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Zion Steward



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Newsletter

Saturday Worship 6:30 pm
Sunday Worship 9:00 am
Communion at every service
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Your Answer?

[Jesus] said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:15)

Have you noticed how many cute little stories have a character whose name is Johnny? Why not Orville or Gaylord? Well, John is a more common name. Perhaps it's the commonality factor that prompts story tellers to use Johnny. Naturally, I'm no different. So, here's a short tale about a young boy named Johnny.

One day, little Johnny heard his father mention to his mother that he needed to stop at the gas station and fill his tank. Johnny had been with his dad several times when he filled the tank and understood how it was done. Today Johnny thought that he would please his dad and fill the tank for him. So, he got the garden hose, removed the gas cap, squeezed the nozzle on the hose, and began to fill the tank. All the time, Johnny was thinking how pleased his dad would be when he got in the car and saw that he wouldn't have to go to the gas station. Finally, the tank was full. Johnny removed the hose and replaced the gas cap. Soon after, dad came out and entered the car. He started the car, but it quickly began to sputter. Many unsuccessful attempts were made to restart the car. Now the question, “How pleased did little Johnny make his father?”

We might smile at this event. Probably because we can visualize a young boy doing something like little Johnny did. At the same time, we know this event created a rather serious, and likely expensive, problem for his dad. We're left to imagine how dad felt when he finally discovers what happened. Yet stories like this happen every day in the spiritual life of folks. No, they don't mistake using water instead of gasoline to make their car run, but they do mistake something in place of Jesus to get them into heaven.

When folks are asked who Jesus is, they might describe Him as the cute little baby born to Mary at Christmas time. Others may mention that he was a great teacher, a healer, one who had control over those pesky demons, a miracle-worker, or a friendly guy. Some might say Jesus was the God-Man—God in human flesh. Well, all those answers are correct. He is all those things—and much more. In His day, many folks thought that he was a resurrected prophet of old. Apparently, some folks recognized that He was something more than simply being “ordinary.” Just like in the “days of old” where few recognized that Jesus was the only way to heaven, so it is today.

We need to remember that no one will ever figure out the right means of salvation on their own. No matter how intelligent or smart a person is, none of them will ever figure out that Jesus is the only way to heaven. Many are somewhat concerned about where they are going to spend their “afterlife.” It's not a problem of not believing that heaven exists; rather, it is a problem of how a person is going to get there. So, how do folks typically solve a problem? Often, they use logic or the experiences of others to figure it out. The answer that logic readily provides to those trying to figure it out is some form of works righteousness. Because heaven is thought to be a reward, logic dictates that we must do something to obtain it. And whatever humankind comes up with to make themselves worthy is what we call works righteousness. And we all know that this won't get anyone into heaven.

What about what others have experienced? We've all heard stories of someone dying and then being brought back to life. Some of these folks have reported that they experienced something or someplace pleasant after they died. Stories like that have given rise to the conclusion that everyone goes on to a pleasant hereafter. Still others have concluded, after hearing these stories, that it's all a fantasy; that there really is no afterlife to look forward to. So, who do you say that Jesus is? Although this

question as many answers, there is only one correct answer when it comes to salvation. Jesus is the only way to heaven.



WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Mondays, **October 4, 11, and 25** at 9:00 a.m.

The Women's Monday Morning Weekly Bible study will meet on Mondays, **October 4** (Lesson #2), **October 11** (Lesson #3), and **October 25** (Lesson#4) at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying the book of Isaiah, so join us as we learn together about the prophet who was called to speak to God's rebellious people, warned them to repent, and gave them wonderful promises of the Messiah to come. Materials will be provided. Call Barb Jelinski at 632-3435 if you have questions.

LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY BIBLE STUDY

Monday, **October 18** at 9:00 a.m.

The Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Bible study will meet on Monday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The study, "Mission: Compassion" is found on p. 20 of the Fall 2021 LWQ. Hope you can join us!

ZLW MEETING

Monday, **October 18** at 10:00 a.m.

