



October 2019 Newsletter

All the news that's fit to print from A to Zion

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**Rooted in Christ
Growing in Faith
Reaching Out in Love**

Bearing Fruit and Growing Sunday

October 6, 2019
Worship at 8:30 and 11:00am
Celebration Brunch at 9:30am



On this Sunday we will give thanks for all the ways we are bearing fruit in ministry and to pray that, by God's grace, we will continue growing – growing in generosity, trust, and faithfulness. Each of us will also have the opportunity to complete and Estimate of Giving card for the coming year. *How is God calling you to grow in your giving?*



New Members Class this Month!

We love new members! Are you interested in learning more about Zion Lutheran Church? Do you know anyone who would like to become a part of this community of faith? Our New Members Class will meet on Sundays, October 13 and 20 at 9:45am and we will receive new members during Sunday worship on October 27. If you'd like to be a part of the group or if you'd like to learn more, contact Pastor Nathan (356-2297, Nathan@zionLexsc.com).

Community Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 27th at River Bluff HS
From 4:00-6:00pm - Setup at 3:00pm

Join us for a fun and safe afternoon for families and kids around the Lexington area. We're partnering with 3 other Lexington churches this year for a MEGA Trunk or Treat. We will all join together at River Bluff High School to give everyone a great chance to get to know neighbors, have fun, and enjoy the afternoon! We need still need trunks and candy donations to show the community what Zion is all about! Contact the Church Office ASAP to sign up!



LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wednesday Night Live



Wednesday Night Live

5:45-6:30pm	Fellowship Meal, Family Life Center
6:15-7:00pm	Handbell Choir, Sanctuary
6:30-7:30pm	Classes and Activities for All Ages
7:00-8:00pm	Zion Choir, Choir Room

Classes and Activities for All Ages

Nursery – Bible story, crafts, and music, *Location:* Nursery

Grades K-5 – Bible Story, activities, and projects, *Location:* Education Building

Youth Grades 6-12 – Games and Bible Lessons, *Location:* Youth Room

Adults – Can participate in one or more of the following:

Lutheran Worship - Basics and Beyond – This class will help us remember (or learn for the first time) what's important about the ways we worship as Lutherans. Meets September 11 – October 9. *Location:* Cathedral Room. *Leader:* Pastor Nathan Gragg

Grace Will Lead Us Home – We will listen to and discuss the book *Grace Will Lead Us Home*, by Jennifer Berry Hawes, about the response of the members of Mother Emanuel AME church where nine members were shot and killed during a Bible Study in 2015. Meets September 11 – October 9 and October 23 – November 20. *Location:* Sunshine Room. *Leader:* Bill Mitcham

Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew – As we prepare to enter into the year of Matthew beginning in Advent, we'll spend some time looking at some key stories from Matthew and discuss some of the important themes of this gospel of Jesus. Meets October 23 – November 20. *Location:* Cathedral Room. *Leader:* Pastor Nathan Gragg

Special Wednesday Night Live Fall Game Night - Wednesday, October 16

All ages will gather in the gym for a meal and then a game night.



Confirmation Ministry Starting Up for 7th and 8th graders

It's time to think about Confirmation ministry at Zion and what we will be doing this year to help our youth continue to know Jesus as their Lord, grow in understanding of the Christian faith, and deepen relationships with friends in Christ. This year's 7th graders are invited to begin this two year journey and this year's 8th graders will be welcomed back for their second year. For information, contact Pastor Nathan (356-2297, Nathan@zionLexsc.com).

Oktoberfest Columbia at Incarnation Lutheran Church

October 11-13th, this festival of German heritage is free and open to the public, and includes activities for the kids, live entertainment, and authentic German home-cooked food! Holy Schnitzel...Martin

Luther would be proud!

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/OktoberfestColumbia>

3005 Devine St, Columbia, SC 29205





Youth Marty Party October 20, 2019

**October 20th
3:00-5:30pm**

**Zion Lutheran
Church**

Marty Party is a day of fun and games for youth from all over the midlands. Always a good time and this year it's at Zion! We need a big group of youth to join in the fun and competition. Let Walt know if your youth can make it, or if you'd like to be an adult leader for the day.



Attention Hilltoppers!

Join us Wednesday, October 9 at 11 a.m. for a special presentation. Jim Catoe will again be sharing his gift of music and song. Our popular potluck lunch will follow. Mark your calendars and join us for this special program.

Questions? Contact Janice Sult (791-9692) or Mary Nell Panyard (796-8001).



Can you help us?

Next year is Zion's 275th anniversary and we know you have lots of pictures and memories! We want to see and hear them for our anniversary. We are looking for pictures, memories, or just thoughts about Zion. Contact the church office or keep an eye out in the narthex for info or to participate.

