



# The PEAL of Zion

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Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us: “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” Each year, as summer arrives, we feel the excitement of spending time outdoors, enjoying nature, and gathering with loved ones. For my family, summer also brings many visitors to Wisconsin, and I always look forward to this lively season. But as summer comes to an end, we eagerly anticipate the beauty and reflection that fall brings.

Fall is a season of transition, both physically and spiritually. Sometimes we embrace these changes, while other times, they may be more challenging. This year, as we transition into the fall, we are reminded of familiar routines—children returning to school, the Rally Day/Funday at church, and the vibrant transformation of leaves, each a testament to God's glorious creation. As we witness these changes, we proclaim: God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good.

With the arrival of fall, we also experience changes in our lives and in the life of our church. The days grow shorter, the air becomes cooler, and nature urges us to retreat indoors. The falling leaves remind us that change is not only inevitable but also an opportunity to adapt and grow.

October, in particular, holds a special place in my heart as it marks the time I became a grandmother. This change brought immense joy and a renewed sense of purpose, as welcoming new life often does. As we prepare to celebrate my grandson's birthday, I am reminded of God's grace and glory in every moment we share with him.

This month, we also look forward to celebrating World Communion Sunday, a day that highlights the beautiful diversity of God's people. As we share different types of bread from around the world, we are reminded that we are united in Christ, despite our differences.

Additionally, we are preparing for our first charge conference, a celebration of ministry here at Zion UMC. This moment of reflection and renewal will help revitalize our church's mission and ministry as we continue to serve God with all that we have and all that we are.

As I close, I encourage you to reflect on the changing seasons and the many blessings in your life. As we think ahead to Thanksgiving and Advent, and Christmas, let us remember the words of Scripture: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Jesus Christ.” In this time of transition, let us count our blessings and remain open to the many ways God is working in our lives.

## Scripture of this Month

October 6, 2024: Such as These; (Mark 10:2-16), World Communion Sunday

October 13, 2024: Needles and Camels (Mark 10:17-31)

October 20, 2024: Not to Be Served (Mark 10:35-45).

October 27, 2024: Let Me See (Mark 10:46-52)

Stay safe and stay bless,

In Christ, Rev Tshishinen C Mpoyo

## Upcoming Greeters / Ushers

Oct 6 Dale & Mariann Hartmann  
Oct 13 Val Kilburn & Deb Schneider  
Oct 20 Jesse & Barb Pomeroy  
Oct 27 Matt & Amie Wilson

## Liturgists

Oct 6 Linda Gerlach  
Oct 13 Norb Kraemer  
Oct 20 Candy McChain  
Oct 27 Val Kilburn

## Greeters & Liturgists

If you are unable to greet or read on your Sunday please try to switch with others or contact the office as early as possible.

## Birthdays

October 2 ~ Lukas Dahm  
6 ~ Teri Treichel  
7 ~ Olivia Bath  
8 ~ Wendy Bemis  
16 ~ Zach Dahm  
20 ~ Avery Kilburn  
Easton Edwards  
22 ~ Tony Leissring  
Kami Oram Zeman  
23 - Brenda Acker  
24 ~ Melanie Buchaklian  
29 ~ Joel Hilbelink  
30 ~ Terry Chipman  
31 ~ Madeline Dekker

## Anniversaries

October 3 ~ Joel & Jenette Hilbelink  
10 ~ Don & Gwen Heimerman  
16 ~ Dion & Patti Degnitz  
24 ~ Jorge & Kristina Tadeo



Please let the office know if we missed your anniversary or birthday? Month, day, and year (which we never publish) helps when putting into our system.

# 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  
Call the Food Pantry at 920-447-2293 for appointment.



## **Annual Pork Chop Dinner** **Thursday, October 3rd, 2024**

Our annual pork chop dinner is on Thursday, October 3rd, 4:30PM – 7PM. We will offer Drive Thru Take Outs or Dine In along with a Silent Auction.

The dinner and auction gives our church an opportunity to serve our friends and community with the pride of Zion UMC. Proceeds will support our Outreach Ministry. Please be supportive of this event.



## **SILENT AUCTION RETURNS**

As part of our annual Pork Chop Dinner we will once again offer a silent auction. This has proven to be a fun and exciting addition to our dinner and also raises much needed funds for our church. The auction will focus on high quality craft items, gift baskets, perhaps a few antiques, and other special items.