The ZLW will meet on Monday, **October 18** at 10:00 a.m. We will be finalizing plans for the upcoming November Bazaar. All women of Zion are invited! *The ZLW is Zion's connection to the LWML, which joyfully proclaims Christ, supports missions, and equips women to honor God by serving others.*

LWML Weekend – Celebrate with Lutheran Women in Mission

Based on 1 Peter 4:8, the theme for LWML Weekend 2021 is "Our Hearts in HIS Hand." A

(WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS CONTINUED)

ZION'S FALL BAZAAR - November 6, 2021

Plans are being made for Zion's Fall Bazaar. It will be held on Saturday, **November 6** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Grandma's Attic, Craft Sale, Bake Sale, and Book/Media Sale are expected to be a part of the event. A soup and sandwich luncheon is also being planned.

Items to be donated for Grandma's Attic and the Book/Media Sale may be brought to church before and after services on **October 30 and 31**, and during church office hours on November 1 to November 3. We accept most items in good condition, but **NO CLOTHES** or **ELECTRONICS** at this sale.

Also, please remember that donations are also needed for the Craft and Bake Sales. **ALL** members of Zion are encouraged to support this event. Thanks for any help you can give!



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

I woke up at 2:00 a.m. to the sound of my husband, Terry, praying out loud. Terry was recovering from a serious surgery. He was reciting scriptures the focused on getting his health back.

As I walked into the living room, I saw the silhouette of Terry with Barnie, our elderly cat, sitting on his lap in the moonlit room. I was drawn to the memory of a night eighteen years ago of my dear husband and Barnie in a very similar setting.

We had rescued Barnie from a cold, abandoned warehouse. He was a rail-thin, weak, and malnourished kitten with the most beautiful, woeful eyes. The vet admitted his chances of surviving were slim. The doctor recommended that we feed him baby food, and to help his weakened lungs, each morning Terry carried Barnie into our steam-filled bathroom. During the day, Barnie curled up and slept under Terry's computer monitor. Each night, Terry took Barnie to the couch and said a prayer of faith that Barnie would not die, but live. I would stand by, observing my two guys on the sofa – hand upon paw – in the moonlight. “Surly, the Lord was in this place” I prayed.

Tonight, all those years later, I beheld the same two figures in the moonlight. This time, the cat's paw rested upon the man's hand, as the man asked for his own restoration of health

after nearly losing his life. Bernie, the survivor, was living proof that the Lord was still answering prayers.

Draft Zion Council meeting minutes Monday, September 13, 2021

Call to order at 6:33pm by Vice-President Barb Jelinski

Attendance: Barb Jelinski, Vice-President; Bonnie Gentry, Stewardship; George Booth, Evangelism; Ellen Kalahar, Treasurer; Greg Rausch, Elders; Keith Schumann, Trustee; Marilyn Husby, Recording Secretary; Peggy Dolney, Financial Secretary; Non-voting Participants: Rev. Gary Hendrickson, Pastor; Peter Keyes, Director of Christian Outreach (DCO)

Devotions – Bonnie G - Nothing on earth lasts forever * We cling to Jesus...He does not change

October Devotions – Peggy D

Approve Agenda - Keith S motioned to approve agenda * Ellen 2nd * Motion passed

Minutes from August council meeting – Peggy D motioned to approve * George B 2nd *

Motion passed

Pastor Hendrickson's Report –

- Homebound visits: 15
- Junior confirmation – Fall classes began Wed. Sept 8 for Emma Bohnsack, Abigail Dawson, Jonathan Dickmann, and Dain Pauly * Acolyte training given *
- Adult LCMS confirmation class to be announced
- Baptisms on August 28, 2021
 - Allyx Cecilia Prozinski (Parents—Nick Prozinski & Melissa Otremba)
 - Kyler Joseph Winters (Parents—Michael Winters & Amber Dickmann)
 - Emily Ann Winters (Parents—Michael Winters & Amber Dickmann)
 - Evelynn Angel Roses (Parents—Zachary Roses & Amber Dickmann)
 - Luca Reed Hines (Parents—Reed Hines & Amanda Peterschick)
- Worship readings, Sermon and Prayer Requests sent regularly by e-mail
- Office Hours: Barb Johnson in office Monday-Friday 8:30-noon
- Pastor's circuit meeting (joint meeting with St. Cloud) Sept 14 at Trinity, Sauk Rapids
- Transfers in and out – none

