OCTOBER

In order to share in the joys and celebrations of our lives as a congregation we publish a monthly list of birthdays and anniversaries of members and friends of Zion. Numbers in () represent year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1 Leacca Dillman, Ryan Steinhart
- 2 John Spears, Daryl Hopple
- 3 Charles Randall, Jordan Embrey
- 5 Bryan Lingafelter, Bryan Schorr
- 6 David Strupp , Julie Taylor
- 7 Mary Beth Reese
- 9 Carol Embrey, Deborah Muntzer
- 10 Doris Smith
- 11 Crystal Lowe
- 12 Laverne Deal, Alison Henderson
- 14 Ron Willett, Anna Schroeder, Kathy Esche
- 16 Jennifer Heim, Jeff Droege, Tyler Roedel
- 18 Joan Roedel, Mary Jane Schroeder, Hanna Lang
- 19 Ryan Burmeister
- 21 Karl Ostermann
- 22 Daniel Huff
- 23 Amber Willett, Steve Lodwick
- 25 Robin Schroeder, Cody Brandenberger
- 28 Carlie VanVoorst, Shelly Hoenert, Stan Schroeder
- 31 Gladys Snodgrass, Maurice Donner, Anna Vechnak

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 1 Vince and Tammy Frazier (83)
- 10 Mike and Debbie Schorr (92)
- 11 Jason and Kristi (Herrenbruck) Krack (97)
- 12 Robert and Julie (Howard) Klenck (96)
- 14 Larry and Jan (Blaylock) Droege (78)
- 20 Kenneth and Julie (Harbison) Taylor (79)
- 22 Scott and Diana Lewis (96)
- 25 Ron and Sandy(Schroeder)Willett (75)

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or not correct, please call the office at 985-2437 so we may update our records. Thanks for your help!



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

There will be a meeting for parents and confirmation students after church, Sunday October 14th. Below is a list of students that we have on record to begin or continue their confirmation experience. If you know of additional students who would like to be included, or if anyone is not ready at this time, please contact the church office.

Confirmation I Class (1st year)

Kayla H.	Cory L.
Melissa S.	Claire S.
Shelby S.	Kyle V.

Confirmation II Class (2nd year)

Quinten A.	Jourdan C.
Justin D.	Laura D.
Lindsey D.	Sarah M.
Austin O.	Megan R.
Travis R.	Jared R..
Kendall R.	Tyler R.
Levon S.	Andrew S.
Wendi S.	Morgan S.
Kyle S.	

Brunch Bunch News

Our first gathering on Sept. 9 at the River Town Diner in Mt. Vernon was a great beginning! Eleven persons enjoyed some good food, fellowship and sharing. There were “younger” people and “older”, singles and couples – an informal gathering who enjoyed the fellowship of a meal together.

Our next brunch gathering will be on Oct. 14 at the Old Mill Restaurant at 5031 Harmony Rd., Evansville. The menu includes 3 entrees, vegetables, salad bar and dessert. Cost is \$4.45 for children, adults \$7.98, seniors \$7.50. Those who want to go on Oct. 14, please meet by the piano in the sanctuary after worship to get a count for reservations and to plan transportation.

This is an informal group – no membership dues or attendance requirements! If you would enjoy eating with others from the church occasionally, please know you are welcome!

Angless Schwindel and Ruby Schroeder

October Special Offering
“Neighbors In Need”



A WORD OF THANKS . . .

Dear Zion Lippe,

Thank you for the donation of sausage to the Shelter. Through generous donations such as yours, it becomes possible for United Caring Shelters to continue providing shelter, meals, showers and other valuable service to our guests.

Dear Family of Zion Church,

Our family wanted to say thank you to the many members who visited mother the last 9 years while she was in the nursing home. It meant so much that you continued to be faithful even though she was unable to communicate the last few years. The flowers, items from Women of Zion, cards and other acts of kindness meant the world to us and to mother. Mother was never forgotten by anyone and we thank you so much. The many prayers Rev. Scherry, Ruby Schroeder, and others had with her were also greatly appreciated. Our hearts were touched and we were very grateful for the money donations that were given to the memorial fund. Thanks to everyone who helped prepare and serve the meal to our family. It was greatly appreciated by each. Thank you to everyone for the support you gave us over the years. We have truly been blessed!

