



OCTOBER 2022

NEWSLETTER

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVICES:

Saturday Worship 6:30pm
Sunday Worship 9:00am

Communion at most services

411 - 3rd Ave. NE
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OFFICE HOURS

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The Board Collectors

Luke 19:13(ESV) ¹³Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.'

Our story begins over one hundred years ago as twin boys were born in a small, poor village in Europe. Their parents weren't too creative when it came to names. So, they named the boys, Brother One and Brother Two. As soon as the boys were able to crawl, they began to pick up loose items on the floor and haul them back to their own individual pile of treasures. Mom and Dad came up with an idea which would channel their collecting efforts into something useful. They told the boys to collect old boards from around the village. The parents knew that there was an adequate supply of old boards around and the boys would have plenty to choose from for their collection. Besides, old boards would make good firewood during the winters. Thus began their board collecting habit.

Brother One and Brother Two never outgrew the habit of collecting boards. Even after they grew up, got married, and had families of their own--they still collected boards. Some of the boards the brothers collected were only good for burning, but many others could be used for other purposes. Brother One got tired of people ridiculing his habit and decided that he would put his boards to some use. He started to build a hodgepodge structure with his boards. It wasn't too long before Brother One's board structure was the main attraction in town. People would come from all over the region to see how Brother One's structure was growing. As you might have guessed, Brother One took great pride in his one-of-a-kind, board structure.

Brother Two, on the other hand, just kept collecting and storing all his boards. Some boards, he would simply discard, but other boards would bring a big smile to his face when he found them. People would see him looking over his boards, as if he were taking inventory, and making notes about something. But he never did anything with his huge board collection.

Finally, Brother One and Brother Two died. Shortly after Brother One's death, a careless spark ignited his gigantic monument, and all that was left was the often-told story of his magnificent, wooden structure. People asked Brother Two's widow why he had collected all his boards and why he hadn't done anything with them. She said that she didn't know but showed them all the papers that Brother Two had left behind. When the papers were unfolded, there were the plans for a church to be built in the town. All the boards of a lifetime of collecting were carefully marked as to how they were to be used to build this dazzling, unique church. On the bottom of the plans, Brother Two had scribbled a short note, "I hope that the boards I collected during my life will be used to build this church so that my village will have a grand place in which to worship our grand God." The question as to why Brother Two had been collecting boards was answered, and the people built the church with Brother Two's boards.

In the Church, no one is supposed to have a "free ride." Everyone is equipped by God to perform some service, or services. Yes, we do have a "free ride" when it comes to salvation. Jesus paid it all on the Cross so that we wouldn't have to pay at all. But in the Church, everyone is

expected to serve as God has enabled him to do. This is not working your way to heaven; it is simply acting like whom God made you to be: a servant of the Risen Christ and His Church.

In this serving, people could be likened to the two brothers who were board collectors. Everyone in the Church serves--or we might say--becomes a board collector. When we serve, we receive the recognition and fame that comes from that service. If we're like the first, Brother One, in the story, we collect boards--perform much service--for the fame that it will bring to us while we're on earth. If we're like the second, Brother Two, we collect boards--perform our service to bring honor and glory to Christ and His Church. No matter what our motivation, we receive the earthly reward of our service. But for those who perform their service for Christ, heaven awaits. For those who perform their service for their own recognition, they have received all the reward they're ever going to get.

As believers, we can choose the kind of board collector we want to be. We have been set free from the bonds of sin and are able to choose whether we will collect boards for our own benefit, or for God's glory. What kind of board collector will you be?

Draft Zion Council Minutes Monday, September 12, 2022

Call to order: by Vice-President Barb Jelinski at 6:31pm

Attendance: Barb Jelinski, Vice-President; Ellen Kalahar, Treasurer; George Booth, Evangelism; Greg Rausch, Elder; Keith Schumann, Trustee; Marilyn Husby, Recording Secretary; Marlyn Poppen, Stewardship; Peggy Dolney, Financial Secretary; Non-voting Participants: Rev. Gary Hendrickson, Pastor

Devotions – Marilyn H read a description of the words used in the Lord's Prayer

October devotions: Ellen K

Agenda - Peggy D motioned to approve agenda * Ellen K 2nd * Motion passed

August Council minutes – Keith S motioned to approve * Marlyn P 2nd * Motion passed

