



# The PEAL of Zion

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Rev. Dan Verdegan, pastor

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

*“For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”*”

This time of the year comes every year! You know what I’m talking about! Football season and more specifically, the GREEN BAY PACKERS! When football is in season, I get excited every Sunday! I follow up on the news, I track the injuries and I follow commentaries before, during and after the game. Just as I am excited as most Wisconsinites and Packer fans are throughout America, there is something more exciting! You want to take a guess? If you guessed serving God, then you are right! Being in ministry and doing ministry for God’s glory. Seeing lives change because of an encounter with God. Studying Scripture so I can preach with integrity God’s Truth. Visiting members, friends and strangers to listen to their faith journey. We need to have the same excitement for bringing salvation to this world as much as we get excited for sports (and if sports are not your thing, anything else that gets you really excited). Paul writes in Romans, God has called our “beautiful feet” to bring the Gospel, “the Good News,” to all who needs to hear it! It is about movement. KIA, the South Korea car company recently updated their logo and their vision statement to be “movement that inspires” to sell the idea that their vehicles inspires people. When we bring the Good News to all, the message of God’s love inspires change, justice, transformation, repentance and much more. It is not about how beautiful our feet are, but the beauty of the message that our movement brings. Unless, we use our feet, people won’t hear and thus won’t be able to “call on the LORD” to be saved.”

*Rally Day (Sept 11), Christian Education (Sunday School, confirmation), Weekly devotions (Tuesday noontime/Thursday nights), Bible study (Wednesday mornings), Worship (Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights), and yearly fundraisers.*

These are all opportunities that we can share the “Good News” to all. I invite you to come along with Zion UMC and experience God love, mercy and grace.

Be a blessing!

Rev. Dan Verdegan

### **Our Homebound Friends**

*Bill Hartmann            Ann McChain*  
*Donna Schroeter        Al & Vonnie Kelling*  
*Meredith Langan*

## **Birthdays**

### **VBS Mission Extended**

We are still collecting school supplies until Sept 11. These will be taken to Midwest Mission Distribution Center by our mission team.

#### **Items needed:**

Spiral notebooks - 1 subject

Rulers - 12" with metric on the other side

Pencils - unsharpened

Pencil sharpeners

Pencil erasers 2" or larger

Colored pencils - boxes of 12

Crayons - boxes of 24

Scissors - student round tip

September 1 Matt Dekker  
                  Ann Meyer  
                  5 Kayla Hartmann  
                  7 Kathryn Tykac  
                  8 Andy Heup  
                  Ben McChain  
                  9 Neal LaFleur  
                 13 Nathan Yoho  
                  Savanah Zettler  
                 15 Alexis Dekker  
                 17 Don Heimerman  
                 20 Nick Mueller  
                 27 Lynne Oppeneer  
                  Christina Wiedmeyer  
                 29 Sonja Zimmer  
                  Nash Willegal  
                 30 MacKenzie Dommer

## **Anniversaries**

September 15 Andy & Kaye Heup  
                 18 Tim Elsbury & Deb Schneider  
                 21 Scott & Sharon Krahn  
                 23 Ray & Tracy Hartmann  
                 24 Rob & Amanda DeVerney  
                 26 Dick & Margaret Bemis  
                  Travis & sue DeRuyter  
                 27 Larry & Nadine Huiras  
                 29 Paul & Angie Hartmann

# Sunday September 11

## Sunday School Rally Day & Church Tailgate Picnic

9:00 Sunday School Rally Day

**10:15 Worship outside under the big tent!**

Bring a chair or use one of ours!

**Anything with Wheels Parade** – decorate your bike, 4-wheeler, wagon and join the parade.



**This year Zion's church picnic will feature a "Tailgate".** We'll set up the big grill, you bring your own meat for your family AND a dish to share on a community table. There will be a grill master.



## Kids Games - Prizes - Prizes - Prizes

Ducks



Fishing



Marshmallow spoon race



Watermelon seed spit



## Corn Hole (bean bag toss) Tournament



Register your team of 2 in advance or sign-up the day of the picnic. Single? We can match you up.

**Come One Come All. Invite Your Friends.**

## **DON'T BE A STRANGER!**

A lot is going on at Zion right now but too few are taking advantage of the special events, worship opportunities, mission work, or our fellowship activities. Now is the time to step up your involvement and be part of our church family once again! Or, if you are new, please know you will be welcomed in all we do. Our doors and hearts are open!

You won't want to miss Rally Day on September 11th, our annual outdoor worship/picnic along with the launch of this year's Sunday School program. There will be special music; games, including a cornhole tournament; a parking lot parade; great food; and more. Rally Day offers a meaningful worship experience as well as great family fun and a time to get together with your friends.

Also on the planning horizon are our Pork Chop Dinner and Silent Auction in early October, All Saints Day, a new Sunday School year, a new Confirmation class, the Jesse Tree, and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day celebrations. Really, there is something for everyone!

