



The Mountain Top Messenger

ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ASHLAND, WI NOVEMBER 2020

November, only one month left after this one, in this crazy year of 2020, what a strange year it has been and seeing as it has a whole two more months to go I will leave the season wrap up for next month. What I will say is this, I don't think anyone could have, nor would have predicted the impacts that the Covid-19 virus has had on our daily routines and most of the simple things we can count on. Things like work, shopping, gathering with family and friends, church, school, and just about anything else you can imagine. When was the last time you shook some one's hand, or gave a hug? And if you did to any of those things, I am guessing it was done with perhaps a bit of trepidation or caution. It's that, do I reach a hand out or not, do I bathe in hand sanitizer when I am done or not. As the numbers climb, I can't help but feel part of it is simply due to the fact we are a social people and you can't keep us bottled up forever. It tends to make me wonder, and perhaps you as well, where is the tipping point? When does it change? Do we go back? Can we go back? If you think about it is a vaccine the answer? If it works as well as the seasonal flu vaccine you might get a best 60% coverage, and how do you know if it worked for you. Does that thing called herd immunity kick in and eventually we reach the point where everyone has either had it or at least been exposed and developed immunity? I believe the next twelve months will shake out at least some of those answers.

So, you might ask at this point, Pastor, where the heck are you going with this? Well, let me try to explain where I am positioned on all of this. I believe in some cases, perhaps some of the things that have been done have gone overboard, I also understand that particularly here in the church we are dealing with a significant group of at risk people, simply by age range, not to mention any of the underlying conditions. With that being said, I feel that we have to do the best we can to limit our direct contact, to maintain social distancing, to wash our hands on a regular basis, to wear a face mask. We can maintain and perhaps even grow church in the context we have been doing. I believe God has given us all a base level of common sense and if we use common sense to operate as safely as we can, we can continue. I believe when you start pushing the envelope, when you start saying things like some of those mega-church pastors did like "God will protect us" "God will keep us safe and healthy" you begin to put God to the test, and if there is one thing scripture tells us, God does not like it when we put him to the test. I believe there was a little 40-year journey involved when Israel put God to the test.

So, what do we do, we use the resources, skills, gifts, and abilities that God has given us to carry on His work in the best and safest way possible. I do believe God cares for and watches over His people. Last Sunday we sang "A Mighty Fortress is Our God", which Martin Luther penned, based on Psalm 46. The first verse of that psalm tells us that very thing; "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." While we should not try and test God, we absolutely must trust him. I have been challenged these last many months, I rate fairly high on the at risk chart, I am over 65, have diabetes, am immunosuppressed, and have what the tell me is early onset COPD, when this all began I felt I had two options, I could lock myself in my house, order everything online and come out when it is over, I could live stream services from my laptop, and no one would know the better. Or I could continue using common sense and the best available safety practices continue to do what it is the Lord and you here at Zion have called me to do. I am thankful I have chosen the later.

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Sunday Worship Service 9:00am in-church service and live streamed
Wednesday Evening Service - live streamed 6:30pm
(a more in-depth look at Sunday's service)
Sunday School - 3yrs.—5th grade At-home lessons
Bible Studies—currently cancelled.

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I believe our online ministry has been a blessing to many, including many not of our original Zion family. We have an interesting well watched Wednesday evening prayer service. We are still reaching those who wish to attend live worship on Sundays, and with all of the safe distancing practices in place, we have baptized and added two little ones to the Book of Life, we have joined two couples in marriage before God, we have sent three people to their eternal rest with the Lord, and we have confirmed three of our young people. Ministry can continue, I have a few more baptisms in the pipe, and we are starting confirmation classes again. Is there a risk? Yes, there is, but these is also a benefit in doing the Lord's work. And at some point, one of two things will happen. I will either get vaccinated against the virus, or test positive for the virus, if and when one of those things happens, I will do the same thing that I do every morning when I get up, I will pray; "Lord, thank you for bringing me to this day, I place myself in your hands and pray that I will use the gifts you have given me to best of my ability, watch over me and keep me in your care." I will continue to the best of my God given abilities. I will do my best not to harm or endanger anyone and will do my best to share God's message of eternal hope with all of you. So, sit down, fasten our seatbelts, raise your tray table to the full upright and lock position and let's see where this ride takes us. After all this is a multiple destination flight, we don't know all the stops in the middle, but we do know the final destination and it makes the rest of trip pale by comparison.

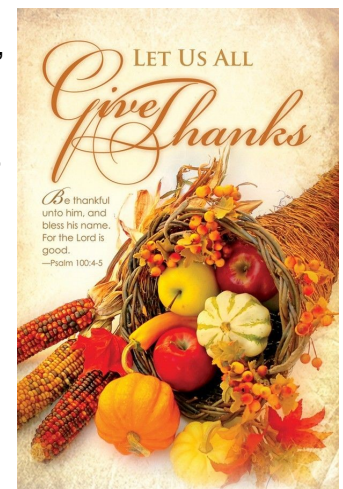
My friends take care, be safe, be healthy, and always be in the Lord.

The Lord Bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you Peace.

Pastor Rick





PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING
For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for:



Ellen Hedgeson,
Penny Larson,
Paul Tolliver,
David Ruthberg,
Bob Heggie,
Jennifer Ruetter,
Clarence Osmak,
Sheryl Hildebrandt,
Marvin Lathe,
Grace Turney,
Lisa Landry-
Thomson,
Vi Basina,
James Fletcher
Bill Young,
Tina,
Jim,
Jerry Frisco,
Roy Gutierrez,
Heather Mozzella,
Penny Larson
and *those on our
Extended Prayer
List and in our
hearts.*

**PRAYERS for Homebound,
Assisted Living,
Nursing Home**

Those who aren't able to attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them.

*Walt Schutte Arlene Zimmerman
Violet Basina Madge Houle*

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families. *David Wright, Emily Melecha, Tucker Melecha, Jordan Thimm*





Mustard Seed



Daily Devotions
Lutheran Women in Mission

Living in Prayer

Walk Me Through My Day, Lord!

In the Word

But I cry to you for help, O Lord; in the morning my prayer comes before you. Psalm 88:13

Of the Word

Where do you go to seek the face of God, to call on Him in times of need? Do you find Him in the beauty of a garden or the grandeur of the mountains? Is His presence more real to you in the serenity of a house of worship or the quietness of an evening walk? In the midst of daily challenges we can turn to God, who is our strength. The psalmist had experienced it personally when God directed him to write: *God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging (Psalm 46:1–3).* God promises to be there and to be our strength to handle everything this world tries to throw at us. Alone, it's overwhelming; but we are not alone! He is always there guiding, encouraging and sometimes even carrying us through our daily trials.

