



GOD is our
REFUGE and
STRENGTH,

a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

Will the war in the Ukraine lead to WWII? Will our next election lead to the demise of the USA? Will it be another cold and icy winter and I might slip on the ice and break a hip? Is that pain in my elbow cancer? Is Covid coming back? Are my children going to be OK? Will my car start this morning? (add your own questions here)

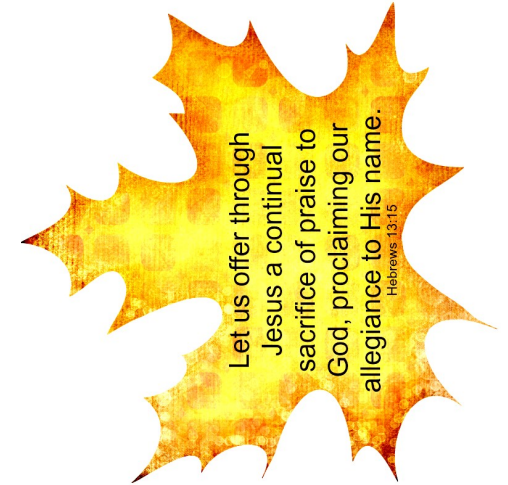
Sometimes life is scary. Things happen that are beyond our control. Sometimes we feel alone in the world against big obstacles.

Martin Luther felt that way. The church was out to get him. The government was out to get him. There were many people who wanted to kill him his whole adult life. He loved Psalm 46. He loved remembering that God is in control and always will be. He loved know that God would be there to help his whole life on earth, and because of Jesus' death and resurrection, eternally in heaven.

Any one of those things in the first paragraph could happen. The additional concerns that you added could happen. But God is our refuge and strength.

See you in church,

Pastor Kleppe



Let us offer through
Jesus a continual
sacrifice of praise to
God, proclaiming our
allegiance to His name.
Hebrews 13:15



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410 Main Street South
Pine City, MN 55063



Fall
FOR
Jesus
HE NEVER LEAVES



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 LWML Sunday Worship/Comm 8:30am Education Hour 10am	2 Evangelism 7pm	3	4 Confirmation 5:30pm Worship 7pm	5	6	7
8 Worship/ Communion 8:30am Education Hour 10am	9 Elder Meeting 6pm Council Meeting 7pm	10	11 Confirmation 5:30pm Worship/Comm 7pm	12 LWML Sewing Group 9am LWML Meeting 1pm	13 LWML Rally Finlayson	14 Fall Clean-Up Day 9am-1pm
15 Worship/Comm 8:30am Education Hour 10:30am <i>Hayride 2:00pm</i>	16	17	18 Confirmation 5:30pm Worship 7pm	19	20 <i>Office Closed</i>	21
22 Worship/ Communion 8:30am Education Hour 10am	23	24	25 Confirmation 5:30pm Worship/Comm 7pm	26	27	28 Men's Club Raking 9am Chili Feed 5-6:30pm
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Hayride & Potluck

Come Along For The Ride



Sunday October 15th

Starting at 2:00, followed by a
potluck dinner @ the Olson's

**56299 Falcon Ave
Pine City, MN**



Fall cleanup Day will be

Saturday October 14th

9am-1pm

**Everyone invited and
encouraged to come
help clean the Church.**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Charlie Bloomquist 10/4
Christian Fromm 10/4
Penelope Bloomquist 10/5
Brad Hall 10/6
Denise Linder 10/14
Bill Casby 10/16
Judy Skalicky 10/17
Chad Fedder 10/20
Gail Smetana 10/24
Lucy Bloomquist 10/26

ANNIVERSARIES

David & Dianne
Deutschlander 10/15
Larry & Heidi Pogones 10/16
Chad & Casey Fedder 10/18
Brad & Lori Hall 10/21
Bill & Jeanne Casby 10/25



OCTOBER SERVANTS 2023: SERVANTS OF ZION

USHERS

Bill Dahl
Keith Strehlo
Josh Strehlo
Karl Strehlo

OFFERING COUNTERS

Barbara Carlson 10/2
Dallas Carpenter 10/10
JoAnn Breska 10/16
Stephany Lotz 10/23
Karen Meyer 10/30

ALTAR GUILD

Bill and Jeanne Casby



Chili Feed & Bake Sale



Saturday, October 28th

5-6:30 pm at

Zion Lutheran Church

Zion Lutheran Council Minutes: September 11th 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Members Present: Pastor Kleppe, Karen Althoff, Bob Thompson, Ryan Ovick, Jerry Lotz, Jeremiah Slama, Keith Strehlo.

Members Absent: Chad Fedder, Scott Ovick, Tom Martini, Steve Olson & Larry Anderson.

