



Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
-Matthew 11:28-30

Happy Labor Day!

I think that Labor Day is a strange holiday. For most people, especially students, it marks the end of summer. But what exactly are we celebrating? Labor? Is that something to celebrate?

The Bible speaks very positively about labor:

Luke 10:7 - Remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages.

Ephesians 4:28 - Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

Philippians 1:22 - If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 - We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work.

1 Timothy 5:18-19 - For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages."

I thank God that I have always had work to do. God has blessed us all with knowledge, skills, and abilities. We live in a nation where jobs are plentiful, and workers are generally respected. We are indeed prosperous, because God is good, and because we and our ancestors have worked for it.

Truly labor is worth celebrating. See you in church.

The grass withers
the flower fades
but the
WORD
of our
GOD
will stand
FOREVER
Isaiah 40:8



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September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Worship/Communion 8:30am	28	29 <i>Growing in Grace Meet the Teacher Night at 6:30pm</i>	30 Worship/Comm 7pm	31	1	2
3 Worship/ Communion 8:30am	4  LABOR DAY <i>No evening meetings</i>	5	6 Worship 7pm	7	8	9 Men's Group Fishing Day 9am
10 <u>RALLY SUNDAY</u> Worship/ Communion 8:30am Bible Study 10am	11 <i>1st day of preschool</i> Elder Meeting 6pm Council Meeting 7pm	12	13 Worship/Comm 7pm	14 LWML Meeting 1pm	15	16
17 Worship/ Communion 8:30am Bible Study 10am	18	19	20 Worship 7pm	21	22	23
24 <u>FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY</u> Worship/ Communion 8:30am Bible Study 10am	25	26	27 Worship/Comm 7pm	28	29	30

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Tom Martini 9/17
 Dennis Sundermeyer 9/17
 Steve Ovick 9/23



ANNIVERSARIES

Darrell & Sandra Williamson 9/3
 Paul & Erin Maloney 9/27
 Andy & Lisa Westernen 9/30



SEPTEMBER SERVANTS 2023: SERVANTS OF ZION

ELDERS

Keith Strehlo 9/3
 Jeremiah Slama 9/10
 Ryan Ovick 9/17
 Jerry Lotz 9/24

ALTAR GUILD

Heidi Pogones &
 Karen Althoff

USHERS

Bob Thompson
 Larry Anderson
 Andy Westernen
 Dennis Louden

LAWN MOWING

Strehlo Family: Aug 27th-Sept 2nd
 Thompson Family: Sept 3rd-9th
 Casby Family: Sept 10th-16th
 Les Peterson: Sept 17th-23rd
 Tom Martini: Sept 24th- 30th

OFFERING COUNTERS

Janet Sundermeyer 9/5
 Karen Teich 9/11
 Jeanne Casby 9/18
 Verna Carpenter 9/25



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

*REMINDER as of August 27th our new Sunday morning worship time is 8:30am.

*Rally Sunday will be on September 10th, 2023 starting with worship at 8:30am. Sunday School and Fall Bible Study will start following that at 10:00am!

*Friendship Sunday will be on September 24th. Please start to think about who you can invite and how you can start those discussions! More things to come in the bulletin!

*The Sunday School year begins on September 10th. If you are interested in helping out, contact Katy Ovick.

*The Church Council is in need of a couple of Trustees (in charge of buildings and grounds) and a Secretary to take and publish meeting minutes. If you can help out, talk to Council President Jerry Lotz or Pastor Kleppe.

* Growing in Grace Preschool starts on September 11th, 2023. We still have 3 openings please direct any families that are interested to Jenine Preston. Feel free to call or text (320)-674-0937 or email jeninepreston@hotmail.com ; You can also call the church office if you have any questions! Please help our preschool to be full this year to help maintain our low costs!



Growing in Grace Preschool

Growing in Grace has been in operation since 2004.

Right now we still have 3 openings left for FALL 2023 if you know of anyone or have any questions at all please contact Jenine Preston or the church office.

Our Teacher is Mrs. Jenine Preston you can contact her at jeninepreston@hotmail.com or call her at 320-674-0937 We are a state-licensed preschool and only employ qualified teachers and aides. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 8:15—11:15 a.m. during the school year.

All children ages 36 months to kindergarten are welcome to join us. The student must be toilet trained, have a physical form signed by a doctor, and have an up-to-date immunization record.

We use a Bible-based Christian curriculum, which includes the basics of the Christian faith, but also prepares students for entry into Kindergarten. We use materials that introduce the students to concepts that form a good foundation for the Kindergarten program at Pine City Elementary School. We also have loads of FUN!

Our tuition is \$140/month although we charge tuition, there is financial assistance available for families in need.

We also have 2 fundraisers to help keep our costs down. The Chili Feed in late October and a Trike-A-Thon during the spring!