Walking with my Lord

Heavenly Father, throughout the ages You have been a refuge and strength for Your people. Be my refuge and strength as well when I walk through today's challenges. Grant me the grace to live my faith through all I do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

1. In the next month or so offering envelope boxes will be handed out. If you no longer wish to receive your box because of using an online service as Vanco or the Zion's app, you use the blue envelopes or you just put a check in a plain envelope for mailing, let the office know that you no longer want the box of envelopes.
2. If you are sending many Sunday offerings together you can use one envelope and one check. The counters sum the total of your giving and put that amount on the slip to be recorded on the member's giving account. They put on one envelope the amount and how many envelopes were turned in.
3. We want to thank all you who continually support our Church and the Lord with giving. Even though we may not be filling all the pews, the expenses are still there and we have been able to keep up with all church expenses because of you. Thank You!

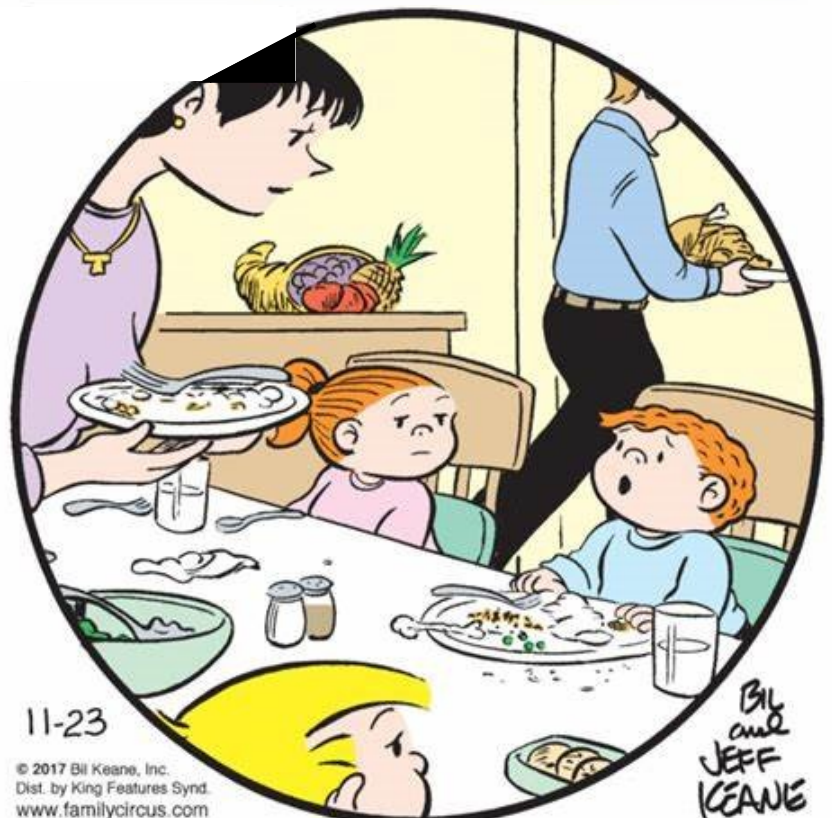


Thank You, LORD!



He must pay

Husband and wife had a tiff. Wife called up her mom and said, "He fought me again. I am coming to live with you." Mom said, "No darling, he must pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you."



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"I'm done too, Mommy. My tummy is all out of thanks."

The King's Thanksgiving Author Unknown

Every child in the village was very much excited on account of the news that had come down from the castle on the hill.

Because it had been such a rich harvest, the fields yellow with grain and the orchards crimson with fruit, the King was going to keep a thanksgiving day. He was going to ask some child from the village to come up the hill to the castle and eat dinner with the Prince and Princess. It was rumored, too, that this child would be given good gifts by the King. But it must be a very special kind of child indeed. That they all knew.

Then the village children remembered everything that had been told them by their mothers, and their grandmothers, and their great-grandmothers about the castle kitchen. Scores of cooks and scullery boys were kept busy there night and day. The fires always glowed to roast the rich fowls that turned on the spits. The cake bowls and the soup pots were never empty. Spices and herbs from far countries, strawberries when the ground was covered with snow, ices of all the rainbow colors, and cream so thick that a knife could cut it—all these were to be found in the King's kitchen.

There were dishes of gold and silver upon which to serve the fine foods, and a hothouse of rare flowers with which to deck the table, and linen as fine as a cobweb and as beautiful in pattern as snowflakes to cover it. Oh, a thanksgiving day in the castle would be very wonderful indeed, the children thought, and each hoped that he or she would be chosen to go.

The day before this day of thanksgiving the messenger of the King came down from the castle and went from door to door of the homes in the village. He went first to the house of the burgomaster. It was a very pretentious house with tall pillars in front, and it stood on a wide street. It seemed likely that the burgomaster's child might be chosen to go with the messenger to the castle for the thanksgiving. She was dressed in silk, and her hair was curled, and the burgomaster had packed a great hamper with sweets as an offering for the King.

"Are you ready to keep the feast as the King would like you to?" asked the messenger.

"Oh, yes!" said the burgomaster's child. "I have on my best dress, and here are plenty of sweets to eat. Will you take me?"

But the messenger shook his head, for the child was not ready

Then the King's messenger went on until he came to the house where the captain of the guards lived. The captain's little boy was quite sure that he would be chosen to go with the messenger to the castle for the thanksgiving. He wore a uniform with silver braid and buttons like that which the guards wore. A sword hung at his side, and he wore a soldier's cap. He held the cap in his hand, so that he could put it on quickly.

"Are you ready to keep the thanksgiving day as the King would like you to?" asked the messenger.

"Oh, yes!" said the child of the captain of the guards. "I have my sword here and I can fight any one who crosses our path on the way to the castle. Will you take me?"

But the messenger went on again and he came to the baker's shop. The baker's boy stood at the door, dressed in his best white suit, and holding an empty basket on his arm. He was quite sure that he would be chosen to go to the palace, for his father's bake shop was an important place in the village. They measured their flour carefully, and weighed the loaves so that they might receive the utmost penny for each. They very seldom had any crumbs left for the poor, but they were selling a great deal of bread every day.



