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TOWER TOPICS

November 2019

<u>Sunday Worship Schedule</u>	
Worship Service 8:30 a.m. (Communion ea. Sunday)	Worship Service 10:30 a.m. (Communion 1st and 3rd Sun.)
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.	



2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Change Clocks tonight Back 1 hour
3 All Saints Day 8:30 & 10:30 Communion Services 9:40 Confirmation Class First Communion	4 12:30-1:00 Philharmonic 5:00 Special Olympics Meeting 5:30 Tops	5 1 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Property Comm 6:30 Evangelism	6 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6 pm Sr. High Youth 6:30 Fellowship Comm.	7 11 am Prayer Circle 7 pm Ensemble Practice	8 Newsletter Deadline	9
10 8:30 am Communion Serv. 9:40 Confirmation Class 10:30 Worship 11:45 Exec.	11 9:30 am Stitchery 2:30 Library Comm. 4 pm Outreach Comm 5:30 TOPS 6:30 Finance	12 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 6 pm Jr. High Youth Meeting 6:30 pm Exec Comm 6:30 pm	13	14 11:00 am Prayer Circle 7:00 pm Ensemble Practice	15	16
17 8:30 & 10:30 Communion Serv. 9:40 Confirmation Class 4 pm Concert	18 5:30 pm TOPS	19 1 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 Council Meeting	20 6 pm Sr. High Youth Meeting	21 11 am Prayer Circle 12:30 Lunch Bunch at Firehouse 115	22	23 12 Noon Soup for Seniors
24 8:30 Comm Service 9:40 Confirmation Class 10:30 Worship Noisy Offering & Food Pantry	25 9:30 am Stitchery 5:30 TOPS	26 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Jr. High Youth Meets 6:30 Thanksgiving Service 7:30 pm Pie Social	27	28 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed	29 Church Office Closed	30 



The Tower Topics

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Snow DaysLike a Surprise Sabbath?

“God ... does great things beyond our knowing. He says to the snow, ‘Fall to the earth’; likewise to his heavy, drenching rain. He shuts up all humankind indoors, so that all people may know his work” (Job 37:5-7, NABRE).

Snow, ice and cold can make winter a hassle.

“Snow days” due to a blizzard may thrill students but usually inconvenience parents. But now and then, winter blankets the earth so heavily that it seems to quiet everything. We’re granted permission to hunker down at home, snuggle close with family or pets, enjoy a book or movie, make cocoa or cookies, and rest. It’s like a surprise sabbath — the gift of grace-time — when no one’s expected to get out the door or the driveway.

Perhaps indeed, as Job declared, God sees fit on such days to put our busyness on hold and shut us all indoors so we pause and remember his work — his place — in our lives. Praise God for snow days!

From Newsletternewsletter
by Heidi Mann

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Thoughts From Pastor Scott

Sabbath

“The story is told of a South American tribe that went on a long march, day after day, when all of a sudden they would stop walking, sit down to rest for a while, and then make camp for a couple of days before going any farther. They explained that they needed the time of rest so that their souls could catch up with them.” (1)

The image is compelling. A march or journey. A sudden stop. A “time of rest so that their souls could catch up with them.” It’s not just a long march by a tribe, however. It’s our march from one activity to the next. It’s our march around town as we cart kids from place to place. It’s our march at our work place when the phone keeps ringing, the boss demands more, and customers questions and complaints continue to come at us. I’m afraid many of us have left our souls behind us two stops ago and we haven’t taken the time to stop walking, sit down, and rest for a while. We, and those whom we do life with, are the worse for it.

I wonder how you know when your journey needs a moment to stop, reflect, contemplate, and rest? Sometimes our bodies give us clues: a sickness that forces you to stay in bed. An exhaustion that has you ineffective. Bad habits that have grown over time that make up for your lack of rest. Medication to treat anxiety that comes, at least in part, because life is overly full.

There is a tendency to hear the call to stop and rest as laziness in our culture. Laziness is, no doubt, a thing. And yet, all rest is not the same. “Remember the sabbath and keep it holy” is not a call to laziness but rather a command from God for our good.

I’m working on a stack of books on sabbath rest at the moment. My early review is this: keeping sabbath may be the most important spiritual practice we engage. Without rest, who has time for other spiritual practices like reading the Bible, worshipping, counting our blessings, and praying? Without rest, who has time to contemplate life’s perplexities, to notice God’s movement in our life, and to creatively imagine what God is calling us to do and to be?