Music Notes – October 2019



The Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the choir room. All are welcome!

Handbells meet each week at 6:15pm in the sanctuary. Come ring with us!

If you have any questions, or if you'd like to share your musical talents in some way, please contact Julie at julie@zionlexsc.com.

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!
Psalm 57:7

Donate Those Old Instruments

Did you play an instrument years ago, and it's just collecting dust in the attic? Did your son or daughter sign up for band and quit after 2 years, and now there's a trumpet case just sitting in the corner of their room? If it's still in good condition and you don't think you'll EVER play it again, please consider donating your instruments to the church for use by other musicians within the congregation!



Christmas is just around the corner!

It'll be here before we know it! We have begun working on the cantata, *Christmas Canticles, to be presented in December. If you are interested in joining us as we prepare for this special musical presentation, rehearsals are each Wednesday evening immediately following choir rehearsal at 7:40pm.*

Also, musicians and singers, it's never too early to start thinking about joining us to prepare special music for our Christmas Eve worship services. If you have any questions, please contact Julie at julie@zionlexsc.com.

A Little about Martin Luther

- ☆ As a boy, he joined a boys' choir, and he became proficient with the flute.
- ☆ It is said that he once "fasted until his cheeks caved in."
- ☆ Before deciding to become a monk, Martin Luther studied to be a lawyer.
- ☆ He felt that music was of God, not of man.
- ☆ With the help of skilled musicians, Luther wrote music for choirs, organ and other instruments.



A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



Worship and Music

Serving This Month

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Acolyte Crucifer	Tallie Rauch Morgen Nesmith	Zach Ledford Bryleigh Tanner	Riley Burn Connor Burn	Kaylee Keisler David Gragg
Assist. Minister	8:30 - Mary Nell Panyard 11 - Craig Balch	8:30 - Mary Nell Panyard 11 - Craig Balch	8:30 - Mary Nell Panyard 11 - Craig Balch	8:30 - Mary Nell Panyard 11 - Craig Balch
Communion Assistants	Katie McKinley Lee Caulder	Darlene Weight Sara Rymer	Eileen Leaphart Denise Caulder	Susan Shumpert Dianne Richardson
Altar Flowers	Kathryn Barton	Lee and Denise Caulder	Open Slot Signup in Narthex	Tyler and Abby Beard
Reader	Darlene Weight	Hannah Elrod	Chris Harmon	Heath Branham
Nursery Attendant	Betsy and Riley Burn	Donna Corley, Emma & Layla B.	Abby and Tyler Beard	Suzette Porth Nikki Harmon
Children's Church	Wendy Nesmith	Jamie Hampton	Susan Shumpert	Wendy Nesmith
Coffee And Fellowship	Bearing Fruit and Growing Brunch	Rileys and Sults	McKinleys	Janet Green Iris Harman
Ushers	Henry Phillips, Al Fallaw, Carla Fallaw, Ervin Shaw			
Chancel and Sacraments	Darlene Weight, Althea Hendrix, Wanda Wingard			
Offering Counters	Jamie and Troy Fite, Roger and Shannon Richardson			

Don't see your name? Interested in helping out?

We are always looking for Sunday servers as backup and to add to next year's schedule.
Please contact Walt if you'd like to help or know more.
Walt@zionlexsc.com 803-356-2297



In our Prayers

Current Needs

Denise Caulder
Melba Ivey
Thomas Kleckley
Jane Langston
Rachael Rhoden
Sara Rymer

Homebound

Barbara Brown
Les Caton (Brian Center)
Bruce Corley (Carolina Gardens)
Nellie Drafts
Nila Keisler (Lex Extended Care)
Thelma Kleckley (Oakleaf)
Ben Linder (Generations Chapin)

Military

Brett Creasman (Army)
Burton Flake (Army)
Matt Mayer (Air Force)
Rhett Oliver (Army)
Chris Rauch (Army)
Zachary Willis (Navy)