Pastor Hendrickson's report:

- Funerals: Joan DiMatteo died 8/10 * Jon Jeff DiMatteo died 8/15 * Funerals at Zion 8/22
- Members received via profession of faith: Bob Keehr on 8/15
- Pastor's circuit meeting: To be held at Zion Tuesday, October 4 * Zion women serving coffee, treats, and lunch
- Worship readings, sermon, and prayer requests sent regularly via e-mail
- Blood drives: Tues., November 29, 2020, and Thurs., April 20, 2023 * 11am-5pm
- Large print order of worship. 4-6 copies available for Divine Worship
- Rev. Tilahun Menedo from Lutheran Bible Translators will preach May 20-21, 2023
- Pastor to lead a study Tuesdays @ 6:30 - starting Sept 13 in Fellowship Hall * This study is from the book "Lights in the Sky & Little Green Men"
- Magnifying devices: Several types of magnifying devices are available during worship

Financial Reports – Ellen K – 8-page written report submitted

- August income \$10,376 which is \$2,162 below budget
- Expenses were under budget, leaving a positive cash flow of \$1,666
- August door offering for LCMS World Relief & Human care: \$313
- Youth trip expenses not finalized till all receipts submitted
- Fellowship Hall: Current loan balance - \$690,465 * Monthly principal payment - \$1,508

Wish List – Working on the parsonage upgrades

Board Reports

Elders – Greg R

- Narthex – Looking into some reorganization
- Safety – Working on a safety plan for the church
- Organ – Sometimes the electric cord to the organ gets disconnected * Trustees will look into this

Trustees – Keith S

- AC on roof of Fellowship Hall needs repair * Plan to have AC fixed by Sept 25
- Stained ceiling panels in the Fellowship Hall are being replaced
- Keith is overseeing parsonage fundraiser breakfast Sept 25 * Pastor will contact the radio
- Evangelism requests Trustees lower the Free Little Library 6 inches.
- See Parsonage upgrades (#2 under old business) for information

Youth / Education – Barb J read written report of Amanda Dawson

- Committee is working on Sunday School plans and winter fundraisers
- Next meeting: Sept 21, at 6pm.
- Tara Pauly is teaching Sunday School for the younger children and using the Story Bible as a base. This book is given at all baptisms.
- Sunday School Registration forms are being developed
- It was suggested that a future fundraiser might be to charge for parking in the church lot for events like the Craft Fair

Stewardship – Marlyn P

- Quilts: Lutheran Island Camp auction raised \$27,000 * Zion quilters gave 20 quilts
- A time and talent sheet with opportunities to serve at Zion will be distributed this fall
- September Door Offering: Gideons * October Door Offering: OASIS

Evangelism – George B

- Free Little Library is installed on the front lawn * Will be checked weekly * Members and community are welcome to take books * Trustees looking at getting a white post cover * Will send a picture and article about the Little Library to the Record after completion
- Christmas Shoe Box program and Giving Tree project will be offered in November
- Thrivent T-Shirts will be given away after the worship services Oct 15,16 and Oct 22, 23
- SAIL senior exercise to restart in October for 6 weeks, see newsletter for details
- American Heart CPR class scheduled November 17, see newsletter for details
- Looking into fellowship travel events, see newsletter for details

Old Business:

1. Pastoral Call Update:
 - Rev Michael Suelzle received our letter of call and plans to respond by Sept 25th
2. Parsonage Upgrades:

Still a work in progress, but things are getting done * The windows are installed * The trim is being stained * Basement concrete work not started * Since we do not have a pastor moving in, things are getting done slower * Seward and Son's Construction hopes to be done with their parsonage work by the end of the week * We need to thank them for all they have done to make this project possible.
3. Zion's Website: Still looking for volunteers
4. Safety: To be discussed next month in the Elders report

New Business:

1. October Board and Council Position Elections
 - Elections will be held the 4th Sunday in October, October 23 at Voters Assembly

- Barb J and Carol P are preparing the election ballot * If your term is up this year, let Barb or Carol know if you are interested in being placed on the election ballot
- Ask other church members to consider board or council positions

Adjourn: Keith S motioned to adjourn * Greg R 2nd * Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at 7:28pm followed by the Lord's Prayer

Upcoming meetings and important dates:

- Polka Praise Service – Sunday, September 25 – 9:00 a.m. No Communion (Parsonage fundraiser breakfast follows the service)
- Church Council Meeting – Monday, October 10 – 6:30 p.m.
- Quarterly Voter's Assembly Meeting – Sunday, October 23 – 10:15 a.m.