"Are you ready to keep the thanksgiving day as the King would like you to?" the messenger asked of the baker's boy.

"Oh, yes!" the boy said. "I have this basket to gather up whatever remains of the King's feast and bring it home with me. The King would not want anything wasted. Will you take me?"

But the messenger shook his head a third time, for the child was not ready.

Then he did not know which way to go, and he began to think that he would not be able to find any guest for the King's feast. As he waited, he saw two children, a girl and a boy, coming toward him. They were poor children, and one was leading the other, for he was lame. The messenger looked at them. The little girl had eyes like stars and her hair, blowing in the November wind, was like a cloud made golden by the sunset. She held her head so high, and smiled so bravely that no one would have noticed her old dress and the holes in her coat. The messenger stood in the road in front of her and spoke to her.

"Are you ready to keep the thanksgiving day as the King would like you to?" he asked.

The little girl looked up in the messenger's face in surprise.

"No, I am not ready," she said, "but this child is. I am bringing him because he is lame, and because he is hungry. Will you take him?" she asked.

"Yes," said the messenger, "and you, too. There is room at the King's table for both."

Thanksgiving by Bruce Wright

What does Thanksgiving mean to you? I hear one boy say, "It means a big dinner." I think we all agree with him. Who does not welcome and enjoy a good dinner! I hear Mary say, "Thanksgiving means a day off from school." I guess you are right too. School is not such a charming place that girls and boys are unwilling to have an occasional holiday.

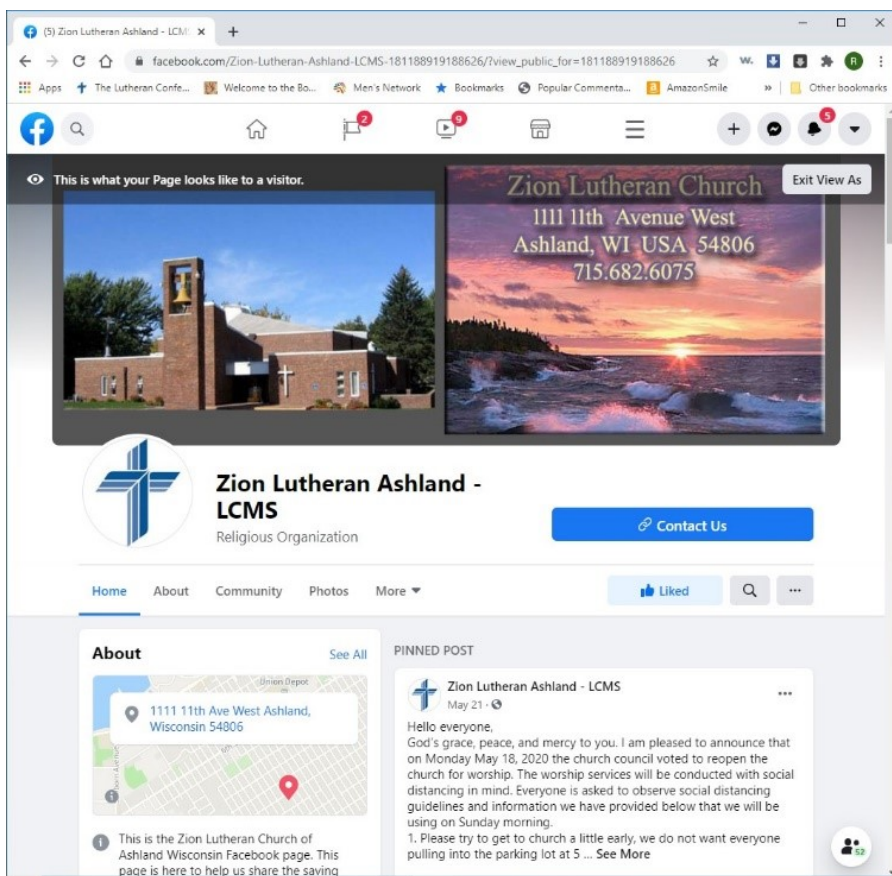
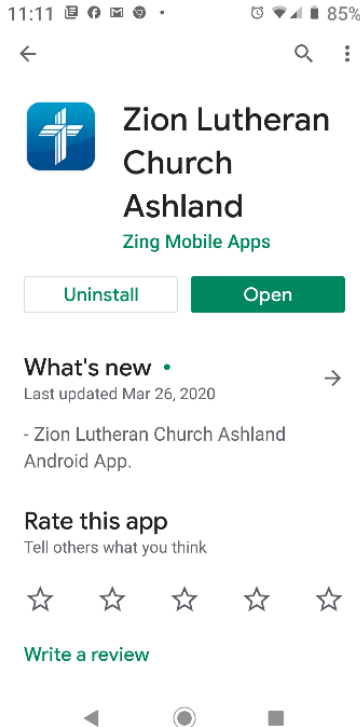
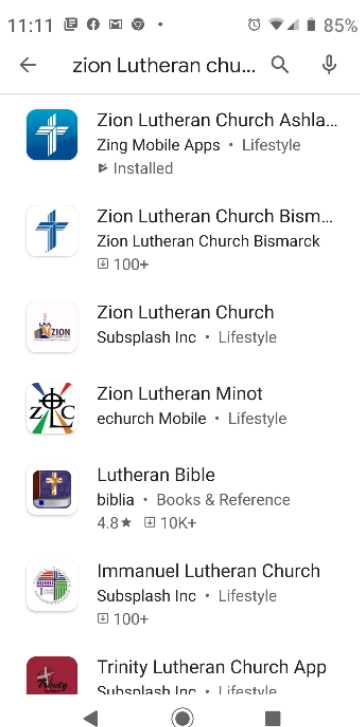
Now I am going to ask some of the older people what the day means to them. There is a young woman. She is a stenographer. She says, "Thanksgiving means a day away from the office. I am at the office every day except Sunday, and I do appreciate, now and then, a day that is really my own." Yonder is a traveling salesman. What does Thanksgiving mean to you? He says, "It means a day at home. Last year I spent one hundred and sixty-nine nights away from home. I have three children. I should like to see them every day. There are times when many days pass and I do not see them. Thanksgiving week I plan to be at home."

