

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29 & September 1, 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: Faithfulness and obedience to the Word of the Lord are not only logical consequences of faith but necessary fruits that grow in and from hearts redeemed and renewed by the gospel. The readings for this Sunday emphasize with equal force that the basis of all faithfulness must be the Word of God and that all God-pleasing obedience must begin in the heart.

This is the Fifteenth 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: Common Service

CW pg. 15

OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

BATHROOMS are located in the back of church, just down the hall toward the school. 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!

Prelude Music:

Jesus Name of Wondrous Love The Gift of Love Meditation H.J. Gauntlett Hal Hopson Jules Massenet

Violin - Pastor Sitzman

OPENING HYMN: CW 239

WORSHIP AND PRAISE



Glory Be to God the Father



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.

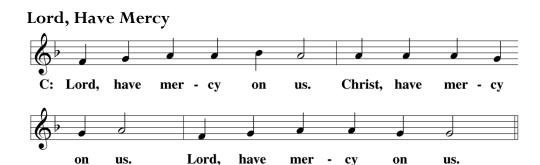
Tune: WORCESTER (87 87 47) Walter G. Whinfield, 1865–1919.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

- P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



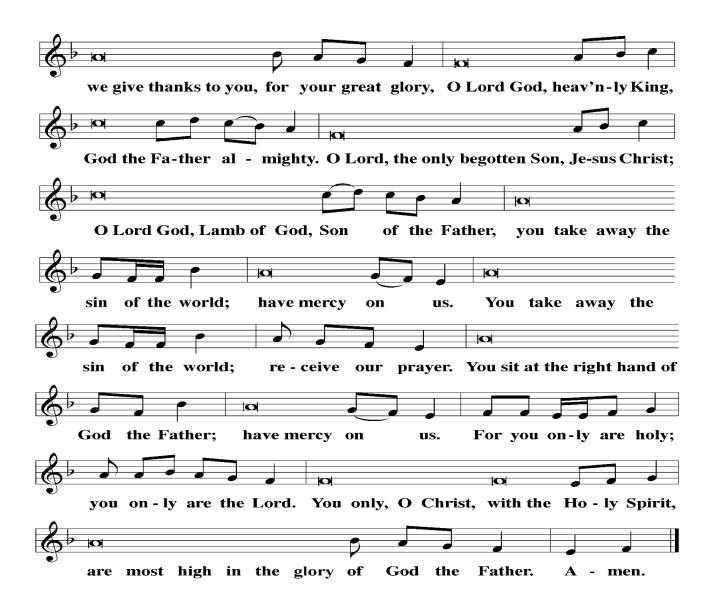
P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be Seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

¹ So now, Israel, listen to the statutes and the ordinances that I am teaching you, and carry them out so that you may live and so that you may enter the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving to you and take possession of it. ² Do not add to the word that I am commanding you, and do not subtract from it, so that you keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you.

⁶ Keep them and put them into practice, because in this way your wisdom and your understanding will be recognized by all the people who hear about all these statutes; and they will say, "This great nation is certainly a wise and understanding people," ⁷ because what other great nation is there that has a god as close to it as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call on him? ⁸ What other great nation is there that has statutes and ordinances as righteous as this entire law that I am presenting to you today? (EHV)

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 119c

рд. 111





Oh, how I <u>love</u> your law!*

I meditate on it <u>all</u> day long.

I have more insight than all my <u>teachers</u>,* for I meditate on your <u>stat</u>utes.

I have more understanding than the <u>el</u>ders,* for I obey your <u>pre</u>cepts.

Refrain





I have kept my feet from every <u>e</u>vil path* so that I might o<u>bey</u> your Word.

I have not departed <u>from</u> your laws,* for you yourself have <u>taught</u> me.

How sweet are your words <u>to</u> my taste,* sweeter than honey <u>to</u> my mouth!

