

### Remember what you look like.

### ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Christian Education Sunday September 4 & 8, 2024

**WELCOME TO ZION**. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

**Worship Focus**: That our Lord has done and continues to do all things well is at the center of the Christian's quiet confidence in every day of trouble and hour of distress. It is the reason for his hope. It is the sure foundation of his confession before the world. When all others have reason only for gloom and despair, the Christian trusts in the sure mercy of this Savior who does all things well; and he is not disappointed in his hope. May the Word of our God on this Sunday move us, in whatever condition or state we find ourselves, to cling to him more firmly and to confess the Savior's name with joyful thanksgiving.

This is the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. In this season, we have now entered fully into the Half Year of the Church. We never leave behind Christ and his work for us which was the center of our attention in the Half Year of Our Lord (Advent-the Festival of Pentecost); but now the emphasis will shift to the result of his work through the Word.

LITURGY: Service of the Word

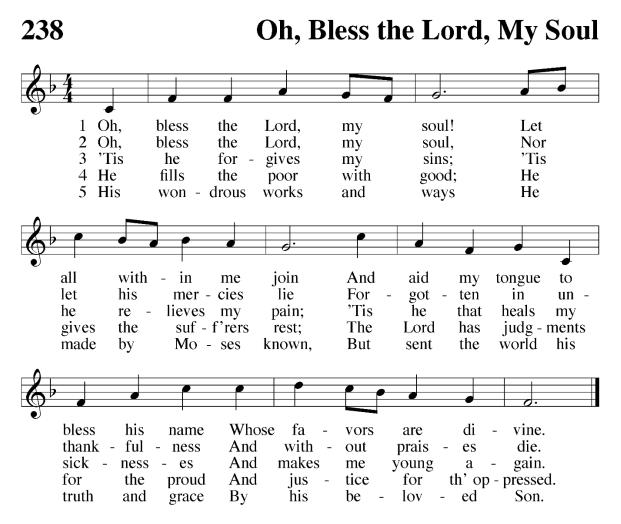
### **OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP**

**BATHROOMS** While we are in the construction phase, the bathrooms that are functional are located in the East Foyer or down in the school hallway. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

- **HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT** is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.
- **VISITORS** are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

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WORSHIP AND PRAISE



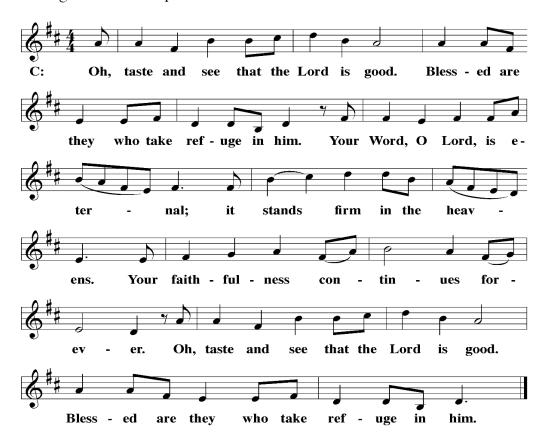
- P: The grace of our Lord (♥) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: Amen.

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



**PRAYER OF THE DAY** 

P: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

P: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### **THE WORD**

### **First Lesson**

Isaiah 35:4-7a

<sup>4</sup>Tell those who have a fearful heart: Be strong. Do not be afraid. Look! Your God will come with vengeance. With God's own retribution, he will come and save you. <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged. <sup>6</sup>The crippled will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy. Waters will flow in the wilderness, and streams in the wasteland. <sup>7</sup>The burning sand will become a pool, and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water. There will be grass, reeds, and rushes where the haunts of jackals once lay. (EHV)

### Psalm 146





Praise the LORD, <u>O</u> my soul.\*

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in <u>princ</u>es,\* in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the <u>LORD</u> his God,\* the maker of heav<u>en</u> and earth.

### Refrain

The LORD gives food to the <u>hungry</u>,\* the LORD sets <u>prisoners</u> free.

