



September/October 2022

## A Message from Pastor Mathew

Back in the 1960s, the race into space was beginning between three superpowers: Russia, the USA, and little Johnny who lived down on Elm Street past the pond. One day, news came across that the US was planning to send a man to the moon. Not to be outdone, Russia soon revealed that they were planning to send a man to Mars. Little Johnny who lived down on Elm Street past the pond was determined to do them one better. Gathering his friends from around the neighborhood, he held a press conference where he declared when he grew up, he'd be sending a man to the sun. His friends laughed. They explained that the astronaut would burn up, but little Johnny who lived down on Elm Street past the pond was not deterred. "Oh yeah?" he said, "then we'll go at night!"

It probably didn't take you long to determine how faulty that logic was. Sometimes, though, we make decisions without really thinking or praying them through. Our human race is notorious for this. Ideas that seem amazing at the time may end up not being so. Granted, we have people and systems in place to avoid loss of life but sometimes our choices can prove to bring serious damage. Some people spend themselves into bankruptcy, some exercise little caution while driving, and some aim their living toward ends that are no good.

God works to instruct us in the ways that are right. In Deuteronomy 30, we hear these words: "I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live." It is important for us to constantly sit at the feet of the Lord, learning what brings life and blessing. That's why, as we enter this fall season, it is important to be in worship on a weekly basis, it is good to be involved with Bible education whether in a class or a small group where you are diligently studying the scriptures. Challenge yourself to take your worship and Bible education to the next level this fall and hold yourself accountable to it. And remember, the Lord is with you and desires that you have life and have it abundantly.

God's peace,

Pastor Mathew

### OUR MISSION: WHY WE EXIST

To bring people into a covenantal relationship with the Lord (Matthew 28:19-20), and to equip them for personal growth and impact (Ephesians 4:11-26).



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### Communications Team

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## COE President's Corner *by Dan Fisher*

While we enjoy the summer, taking vacations, fishing, visiting friends and relatives, or just relaxing and doing nothing (one of my favorites), life at Zion has been busy. Every second Saturday after church, a cookout occurred. It was a great time to share a meal and fellowship with one another. We had a free book fair in Fellowship Hall, where people from the community could come and browse for books. On Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>, Zion hosted a Community Clothes Exchange serving over 80 families. Along with the clothing exchange, school supplies collected at this year's Vacation Bible School were available for the families. Each time this event is held, the number of families attending increases. Zion is making a difference. These activities have come out of the ministry of Christian Life which has done a terrific job! In July, the Golf Outing was a great success. The winning twosome donated the money collected to a church organization or a charity of their choice. This year, over \$400.00 was donated to Family Ministry. It was great fun and great stories were shared afterwards. A big thanks to Harold Mittenzwey and John Thatcher for a wonderful event. On August 21<sup>st</sup>, the Music Ministry sponsored a picnic. Thank you to Sherry Galland for putting this event together. On August 27<sup>th</sup>, Grandma's Attic returned. It was exciting to see it back, better than ever. Thanks to Sandra Schlessman for coordinating this longstanding event. During the hot summer days, our quilters have been busy making beautiful quilts that will be sent worldwide to provide warmth and shelter to areas ravaged by poverty and war. The impact these quilts have goes beyond our wildest expectations. Along with the quilts, backpacks are being stuffed with school supplies, so the children can have what they need to be successful at school.

It has been a busy summer. It illustrates that Zion is alive and our doors are open. Sharing the gospel not only among ourselves, but to our neighbors in our community. As fall begins, let us all continue the work that we have begun and to practice the gospel by our actions and to have the stone church at 51 and Brownsville be **the Beacon of Hope!**



## Prayer Concerns

Barbara Burtner  
Bruce Campbell  
Michael Capozzoli  
Corey Fischer  
Judy Kocinski  
Glenn & Phyllis Ribblett  
Ruth Rodkey  
Bill Savage

If you would like to share a prayer of praise or thanksgiving in a future newsletter, please notify the office.

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## BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

### SEPTEMBER

Lauren Aultz — September 18, 2005  
Bennett Buechel — September 24, 2016  
Lola Hast — September 5, 2021  
Peyton Hill — September 13, 2020  
Tova Phillips — September 15, 2019  
Alexander Reck — September 4, 2011  
Bailey Reck — September 25, 2016  
Brody Scholze — September 11, 2021

### OCTOBER

Jayden Cleaver — October 11, 2015  
Aiden Donachy — October 15, 2005  
Charles Eperthener — October 11, 2015  
Molly Hoffman — October 27, 2019  
Stella Koepl — October 11, 2020  
Hayden Lewis — October 8, 2005  
Alex Mainarich — October 28, 2012  
Emma Mainarich — October 11, 2009  
James Mainarich — October 28, 2012  
Jonathan Rankin — October 17, 2021  
Joshua Sartory — October 8, 2006  
Reed Sopko — October 11, 2015  
Brandon Strycula — October 30, 2011

\*If we are missing your child's baptism date, please advise the church office.

## Note of Thanks

"Pastor, Lane, and Skye would like to thank the members of Zion for their prayers, support, and overwhelming generosity throughout Lane's recent hospitalization and physical therapy. The people of Zion stepped up in many ways including donation of food, cards and letters of support, and even helping with necessary construction and home modifications needed before Lane came home. We thank the Lord for you all."

