



# Zion's Weekly News

Sunday | September 26 | 2021

## Calendar of Events

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### Sunday, September 26

- Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Music Room
  - Divine Service 9:30am *in-person & livestream*
  - Adult Bible Study 9:30am Activity Center
  - Sunday School 9:30am Sanctuary
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### Wednesday, September 29

- Bible Study 9:30am Activity Center *in person*
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### Sunday, October 3

- Divine Service 9:30am *in-person & livestream*
- Adult Bible Study 9:30am Activity Center
- Sunday School 9:30am Sanctuary

## News & Notes

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### Visitors & The Lord's Supper

We Celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar with the confidence that we receive into our mouths not only bread and wine, but our Lord's very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, forgive others their trespasses as we are forgiven and loved by Christ.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at the altar, out of love we ask that anyone who is not a member of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod to please arrange a time to meet with our Pastor before communing with us. Those coming forward for a blessing are asked to have their arms folded over their chest.

**Worship Bulletins** // The current At Home Bulletin covers services thru October 3. In-person bulletins continue to be available online each week at [www.ZionNaperville.org](http://www.ZionNaperville.org) (click "Bulletin" from the top menu).

### Sunday Bible Study // 11:00am - 12:00pm // Activity Center //

This morning we will start a new study, Pastor and People: Metaphors for Ministry. Each week we will explore a different picture Jesus gives us of what it means to serve together in His Church. This week we'll start with "Shepherd and Sheep." The word "pastor" is just the Latin word for "Shepherd." Please join us to be a part of this important discussion, guided by God's Word.

### Sunday School // 11:00am - 12:00 pm // Beginning in the Sanctuary for all students.

### Wednesday Bible Study //

September 29, 9:30 - 10:30am // Activity Center // Pastor Birkholz continues a study of the Book of Psalms. The Psalms are the Old Testament Book most quoted in the New, and they point us to Christ as our suffering and risen King. Join us as we explore together the riches of God's Word.

**Special thanks** to Alan Andermann for providing water bottles for the installation banquet and keeping Zion fully stocked.

**Thank You** - Many thanks to all who attended the installation service and banquet last Sunday. We are especially grateful for the Fellowship Committee, the Choir, the Elders, the Altar Guild, and all who worked to give us such a warm welcome. We are humbled by your kindness, and pray that the Lord gives us many years to serve Him together. ~The Birkholz Family

**Altar Flowers** - Thanks to Amy & her crew at Village Flower Shop for always putting their personal touch every Sunday to our altar! Last Sunday night was no exception! The flowers were so beautiful for the installation of our new pastor! Thank you to all our members who order flowers for the altar. ~ Melanie Curry

**Name Tags** - As we welcome Pastor Birkholz and his family to Zion, they will be dealing with many new faces at once. It will be very helpful if members wear their Zion name tags. Please consider wearing yours. If you have lost yours, please contact the church office. Thank you for being such a welcoming congregation!

**5 Day Bible Reading Program—Week 39** // See page 3 for the current week readings or go to [fivedaybible.com](http://fivedaybible.com) and click on “Get the plan” to view or download the full schedule.

**Thank You!** New padded chairs in the Activity Center are thanks to the generosity of Betty Baldi memorials (Marian Strassner’s mother) as well as Bill & Lorraine Hacker.

**LWML Rally Day** // Saturday, October 16, 8:30am—11:30am // St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, 63 Fernwood Rd, Montgomery // Registration and continental breakfast at 8:30am, followed by devotion at 9:15. Guest speaker from Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry. Free will donation will be collected at the door. RSVP by October 1 to Barb Cuyler: [bcuyler@hotmail.com](mailto:bcuyler@hotmail.com) (type Fall Rally in the heading) or text/call 630.768.2279. See flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

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### IN TODAY’S READINGS

*Christ Jesus, the Son of God, Cares for Us and Serves Us with the Forgiveness of Sins.* When the people of Israel wept, complaining that they had no meat to eat (Num. 11:4), Moses cried out to the Lord that “*the burden of all this people*” was too heavy for him and that he was “*not able to carry all this people alone*” (Num. 11:11–14). So the Lord had Moses gather “*seventy men of the elders of Israel*” (Num. 11:16), and the Lord “*took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders*” (Num. 11:25), so that Moses would not carry the burden alone. All who thus labor are honored, and all the people are cared for, in the name of the Lord (Mark 9:39–41). Everything is done with reference to Christ Jesus. So we cling to Him, and we flee from all sins that would separate us from Him (Mark 9:42–48). The life of the Church is one of repentant faith in Christ. Christians confess their sins to one another, and they “*pray for one another,*” that each would be raised up and healed by the Lord Jesus, who covers “*a multitude of sins*” and saves our souls from death (James 5:15–20).

### In Our Prayers This Week

*\*to keep in our ongoing prayers*

#### Comfort, Health, Recovery

Marilyn Behrens

Dave Dong

George Dorn

Ernie Elkins

Mary Anne Schagunn

Lisa White

\*Sue Andermann

\*Marge Jelen

Shirley Brown (friend of Jim Sommerfield's father)

Dennis Hatton (cousin of Sandra Sommerfield)

Ida Ruff (sister of Albert Ruff)

Mary Scott (friend of Judy Milde)

\*Debra Elkins Miller (daughter of Ernie & Fran Elkins)

\*Diane Langhans (daughter of Paulette Reid)

\*Julie Narbhai (daughter of Rev. Luther Albrecht)

\*Carrie Parker (niece of Sean & Kathy Muno)

\*Taryn Schrader (friend of Bill & Lorraine Hacker)

\*Lorraine Voelker (mother of Dawn Bodine)

#### Bereavement

Family of Kip Anderson (friend of the Sommerfield family)

Family of Darrell Zettek (cousin of Sandra Sommerfield)

#### In Hospice Care

Helen Dorn (sister of George Dorn)

#### Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar are given in praise and thanksgiving to the glory of God and in memory of Cindy Byers' husband Dale

#### Celebration

Miguel and Gloria Cruz on the birth of third son on September 8

#### Circuit Pastors & Synod Leaders

Rev. Erik Gauss - Cross, Yorkville

Rev. Matthew Conrad - Cross, Yorkville

Rev. Walter Ramirez - Cross, Yorkville

Rev. Herb Grieves - Cross, Yorkville, *emeritus*

Rev. Matthew Harrison, *Synod President*

Rev. Dr. Allan Buss, *District President*

#### Together in Mission

Rev. Dr. Michael Paul & Irene

**Preparing for Next Week** *October 3, 2021—Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Liturgical Color:** Green

**Readings:** Genesis 2:18-25; Psalm 128; Hebrews 2:1-13; Mark 10:2-16

**Hymns:** 822, 863 (628, 597, 532, 616) 644

**Hymn of the Week:** 863 Our Father, by Whose Name

## 2021 **5** Day Bible Reading Program

✓ Read the New Testament in 2021!  
(Old Testament option available too)

### Week 39: Dates to Read Sept 26 - Oct 2

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Cor 8               | <input type="checkbox"/> Zephaniah; Ps 74     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Cor 9 <u>and/or</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 1-4; Ps 130 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Cor 10              | <input type="checkbox"/> Jer 5-7; Ps 75       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Cor 11              | <input type="checkbox"/> Jer 8-10             |

