



# The PEAL of Zion

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## **From the desk of Reverend Dan:**

*“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father”! The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.” Romans 8: 14-16*

November is National Adoption Month. When I think about my own adoption, I think about the love my adopted parents gave me such that I could have a good and productive life. I think about the sacrifices they made for me and my sister. Somehow, I feel more special that they chose me (and in a larger sense, God choose them for me and me for them.)

Paul writes in his letter to Romans that those who have the Spirit of Christ are sons and daughters of God. And this claim means that we are entitled to God’s inheritance of eternal life and His richness. Paul illustrates this in another letter through the image of being grafted onto an olive branch. Doesn’t it feel good to be loved knowing that Your Heavenly Father cares for you, protects you and wants to give you an amazing life?

Let us be thankful that God has adopted you into his eternal family. May you extend the joy of being a child of God to others as we approach the Advent and Christmas season. May you remember who you are and who has claimed you.

Rev. Dan Verdegan

### **Our Homebound Friends**

*Bill Hartmann*

*Ann McChain*

*Donna Schroeter*

*Al & Vonnie Kelling*

*Meredith Langan*

## **Anniversaries**

November 4 ~ Brenda & Orin Acker

6 ~ Barb & Jesse Pomeroy



### **Noisy Can Is November 20**

Youth will pass the buckets during Worship.

Proceeds this quarter will go to help supply local teachers.

### **Attention all shutter bugs!**

Angie Hartmann is looking for any pictures you may have of activities going on here at Zion UMC. She is looking to update the historian book and needs your help. Feel free to send them to her via email at [aphartmann\\_2001@yahoo.com](mailto:aphartmann_2001@yahoo.com)

Thanks!

## **Birthdays**

November 2 ~ Roy Edwards

6 ~ Mark Leibham

8 ~ Stacy Hron

9 ~ Treylee Hahn

Nolan Morse

15 ~ Larry Huiras

17 ~ Tracy Morse

Shirley Dekker

19 ~ Kyle Bath

20 ~ Taylor Klug

21 ~ Angie Hartmann

23 ~ Bill Yoho

25 ~ Ken Yoho

28 ~ Debbie Schneider



# IT'S NOVEMBER!

After an amazing Indian Summer with warm breezes and days over 70 degrees, it appears autumn is upon us. The familiar Wisconsin chill now greets us at the front door each morning. The leaves are turning beautiful shades of gold and orange and red, and as Mariann Hartmann said in church the other week, "God's Paintbrush" is doing an amazing job!

Each Sunday in November will deliver something special, important, or interesting that you will not want to miss!

November 6<sup>th</sup> is All Saints Day, and we will also celebrate Holy Communion. This is a special day when we remember those we have lost, and we honor and celebrate their lives through our memories.

November 13<sup>th</sup> will bring our youth and young adults together to lead us in worship. This talented group is working with Rev. Dan to develop the service. I am excited to see and hear what they will do! They will also be sharing special music that day.

We will gather for Zion's service of Thanksgiving on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Of course, there will also be an ecumenical community service for Thanksgiving, this year held at Random Lake High School. It is always good to see Zion represented at that service.

Our annual charge conference will be held immediately following church on November 27<sup>th</sup>. All church members are encouraged to attend and have a voice in what our church is doing.

Our church attendance has been improving and it is a joy to see familiar faces in the pews. Rev Dan is working closely with our Administrative Council and committees to develop new, targeted activities and programs to help engage everyone, of all ages, to get us excited about being part of this awesome church community!

See you in church!

Terri Yoho, Lay Leader

## Jesse Tree

Christmas is coming up and it is time to start collecting for our annual contribution for our Random Lake schools. We are going to continue helping underprivileged families have a merrier Christmas! This year, we will again be collecting donations toward gift cards. The parents of eligible students will receive a Walmart gift card for each child in the family. We will be collecting money from **November 6<sup>th</sup> through December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Our deadline is firm, so we can give parents time to shop for the children's gifts. Contributions can be made with cash or checks. There will be a box on the table in the Narthex for your contribution, or you can mail a check to church as well. Be sure to note on checks that it is for the Jesse tree mission.

