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OCTOBER 2019

Where did the summer go? It seems that we rushed through the summer and are ready to jump into winter with both feet. For many, summer was a mad scramble to squeeze in vacations, family outings, fishing trips on the lake, camping, or some other hobby (not to mention all the normal work that always needs done). It's almost like we rush around in a mad dash so we can find a temporary rest. Then when we finish our short term rest, we are overloaded with all the work that was neglected while we were gone.

For the farmers this year has been tough. With a late start for many due to rain, and a late harvest that was less than ideal because of rain, farmers have been rushing to get in all their crop, or what's left of it. Some farmers have seen practically their entire crop ruined. Now many are scrambling to salvage their operations, and doing whatever needs to be done to prepare and be ready for next year. Even the oil and gas workers are bouncing between periods of crazy activity and layoffs from down turns. Everyone seems to be running!

The concept of rest is something that seems unattainable. The Bible has much to say on the matter of rest. When God made the universe, He demonstrated to His creation the importance of taking a period of rest. This is often referred to as a Sabbath rest. We are commanded to take one day a week and refrain from our normal work load, while also spending that time in worship of our creator. However, the Sabbath rest concept that God offers us goes far beyond a once a week break from our work, there is an eternal aspect to this rest.

Hebrews chapter four speaks of the Sabbath rest from an eternal perspective. In other words, the Sabbath rest mentioned in this chapter is really like a play on words for going to heaven. Verse one gives a warning that we be careful that we don't fall short of our eternal Sabbath rest in heaven. We are told in the following verses that we need to not only hear the Gospel preached to us, but believe the Gospel preached to us. The second half of verse 2 says, "the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith." (NIV)

Imagine living your life believing that at the end of your earthly life, you would be ushered into a heavenly paradise only to find out you are wrong. I can't imagine a worse fate! Perhaps you are alarmed. Maybe you wonder, "Am I really sure of my eternal destination?" What is it that God expects of me so I can find this eternal Sabbath rest mentioned in Hebrews chapter 4? Is there a church hoop that I forgot to jump through?

Listen to verse 3 to see what you need to do to find the rest that God offers, "Now we who have believed enter that rest... (Heb 4:3a, NIV). Simple belief is what God requires of us. When we hear the good news of Jesus Christ crucified, and respond to that message with faith we are saved. There is not more work that needs done. Remember Jesus said that we are to come to Him as little children. Simply hear the message and believe. Then you will find rest. While this world may pressure us into believing that we need to do more, work harder, do more- God says come and find rest. Jesus said this to you in Matthew 11:28-30, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (NIV) Find your rest in the Lord through hearing and believing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Luo

Zion Free Lutheran Church,

I cannot properly express my excitement to serve my home congregation in the role of Youth Director. I know the works that God did in my life through this church were extensive and foundational, and I am so excited to have the opportunity to share that with more students. Since graduating I have spent two years attending our Free Lutheran Bible College, as well as a year at NDSCS studying culinary arts. Following my studies I spent about 18 months working as the youth director for a small congregation in southern Minnesota, which was a great training opportunity that I was glad to have. I am so excited to be working for and with this congregation and encourage everyone to seek me out for more fellowship.

If you would like to get involved and help I would encourage you to seek me out and discuss opportunities. One immediate need that we have is for people to volunteer to bring food for the students on Wednesday evenings, the sign-up sheet for this can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary / near the main entrance to the building.

Our next upcoming event is -

- AFLBS Up Close - Oct. 17-18



- This is a campus visit for our Free Lutheran Bible College organized for high school Juniors and Seniors, an opportunity to see the campus, meet some people, and attend some classes.

Sincerely,
Ethan Kucera

1 Peter 4:10 -

"As every man has received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."



WHEN WE SEE THE HARVEST

A harvest of apples, a harvest of corn;
A harvest of plenty, an autumn adorned.
With bright colored leaves, a fall festive blend;
A wonderful time for families and friends.
A harvest of pumpkins, a harvest of grain;
A harvest of bounty, and cool autumn rains.
A big harvest moon - way up in the sky;
A harvest of blessing that God has supplied.
Be grateful, be humble, give thanks to the Lord;
He has showered His blessing here in our world.
But have we been faithful and have we been true?
Have we put God first in all that we do?
A harvest that God sees is not food or crop;
Not pumpkins, or grain, not apples that drop.
But God sees the harvest of souls needing Him;
A harvest of people who need saved from their sin.
A harvest of souls and a harvest of love;
A harvest of mercy from our Father above.
When we see the harvest, let's see through God's eyes;
And share with the nations the life He supplies.