## Thank you letters received from the following:

-Jamie's Dream Team (June Mission)

-Foundation of Hope (July Mission)







**Sunday Potluck**  
**September 25**  
**11:30 am**

### Community Clothes Exchange

Zion will be hosting the next Community Clothes Exchange on **Saturday, November 5th from 10 am -2 pm. All are welcome to come to the event!** Prior to this date donations will not be accepted due to already being overflowing. How can you be involved? If you're on Facebook, share our post about the event. If not, tell others to spread the word and/or volunteer to help set up, support, or clean up in 2-hour shifts on the 5th, contact Lane Magera at [LSMagera@yahoo.com](mailto:LSMagera@yahoo.com) or 847-714-3876.



**Sunday Potluck**  
**October 23**  
**11:30 am**



*Women's Bible Study*  
Focusing on the lives of 8 Biblical women through themes from Proverbs 31. The study will be in person in the library as well as online via Zoom.  
*Thursdays 7-8p*  
*9/15-11/10*

## JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION

Beginning on Wednesday **September 7th at 7:00pm**, Pastor will be leading a weekly online discussion on the book that inspired our Lenten sermon series earlier this year, "Joining Jesus on His Mission". Those who have already read the book highly recommend it. This will be a very casual class with no homework. The chapters are very short and if you don't have time to read, you will still gain something from the discussion. Register on our website today.



**JOIN US FOR BREAD CRUMBS!**  
**A Mid-day Wednesday class begins on September 7.**  
\*Zion Library with Pastor Mathew  
\***12 Noon** on Wednesdays  
\*Discuss readings for the upcoming Sunday  
\*In person or livestream on our Facebook & YouTube

## SCHOOL KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

**It's back to school time.** However, many children around the world cannot go to school unless they provide their own school supplies. The Zion Quilters have been making backpacks for school kits. We pray that the congregation will provide the supplies needed for the school kits. Cash donations received will be used to purchase supplies. Please make your check to Zion Lutheran Church and mark your envelope or check as "Zion Quilters backpacks". If you prefer to donate the items needed, each kit is filled with: 5-70/80 sheet spiral notebooks, 5-black or blue pens (No gel), 5-#2 unsharpened pencils with erasers, and one each of the following: blunt scissors, pencil sharpener, 2 1/2 inch eraser, 30cm./12inch ruler, a box of 24 count crayons.

## Music Ministry by Sherry Galland



The foundation and philosophy of Music Ministry at Zion is to 1) Worship the Lord and 2) Proclaim the Word of God through music. Our music ministry permeates **corporate worship, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Liturgical Band, Luther Bells, and Angelus Ringers**. In addition, we are launching a new group this fall called “**Zion Voices**”. This will be a new, fresh group that will sing approximately quarterly to start out and eventually increase to once or twice a month. Adults and Youth are welcome! While we work together musically in ministry at Zion, we also pray together, support one another, and have a great deal of fun together! Previous musical knowledge or membership at Zion is not required to join our choirs so invite your neighbors and friends to consider being involved along with you!

Through our focus on community and outreach, we will be taking the Angelus Ringers to the annual “**Light Up Brentwood**” event again this **November 19<sup>th</sup>** (the Saturday before Thanksgiving). Please consider donating money toward purchasing “Story of the candy cane” candies to be handed out along with Zion literature and join us for this community event to share the true message of Jesus' love for us! Other community events include our annual Music Ministry and Friends Picnic held each summer and social gatherings throughout the year.

God has blessed the music ministry at Zion and we have seen growth in music ministry to reach over 40 adults and youth. I look forward to new servants joining this year! It is my prayer that music ministry at Zion will keep our focus on Christ and His love for us, and that the Word of God would be faithfully proclaimed in our worship, our music and in our community.

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The Music Ministry picnic survived the rainy weather by moving the fun to Zion and finding a creative way to make and enjoy the S'mores.





## Christian Life Ministry *by Karen Stoddart*

The Christian Life Ministry proclaims the love of Jesus Christ through community efforts and caring. Through our programs, we reach out to our community with support and material assistance, taking every opportunity to share God's Word with individuals and helping them apply it to their everyday lives.

Our efforts are concentrated on serving our congregation, and community through our sub-ministries. Clothing (The Clothing Exchange), food (Stewart Ave Food Bank & Brentwood Meals on Wheels), someone to talk to and keep in touch (The Card Corner and Zion Care Contacts). The homebound receive monthly visits from Pastor Beck. He also delivers our Goodie Bags for Easter, Christmas and Summer. He also helps with anything they may need. Pastor Beck is integral in caring for our homebound. We also sponsor our Packing Events for the spring and fall. Finally, we enjoy an alliance with The Blessing Board.

We are involved with caring and donating as much time and effort as we possibly can. We thank the congregation for your support regarding cookies for the homebound, Thanksgiving pies, Meager Meals, Stewart Ave Food Bank, the Meal Train, Grandmas Attic and my favorite, The Angel Tree.

These sub-ministries take time, and we need more help to continue to add more services. If you would like to help in some way, please contact me. [Kastoddart@gmail.com](mailto:Kastoddart@gmail.com) or 412-580-5814.

**Seeking someone who is willing to serve:** Serving in the kitchen may include such activities as supporting potluck meals, maintaining kitchen inventory, making coffee and/or assisting with clean-up after meals. Cooking



Mark your Calendar  
**Sunday School starts on September 11th**  
**With Rally Day**  
**It is not too late to register.**  
[zlcbrentwood.org/Sunday School](http://zlcbrentwood.org/Sunday%20School)