The Worship Committee has been pushing Rev Dan to include more familiar music in our worship services, and I know I look forward to hearing some of my old favorites. He is also planning a sermon series this fall on Bible stories and the parables to help us better understand these familiar but sometimes confusing stories.

There is something for everyone at Zion, so don't be a stranger. We miss you and hope to see you in church! If you can't make it on Sunday, you can attend our contemporary service on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:00.

Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them" (NRSV)

Terri Yoho, Lay Leader

## **JULY FOOD PANTRY ITEMS: Non-Sugary Cereal / Oatmeal**

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 type of item. This month we are highlighting all kinds of no-sugary cereal / oatmeal. 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. 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



## **CEMETERY NEWS - PRICING CHANGE**

As of September 1st, pricing on cemetery lots for Zion Church members is increasing from \$50 to \$100 for a single lot.

With cremated remains, more than one interment is possible on a single lot. If you have been considering purchasing a lot, now would be a good time to do that, before the increase takes place. Lot pricing for non-members remains the same at \$300 for a single lot. Please contact Cemetery Association President Richard C. Bemis for more information or to purchase a lot. He can be reached at 920-627-9026

### **Silent Auction is Back!**

We are excited to announce the return of our popular silent auction. We will hold the auction along with this year's Pork Chop Dinner on October 6th. Bidding, as before, will take place in the preceding weeks.

New this year, we are aiming for unique and high-quality auction items. This can include interesting gift baskets, gift cards, collectables, hand-crafted or homemade items, etc. We want to stay away from anything that would be considered "rummage sale" quality.

If you are unsure about an item you would like to donate, please contact Terri Yoho, Pastor Gail, or Nadine Hurias. Items can be brought to church, but please be sure to identify who the donor is and if there is any special information that we need to know.

This promises to be great fun, and it is always a good fundraiser for our church and our mission programs.

### **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!

# **Zion United Methodist**

## **Annual Pork Chop Dinner**

**“Save the Date”**

**Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

We are organizing our annual pork chop dinner to be on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:30PM – 7PM. We will offer Drive Thru Take Outs or Dine In along with a Silent Auction.

The change from a Sunday to a Thursday is due to the Packer football game that will held in London, England on the morning of Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

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. More details will be coming in the upcoming weeks. Please contact Larry Huiras for questions at this time.

### **September Ushers**

- Sept 4 (Labor Day) open for volunteers
- 11 Dale Hartmann and Bob Hartmann
- 18 Larry and Nadine Huiras
- 25 Bill and Terri Yoho

### **October Ushers**

- Oct 2 Paul and Angie Hartmann
- 9 Dick Jr and Wendy Bemis
- 16 Don and Gwen Heimerman
- 23 Paul and Christina Wiedmeyer
- 30 Cliff and Joannie Hellmer

## Notes From Parish Nurse

Nancy Eberhardt, RN

Dear Friends of Zion UMC,

Happy Autumn! Students and teachers are turning to the classroom, and many of the educational programs of the church are resuming. This month I would like to share with you some thoughts on **intellectual health**. May the Lord bless the use of our intellect!

### **What is intellectual health?**

Our intellect is one dimension of wholistic health. It refers to the creative use of our mind. A person who is intellectually whole strives to develop his/her mind and use it for the glory of God and for the benefit of the human community.

### **God is the source of all wisdom.**

The Bible has much to say about our intellect. Intellectual health starts with recognizing that God is the ultimate source of all knowledge and wisdom, "...The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding". Psalms 111:10. As the educational programs start up again at church, it is a good time to consider how God blesses us with our intellect. May we recognize the Source of our mental abilities, and use them to God's glory and for the service of others.

### **Our intellect affects all other aspects of our life.**

**All the other dimensions** (physical, emotional, spiritual, social, vocational, and environmental) **of our being are affected by our thinking.** For example, self-depreciating thoughts can give us a stomach ache, make us feel sad, and contribute to poor work efforts. Instead, the Bible encourages us with these words, "Wisdom brightens a man's face and changes its hard appearance" Ecclesiastes 8:1. True understanding and godly use of our intellect helps us to be whole and joyful, and helps us to find a purpose for our lives. "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" Philippians 4:7.

## **Zion UMC Hospitality (DOC)**

### **August 11th, Meeting**

Present; Lynn Oppeneer, Rev. Dan Verdegan, Larry Huiras

-Rev. Dan opened with prayer.

-April 28th meeting minutes were viewed and approved.

-Lynn shared correspondence from SCIO. They are hosting the summer Farmers Markets. 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. There are three families presently living at Bridgeway House. They are always in need of items. Check the website. Mark sent Zion's 2022 SCIO commitment of \$650

-Gwen delivered 50 Personnel Dignity Kits to the In Gathering drive at the Annual Conference in mid June in Green Bay.