DCO Report – Peter K

- Little Falls Ministerial met September 9 at Zion * 18 present *They pray for each other * Chaplain Greg Valentine said suicides have increased, more than last 4 years combined*
Chaplain was grateful for Peggy D's help in using her sign language skills at an accident
- Ending devotions at Highland Senior Living * residents not coming as before Covid
- Children's messages will resume in October when children are present * On Oct 10, ZLW will do the children's sermon

Financial Reports from August – Ellen K

- Negative \$662 on offering income
- Building fund offerings were \$5,929 and included Thrivent \$110, memorials \$300 and Chicks for Bricks \$3,202
- Door offering for Lutheran Bible Translators \$482

- Youth fund - \$107 (recycled aluminum cans) Members/friends/family-please support our youth and drop off aluminum cans at Zion's back parking lot
- Received thank you from Morrison County Chaplain Valentine for the donation from the ZLW rummage sale

Wish List – to be determined

Board Reports

Elders – Greg R

- Worship attendance averages 80 on the weekend
- Communion continues at the front table at all services
- No communion at Polka Praise services
- No vocal choir for indefinite future (many are not comfortable singing during Covid times)
- Elders support/coordinate Chicks for Bricks meal fundraiser
- No response from the city about the empty building next door
- Assist in review and revision of active members list in Members 360 software

Trustees – Keith S

- Outside hand railings to be painted black.
- See old business for steeple update
- A dedication will be planned when the steeple is erected

Youth / Education – no representative – Peter K reports

- Peter spoke with several board of ed members regarding plans for restarting Sunday School
- Letters to be written to families to gauge interest and needs
- Ben Messinger started teaching youth and Confirmation age on Sunday using parallel material from Confirmation teachings on the previous Wednesday
- Tara Pauly will teach Sunday school if children present

Stewardship – Bonnie G

Door offering - September: LCMS mission outreach to Puerto Rico * Peter K will speak

 October: Bethesda Lutheran Community for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, Watertown WI

 November: Gideons International

Evangelism – George B

- Blood drive – November Blood Drive cancelled by Red Cross due to staffing shortage * Next Blood drive scheduled for April 21,2022
- Polka Praise Service: September 26, 2021 * Sue Vosen ordering muffins for the service * Peter and Pastor will handle advertising in newspaper, local events calendar, and radio Party Line * Committee will request 2 future dates for Polka Praise services in 2022
- LF Homeless Forum Sept 19th * First United Church 2-4:30p * 3 members going
- SAIL Exercise resumes Tuesdays at 1pm and Thursday at 10am. (Class full)

Old Business:

1. **Steeple Update** - Keith S
Architect hired to review church blueprints and work with the city to prove we can meet load bearing and wind measurement requirements for the steeple * Hope to get the go-ahead soon to install the steeple * Thanks to Greg and Matt Rausch for letting us continue to store the steeple on their trailer.
2. **Members 360** – membership update is a work in progress * Still looking for old records
3. **Men's Club Update** – Recommended by elders that the inactive Men's Club be dissolved and the remaining \$684 in that account be transferred to the building fund * Keith S motioned * Bonnie G 2nd * Motion passed* Voters Assembly will vote on this motion
4. **Chicks for Bricks** October date discussed * Peggy motioned it be held Tues, October 19 Ellen 2nd * Motion carried * Accommodating carry out dinners is hard * Will work to be ready at 5pm and not run out of food * Our white table tops are hard to wash clean, so tablecloths and placemats are used
5. **October Council Elections** – Council positions are open for Elders, Trustees, Education, Evangelism, Stewardship, Recording Secretary, and Financial Secretary * All members are invited to apply for positions * More information will be in the October newsletter
6. **Pastoral Call Committee** and Information – Contact Carol Prozinski if you want to be on the call committee with Carol Prozinski, Barb Jelinski, Sheldon Prozinski, Jerry Knafla, Ben Messinger and Carolyn Harris * If you know a pastor to nominate for a call to Zion, fill out the nomination form found in the September newsletter and turn it into President Carol Prozinski by September 30
7. **COVID Policy** - Concern voiced * Policy reaffirmed that unvaccinated wear a mask in the church

