



September 2021 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**

Lots of opportunities for Worship, Service, Fellowship and Learning in September at Zion.



WORSHIP



Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

9:00am Online Worship Service via Facebook Live

9:00am Worship Service in the Family Life Center Gym

Masks required for all. Other safety measures are in place.

10:30am Indoor Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Masks required for all. Other safety measures are in place.

Children's Sermon will be included at both 9:00 and 10:30 Worship!

SERVICE

Socks for September!

Bring new men's and women's socks to donate to Transitions Homeless Center. Transitions is the Midlands Largest Homeless Center providing homeless men and women ages 18 and older access to housing, meals, and support services.



FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Night Live
meal and fellowship time

5:45-6:30pm Meal behind
Family Life Center
6:30-7:00pm

Outdoor fellowship time
See page 2 for more information.

Zion Youth Group
Begins September 8th
Join us for fun, fellowship,
and faith conversations.

LEARNING

Nomads Sunday School Class meets Sundays at 9:45am in the Cathedral Room. (Masks are currently required.)

Confirmation Ministry for 7th and 8th graders will begin on Sunday, September 12. For more information, contact Pastor Nathan (nathan@zionlexsc.com).

Children's Christian Education Resources

Our Christian Education team has been hard at work getting ready for the school year. Find more details on page 2.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE RETURNS SEPTEMBER 1

We are making plans to safely be together for a meal and fellowship on Wednesday nights beginning in September. We will resume with a simple schedule that keeps us outside (weather permitting) for much of the evening. The meals will be catered and delicious (\$5 per meal or \$10 per family). Menu will be released each Sunday in the bulletin.

5:45-6:30pm, Meal on lawn behind Family Life Center

6:30-7:00pm, Outdoor fellowship time

You may park in the lower or upper parking lots.

Children's Ministry This Month

Our Christian Education team has been hard at work getting ready for the school year. Although we are again unable to meet for Sunday School we will have several opportunities for faith development at home.

1. We hear you enjoy our Children's Videos! Well they are back this month. Follow our [YouTube channel](#) now to get notified when they are released!
2. We will begin having a Children's message at both services this month. Come check it out as we bring in your favorite Sunday School teachers to help talk about God's Love.
3. Home Project packets. Starting September 8th we will have project packets available each week to do at home. Join us for a family meal and take home a bible lesson.



2022 ELCA Youth Gathering

Next Summer could hold a life changing experience for your youth! From July 24-28 2022 we will join over 30,000 other Lutheran Youth from around the ELCA and beyond in Minneapolis MN for Boundless the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering. Contact Walt to **SIGNUP NOW** - Walt@zionlexsc.com



Welcome to our newest members!

Ada Jane Willis

Baptized 8/22/21

Daughter of Zack and Kara Willis

Daniel Kinard (not pictured)

Joined via transfer from Bachmann Chapel Lutheran Church,
Prosperity South Carolina

MUSIC NOTES September 2021



Choir and Handbell friends,

I was so very hopeful that things could be back to “normal” soon; that included the idea that we would start rehearsals whenever Wednesday Night Live resumes. As of right now, the plan is to have a meal on Wednesday evening so that there is a fellowship opportunity for everyone, but we don’t think “normal” is the direction we can go right now with the increase in COVID infections and severe illness. I hope that all of you take any and all precautions you can to stay healthy and safe! I look forward to a time when we are able to resume our weekly rehearsals.

Thanks for your continued support! -Julie

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**

Fun Music Facts

- In 2016, Mozart sold more CDs than Beyoncé, Adele or Drake, who are all Grammy award-winning artists.
- Researchers have discovered that singing is soothing and does indeed raise one's spirits and mood. When you sing with others, the body releases feel-good hormones, like oxytocin, and reduces stress-causing ones, like cortisol.
- There had been some speculation for decades, but Paul McCartney finally admitted during a 2018 *60 Minutes* interview that *neither he nor any of his Beatles bandmates were able to read or write music, and they never understood music theory. McCartney said that the music just came to him and his bandmates John Lennon, Ringo Starr, and George Harrison, and it was never written down.*
- Monaco's army has just 82 soldiers. Its military orchestra has 85 musicians. This makes Monaco the only country whose army is smaller than its military orchestra.

A 639-year performance based on avant-garde composer John Cage's "As Slow as Possible" started in September 2001 and is still running at St. Burchard Church in Germany. (Cage is also the guy behind "4'33"," a composition that consists of four-and-a-half minutes of whole rests—or, in normal parlance, silence.) The performance by an automated organ progresses so slowly that visitors have to wait months for a chord change, and is scheduled to conclude in 2640. The performance is so slow that the organ it's played on was not even completed before the concert began. Pipes were added to keep the music steady in 2008.



