



The PEAL of Zion

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“He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.” Psalm 104:19

Dear Zion UMC Family and Friends,

Fall is my favorite time of the year because I love the mild weather conditions. It's not too hot and it's not too cold. It's just right!

But I also love another aspect of Fall and that is the changing colors of the leaves—squash yellow, pumpkin orange, and fire red. It is just the most beautiful process of transformation. What a way to see God's presence!

In the same sense, we too go through seasons of our lives. And we are reminded that our lives are a beautiful process too—from babies, toddlers, children, teenagers, young adult, adulthood and elderly. With each season of our lives, change is inevitable, but good. Embrace it, learn from it, and use it. Whatever season of faith you are in right now, look for signs of beauty and allow God's transforming process to renew you.

Right now, the church is in a season as well—a season of “regather”. The pandemic has brought unforeseen challenges, yet God is a faithful God and will navigate us through. In this season of “regather,” I strongly encourage you to re-engage your commitment to the vows made at your baptism and reaffirmed at your confirmation, that is, to serve the church by your presence, prayers, gifts, service, and witness. The ZION UMC is the whole community of believers, not just a core of retire people rotating their positions.

I believe that a season of reinvigoration is coming soon at Zion UMC and I can't wait to experience it. I hope you'll be able to experience it with me as well.

Blessings,

Rev. Dan Verdegan

A TIME FOR EVERYTHING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything,
And a season for every activity under heaven:
A time to be born and a time to die,
A time to plant and a time to uproot,
A time to kill and a time to heal,
A time to tear down and a time to build,
A time to weep and a time to laugh,
A time to mourn and a time to dance,
A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
A time to embrace and a time to refrain,
A time to search and a time to give up,
A time to keep and a time to throw away,
A time to tear and a time to mend,
A time to be silent and a time to speak,
A time to love and a time to hate,
A time for war and a time for peace (NIV)

The message in this Bible passage focuses on God's ultimate authority in heaven and in our daily lives, here on earth. With all that goes on around us, we are reminded that God is always with us and there is a time for everything.

Perhaps now more than any other time, when we face a seemingly unending pandemic, continual political disagreement, economic ups and downs, and bad news delivered each day on the TV news, we may not understand God's plan for us. It serves us well to remember, God does have a plan for us!

We read in Jeremiah 29:11, *For know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and hope.*

Autumn is on our doorstep. A new season is just beginning, and while we have been through some difficult times, the future is filled with brightness and hope, as our God loves us and is with us always!

Terri Yoho Lay Leader

Upper Rooms

The September / October copies
are available in the Narthex.

Don't forget SCRIP Cards for all your shopping needs

You may contact Nadine Huiras at
920-994-9640 or

Deb Schneider at 920-994-2538

Special orders/requests available now! Call Deb.

“Connecting with God”

Sunday School 9:00am

Sunday Service ~ 10:15am

Devotions: Tuesday Lunchtime at
noon & Thursday nights at 7pm

Bible Study: Wednesday morning at
10:30am

Sunday October 10

11:00 – 1:00

No Advanced Tickets

DRIVE THRU ONLY

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N1667 State Hwy 28 Batavia

Zion United Methodist Annual Pork Chop Dinner



**Full Meal of pork chop, potato,
veggies, apple sauce, buns, and
desserts**

**Thank you for
supporting our
Outreach Ministry**



Featuring TEXAS ROADHOUSE Buns & Butter



**Your invited to
help us celebrate!**



Ernie and Betty Hilbelink invite the Zion congregation to an open house luncheon from 1:00pm to 4:30pm on October 9th in the Zion fellowship hall to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary.

Our Homebound Friends

Bill Hartmann Lucille Koschak
Donna Schroeter Ann McChain
Meredith Langan Judy Arndt
Al & Vonnie Kelling Tracy Gaulke

Anniversaries

October 3 ~ Joel & Jenette Hilbelink
6 ~ Ernie & Betty Hilbelink
16 ~ Dion & Patti Degnitz
20 ~ Bill & Kathy Leissring
24 ~ Jorge & Kristina Tadeo



Meal helper food items

The first Sunday of each month is designated as Food Pantry Sunday. All kinds of nonperishable food items are needed. Each month we like to highlight one item. **Examples include hamburger helper, tuna helper, scalped potatoes, muffin and pancake mixes, and side dish packets.** Items can be placed in the shopping cart. Thank you for supporting the food pantry.