New Business:

1. **Blended Worship** – Peggy D
Jerry and I will do blended services occasionally * Have 4 different orders of service on hand with different confessions and songs * Songs may be taught before some services
2. **Center Shot** - Keith S
Keith S will work on a proposal to utilize the archery equipment purchased for use in the church basement * He hopes to expand the original youth focus and safely involve church members and community members * Center Shot teaches archery skills and Christian education centered around the Word of God * If we don't use the licensing then we would have to change the name * There was much discussion regarding proposal ideas
3. **Christmas Tree Fundraiser**
Fishing Museum is sponsoring a silent auction of Christmas trees * They provide trees and groups can provide lights or give money * Groups decorate a tree with materials provided or we may make our own decorations * If the tree is sold, we get ½ the money back * Deadline to respond is November 1 * Barb J will check with church groups
4. **Costco Card** – Carol P wants to donate money to purchase a Zion Costco membership so we can purchase supplies as needed for the church * Keith S motioned * Ellen K 2nd * Motion passed

*****Calendar of Upcoming Events for 2021-2022 – Barb J**

Dates and times reviewed for regularly scheduled meetings, events, classes, and seasonal Worship Services *
 This calendar will be useful for the church secretary when publishing the monthly calendars

Adjourn the meeting – motion made by Peggy D * Bonnie G 2nd * Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 8pm followed by the Lord’s Prayer

Upcoming meetings and important dates:

Polka Praise Service - Sunday, September 26 - 9:00 a.m.

LWML will assist with Worship Services Saturday, Oct. 9 - 6:30pm & Sunday, Oct. 10 – 9:00am

Church Council Meeting - Monday, October 11 - 6:30 p.m.

Voters Assembly meeting - Sunday, October 24 -10:30am

November Blood Drive cancelled due to Red Cross Staffing Shortage

Draft of minutes reviewed by Vice-President Barb Jelinski

Draft of council minutes distributed to council members, newsletter, and church website

Draft of council minutes submitted for final approval at October council meeting

Marilyn Husby, Recording Secretary



3-Oct	Dawn Bellefeuille	19-Oct	Jim Nuehring
3-Oct	Donald Nelson	20-Oct	Marcel Bellefeuille
4-Oct	Amanda Peterschick	20-Oct	Christy Schilling
7-Oct	Gerald Martinson	23-Oct	Susan Prozinski
8-Oct	Bernice Waldvogel	24-Oct	Eugene Doucette
10-Oct	Lorraine Reese	25-Oct	Wilma Keehr
11-Oct	Abigail Hansen	25-Oct	Mike Nuehring
15-Oct	Paul Gulsvig	25-Oct	Sharon Schuett
18-Oct	David Baggenstoss	28-Oct	Berta Bohnsack
19-Oct	Virginia Fitch	29-Oct	Ottilia Vickstrom
19-Oct	Patrick Holtz	30-Oct	Brenda Czech

Jeff & Barb Jelinski	Oct. 1
Duane & Shirley Schmidt	Oct. 8
Steve & Marvanna Pederson	Oct. 11
Harvey & Darlene Axel	Oct. 17
Leif & Jennifer Hanson	Oct.17

