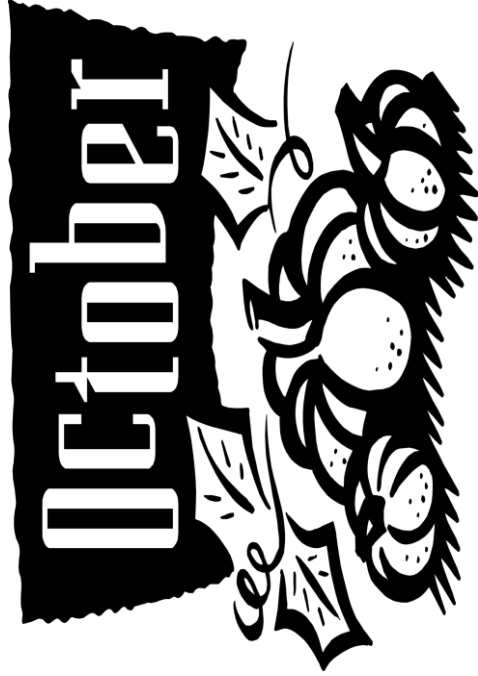


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“CROP WALK/RIDE 2016”

Heads up!!

Get your walking shoes ready!!

The CROP WALK is coming up on Sunday, October 16 at 4:15 at church. We will begin walking at 4:30. Join us on our walk while we watch the beautiful Sunset (Hopefully).

Enjoy some exercise, fun, fellowship and some sweet treats.

Pick up your sponsor sheet from Linda in the office.



“When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, ‘Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.’”
Matthew 8 10-11.

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

Last month I talked about the cadence, “Take your mark, set, (BANG!) and I made reference to our Christian faith as it shapes and prepares us for “the expected” but “not certain exactly when” BANG in life happens to us. But when it happens to someone we love, it seems like we had more to say or more to give or more to love. And when that BANG does come to someone we love, we often experience uncertainty. We question how we lived in their life and that uncertainty can overflow our emotions. But you see, as Christians, we are not only called to evaluate our lives, we are called to accept Christ’s transformation from our prideful, self-centered human life to God’s humble, self-giving heavenly life.

You see, each day when we awake, we are given a new opportunity to say to God, “I love you God and I am going to do what I can today to show the people you love that you truly exist.” “I am going to bring your Word to life today God by the way I live and love because Jesus taught me that is what we do if we truly believe in you.”

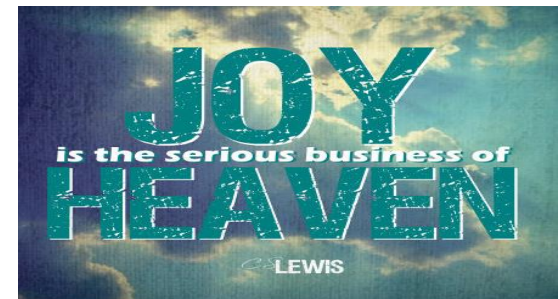
Now why would we do that? Why would we make a promise that is so difficult to keep?

Because what Jesus did for us by dying on the cross. Jesus died so that we can live beyond this life; and that means that we will one day see those we love who are no longer with us. The ones we long to stop and see. The ones we long to talk to on the phone. The ones who waved as we drove by each day. The ones we thought would never leave us until that BANG came and they were gone.

If for no other reason, we need to give all that we can to bring others to faith so that they can believe like we do. So they can know what we do...and that is...we will see our loved ones again because Jesus died so that we could live eternally with Him and all those who have gone on before us.

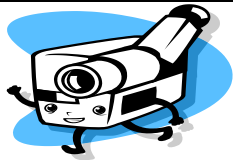
Sisters and Brothers, let us all get up tomorrow and the next day and the next and begin the new life in Jesus, a life that is lived by faith. The life that is given so that others may live a life that brings the Word of God to life here. Then we will all enjoy the great feast with our loved ones someday when our BANG comes.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Steve



THIS MONTH USHERS

Oct. 2, 2016	Church Council
Oct. 9, 2016	Jessica Coppess & Annette Behrens
Oct. 16, 2016	Duane & Terry Lasack
Oct. 23, 2016	Barry & Julie Hoffmeier
Oct. 30, 2016	Senior High Fellowship
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Nov. 6, 2016	Church Council
Nov. 13, 2016	Beth Fox & Tessa Holst
Nov. 20, 2016	Kent & Janice Strackbein
Nov. 23, 2016	Thanksgiving Eve Bill & Sharon Elijah
Nov. 29, 2016	Senior High Fellowship