Linda Messel & family, Paul and Eugene Herrenbruck & families

Thanks so much to the anonymous donor who provided the funds for the advent oil candles. This will eliminate a lot of problems we had with candle wax and I know the acolytes will truly appreciate the ease of lighting oil candles. God bless you.



Autumn Celebration

October 7th, starting at 3 PM will be our Autumn Celebration. Hot dogs, soup, drinks and fun will be provided by the Recreation Committee. Please bring a lawn chair and your favorite food. We'll start eating at 5 PM.



Women's Fellowship

October's Women of Zion monthly meeting and Hospitality Night will be Oct. 11 at 7 PM. The program will be a speaker from Aurora, Kat Isbell, on "Simulation and Service Challenge for the Homeless". Area UCC churches are invited to attend. The committee for Oct. 11 is Anne Nicholson, Laverne Deal, Kay Austin and Diana Walker. No RSVPs need be given. WOZ is asking for each lady to bring a can of fruit for the Food Pantry.

A Fall Inspirational Meeting will be at Zoar UCC, Church Rd., on Thursday, Oct. 18. Registration will be at 9:30 AM followed by the worship service, program and inspirational speaker. Lunch will cost \$5. The meeting will end after the luncheon. RSVPs need to be called in to Delene Schmitz prior to Oct. 14.

Harvest Home will be Oct. 21 and Oct. 28. Items can be brought to church anytime after Oct. 16 and left at front of sanctuary. We will decorate the sanctuary on Friday evening Oct. 19.

Church World Service Kits will be School Kits this year. There will be a collection box in the foyer. By the end of April we will need 70 12" rulers, 1000 pencils (with just plain erasers attached at top), 500 large erasers (pink inclusively but not exclusively), 77 boxes of crayons (24 pack), and 250 school bags. A pattern is available to make the school bags; contact Joanna for more information.

Sr. Youth Meeting

Sr. Youth will meet Oct. 7 after church for a light lunch and fun activities. Youth of driving age are invited to bring their own vehicle for an auto clinic and car rally.

Barnabus

If you are interested in sending a card or letter of encouragement to our college youth during this school year, please contact Irma Donner or Carla Barnhart. Parents of our college youth, please talk with Irma or Carla to make sure we have their correct address.

Unplug the Christmas Machine

Would you like to reduce the stress of preparing for Christmas? Why is there so much pressure to buy, buy, buy? Why do the ads start so early? Do you yearn for a simpler, less commercial, more soul-satisfying celebration of Christmas that rekindles our faith and brings us closer to our families and friends?

Starting on October 21, interested persons are invited to attend a 4 week series of sessions that aim to combat commercialism and offer suggestions to a guide for the Christmas holiday with simple, spiritual celebrations to put the love and warmth into the season.

Our resource book is Unplug the Christmas Machine by Jo Robinson and Jean Staeheli; available when you sign up on the sheet in the foyer and attend the first session. Sessions will be held October 21 – November 11 from 9:00 – 9:55 AM. Cost of the book will be less than \$9. This 4 week series is authorized by the Christian Education Committee and the leader will be Ruby J. Schroeder.

“Move Your Body”

Join us in a 6 week “gentle exercise” program for those wanting to improve their health. We will meet every Monday evening from 6:30 – 7:15 beginning October 8 in the church basement. Wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes. Contact Debbie Mohr or Carla Barnhart with any questions.

“Passionately Pink for the Cure”

***Pick your pink clothes. Play your part. End breast cancer.
Join the “Pals Professing the Power of Prayer” Team on October 14!***

This year nearly 200,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in our country. Susan G. Komen for the Cure is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists fighting to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find the cures. They have invested nearly \$1 billion, becoming the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world.

On **Sunday, October 14, 2007**, join other **Zion U.C.C. members** supporting the fight against breast cancer by going Passionately Pink for the Cure™. **Wear pink to church** and make a **donation of \$5** or more to Komen for the Cure. You'll be making a difference in the lives of millions. Donations can be made online at www.komen.org under **team name: Pals Professing the Power of Prayer** or give your donation (checks payable to Komen) before October 14 to team captain, Tracy Reese. Contact Tracy for more information. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause!

Notes from the Nurses

Hello. My name is Debbie Mohr and I am a nurse at Zion Lippe. Those of you that know me well can relate when I say the kitchen is not really my niche, however, it is always the gathering place in my home. I love being there, but to do the “apron on with a smile on my face” and enjoying the preparing of a fine meal for us to eat is just not enjoyment at all. I find it to be a chore that has to be done. My husband’s first clue of this was probably that first week we were married 27 years ago.