WORSHIP SERVANTS						
OCTOBER		ELDER	USHERS	READER	ORGANIST	Acolyte
2	Com	Chris Roe	Marie Holey	Jennifer Hanson	Peggy Dolney	
3	Com	Sheldon Prozinski	Eugene Doucette Dennis Hollermann	Barb Jelinski	Peggy Dolney	Dain Pauly
9	Com	Greg Rausch	Nancy Peterson Judy Drewlow	Dorothy Koch	Carol Prozinski	
10	Com	Jerry Knafla	Deb Cermak Sue Vosen	Ellen Grissom	Carol Prozinski	Emma Bohnsack
16	Com	Chris Roe	Mike Beseman	Sheldon Prozinski	Carol Prozinski	
17	Com	Craig Bohnsack	Marcel Bellefeuille	Kayla Bohnsack	Carol Prozinski	Abigail Dawson
23	Com	Greg Rausch	Julie Dancer	Colleen Duncan	Peggy Dolney	
24	Com	Mike Gohl	Harvey Axel	Katie Schumann	Peggy Dolney	Jonathan Dickmann
30	Com	Chris Roe	Peter Shirley	Amanda Dawson	Carol Prozinski	
31	Com	Sheldon Prozinski	Wayne Ganz	Mike Gohl	Carol Prozinski	Dain Pauly

CHICKS FOR BRICKS

Dinner
 Tuesday, October 19th
 5-7pm



**Chicken – Ham – Mashed Potatoes -
 Stuffing Gravy – Vegetables – Dinner Rolls
 –Dessert & Beverage**

For your safety, service will be buffet style, but we will serve you!

Proceeds go to our new Fellowship Hall debt reduction –
 \$10.00 per person suggested donation

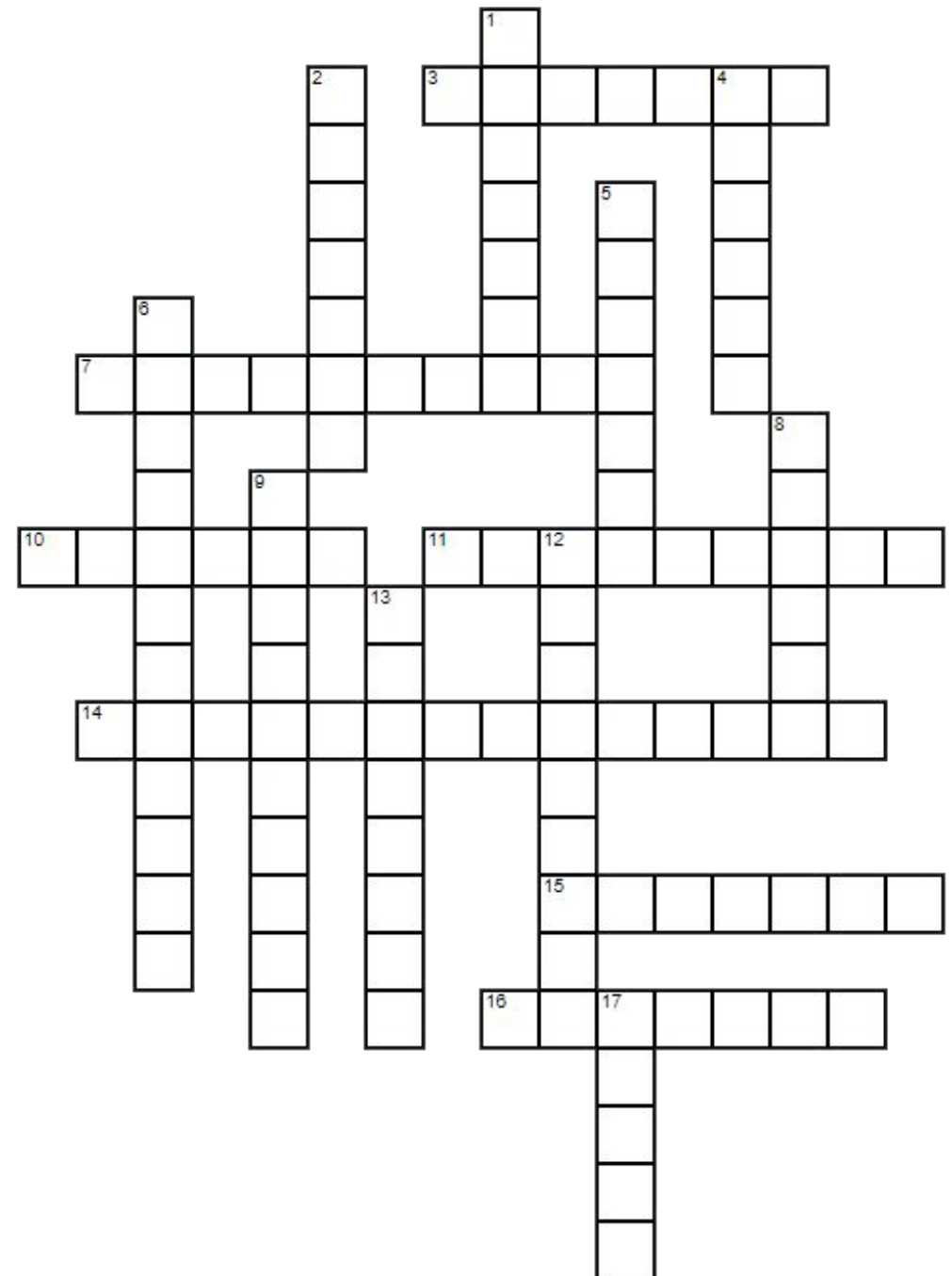
OCTOBER CROSSWORD PUZZLE FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Across

