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I did not choose my parents. They gave me more than I could ever hope for or deserve, and in doing so, taught me the concept of grace. Some parents just go through the motions, others go above and beyond, which is where grace enters the discussion. My father was a career army officer, and for three years was in charge of the cadet mess (dining hall) at the Military Academy in West Point. That allowed him to come in contact with special visitors such as Robert Kennedy, Douglas MacArthur, and the New York Yankees. Every year the Yankees played an exhibition game with the cadet baseball team and would have their pregame meal, all alone, in the cadet dining hall. One year, Dad surprised my brother and me by pulling us out of our school at lunchtime and taking us to the mess hall as the Yankees were having lunch. He handed a brand new baseball to each of us and told us to walk behind the players who had agreed to autograph our baseballs. And so, I talked to and got autographs from stars such as Yogi Berra, Micky Mantle, Roger Maris, Whitey Ford, and Elston Howard. I did nothing to earn or deserve that moment. Dad could have just gotten the autographs himself, but chose to give us something special because of his love for us. This is as good as a parable as I can think of to explain grace. My life, as are all of yours, has been full of events that can only be defined as moments of grace. I could certainly sell the baseballs, but their greater value is the grace that allowed them into my life. And so, my kids now have those baseballs, and the story behind them, not because they deserve them, but because I love them. Grace generates grace! This is hopefully one of many ways for them to understand grace, as this is exactly how God treats all of his children. None of us deserve to be loved by God and none of us chose to make our God our God. He chose us, he loves us, he surprises us, he cares for us. Not because we are deserving but simply because of grace. I don't know if that was what Dad had in mind, but as he was a man of faith, grace was more than a concept, it defined how he lived.

Pastor Seeber

Worship News and Notes

After conversation with Board of Directors and members of the medical community, we are returning to more familiar patterns of worship and distribution of Holy Communion.

Altar ministry will continue to use masks and gloves in preparing the elements for the meal. Those who are at risk should feel comfortable wearing a mask in worship. Those with symptoms of cold or flu should consider masks out of consideration of others.

This review is especially helpful for newer members who have joined during the Covid years and are not familiar with past practice.

We will gradually return to singing the liturgy at 8am and 10:30 am (2nd & 4th Sundays).

The wafers (and soon bread) will be served by the pastor or assistant and handed to each communicant. Communicants will take individual cups from trays, as in the past, and will have option of common cup if they wish. Of course, pastors and those serving will wash and disinfect our hands before serving.

As we resume the Sharing of Peace, offer a verbal greeting such as "Christ's peace be with you," or simply "The peace of the Lord," but be respectful to those you might not know or who might not be comfortable with a handshake. Each has a different perspective, and such respect is another way of helping others to feel the peace which Christ brings into our midst.

Holy Communion is such an important part of our worship life and our initial fears about how to distribute the Sacrament were possibly an overreaction, but we felt it was better to be safe than sorry. We are comfortable this is now the way to proceed as we find a new normal for our life together.

Our Wednesday meals, funeral dinners, and other normal facets of congregational life such as potlucks and special gatherings will

also resume when appropriate to do so. Donuts and coffee will again be available between worship services during the hour we have classes for all ages.

Please contact one of the pastors or Aaron if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns. We are proceeding slowly with our change back, needing for all of our members to have a chance to consider prayerfully and practically what we are suggesting.

Adult opportunities for spiritual growth

Saturday Men's Group 8 am with Pastor Seeber (via ZOOM to begin with.) Email seebfam@yahoo to be included! We will resume our discussion of the themes raised in John's Gospel. Begin with John 13.

Sundays (adults of all ages) 9:15 am with Pastor Seeber in the Gathering Space

We'll use familiar stories from Genesis to discuss the realities and opportunities of daily life. Begin with Gen. 18 and "hospitality."

Sundays (option for young parents) 9:15 am with John and Candy Buetow downstairs (beneath BLENDS.) They will study portions of the Old Testament.

Tuesdays with Pastor Brelje 10am in Gathering Space. This is a wonderful time of Bible study and fellowship. Come whenever and as often as you are able.

Wednesdays with Pastor Seeber

Not yet finalized, an in person class here at Zion. Your input will help decide focus is a work of fiction, guest presenters, or something else. Ideas and suggestions most welcome!

SMALL GROUPS. This fall we will offer short term (4-6 week studies) based on specific topics or areas of interest. Watch for details in weekly emails and sign up sheets at worship.

Returning to the Liturgy!