Susan Y. Nikitenko



When Autumn Leaves Begin to Fall

When autumn leaves begin to fall
I think of Him most of all
Colors bursting with the sun
Rays shine down on everyone.
There is a leafy autumn smell
I walk on softness where they fell
Floating gently to the ground
Touching down without a sound.

Animal are scurrying to and fro
Instinctively the creatures know
The leaves scattered everywhere
Beautifies a place once bare.

Rising up to the bluest sky
A tree looks down, creaks a sigh
Nestled in her hollowed place
Life will wait through winter's race.

When the trees at last have shed
Sturdy branches though not dead
Beneath the earth roots hold tight
Tall and stately through the night.

When autumn leaves begin to fall
The Father orchestrates it all
Blooms in waiting seem to say
He is coming back someday.

Again dressed in a formal gown
Branches filled and hanging down
See the miracle of God once more
Birds leap from her branch to soar.

Here I stand in wonder of this
A soft wind blows to me a kiss
My spirit tells my mind to hush
Peace abounds in Christ for us.

The seasons change, come and go
But this is what I truly know
When autumn leaves begin to fall
I think of Him most of all.

Kathleen Higham



WHEN THE AUTUMN OF LIFE HAS ENDED

Autumn is a fanciful season;
The leaves a colorful glow.
The squirrels gather for winter;
Before the cold winter's snow.

Pumpkins brighten Grandmas front porch;

Scarecrows cheer each passerby.
Harvest cooking fills the autumn air;
Apple tarts and pumpkin pie.

The woolly bear forecasts the weather;
The flowers of summer fade.

Bringing forth life in a tiny seed;
A miracle that is Heaven made.

Memories and laughter fill my heart;
When I think about it all.

The yearly hayride until dark;
And all the fun in the Fall.

I am reminded this time of year;
We must gather and prepare.

Because harvest time is ending soon;
Soon our Jesus will appear.

And though Fall is beautifully designed;
And holds a place in my heart.

There's nothing like my home awaiting;
Filled with God's celestial art.

If we fill our lives with goodness;
And plant God's seeds 'long the way.
When the autumn of life has ended;
They will bloom a sweet bouquet.

Susan Y. Nikitenko

Faith and Football

Father God,

Before we take the field tonight, we'd like to give you thanks;
for all the blessings in our life and for giving us what it takes
to play this game that we so love with hits and passes and runs.
Thank you for watching from above and letting us have such fun.
Please let us show self-control in all we say and do.
Please keep our players safe and whole and our opponents too.
Bless all those who give their time to help us play this game.
Bless the ones who cheer our lives and loudly scream our names.
May we learn to be the men you created us to be.
Thank you for the chance again to play for your glory.

Amen

OPENING DAY

Grandpa's famous venison beer chili the night before,
He's no longer with us but was a man everyone would adore.

Like other holidays filled with family traditions; for so many, so is deer hunting season.
Everyone is welcome to take a stop by camp for a visit, you don't need a reason.

Everyone is prepared and has sighted in their gun;

Even that in itself with safety in mind can be loads of fun.

Blinds are all ready, everyone's been baiting in advance;

The woods are so beautiful at first glance.

Wake up to grandpa saying "top of the morning to you, daylight in the swamp," music to our ears.

Time to start getting ready for our chance at taking down a deer.

Quick breakfast and coffee as we get ready;

Hopefully you don't get buck fever and hold your gun steady.

Bundle up in all our warm gear to head out into the crisp morning air;

Anticipating what will come and the stories we'll have to share.

Take a brief break for lunch before heading back out.

Over the walkie-talkie, "I shot a 7 pointer" you hear grandpa shout;

No need to track it; dropped dead in its tracks.

Go lend a hand to help haul it back;

That night we share stories, venison jerky and rest a while;

Dad's watching from Heaven with a wink and a smile.

This season is about so much more than just shooting a deer;

Giving thanks, honoring your kill, family traditions and great food.

It's one of the best times of the year!



GOD NEVER MISSES

(A deer hunting devotion)

His thick beams, long lines and heavy body made him the type of buck about which every deer hunter dreams. Yet, this was no dream. This was the real thing! The big bruiser accompanied by a couple of does was in an open field and headed straight toward me.

When the huge twelve-pointer turned broadside, I squeezed the trigger—BOOM! The slug zipped past. "How could I have missed?" Struggling to maintain my composure, I quickly levered in the next round. Then, just as the whitetail started to quarter away—BOOM! I missed again, and then again!

