

**ZION LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL
LITCHFIELD, IL
AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER**

Rev. Fred Kraemer, Pastor

Ms. Jami Pryor, Principal

Time to Wake Up!

Pretty soon parents all across our country are going to start using that phrase, "Time to wake up!" as they need to get children up and moving for school. The lazy, or other action filled days, of summer will soon be over as school starts again.

It's hard to believe that our teachers are going to be gathering together this coming Monday (August 1) to formally start their preparations together for a new year. School itself will be starting in less than two weeks, and children and parents together will have to get on the school schedule again. Lots of things going on as we go forward with the education.

Much like the wake up call is needed for children to get going, we also we are at a time for a wake up call for the church, not just Zion, but the whole church of God.

Even before the pandemic hit, there had been a lack of participation of God's people in the life of the church, especially the bad habit of neglecting gathering together for worship. The pandemic gave us an opportunity to view worship in our homes, and I am thankful that many are able to do so, but that's not all there is to worship.

The New Testament word which we translate as the 'church', is the word 'Ekklesia'. The church is all the people of God who are called out of the darkness of the world, called into the light of Christ, and called to bear that light of the gospel into the darkness of the world. And by its very definition, the church gathers together as one body; the church gathers in worship.

Why is it important to be in physical attendance in Worship? Why does it matter? Why not just worship from home, if we do even that much? You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have a community of faith by yourself from your easy chair. You can't experience the power of the believers worshipping together from your couch.

The church is not a bunch of consumers of what God has to offer, rather we all contribute to the life of the church as God directs us. The church is not an audience watching a performance for themselves. Rather, the church is engaged with all the different members. The church gives of self, sacrifices for others, serves others, encourages each other, prays for and with one another. Basically, the church does life together. The church needs you, and you need the church.

In the next few months we're going to be having special opportunities just for gathering together as God's people. On August 7 we will have the installation and rededication of our faculty, fully staffed and ready to go! On August 9 we have the "Back to School Bash" with a concert to which we are inviting the community as we get back to school. On August 11 we have the first day of school and our children get to gather together and be together and hear God's word together and live together.

On October 2 (yes it's still a little ways off) we are having our Mission Festival in order to encourage us to gather together as God's people, and rejoice in inviting others to join with us in that worship of our God.

These are exciting times and I look forward to being with all of you gathered in worship. Time to wake up!

MESSAGE FROM
THE PRINCIPAL

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.” (Philippians 4:4) There is a lot of rejoicing around Zion Lutheran School these days! God answered our prayers for workers in our harvest field by sending Chris and Susie Covert from Indianapolis. They plan to be here working August 1 and move their big items the weekend of August 5th and 6th, so any help getting them settled would be appreciated. We look forward to welcoming them as part of our Zion family.

The days have been busy through this summer at Zion. Teachers have been busy making plans for the upcoming school year. We were blessed to receive two community grants that allowed us to purchase new science and English curriculums. Our custodians have been busy cleaning and polishing the classrooms. A new dishwasher is being installed in the school kitchen. The shed on the north parking lot has a new roof. We thank all those who have spent time helping during our property maintenance month.

School supplies are on the shelves at stores, which is a great reminder that school is starting very soon. Zion’s teachers will meet on Monday, August 1st. We will be making calls for individual visits with our students and their families throughout that week. These can be done at the family’s home or at the school and give the teachers and families an opportunity to connect and share details about the upcoming school year.