Liturgical churches (like Lutherans) follow a pattern of readings, seasons, and a structured form for worship that helps us grow into the gift of faith. Liturgy comes from Greek words meaning “the duty of the people.” Luther helped get everyone (and not just priests) to participate in Sunday worship. And the pattern of liturgy helps our pattern of living.

Our liturgies are not arbitrary collections. We sing what has been sung for centuries. Much of the liturgy is Bible texts, which allows us to sing what we believe! As we understand the Biblical roots, worship is truly enhanced!

“Glory to God in the highest” (Luke 2:14) is the song of angels at the birth of Jesus. How appropriate for a beginning hymn of praise! This helps set the tone for worship. Our response to God is joy!

“Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain” (from Revelation 5, 15, and 19) is the visionary song John heard the hosts of heaven sing at God's throne as they celebrated Christ's victory. Look at the Lamb in our stained glass window as you sing this hymn of praise. How fitting that Christians begin worship at the manger or the heavenly throne — from birth to eternal birth, the response is Joy!

“Holy, Holy, Holy” comes from Isaiah's vision of the majesty of God (Isaiah 6:3). The song **“Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest”** (Mark 11:9-10) comes from the story of Jesus' triumphant arrival in Jerusalem. As we prepare for Holy Communion, we reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus that brings life!

“Lamb of God” (John 1:29) is John the Baptist's confession of Jesus' identity and ministry. It is repeated (Revelation 5:6) by the heavenly host! Again, it is the sacrificial Lamb, God's own Son who gathers faithful people around the Lord's table which truly is a foretaste of the feast to come.

“Let the Vineyards be fruitful, Lord” (inspired by Isaiah 5:1-7) celebrates the blessings of God and remembers our own work in the vineyard.

“Lord now let your servant depart in peace” was sung by Simeon (Luke 2:29) at the temple, when he held the infant Jesus. What a beautiful way to celebrate an end to centuries of waiting for the Messiah! And these are the words that send us out into our daily lives — changed by that Messiah!

Did you sing when you rocked your “baby?”

Do you and your kids have favorite songs you sing at bath time or when traveling in the car? Or your favorite songs from preschool or a TV show. Songs bring us to a familiar place.

Remind your children how they feel when we sing songs they know — and they can sing too! Remind them of songs you sing at home, and how they bring familiar feelings back again and again.

When we sing in church, we are singing Bible stories. We sing about Jesus' birth! We sing to remember heaven is a happy place and Jesus loves us very much. When they are old enough, you could take one part of the liturgy and tell them the story that these words are about. Maybe that is your theme for the next few times you are in worship. Have them wait for that song from the story you have shared.

Once you have done that over and over for a month or so, pick the next one. Tell the story and get them ready when the song is sung in worship. See if that helps them to better listen, and understand, and sing!

Parenting takes work, but what better way to show our kids our love! Just like other songs, these familiar tunes help us to remember a familiar place in the arms of a loving God.

These are family songs and familiar words inspired by a loving God.

CATECHISM REVIEW 10 Commandments

What Do They Mean? PART 1

“No other gods / no idols” means there is only ONE “GOD.” We might take that for granted, but for much of world history (and even today) that was not clear and people worshipped trees, feared lightning, or looked to earthly powers and leaders for answers and daily needs. Incantations and magic were used to attract multiple gods and goddesses or harnessing their power. When we believe that ONE “God” is the creative power of all that is, and has revealed Himself in the life of Jesus and by his Holy Spirit, it changes how we live and how we understand the meaning and nature of life. This is God’s world and it only makes sense to seek and live his plan. Without this commandment there is no need for any others. The remaining commands simply expand on what this means.

“Don’t take God’s name in vain” means that God is holy (and beyond understanding!) When we name any object, feeling, or concept, we (in a real sense) control and define it. This command reminds us that even the name of God is beyond understanding, comprehension and has one purpose alone, and that is to give praise and credit to the power of creation and love which has changed our lives. To use the name of God is an act of faith and worship. Any other use of that word is an act of disrespect. To use God’s name is to pray or to praise — alone!

“Remember the Sabbath” calls us to set aside time from our earthly pursuits to “rest with God.” This is both a practical as well as theological action. God’s “rest” on the “seventh day” is the rationale for this and a good place to begin. As God “paused” to reflect upon the plan and majesty of creation, we too are called to take time to sit back and marvel at God’s gifts, giving Him alone the glory! This is not because God needs praise, but so that we remember we

are not God. Our efforts at creating (whether wealth, product, or emotion) is only “our effort” and falls short of the perfection which only God can attain. Whether in formal worship with other Christians, or in other pauses of reflection, this helps us to keep priorities in place and keep God first.

