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October 2023 Newsletter

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October SERVANT SCHEDULE:

	GREETER	LECTOR	COMM. ASST.	USHER	
11/1	Mary Althoff & Denise Goodwyn	Pat Fredrickson	Pat Fredrickson & Vickey Cowen	Jim Fredrickson & Bryon Swanby	
11/8	Denise Goodwyn & Kris Descheemaker	Suzie Flentie	Monte & Starla Solberg	Emily Pietz & Pat Carroll	
11/15	Lana Papp & Audrey Olson	Laurie Bentley	Audrey & Stan Olson	Sharon Nordahl	
11/22		Janet Grensten	Denise Goodwyn	Paul Grensten & Foss Wilson	
11/29	Kris Descheemaker	Linda Robinson	Laurie Bentley & Vickey Cowen	Bill & Vickey Cowen	

***IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL YOUR DUTY, PLEASE FIND YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT**



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MISSION STATEMENT

We share God's call to experience purpose, wholeness, and community in Jesus Christ and faithfully steward his creation.

Pastor's COLUMN

For several years many of the youth activities I attended began with attendees sharing their “highs” and “lows” for the week. This year I decided to change it up a bit. I am asking the attendees to share those moments of our week that made us stop and say “hmmm,” or just stop and take notice. When something makes us stop it very well can be God is trying to get our attention and/or God wants us to notice what God is doing in our lives.

These God moments are important. They call us out of looking inward and put our focus outward. When we look outward we are more apt to engage with our neighbor and see our neighbor’s needs and share in their joys and sorrows. When we look outward we are less focused on what we are not happy about in our own lives and see the joy God is giving us. Looking outward provides a way for God to bless our lives.

Here are some pauses I have had recently:

- 1) Watching a news interview of a former member who had her 103rd birthday. She continues to mow her own lawn; garden, does a crossword puzzle a day, and practices the piano... which she took her first lesson at age 70. She reminds us that you see are never too old to start something new. For her 100th birthday she bought, and taught herself, how to use a smart phone. She did this to be more connected to her grandkids and great grandkids.
- 2) Having one of our youngest members stand up on the pew one Sunday and wave at me. Of course, I waved back, without even thinking what some of you must have thought who didn’t see the initial wave. I can’t express what it did for my heart, knowing that whatever I was preaching, she was taking notice of what I was doing.
- 3) Seeing a post on social media by a neighbor, that the northern lights were shining through. Rather than go to bed, as planned, I hopped in the car and drove out away from the light pollution of town. WOW! God’s cosmos is wonderful. I am so blessed God allows me to be a part of God’s grand creation Just wow!

These moments can keep me going when I think I am out of energy. They can turn” that frown upside down.” They are gifts.

What has caused you to stop and go “hmmm” this week. May your moments bless you. Don’t be stingy... share these moments and bless others with them also.

In Christ,

Pastor Audrey

Click [HERE](#) to see the October calendar.

Staying connected with our church just got easier. Just download the Instant Church app and you will have access to our church directory.



If you haven't already, please download this app. You can use your home computer or a smart phone. If you are no able to do either of these options, we will be printing hard copies.

October Social Concern is...

Love Inc.

Their mission is to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ. Practically speaking, we're a network of churches that links church ministries and volunteers to people in need. We hope to cooperate with churches, community agencies, other nonprofits, and community businesses to provide effective help for anyone facing a tough time.

If you would like to contribute to this effort, make you check out to Zion and mark Love Inc. on the memo line or there is a list of items needed on the narthex table.

B.L.A.S.T.

Please let Falan know if your kiddo will be there that day.

Lewis and Clark kids will meet in the Mormon Church parking lot.

If you have any questions, please call or text Falan.

Zion's Community Connections Group is offering dinner ever Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm.

We hope to see you there.





Help Wanted

Zion will be in need of a custodian(s) by the end of December, 2023. We are sad (for Zion), to say Kent and Nina are retiring (yay for them).

The job is part-time, approximately 15 hours a week. The hours are somewhat flexible.

Compensation is DOQ

If interested please get a complete job description and application at Zion's church office. The office is open Monday thru Thursday, 9am to 2pm.



- * Jessie Stewart
- * Tia Gaughan
(Pam Bowen's granddaughter)
- * Becky Woltermann
- * Bob Simpson
- * Doris Moore

Wednesday Night Line-Up

*B.L.A.S.T. and Rainbow Choir will meet from 3:30pm-5:30pm

*Wee Singers will meet from 5-5:30pm

*Confirmation will meet from 4:00pm – 5:00pm

*Dinner 5:30 – 6:30pm

*Worship 6:00 – 6:20pm

*PZYG 6:45 – 8pm

New member retreat October 14,
2023/new member Sunday – October
29, 2023

Have you considered becoming a member of Zion? Do you wonder what becoming a member means? Are you curious about things like “what do Lutherans believe,” and “how you can use your gifts at Zion?” These are just some of the topics we will discuss at a new member retreat, October 14, 2023.

This retreat may be helpful for current members also. Attending this retreat does not obligate anyone to become a member of Zion. Those who do decide to become a member of Zion will be welcomed into the fellowship October 29, 2023 during worship.

If interested please RSVP to pastor Audrey either by email: zionpastor@midrivers.com or text 406-239-1533 OR in person. A lunch will be provided.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

PZYG

The high school youth group may need to consider changing their name again. We are no longer just Zion's high school youth, or First Presbyterian's youth, but we have added youth from other congregations such as United Methodist and Episcopal and are open to anyone with a desire for fellowship, fun, and discussion.

Those, who have attended, have made the decision to use the basement of Pastor's rental house for their meeting space. They have picked out, and ordered, décor and gaming fun for their space. We are using a group called AXIS to discuss: music, sports, mental health, video games and much more.

Each meeting includes activities and discussion.

Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm. We meet in the fellowship hall of Zion for a meal that is served between 5:30 and 6:30 before going onto the evening's activities.

All high school youth are welcome!

DUTY GUIDELINES FOR USHERS

1. Be on duty fifteen minutes before service.
2. If necessary, turn on lights in nave, chancel, and narthex.
3. Make sure guest register is open and working pen is with it.
4. Check bulletin for baptism or special events that may need attention. Check with pastor if you have questions.
5. Stand near the nave doors to distribute bulletins. As needed, usher persons to their pews (e.g., the infirm, new members, etc.) especially as last minute folks come in and see that the back pews are full.
6. Fill out the *Attendance Record*. Leave in the narthex or place in the offering plate.
7. **The Offering**
 - Offering plates will remain at the back (not passed through the pews).
 - Always look at the bulletin to see when the offering should be taken to the front.
 - Receive the offering in the choir loft and narthex, as needed.
 - Ushers come forward with the offering plates when the acolyte comes to the altar rail to receive the offering plates.
9. **The Communion.**
 - Ushers should open the narthex doors and take their positions in the aisle at the front during the singing of the “Lamb of God”, so that members can be directed forward while the pastor communes the assistants.
 - Ushers will move back pew by pew to maintain a steady line of communicants.
 - Inform the pastor if there are persons to be communed in their pew.
10. Tidy the pews after worship. Pick up papers and put hymnals and Bibles in place.

Communion Guidelines

Please come to the sacristy during the singing of the “Holy, Holy, Holy”.
(If that is not sung, come during the Offering.)

Wash your hands at the sink.

Decide who will:

- who will serve wine, who will pick up cups (if serving by trays),

During the singing of the “Lamb of God” come to the front and stand at the altar to receive communion.

Leave the emptied trays at the altar. Place the covers on the unused trays remaining on the tables.

Exit through the sacristy to take your :