Draft of minutes reviewed by Vice-President Barb Jelinski

Draft of council minutes to be distributed to council members and Zion newsletter

Draft of council minutes to be submitted for final approval at October 10, 2022, Council meeting

Marilyn Husby, Recording Secretary



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

I stood on my front porch and took in a long breath. This was the first night of fall. After a seemingly interminable

summer of long, hot days, the crisp air of autumn invigorated me. Its effect on me confirmed that I was ready for a change.

Visions of fall, offering me more activity and energy for living, played in my head – brisk daily walks through the park, excursions to the library for the latest mystery, and leisurely window-shopping down the main street in my town. I could just imagine how fun it was going to be to get together with friends and relatives over the holidays in this new season ahead.

The leaves on my front yard's trees were turning from pale green to mustard yellow, ochre red, and vivid orange. A hallmark of fall's arrival. Then I heard it – the hoo-hoo-hoooo of an owl hidden somewhere in the upper branches of a nearby tree. The owl's call breaking through the foliage, was a further sign to me that the brand-new season was here.

I reminded myself not to get too carried away with Mr. Owl and his call. I had read up on owls. I learned that they hoot on falls nights to announce that they are available to mate and raise a family. I was nowhere on Mr. Owl's radar screen.

Yet, I sensed a bigger radar screen – that of God, the creator of all His handiwork. Just as Mr. Owl called into the night, the Lord was making His own call. A call to a new season, with its magical colors of nature to refresh me, its crisper weather to restore me, and the promise of new blessings.



Women's Ministry Events

Mondays, October 3 and 10 / October 24 and 31 at 9:00 a.m.

The Women's Monday Morning Bible study on Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians will finish up on Mondays, **October 3 and 10** at 9:00 a.m.

A new 6 lesson study on the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes will begin on Monday, **October 24**. Join us as we learn together. Questions? Contact Barb Jelinski at 632-3435.

LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY BIBLE STUDY

Monday, October 17 at 9:00 a.m.

The LWQ Bible study will be on Monday, **October 17** at 9:00 a.m. This month's study, "Lord Teach Us to Pray (part 1)," can be found on page 16 of the Fall 2022 LWQ. Join us!

ZLW MEETING

Monday, October 17 at 10:00 a.m.

The ZLW will meet on Monday, **October 17** at 10:00 a.m. At this meeting we will be finalizing the details for the Fall Joyshop Rally and the Fall Bazaar. *The ZLW is Zion's local connection to the LWML, Women in Mission.*

LWML WEEKEND . . . OCTOBER 8 AND 9

A special worship service, "For Us and With Us," is planned for weekend services on October 8 and **October 9** to celebrate all that God has done through the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). The power of God is evident in the dimes, quarters, and dollars you put in your Mite Box, and we celebrate this every LWML weekend. Thank you! Our new LWML Mission Statement reads – "As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others." The Holy Spirit has been doing this for 80 years through the LWML! Join us to give thanks and praise to God! *Wear purple!!*

MITE BOXES

Although the collection of Mite Box donations happens all year long, we especially encourage you to return your Mite Box on LWML Weekend, **October 8 and 9**. These donations help to fund the mission grants for the District and National LWML, so thanks for your help. So far this year at Zion, \$193.744 has been collected. Many Mites = Many Missions!

LWML LITTLE FALLS ZONE FALL JOYSHOP

Zion, Little Falls, will be hosting the LWML Fall Joyshop on Tuesday, **October 18**. The theme is "Praying the Psalms," based on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, with a Bible study led by Pastor Joshua Reber. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with a cost of \$7.00. Joyshop begins at 9:00 a.m. The "Gifts from the Heart" Ingathering will be collected for the Morrison County Chaplaincy Program, whose mission statement is, "To provide Christian support in Jesus' name to Law Enforcement, their families, and the people they serve." Items to be collected are gas cards, food cards, Coborns or Walmart cards (no more than \$10.00 each) and small blankets (i.e. fleece or other fabrics) . . . all of which will be given out at times of an emergency.