The schools will let us know how many children need a helping hand, before Thanksgiving. Check the display in the Narthex for that additional information. It will be shared when we receive it.

## Food Pantry Personal Hygiene items needed!

This month we are doing something different. They are in need for personal hygiene items to help those in need. Items can be dropped off at church and we will deliver.

Personal Hygiene such as men's/women's deodorant, soap, toilet paper, tooth brushes, toothpaste, shampoo, laundry detergent

## GOT MILK?

Zion is still supplying all of the funds for the purchase of milk through the Food Pantry. The demand is UP! Thank you to all who help fill this need. Please mail milk fund donations to Zion.

The Interfaith Food Pantry is located at 310 Center St, Adell, WI  
Curbside pick-up ONLY at this time. Call the Food Pantry at 920-447-2293 for appointment.



## Venturing to Worship

Summer has changed to Fall and soon it will be Thanksgiving and Advent. Worship design and Rev Dan are already making plans. The altar has taken on a fall look.

**Day light savings Time Ends Sunday Nov 6<sup>th</sup>** – Remember to fall back an hour!

**Sunday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> is All Saints Sunday** and we will be remembering those members, and friends who have passed away in the last year. It is also Communion Sunday. I hope you will attend.

**Nov 13<sup>th</sup>** will feature a service with our Confirmands. The Sunday School Kidz choir/chimes will also be performing.

**Nov 20<sup>th</sup>** will be Zion's Thanksgiving Service.

**Monday Nov 21<sup>st</sup>** - We will be looking for volunteers to help decorate the sanctuary and narthex for Advent and Christmas starting at 9am. Let Pastor Gail if you are willing to help in case we change time.

The **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be 6:30 Wednesday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the Random Lake High School Auditorium.

**Advent starts on Sunday Nov 27<sup>th</sup>.** Advent is the time to once again make room in our hearts for the Christ child. [Is there room for Jesus in your heart and home? Join us in worship.](#)  
Pastor Gail

## Pork Chop Dinner/Silent Auction Results

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, Zion UMC hosted our annual Pork Chop Dinner with a Silent Auction. The successful event was a sample of congregation members expressing their faith through Stewardship. We accomplished meeting our Church Mission Statement “To demonstrate God’s love through word and deed” Thanks go out to so many members and the community who came out to enjoy the dinner and auction. More than \$5800 of proceeds was raised!

The Pork Chop dinner proceeds were \$4000. There were 320 dinners were served. Interestingly, the dine in servings were equal to the drive thru carryout’s. People are interested in getting back to normal and sitting down to eat their dinner. The Silent Auction was an attraction and the proceeds were \$1800. There were many donations to make this a success. We want to thank all those who were considerate. May God bless all of you!

-The congregation members and businesses that donated items to the Silent Auction and promoted pre sold ticket sales.

-All of the volunteers that worked preparing food and serving food. 24 adults were working with 10 youth.

-Our congregation for making 35 desserts.

-Sonja Zimmer, for sharing her \$250 Thrivent Community Impact Card to purchase supplies.

-Scott and Sharon Krahn, for butter and sour cream.

-Bill and Terri Yoho, for homemade applesauce

-Texas Roadhouse, for buns and butter.

-Lakeside Foods, for vegetables.

-Larry Kumrow and Marci Sheets, for potatoes.

-Matt Dickmann, for roaster grill used.

-Mike Arndt and friends, for grilling pork chops.

-Kewaskum Frozen Foods, for giving us a favorable cost of pork chop meat.

Larry Huiras, Val Kilburn, Christrina Wiedmeyer, Terri Yoho and Nadine Huiras

### Ushers & Greeters



#### November Ushers

Nov 6 Dion and Patti Degnitz  
13 Andy and Stacy Hron  
20 Rob and Val Kilburn  
27 Matt and Amie Wilson

#### December Ushers

Dec. 4 Mark and Luan Leibham  
11 Jeff and Candy McChain  
18 Dave and Brenda Eisentraut  
24 Neal and Barb LaFleur  
25 Christmas Day (volunteers)