The truth is, I've missed a lot of times in my life. Not only have I missed with rifles, shotguns, and bows, I have also missed morally. I deserve hell. I deserve the arrow of God's wrath. And that's a scary thought because God never misses. That's right, NEVER!

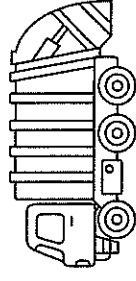
In the Bible we are told about a bow that was drawn by no one special—and it's arrow released without a precise target in mind. Nevertheless, this particular arrow hit the bull's eye. The Word of God states, "And a certain man drew his bow at a venture and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness" (1 Kings 22:34a). God was behind this bow. As a result, in one swift flight of an arrow, the wicked rule of powerful King Ahab came to abrupt halt. And it happened even though Ahab had tried to disguise himself in battle. Furthermore, the fulfillment of a prophecy of God's judgment made by a man named Micahiah (1 Kings 22:28) and another pronouncement made by Elijah (1 Kings 21:19) was also set in motion.

You see, it seemed that Ahab had gotten away with many terrible things. We are told in the Scriptures concerning him that, "But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up." (1 Kings 21:25). However, judgment finally fell on this evildoer. Ahab, despite his protective armor and a clever disguise, could not escape God's judgment.

The fact is, apart from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, no one can escape the wrath of God. As the writer of Hebrews asked, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3). But the Good News is that Christ has paid the price for our sin. Indeed, "Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him!" (Romans 5:9). With Christ there is no need for worry.

Whatever your cross, whatever your pain,
there will always be sunshine after the rain...
Perhaps you may stumble, perhaps even fall;
But God's always ready, to answer your call...
He knows every heartache, sees every tear,
a word from His lips, can calm every fear...
Your sorrows may linger, throughout the night,
But suddenly vanish, by dawn's early light...
The Savior is waiting, somewhere above,
to give you His grace and send you His love.

Law of the Garbage Truck



One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly.

So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital?" This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck."

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so:

Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't. Love them too. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it! Have a blessed, garbage-free day!

Writer Unknown

WE OWE THEM A LOT

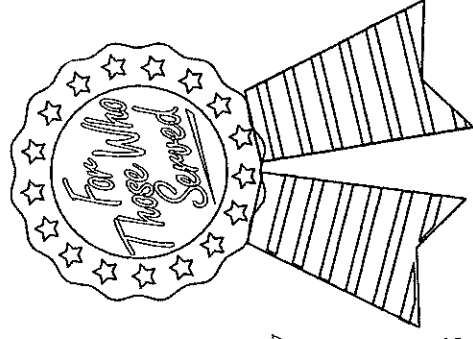
On Veterans Day we remember again
Our men and women who served;
We honor them now for what they did then:
The liberties they preserved.

Let's never forget their sacrifice,
The hard, heavy work they have done;
They did what was asked, crucial needs they
fulfilled,

With a telephone, pencil or gun.

We're happy and proud to honor them;
They gave so much more than they got.
Our heroes, our veterans kept freedom safe;
All of us owe them a lot.

Joanna Fuchs



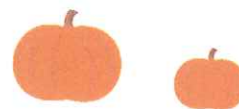


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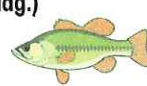



OCTOBER 2019 BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"To have a good friend is one of the highest delights of life; to be a good friend is one of the noblest and most difficult undertakings."</p>		<p>1 Sean Fuson</p> <p>Nicholas Kutter</p> <p>Bryce & Nikki Raan</p>	<p>2 Arlo Moberg</p> <p>Doug Thull</p> <p>Sarah Anderson</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Jason Rehak</p> <p>Jordyn Olson</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Steve Iverson</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Dallas Lalim</p> <p>Jay Wolla</p>
<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>Rikki McCarthy</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Lane & Malinda Ferguson</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Jayme Odegaard</p> <p>Wayde Nelson</p> <p>Brynt Dinolfo</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Happy Anniversary</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Harold & Judy Wiedmer</p> <p>Naomi Carr</p> <p>Jessica Coughlin/White Owl</p> <p>Mary Davidson</p> <p>Barb Gravgaard</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Donna Skistad</p> <p>Duane Haustveit</p> <p>Harold Weidmer</p> <p>Luke Thompson</p>	<p>16</p> 	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Ronnie Lund</p>	<p>19</p> 
<p>20</p> <p>Larry & Orabelle Pederson</p> <p>Corwin Nansen</p> <p>Justin & Chelsy Weisz</p>	<p>21</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>Norene Knudson</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Mary Hoseth</p> <p>Ron Gilbertson</p> <p>Jossie Nielsen</p> <p>Don & Mary Sundhagen</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Gail Haakenson</p> <p>Franceska Dinolfo</p> <p>Paris Keller</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Becca Fuson</p> <p>Helen Johnson</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Paige Aadness</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Kenny & Patty Jensen</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Kim & Jolene Overdorf</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Dane Martinson</p> <p>Andrew Raan</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Makenna Landsverk</p> <p>Mary Ellen Roloff</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Joyce Pederson</p> <p>Larry Rhode</p>	<p><i>"It is a proven fact that your own attitude improves greatly when you are considerate of the needs of others."</i></p>	



