

The Messenger



A Note from the Pastor

September Newsletter 2026

From the Pastor: Luke 10:27-28 *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."* ²⁸ *And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."*

"Love...Do this and you will live." This is the answer given to the lawyer who asks Jesus the question, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" This is the scene where we see Jesus tell the parable of the Good Samaritan. This parable is a popular one because we all want to know who exactly is my neighbor that I am supposed to love.

When I was growing up in Southern California, we lived in what is known as tract housing in the suburbs of Los Angeles. Meaning that all the houses on our block were really close to each other. Maybe not being able to pass the sugar across the kitchen windows close, but pretty close together. This was great! It meant that we knew our neighbor's names, addresses, phone numbers, shoe sizes, occupation and how many kids and grandkids they had.

As fun and great as that is, it can also be a bit of a pain. Why? Because they... know our names, addresses, phone numbers, shoe sizes, occupation and how many kids and grandkids we have. There wasn't a whole lot of secrets when your homes are so physically close together. At times, you felt like everyone knew your business... whether you told it to them or not.

Jesus relays the idea that our neighbors are not only our geographically close ones (and for some of you that can be quite a distance away... you know who you are!) but also anyone we come in contact with. Jesus knows that loving our neighbor is key to building our relationships with one another. Loving our neighbor means that we want what's best for them. We want them to be a part of a church family like we are.

The statistics are staggering to see how many people are missing from church on Sundays. Not just our 2 congregations at St. Peter's and Zion, but all Christian churches. Jesus at the end of the parable asks the lawyer who was a neighbor to the man beaten up. The lawyer said... "the one who showed him mercy." Jesus' response: "You go and do likewise."

There is a saying that God wants heaven to be crowded. I envision it to be much like my neighborhood growing up. What an amazing gift that would be! May the Lord help us all show our neighbor mercy, check in on them, encourage them to come or return to church, and most importantly pray for them.

In His Service,



Ambassador Christian Church
and Zion Lutheran Church - co-sponsors

Sundays 4:00 - 5:30 PM

GriefShare®

Grief recovery groups

GRIEFSHARE.ORG

Sunday, Sept. 13th - December 6

13-week program - each week is stand-alone.

**Held at Zion Lutheran
1202 West Main, Chanute**



**Sign up using the QR code or
enroll the first night. Book cost: \$15**

For those dealing with the loss of a loved one.
Video and discussion, no obligation to share.



Items we need at Cherry Street

Clorox wipes

Tissues

Individually wrapped Candy: Jolly Ranchers, Dum Dum suckers, Tootsie Rolls, Fun Size chocolate bars etc.

Kitchen supplies: tin foil, gallon, snack & sandwich sized baggies, plastic cling wrap, wax paper, etc.

Cleaners like: 409, Lysol, or Mr. Clean, Mr. Clean Magic

Erasers

Deodorant (both male and female)

6 inch & 9 inch paper plates

****New and gently used items for our Christmas store**

Please bring all items to 710 N Forest

****Examples include toys picked up on clearance or the toys the kids no longer play with (if parts are all there and in good shape), Mom gifts like jewelry, fancy lotions, kitchen items, Dad gifts like sports memorabilia, small tool sets, cologne/body sprays, etc.**



RALLY DAY + ICE CREAM = ONE SWEET SUNDAE

September 20, 2026

Worship: 8:30am

Ice Cream & Activities: 10:00am

We invite the whole congregation to join in celebrating Sunday School Rally Day with worship, fun activities and an Ice Cream Social. Join us as we "... taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him." Psalm 34:8

Ice Cream provided; please bring a topping to share.

LWML ZONE FALL EVENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

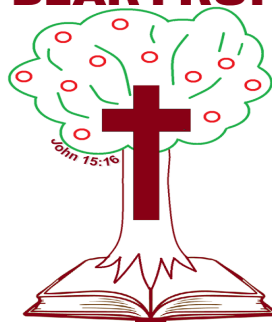
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER

102 W JACKSON, PITTSBURG

REGISTRATION STARTING AT 9:00 AM

SERVANT EVENTS AVAILABLE FROM ARRIVAL TILL 10:00 AM

BEAR FRUIT



THAT WILL LAST

BIBLE STUDY

SPEAKER FROM WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

GIFTS FROM THE HEART IN-GATHERING: DIAPERS AND WIPES FOR

VIE MEDICAL CLINIC, PITTSBURG

SHORT MEETING

SNACKS AND LUNCH PROVIDED

DOOR PRIZES

Sunday	
September 6 th	Worship Service 8:30am Bible Study 10:00am
September 13 th	Worship Service 8:30am Bible Study 10:00am Grief Share 4:30pm Council Meeting 6:00pm
September 20 th	Worship Service 8:30am Rally Day 10:00am Grief Share 4:30pm
September 27 th	Worship Service 8:30am Bible Study 10:0am Grief Share 4:30pm
Monday	
Ladies Bible Study	9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28
Tuesday	
September 1 st	Ladies Circle 9:00am M&M Bible Study 4:30pm Elder's Meeting 7:00pm
September 8 th	Men's Bible Study 6:30am
September 15 th	M&M Bible Study 4:30pm
September 22 nd	Men's Bible Study 6:30am
September 29 th	M&M Bible Study