The LORD gives sight <u>to</u> the blind,\* the LORD lifts up those who are <u>bowed</u> down.

The LORD watches over the <u>out</u>cast\* and sustains the fatherless and the <u>wid</u>ow.

The LORD remains faithful for<u>ev</u>er.\* He upholds the cause of <u>the</u> oppressed.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

### Refrain

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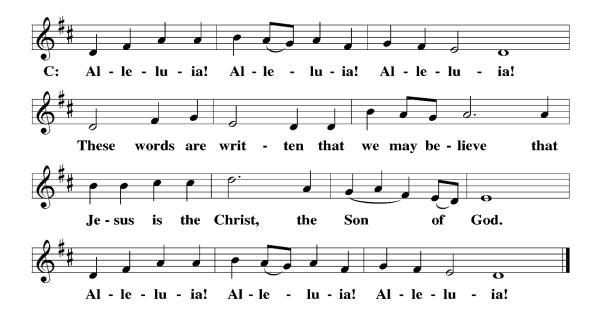
### Second Lesson

### James 1:17-27

<sup>17</sup>Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow. <sup>18</sup>Just as he planned, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creations. <sup>19</sup>Remember this, my dear brothers: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. <sup>20</sup>Certainly, a man's anger does not bring about what is right before God. <sup>21</sup>So after getting rid of all moral filthiness and overflowing wickedness, receive with humility the word planted in you. It is able to save your souls.<sup>22</sup>Be people who do what the word says, not people who only hear it. Such people are deceiving themselves. <sup>23</sup>In fact, if anyone hears the word and does not do what it says, he is like a man who carefully looks at his own natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup>Indeed, he carefully looks at himself; then, he goes away and immediately forgets what he looked like. <sup>25</sup>But the one who looks carefully into the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continues to do so—since he does not hear and forget but actually does what it says—that person will be blessed in what he does. <sup>26</sup>If anyone considers himself to be religious but deceives his own heart because he does not bridle his tongue, this person's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled in the sight of God the Father is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world. (EHV)

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia. (Philippians 4:4 RSV)



### **GOSPEL:**

Mark 7:31-37

<sup>31</sup> Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. <sup>34</sup> After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, *"Ephphatha!"* (which means "Be opened!") <sup>35</sup> Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. <sup>36</sup> Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the

more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. <sup>37</sup> They were amazed beyond measure and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!" (EHV)

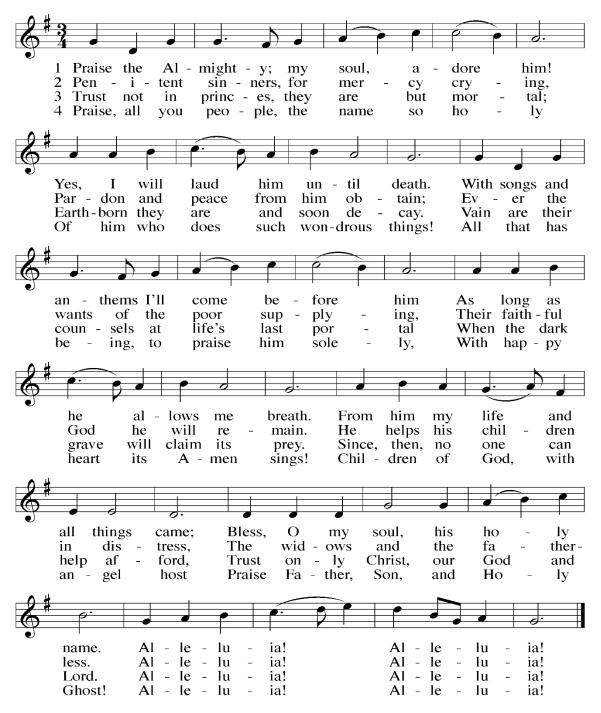


"Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him"

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

**Hymn of the Day:** CW 235

### 235 Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him



Text: Johann D. Herrnschmidt, 1675–1723, abr.; tr. Alfred E. R. Brauer, 1866–1949, alt.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, O MEINE SEELE (10 8 10 8 88 8) New-vermehrte Christliche Seelenharpf, Ansbach, 1665, alt.