VIDEOGRAPHERS

October

Oct. 2 Jean Stepp
 Oct. 9 David Niermeyer
 Oct. 16 Aaron Horman
 Oct. 23 Jane Drewelow
 Oct. 30 Donna Luepker

November

Nov. 6 Cheryl Boedeker
 Nov. 13 Jody Yutesler
 Nov. 20 David Niermeyer
 Nov. 27 Aaron Horman



FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 2	Jacob Gottschalk & Abby Balke
Oct. 9	Milo Easterly & Leighton Tjaden
Oct. 16	Nathan Nabb & Koby Stewart
Oct. 23	Taylor Lohman & Jacob Gottschalk
Oct. 30	Abby Balke & Milo Easterly

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



October 1	Harlan Deerberg, Kyle Proesch
October 3	Janice Strackbein, Sheila Bowling
October 5	Robert Johson
October 7	Karen Baldwin, Marx Dittmer
October 8	Marlene Wiedenhoff
October 10	Merle Tank, Laurie Steinke, Dan Mohr
October 11	Deloris Kahl
October 16	Juie Hoffmeier, Addi Ra Ehlt, Tyler Stewart
October 17	Marlene Fox, Easton Bowling
October 18	Donna Jensen, Andy Kahl
October 19	Tessa Holst
October 21	Diane Mostaert, Heidi Krafock
October 24	Jane Armstrong, Johny Amina
October 25	Linda Behrens, Jaydon Nabb
October 30	Fred Klaveman, Wes Griesbach, Hiliary Griesbach
October 31	Samuel Combs

Card... ...shower

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- October 7 Royce & Lisa Gottschalk 1995
Sheila & *Travis Bowling 2006
- October 8 *Brian & Jane Armstrong 1994
- October 15 Tim & Jane Drewelow 1977
- October 16 Jamie & Kelli Nabb – 1999
- October 25 Robert & *Melissa O’Howell-2014



Zion United Church of Christ Congregational meeting was held on September 11, 2016. The meeting was called to order by President David Niermeyer. Pastor Steve opened with a prayer. Annual meeting minutes from January 31, 2016 were read by Secretary Tanya Stewart. Needing more amendments or corrections, LeRoy Luepker motioned to approve the minutes, Kevin Kahl second. Motion carried. Jean Stepp presented Eastern Iowa Association’s proposal to join with Nebraska and South Dakota becoming a tri-conference, not a merger. Each state will maintain their own legal and financial identity. Multiple offices will be consolidated to one. The board of directors will consist of 9 individuals, 3 from each state, serving a 3-year term. A one-year notice is required to leave the conference. A motion was made by LeRoy Luepker, second by Pete Johnson for EIA to join with Nebraska and South Dakota. Motion

approved. The final vote takes place on October 22nd in Des Moines. Sharon Elijah and Donna Luepker are our representatives. Meeting adjourned with a motion made by Merlin Conrad, second by Millie Muhs. Motion passed. Pastor Steve closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Tanya Stewart

**ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Church Council Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2016
(Unofficial)**

Zion United Church of Christ met at 7:00 p.m. on September 20, 2016. The meeting was called to order by President David Niermeyer. Those in attendance were Merlin Conrad, Jamie Nabb, Tanya Stewart, Bonnie Kintzel, David Niermeyer and Pete Johnson.

Linda Behrens was presented thru the treasurers’ reports. Pastor Steve was on funeral leave.

Joys and concerns were shared. News and happening were announced.

Secretary’s minutes from Church Council Meeting August 16, 2016 were read and approved, on a motion made by Pete, second by Jamie. Motion carried.

The treasurers’ reports were reviewed and passed. Merlin motioned, Bonnie second. Motion carried.

CALENDAR REVIEW: Oct. 2nd Mission meeting following worship

Oct. 6th-12th Pastor on vacation

Oct. 16th CROP walk at 4:30 p.m.

Pastor’s gas miles were preapproved on a motion made by Pete, second by Merlin. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ✓ Fellowship Hall will be cleaned by the Council with a Rug Doctor.
- ✓ Motion made to hold professional carpet cleaning by Jamie, second by Bonnie. Motion carried.
- ✓ Library chairs have been added to the sanctuary seating for comfort measures.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Merlin will contact Window World for a bid on the Education Building windows.
- Pastor Mills will preach Sept. 25 and Oc. 9.
- Copier number count resolved.

Music and worship committee would like to see greater recognition for Veterans on Veteran's Day and for families/victims of 9/11.

Christmas is on a Sunday this year, more details to follow next meeting.