**The next Voter's Meeting
will be in October.**



*Men's Bible Study will meet at the
Grain Bin on
September 8th and September 22nd
at the 6:30am.*

Date:	Atten:	Comm:
8/2	48	45
8/9	47	43
8/16	40	35
8/23	41	40



*Ladies Circle will resume
September 1st at 9am.*



**The next Elder's Meeting
will be September 1st
at 7pm .**

Mary and Martha
*M&M's Bible study will meet
September 2nd and September 23rd
at 4:30pm .*



**The next Council Meeting will
be September 13th at 6pm.**



*Ladies Bible study will meet
every Monday
at 1pm.*

September 2026 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED EVERY SUNDAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Worship Service at Zion
Sundays at 8:30am
Sunday School at 10:00am
Pastor Matthew Jennings
Church Phone: 620-431-1341

USHERS for September
Garrett Engelman and Don Hurt

Acolytes

Sunday, September 6 th	Gabriel Engelman
Sunday, September 13 th	Emma Washburn
Sunday, September 20 th	Kyron Ross
Sunday, September 27 th	Nova Ross

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Sunday, September 6 th	David Engelman
Sunday, September 13 th	Doug Oehlert
Sunday, September 20 th	Greg Carter
Sunday, September 27 th	Kyle Ross

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS 2025-2030

Board members are listed by order of appointment and
Chairman's name is marked (*) (when available)
Newly Appointed is marked (+)
Board members are placed by year of appointment

President: Kyle Ross **Vice President:** Ron Hurt
Secretary: Cindy Graff
Treasurer: Gloria Quinn

Assoc. Treasurer: Diana Washburn

BOARD OF ELDERS

Head Elder: Andrew Engelman

Daniel Washburn	Don Hurt
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BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Ella Brazil

BOARD OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT & FELLOWSHIP

David Engelman	Susan Stich
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BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION & YOUTH

Melissa Ross

FAMILY LIFE CENTER COORDINATOR

Mari Hutson to schedule the FLC

1(620) 212-2220 Email: marihutson@yahoo.com

ENDOWMENT

Term Ends

<u>President:</u> Don Hurt (Filling in for Patsy K.)	2028
<u>Treasurer:</u> Julie Defebaugh	2030
<u>Secretary:</u> Toni Carter	2027
<u>Member:</u> Dian Saving	2031
<u>Member:</u> Judy Chappell	2029
<u>Ex Officio:</u>	



9/2 Jayden Hegwald
9/2 Donald Hurt
9/2 Ronald Hurt
9/7 Marie Larson
9/12 Phillip Wolford
9/17 Kasen Audiss
9/21 Clara Reaves
9/21 Elaine Wolford
9/23 Drew Owens-Young
9/28 Reed Hurt
9/28 Sharon Jackson

Baptismal Birthday

9/3 Elaine Engelman
9/4 Kerrik Ross
9/10 Nova Ross
9/25 Janis Oehlert
9/25 Kyren Ross



9/18 Dan and Ella Brazil
9/19 Tyler and Samantha James

prayer Requests



Our great physician, be with those who are battling forms of cancer.

*Susan Hendricks (N. Peter
Rebecca Thuillez
Ginger Church (R. Hurt)
Tammy Sloan
Thad Clements
Tara Buster (S. Engelman
Steve Church*

*Gloria Taylor (E. Brazil)
Beth Boyle (C. Graff)
Linda Reinhardt (P&E. Wolford)
Annie Brown (E. Brazil)
Barbie Dunn (S. Engelman)
Cindy Withers (E. Brazil)
Joe Tobin (E. Brazil)*

*Susan Cathers (D&V. Hurt)
J.R. Fitzpatrick (P. Krokstrom)
Kathy Bercaw (J. Reaves)
Allison Dye (J. Defebaugh)
Dawn Burchett (L. Engelman)*

As well as those who are sick and suffering.

*Barb Seefeldt (E. Brazil)
Edie Godinez (S. Stich)
Teresa Clements (E. Brazil)*

*Janis Oehlert
Glodine Clements (E. Brazil)*

Kate Barker Sternberg and unborn baby (J. Oehlert)

*Those who are on the sick and suffering prayer list will stay for
one month unless otherwise requested.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		01 9:00am Ladies Circle 4:30pm M&M's 7:00 Elders Meeting	02	03	04	05
06 8:30am Worship Service 10am Bible Study	07 1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	08 6:30am Men's Bible Study	09	10	11	12
13 8:30am Worship Service 10am Bible Study 4-5:30pm Grief Share 6:00pm Council Meeting	14 1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	15 4:30pm M&M's	16	17	18	19
20 Rally Day 8:30 Worship Service 10am Icecream and activities 4-5:30pm Grief Share	21 1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	22 6:30am Men's Bible Study	23	24	25	26
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