There are others I could ask. Each has his answer. But Thanksgiving has a special meaning for us. It is the Harvest time. I have here an apple. Isn't this a beautiful apple? What color! Who mixed the paints, who handled the brush to give such color to this apple? God. He, in his infinite love and wisdom, has provided, through the unfailing laws of nature, for the growth, sweetness, coloring and beautifying of all the products of the fields. This apple is but one of many kinds of fruits.

Praise, then, is the great meaning of Thanksgiving. God, our heavenly Father, sends us every good gift. From his bountiful hand come our daily and nightly mercies. We should praise him every day. But the day for the united chorus of praise is Thanksgiving.



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Six Lessons Christians Must Learn From Church History

by Barry Vross 2017 Blog

Those who do not remember the past are doomed to repeat it. George Santayana (1863-1952)

Church history reveals some lessons that Christians today would be wise to consider and reflect upon. The Christian Church has existed for 2,000 years, but it has changed and evolved significantly over that time. It is therefore important to look back and learn the lessons from the history of the Church that can help us chart a way forward today.

A few years ago I read a wonderful book on the history of the Church written by Dr. Bruce Shelley entitled, "Church History in Plain Language" (Thomas Nelson, 2008). He does a great job of documenting and summarizing the key events in the history of the Church. Based on his book, I would like to present 6 lessons that we as Christians should learn from Church history that will enable us to more effectively go forward in building God's kingdom on earth.

[Continued lessons from previous month]

Lesson #3: The joining of Church & State is a bad idea.

When Roman Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity in 312 AD, overnight Christians went from persecuted rebels to favored status in the Roman Empire. In 380 AD, his successor, Emperor Theodius, made Christianity a requirement for all Roman citizens. Thus the Christian Church was joined to the power of the state and assumed a moral responsibility for the whole society. In 768, Charles the Great, also known as Charlemagne, ascended to the throne and successfully fought off the Muslim invaders and was the first Roman emperor to be 'coronated' by the pope. This ensured protection of the Church against Islamic incursions. The crusades were the Empire's response to the Islamic invasion and capture of Jerusalem and they had the approval of the pope. In the end the crusades were a dismal failure as they did not dislodge Islam from Jerusalem and led to further division with the Christian Church. During the Middle Ages conflicts continually arose over the power being wielded by both the Church and the State. Jesus never required faith in Him to be forced on anyone. He came to save us from our sin and today still invites people to let Him change their hearts one by one. (***"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*** – John 3:16)

Lesson #4: The Church must be built on a Biblical foundation.

Because of this conflict between and within the Church and State in the Middle Ages, many voices began to speak out against the power and corruption of the Church. Chief among them was a German monk named Martin Luther. He published his 95 theses (or statements for debate) on the door of the Catholic Church at Wittenberg, Germany in 1517 that challenged papal authority. He was excommunicated from the Catholic Church for his refusal to recant his statements. This led to the Reformation and the formation of several new church bodies that separated from the Catholic Church in protest. They were the Lutheran, Reformed, Anabaptist and Anglican Churches, and hence known as "Protestant". At issue was whether or not authority came from the Bible or from the Pope. As Martin Luther stated at his trial at the Diet of Worms, *"Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Holy Scriptures or by evident reason-for I can believe neither pope nor councils alone, as it is clear that they have erred repeatedly and contradicted themselves-I consider myself convicted by the testimony of Holy Scripture, which is my basis; my conscience is captive to the Word of God. Thus I cannot and will not recant, because acting against one's conscience is neither safe nor sound. God help me. Amen."* The Christian faith must always be based upon the Bible and its teachings. (***"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."*** – 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

[Lessons 5-6 will be printed in the upcoming month]



November 11, 2020

VETERANS
DAY



Remembering all of those who have served for our country here in the states and abroad. God Bless You!

Michelle Baugh was only 3 months old when her father was killed in Vietnam. She grew up not knowing anything about her father — and with a big hole in her life. When veteran Chuck Gregoire, who had served with Michelle's father, got the courage to get in touch, he changed both their lives

John Bradley – Appleton/Antigo

The flag raising at Iwo Jima is one of the most iconic images of war in U.S. history. One of the men holding up the flag happens to be from Wisconsin.

During World War II, Navy corpsman and field medic John "Doc" Bradley took part in both flag raisings at Iwo Jima. The second is the image we all remember. Bradley jumped in to help several Marines raise the second flag, which was larger and heavier than the first flag.

The ground on top of the hill was soft and that's why so many men were needed to secure the flagstaff. Bradley passed away in 1994 and was the last surviving member of the flag raisers.

He was born in Antigo, grew up in Appleton. Bradley returned to live in Antigo after the war where he got married, raised eight children and started a business. The Navy Cross and Purple Heart are among his military decorations.

Bradley was usually reluctant to talk about the war, and very rarely gave interviews. But he did briefly appear as himself in the John Wayne film [Sands of Iwo Jima](#).



Bradley was deeply affected by the horrors of war. His wife, Betty, said he often wept in his sleep in the early years of their marriage. His son, historical author James Bradley, believes that much of his father's difficulties with memories of war stemmed from the capture and death of his friend.

Veterans of Zion's Membership

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[Our apologies if anyone's name was omitted. Please inform the church office.]

"Almighty God, You know every veteran by name. You know their deeds, their hard work, and their perseverance. You know their needs, both material and spiritual. Please draw each one closer to you and grant them all the peace that passes understanding (Philippians 4:7), the peace of Christ to rule in their hearts (Colossians 3:15), and 'joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand' forevermore (Psalm 16:11)."



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JEFF
and
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**"I was REALLY thankful yesterday.
I didn't have to eat dinner at the
card table."**

THANKSGIVING SERVICE



**Pastor will have his weekly Wednesday
night live-stream for Thanksgiving,
November 25th, 6:30pm**

Travis Edrington September 26, 2019

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

And God saw it was good.