**Notes From Parish Nurse**  
**Nancy Eberhardt, RN**

Dear Friends of Zion UMC,

As we look towards Thanksgiving we are humbled by the bountiful harvest our Lord provides for us. We are thankful for many things, among them is the gift of our days. This month I would like to share some thoughts on **The Gift of Our Days: Growing Older in God's Grace.**

**All of our days are a gift from God.**

Whether we live a long or short life, all of our days are in the Lord's hands (see Psalms 39:4). At times, it is very hard to understand why some die at a young age, while others live for years with difficult health problems. Our comfort is that the circumstances and length of our lives is not an indication of God's love for us. He can make something good out of our most difficult problems (see Romans 8:28, 35-39).

**How can I grow older in God's Grace?**

There are several things we can do to improve the quality of our lives as we age.

First, we can **remember that all of our days are a gift from God.**

Second, we can **respect the life God has blessed us with.** This can include doing things to protect our physical, emotional, and spiritual health.

Third, we can **accept that life means change.** If we can develop a flexible and positive attitude, often our adjustment is easier.

Fourth, we can **value the past and learn from it.** Our past experiences are a rich resource that younger people can't obtain. By taking our past with us into the future, we create a more meaningful future!

Fifth, we can **turn to our faithful God for help.** The same God who gave us life and guided us in our youth, is present to embrace us during difficult times, and gently bring us to Himself.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace"-Numbers 6:24-26.

## Zion UMC Finance / Council Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2022

Present: Rev. Dan Verdegan, Paul Wiedmeyer, Mark Leibham, Rev. Gail Mitchell, Andy Hron, Larry Huiras, Shirley Dekker, Barb Pomeroy, Valarie Kilburn

Opened with short statements about what we appreciate about the church and prayer.

**Finance:** Pork Chop Dinner raised \$6,060. Many, many thanks to Larry and team. Low envelope offering 2nd Sunday in October. Overall account balances still trending down. Offering is not keeping up with expenses. If nothing else changes, next year will look rough. Churches with full time Pastors typically need 80-100 in regular attendance on average Sunday to fulfill budget and expenses. Last year we averaged 66/Sunday. May want to consider doing something with Foundation Investments to help keep church running in future if nothing else changes. Will discuss with DS Park Hunter and put it on Charge Conference Agenda.

**Shirley- ZUMY-** Would like church to pay for background checks, not ZUMY. Conference wants background checks performed for Safe Sanctuary. It will be added to Sunday School Budget. Will look into how often these need to be done for adults that work with the kids. Looking at possibility of doing the Pizza Fundraiser soon.

**Barb- SPRC-** Met last week to discuss church strengths, objectives, mission and ministry of church, and budget. Discussed Pastoral Goals and objectives- Grow church membership, increasing stewardship, and adjusted the sustainable growth plan.

**Larry-** Pork Chop Dinner and Silent Auction raised \$6,000 between to the two events. Great example of donations and working together. DOC- Conveyed a list of recommendations for proceeds- After much discussion it was decided to send \$500 to Midwest Mission Brick- Sponsorship Program, \$500 Midwest Mission for Hurricane Relief, \$500 Food Pantry, and an amount to be decided to Random Lake School for negative lunch balance accounts. The amount needed has not been disclosed yet by the school. Planning on around \$500. Have also decided to hold a holiday dinner and music event on Dec. 11. Discussed charging for event vs. free will vs suggested donation. Will split net proceeds 60%-40% between ZUMY and School lunch program. Jesse Tree to run November 6- Dec. 11.

**Gail-** Outlined upcoming Special Church Events- Nov. 6-All Saint's Day, Nov. 13- Youth Led Service, Nov. 20 Thanksgiving Service, Nov. 23- Ecumenical Service at Random Lake School, Nov. 27- 1st Sunday in Advent, Dec. 4- Chamber Singers, Dec. 11- Holiday Dinner & Music, Dec. 18- Sunday School Christmas Program, Dec. 24- Saturday Evening Christmas Eve Service. Dec. 25- Sunday Service- Deciding what to do for that service, still. May send a survey to congregation to gauge attendance/ interest. Church decorating will start Monday, Nov. 21 and Nov. 22. Looking for extra help this year. New Year's Eve service will be virtual.