“Honor your father and your mother.” This is both practical and theological. There is order in creation, and a structure and plan from which that order springs. Our parents are responsible for our lives. Through their love, creation happened, and then birth! No parent is perfect, but the structure of family can be a beautiful illustration of the family of heavenly Father and earthly children. Today many are concerned about God as *Father* or *Mother*, and male or female, while in actuality God is none of the above. God is beyond any earthly description or understanding, but the gift of family that began with the first parents is the culmination of God’s creative act; and the beginning of the next generation of children of God.

Luther and others used this command to instill respect in all who are “in authority” over us, but sometimes that misses the point of the heavenly nature of the gift and structure of family. The focus on “authority” rather than on God’s plan and His ultimate responsibility for the gift and purpose of creation can shortchange the simple beauty of this command. This is all about love for those who have given us life ... and ultimately for God who alone is the creator and author of all.

That gets us about half way through these commandments. And while each command has specific language and focus, all have the same basis which is that “God is God and we are not.” The way we respond to God’s love in each and every moment of our lives is an act of faithfulness and worship and either gives God glory or fails to understand the true nature and gift of life itself. We are called to love God through how we live. -tws

Youth News

High School:

Bible Study

September 11th is our first day back! Join us at 9:15am as we talk about “Forgiveness” and what it all includes.

Scavenger Hunt

September 25th from 3:30pm—6pm we will be headed around town on an excursion to find/do everything in the hunt!

Middle School:

Confirmation Class

Wednesday Classes start 9/7
from 6:15-7:30pm

Sunday Classes start 9/11 from
9:15-10:15am

Almost Lock-in

September 30th from 6pm-11pm we will have a mini lock-in full of games and fun at Zion

Echoes

God IS at work through people in our congregation...here is their story:

The National Youth Gathering took place in mid July and was chuck full of God moments. The most apparent was in the faces and attitudes of the local workers...residents of the Houston area pulling their normal jobs...stadium attendants, concessions workers, police officers and the like. One of my favorite parts of the Youth Gathering is seeing the area in which 20,000 high schoolers “invade,” be transformed into a place of smiles and interactions. These locals looked and acted like they thoroughly enjoyed our presence, many students giving out high fives and smiles, listening and being understanding. Within our own group a highlighted God moment was when our Adult Leader took off the shirt he was wearing and gave it to an attendant who said “I have to get me one of those.”

In an environment full of Christians eager to share God’s love, it can be quite easy to spot Him. Back in the real world...we might have to slow down more to see His hand. We might need to be a little uncomfortable to let Him love through us. We might need to open our eyes to the world around us.

Family Life

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Family Events

**Sunday School resumes
September 11th for ages 3-18!
Join us at 9:15am each week for
these spiritual growth
opportunities!**

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

We have been given a fantastic opportunity and a vast library of resources thanks to an endowment grant for a one year subscription to RightNowMedia. Think of this as like a Christian streaming service with access to many kid friendly, Bible-themed shows as well as over 20,000 Bible studies for all kinds of groups (young, old, single, married, women, men, etc).

We encourage you to check it out and utilize this valuable resource as it can enhance spiritual conversations at home and be an aid during times you cannot be with us in person.

Access to this service will be shared via email OR if you haven't received any correspondence, please reach out to the church office. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to this great opportunity!

CAMPUS MINISTRY REPORT

We are working on several projects at Solid Grounds before students return for the Fall Semester, which began on Wednesday August 31st. We are painting both the kitchen and the living room, as well as installing a new vinyl floor in the kitchen.

Once students return, we will have the following ministry programs and services...

On Sunday's, we will worship at Zion at the 10:30AM service and then have pizza after service.

Monday evenings, we will begin a new ministry program called Dinner & Discussion. We will have dinner at 6PM, followed by a time of discussion on topics and issues that are relevant to the lives of students and how we can connect our faith with those topics/ issues.

On Tuesday evenings, we will be volunteering at the Kalamazoo YWCA. We will be spending time with the kids whose mom's are victims of domestic violence and are staying at the YWCA shelter.

On Wednesday's during the lunch hour, from 11:00AM-1:00PM, we will be catering either KFC and/or Popeye's chicken sandwiches outside Solid Grounds as a fundraiser for victims of human trafficking.

On Wednesday evenings, FCA will be meeting at Solid Grounds from 8:30-10:00PM. There is a possibility that we may also be volunteering at the YWCA from 7-8PM on Wednesday evenings as well.

On Friday evenings, we will resume our Card and Game night. This past academic year, Card and Game night was well attended and was a great time for fellowship.

I am also planning on continuing our outreach to the WMU Maintenance, Facility, and Landscaping staff members. We have been meeting every other week for lunch at Solid Grounds over the summer. I plan on talking with them about what works best in their schedules once the Fall Semester starts.