Trustees Report:

*Some trees at parsonage need to be cleaned up or cut down eventually. Will have Obi take a look at this.

*Report of Facia hanging at the peak of the roof. Will look into this.

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

Old Business:

Pigeons- discussed again ideas to try to get rid of them. Moving camera to different spot to see if we can figure out there coming and going. It was decided to seal up their entry point and then wait a couple days and unseal and hope they all leave at that time and then reseal.

Keys- Discussed the keys list & inventory. Decided to move forward with getting new locks and keys. \$125 for service call, \$20 each key hole & \$3.75 to \$4.50 per key- will order 40 keys.

Constitution update- we will each review one more time and if any changes need to be made will note them. Constitution will be read at October Voters Meeting.

New Business-

Corn Feed- suggestion from member to recognize the Olson family for their time and efforts in planting corn. Due to weather corn this year did not grow well. We expressed our appreciation for the Olson's time and efforts.

Stove for Parsonage- member suggestion to purchase a new stove for parsonage. Current stove is 30 years old. Motion to purchase stove from Dales Heating and Air, motion seconded and passed.

Computer- desk to computer for church office. Discussion occurred. Motion was made to use Memorial Funds to purchase Desk Top Computer for Office, motion seconded and passed. Pastor will contact Son-in-Law to see what deals are available and best computer to go with.

Laptop computer for Pastor- tabled this for the time being. Will revisit down the road.

Innovative Basement- contacted us about service call. Likely routine inspection of alarm on pump needs to be done. Pastor will return call to schedule.

Fire Extinguishers- Keith noted that it may be time to inspect Fire Extinguishers. Ryan checked date on Extinguisher. Found to last be inspected July 2022. Will contact All Safe Global to perform inspection. Cost of \$300. Motion made to have this inspection done and seconded. Motion passed.

AED- batteries need replacing as AED is not working. Discussed options of new battery at \$1000 or new AED at \$2000. Bob Thompson said he would work on this.

Electronic Sign- not working. Will not power on. People are missing the sign. Missing communication with community. Need someone to look inside the sign to figure out what is happening. Steve said he would ask Andrew if he could you look at this. Need to have individuals who can know what it looks like inside and being willing to help when repairs are needed.

****Minutes typed and respectfully submitted by Jerry Lotz

Zion Lutheran

August 14th 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

*Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Members Present: Pastor Kleppe, Karen Althoff, Bob Thompson, Ryan Ovick, Jerry Lotz, Jeremiah Slama, Keith Strehlo, Steve Olson & Larry Anderson.

Members Absent: Chad Fedder, Scott Ovick & Tom Martini.

Opened with Prayer and Devotion from Romans 15- Grace of God, Gift of Faith and Family of God. Appealing to his brothers, Pray on his behalf for unbelievers in Judea.

Secretary's Report- This was shared prior to the meeting electronically. Motion made to accept the report, motion seconded and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report- Balance currently at \$16,821. Finances for the year to date are in the positive. Finances are staying steady.

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
2. Sunday Yesterday we finished our study on the "Dare to be Different."
3. VBS went well. We registered 25 kids and had plenty of help..
4. The youth serving Art in the Park also went well. It was a small crowd, so they didn't make much money.
5. The Lions stand at the Fair also seemed to go well.

6. Bill Casby and I put together a list of activities for the Men's Group to try to get going. Here is what we came up with
September 9th- fishing and lunch at Casby's; *October 28th-* Raking and yard work at Church; *-November 18th-* Fire Museum and Tobie's; *January 14th-* host a Family Game Night; *February 17th-* Spaghetti Dinner; *March, April, May-* we thought of a Tom Kuseske presentation, a praise party, another trip to Science Museum. It's too early to put them on the calendar

Upcoming dates:

August 20th- Installation at Living Branch.

August 27th- Worship changes to 8:30

September 9th- Men's Club Fishing and lunch at Casey's.

September 10th- first day of Sunday School.

Council considered at this point adjustments to Pastors salary for the remainder of the year with the Dual Parish starting. Considered his Salary and benefits amount and the portion Living Branch will now be responsible for. Figuring this out we had a motion to adjust salary based on Synod guidelines for the Dual Parish role and Living Branch's contribution to Salary. Motion was seconded and passed.

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

Committee Reports:

Evangelism-

No Meeting. Friendship Sunday on September 24th.

Endowment- No meeting.

LWML- Rally in Finlayson in the Fall. Looking for new projects.

Preschool- Met last week. We reviewed school calendar. Currently Preschool has 2 openings. If you know of someone looking for a Preschool send them to us. Set Chili Feed for Saturday October 28th.

Worship, Music & Arts- No Meetings.

Youth Group- Served at Art in the Park

Men's Group-

See Pastors report for details on plans for the Men's Group.