He came home from school one evening and found me sobbing on the kitchen floor in that first apartment we lived in. He asked me what on earth was the matter and if I was hurt. I just shook my head in-between sobs. He looks around to assess the mess I have successfully made in our little kitchen and sees glass all over the counter and he asks if I have cut myself, insinuating that I had lost an appendage or something. I shake my head no once again and tell him in-between sobs that I have successfully ruined his supper. He sits down on the floor beside me and asks what happened. I finally explain to him I was boiling potatoes to mash and have burned them dry. I moved the pan to another burner as to deal with the black globs that once were potatoes later. I have MOUNDS of macaroni and cheese (I was use to **helping** my mother cook for five people never two) and after draining the beautiful golden brown fried chicken I just made on a paper towel lined platter, I accidentally set the platter on the burner the potatoes boiled dry on and the platter shatters into a thousand pieces. Now the fried chicken is ruined unless you have esophageal abilities and gastric juices to digest glass. I have enough mac and cheese to feed the whole apartment complex, and I have no potatoes to mash. They are all black and glue like and stuck to the bottom of the saucepan that I thought was also probably ruined. Being the supportive husband that he is, he suggests, “honey, how about we go out to dinner tonight”

My niche for cooking never did really come. I do it because I have to feed my family but I just don’t really enjoy it like some people do (like my husband and my mother). Do you know what your niche is? Do you do some of the things you do because you really enjoy them or because you feel like you have to? Carla Barnhart and I have successfully completed a Parish Nursing certification course at USI and we are getting ready to launch a Health Ministries Program here at Zion. A survey will be coming in the mail soon in the VOZ to assess what our congregational needs and wishes are, as well as find interest of those willing to be a part of the Health Ministries Team. Please be thinking of how you would like to help with or participate in this new project. Maybe like me, cooking is not your niche, but would you be willing to fix a casserole for a member healing from surgery? Perhaps you would be able to go by the drugstore on your way home from work or while in town at the grocery store to pick up a prescription for someone unable to drive and pick up this prescription on their own. These are just a couple examples of what is needed from a team approach for this Health Ministries program to be successful. We want to be able to offer our congregational members educational topics and a series of classes of interest so that we might all learn a holistic, or in our approach, a (Wholistic) method in caring for ourselves. We have already heard interest from some of the members requesting an exercise class. This is now in the works and will be started in mid October. (See the “Move Your Body” article in this VOZ) We also will begin blood pressure checks every third Sunday of the month right after services also starting in October.

We are so blessed to have so many talented people right here at Zion including several nurses in our congregation. This should offer many different educational topics or programs that will minister to the health needs of our community. You may have your own niche to share or may know someone who is an expert in a field that could be a guest speaker in a topic we might benefit from learning more about. Please be in thought and in prayer for the formation of an upcoming Health Ministries team. Be thinking about the topics or classes of interest you would like to see offered. If you have interest in a certain topic or would like to teach a certain class of interest let us know either on the surveys coming in the VOZ soon, or by telling Carla or myself. By forming a Health Ministries Team approach we will be so much more successful in fulfilling the needs for our congregation as well as keeping our Health Ministries team successful for many years to come.

Stay tuned for more to come in future “Notes from the Nurses”.

Give from the heart and your rhythm will always prevail.

Debbie Mohr
Carla Barnhart

Council Meeting Highlights

The regular monthly meeting of the Zion Lippe Church Council was called to order by President David Reese on Tuesday, September 11, 2007. Devotions were conducted by J.J. Mohr. The minutes of last month's Council meeting were reviewed and approved. The treasurer's report was presented, reviewed and filed subject to audit.

Congregational concerns: An approval was given to Joanna Dickhaut requesting usage of the Skeet Ball game by the Marrs Elementary School for their annual Burgoo fundraiser on October 13th. An additional request was made from a non member requesting to use the Sunday school basement area for a baby shower. The person making the request has no connection to the church. We will check with some church members to see if they will be present and assume responsibility for the Sunday school basement usage.

Website design: Update: J.J. reported that several changes have been made to the current Web site. The hosting company we were using has been changed and the look and feel of the site has changed. We are still working on the software used to maintain the content. J.J. also reported that the wireless internet installation for the church, Sunday school, and foyer areas has been completed. Wireless internet access to the educational annex (parsonage) is still being worked on. If anyone wants to use the wireless internet in the church area, please see J.J. or Ruth Wintczak to obtain a password for access.