***Lunch will be served, so please RSVP to Deb at 320-632-8826 by **October 10!** We'd love to have you join us!!

ZION LUTHERAN FALL BAZAAR – NOVEMBER 5

Join us on Saturday, **November 5** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be Grandma's Attic, along with a bake sale, craft sale, book sale, and lunch. Items to be donated for Grandma's Attic may be brought to church before and after church services on October 29 and 30, and during church office hours from October 31 to November 2 and placed in the coatroom area or upper hallway. We accept most things in good condition, but **NO CLOTHES OR ELECTRONICS** at this sale.

Also, please remember that donations are also needed for the bakery, craft, and book sales. Thanks for any help you can give!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Donald Nelson	19 Virginia Fitch
3 Dawn Bellefeuille	20 Marcel Bellefeuille
7 Gerald Martinson	23 Susan Prozinski
8 Bernice Waldvogel	24 Eugene Doucette
10 Lorraine Reese	25 Wilma Keehr
15 Paul Gulsvig	28 Berta Bohnsack
17 Angelia Meeteer	29 Ottilia Vickstrom
18 David Baggenstoss	30 Brenda Czech



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

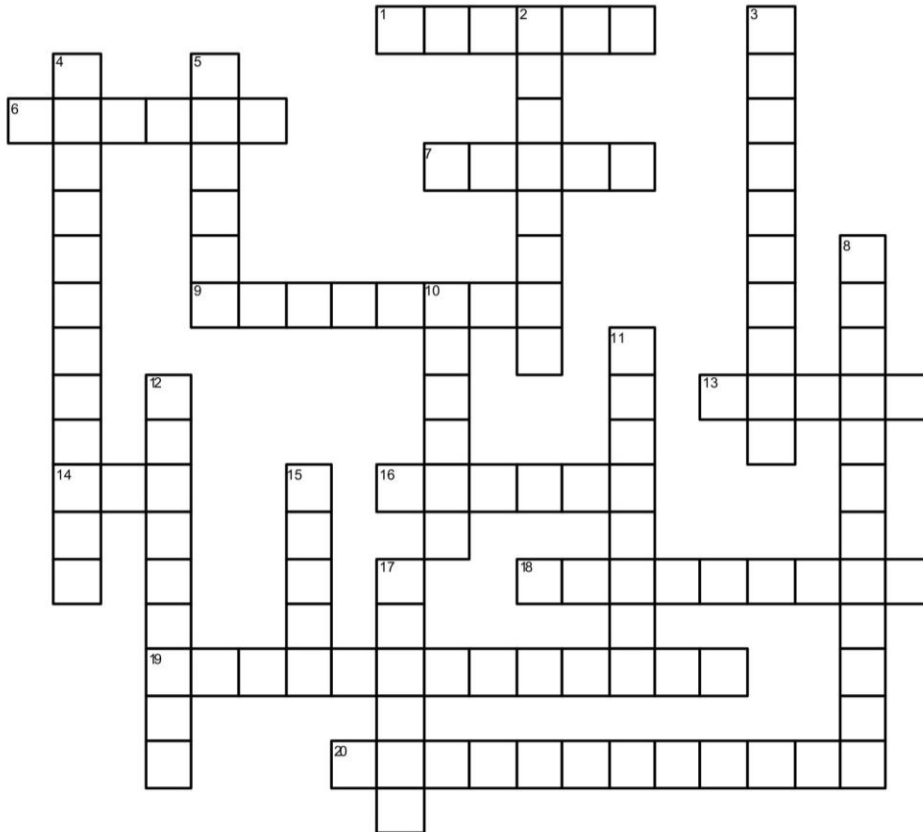
1 Jeff & Barb Jelinski
8 Duane & Shirley Schmidt
11 Steve & Marvana Pederson
17 Harvey & Darlene Axel
23 Leif & Jennifer Hanson

Evangelism News:

1. T-Shirt Give Away: Thrivent "Live Generously" T-shirts of many colors and sizes will be given away in the Narthex after Saturday/Sunday worship services Oct 15, 16, 22, and 23.
2. Free Little Library is located on the front church lawn. Help yourself to a book! Donations are accepted in a container located on the Narthex table.
3. SAIL Senior Exercise Class: will resume in the Fellowship Hall October 11 @ 10am and continue Tuesdays @ 10am and Thursdays 10am for 6 weeks (note: no exercise class Tues, Oct 18, due to the area LWML Fall conference held at Zion) Orientation for new SAIL participants is October 6, at 10am.
Class is full.
4. CPR class: for American Heart BLS will be offered again November 17, 2022, from 5:30pm-9pm. This is a 2-year certification for lay people, teachers, healthcare workers, and teens. \$30 fee includes the certificate. Class size limited. Sign up in the church office.
5. Christmas Shoe Box program and the Christmas Giving Tree: Watch bulletins for more details.
6. Concordia College Christmas Concert December 2, 2022: Consider attending the Sunday 2pm concert in Moorhead. Ticket and transportation costs are being explored.

THE PARABLE OF THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR (PUBLICAN)

Luke 18:9-14



ACROSS

- 1 Where did two men go to pray? (Lk. 18:10)
- 6 We _____ be saved by our own deeds.
- 7 What was the one thing the tax collector asked of God? (Lk. 18:13)
- 9 Who trusted in himself to gain heaven? (Lk. 18:11-12)
- 13 How many times did the Pharisee fast a week? (Lk. 18:12)
- 14 How many men went up to the temple to pray? (Lk. 18:10)
- 16 The Pharisee thanked God because he felt he was _____ than others. (Lk. 18:11-12)
- 18 The tax collector returned to his house _____ before God. (Lk. 18:14)
- 19 Jesus tells this parable to those who were confident of their own _____ and looked down on everyone else. (Lk. 18:9)
- 20 Who left the temple with his sins forgiven? (Lk. 18:14) two words

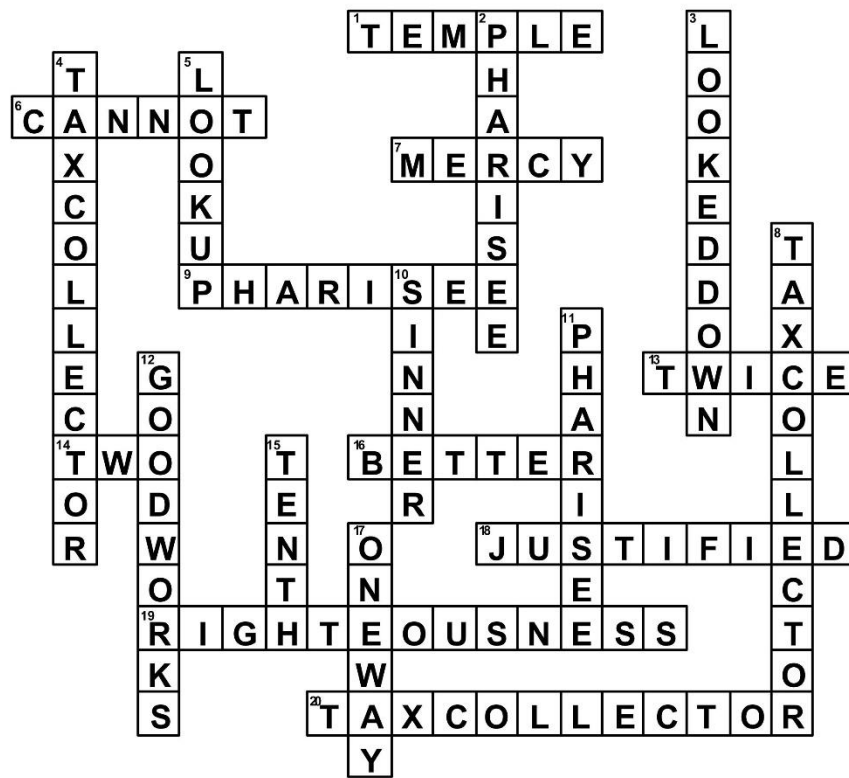
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- 2 Name one of the men who went up to the temple to pray. (Lk. 18:10)
- 3 Jesus tells this parable to those who _____ on everyone else. (Lk. 18:9) two words
- 4 What was the occupation of the an who went to the temple and humbled himself before God? (Lk. 18:10) two words
- 5 When the tax collector prayed, he did not _____ to heaven. (Lk. 18:13)
- 8 Who trusted in God's mercy for salvation? (Lk. 18:13) two words
- 10 The tax collector said he was a _____. (Lk. 18:13)
- 11 When praying, who thanked God that he was not like other people? (Lk. 18:11)
- 12 How do some people wish to enter heaven? (Lk. 18:9) two words
- 15 When praying, the Pharisee thanked God because he gave a _____ of all his income. (Lk. 18:12)
- 17 The Bible tells us there is only _____ to be saved. (Ac. 4:12) two words