Please mark the following dates on your calendars:

- Sunday, August 7th–10:30 a.m. Church Service–The teachers will be rededicated, Mr. and Mrs. Covert will be installed as teachers, and Miss Pryor will officially be installed as Zion’s principal. We would love to have many Zion members join us!
- Monday, August 8th–9 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 4:00-7:00 p.m.--School registration. Papers from individual student visits and school fees can be paid anytime during these hours. This is also an opportunity to sign up to volunteer to help with activities.
- Tuesday, August 9th–5:30-6:15 p.m.--Back to School Bash–Part 1– Students can bring their school supplies to their classroom and get ready for the first day of school! Back to School Bash–Part 2–6:30 p.m.--Jennie Williamson from Nashville, Tennessee is coming to perform a concert. Our goal is to pack the gym, so invite your friends and family, and plan to join us for a wonderful evening of great music and fellowship!
- Thursday, August 11th–First Day of School for Zion Students–We’ll have our first chapel service at 9:00 a.m. Parents and guests are welcome to join us (subject to Covid regulations).
- Saturday, August 12th–Zion’s First Annual Gala and Auction–Make plans to join us for an evening of fellowship and fundraising.

God continues to bless us abundantly and we are thankful for such a supportive congregation and community. Please keep our school in your prayers and share the wonderful things that are happening here!

New Staff

WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF

We are excited to welcome Chris and Susie Covert to Zion's teaching staff. They moved to Litchfield from Indianapolis, where Chris was a teacher at Lutheran High School in Indianapolis and Susie was a teller manager at a bank. Chris grew up in Seward, Nebraska and graduated with a teaching degree from Concordia University in Seward. Susie is originally from south Alabama and graduated with a teaching degree from Concordia University in Austin, Texas. Chris enjoys watching sports and Susie likes to sew and is learning to play the viola. Together they enjoy reading, especially sci-fi and fantasy novels, playing virtual and board games, and exploring places they haven't been before. We thank God for leading them to Zion. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their ministry with us.

2022-2023 Registration

Registration night for additional paperwork will be held on Monday August 8th
9:00am - 12:00pm and 4:00pm - 7:00pm.

Help encourage others to consider Christian education here at Zion!

We appreciate your continued financial support. If you would like to provide a scholarship for a child who could not otherwise attend, please contact our School Secretary at (217) 324-3166.

You could be the person who makes a real difference in a child's life.

Altar Flowers and Bulletins

Sign-up sheets continue to be out on the table in the Narthex during Church services.

These are both essential to making our church as wonderful as it is!

Flowers are \$25 and Bulletins are \$10

Checks can be made payable to: Zion Ladies Aid (Flowers)

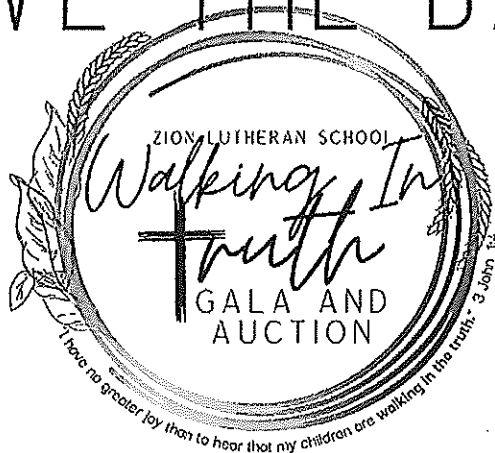
Zion Lutheran Church (Bulletins)

Payments may be placed in the church collection plate, or left in the office basket located above the church mailboxes in the hallway.

Mission Service Committee

The Mission Service committee which is a part of Ladies Aid appreciates your participation in our projects! Concordia Seminary students will look forward to using the food bank, and our local food pantry is always in need. This month, our collection will benefit Zion Lutheran School. Miss Pryor indicated a need for the following items: Ziplock bags in sandwich, quart, and gallon sizes; Crayola brand crayons and markers, and plain yellow pencils (not plastic wrapped or mechanical.) If other items are needed, they will be listed in the bulletin. If shopping isn't your thing, monetary donations can be given to Sharon Cordani, Becky Helgen, or Kate Poirot. As always, thank you for being part of our mission!