The sabbath is not a burdensome law or requirement. The sabbath is a gift to God’s people to stop the journey for a moment or time, to trust God will care for all the balls we have in the air, and to delight in life giving rest.

Who knows, maybe stopping to rest will allow your soul to catch up to your body.

(1) Muller, Wayne. Sabbath: Finding rest, renewal, and delight in our busy lives. New York: Bantam Books, 1999. (pg. 70)



Noisy Offering



Each month, you generously fill our food pantry cupboard. These items are delivered to the King’s Storehouse Food Pantry at the First Baptist Church.

On Sunday, November 24th, you can also help this wonderful ministry by making a “LOUD NOISE” during our Noisy Offering.

Food pantries have the ability to purchase food at a much lower price than the average consumer, so extra cash is always appreciated.

So save up your loose change and help us care for those going hungry in our local community.

As we grow older, we must discipline ourselves to continue expanding, broadening, learning, keeping our minds active and open.

Clint Eastwood

Annual Meeting Items of Business

Do you or your committee have an item of business you would like brought before the congregation at our annual meeting in January?

If so, please submit your request to the church office no later than Sunday, December 1st.

Your request will go before the Executive Committee and Council at their December meetings.

Service of Thanksgiving And Pie Social

Tuesday, November 26, at 6:30 pm join us for our Annual Service of Thanksgiving followed by a Pie Social.

We’ll gather together at 6:30 pm to give thanks to God for the many personal blessings bestowed upon our Zion church family.

Following our service, stay for a time of fellowship at a pie social. Bring your favorite pie to share, and then share the favorites of others. Even if you can’t bring a pie, join us for this delicious get together.

There will be plenty!

Please remember: we’re a “nut free” zone, so no pies with nuts—including peanut butter.



Pie Social



The Lunch Bunch meeting is November 21st at noon at the Firehouse 115. Menu and sign up sheet are on the bulletin board across



Soup For Seniors

Saturday noon, November 23rd

Sign up sheet on bulletin board

“To argue with a person who has renounced reason is like administering medicine to the dead.”

Thomas Paine

*November Zion Book Club
News*



The Book Club, which will meet

Tuesday, November 12th, will be reading *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.

Hostess will be Meredith Richardson.

With courage, grace, and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of “World War II and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen; the women’s war. *The Nightingale* tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France .

A heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. This is a novel for everyone.



“Remind me never to ask the Youth Group to help fold the church bulletins again.”

On the light side.....

One Sunday Pastor began his sermon with this story: 'I was on a plane last week, from Detroit to Chicago, when we ran into some very severe weather which resulted in turbulence. As it got worse, the passengers became more and more alarmed, and even the airline stewards began to look concerned. Finally, one of them noticed that I had 'Reverend' in front of my name on the passenger list, so she approached me, and said, 'Sir, this is really frightening. Do you suppose you could, I don't know.....do something religious?' 'So I took up a collection,' Pastor said 😊 with a grin.”



From Val's Desk

Ministries Coordinator Report

It has been my privilege to lead small discussion groups throughout September and October. Each group consisted of 4-7 people. We met weekly for about an hour to 90 minutes. We began with a community circle question: How did you come to Zion? Where did you see God at work this week? What did you find yourself feeling thankful for this week? We watched a video session each week explaining a different Lutheran perspective concerning the Bible. We talked about our experiences, our lives, faith, God, the church, and understanding God's Word. The conversation was energizing and thought-provoking.

On the other hand, the time and thought it took to prepare and attend four groups a week was tiring. I learned that I value these opportunities to connect and grow with you. I also learned that I do not have the stamina to lead four discussion groups a week on a long-term basis.

Now, I find myself thinking about how to continue to encourage coming together and talking about faith and things that matter and getting to know each other. I would love to hear your ideas. I would love to know if you would be interested in attending or leading a small group.

Do you see a future for this kind of connecting at Zion?

We were so honored to have our Convention/Retreat the last weekend of September at Zion Lutheran Church. ALL women who are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church are Women of the Evangelical Church, WELCA. We are the Northwest Lower Michigan Mittensynod Synodical Women's Organization, Region 6. Active units from many cities were represented and we shared overnight friendships and news updates at the Hampton Inn.



Our work of electing new officers and board members was taken care of and we enjoyed the beautiful surroundings of the church. Churchwide Representative, Angela Bell, from Bellville, TX was happy to share news from Chicago and Pastor Jennifer Michael, from Battle Creek, MI served our pastoral and bible study needs.