Answers on next page

THE PARABLE OF THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR (PUBLICAN)

Luke 18:9-14



**Do you enjoy the treats, coffee & fellowship
On Sunday mornings following the service?**

Please consider signing up to bring treats a couple of times during the year. The new sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Lavonne Rausch (320-630-9752).



FALL BAZAAR

Saturday, November 5th

9:00am – 1:00pm

Zion Lutheran Church
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Crafts
Books & Media



Soup & Dessert Luncheon
10:30am – 1:00pm

WORSHIP SERVANTS

DATES	ELDER	USHERS	GREETER	READER	ORGANIST
1	Chris Roe	Mike Beseman		TBD	Peggy Dolney
2	Sheldon Prozinski	Keith Schumann Eugene Doucette	Angie Watnaas	Katie Schumann	Peggy Dolney
8 LWML	Greg Rausch	LWML	LWML	LWML	Carol Prozinski
9 LWML	Jerry Knafla	LWML	LWML	LWML	Carol Prozinski
15	Craig Bohnsack	Mike Beseman		Angie Watnaas	Carol Prozinski
16	Mike Gohl	Ben Messinger Marcel Bellefeuille	Phyllis Shirley	Wyatt Ploof	Carol Prozinski
22	Greg Rausch	Spencer Roe		Peggy Dolney	Peggy Dolney
23	Jerry Knafla	Wayne & Bing Ganz	Ginny Fitch	Amanda Dawson	Peggy Dolney
29 Hymn sing	Sheldon Prozinski	Julie Dancer		Peggy Dolney	Carol Prozinski
30 Hymn sing	Craig Bohnsack	Dennis Hollermann David Dickmann	Karen Dickmann	Kayla Bohnsack	Carol Prozinski

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Zion Lutheran Church

Oct 2022 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 6:30pm - Worship
2 10am - Sunday School 10:30am - Stewardship	3 9am - Wmn's Bible Study 5pm - Elders 7pm - Evangelism	4 6:30pm - Pastor's Study	5 9am - Quilters 6pm - Handbells 6:30pm - Board of ED	6 10am - SAIL-orientation	7	8 LWML worship 6:30pm - Worship
9 LWML Worship 9am - Blended Worship & 10am - Sunday School	10 9am - Wmn's Bible Study 5:30pm - Trustees 6:30pm - Council Mtg	11 10am - SAIL 6:30pm - Pastor's Study	12 9am - Quilters 6pm - Handbells	13 10am - SAIL	14	15 6:30pm - Worship
16 9am - Door Offering 10am - Sunday School	17 9am - LWQ 10am - ZLW	18 8:30am - LWML Zone Fall Joy 6:30pm - Pastor's Study	19 9am - Quilters 6pm - Handbells	20 10am - SAIL	21	22 6:30pm - Worship
23 9am - Blended Service 10am - Sunday School 10:30am - Quarterly Voters	24 9am - Wmn's Bible Study	25 10am - SAIL 6:30pm - Pastor's Study	26 9am - Quilters 6pm - Handbells	27 10am - SAIL	28	29 6:30pm - Worship
30 Hymnsing 10am - Sunday School	31 9am - Wmn's Bible Study	1 10am - SAIL 6:30pm - Pastor's Study	2 9am - Quilters 6pm - Handbells 6:30pm - Board of ED	3 10am - SAIL	4	5 9am - ZLW Bazaar 6:30pm - Worship

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