### Remember what you look like.

### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

| I believe in God, the Father almighty,                      |
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| maker of heaven and earth.                                  |
| I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,          |
| who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,                       |
| born of the virgin Mary,                                    |
| suffered under Pontius Pilate,                              |
| was crucified, died, and was buried.                        |
| He descended into hell.                                     |
| The third day he rose again from the dead.                  |
| He ascended into heaven                                     |
| and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. |
| From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.   |
| I believe in the Holy Spirit,                               |
| the holy Christian Church,                                  |
| the communion of saints,                                    |
| the forgiveness of sins,                                    |
| the resurrection of the body,                               |
| and the life everlasting. Amen.                             |
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### THANKSGIVING

**OFFERING:** (Sunday only) The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.

### **INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS** (Sunday Only)

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

P: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

### C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

P: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state (provincial), and local governments.

### C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

P: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

P: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

### C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

P: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare. **C: Amen.** 

### LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. JUSTIFICATION

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**To God Be the Glory** 



### **CLOSING PRAYER**

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**PRESENTATION OF BIBLES** (SUNDAY ONLY)

### BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and  $(\mathbf{P})$  give you peace.



**CLOSING HYMN:** *CW* 520 (Wednesday only)

Sunday only: Zion Lutheran School

"Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"

"Transformed – Romans 12 verse 2"

SOCIAL CONCERN



Accompanist: Abbey Johnson Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman \*All Church service and music items are printed under One License – A-717618.

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**CALL UPDATE**—The Voters decided on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> to move forward with the 50/50 Associate Pastor with St. Paul's. The next step in the process is to have a pre-call meeting. The date of the pre-call meeting will be in October.

**OVER ABUNDANCE TABLE:** As summer approaches and you are out enjoying the benefits of your harvest do you sometimes have too much produce? Are you afraid it will go bad before you can use it all? We have a solution – bring your extra items into church and share your good fortune with others. There will be a table in the west foyer to leave your items. Anyone can come and grab something from the table for **FREE** to take home and enjoy. Thank you to everyone who donates. Everyone please enjoy.

### THANK YOU:

Dear Members,

I would like to thank all of you who have generously donated books and art supplies to the school. What a blessing to be able to provide our Kinder students with new stories to fall in love with and professional supplies for our middle and upper grades to share the gift of creativity.

Please look for some amazing works during the Art Fair in March. Your willing spirits will have made them possible.

My grateful heart is full.

In His service, Stacey Sordahl

**TUESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** The Tuesday morning Adult Bible class is going to resume meeting this Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at **10:00 a.m**. They will meet in the Mother's Room. Please come and join in.

**FRIENDS IN FAITH:** In the East foyer Friends in Faith is now selling greeting cards for \$1.00 each. There are different occasion cards available. The money raised from the sales is going towards future Friends in Faith projects, such as the Kleenex box ministry project and other shut in projects they do throughout the year.

**HELPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** Friends in Faith has a "Zion's Meal Train" program. The "Zion Meal Train" is a program that assists members of the Congregation with meals for situations such as surgeries/recovery, unexpected hospital stays, loss, birth of a child, etc. The meal train is open to all male and female members of the Congregation interested in providing meals for fellow members in need. We will be utilizing the official Meal Train website (<u>www.MealTrain.com</u>) to stay organized. When many friends provide support through a meal it means you may only have to volunteer once in a while to make a meal. The Meal Train program keeps schedules, as well as provides locations and dietary restrictions. If you are interested in volunteering to prepare an occasional meal as needed, please sign up in the west foyer or contact Melissa Freiny at 734-652-1638. Thank you in advance for considering to use your time and talents to support our church family.