**Rev. Dan-** Discussed Memberships and sending 1st and 2nd letters to members that haven't been attending or connected to church. It is very important if you are watching the services virtually on Facebook, that you "comment" on the video or let Jay in the office know so you can be marked in for attendance. It is also important to sign in if you are in church for service. We use those numbers for membership data for the church and for the Conference. The Conference relies on this information for Pastoral placements amongst other things. Will also investigate reviving the Baptized List. Created a list of people to connect with regarding their memberships.

Respectfully submitted,

Valarie Kilburn

# Zion UMC Hospitality (DOC)

## October 13th, Meeting

Present; Lynn Oppeneer, Rev. Dan Verdegan, Larry & Nadine Huiras, Gwen Williams, and RC Bemis

-Rev. Dan opened with prayer.

-August 11th meeting minutes were viewed and approved. All goals were accomplished.

-Lynn shared correspondence from SCIO. Farmers Markets will run through October. The locations are Fountain Park in Sheboygan on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 am until 1 PM and at the DQ in Plymouth on Thursdays, 12 Pm – 5PM. Bridgeway House is full with women and children. They are in need of items, such as; toilet paper, napkins, thrash bags and facial tissue.

-The Noisy Can collection will start up again on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. The collection will be held on the third Sunday of each month. The collection will go to help local school teachers with needs. Those needs can be found the website; donorschoose.org and typing in your local zip code.

-Rev Dan reported that Irene is organizing a Mission Recital that will held with the Youth Holiday Dinner on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> after service. The theme is “Making Spirits Bright”. There will be a \$10.00 charge. The proceeds are being discussed where to go. Gwen contacted the Random Lake Elementary School principal, Sandy Mountain, for ideas on how we could help out.

There are needs for Phy Ed clothing and overdue breakfast and lunch accounts. We decided that we could assist food accounts. -Gwen asked Sandy on how we could present our Jesse Tree program. She was open to gifts or gift cash cards. We discussed that the even fairness to each child would be best by collecting funds from our congregation and splitting the total evenly with purchasing cards for Walmart through our Zion Scrip program. The collection will start on November 6<sup>th</sup> and run through December 11<sup>th</sup>. Sandy will get the number of children to us then and Larry will purchase the scrip gift cards. Gwen will get out the details to the November Peal newsletter.

-Larry announced that the Pork Chop Dinner and Silent Auction was a huge success of Stewardship from our congregation and community. There was more than \$5800 worth of proceeds. We discussed our recommendations to Council on how to use the proceeds to community outreach. We decided that \$500 to go to the Midwest Mission Center, \$1000 go the Midwest Mission Center to organize needs for Florida flood victims cleanup, \$1000 to our Conference Connectional Ministries, (which supports UMCOR), \$400 to our local Food Pantry to purchase needs they are short of. The remaining proceeds would go to our church budget costs.

-Jane Yoho will organize Home Bound Christmas Gift Boxes for our elderly congregation.

-Our Youth will put together Holiday Boxes for the Food Pantry in December.

-The Worship Design group recommended that we care for Kitchen supply and Coffee time bar needs budget. The annual budget is \$100 for each account.

-Rev Dan asked if we should consider a Soup and Sandwich lunch in January for another Mission Outreach. None of us were interested in the charge. He will ask Council.

-Next meeting will be either Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> or 31st @ 6:30 PM.

Submitted by; Larry Huiras



**Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization**

**GIVING TUESDAY**

**November 29, 2022**

Donation Drop Off & House Tour Location:

Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

1251 Geele Avenue

Sheboygan, WI 53083

*Save the date*

**Curbside Hours:**

9:00am-10:30am

1:00pm-2:30pm

4:00pm-5:30pm



**House Tour Hours:**

11:00am-12:00pm

3:00pm-4:00pm



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<i>6</i> All Saints Day Daylight Savings Ends	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> Ad Council meeting 6:30	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> Trustee meeting 6:30	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> Noisy Can	<i>21</i> Church Decorating 9:00	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> Ecumenical thanksgiving service RLHS 6:30	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> Charge Conference after service	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>			