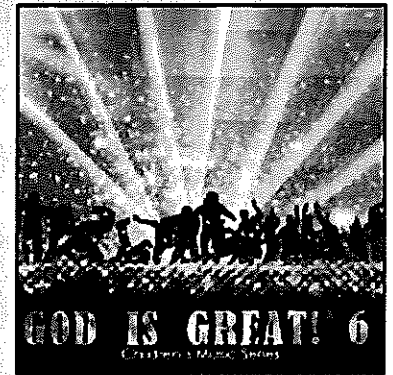
SAVE THE DATE



NOVEMBER 12, 2022

GOD IS GREAT! CONCERT

By Nashville, TN Christian Recording Artist
JENNIE WILLIAMSON



An exciting music ministry impacting the hearts and lives of youth and families around the world! Jennie Williamson brings an energy and excitement for Jesus that is contagious! The music and live events are filled with incredible messages of love and hope that reaches the hearts of every audience.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022 AT 6:30PM

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL, LITCHFIELD, IL

FOR ALL AGES! INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Daily Bible Readings

August 1	1 Sam 17:1-19; Acts 26:1-23
August 2	1 Sam 17:20-47; Acts 26:24-27:8
August 3	1 Sam 17:48-18:9; Acts 27:9-26
August 4	1 Sam 18:10-30; Acts 27:27-44
August 5	1 Sam 19:1-24; Acts 28:1-15; <i>(Ps 59)</i>
August 6	1 Sam 20:1-23; Acts 28:16-31
August 7	1 Sam 20:24-42; 1 Cor 1:1-25; <i>1 Sam 21:1-23:29</i>
August 8	1 Sam 24:1-22; 1 Cor 1:26-2:16; <i>(Ps 142)</i>
August 9	1 Sam 25:1-22; 1 Cor 3:1-23
August 10	1 Sam 25:23-44; 1 Cor 4:1-21
August 11	1 Sam 26:1-25; 1 Cor 5:1-13; <i>1 Sam 27:1-28:2</i>
August 12	1 Sam 28:3-25; 1 Cor 6:1-20; <i>1 Sam 29:1-30:30</i>
August 13	1 Sam 31:1-13; 1 Cor 7:1-24
August 14	2 Sam 1:1-27; 1 Cor 7:25-40
August 15	2 Sam 5:1-25; 1 Cor 8:1-13; <i>(Ps 18)</i>
August 16	2 Sam 6:1-19; 1 Cor 9:1-23; <i>(Ps 105 / 96)</i>
August 17	2 Sam 7:1-17; 1 Cor 9:24-10:22
August 18	2 Sam 7:18-29; 1 Cor 10:23-11:16
August 19	2 Sam 11:1-27; 1 Cor 11:17-34; <i>(Ps 51)</i>
August 20	2 Sam 12:1-25; 1 Cor 12:1-13; <i>2 Sam 13:1-19:4; (Ps 60 / 3)</i>
August 21	1 Kngs 1:1-4, 15-35; 1 Cor 12:14-31
August 22	1 Kng 2:1-27; 1 Cor 13:1-13; <i>1 Cor 14:1-16:23</i>
August 23	1 Kng 3:1-15; 2 Cor 1:1-22; <i>1 Kng 3:16-4:34</i>
August 24	1 Kng 5:1-18; 2 Cor 1:23-2:17; <i>1 Kng 6:1-7:50</i>
August 25	1 Kng 7:51-8:21; 2 Cor 3:1-18
August 26	1 Kng 8:22-30, 46-63; 2 Cor 4:1-18; <i>(Ps 30)</i>
August 27	1 Kng 9:1-9; 10:1-13; 2 Cor 5:1-21; <i>(Ps 72)</i>
August 28	1 Kng 11:1-26; 2 Cor 6:1-18
August 29	1 Kng 11:42-12:19; 2 Cor 7:1-16
August 30	1 Kng 12:20-13:5, 33-34; 2 Cor 8:1-24; <i>1 Kng 14:1-16:28</i>
August 31	1 Kng 16:29-17:24; 2 Cor 9:1-15; <i>2 Cor 10:1-13:13</i>