Ways you can SERVE

We need your help to make Worship happen at Zion. We are looking to fill in a few serving roles this month. See below and let the office know if you can help! ZionChurch@zionlexsc.com

	September 5	September 12	September 19	September 26
9:00 am – In Family Life Center				
Door/Check In:	Steve Shumpert	Steve Shumpert	Steve Shumpert	Steve Shumpert
Table/Sign In:	Susan Shumpert	Susan Shumpert	Susan Shumpert	Susan Shumpert
Assisting Minister:	Janice Sult	Will Cohoon	Lee Caulder	Emily Whitlow
Sound:	Robby Bigham	OPEN	Robby Bigham	OPEN
Slides:	Roscoe Nesmith	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Livestream:	Walt Hampton	Walt Hampton	Walt Hampton	Walt Hampton
10:30 am - In Sanctuary				
Check In Usher:	Burns Corley	Burns Corley	Burns Corley	Burns Corley
Seating Usher:	Jan Corley	Jan Corley	Jan Corley	Jan Corley
Assisting Minister:	Craig Balch	Sydney Branham	Darlene Weight	Sue Anderson
Sound Tech:	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

What does that server do?

Door/Check In: Be here by 8:30 am to greet worshipers etc.

Table/Sign In: Be here by 8:30 am to greet worshipers and record attendance.

Sound: Be here by 8:30 am to run sound board. Now training. It's easier than you think.

Slides: Be here by 8:45 am to advance our in house slide show during worship.

Livestream: Be here by 8:15 am to setup online livestream, then run livestream during worship. Now open to train new volunteers. Reach out now to find out more.

Check In Usher: Be here by 10:00 am to greet worshipers and record attendance.

Seating Usher: Be here by 10:00 am to guide worshipers in the sanctuary to their seats.

Assisting Minister: Assists the pastor in leading worship. Reads first reading, leads creed and prayers, and assists where needed. You will receive readings in advance.

Sound Tech: Be here by 10:00 am to setup and run sound for worship.

Now training new volunteers. Great intro to our tech roles.



In our Prayers

Current Needs

Denise Caulder
Burns Corley
Jerald Drafts
Barry Granda
Melba Ivey
Guy Kimball
Daniel Kinard
Wyman Kleckley
Ray Kyzer
Eileen Leaphart
Warren Peebles
Sara Rymer
Becky Saville
Connie Simpson

Homebound

Betty Baker (Carolina Gardens)
Les Caton (Brookdale Harbison)
Nellie Drafts
Gene Hendrix (Westminster)
Thelma Kleckley (Oakleaf)
Thomas Kleckley (Oakleaf)
Jane Langston (Oakleaf)

Military

Brett Creasman (Army)
Burton Flake (Army)
Matt Mayer (Air Force)
Chris Rauch (Army)
Tristin Secoy (Marine Corps)

Friends of the Congregation

Lynn Balch (health, wife of Craig Balch)
Ann Black (stroke, cousin of Al and Carla Fallaw)
Hart Cartrette (cancer, friend of the Leapharts)
Tommy Harman (cancer, friend of Janet Boltjes)
Esther Hempel (health, mother of Carol Hunter)
Arthur Holladay (health, uncle of Bonnie Phillips)
Pam Holladay (health, mother of Bonnie Phillips)
Colin Hungerpiller (health, friend of Stefanie Wingard)
Terry Hubert (cancer, Ray Kyzer's son-in-law)
Heather Kaikini (breast cancer, niece of Michael and Jane Kohn)
CJ Keathley (health, brother of Denise Caulder)
Shelly Koenig (cancer, daughter of Tom Panyard)
Jack Landers (health, friend of the Caulders)
Sarah May (health, aunt of Mary Hampton)
Hayley Meetze (cancer, friend of Janet Phillips)
Russell Meetze (cancer, family of Edith Clark)
Deanna Morrical (cancer, Hanna family)
Bo O'Neal (son of Charlie and Marsha O'Neal)
Donna Oneal (surgery, cousin of Marsha and Charlie O'Neal)
Donna Riggins (cancer, sister in law of Rachael Rhoden)
Sylvia Ruff (cancer, aunt of Julie Branham)
Teresa Sharpe (cancer, friend of Al and Carla Fallaw)
Robert Tolar (health and family, friend of Bob McCombs)

Congratulations to Anna and Greg Wingard on the birth of their daughter Matilda Hensley Wingard born August 2nd.