-Rev Dan reported that there are six registered for the volunteer work mission to the Midwest Distribution in Pawnee, Ill. We have eight reservations. The work involves the coordination and assembly of items needed all over the world. We will leave Zion UMC at 6 AM on September 14<sup>th</sup> and return Friday evening September 16<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$30 registration fee. Food and motel accommodations are each own responsibility. We will meet after service on August 28<sup>th</sup> to plan the trip.

-The VBS mission collection will be for "School Supplies". We can deliver the supplies to the Midwest Distribution Center on our September mission trip.

-The Rally Day picnic will be Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be "Tailgating for God". Ballpark style food will be asked to bring. We will start the Circuit 12 grill and will be involved serving the food.

-We discussed our next fund raiser which is the Pork Chop dinner and maybe a Silent Auction in October. Larry stated that we should consider having the Dinner on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 – 7:00PM. The Packers play on the morning of Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> this year in London England. Our past experience is that It would be difficult to get interest for workers and customers. We could offer a drive thru takeouts along with dine in dinners, along with a Silent Auction. Larry has been in contact with Mike Arndt for his availability along with the cooker. Larry will talk to other the congregation members that have been involved in the past and get Council's viewpoint.

-We discussed the Jesse Tree program for this Christmas season. We need to start collection for funds earlier than last year. Rev Dan will talk to Gwen about contacting the Random Lake Elementary principal for their thoughts and ideas. We will finalize the Jesse Tree announcement at our next meeting.

Next meeting will be either October 13<sup>th</sup> or 20th @ 6:30 PM.

Submitted by; Larry Huiras



## Zion UMC Finance / Council Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2022

Present: Rev. Dan Verdegan, Larry Huiras, Val Kilburn, Rev. Gail Mitchell, Bill Yoho, Terri Yoho, Paul Wiedmeyer. Via ZOOM: Mark Leibham

Rev Dan opened the meeting with prayer and question for Council to ponder on- How is God using this church to be present in the community?

Bill- Trustees- reported that there was not too much going on. They cleaned gutters and addressed loose gutters and a loose exhaust vent over the preschool bathroom.

Gail- Worship Design- Team is working on Rally Day program on Sept 11th. Looking for pop up tents/canopies for that day.

Terri- Lay Leader- Meets monthly with Rev. Dan. Not much going on but wanted to commend Dan on his ability to receive and use new ideas and constructive criticism.

Paul- Finance- \$50,000 carryover from January is down to around \$25,000 now. Zion is averaging around a \$2,500 loss per month. The carryover should get us to the end of the year.

Val- Met with Rev. Dan about Wednesday night services. Going well. Averaging 10-12 attending. Rev. Dan will be gone a few Wednesdays in September and discussed a few options for providing services those night. Looking at providing a pre-recorded sermon by Dan. Will continue to provide services at 6:30pm throughout the fall and winter months. Rev. Dan is enjoying providing the new services very much.

Larry- DOC and Circuit 12- Planning for the mission trip to the Midwest Distribution Center. Reservations for 8 but have 6 signed up so far. Sept 14-16. Start work at noon Thursday and be home late Friday night. Excited to see how the dignity kits, school kits, flood buckets, desks etc get put together and sent out to those in need. Need 2 more people to go!! \$30 pp. plus food and hotel room. VBS mission is school kits. Working to organizing the meal for Rally Day, Sept 11. It will be a tailgating type meal. Bring meat to grill. Jesse Tree is in beginning stages of organization. Circuit 12 had a successful brat fry this month. \$960 in profits from that. DS Rev. Park Hunter is hosting a meeting at Faith UMC to discuss changes and conflict in the United Methodist Church on Aug. 18th. Pork Chop Dinner is in beginning planning stages. Dinner will be Thursday, October 6th from 4:30-7pm, dine in, drive though or take-out. Discussing the possibility of having a Silent Auction during that dinner. Gift/theme baskets went over very well last time.

Rev. Dan - Reported on VBS in Shirley's absence. It is going well, join us on Sunday for the program to see what the kids have done all week. Also reported on Sunday School- Rally Day is the official kick off of Sunday School season. Class materials have been ordered and teachers have been lined up. Wendy will be working with music and Christmas program. There are 5 students set to be in Confirmation class. Rev. Dan is working on a new sermon series for October. He will be gone on vacation Sept.

Mark- Foundation accounts are back in black. There is \$41,854 in funds to work with in the checking accounts. This includes all the designated funds as well as cash on hand. If you or your student received a scholarship this year, please contact Mark to get your scholarship disbursement. He has only heard from 1 recipient so far. Income for July was \$10,799 and expenses were \$13,218.

Respectfully submitted,

Valarie Kilburn

# September 2022

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11 SS Rally Day - Conf. Class 9:00 Church Picnic 10:15	12	13	14 Midwest Missions Trip	15 Midwest Missions Trip Trustee mtg 6:30	16 Midwest Missions Trip	17
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