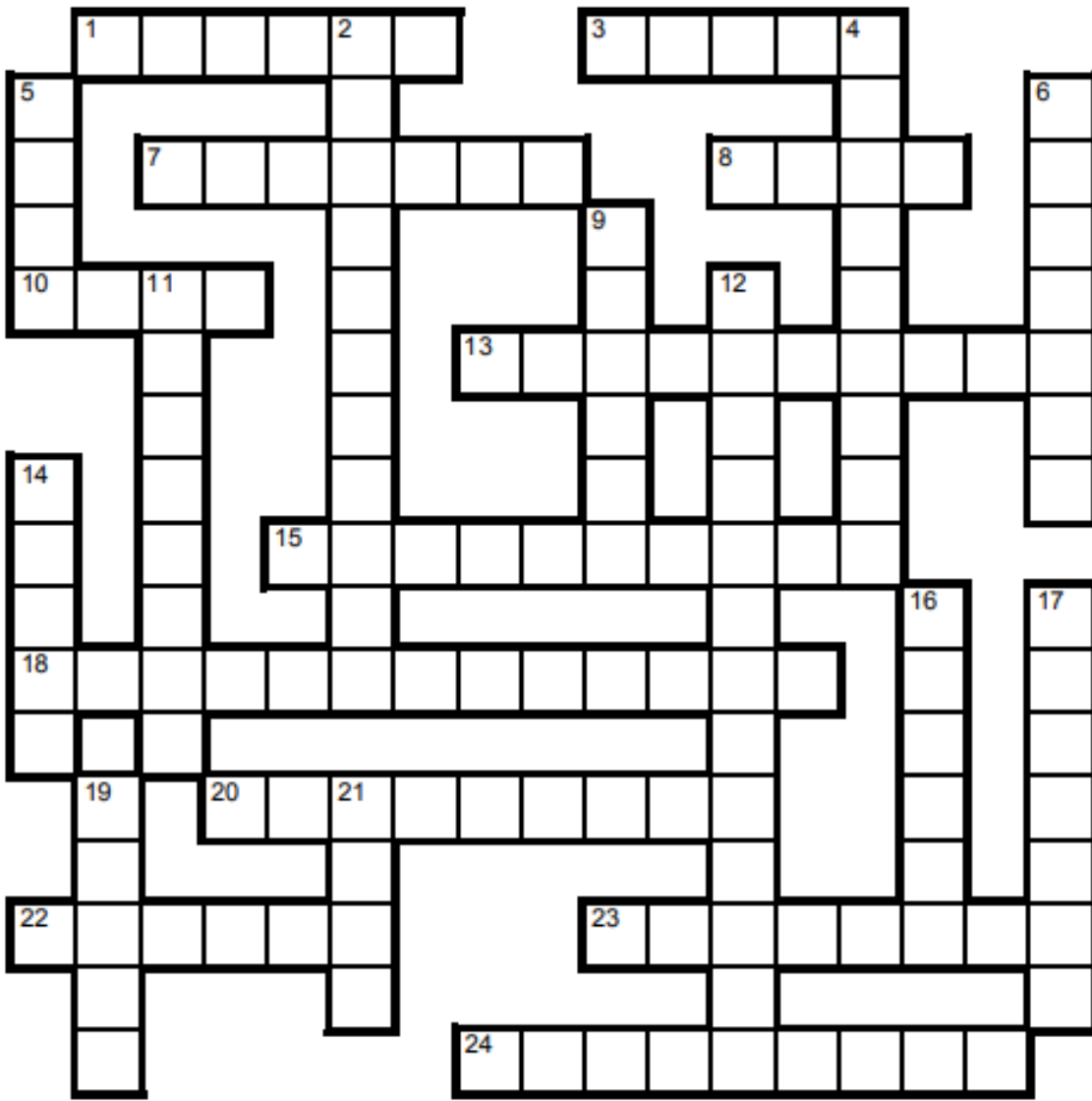
On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span." The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?" And God, again saw it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years." The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?" And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years." But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?" "Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves.
For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family.
For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren.
And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.





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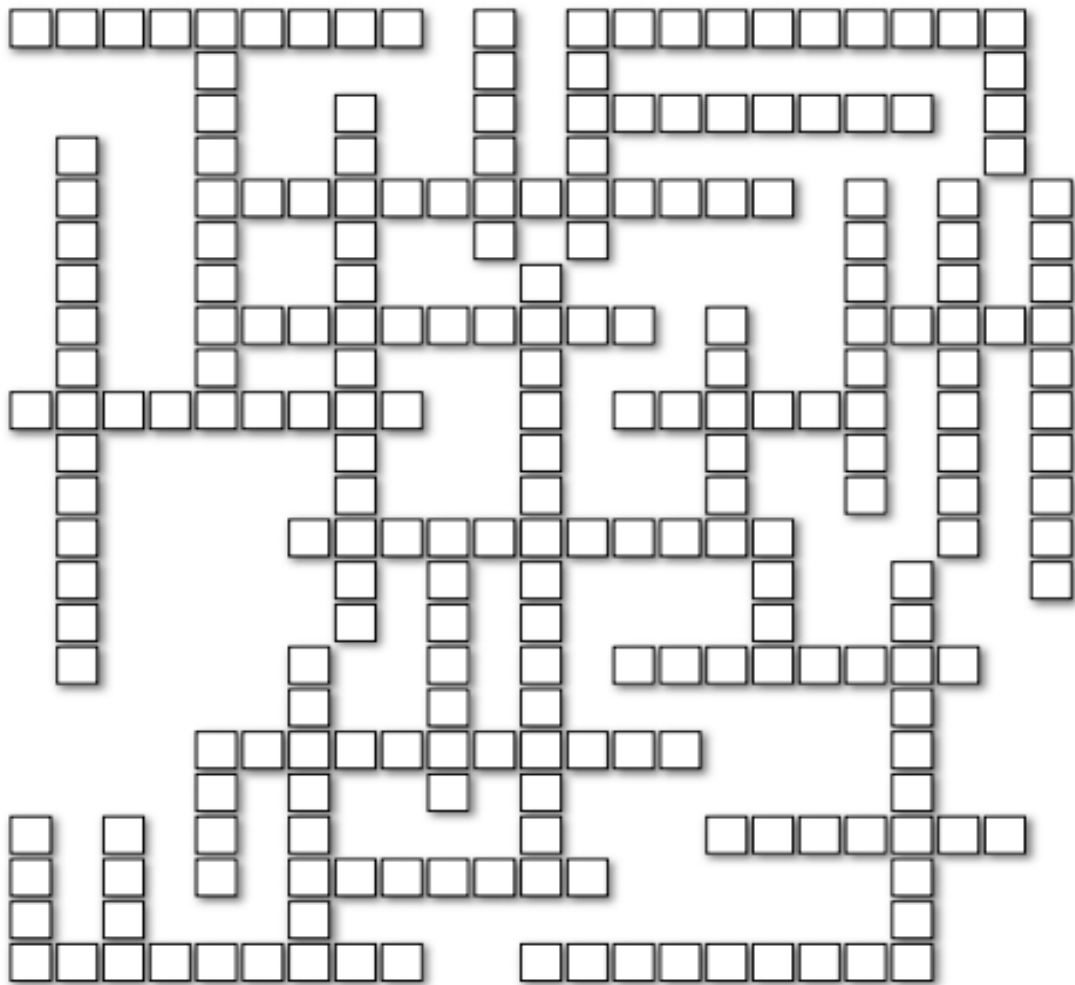
- 2 Jesus gave this as example of how to communicate with God. (5,6)
- 4 Don't lay these upon the earth. (9)
- 5 Whoever says this to his brother shall be in danger of the council. (4)
- 6 Those who are given happiness and good fortune. (7)
- 9 When engaging in this, you should enter into your closet and shut the door. (6)
- 11 Where the sermon was given. (8)
- 12 You should search for this first, before worrying about food and clothing. (13)