Next meeting, Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Merlin closed with a prayer. Meeting adjourned with a motion made by Pete, second by Merlin. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted

Tanya Stewart, Secretary



ZION EVENING CIRCLE

July 30, 2016

12 members and 13 guests enjoyed the musical "Grease" at the Clinton Showboat Theater on July 30, 2016. Hearing the songs and seeing the great acting was something we all enjoyed.

Thank you to the project committee, Janis and Joy, for putting this outing together for us.

Sharon Elijah, Secretary

ZION EVENING CIRCLE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

Zion Evening Circle met at Fox's Pond for a pulled pork supper. The officers and project committee were in charge of the meal with members bringing salads and desserts. 12 members and 6 guests attended. Thanks to Marlene and Julie for letting us use their beautiful place for our meeting.

Julie Hoffmeier gave a power point presentation about their experiences with the Lion's student exchange; their time at camp and the fun times they had with their two boys. Thanks, Julie for all you do for the Lions and work at the camp.

Donna thanked many members: Linda for getting the roses used on the alter this summer; Janis & Joy for making the arrangements to see "Grease"; Terry for putting together the Elon Miller funeral luncheon; Marlene W. for getting all the courtesy gifts throughout the year; Janis K. and Mary Campbell for working at the pie & ice cream stand at Park Days; and Joy and Terry for serving the last Committee on Ministry meeting.

On a motion by Julie, 2nd by Janis, it was agreed to pay Marlene for all the courtesy gifts she had purchased this summer.

The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was read by Julie.

Janis and Annette went over the new program booklet with us.

Donna announced that David Niermeyer wants us to think about what priorities we have for revamping the kitchen at church. Discussion will be held at our October meeting.

Julie made a motion, 2nd by Carolee that we purchase a memorial for Pastor Steve and Jean in honor of loss of his father, motion carried.

Our next meeting will be October 17th; Annette will have devotions, Joy and Jane will provide refreshments, Carolee will be in charge of the project and Carma will do flowers.

Meeting adjourned.

Sharon Elijah, Secretary



The Mission Committee sponsored an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 11. A great meal (topped off with great desserts) and fellowship was enjoyed by 52 participants and we want to thank all who attended. Thank you to the committee for all their hard work and special thanks to Jean Stepp, Tessa Fields and Keith Stewart for assisting us.

News from Christian Education!

Sunday School classes began on September 11th will 22 students in attendance. We have 30 students enrolled in our program. Our first three Sundays have been focused on PRAYER! We are teaching our students; how to pray; where to pray; and why we pray.

A.S.A.P. "Always Say A Prayer!" We want our students to make an appointment with God and talked to Him in Prayer every day! Here are three of our Bible Verses we have been working on in the classroom.

Verse 1 – Always give thanks to God the Father of Everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:20.

Verse 2 – Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7

Verse 3 "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" Jeremiah 29:13



Lowden Fire Department Belgian Waffle Breakfast - October 23

PARENT SUNDAY

We invite family and friends to join us for Breakfast at 8:30! We will meet at church at 8:30AM and then we will all walk down for breakfast at the fire station! Parents; Grandparents; Friends and Neighbors are welcome to join us! When we return; we will have some family fun for Sunday School! Please join us! Kids ages 5 and under eat free. Tickets in advance and with the help of the Christian Education program; are only \$5 for breakfast. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can get the correct amount of tickets! You can call or text me if you plan to attend and how many! Thanks again!

Kelly Nabb (563) 249-2335

UP COMING HAPPENINGS

October 2 - World Wide Communion

October 16- CROP Walk 4:15 p.m.

Come and join us to help end hunger!

October 16- Neighbors in Needs

Offering

October 17 Evening Circle 7:00 p.m.

Craft item for the Nursing Homes

Zion Youth Club meeting on October 5

October 19 Halloween Party

OCTOBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 a.m. C.E. Classes 10:15 a.m. World Wide Communion Mission Comm. meeting	3	4 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	5 4:00 to 6:00 ZYC 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Confirmation	6	7	8
9 9:00 a.m. C.E. Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship	10	11	12 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Confirmation	13	14	15
16 9:00 a.m. C.E. Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship 4:15 meet @ Church CROP WALK	17 6:30 p.m. Evening Circle	18 9:00 a.m. North Cedar Clergy 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting	19 4:00 to 6:00 ZYC Halloween Party 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Confirmation	20 8:30 ECI meeting	21	22 Hall rented
23 9:00 a.m. C.E. Classes 10:15 a.m. Worship Baptism	24 Herald Articles Due	25 11:30 a.m. Eastern Iowa Clergy Meeting here 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	26 Printing Herald 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Confirmation	27 Assemble Herald 10:00 a.m. Wheatland Nursing Home Service	28	29
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