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

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the Devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ For this reason, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to take a stand on the evil day and, after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness fastened in place, ¹⁵ and with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace tied to your feet like sandals. ¹⁶ At all times hold up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. ¹⁷ Also take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ At every opportunity, pray in the Spirit with every kind of prayer and petition. Stay alert for the same reason, always persevering in your intercession for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray for me also, that when I open my mouth a message will be given to me that boldly reveals the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may speak about it boldly, as it is necessary for me to speak. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight to my heart. Alleluia. (Jeremiah 15:15 cf. RSV)



GOSPEL



Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

7 The Pharisees and some of the experts in the law came from Jerusalem and gathered around Jesus. ² They saw some of his disciples eating bread with unclean (that is, unwashed) hands. ³ In fact, the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they scrub their hands with a fist, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions they adhere to, such as the washing of cups, pitchers, kettles, and dining couches. ⁵ The Pharisees and the experts in the law asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders? Instead they eat bread with unclean hands." ⁶ He answered them, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites. As it is written: These people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. ⁷ They worship me in vain, teaching human rules as if they were doctrines. ⁸ "You abandon God's commandment but hold to human tradition like the washing of pitchers and cups, and you do many other such things."

¹⁴ He called the crowd to him again and said, "Everyone, listen to me and understand. ¹⁵ There is nothing outside of a man that can make him unclean by going into him. But the things that come out of a man are what make a man unclean.

²¹ In fact, from within, out of people's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual sins, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, unrestrained immorality, envy, slander, arrogance, and foolishness. ²³ All these evil things proceed from within and make a person unclean." (EHV)



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 459 "O God, My Faithful God"

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O God, My Faithful God



Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT (II) (67 67 66 66) Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, alt.

SERMON TEXT AND TITLE: Ephesians 6:10-20

The Spirit's tools for battle

CREATE IN ME



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.

Offertory Music: Jesus Loves Me

Dale Wood

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



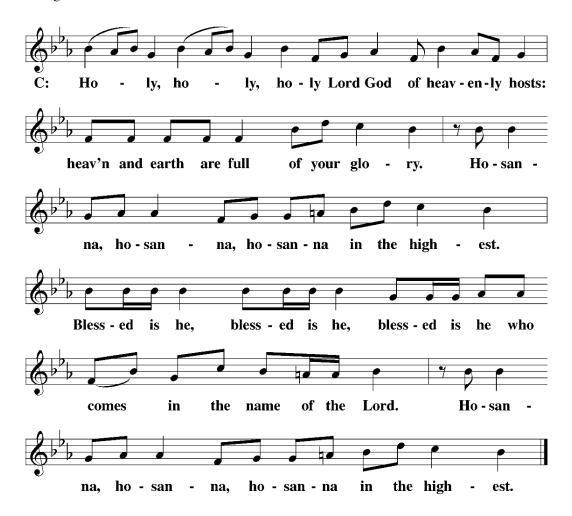
P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

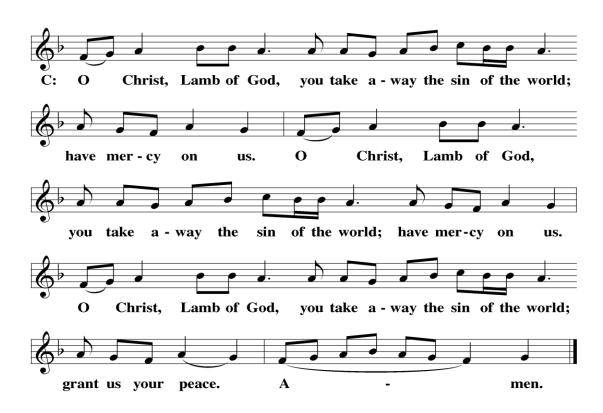
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: CW 311

CW 541

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"
"Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"

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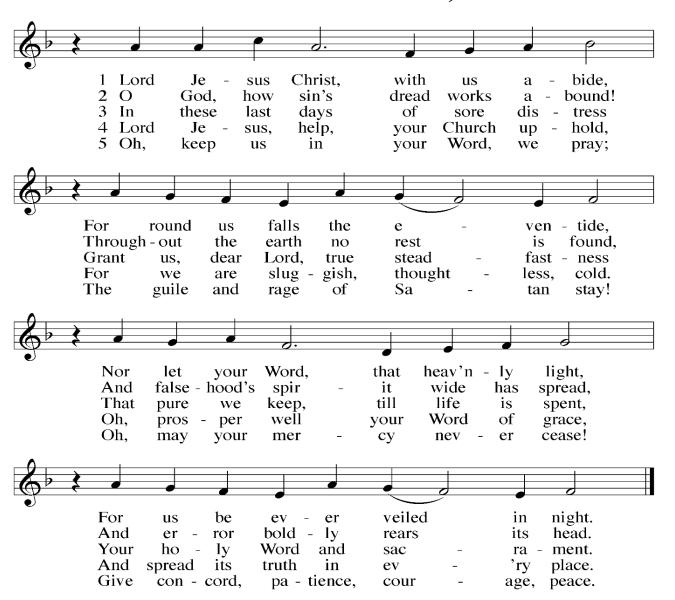
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