Across

- 1 Not to be put under a bushel. (6)
- 3 Let yours shine before men! (5)
- 7 Moth and rust will do this to your earthly store. (7)
- 8 If you do this, you will find. (4)
- 10 These should not be done in view of men. (4)
- 13 The eight sayings by Christ at the beginning
- 15 They sound trumpets in the streets when they are being charitable. (10)
- 18 The peacemakers will be called this. (8,2,3)
- 20 They were with Jesus when he gave the sermon. (9)
- 22 You can't serve God and this. (6)
- 23 Fellow believers. (8)
- 24 The earth is this to God. (9)
- 14 What you should do to your eye if it offends. (5)
- 16 They which do this shall be filled. (6)
- 17 The hypocrites disfigured their faces while doing this. (7)
- 19 If you are forced to go a mile with someone, this is how far you should go. (5)
- 21 The foolish man built his house on this.

The Sermon on the Mount

Fit the words into this Bible Fill In puzzle!



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4 LETTERS

ALMS
LOVE
SALT
SAND
SEEK

5 LETTERS

LIGHT

6 LETTERS

CANDLE
HUNGER
MAMMON
PRAYER

7 LETTERS

BLESSED
CORRUPT
FASTING

8 LETTERS

ADULTERY
BRETHREN
MERCIFUL
MOUNTAIN

9 LETTERS

DISCIPLES
FOOTSTOOL
JUDGEMENT
NEIGHBOUR
TREASURES

10 LETTERS

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MULTITUDES
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11 LETTERS

LORD'S PRAYER
PEACEMAKERS

13 LETTERS

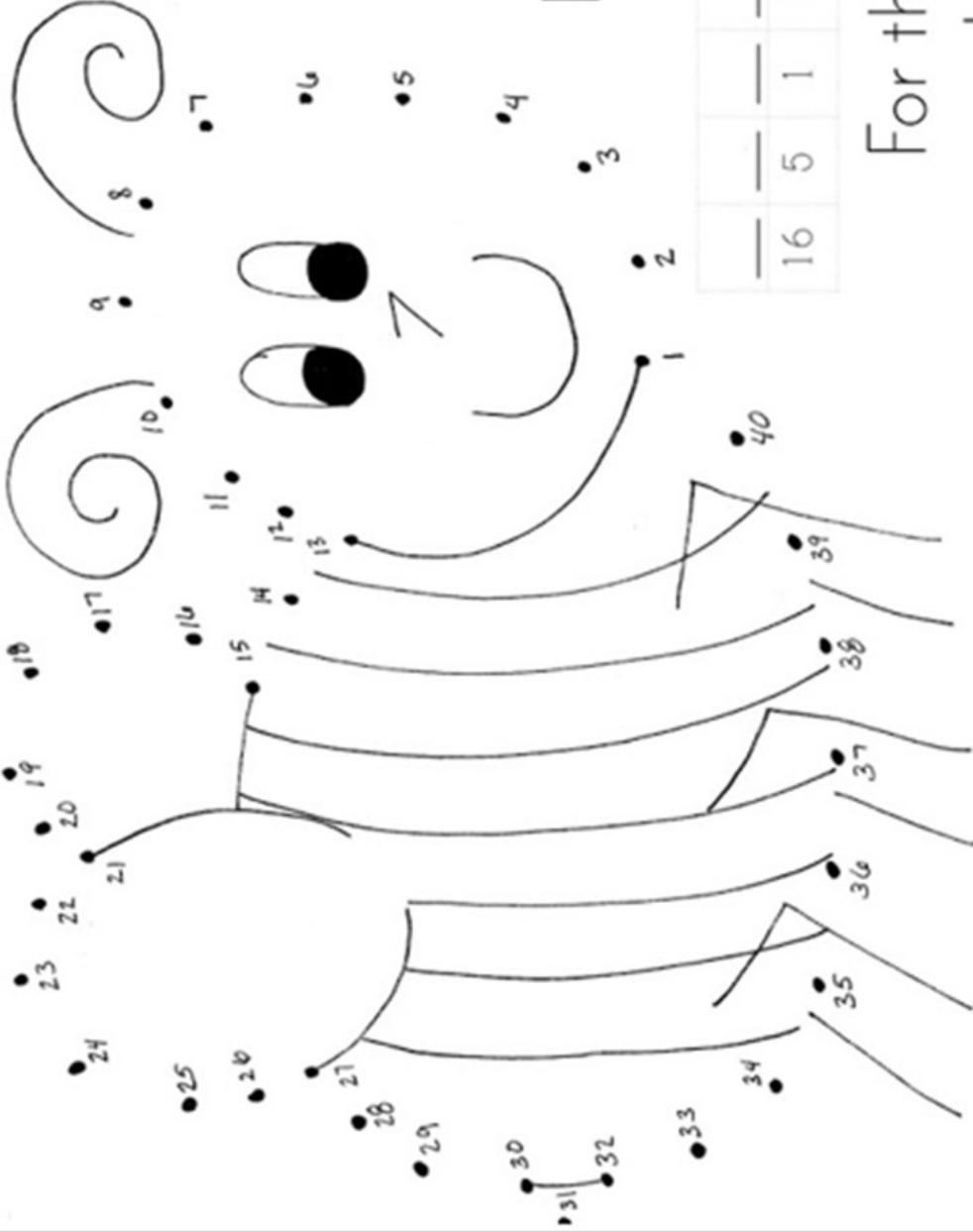
CHILDREN OF GOD
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RIGHTEOUSNESS

15 LETTERS

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Bee-Attitudes!