Opened with Prayer and Devotion from Proverbs. Lecturing parents about raising children. This is Law. We fail in raising children. We don't live perfect lives. We have forgiveness. Train our children, God forgives Our sins and theirs.

Secretary's Report- This was shared prior to the meeting electronically. Correction made regarding the AED. It was stated that the batteries were \$1000. Batteries cost is \$80. Motion made to accept the report, motion seconded and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report- Balance currently at \$12,964.57. First Bill was sent to Living Branch for \$899 for the 11 days in August. We show a loss for the month but several things were completed such as new Keys, Inspection of Fire Extinguishers and Exit Signs. Discussed the monthly bill for Living Branch and figuring out the average to bill monthly.

Pastor's Report:

1.Our YouTube channel is Glen Kleppe. We continue to put services on the channel every week. It is accessible directly or through our church website, zionpinecity.org or through our Facebook page. Now we will return to Wednesday service matching the following Sunday. Please consider attending this service if you are going to be gone on the following Sunday.

2.Sunday School started. Everything went well. Teachers are Jennifer Strehlo, Stepheny Lotz, Jeremiah Slama, Lynda Dahl, Jerry Lotz. Elders will teach the Adult Bible Class. Superintendents are Katy Ovick & Linda Kleppe.

3.Met with Confirmation students, there will be 2 students this year. Class will start this Wednesday.

4.Keith Strehlo won the Men's Fishing Outing having caught 2 Sunny's. It was a fun outing.

5.Living Branch would like to have a Thanksgiving Eve service. After discussion a motion was made for Living Branch to hold the Thanksgiving service, motion was seconded and passed.

6.Brief discussion on next year's budget. Would like to see the landline at the Parsonage dropped and then for the cost of the internet service to be picked up. As we work on next years budget we will look at this.

7.Motion to accept Pastor's report, motion seconded and motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism- Friendship Sunday on September 24th. Giving out jars to new teachers at the schools that contain ingredients for soup.

Endowment- No meeting.

LWML- Meeting this Thursday. LWML Sunday is October 1st. Starting to make dresses again.

Preschool- Currently 2 openings. Preschool started on 9/11. Based on Jenine's Facebook post it sounds like the start of the year went great! Chili Feed scheduled for October 28th.

Worship, Music & Arts- No Meetings.

Youth Group- No report

Men's Group- Had our fishing outing. Keith Strehlo won having caught 2 sunny's. Next outing will be Church Yard clean-up on October 28th.

*Discussed setting a date for Altar Guild clean-up. Pastor will figure this out. Also discussed and set a date for Fall Cleaning at Church. This will be on Saturday October 14th.

* Noted that we have scheduled a Hayride & Potluck for Sunday October 15th @ Steve & Marsha Olson's place. We will also invite Living Branch members to join us on this outing.

Trustees Report/Old Business:

*Trees at parsonage still need to be taken care of as more branches are falling down. Will contact Obi to do the work, will have the stumps ground down as well. Motion to have this done, motion seconded and passed.

Facia still hanging at the peak of the roof. Bob will contact RJI to see if they can come do this work and take care of it.

Keys have been completed and locks changed. Need to get a plate for the previous key hole to cover it.

Electronic Sign still not working. Will check with Steve to see if Andrew can look at it or not. Have flipped circuit breaker on and sign does come on but not for long. Also will contact Scott Ovick to see if he would have interest in helping with the sign.

Office computer, Katy and Pastor will address this soon.

Stove- will look to pick this out and get it purchased.

AED- Katy ordered new batteries and pads for the AED. Previously ordered batteries were not correct. Will see if this fixes the AED.

Parsonage Garage Repair. See if we can get the materials from Steve and have Larry work on this.

Larry plugged up access point the Pigeon's were using. He returned and unplugged it and then resealed it. It seems the Pigeon's are no longer in the bell tower. Notice there has been less noise.

Fire Extinguishers and Exit Signs have been inspected.

Motion to accept Committee and Trustee reports, motion seconded and motion passed.

New Business-

Snow Removal- Jenine messaged me regarding snow removal this winter. Wants to make sure we have this lined up. We will contact Steve Olson to make sure that he is continuing with this. Jenine would like to make sure sidewalks are clear in the morning. We discussed that given the weather this may not always be possible but that we would do the best we can.

2024 Budget Planning. We will go over the Budget at the October 2024 Council Meeting and present to the Voter's at October

meeting. Remind everyone to have budgets in the start of October.

Officer Election for 2024. Two Elders positions (Keith Strehlo & Tom Martini), Trustee position (open), Treasurer (Karen Althoff) & Council Secretary (Open).

Also may need to seek a Financial Secretary. Will discuss this more as we move forward.