*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.*



Congregation Council

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES Tuesday, July 12, 2021, 7:00 pm in person, Cathedral Room

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Pastor Nathan, nine members present, Kimberly Rauch, Janice Sult and Sara Rymer were absent

Devotions: led by Mary Nell Panyard

Report of the Secretary: June minutes provided, reviewed, and approved

Report of the Treasurer: (Betsy Burn) report was provided and verbally reviewed with council. Currently there is a difference between income and expenses YTD

Report of the Chair/Executive Committee: Executive Committee met and agreed that questions regarding the routine use of the building no longer need to be approved by Exec. Committee (reverting to the pre-COVID way of doing things). Boy Scouts may now use the building for their indoor program and will follow proper COVID protocol. Lee Caulder and Mary Nell Panyard will be working with Walt Hampton and Julie Branham to purge the church roll. Also, the annual Council Retreat was cancelled for 2021 due to COVID, but we hope to resume this event in 2022.

Report of the Pastor: Pastor Nathan emailed a report to council and also stated that as we set goals to get back to normal, we will provide ways for people to form new and renewed habits to feel connected to God and to each other. It is a challenging and exciting time to be the church. Staff changes have been good as we have welcomed Julie and Mark to their positions.

Ministry Team Reports:

Christian Ed: (Bridget Ridgell) No Report

Fellowship: (Sue Anderson) No Report

Inreach: (Janice Sult) No Report

Mutual Ministry: (Sara Rymer) staff reviews will begin this month

Outreach: (Mary Nell Panyard) no report

Property: (Ernest Beck) report will be discussed during business segment

Stewardship: (Kimberly Rauch) we will be looking to add members to this committee soon

Technology: (Ross Hunter) an email was sent and discussed during the business segment

Worship & Music: (Lee Caulder) no report

Youth: (Kathryn Barton) The youth has been involved in community work over the past month

*Note: Fellowship and Outreach will soon be combined and rewritten for the guidelines

Business:

Updated reopening plan

Motion: To continue our current Sunday worship schedule (9:00am in Family Life Center, 9:00am Online, 10:30am in Sanctuary) and shift the sanctuary service to mask optional for those who are fully vaccinated beginning July 25th . *Approved*

Proposal Concerning Sanctuary Renovation Project

Motion approved to postpone repairs until we can have a fundraiser to help secure some of the cost, so as not to have to borrow it all. This also allows more time for other contractors to place competitive bids.

2022 is the 100th anniversary of Zion being on the current property. Celebrating this occasion may be a good time to start a fundraiser for this project.

Motion: To approve an additional payment to Michael Kohn, architect, for his ongoing work on the sanctuary renovation project, \$950 for work related to changes to the renovation scope, \$132.41 for printing and production. (See the attached Invoice of which \$3,500 was previously approved by Council.) approved to pay Michael Kohn remaining amount of \$1,082.41 for his work

Next meeting: Aug 9, 2021, 7:00 pm in person in the Cathedral Room Janice Sult will have devotions

Joys and Concerns: were shared

Adjourn: meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer

Giving Update

Giving Info Year to date August 22, 2021

Offering **anticipated** year to date: \$ 298,114

Offering **received** year to date: \$ 253,852

Difference year to date: \$ **-44,262**

Gifts to Zion and Partner Feeding Ministries this Year

Mission Lexington: **\$275 & 452 pounds of food**

Snack Packs Ministry: **\$ 775**

Matthew 25 Lunch Ministry: **\$ 1225**

Giving at Zion - Recent Memorials & Honorariums Given

To General Fund

In memory of Miriam Driggers *by Tim Driggers*

In memory of Wayne & Lewis *by Rebecca Saville*

In Memory of Bruce Corley *by Ronald & Janice Buff*





Congregation Council

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Statements of Operating Giving and Expenditures (Actual vs. Budget)
Seven Months Ended July 31, 2021**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget through July 31, 2021</u>	<u>Actual vs. Budget Variance</u>	<u>Approved Annual Budget</u>
Giving:				
Offerings	\$ 229,413.84	\$ 265,965.00	\$ (36,551.16)	\$ 455,940.00
Interest and other income	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 229,413.84	\$ 265,965.00	\$ (36,551.16)	\$ 455,940.00
Expenses:				
Capital improvements	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00
Employment expense:				
Salaries	108,784.78	107,088.33	1,696.45	183,580.00
Benefits and taxes	36,915.79	38,695.42	(1,779.63)	66,335.00
Utilities and telephone	13,846.76	19,191.67	(5,344.91)	32,900.00
Synod benevolence	23,901.50	23,902.08	(0.58)	40,975.00
Repairs and maintenance	15,009.19	13,825.00	1,184.19	23,700.00
Insurance	7,333.50	8,458.33	(1,124.83)	14,500.00
Office administration	8,169.42	10,120.83	(1,951.41)	17,350.00
Ministry:				
Learning	917.73	5,425.00	(4,507.27)	9,300.00
Service	1,016.04	8,166.67	(7,150.63)	14,000.00
Stewardship	835.72	1,166.67	(330.95)	2,000.00
Technology	2,046.51	3,500.00	(1,453.49)	6,000.00
Witness	-	291.67	(291.67)	500.00
Worship	3,150.66	4,025.00	(874.34)	6,900.00
Fellowship	32.09	1,983.33	(1,951.24)	3,400.00
Youth	3,533.11	2,625.00	908.11	4,500.00
Total Expenses	\$ 242,992.80	\$ 265,965.00	\$ (22,972.20)	\$ 455,940.00
Expenses in excess of giving	\$ (13,578.96)	\$ -	\$ (13,578.96)	\$ -