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Blessed are the

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For they will be called
children of God



Standing Ready with the Gospel

by Pamela J. Nielsen

In bunkers and fighter jets, on battleships and bases, in field hospitals and training camps, the men and women of the United States Armed Forces stand at the ready in service to our country.

With them are the 160 active and Reserve LCMS Armed Forces Chaplains stationed around the world. These pastors proclaim the Word of life, in environments often shrouded in death. Their flocks frequently come and go, providing scant opportunity for long-term ministry. Their work takes place in some of the most difficult situations any pastor could ever face, where lives can be unraveled in an instant.

Upholding these faithful servants is the Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF), the LCMS effort to care for and support military chaplains and, through them, our LCMS members and their families in uniform.

The MAF exists to recruit, prepare, endorse and support LCMS



Chaplain Mike Sneath conducts a service in Afghanistan.

Get Involved!

- Pray for our troops
- Order MAF bulletin inserts
- Join our Operation Barnabas network

chaplains in their service to God and country.

Authorized by the Synod and registered with the Department of Defense, Chaplain Craig Muehler is the endorsing agent for LCMS military chaplains. There is a “lifelong marriage” between his office and the LCMS chaplains that includes ongoing contact and an annual visit with each chaplain. Through these visits and regular reports by phone and email, MAF helps the chaplains to stay connected with their church.

Each year, MAF gathers the chaplains at one of three pastoral conferences, providing a rich

opportunity for Lutheran worship, fellowship and study with LCMS seminary professors. Conversation is focused on the unique challenges of military chaplaincy.

Operation Barnabas

Operation Barnabas, an extension of MAF, provides a network of care through trained congregations that want to reach out to members of the military, their families and the veterans in their congregations and communities.

Operation Barnabas has worked with dozens of congregations, but we realize hundreds more congregations also are caring for military families. We ask you to contact us, so we can recognize your work and encourage you as you serve military families.

America’s sons and daughters are in harm’s way in faraway lands, and our chaplains go with them. Their families wait in our communities, where the people of God support and care for them in our life together.



A young soldier is baptized into Christ by Chaplain Jim Watson.



Happy Veterans Day to our soldiers, both past and present. We owe you our thanks, but more than that, we owe you our freedom.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - Ashland WI

Treasurer's Report as of September 2020

Monday, October 19, 2020

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Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Over/Under YTD+(-)	Annual Budget
Income					
BUILDING CAP PROJ FUNDRAISER	0.00		0.00		
EDUCATION FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
EVANGELISM FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
GEN. FUND ENVELOPE RECEIPTS	12,102.00	13,968.00	133,856.36*	8,144.36	167,620.00
GEN. FUND INTEREST EARNED	5.97		31.58		
GENERAL FUND LOAN PROCEEDS	0.00		0.00		
LFOJ FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
Member services\$ etc	0.00		0.00		
Mission MISC IN/OUT	0.00		(1,000.00)		
ORGAN FUNDRAISER	0.00		0.00		
Special Gifts	0.00		0.00		
STEWARDSHIP FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
Transfers in/out general fund	(546.71)		3,540.61		
Trivent Choice Dollars	77.00		1,507.00		
TRUSTEE FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
YOUTH FUNDRAISERS	0.00		0.00		
Total Income	\$11,638.26	\$13,968.00	\$137,935.55*	\$8,144.36	\$167,620.00
Expense					
CHOIR DIRECTOR SALARY	0.00		0.00		
Guest/vacancy pastors	0.00	25.00	0.00	(225.00)	300.00
MILEAGE OR TRAVEL EXPENSES	0.00	42.00	276.00	(102.00)	500.00
ORGANISTS SALARY	520.00	337.00	2,040.00	(993.00)	4,040.00
PASTOR'S SALARY	3,651.94	3,956.00	36,479.23*	875.23	47,475.00
SECRETARY SALARY	866.25	926.00	8,718.77*	384.77	11,115.00
SEXTON SALARY	157.50	275.00	1,408.77	(1,066.23)	3,300.00
SMP PROGRAM VICAR ED	0.00		0.00		
Church Salaries	\$5,195.69	\$5,561.00	\$48,922.77	(\$1,126.23)	\$66,730.00
EMPLOYEE RELATIONS	0.00	42.00	36.92	(341.08)	500.00
EMPLOYER'S FICA TAX EXP	397.47	473.00	3,721.64	(535.36)	5,677.00
HEALTH & DISABILITY INS.	119.04	115.00	1,069.40*	34.40	1,382.00
PASTOR'S HOUSING ALLOW.	1,153.84	1,250.00	11,538.40*	288.40	15,000.00
PASTOR'S PENSION PLAN	452.95	453.00	4,068.98	(8.02)	5,441.00
PASTOR'S PROFESSIONAL EXP	0.00	42.00	0.00	(378.00)	500.00
Pastor's retirement Savings	0.00		0.00		
SEC. PENSION PLAN	0.00		0.00		
Employee Benefits	\$2,123.30	\$2,375.00	\$20,435.34	(\$939.66)	\$28,500.00
ELECTRICITY - CHURCH	0.00	333.00	2,322.24	(674.76)	4,000.00
FUEL - CHURCH	0.00	250.00	2,464.01*	214.01	3,000.00
INTERNET SERVICE & SOFTWARE	0.00	70.00	719.91*	89.91	840.00
TELEPHONE - CHURCH	0.00	117.00	1,078.26*	25.26	1,400.00
WASTE DISPOSAL	0.00	93.00	1,200.27*	363.27	1,120.00
WATER - CHURCH	0.00	150.00	1,258.50	(91.50)	1,800.00
Church Utilities	\$0.00	\$1,013.00	\$9,043.19	(\$73.81)	\$12,160.00
BUILDING CAPITALIZED PROJ	0.00	531.00	6,372.00*	1,593.00	6,372.00
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	0.00	167.00	4,394.27*	2,891.27	2,000.00
ORGAN PURCHASE EXPENSE	0.00		0.00		
PRESCHOOL BLDG. MAINTENANCE	0.00	167.00	36.05	(1,466.95)	2,000.00
PROPERTY/WORK COMP INSURANCE	0.00	604.00	5,345.00	(91.00)	7,245.00
Snow Removal	0.00		682.50		
TRUSTEE SPECIAL PROJECTS	0.00		0.00		