OCTOBER ZION 2019 ACTIVITIES ~ October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"In God's strength you can HOLD UP rather than FOLD UP in even the most pressurized situations."</i></p>		<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:30 pm Confirmation 6:15 pm Christian Ed. Meeting 6:30 pm Youth Meal 7 pm Choir 7 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> 
<p>6 Mission Offering Sunday</p> <p>9 am Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship (ages 3 – adult) 10:30 am Worship Service 6:30 pm Effective Parenting Class 7-8:30 pm VolleyBall at the Community Center</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7 pm Deacon /Deaconess Mtg. 7:30 pm Trustee Mtg. 8 pm Council Mtg</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Youth Meal 7 pm Choir 7 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Zion Circles Meet: Circle 1 – 9:30 am Circle 2 – 2 pm Circle 3 – 7 pm</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Fall WMF District Rally - 10 am CT @ Beaver Creek Lutheran Church Ray, ND Church van leaves at 9:30 am</p>
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<p>20 Building Project Sunday</p> <p>9 am Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship (ages 3 – adult) 10:30 am Worship Service 6:30 pm Effective Parenting Class 7-8:30 pm VolleyBall at the Community Center</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Youth Meal 7 pm Choir 7 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>3:30 – 6:30 pm Fish Fry & Bake Sale at the Senior Center (Proceeds to go to the new church bldg.)</p> 
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RADIO MINISTRY

Anyone who would like to sponsor a Sunday broadcast or contribute to the radio fund in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office, thank you! The radio broadcast is \$100 per Sunday. Our radio broadcast can be heard on Sundays at noon on AM Radio Station KTGO 1090.

USHERS THIS MONTH

OCTOBER HEAD USHER: Todd Beasley

Bill Oxner

Dan Larson

~Special Offering Baskets~

FIRST SUNDAY of each month is Mission Sunday.

THIRD SUNDAY of each month is New Building Project. We will have a basket in the back of the church on these two Sundays for special offering.

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from our Newsletter and you would like to be included, please call the church office

~CLOTHES CLOSET~

HOURS TO SHOP ARE:

MONDAY 2 - 7 P.M.

SATURDAY 9 - 12 NOON

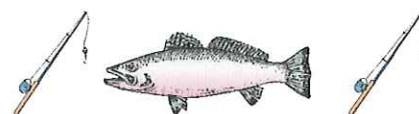
IF YOU HAVE NEW OR GENTLY USED CLOTHES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE (PREFERABLY THAT GO WITH THE SEASON WE ARE IN) PLEASE DROP THEM OFF AT THE CHURCH. THANK YOU! VOLUNTEER HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED!



October



WMF District Fall Rally – Saturday, October 12th at Beaver Creek Lutheran Church, Ray, ND – 10 a.m. CT
Theme: “Thinking Globally, Working Locally”
Ladies, join us for a day of blessing and inspiration, a noon meal will be served.



~Fish Fry & Bake Sale~ at the Tioga Senior Center

on Saturday, October 26th, from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

(Proceeds to go to the new building kitchen fund.)

We are looking for a variety of baked goods to sell at the fish fry. If you are able to bring, we would sincerely appreciate it! If questions, please talk to Ricky Raan or Claudia Tande.



~New Building Update~



Progress continues to be made on the new church building, and we praise God for the work that has been done so far. The sheet rock on the interior should be completed soon, and we are hoping to get the concrete for the sidewalk and under the carport area installed before the snow flies. We invite you to stop by the building site to see for yourself the progress being made! We ask for continued prayers for safety of the workers, wisdom for decisions being made, and continued gifts received to help complete this project, thank you!

“Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.” Psalm 105:1-4