8 Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you,
Let me gladly here obey you.
By your love I am invited;
Be your love with love requited.
By this supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace you give me
As your guest in heav'n receive me.

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Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



- 6 The cause is yours, the glory, too. So hear us, Lord, and keep us true, Your Word alone is our defense, The Church's glorious confidence.
- 7 Oh, grant that in your holy Word We here may live and die, dear Lord, And when our journey's ending here, Receive us into glory there.

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

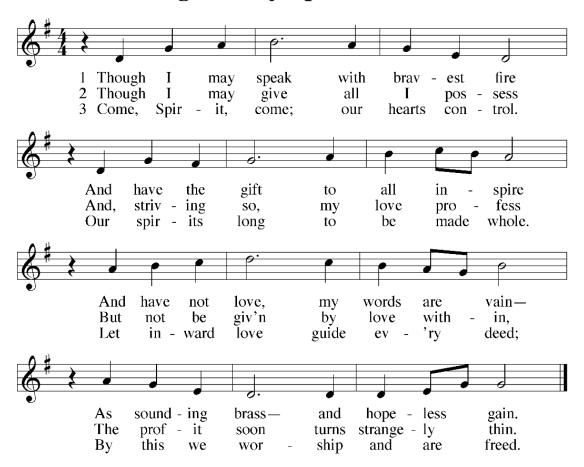
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



Closing Hymn: CW 498

CHRISTIAN LOVE

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire



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John Bull Postlude Music: Rondo

> Officiants Accompanist: Dottie Bober Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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CALL UPDATE—The Voters decided on Sunday, July 28th 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 announced soon.

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

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 (www.MealTrain.com) 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

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)

10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study – NO Sunday School or Youth Group

Noon Pig Roast at Killarney Lutheran Camp

Monday Zion School Closed/Office Closed

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Pinewood Derby Car Building Workshop

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

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	Aug. 28 Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Sept. 1 Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	Sept. 4 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner Sept. 8 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner	Sept. 11 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick Sept. 15 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick	Sept. 18 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier Sept. 22 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier	Sept. 25 KJ Dunlap Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Sept. 29 KJ Dunlap Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling
Communion Helpers	Aug. 28 Ken Vagt Sept. 1 Jake Burke Erich Freiny		Sept. 11 Ken Vagt Sept. 15 Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson		

RaiseRight Scrip Program

What is RaiseRight?

Instead of using cash you purchase gift cards.

Why use Raise Right?

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

When can I get cards?

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

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

Where do I get order forms?

The order forms are in the both foyers along with the list of the MANY retailers that participate.

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



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

Thank you!



THINGS YOU PROBABLY DON'T KNOW ABOUT SCRIP



NO SELLING!

This is not a traditional fundraiser. You don't have to ask your friends and family for money!



YOU ALREADY SHOP THERE

All you do is buy shopping cards for the places you go all the time! Where, you ask? There are over 750 retailers to choose from like Target, Starbucks, Walmart, ITunes, and even Amazon! Retailers offer rebates of 2-18%. It can't get any easier!



OFFSET YOUR TUITION

You can earn \$1000 or more each year, and that monsy can go toward your tuition! Doesn't that sound amazing?





You don't always have to wait for a shopping card! Sometimes, you can directly download your card onto your phone or print it out before you go shopping. Please note that it will require further information for the need of setting up a "PrestoPay" account (which is similar to PayPal) in order to use the "ScripWallet" option and that there is an additional fee of \$0.15 per order.



BUSINESS OWNER?

Purchase your business supplies through Scrip! It only cost 15 cents per transaction! How great is that???