Thank you for your prayers and support for our campus ministry at WMU.

Pastor Mark





GRATEFUL HEARTS / THANKFUL HANDS

Prices are high! Inflation is up!
The economy is looking bleak.

This is not true when it comes to Zion's bazaar! We will continue to have quality items at affordable prices! This will definitely be the right spot to begin your Christmas shopping!!

We still have canning jars in the lower level (old) kitchen. If you are in need of any, please feel free to take some. It would be wonderful if you were also willing to share some of your bounty. Canned goods of all kinds are a real favorite.

As always, please place any donated items in the designated container in the workroom.

Any questions? Please call
Jayne Mayer 375-8342

CHRISTIAN ART MINISTRY AT ZION

“The Purpose of our ministry is to provide the congregation with another means to experience and express their Christian spirituality. As a ministry team, we are responsible for providing appropriate and meaningful opportunities, by way of displays, classes or workshops, presentation and more to fulfill this purpose” (Mission statement)

Following the void created by Covid it's now time for us to design and celebrate the new normal. As we take this next step it seems a good idea to begin with planning. This will be most effective if we can have a conversation; reflecting on what has worked in the past, what great ideas remain undeveloped from pre-Covid times, and those larger dreams and aspirations whose time had not yet come. This is essentially the agenda for our upcoming meeting in which our task will be to begin developing a plan to ignite the faith of our congregation through the arts.

This invitation to bring your favorite ideas, new or old ones, goes out to ALL of you interested in participating with the Art Ministry team. No prior association with the team is needed!

At the suggestion of Pastor Seeber, two meeting date/times have been selected in the hope that you will find one convenient to your busy schedule.

Wednesday, September 14, 4 p.m., in Blends
(before the Wednesday Dinner at Zion)

OR

Wednesday, September 14, 6:15 p.m., in
Blends (following Wednesday Dinner at Zion)

As this message reaches you, I introduce myself to you, Lila Hauge-Stoffel.

After prayerful consideration I accepted the invitation to coordinate the Art Ministry team at Zion. I look forward to getting to know each of you. With the help of God we will achieve our goals.

If you're interested in joining the Art Ministry team but unable to attend one of the meetings, please let me know. **Email: lstoffel@loretel.net**



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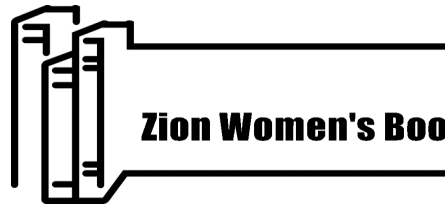
Over the summer several members of the Zion Library Committee worked to update the church library. Our charge was to make the books relevant for the congregation. Using this criteria, all the books were reviewed. Old, out dated, or inappropriate found new homes. There was even a book of Erma Bombeck's jokes. Funny, but not necessarily fitting for a church library.

Next, the books were categorically sorted, and arranged in a reasonable order. Children's books are now placed on a level where young readers can browse more easily.

A new section is in the planning stage called, "Pastor's Picks," We hope to provide access to books our pastor mentions in sermons or Harbinger Book Review articles.

While still a work in progress, members are encouraged to visit the library, browse the sections and borrow books for your enjoyment. Instructions for checking out materials are posted on the library desk. Please return books within 2 to 4 weeks.

Finally, donations are not being accepted at this time, but suggestions are always welcome. Please feel free to contact a committee member: Carol Daenzer, Merirose Meimers, Lila Stoffel.



BREAKING NEWS..... IT'S BACK!!!

After a 2 plus year hiatus due to COVID, the book group will return to monthly meetings starting Tuesday, September 13th at 1:00p.m.

Previous and new members are encouraged to attend this meeting when we will discuss books planned for 2022- 2023 and decide best days / time for monthly meetings to be held.

It's great fun, the discussions are lively & thoughtful . If you enjoy reading, you'll enjoy this group

Endowment Ministry

The Endowment Ministry Team meets the 2nd Monday in January, March, May, July, September, and November (advisors from LVM Capital review the Endowment Fund Portfolio with us during our January, May, and September meetings). Our team reviews then forwards all grant requests to the Board of Director's for approval. The current board liaison member is Joe Zerbel. Current members are Dennis O'Brien, Lorraine Hanna, Mark Meyer, Rhonda Newman, Dave Dorman and Larry Zerbel. Our fiscal year began on June 1, 2022 and to date the following grant requests have been approved:

22-1 Play/Daycare giver group (1000.00)

22-2 Youth Ministry Week of Service (1600.00)

22-3 Campus Ministry Operations Supplement (12,000.00 for fiscal yr. 22/23)

22-4 Congregational Servant Event (4500.00)

Please feel free to contact any member of our ministry team if you have any questions or wish to submit a grant request.