### Coming up at Zion ....

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|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Sunday    | 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (Christian Education Sunday)     |  |  |  |  |
|           | 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Sunday School or Youth Group |  |  |  |  |
|           | Noon Pinewood Derby  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday    | 7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting                             |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday   | 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class                               |  |  |  |  |
|           | 1:30 p.m. Worship Service (IC)                             |  |  |  |  |
|           | 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting                                   |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday | 8:05 a.m. Grandparents Day @ Zion School                   |  |  |  |  |
|           | Noon Grandparents Day for Zion Afternoon Preschool         |  |  |  |  |
|           | 7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)                             |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday    | 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)                          |  |  |  |  |
| -         | 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Sunday School or Youth Group |  |  |  |  |
|           | 1:00 p.m. Jesus Cares Worship Service                      |  |  |  |  |
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|                      | September Volunteers   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
|                      | Aug. 28 & Sept.1   | Sept. 4 & 8   | Sept. 11 & 15  | Sept. 18 & 22  | Sept. 25 & 29  |  |  |
| Altar Guild          |  | Carol Eshelman  | & Kathy Wozniak  |  |  |  |  |
| Live Stream          |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Helpers              |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ushers               | <u>Aug. 28</u><br>Dave Benge<br>Alan Bober<br>Matthew Hill   | <u>Sept. 4</u><br>Ray Chandonnet<br>Erich Freiny<br>Rob Krueger | <u>Sept. 11</u><br>Jake Burke<br>Rich Heusman<br>Jeff Heusman                                    | <u>Sept. 18</u><br>Tony Affholter<br>Jeff Douglas<br>Mark Fuerstenberg | <u>Sept. 25</u><br>KJ Dunlap<br>Mark Kipf<br>Keith McBee |  |  |
|                      | Joe Koch<br>Jeremy Robinson<br>Jacob Robinson  | Matthew Loos<br>Zach Turner                                     | Juergen Koenig<br>Matt McCormick<br>Zach McCormick   | Bryce Mueller<br>Ray Palmatier   | Joe Schmeling  |  |  |
|                      | William Robinson   | <u>Sept. 8</u><br>Ray Chandonnet                                | <u>Sept. 15</u>  | <u>Sept. 22</u><br>Tony Affholter                                      | KJ Dunlap<br>Mark Kipf                                   |  |  |
|                      | Sept. 1<br>Dave Benge<br>Alan Bober<br>Matthew Hill<br>Joe Koch<br>Jeremy Robinson<br>Jacob Robinson<br>William Robinson | Erich Freiny<br>Rob Krueger<br>Matthew Loos<br>Zach Turner      | Jake Burke<br>Rich Heusman<br>Jeff Heusman<br>Juergen Koenig<br>Matt McCormick<br>Zach McCormick | Jeff Douglas<br>Mark Fuerstenberg<br>Bryce Mueller<br>Ray Palmatier    | Keith McBee<br>Joe Schmeling                             |  |  |
| Communion<br>Helpers | <u>Aug. 28</u><br>Ken Vagt<br><u>Sept. 1</u><br>Jake Burke<br>Erich Freiny   |   | <u>Sept. 11</u><br>Ken Vagt<br><u>Sept. 15</u><br>Alan Bober<br>Jeremy Robinson                  |  |  |  |  |

### September Volunteers

### Wednesday, 8:05 a.m. to 10 a.m September 11 Zion Lutheran School Grandparents' Day



Day activity from 8:05 a.m. until 10 a.m. On Wednesday, September 11, the students of Zion are hosting a Grandparents

Preschool and elementary school students

students with a "grandparent for the day" school chapel, then for refreshments and Bingo in the gymnasium. Don't Invite your grandparents or a senior friend to join the Zion students for have a grandparent or senior friend to bring? We will work to match

## Zion congregation seniors:

"grandchild for the day". and let us know you want to participate, and we will match you up with a participate as well. Sign up using the link above, or call the church office Even if you don't have a grandchild in the school, we invite you to

the following link, or use the QR Code at right To participate, please sign up yourself or your grandparents at

