

Through Zion's Window

August 2019



Dear friends in Christ,

As the summer nears its end and the fall programming year approaches some decisions need to be made. I asked at the beginning of this month for your feedback on adult education (that letter is also reprinted in this month's newsletter). You've had a month to think about it – now it is time to let me know your thoughts. You'll find a simple questionnaire available during worship over the next couple of weeks. Please fill it out. Thanks.

There are a couple other items I would like to know your thoughts on as well.

1. "Pub Theology" One of my favorite activities is to gather with other Christians and talk about life. What's happening? what is God up to in our lives? what is God up to in the world? What are our joys and what are our struggles? I hope that we can gather once a month at a local establishment, have food and drinks and conversation. One option that has already been put out is the Trackside in Ashippun. Tom and Di's Rustic Inn is also an option. Or do you have a favorite place to eat and relax?
2. "Pasta with the Pastor" Another thing I like is to host. I realize that Waukesha is some distance for many of you to travel but I want to throw this idea at you. If enough folks are interested, I would offer to invite 6-8 people to my house for an easy meal (it doesn't have to be pasta – that just works for alliteration 😊) and relaxed social time. It is an opportunity for Starr and I to get to know you better and you to get to know us better. The invitations would be given simply based on the first 6-8 people to sign up for a given date in the month. Kind of a lottery – you may learn about others in our parish as well.

Starr and I have been greatly enjoying our time together with you this year. We are looking forward to growing and learning about each other and our Lord together in the years to come.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Doug

Please remember to update Pastor Doug's Cell phone number in your records ~ 262-490-8737

Adult Education



Dear friends in Christ, even though we are still waiting for summer it is time to start planning our Fall schedule.

One of the questions I am getting asked a lot is about Adult Education opportunities. I am hoping to schedule two Adult Education forums each week or every other week. I am considering holding one forum on a mid-morning or early afternoon during the week (Tuesday or Wednesday) and another forum either Sunday after worship at Cross or a weekday evening (Wednesday or Thursday). One of the forums would be a study of a book of the bible and the other forum would be focused on faith-formation and faith-based discussions of current events.

Please think about what you would like to delve into. I would like your feedback and suggestions for topics and timing of the forums. At worship this Sunday, you will be receiving a survey, please take a moment to fill it out and leave it in the basket in the narthex.

Thanks

Pastor Doug



God's work. Our hands.

We're here to minister, to serve. What better way to use our volunteer abilities than to get out there?! Your help is appreciated and needed.



God's work Our hands

August 4: MS Bike Ride – Carrie Wendorf has ways you can help at Zion's rest/hospitality stop along the MS bike route. She can always use more workers and donors. Remember: August 4 there is no worship service at Zion.

Also, if you'd like to volunteer but stay in Ashippun on August 4, we might have a "plarn-ing" activity for men, women and kids! If interested, contact Sandy.

August 5-10: Churchwide Assembly at the Wisconsin Center, Milwaukee – The Greater Milwaukee Synod is this year's host. The Synod is seeking 400 volunteers for a wide variety of tasks, some starting in July (packing registration gift bags) to a myriad of very interesting tasks throughout the run of the conference. Check it out at www.cwa19.org, or see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex for a short list of ops, or check with Sandy.

Sept. 8 is the synod-wide "God's work. Our hands" initiative. Check the web site at www.milwaukee-synod.org for more information if you feel you want to take on additional ways to serve. You're the one with the hands, God's the one with the opportunities!



Evangelism

God's Work, Our Hands/Day of Service

The first weekend of August is dedicated to serving the community in which we live, and it is quickly approaching.

Here are some ways you can serve.

- ❖ **MS Bike Tour – Contact Carrie Wendorf**
- ❖ **Ashippun Apartment Meal – Contact Doreen Schultz or Wendy Egholm**
- ❖ Visiting with the elderly
- ❖ Helping a neighbor
- ❖ Delivering a meal or cookies to someone under the weather
- ❖ Picking up litter

Love your neighbors and make your community a better place. Now is the time for you to act!



**I scream,
You scream,
We all scream for Ice Cream!**

Watch for more information in the next couple weeks.

Gone Fishing?

Serious fishermen mourn over the loss of a fish. They regret having one get away. But even if they come home without fish, the true fishermen are glad they tried. Moreover, they will try again.