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

ZION UPDATE

Just as others, Zion's sewing efforts endured the COVID pandemic, but is now full speed ahead!

Each Wednesday morning at 9:00a.m. we sewing sisters are busy downstairs!

Our leader, Leona, reports 84 baby bundles are packed and ready to go when the ladies finish making quilts.

Ever wonder how this is accomplished and what happens downstairs in the sewing room?

Well... Carol, Helen, and Lynne set up each quilt. Neatly pinned, the quilts are handed to Kathy and Sandy.

They serge the quilts, leaving an opening. Shirley presses and stitches the opening. Once quilts are tied, Leona packs them for shipping. Lydia and Judy sew from home while Jan and Roberta are busy knitting baby hats, sweaters and booties at home as well.

On October 15th, Aaron's young adult team will load the boxes into Bev and Stan's car headed to St. Michael where boxes from area Lutheran Churches are gathered. From there they boxes head to Grand Rapids for their journey to the east coast for international shipping.

Our quilts and baby bundles will go to 16 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America.

Our sewing sisters are in need of additional help. If you know how to tie a knot, iron, sew a straight line on a machine, operate a sewing serger, knit, need companionship or are looking to serve the Lord in this manner, please contact

Leona Van Antwerp 269.327.1798

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Zion Lutheran Church

Thursday, September 30

2:00pm-3:30pm

Vaccines Available	
<i>If you are unsure which vaccine to choose, please talk with your healthcare provider.</i>	
Flu	Pneumonia <i>(discuss with your healthcare provider)</i>
High Dose Quadrivalent (65 years and up)	Pneumovax 23 (19 years and up)
Quadrivalent (6 months and up)	Prevnar 13 (19 years and up)
Quadrivalent FluMist Nasal Spray (2-17 years)	

NOTE: All vaccines listed may not be available at every clinic. Delivery times are expected to be delayed due to the increased quantities manufacturers are producing.

Flu and pneumonia vaccines are FREE with most insurances.

All Medicare Part B plans and most commercial insurances are accepted.

We are not able to accept any Medicaid or Medicaid HMO insurances. Anyone with Medicaid or Medicaid HMO insurance should contact their primary care physician for an immunization.

Appropriate COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.
Each patient will undergo COVID-19 screening.





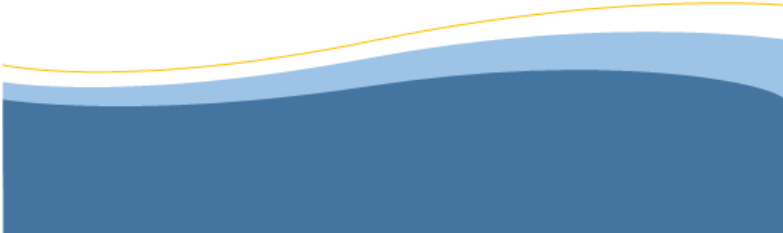
Dessert First

Every Wednesday we would love for you to join us a little early for dinner, by having Dessert First. Each Wednesday this month we will turn on the lights early and encourage you and some friends to come play cards, a board game, do a puzzle, or simply have some extended conversation before dinner begins. Grab a cookie and a cup of coffee before we dig into dinner.

Starts September 7th

Dessert starting at 4:15pm

Dinner at 5:15pm



ZION GOLF OUTING

**ALL AGES –
FRIENDS
WELCOME**

FEES:
\$3 covers prizes
\$19 w/cart a person
\$12 a person walking

KIOSK SIGN UP
Sign up with your group's names or
As an individual and you'll
paired up for the event.

QUESTIONS
Contact Terry Adlam
269.598.1536

WHEN
Sept 25th – 1:30p Registration
2:00p Tee-Off

WHERE
Eastern Hills Golf Club

6075 East "G" Ave Kalamazoo

PRIZES:

* **LONGEST FAIRWAY DRIVE**

* **SHOT CLOSEST TO THE CUP**

* **LONGEST PUTT**

* **TEAM - LOWEST GROSS SCORE**

* **MYSTERY PRIZES**



Need a break? Want some support? Do you miss community?

Come on over for a relaxing morning, conversation, playtime, and of course coffee and treats!

We are a group of moms, dads, grandparents, or any caregivers of newborns through five year-olds (and siblings!) to find some support, socialize, and just have some fun opportunities you might not regularly have.