## Rally Day Report!



We would like to express our thanks to all the people who helped make our September Sunday Fun Day a joyful success! Our Sunday school is back in session! Our children started their day with a bible lesson, decorating bikes, riding in the parade and playing games. They enjoyed going on a scavenger hunt which took them all over the church grounds. The members of the Discipleship & Outreach committee organized a delicious picnic lunch and many people jumped in that morning to lend a helping hand. The outdoor Worship Service was well attended and many stayed to join in fellowship and games. A photo display of Zion's activities and history was on display in the fellowship area. It reminds us that we are an active church with a positive presence in our community and beyond. We want to give a special word of thanks to: Pastor Mpoyo and Bella Musik for a meaningful service, Our Sunday school kids and teachers, Norb & Janice Kraemer and others for riding or helping in the parade, Pastor Mpoyo for serving as parade marshal, Bob Hartmann, Sharon Krahn and the Beechwood Fire Department for the use of the tent and games, Lottie and Troy Schill for organizing a corn hole tournament for adults and kids, All those who made food for our potluck fellowship time, with a special nod to our hard-working Discipleship and Outreach Committee (DOC), And of course we want to thank all the people of Zion who came out on Sunday Fun Day to support our kids! Thank you!

### **Worship Design Committee!**

### **Zion's Upcoming Events**

- Oct 3      Pork Chop Dinner
- Oct 6      World Communion Sunday
- Oct 8      Worship Design meeting 10:00am
- Oct 15     Ad Council meeting 6:30pm
- Oct 27     Noisy Can Sunday



## KEEP PRAYING

Have you notice amidst all the various political signs posted on people's lawns, there is a smattering of black and white signs that say KEEP PRAYING or DON'T STOP PRAYING. This comes from the message found in Ephesians 6:18:

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

In today's turbulent times, it is good to pray! We can pray for things close to home--our families and friends, our church, those who are ill or suffering, our schools, decisions we face, and more. Set your troubles aside and share all your joys and concerns with God!

We can pray for things near and far—remember people living in war zones, our world leaders, children who have little to eat, people who live with violence, people who suffer from addiction, depression, or uncertainty in their lives. We can and should pray for ALL the Lord's people.

Simply said, be in conversation with God! He is always with you and ready to hear what is on your mind and in your heart. If you'd like to pray with others, Zion has a new Wednesday night prayer group led by our pastor. All are welcome—including beginners!!

Terri Yoho, Lay Leader

# Notes From Parish Nurse

## Nancy Eberhardt, RN

Greetings in the name of Jesus, our great Physician! On October 18<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the festival of St. Luke the Evangelist and physician. This festival provides us with an opportunity to consider **the concept of wholistic health**. I pray that this month may be a time of health and healing for you and your loved ones.

**Healing does not mean just the lack of illness or disability.**

Actually, the root of the word heal means wholeness. This is how the concept of wholistic health came to exist. As Christians, we remember that our wholeness involves harmony and balance among all aspects of our life, with our relationship with God as our center.

**Shalom is a gift from God.** (translated 'peace' in John 14:27, 20:21). It is made possible through the complete and perfect atonement of Jesus Christ. Jesus refers to this gift of shalom or wholeness with these words, "...Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" John 14:27. Lyman Coleman in his study entitled Wholistic Health states: "The Biblical concept of wholeness is expressed by the word 'shalom' in the New Testament. **The word means wellbeing...health...happiness...and harmony.** The word implies the healing of all fractures between man and God, man and man, man and nature, and among man, nature, and God". Wholistic health refers to a process of wholeness that exists when there is harmony or balance among the different aspects of our life. May the Lord help us value the precious gift of life He has given us.

## Zion UMC Finance / Council Meeting Minutes

### September 11th, 2024

Present: Linda Gerlach, Mark Leibham, Valarie Kilburn, Rev. Tshishinen Mpoyo, Bill Yoho, Shirley Dekker, Terri Yoho, and Gwen Heimermann

Linda opened the meeting with prayer.

Mark- Finance: Sent in-gathering money to Midwest Mission. Envelope offering year to date at end of Aug was \$76,470. Same time frame for 2023 was \$88,450. Roughly \$8,400 was taken out of the earnings at the Foundation accounts for 2024. \$14,000 was taken out of the Foundation for 2023. The accounts held by the Foundation are at the highest amounts they have been in a while. All bills have been paid to date with the exception of apportionments.

Rev. Mpoyo- Lifted a joy that 8 candidates were retained for this year to be licensed local Pastors. All have churches now. There are no empty pulpits in our district. She is also happy to announce she will be here for another year. Happy with Rally Day and very happy to see the children back. Would like to create/revive a women's group in our church and possibly a men's group as well. Also would like to make the classrooms more inviting for the students. Shirley will work on the classrooms.

Terri- Lay- Attended the SPRC meeting on 9/10. It was a good, productive, and positive meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Valarie Kilburn