- 3 A holy day of rest
- 7 Where was Jesus sent right after he was baptized?
- 10 The first two people Jesus asked to follow him were brothers, Simon and....
- 11 What were the disciples before they followed Jesus?
- 14 Who baptized Jesus?
- 15 The area Jesus started his Ministry in. Hint: it's by the sea
- 16 A disease of the skin that Jesus healed people from.

Down

- 1 Biblical tale
- 2 How many chapters are in the book of Mark?
- 4 How many disciples did Jesus have?
- 5 What Jesus was called, hint: another word for savior
- 6 This phrase is used 14 times in Mark and describes the place and people under God's reign. You can find it in Mark 1:15
- 8 Fallen angels who are loyal to lucifer
- 9 The forgiveness of sins
- 12 Where was the first place Jesus began to teach? hint: these were the building Jewish people assembled.
- 13 Who wrote the book of Mark
- 17 John Mark was a disciple of who?



October 2021

Zion Lutheran Church

Oct 2021 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9am Polka Praise	27 9am - Women's Bible 6pm - ZLW Project	28 1 se	29 9am - Quilters 6:30pm - Handbell 6:30pm - Jr.	30 10am - SAIL Exercise	1	2 6:30pm - Worship
3 9am - Worship	4 9am - Womens Bible 5pm - Elders 7pm - Evangelism	5 1pm - SAIL Exercise 6:30pm - B of Ed	6 9am - Quilters 6:30pm - Handbell 6:30pm - Jr.	7 10am - SAIL Exercise	8	9 LWML Weekend 6:30pm - Worship
10 LWML Weekend 9am - Worship	11 9am - Women's Bible 9am - Womens Bible 1pm - Stewardship 5:30pm - Trustees 6:30pm - Council Mtg	12 1pm - SAIL Exercise	13 9am - Quilters 6:30pm - Handbell 6:30pm - Jr.	14 10am - SAIL Exercise	15	16 Door Offering 6:30pm - Worship
17 Door Offering 9am - Worship	18 9am - LWQ 10am - ZLW	19 1pm - SAIL Exercise 5pm - Chicks for Bricks	20 9am - Quilters 6:30pm - Handbell 6:30pm - Jr.	21 10am - SAIL Exercise	22	23 6:30pm - Worship
24 Blended Service 9am - Worship 10:30am - Quarterly	25 9am - Women's Bible	26 1pm - SAIL Exercise	27 9am - Quilters 6:30pm - Handbell 6:30pm - Jr.	28 10am - SAIL Exercise	29	30 Reformation 6:30pm - Worship
31 Reformation Hymnsing 9am - Worship	1 9am - Womens Bible 5pm - Elders 7pm - Evangelism	2 1pm - SAIL Exercise 6:30pm - B of Ed	3 Pastor's Circuit Meeting 9am - Quilters 6:30pm - Handbell 6:30pm - Jr.	4 10am - SAIL Exercise	5	6 Zion Church Bazaar 6:30pm - Worship