GOT MILK?

Zion is still supplying all of the funds for the purchase of milk through the Food Pantry. 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.

Birthdays

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

Zion UMC NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for members of Zion UMC to step up in key areas of the church. If you are a member and are not serving, we encourage you to activate your faith by finding ways to serve in our church. We are currently in need of people to be on SPRC, Discipleship Outreach Committee (mission group of the church), ushers, communion servers and counters.

If you are interested, please contact Rev. Dan Verdegan. If there is another area that you would like to serve that is not listed, please contact Rev. Dan Verdegan to have a conversation about it. If you are already serving AND feel led to grow deeper in your faith by serving in another capacity, please let Rev. Dan Verdegan know.

When we all work together, God's kingdom can begin to be fully realized. Thank you for your commitment to his kingdom.

RANDOM LAKE AREA HUNGER WALK

Hunger still walks! This year's hunger walk has been cancelled. However, the need is still there. Despite not being able to have a Hunger Walk, let us continue our generosity through our gifts of financial or food pantry donation. Any food items brought can be placed in the shopping cart. Checks can be written to Zion UMC with "Hunger Walk" in the memo line. Thank you for your continued support in this vital mission!

Venturing to Worship

On Oct 3rd we will celebrate World Wide Communion Sunday. When we observe the sacrament of Communion, we are reminded that this is the Lord's Table and all are invited to come forward. WWC Sunday reminds us that Christianity is a world religion and that people of many countries will be joining us at the table.

There is a special offering on World Wide Communion Sunday, October 3rd, which supports World Communion Scholarships, Ethnic Scholarships and Ethnic In-Service Training Program. Adolphe Lumuna Kimanwa, a community developer for more than 20 years in the Democratic Republic of Congo, is using his degrees in development planning and economic management to fight poverty and inequality and to establish food security and water sanitation.

See you in worship,
P Gail

Notes From Parish Nurse
Nancy Eberhardt, RN

Dear Friends of Zion UMC,

In October we observe the Festival of St. Luke the Evangelist and Physician (October 18th) as well as **National Breast Cancer Prevention** month which is the topic I want to share with you today. We rejoice with the words of Moses "...I am the Lord, who heals you". Exodus 15:26.

Who is at Risk for Breast Cancer?

Almost 1.9 million women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in the US this year. It is the most common cancer among American women. One out of every eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer during her lifetime. Almost 30% of the women diagnosed with breast cancer will die from it with 600,00 deaths in 2021. Women at increased risk are those with a personal history of breast cancer or in a mother or sister or being over 50 years of age. The good news is that breast cancer is often treatable and curable if detected early and many breast tumors are not cancerous. Most breast lumps are found by women doing Self Breast Exams, but mammograms can detect tumors 12 times smaller than those found by chance.

Screening Guidelines:

Self Breast Exams once a month at the same time (a week after your period ends). This is the most important thing we can do to protect ourselves. Check all breast tissue including the armpit and above the breast area on the chest wall using a circular motion with your fingerpads. It is important to examine your breast in a mirror to detect any changes.

Breast exam by a health professional every three years between the ages of 20-39 and yearly from age 40 on.

Baseline *mammogram* before age 40, every 1-2 years until age 50 and then once a year (or as often as your Dr. recommends).

See a doctor right away if you feel anything unusual or have any nipple discharge.

What Can I Do to Prevent Breast Cancer?

A diet with a high percentage of **plant based foods**, including fruits, vegetables, legumes and whole grains, limited intake of meat and other animal products and **balancing calorie intake with physical activity** are powerful ways to reduce your risk of breast cancer. Our greatest resource is to rest in the protecting arms of our loving Father who promises us, "But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord". Jeremiah 30:17

Zion UMC Finance / Council Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2021

Present: Val Kilburn, Gail Mitchell, Teri Yoho, Candy McChain, Paul Wiedmeyer, Keith Chipman, Larry Huiras, and Shirley Dekker. Virtual: Reverend Dan Verdegan

Church Charge Conference will take place November 28th after church. Committee leaders will start working on their paragraphs and submissions to complete the paperwork for this. A copy of the last few years' budget was provided to the Council to use in building next year's budget. Council discussed the treasurer obtaining a dedicated computer for church finance work.