# https://forms.gle/1hK5d3GQcYoDjafu5

senior friends. We hope you can join us 12-1 p.m for P.M. preschoolers and their grandparents or activity with devotion together and Bingo in the gym from We will also have a special afternoon Grandparents Day



# Zion Lutheran School CEA





Beautiful 9 inch pots from Parran's Nursery

for only \$10 each

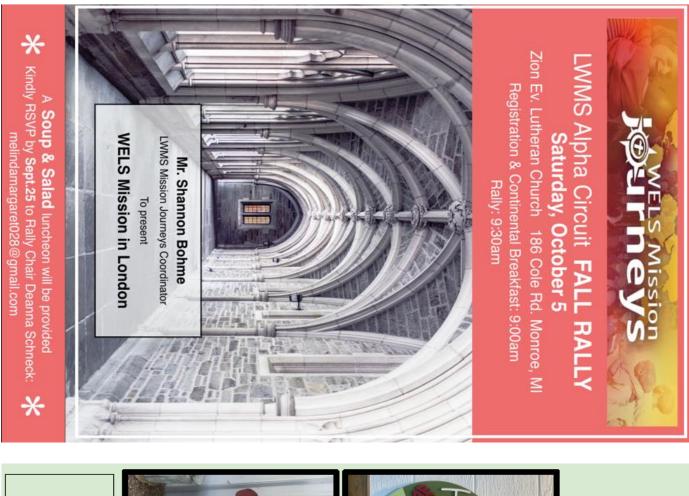
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Zion Christian Education Association (CEA) projects. Order forms are available in both foyers. Proceeds to benefit

**ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.** MUMS CAN BE PICKED UP FROM ZION ON TUESDAY,

contact Melissa at (734)652-1638 or melissa.freiny@gmail.com directly to coordinator Melissa Freiny. For questions, please

Order forms can be dropped off in the school office or given SEPTEMBER 24 FROM 9 AM to 3 PM



adies Night Out **Painting Party** Friends in Faith



Sunday, October 20th 5:30PM-7:30PM

Join us for a night of fun at the Painting Barn.

2170 E Newburg Road Carleton, MI 48117

There are lots of door hangers or 30 inch wood leaner sign

options to look at when you click the link or QR code below.

Door Hanger \$50 30 inch Wood Leaner Sign \$55

Register:

Zion Monroe Church | thepaintingbarn

Light Refreshments will be provided. The door hanger is around

18 inches in diameter depending on the one you choose.

If more then 16 ladies sign up the location will change to Zion's gymnasium.

If you have any questions contact Stepfanie Sitzman - 262-343-8167



### **BRANT HANSEN**



November 3rd 6PM-8PM Sunday

Unoffendable: How Just One Change Can Make All of Read the book: By: Brant Hansen Life Better

months and join us for an informal over the next 2 discussion.

Available to read at Monroe County Library or purchase on Amazon. It is also available to listen to as an audiobook.

MAKE ALL OF LIFE BETTER

If you have any questions contact Brenda Chandonnet - 734-915-5477

RaiseRight Scrip Program

Instead of using cash you purchase gift cards What is RaiseRight?

Lutheran Church (if you name the church as your RaiseRight they donate a percentage back to Zion When you purchase the gift cards through benefactor) Why use Raise Right?

you can pick them up. order in the office on Sunday and the next Sunday You can get cards rather quickly. Leave your When can I get cards?

online and get credit immediately at many Or if you are tech savvy - you can use the app retailers

the list of the MANY retailers that participate. The order forms are in the both foyers along with Where do I get order forms?

right now! No problem! Here is the QR code - get started I don't want to wait I want to start now



1378. Amy Vanisacker in the office or call 734-242-If you have any additional questions, please see

Thank you!





cards throughout the year and save them! buy those Christmas gifts, just buy shopping Rather than running out at the last minute to

Give the cards as gifts or use them to buy your Christmas gifts to benefit Zion!