Supplemental information:

As of July 31, 2021

Cash balance:

Undesignated	\$ 3,682.54
Donor designated	70,113.11
Capital renovations	159,170.55
Constitutional reserve	90,794.81

Total cash balance \$ 323,761.01

Total Endowment \$ 83,688.61



LUTHERAN CHURCH

Serving our Neighbors



Restoration Chapel at Kinard Manor:

On August 21 2021, the Council of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA met in session. One of the agenda items was the authorization of a new worshipping community. The SAWC, Synodical Authorized Worshipping Community, was unanimously approved for Restoration Chapel at Kinard Manor. What makes this so special is this is the only SAWC in the ELCA like this. There is hope to use this as a model for other worshipping entities. You may ask what this has to do with Zion.

First, let me give you the Mission Statement: To invite those in the journey of recovery to experience the transformative and healing love of Jesus. This is the Vision: Restoration Chapel is a congregation of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA which exists without fixed walls to spiritually support marginalized persons with minimal resources who are in recovery from substance abuse.



Kinard Manor is a home located in Greenwood, SC housed in the former Veterans Home. It is operated by Lutheran Services Carolinas,

in partnership with Restoration Chapel, for helping with the transition of women on their

journey of recovery from substance abuse. Restoration Chapel is the spiritual component of their recovery. At Kinard Manor there is room for a maximum of ten women and as of August 9 there were six in residence. Kinard Manor opened its doors officially on June 30, 2021, with an open house attended by Bishop Aebischer, Ted Goins, CEO of Lutheran Services, and several partnering churches in the area, including Immanuel Lutheran. Among those attending were members of the Restoration Chapel organizing and steering committee, that included Ron Leaphart and Lee Caulder.



The young women in residence have minimal resources and part of what Restoration Chapel does is support them, as best as possible, spiritually and materially. To that end, there will be a fund raiser held October 28, 2021, at the Hall Senate's End near downtown Columbia. Dupre Catering will be providing the food and Zion's own Troy Fite will be providing the music. There will be a silent and a not-so-silent auction along with refreshments and fellowship. Silent auction items will include memorabilia from Bobby Richardson, former second basemen for the New York Yankees, a week in Orlando, and an onsite painting by Stephanie Burke.

All of us have stories of loved ones, friends or relatives who have struggled with substance abuse; this touches us all. Please contact Ron ronhl@aol.com or Lee caulderl@aol.com for more information and for tickets and please plan to attend this worthy event.

-Lee Caulder

September Birthdays

2nd Suzette Porth
Randy McCoy
Liam Flashnick

3rd Katie McKinley
Matt Mayer

6th Jeff Beck

8th Anna Reeside

12th Charles O'Neal

13th Karen Drafts

14th Dawn Keene
Kipper McIntosh

15th Jeanne West

16th Wyman Keisler
Betty Shaw
Ronny Setro

17th Bonnie Phillips

19th Tallie Rauch

20th Chris Rauch

21st Brad Corley
Dawn Creasman
Megan Fox

24th Ben Speares

25th Jamie Hunt

26th Laura McCombs

27th Jantzen Beck

28th Warren Keisler

29th Madison Claire Rauch

30th Kiley Cohoon

September Anniversaries

5th Iris & James Harman

9th Jennifer & Todd Elrod

17th Dawn & Bob Keene

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

We encourage you to give to support the ministries of Zion Lutheran Church during this critical time. We are fortunate to have continued to receive offering from many through the mail and through the various electronic ways we have to give.

You can contact Julie Branham in the church office to find out more about these ways to give (356-2297, fin_admin@zionlexsc.com) or go to <https://www.zionlexsc.com/giving>.

There are many ways to give an offering to Zion today or in the weeks ahead.

1. You can mail offering to Zion Lutheran Church, 226 Corley Mill Road, Lexington, SC 29072.
2. You can send a gift through your bank's online giving system.
3. You can click here to go to Zion's online giving page to give a one time offering or to set up regular automated giving. [Zionlexsc.com/giving](https://www.zionlexsc.com/giving)