Join us September 6th and 20th for some fun!

Stop on over anytime between 9am-11am.

Program typically begins at 9:30am.

You can register at <https://forms.gle/waYvcZyeArt5VK5A8> or



or just stop on over!

Zion Lutheran Church is located at 2122 Bronson Blvd in Kalamazoo

Book Review. "Bird By Bird; Some Instructions on Writing and Life." Anne Lamott. Pantheon Books. 1994.

From the back cover: *"Thirty years ago my older brother, who was ten years old at the time, was trying to get a report on birds written that he'd had three months to write. It was due the next day. We were out at our family cabin in Bolinas, and he was at the kitchen table close to tears, surrounded by binger paper and pencils and unopened books on birds, immobilized by the hugeness of the task ahead. Then my father sat down beside him, put his arm around my brother's shoulder, and said. 'Bird by bird, buddy. Just take it bird by bird.'"* [from back cover]

Anne Lamott's early books are by far her best, and this is one of my favorites. This is indeed a book of advice for writers, but Anne Lamott always has multi uses for her images, words, and recollections. This is also, as the title suggests, advice for how to live. The selection above should make that clear. Her father's advice is important for any task of life that seems insurmountable at first glance.

Lamott has had an interesting life, full of disappointments but has learned to share her journey to help others in theirs. She is not afraid to admit her weaknesses, the miracles that came as surprises, faith in a loving and forgiving God, and a clever sense of humor.

Before the days of television, iPad, and video games, her family went to the library once a week and carried armfuls of books home. Her father was a writer who later on taught a creative writing program to inmates in San Quentin prison. Her father gave her the same lessons at home, and she started writing when she was in first grade.

This book really is a manual for writers, which is practical and helpful, but her writing style contains autobiographical surprises which give an even deeper understanding of how

art imitates life. Because of who she was, the home she grew up in, and the experiences she remembers, she is the person she is today. And that is the same for all. And before even thinking about writing lessons it reminds me how important my lessons for those around me and what they will learn (or want to forget) by how I live.

We understand the words of Jesus about letting our light shine. Lamott is a reflection of her life, and humble and confident enough (now) to give credit where it is due and share what is helpful and what is not.

This example shows her advice for writing, and how it also has application for similar moments in basic living. In a about writer's block, which is similar to when you know you need to say something to someone but just can't find the right words. In this passage from her adult life, see what a doctor told her as her best friend (Pam) was dying of cancer. She called her doctor hoping for some way to deal with this depressing moment.

"I was hoping my doctor could put a positive slant on some distressing developments. She couldn't, but she said something that changed my life. 'Watch her carefully right now,' she said, 'because she's teaching you how to live.' I remind myself of that when I cannot get any work done; to live as if I am dying, because the truth is we are all terminal on this bus. To live as if we are dying gives us the chance to experience some real presence." [page 179]

For anyone who wants to write, this is a wonderful, easy to read guide. For anyone who is interested in how to live, this is a great read as well. And if you just enjoy someone who writes better than most, and not only can turn a phrase but is able to touch your heart, you will appreciate her willingness to share her experience and her gifts.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9/1 Haven Besser, Brad Glasser,
Annette Nickel
- 9/2 Christine Eichaker, Veronica
Schoonbeck, Dee Wentzel,
Austin Wordell
- 9/3 Cassidy Eastman
- 9/4 Nathan Adlam, Jackson Bierlein,
Alexander Schultz, Laura Tinigin
- 9/6 Laura Holt, Nathan Holt,
Glen Kellam Jr., Lee Kneer,
Avery Leitz
- 9/7 Beth Fletcher, Ginger Skuratowicz
- 9/8 Gail Nelson
- 9/10 Daniel Buchtrup, Deborah Klug
- 9/11 Adam Brege
- 9/12 Karl Dinda, Sharon Preuss
- 9/13 Cynthia Bremer, Becky Pasma,
Piper Soppelsa
- 9/14 Steve Nuyen
- 9/15 Todd Hansen, Horst Jendralski
- 9/16 Erik DuBois
- 9/18 Brenda Rakow
- 9/19 Paul Bowes, Evie Linebaugh,
Blake Scheffler
- 9/20 Yvonne Wordell
- 9/21 Paul Noseworthy, Kelly Stetten,
Cheryl Zerbel
- 9/23 Fred Bierlein, Lauren Stetten
- 9/24 Carol Beutler, Patricia Kenter, Samuel
Klein, Allison Weber
- 9/25 Isabella Greene, Roxanne Seeber
- 9/27 Gregory Meimers,
- 9/28 Genevieve Miller
- 9/30 Anthony Parente

We celebrate with those

Happy Grandparents' Day

September 11th

taking

Parish Report

Deaths:

Juanita Gregg	7/27/2022
Jack DeVries	8/03/2022

Staff Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following staff for
their service to Zion (September):

Roxanne Nieboer	9/01/2011
Marta Warren	9/13/2019



KALAMAZOO LOAVES & FISHES

The wish list item for **September is Canned Meat**. Please use the gray tubs under the church office window. Thank you!