The wonderful description of the church symbols was in every ladies' bag, thank you so much for whomever prepared it. Our special THANKS to Val, Penny, Kitchen ladies, table & set-up people and everyone who made this so special.

I'm very proud to serve on the Church Council for our church and work with the Publicly Engaged Church table under the Bishop. I was born and raised Catholic!

Barb R. Hazlett



Mr Arnold, a businessman from Tulsa, Oklahoma, went on a business trip to Amarillo, Texas. He immediately sent an e-mail back home to his wife, Paula. Unfortunately, he forgot his wife's exact e-mail address and the e-mail ended up going to a Mrs. P. Arnold in Rapid City, South Dakota, the wife of a preacher who had just died. The preacher's wife, Penny, took one look at the e-mail and promptly fainted. When she was finally revived by her daughter, Penny hysterically pointed to the message, which read, 'Arrived safely, but it sure is hot down here.'





Happy Fall Y'All

We have regrouped with the Cherry Grove Nazarene Church for mentoring at Forest View School. We have 18 mentors between the two churches. I would love to have 20, so if you are interested, please contact me. It is only an hour a week of mentoring and four after school activities during the school year.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16
"We can't change yesterday, but we can change tomorrow." Ken Poirot have been watching the webinars on The Kids Hope website. The topic has been trauma and how to spot it. God has created our brains to cope with very upsetting conditions.

Our fall after school activity will be taking place soon with a scavenger hunt and pumpkin painting and, of course, a snack. Be looking for our pictures of our good times together on our bulletin board by the office.

Beckie Kanipe
Kids Hope USA Director



Thank you to all of our church family for the cards, prayers, and memorials in the passing of my mother.

Ron & Lola Swanson

"When you can't change what you're going through, let the simple, quiet daily miracle of acceptance find you."

Reminders.....

- Nov. 2 Turn your clocks back 1 hour tonight.
- Nov. 3 Daylight Saving Time begins
- Nov. 8 Newsletter deadline
- Nov. 12 Book Club
- Nov. 17 Concert 4:00
- Nov. 21 Lunch Bunch
- Nov. 23 Senior Soup
- Nov. 26 Tksg. Service And Pie Social



New prayer requests or updates as of October 13 :

- Jana C, friend of Phil & Dar K, health issues
- Art L friend of Jerry & Marilyn P, health concerns
- Irene R, currently residing at Samaritas
- Kim G, ankle surgery recovery
- Nancy G, health concerns
- Dan S, complications from radiation

Continuing prayer requests:

- Deb B
- Barb B
- Colin C
- Dan S
- June E
- Kay F
- Norma J
- Allena M
- Jeanne S
- Janet S
- Shirley T
- Elaine W
- Arline W
- Ron W

To add a prayer request to our list, please contact Pastor Scott or the church office by phone at 775-9821 or by email at zionlutherancadillac@gmail.com

Prayer List Email Option

You can receive Zion's Weekly Prayer List by email. Those requesting the Prayer List by email will receive it on Friday afternoon each week. If you are interested, let Val know by calling the church office or email her at vhasonzion@gmail.com



Prayer List Email Option

Zion's Prayer Chain is happy to pray for requests that you have throughout the week. To request prayer, contact Linda Carlson or the church office at 775-9821. To join the Prayer Chain, contact Linda or the church office.





Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Our Christmas Eve Worship Services are always enhanced by beautiful poinsettias, which you may order through the church office. Last day to order is Sunday, December 1, 2019.

You may take your plant following our last Christmas Eve Service.

The plants come in 6-1/2" foil-covered pots. They have 4 to 7 blooms and average 10" to 16"

Inches height. Plants cost \$7.00 each again this year.

POINSETTIAS: (Please indicate number of each color you would like.)

RED _____ WHITE _____

Total Plants Ordered _____ x \$7.00 = \$ _____

PERSON(s) ORDERING: _____

Phone Number: _____

OPTIONAL Given in memory / honor



Playing Hide and Seek

Playing hide and seek as a child, we would hear the call—"ready or not, here I come."

With the changing of the seasons, first the warm days of summer, followed by the cool, crisp days of autumn and then.....the warning—"ready or not, here I come," and the bitter bite of winter moves in on us with its blanket of snow providing both inconvenience to freely moving about but also enjoyment of for winter sports enthusiasts.

"Ready or not" applies to more than just games and seasons.

We have no choice in being "ready or not" as our bodies age, or our health wains, or our economy falters or in so many other areas of life that present problems to us that we don't feel ready to handle, but they come anyway.