Friends of the Congregation

Walter Baker (friend of Betty Baker)
Lynn Balch (health, wife of Craig Balch)
Jackie Ann Brunson (cancer, cousin of the Leapharts)
Ronald Buff (health, cousin of B. Corley and E. Leaphart)
Shannon Catoe (heart surgery, relative of Betty Baker)
George Marion Drafts (health, brother of Betty Shaw)
Doris Gardner (cousin of Betty Baker)
Brenda Glass (stroke, stepmom of Bonnie Phillips)
Natasha Gorham-Jackson (family health friend of D. Weight)
Noreen Hamm (liver transplant, friend of Geri Nilsestuen)
Pam Holladay (health, mother of Bonnie Phillips)
Colin Hungerpillar (health, friend of Stefanie Wingard)
Jessica Seriah Housley & family (cancer)
Sue Jaeckel (cancer, friend of Geri Nilsestuen)
Cynda Johnson (cancer, sister of Carol Hunter)
Shelly Koenig (cancer, daughter of Tom Panyard)
Lenita Krall (cancer, friend of Geri Nilsestuen)
Margaret Mabe (friend of Ethel Riley)
Russell Meetze (cancer, family of Edith Clark)
Deanna Morrical (cancer, Hanna family)
Linda Rea (cancer, cousin of the Leapharts)
Donna Riggins (cancer, sister in law of Rachael Rhoden)
Holly Roberts (health concerns)
Sylvia Ruff (cancer, aunt of Julie Branham)
Barney Weight (Alzheimer's, Darlene Weight)
Sarah White - (cancer, girlfriend of Clayton Hendrix)
John Whiteside (cancer, friend of the Shaws)
Patty Wingard (cancer, mother of Greg Wingard)
Sue Zweig (health, mother of Jamie Hampton)

James Harman and Ethel Riley upon the death of their sister Harriet Kyzer

Zion Friends Thank you for the visits, cards, and prayers during my stay at the hospital.
God Bless you all! -Jane Langston

To ensure we have accurate information on our prayer list please let us know as prayer requests change. To make updates or additions to the prayer list, contact the church office at 356-2297.

Zion's weekly Bible Study and Prayer time, join now and explore your Faith!

Women's Prayer Breakfast—Monday's 9 AM at Saluda Point Chic-Fil-A

Men's Bible and Biscuit—Thursday's 7 AM at Zion in Cathedral Room

Youth High School Bible Study—Friday's 7 AM Lowes Foods on 378



LUTHERAN CHURCH

Congregation Council

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH MINUTES

AUGUST 12, 2019

Chairman, Steve Hendrix, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Nine council members were present along with Pastor Nathan and Walt Hampton. Sue Anderson, Heath Branham and Russell Grant were absent.

Steve Hendrix opened with devotions.

Joys and Concerns were shared by council.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made to approve the July minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was submitted. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. The was seconded and carried

Executive Committee Report: Laura McCombs will the chair the Hospitality Committee (formerly Kitchen Committee).

Pastor's Report: A written report was submitted. Reported on highlights of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly meeting.

Reports from Ministry Teams:

Christian Education (Dianne Richardson) – VBS was great success. Fall Sunday School curriculum is being selected. Working on Wednesday Nite Live programs. Blessing of the Backpacks will be August 18th.

Fellowship (Anna Wingard) – Planning Golden Age Sunday. Sign-up sheets for Coffee & Fellowship.

Inreach (Donna Corley) – Committee will meet August 21st to begin plans for Fall Festival.

Outreach (Betsy Burn) – No chairman. Betsy will meet with the Principal and Guidance Counselor at Oak Grove Elementary School to discuss Snack Packs. Also will take teachers and staff food trays on behalf of Zion.

Property (Sara Rymer) – Committee will meet again on July 31st. Moving forward with repairing and paving the parking lot. Due to moisture problem in the church office, french drains to be installed.

Mutual Ministry (Mary Nell Panyard) - Finished staff evaluations.

Stewardship (Heath Branham) – No report. Fall Stewardship emphasis begins in September and will culminate with a commitment Sunday in October.



Congregation Council

Technology (Craig Balch) – Looking to purchase new microphones.

Music & Worship (Sue Anderson) – In Sue's absence, Eileen forwarded report. Zion had two excellent supply pastors while Pastor Nathan was on vacation. Receiving reservations for Golden Age Sunday Luncheon.

Youth (Bridgett) – 5 youth participated in the mission trip to Boone, NC and 7 youth participated in Grace Works in Columbia. Proud of youth's hard work this summer.

275TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE - Mary Nell reported the next meeting will be September 25th.

BUSINESS

A motion was made, seconded and carried to set the Annual Congregation Meeting for Sunday, November 10th at 9:30 am.

Handout of 2019 Timeline of Nominations and Election distributed. Present Council members eligible to be nominated again should decide by September if they wish to submit their names for nomination.

Betsy and Walt have studied the Guidelines for use of Family Life Center and submitted revisions. After discussion, several slight changes will be made to the revised guidelines and council will vote on the proposed revised guidelines at their September meeting.