Elders Serving Us in August

Sat. Aug. 6	5:30 p.m.	Doug Martin
Sun. Aug. 7	8:00 a.m.	Kyle Frerichs & Brad Bowles
	10:30 a.m.	Tom Frerichs
Sat. Aug. 13	5:30 p.m.	Doug Martin
Sun. Aug. 14	8:00 a.m.	Bud Helgen
	10:30 a.m.	Allan Spelbring & Stan Diestelhorst
Sat. Aug. 20	5:30 p.m.	Tom Frerichs
Sun. Aug. 21	8:00 a.m.	Gary Meyers & David Brackenbush
	10:30 a.m.	Paul Frerichs
Sat. Aug. 27	5:30 p.m.	Doug Martin
Sun. Aug. 28	8:00 a.m.	Allan Spelbring
	10:30 a.m.	Kyle Frerichs & Bud Helgen

August Birthdays

1	Elsa Burenga Amanda Hampton	13	Michelle Amyx Ryker Davis Bennett Hyam	22	Mary Bowles Wade Cherry Tyler Pence
4	Dale Swetlishnoff	14	Pam Hull	23	Samuel Fenton Stanley Murzynski Mary Werries
5	Dorothy Mansholt	15	Julia Brandtner Kyle Saxby Carter Wernsing	24	Timothy Burenga Gail Hunter
6	Cindy Niemann Haven Odle Jami Pryor	16	Madelyn Buske Kevin Kruse Todd Neuhaus	25	Joseph Andrews Brian Fuchs Beverly Zoschke
7	Everly Vaughan Karl Kruse Phoebe Logsdon	17	Henry Eilers	26	Paul Frerichs
8	Easton Everett Kevin Nance	18	Dacia Brown Beryl Hicks	27	Milo Beccue Joyce Cranford Kimberly Kruse Abe Loveless Barbara Schmidt
9	James Monke Wanda Monke Joshua Volentine	19	Dale Hull Marcia Johnson	29	Jim Cranford Jeremiah Walker
10	Reid Davis	20	Conda Martin Achsah Moore Janis Wise	30	Roberta Albers Austin Frerichs Matthew Helgen
11	Pastor Fred Kraemer	21	Nathan Brown Addison Monke	31	Janice Meyers Robin Pezold

August Anniversaries

4	Diane and John Cohn Isa and Andrew Hollo Brent and Kimberly Monke	18	Jonilee and Kim Becker Daniel and JoAnn Helgen	28	Reggie and Ceressa Waldrup Jim and Joyce Cranford
5	John and Patricia Fuchs	19	William and Mary Werries	31	Tom and MaryAnn Frerichs Jerry and Jean Mehochko
6	Allan and Tish Spelbring	22	Brian and Cindy Niemann		
10	Fred and Anita Kraemer	25	Eric and Colleen Helgen		
14	Ron and Carol Saxby	26	Michelle and Justin Amyx Jean and Gary Salzman		
17	Kyle and Cheryl Frerichs Lana and Bruce Hughes	27	Nathan and Jene Clementz		

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 8:00 am Worship- Traditional/Comm 9:15am Bible Study/Sun. School 10:30am Worship - Traditional Teacher Installation & Rededication	8 School Registration 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	9 9:00 am Sewing Circle 5:30 pm School Board School Bash 5:30 pm Back to	10 6:00 pm Festival Bells 7:00 pm Adult Choir	11 9:15 am Berean Bible Study 6:30 pm Church Council First Day of School w/Early Dismissal 1:15 p.m.	12 School Early Dismissal 1:15 p.m.	13 5:30 pm Worship - Traditional Parish Hall Reserved
14 8:00 am Worship- Traditional 9:15am Bible Study/Sun. School 10:30am Worship - Contemporary/Comm	15 School Early Dismissal 1:15 p.m.	16 9:00 am Sewing Circle	17 8:30 am Chapel 6:00 pm Festival Bells 7:00 pm Adult Choir	18 9:15 am Berean Bible Study	19	20 5:30 pm Worship - Traditional/Comm
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