Committee Reports:

- **Worship:** Ruth Redman reported on the 50th anniversary celebration. We had an estimated 170-180 people attend. Those attending commented on having a great time, learning about the history of the UCC church and enjoying food served 50's style. Larry Droege had prepared a DVD with pictures that covered a span of several years and many people had a lot of fun trying to identify the people involved in the past. Ruth also reported that the Oil advent candles we ordered have arrived. These candles were bought using funds donated by an anonymous donor. World Communion Sunday will be Oct. 7th.
- **Evangelism:** Jan Droege –Jan has finalized the camp reimbursement list and will be working to finalize the financing back to members who had children attend.
- **Education:** Bob Reineke reported that at the June 21st meeting, a decision was made to use the next meeting (Sept. 20th) as a time to envision our teaching mission. Because the decisions made at this meeting will have a great effect on the direction of our educational programs, all members of the Board of Christian Education are encouraged to attend. Additional information on the decision of Sunday School Superintendents will be presented at the next meeting.
- **Stewardship:** Larry Lewis - The church budget process will start at end of this month. Phil Wuertz has volunteered to assist with this process as Larry is working to learn the budget and planning processes.
- **Property:** Ron Strupp – Maintenance update - front church doors restoration is complete. Ron reported that the glass above the doors has also been cleaned up by removing the extra paint. Ron plans to schedule a work crew to remove the remaining trees in the south parking lot after harvest is over. On the playground, some of the slide items will be replaced with funds from the Nursery School budget. A question was posed about it being too cold in the downstairs area when the air conditioner is running. Ron indicated he will look into what options are available. However, from past history, there may not be much that can be done as the vents cannot be closed off without risk of freezing up the coils in the air handling units.
- **Recreation:** Tanya Schmitz - autumn celebration will be Oct. 7. The committee is planning on starting at 3 and ending around 5 or 6 pm in hopes of having a little warmer day than last year. The entry fees for volleyball have been paid and the matches should startup sometime in mid October. A volleyball signup will be posted for anyone interested.

German Group: The congregational meeting will be September 23 with a light lunch following the meeting. This lunch will be sponsored by the German group with presentations after the meal.

Pastor's Report: Reverend Scherry would like to schedule a vacation starting Wednesday, September 12 to the following Wednesday, September 19th. Reverend Scherry reported that Sue is scheduled to have surgery September 27 at the IU Medical Center at 7:00 am. She will remain in the hospital for a few days. Al Schmitz has volunteered to fill in during this absence. John and Kim Moye were approved to become new members of Zion Lippe church.

26 home and hospital visits
1 Baptism

1 Funeral
2 Church Groups

Next Meeting Date: October 9th; Devotions: Tanya Schmitz.

The Congregational meeting (postponed semi-annual meeting from July) will be Sept. 23rd.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Friendship Circle and Lord's Prayer.

Secretary,

J.J. Mohr

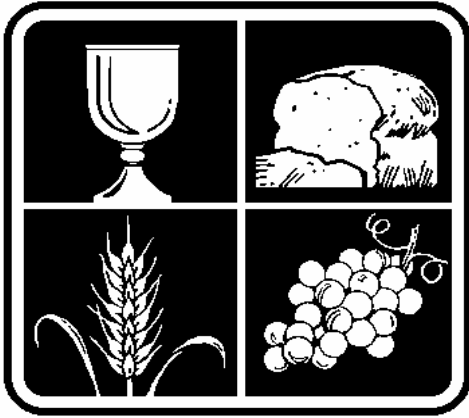


Happy Autumn!

Being a Christian is a little like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up, takes you in and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff – including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see.

The Barber

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said, "I don't believe that God exists." "Why do you say that?" asked the customer. "Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things." The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back and entered the barbershop again and he said to the barber, "You know what? Barbers do not exist." "How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!" "No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside." "Ah", the barber replied "but barbers DO exist! What happens is, people do not COME to me." "Exactly!" affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! What happens, is, people don't go to Him and do not look for Him. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."



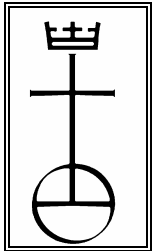
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October

**Harvest Home
will be Sunday Oct. 21
and Oct. 28**

**Canned goods can be brought to church
anytime after Oct. 16, please place the
items at the front of the sanctuary.**



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