A motion was made to approve receiving a special offering at the Service of Ordination for Sarah Derrick on August 16th to be designated for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra-Leone, companion synod of the North Texas – North Louisiana Synod, ELCA. The motion was second and approved.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Corley



Congregation Council

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Statements of Operating Giving and Expenditures (Actual vs. Budget) Eight Months Ended August 31, 2019

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget through August 31, 2019</u>	<u>Actual vs. Budget Variance</u>	<u>Approved Annual Budget</u>
Giving:				
Offerings	\$ 324,845.99	\$ 353,486.00	\$ (28,640.01)	\$ 530,229.00
Interest and other income	<u>3,242.54</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,242.54</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 328,088.53	\$ 353,486.00	\$ (25,397.47)	\$ 530,229.00
Expenses:				
Debt payment:				
Monthly - principal	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ 13,500.00
Capital improvements	63,000.00	63,000.00	-	94,500.00
Employment expense:				
Salaries	115,028.98	118,248.00	(3,219.02)	177,372.00
Benefits and taxes	40,406.43	42,854.67	(2,448.24)	64,282.00
Utilities and telephone	19,142.68	24,466.67	(5,323.99)	36,700.00
Synod benevolence	27,649.00	27,316.67	332.33	40,975.00
Repairs and maintenance	11,888.55	15,833.33	(3,944.78)	23,750.00
Insurance	10,711.00	9,666.67	1,044.33	14,500.00
Office administration	11,915.87	12,866.67	(950.80)	19,300.00
Ministry:				
Learning	5,200.05	8,000.00	(2,799.95)	12,000.00
Service	1,522.47	3,000.00	(1,477.53)	4,500.00
Stewardship	628.00	1,933.33	(1,305.33)	2,900.00
Technology	5,288.52	7,166.67	(1,878.15)	10,750.00
Witness	161.89	333.33	(171.44)	500.00
Worship	2,773.28	4,266.67	(1,493.39)	6,400.00
Fellowship	1,203.88	2,200.00	(996.12)	3,300.00
Youth	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>3,333.33</u>	<u>(1,333.33)</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 327,520.60	\$ 353,486.00	\$ (25,965.40)	\$ 530,229.00
Giving in excess of expenses	\$ <u>567.93</u>	\$ -	\$ 567.93	\$ -

Supplemental information:

As of August 31, 2019

Cash balance:

Undesignated	\$ (13,699.57)
Donor designated	61,328.24
Capital renovations	94,605.65
Constitutional reserve	86,264.81
Endowment	<u>38,400.46</u>
Total cash balance	\$ <u>266,899.59</u>



Communications

October Birthdays

1st Chandler Hendrix
Kelly Jo Swygert
Chris Bigham
3rd Brandon Keisler
4th Dalton Olson
5th Norene Drafts
11th Beth Jebali
Grace Lankford
13th Mary Hook
14th Thomas Kleckley
Tryon Face
15th Sara Rymer
17th Betty Jo Corley
18th Jocelyn Harris
20th Marshall Grace Fite
Keith Bacon
Chancelor Cotten

22nd Carla Fallaw

Beverly Kleckley
Brad Ledford

23rd Anna Wingard

25th Beverly McCoy

Mark Rhoden

Foster Hanna

26th Gene Hendrix

Roger Hanna

27th Mary Beth Bigham

28th Steve Swygert

Megan Granda

29th Bryleigh Tanner

Janet Phillips

30th Kimberly Rauch

October Anniversaries

1st Mark and Margie
Wingard
Jeff and Tammy
Hunter
10th Zach and Kara Willis
14th Chip and Betsy Burn
24th Troy and Jamie Fite
26th Ed and Betty Jo
Corley
27th C.W. and Carol Saari

Enjoy your Special Day!

COMMUNICATION AT ZION

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS are inserted into the bulletin each week. Information should be submitted by **10 am on Wednesdays** to be included.

E-NEWS is e-mailed every Tuesday morning to those who have e-mail addresses on file with the church office and mailed to those who've requested it. Items for E-News are due in the church office by **2 pm on Mondays**.

NEWSLETTER is published monthly and e-mailed to those with e-mail addresses on file with the church office and mailed to those who've requested it. Information for the Monthly Newsletter is due in the office by **the 25th of each month**.

SCREENS IN THE NARTHEX on Sunday morning also contain important information of things that may have happened too late for the bulletin. This information is due by **2 pm on Wednesday**.

Technology and Scheduling requests at Zion Please call/email the office as soon as you know you need to reserve space. When you reserve space please request any technology you need, setup time needed if any, and accurate dates and times. When leaving a space please make sure it is clean and returned to the way it was beforehand, this includes any supplies, tables/chairs, technology equipment, etc. Thank you for your consideration and your ministry here at Zion!