People really do want to hear about salvation and hope, about life and love given through Jesus. We need not be timid with our valuable message. The most selfish thing in the world is to discover the joy and peace of God's love and then refuse to share it with others.

Sharing the good news of God's love means offering a word of hope, a word of forgiveness, a word of love, a gospel of grace to folk beyond our church walls. We must cast beyond the gunnels of our own boat. When Jesus called his disciples, they had to leave their boats and their fishing village and journey to new places. When God called Jonah, he had to reach out to strangers in Nineveh. Where is God calling you to cast your net?

~ Ministry Matters - By Lance Moore



OKTOBERFEST

Oktoberfest 2019

Plans are under way for our Annual Oktoberfest polka worship service. Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 6.

The Good Time Dutchmen Band will lead the music and singing at an 8:45 a.m. service. Following the service, worshippers are invited to "Gemütlichkeit Under the Tent" until 11 a.m. when dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall. This year, Zion members will again prepare the delicious meal which will include: Baked Ham and Oven Baked Chicken, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut stuffing, vegetable, dinner rolls, dessert, and beverages. The meal will be a free will offering.

At 1 p.m., the festivities move to Maple Inn in Old Ashippun for a polka dance, complete with door prizes and raffles. Tickets for the dance are \$5 at the door.

The Zion ladies' quilt raffle has become a tradition at Oktoberfest, and this year is no exception. The winner will be drawn at 5 p.m. at the dance.

Oktoberfest is one of Zion's annual fundraisers. ALL members are encouraged to support this effort by selling and buying raffle tickets and participating in the worship service, dinner, and dance. Pick up your raffle tickets from the Siedschlag's before or after church services. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

Simply put, here are some of the ways YOU can make Oktoberfest a success:

1. Attend
2. Volunteer to help with the meal-see Debbie Guenther
3. Attend
4. Sell raffle tickets-See an Oktoberfest Committee Member
5. Attend
6. Bake desserts to be served with the meal
7. Attend
8. Donate prizes for the small raffles-Homemade items are nice and so enjoyed by the winners
9. Attend
10. Help with set up/clean up

If you have questions about how you can help, see any Oktoberfest Committee member below and sign up on the sheets posted in the Narthex. You can help make this our annual event a huge success!

Quilt on Display

This year's quilt will soon be on display in the Narthex. Doreen Schultz has tickets for the machine quilted **Strip Stacks** pattern in Soothing Shades of Lavender. Be sure to get your ticket supply from Sandy and Doreen so you can start selling. Ticket prices are \$4 each or 3 for \$10. Thank-you to Ele and Sandy for the beautiful quilt!

The Phone is Ringing

If it's someone from Zion, please answer and say, "Yes!" Since we are doing our own meal preparation again this year, we need to add more helping hands to the list of faithful workers.

There are lots more jobs that need volunteers. Here's a sample:

Meal preparation and serving
Beverage servers
Cut desserts, plate, refill cake plates on each table
Clean up crew
Weigh, wrap, or sell leftovers

Don't be shy! You have the talent and expertise to do any number of things, just say, "Yes." Please let Debbie Guenther know your availability.



September Coffee Hours

Oktoberfest committee members are planning coffee hours leading up to Oktoberfest by providing a variety of ethnic treats following worship services. Come to worship; stay for a taste of the Old World. If there is anyone that would like to assist with hosting or serving on one of the Sundays, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex.

The next planning committee meeting will be
Thursday August 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Please attend to bring your ideas! Everyone welcome!

Planning Committee Members: Lester/Carol Schuett, Heidi Tunak, Doreen Schultz, Debbie Guenther, John/Christine & Natalie Siedschlag, Carrie Wendorf, Pastor Doug

Stuff the Pantry

The school year ends and so does the student meal programs. This creates a need to fill the pantry shelves to feed those children. To ensure the Ashippun Bread Basket can meet the family needs, please help stuff the pantry.

The following items are in particular need during the summer.

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Cereal
- Baking mixes (ie cakes, brownies, cookies...)
- Pasta and Sauce
- Cream Soup
- Frozen Veggies (*toss in the freezer downstairs and let Carrie or Doreen know*)
- Soap
- Shampoo/Conditioner

*Name brand items are desired.



Also, remember to give your extra garden produce.

The pantry hours are:

Every Thursday 6pm-7pm

Every Saturday 9am-10am