As in the game of Hide and Seek, if the hidden player can escape before being found and is able to reach the designated goal, they are home free. But if the seeker is successful, the hidden player gets caught.

The players of life make every effort to escape the problems of age, disease, family problems, financial crisis, and the everyday stresses which seem to seek them out. The fortunate ones make it home free. They are few and far between. Most all of us are "caught" by some problem or another, at one time or another, and experience the feeling of "ready or not" here it comes.

It is a wise choice to set goals and make plans for our lives. Yet it is the wise person who knows that even for the best laid plans, the unexpected often happens and sometimes in a blink of an eye, "ready or not," we find ourselves feeling helpless in a situation beyond our control.

It is then that we can be sought out by God's call of "ready or not" I am here for you. You need not hide from Me for I seek you, out of My love for you and I will bring you "home free."

Just a Thought From Judie Sprague

Do Not Ask Me to Remember

Do not ask me to remember,
Don't try to make me understand.
Let me rest and know you're with me,
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.
I'm confused beyond your concept,
I am sad and sick and lost.
Do not lose your patience with me,
Do not scold or curse or cry.
I can't help the way I'm acting.
Can't be different though I try.
Just remember that I need you.
That the best of me is gone.
Please don't fail to stand beside me,
Love me 'til my life is done.

By Owen Darnell

THE SERVING PAGE

November 2019

Ministry Coordinators:

8:30 Service - Shirley Gibelyou

10:30 Service - Linda McMartin

(Unless Otherwise Indicated)

ALTAR GUILD

Paula Campbell Sue Anderson
and Gail McDonald

FUNERAL COORDINATORS

Marie Mercier and Sue Smith

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - 8:30

03 Chris Filak

10 Jeff Johnson

17 Jerry Benson

24 Elsie Moore

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - 10:30

03 Sandra Durant, Jim Higgins, and Ty Wilson

17 Kaitlyn Johnston, Colleen Luhtanen, and Allen Meyer

ACOLYTES Jen Freeman

03 Carter Lewis and Mason Freeman

10 No Acolytes

17 Dezi Torkko and Autumn Vanderstar

24 No Acolytes

26 6:30pm Kaitlyn Johnston

LECTORS - 8:30/10:30

03 Mark Tanner/Howard Potter

10 Carolyn Emerson/Jill Runstrom

17 Valerie Hanson/Susan Yakimovich

24 Lois Durham/Lee Brown

26 6:30pm Barb Hazlett

NURSERY Chris Venema

03 Deb Kulmacz and Kylee Cleveland

10 Heather, Autumn, and Madi Vanderstar

17 Sue Conradson and Stacie Wilson

24 Ryan and Melissa Benzenberg

USHERS - 8:30

03 Bob Harcourt and Bob Shumway

10 Karla Anderson and Paula Campbell

17 Joe & Deb Bielik

24 Woodie & Lois Durham



USHERS - 10:30

03 Marty & Pam Dahlstrom Char Davis and Eric Gustafson

10 Lynn & Kathy Gullekson Dean & Mary Kidder

17 Jim Higgins and Phil Kuusisto Roger Pitts and Beckie Kanipe

24 Mick & Gail McDonald Dan & Peggy Vantkerkhoff

26 6:30PM Bobbie Brown and John Carlson Char Davis and Deb Kulmacz

SOUND TECH - 8:30/10:30 Scott Hanson

03 Anne Koschmider/Jamie Peterson

10 Eric Gustafson/Randy Mercier

17 Scott Hanson/Marty Dahlstrom

24 Dave Koenig/Joe Baumann

26 6:30PM Scott Hanson

GREETERS - 10:30

03 Larry & Colleen Luhtanen

10 George & Cathy Cochrane

17 John Carlson & Eric Gustafson

24 Mike & Joan Kohler

COFFEE HOUR - 8:30 Marty Solomon

03 Marty Solomon and Maxine Swanberg

10 Scott & Valerie Hanson

17 Harold & Karen Carson

24 Lee & Shirley Gibelyou

COFFEE HOUR - 10:30 Sharon Hagstrom

03 Linda Carlson Rick & Patti Swanson

10 Char Davis and Deb Kulmacz Jim & Joan Higgins

17 Ron & Sue Smith and Randy & Marie Mercier

24 Rick & Kathi Kohler, Hayley, and Hannah Freeman

PLEASE REMEMBER:

It is up to you to arrange coverage if you are unable to serve on your scheduled day.

THANK YOU