Larry: Pork Chop Dinner will be held Sunday, Oct. 10th from 11-1pm. It will be drive thru only again, pay at the door. No advance ticket sales. \$13 per person. There will be desserts and help signups to come. The committee is also working on ads, ordering supplies etc.

Gail: Picnic went well. September saw the first communion back at the front of church. Went well. Bagged communion was still provided, but was not utilized. The committee will be decorating soon for fall.

Teri- Lay leader meeting with Reverend Dan went well. Reverend Dan is visiting with members and the community when he can. He is still passionate about growing the church, which has been slow with covid.

Candy: Sunday School has started. They have 3 teachers rotating through the 2 classrooms. At present there are 6 students in 2nd-6th grade and 2 in preschool. Hopefully those numbers will climb as fall continues on.

Shirley- Plans to meet with Reverend Dan about the youth program soon. TV and internet are hooked up in the youth room. Quake is scheduled for February at the Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells -an in person event. This is a very popular event for the youth group. They are considering making pizzas again in October as a fundraiser.

Paul- Trustees is considering locking the dumpster. Seems like extra stuff in dumpster that is not from the church. It costs about \$250 to have the dumpster emptied. Council discussed leaving the cleaning closet unlocked so groups and people can clean up after themselves.

Larry- \$1000 was donated from Zion's Scrip program from last year's profits. This donation is designated for the Church Picnic, VBS, and the Sunday School program's expenses. Scrip program is doing well. They are about \$400 ahead so far. The conference is collecting donations and cash for the Afghanistan refugees located at Fort McCoy. The collection is due Sunday, September 26th.

Reverend Dan- Due to changes in leadership at area churches, there are currently only 2 members in the RL association- Reverend Dan and Debbie Hamm. There will be a Fall Educational Lecture series on OT teachings on Tuesday nights in October. There is no Hunger Walk this year, but may still do a food and cash drive for the Food Pantry. ZUMC will be hosting the Thanksgiving service on November 24th. Nominations are doing well filling spots. Working on getting more people involved. Greeting and ushering was an area of interest that is getting a boost and will start up again. We want to re-invigorate church so we don't stagnate- stay connected to people despite Covid.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 19th.

Respectfully submitted, Valarie Kilburn



Something was always missing in Lexi's life, but it wasn't until she moved into Bridgeway that she came to realize what it was. Lexi's dad was an alcoholic and her mom was co-dependent. When she was a young child, they kept a roof over her head, but weren't able to meet her basic needs of love and connection.

Throughout childhood and early adulthood, Lexi longed for people in her life who would accept her and fill a constant loneliness. She turned to a group of friends that made acceptance easy through using drugs and alcohol at age 13.

By the time Lexi was in her 20's, she was using anything and everything to escape her misery - homelessness, domestic violence, and emotional vacancy. When Lexi was at one of her lowest points, she found out she was pregnant. Assuming she would never have children due to her addiction, Lexi remained sober throughout her pregnancy. By the grace of God, she delivered a healthy daughter. Unfortunately, her addiction consumed her once again and her relationship was increasingly violent. She sought a domestic violence shelter to start a new life.

Lexi knew it was the God process when an opening became available at Bridgeway at the exact time she needed it. After being sheltered for 90 days, she was referred to Bridgeway. Lexi longed to be the parent she never had and she started down the long road to recovery. Lexi was provided safety, housing and case management upon moving into Bridgeway.

Bridgeway's extended length of stay allowed Lexi to take the time she needed in order to manage her mental health and recovery first. She partnered with a recovery sponsor, continued outpatient counseling and attended a W2 program for employment training. Her daughter went from an emotionally detached, crawling 2-year old to a smiling 3-year old who loved to give hugs. The Bridgeway program provides a two-generation approach to breaking the cycle of chaos and instability.

Lexi has lived at Bridgeway for a little over a year now. In that time she has attended a variety of parenting classes, secured part-time employment and successfully returned to the classroom to pursue a college degree in psychology, all while continuing to actively work on her recovery.

Because of support of people like you, Lexi is now in recovery and living what she calls her best life.

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10 <i>Porkchop drive thru 11am - 1pm</i>	11	12	13 <i>SPRC meeting 6:30 pm</i>	14 <i>Nominations meeting 6:30 pm</i>	15	16
17 <i>Worship design meeting</i>	18	19 <i>Ad council meeting 6:30 pm</i>	20	21 <i>Trustees meeting 6:30 pm</i>	22	23
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