NO CHRISTMAS PANIC!

Rather than running out at the last minute to buy those Christmas gifts, just buy shopping cards throughout the year and save them! Give the cards as gifts or use them to buy your Christmas gifts to benefit Zion!



Labor Day Weekend PIG ROAST

Sunday, September 1, Noon – 3:00pm

Under the main pavilion at Killarney Lutheran Camp, 1200 Chisholm Rd, Onsted, MI 49265.

Pork plates for (\$15) will be available.

The plates will include two sides, dessert, and beverage.

A free-will offering above these prices can be made, with the proceeds funding campground projects.

Come and spend the afternoon! Swimming, hiking, boating, volleyball

All proceeds are used for Camp Killarney projects.

Camp Killarney is located on the shores of Killarney Lake in the beautiful Irish Hills, and offers a Family Camp and other activities through an association of WELS congregations in Southeast Michigan.

READY ... SET ... GO!

Zion Lutheran Pinewood Derby



Work Shop Days

in Mr. Schneck's Garage

Saturday, August 24 9 a.m. to Noon Saturday, September 7 9 a.m. to



Scan the QR Code at left for official Zion Pinewood Derby rules

Kits available for \$5 or can be purchased on your own.

Sunday, September 8

Weigh in: 12:00 PM

Race begins: 1:00 PM

Ages: Pre-K to Adult

Races will be held in

Zion's Gymnasium

Hot Dogs and Sloppy Joe Lunch will be provided!

Prizes awarded for speed as well as design!

Scan the QR Code at right to sign up your family via google forms.



Volunteers are needed for Work Shop Days and as Officials on the Day of Race!

If you have any questions Please Contact Mr. Schneck 907-331-7761 or bschneck@zionmonroe.org

Car Kits are available for \$5 from Mr. Schneck and will be available at Preschool Orientation, Fun with Friends and Back to School Night on August 13, or at school.



Zion Lutheran School CEA



FALL MUM



SALE



Beautiful 9 inch pots from Parran's Nursery for only \$10 each

Available in yellow, purple, white, orange and red.

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

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

MUMS CAN BE PICKED UP FROM ZION ON TUESDAY,

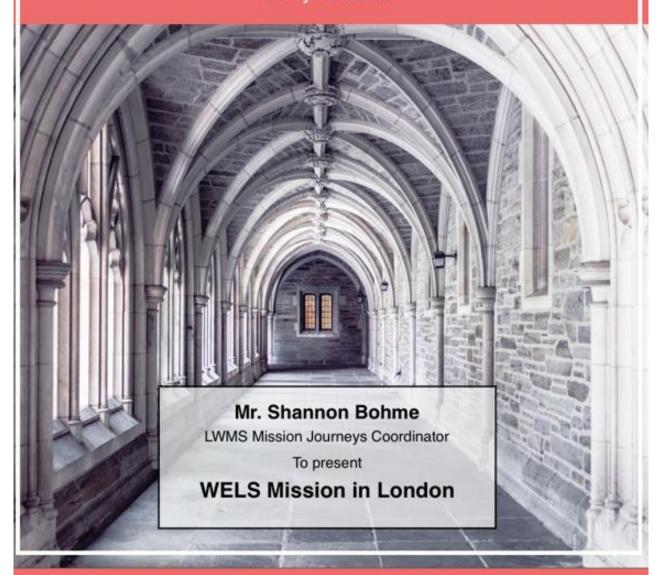
SEPTEMBER 24 FROM 9 AM to 3 PM.

Order forms can be dropped off in the school office or given directly to coordinator Melissa Freiny. For questions, please contact Melissa at (734)652-1638 or melissa.freiny@gmail.com

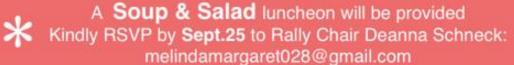


LWMS Alpha Circuit FALL RALLY Saturday, October 5

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church 186 Cole Rd. Monroe, MI Registration & Continental Breakfast: 9:00am Rally: 9:30am









Friends in Faith

Ladies Night Out Painting Party





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 I 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

Friends in Faith Christian Book Study



Sunday, November 3rd 6PM-8PM

Read the book:

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

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

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

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