Safe- Have not been able to find a key for the safe with Dennis Loudon recuperating. Had to drill out the safe to gain access to it. The offerings for 2 weeks were counted on 9/11. Safe will be replaced and we will ensure keys are located somewhere secure for access.

Usher Scheduling- Chad Fedder has talked to Katy about taking this over. He will be making up a survey to ask Ushers about their availability. More Ushers are always welcome to join!

October Voter's Meeting. Suggestion to change the time of this to allow Pastor to make it back from North Branch to be part of the meeting. Open discussion occurred. After tossing around ideas we decided to have the Voter's meeting on October 29th. We will have a Potluck after Education Hour starting at 11:15 which will then be followed by the meeting at 12pm. We encourage all members to take part in the Potluck and meeting as this is an important meeting to discuss next years budget and election of officers.

Minutes typed and respectfully submitted by Jerry Lotz
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Mark your calendar for these upcoming Men's Club events:



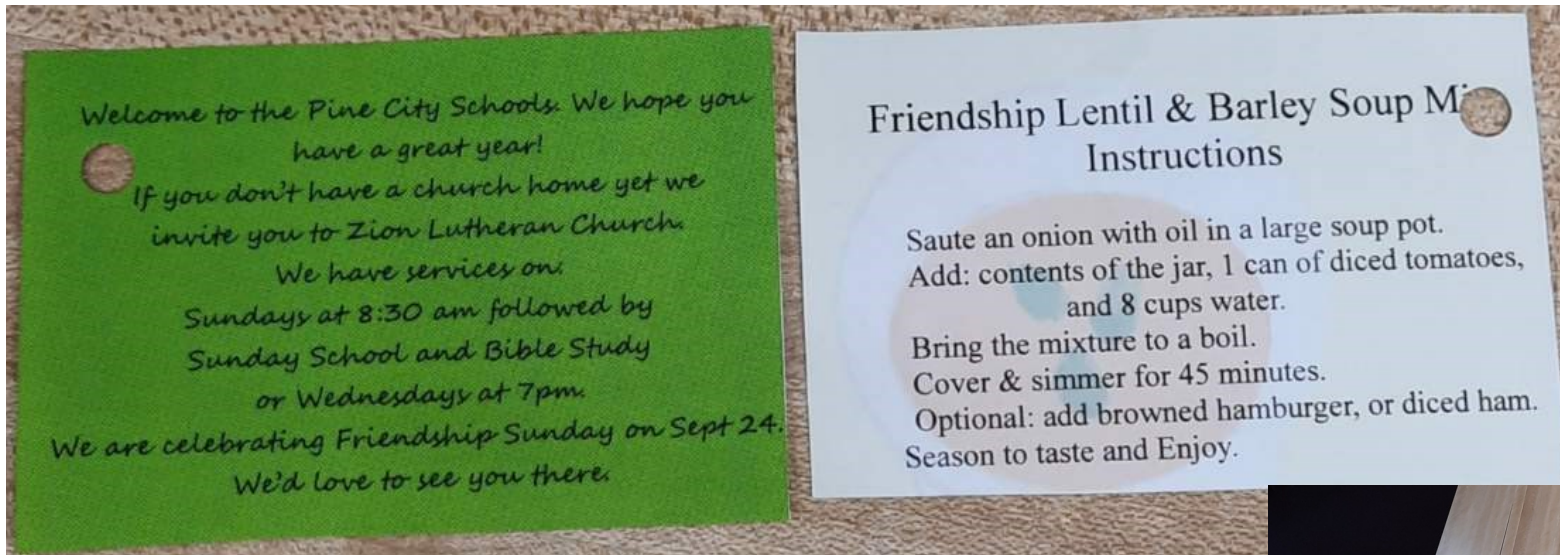
- October 28*** – Raking and yard work at church
- November 18*** – Hinckley Fire Museum & Tobie's
- January 14*** – host a family game night
- February 17*** – Spaghetti Dinner

LWML Mission Project Update

LWML would like to thank everyone who contributed pillowcases for us to make dresses for Orphan Grain Train. Three dozen were boxed and delivered to a pickup site. As you continue to donate, we have a nice start to making more in the future. There is a basket on the "free" table. This is a wonderful mission project, and we have fun making them. The attached picture shows just a few examples. Do you think they'll have fun wearing these?



Evangelism News



Zion's Evangelism committee made and distributed "Soup Jars" to the new teachers at Pine City. Included in their gift bag was a note welcoming them, instructions to prepare the soup, and an invitation to join us on Friendship Sunday. A Place for You will also be invited to worship with us on Friendship Sunday. Remember how important all of you are in welcoming visitors to our church. We all feel better when we feel welcome