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Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Over/Under YTD+(-)	Annual Budget
Church Maint. & improvements	\$0.00	\$1,469.00	\$16,829.82*	\$2,926.32	\$17,617.00
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	98.57	8.00	259.17*	187.17	100.00
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	0.00	57.00	573.89*	60.89	678.00
KITCHEN SUPPLIES	0.00		0.00		
Member services in and out	0.00		306.61		
MUSIC	0.00	21.00	137.00	(52.00)	250.00
Office Supplies	40.06	83.00	548.05	(198.95)	996.00
POSTAGE	48.80	20.00	207.40*	27.40	240.00
Technology - Marketing	307.88	248.00	3,328.74*	1,096.74	2,976.00
WORSHIP SUPPLIES	0.00	177.00	1,710.01*	117.01	2,124.00
Church Supplies	\$495.31	\$614.00	\$7,070.87*	\$1,238.26	\$7,364.00
\$ FOR CONFER/ CONVENTIONS	0.00	166.00	819.99	(680.01)	2,000.00
\$ TO EDUCATION	15.70	342.00	844.12	(2,233.88)	4,104.00
\$ TO EVANGELISM	0.00	83.00	0.00	(747.00)	1,000.00
\$ TO LFOJ CHILD CARE SUPPORT	0.00		0.00		
\$ TO STEWARDSHIP	0.00	8.00	0.00	(72.00)	100.00
\$ TO YOUTH PROGRAMS	0.00	84.00	0.00	(750.00)	1,000.00
BRICK MISSION	135.00	135.00	1,215.00	0.00	1,620.00
MISSION varoius	0.00		0.00		
MISSIONS TO SYNOD	800.00	800.00	7,200.00	0.00	9,600.00
OVERALL OFFERINGS PD TO SYNOD	0.00		0.00		
PUBLICATIONS LUTH WIT. ETC	3.68	33.00	657.30*	360.30	400.00
Ministry Disbursements	\$954.38	\$1,651.00	\$10,736.41	(\$4,122.59)	\$19,824.00
interest on line of credit	0.00		0.00		
LOAN FEES	0.00		0.00		
Mort. & credit card interest	194.34	250.00	1,904.13	(345.87)	3,000.00
PRINCIPAL payment	840.95	1,035.00	7,444.17	(1,870.83)	12,425.00
Total PRIN. AND INT. payments	\$1,035.29	\$1,285.00	\$9,348.30	(\$2,216.70)	\$15,425.00
Ordination Expenses	0.00		0.00		
principal to principal from bl	(840.95)		(7,444.17)		
TRUSTEE CONTROLLED DISBURSEMNT	0.00		0.00		
Total Expense	\$8,963.02	\$13,968.00	\$114,942.53	(\$4,314.41)	\$167,620.00
Difference	\$2,675.24	\$0.00	\$22,993.02		\$0.00

* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date

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Consolidated Fund Activity Report for September 2020

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Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
BUILDING ACCOUNT TO BALANCE	(46,067.03)	0.00	(840.95)	0.00	(45,226.08)
LOAN					
BUILDING CAPITALIZED	(6,372.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(6,372.00)
General Fund	83,110.33	11,638.26	9,803.97	0.00	84,944.62
ORGAN FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	\$30,671.30	\$11,638.26	\$8,963.02	\$0.00	\$33,346.54

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - Ashland WI
Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2020

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Account #	Account Name	Beginning Balance	YTD Balance
Assets			
101.101	fm & I CK ACCOUNT Gen.	33,212.06	43,962.53
	General Checking	\$33,212.06	\$43,962.53
101.201	GEN FUND SAVINGS Northern Stat	31,625.10	33,151.18
119.999	TO BALANCE 01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015	0.00	0.00
	Total Assets	\$64,837.16	\$77,113.71
Liabilities			
202.102	M & I Line of Credit Loan	0.00	0.00
202.103	BULDG LOAN PAYABLE	95,714.71	95,714.71
202.104	Principle from Bldg Fund	(43,044.46)	(50,488.63)
	Note payables LCEF & M& I bank	\$52,670.25	\$45,226.08
200.000	Accounts Payable/Vendors	(243.46)	(406.29)
201.101	BORROWED WITHIN ORGANIZATION	0.00	0.00
201.201	EMPLOYER'S TAXES PAYABLE	1,627.52	(1,120.89)
201.203	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PAYABLE	429.33	68.27
	Total Liabilities	\$54,483.64	\$43,767.17
Fund balance			
	Total Fund balance	\$10,353.52	\$33,346.54
	Total Liabilities and Fund balance	\$64,837.16	\$77,113.71



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“He’s grumpy ’cause his seat got taken over by our Thanksgiving dinner.”

The Sermon on the Mount

Across:

- 1 Candle, 3 Light, 7 Corrupt,
- 8 Seek, 10 Alms, 13 Beatitudes,
- 15 Hypocrites,
- 18 Children of God,
- 20 Disciples, 22 Mammon,
- 23 Brethren, 24 Footstool.

Down:

- 2 Lord’s prayer, 4 Treasures,
- 5 Raca, 6 Blessed, 9 Prayer,
- 11 Mountain, 12 Righteousness,
- 14 Pluck, 16 Hunger,
- 17 Fasting, 19 Twain, 21 Sand.



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
ELDERS: October 4th Scott 11th Doug 18th John 25th Randy November 1st Darryl						
*Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov. 1st - turn clocks back						
1 * 9:00am Service Drive-up Communion 2pm LGP	2	3	4 6:30pm Prayer Service	5 10:30 LFOJ Chapel 4-5:30pm confirmation	6	7
7 9:00am Service	8	9	10 6:30pm Prayer Service	11 4-5:30pm confirmation	12	13
14 9:00am Service Drive-up Communion 2pm LGP	15	16	17 6:30pm Prayer Service	18 4-5:30pm confirmation	19	20
21 9:00am Service	22	23	24 6:30pm Prayer Service	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28 9:00am Service Drive-up Communion	29	30	28	29 4-5:30pm confirmation	30	

ALTAR Guild
November
 June Williams 715-208-0984
 Tami Thimm 715-682-4817
 JoAnn Honkala 715-682-0175

OFFICIAL ACTS
Death:
 Leonard Van Johnston 9-26-2020
 Donna Graves 10-02-2020
Confirmed: October 25, 2020
 Abigail Bauer Faith Dickrell
 Austin Vyskocil