**We celebrate with those taking
their First Communion:**

Noah Bentz

Grayson Field

Eli Frazier

David Hampshire

Mark Skuratowicz

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend

Sept 30th—Oct 2nd

Country Inn & Suites, Battle Creek

Resources for more information:

GodLovesMarriage.org,

Mark & Jan Chilcott 269.998.6147

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What is SHALOM?

Self-Help Alternative Living Opportunities of Michigan (SHALOM serves adults living with developmental disabilities. Christ centered and community supported, The Shepherd's Barn, Connection Depot Thrift Store, Woolery and Farm are means to reach all people with the love we ourselves receive through Christ.

The SHALOM Network 2018 has seven homes: Homestead, Three Pines, Homestead South, Polk, Growing Grace, Groveland and Hope Grove, homes to 40 residents, plus care providers and their families. Three homes are licensed AFC (Adult Foster Care) homes and four are self-determined, supported living homes. The homes are managed by Christian care providers and operate as extended family, giving residents a place they call home with the support they need.

SHALOM is volunteer driven and depends on the generosity of the community. There are a variety of ways to get involved or support the ministry of SHALOM.

The Woolery includes KRESA students living with autism spectrum disorder. SHALOM collaborates with students from Western Michigan University Occupational Therapy and Woods Edge Learning Center (KRESA) to do training at SHALOM facilities. There is an annual camp SHALOM supports.

Monthly Network meals at the Shepherd's Barn are a time of family connections. In addition, each Friday night the Network can be found at various restaurants around town. Afterwards, many go swim or play at the YMCA and enjoy craft and movie nights. Residents generally have day activities, jobs or classes. Several residents work at the Woolery and Store.

Residents are encouraged to be involved at the Christian church of their choice. The first Saturday of the month, at 6:30pm there is an interactive experience of SHALOM Worship! All are welcome,

The Office, Activity Center, Connection Depot Thrift Store and Woolery are located in The Shepherd's Barn. The Aktion Club (Kiwanis) for adults with disabilities meets monthly at the Center.

SHALOM operates The Connection Depot Thrift Store, which enables residents, friends and members to the community to interact. Donations are welcome, and products produced in the Woolery are offered for sale there. Shopping helps support the work of SHALOM> Hours are Friday and Saturday from 9am to 3pm, except Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

The SHALOM Woolery meets each Monday through Thursday 10 – 2, to make items for the store. This is an opportunity for individuals living with disabilities and others to engage in many unique experiences at the SHALOM Woolery, assisted by coaches. The variety of tasks in the Woolery creates an exciting place to grow as a whole person physically, mentally, socially and spiritually. Please ask about this great place to live life to the fullest!

The SHALOM Farm is a place to reach families living with disabilities. The SHALOM Farm is a busy place with animal care, gardening, maple syrup and fruit. Goats and ducks recently joined the sheep and chickens, with alpaca and rabbits to come as God supplies.

SHALOM

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*Serving adults with disabilities through the love
and wholeness of Jesus Christ!*

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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4 8:00 Worship 10:00 Worship	5 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	6	7 4:15 Dessert First 5:15 Dinner 6:15 Confirmation Class	8 Noon Finance	9	10 8:00a Mens Study 5:30 Worship
11 Patriot Day Grandparents Day 8:00 Worship 9:15 SS, Bible Study 10:30 Worship-time chng	12	13 10:00 P. Brejje Bible Stdy	14 4:15 Dessert First 5:15 Dinner 6:15 Confirmation Class	15	16	17 8:00a Mens Study 5:30 Worship
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25 8:00 Worship 9:15 SS, Bible Study 10:30 Worship 1:30 Golf Outing 3:30 HS Scavenger Hunt	26 6:30 BOD	27 10:00 P. Brejje Bible Stdy	28 4:15 Dessert First 5:15 Dinner 6:15 Confirmation Class	29 2 - 3:30 Flu Shot Clinic	30	5:30 Worship



August 2022							October 2022						
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SEPTEMBER 2022 WORSHIP LEADERS

	SEPTEMBER 4	SEPTEMBER 11	SEPTEMBER 18	SEPTEMBER 25
<i>Acolytes 8:00am</i>				
<i>Acolytes 10:00am</i>				
<i>Head Ushers 8:00am</i>	Dave Mayer Stan Leitz	Larry Harding Rich Rakow	Alan Sarver Walt Kohnke	Steve Weber Mark Schoonbeck
<i>Head Ushers 10:00am (10:30)</i>	Steve Nuyen Dennis O'Brien	Joe Zerbel Garr Gast	Ken Lundquist Dave Borak	Steve Nuyen Dennis O'Brien
<i>Communion Assistants Saturday 5:30pm</i>	Roxanne Seeber		Kathleen Jordan	Roxanne Seeber
<i>Communion Assistants 8:00am</i>		Matt Simmons	Ted Maxson	Rita Linnenkugel
<i>Communion Assistants 10:00am (10:30)</i>	Janis Dinda	Steve Nuyen	Dee Wentzel	Dana Buff
<i>Lectors 8:00am</i>		Dave Mayer	Carol Daenzer	John Buetow
<i>Lectors 10:00am (10:30)</i>	Janis Dinda	Rollie Preuss	Jill Hamilton	Erin Hampshire
<i>Altar Ministry Saturday 5:30pm</i>	1.Mary Lou Wright 2.Melissa Noseworthy	1. 2.	1. 2.	1.Lucy Maxson 2. Mary Lou Wright
<i>Altar Ministry 8:00am</i>	1. Carol Daenzer 2.	1. 2.	1. Lucy Maxson 2. Lynne Gerfen	1. Carol Daenzer 2. Lynne Gerfen
<i>Altar Ministry 10:00am (10:30)</i>	1. 2.	1.Carrie Chapman 2.Dee Wentzel	1. 2.	1. Dee Wentzel 2.

Please Note: There are several Volunteer opportunities in September unscheduled.
Please contact the Office if you are available to assist. Thank you!

Financial Report for July 31, 2022

ZION: July Spending exceeded Giving by \$2,467.
YTD Giving over by \$2,114; YTD Spending over by \$5,417.

Questions? Please email Don Klug at dakdwl@msn.com

Solid Ground: July Income exceeded Spending by \$3,131.
YTD Income over by \$5,415; YTD Spending under by \$4,468.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH	Current Month			Year-To-Date		
	Budget	Actual	Over/Under	Budget	Actual	Over/Under
INCOME						
Zion Giving & Misc.	50,892	55,628	4,736	99,783	101,897	2,114
EXPENSES						
Zion Staff Support	30,874	32,008	-1,134	61,728	62,573	-845
Office Operations	1,155	868	287	2,460	2,718	-258
Church Property	7,656	8,434	-778	14,738	17,864	-3,126
Education Ministry	0	587	-587	0	1,996	-1,996
Evangelism/Missions	0	0	0	0	11	-11
Worship Ministry	500	602	-102	800	935	-135
Other Ministries	135	196	-61	270	708	-436
Music Ministry	2,025	1,620	405	3,645	3,645	0
Finance Ministry	9,370	9,366	4	18,735	18,732	3
Zion Haus Ministry	1,133	117	1,016	2,266	838	1,428
Missions - General	5,270	4,297	973	10,270	10,311	-41
Total Expenses	58,118	58,095	-23	114,912	120,329	-5,417
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	-7,226	-2,467	4,759	-15,129	-18,432	-3,303
SOLID GROUND						
Solid Ground Income	7,392	13,018	5,626	18,384	23,799	5,415
Solid Ground Expenses	9,168	9,887	-719	18,287	19,331	-1,044
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	-1,776	3,131	4,907	97	4,468	4,371

BALANCE SHEET	5/31/2022	7/31/2022	YTD Change
ASSETS			
Cash	70,269	72,651	2,382
Investments	189,391	189,604	213
Other Assets	3,430	-23,644	-27,074
TOTAL	263,090	238,611	-24,479
LIABILITIES			
Payroll	2,616	3,798	1,180
Dedicated Funds	121,187	113,942	-7,245
Unrestricted Funds	139,287	120,874	-18,413
TOTAL	263,090	238,612	-24,478

MORTGAGE LOAN

Balance 6/30/2022	\$572,313.00
Monthly Payment	\$6,350.00
Additional Principal	\$4,909.78

Dedicated Accounts with Balances over \$3,000

Besser Benevolence	\$5,129	Ins. Claim Water	\$5,283
New Staff	\$50,000	FOJ Fundraising	\$11,518
Ins. Payments	\$7,717	Future Debt	\$19,098

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Psalm 62:6

Fall Worship Schedule

BEGINS

September 11th

10:30 a.m.

In the Sanctuary