

Through Zion's Window

SEPTEMBER 2019



Dear friends in Christ,

I've come to the conclusion that youth today are different from 35 years ago (yeah, I can be slow sometimes!). When I was in Junior High (Middle School in these parts) and High School I lived for the summer, every last day of it. I wasn't alone either; my friends felt the same way. As the last weeks of August arrived, we began to dread Labor Day weekend, because we knew that our days of freedom were coming to an end and we would soon be returning to the dull confines of the classroom, imprisoned for another 9 months. And yes, I was dramatic in my youth as well!

Today, through the wonders of technology and social networking (aka Facebook) I get to see what the youth are thinking. And to my surprise, many of them (even the majority of those who have "friended" me) are writing that they are looking forward to going back to school! They are waiting, with eager anticipation, the return to the classroom. Yikes! What are today's youth becoming? What hope is there for the future?

Actually, I think these kids have realized a great truth that I missed out on in my youth. They understand the joy of fellowship with friends not seen for months. I'm guessing, but I think it is less the classroom that they are looking forward to than the renewing of old friendships and the making of new ones.

As summer comes to end, I find myself joining these youths in eagerness to begin the new school year. Granted, I won't be sitting in the classrooms, but with the beginning of the school year we start again with our Fall programming. Sunday School and Confirmation start in just a couple of weeks. Adult education starts a little after that (see more on this inside the newsletter) and hopefully other fellowship opportunities. In other words, things are about to get busy in a good way.

It's been a good summer, mostly a quiet one – a good one for starting my newest call. But now I'm eagerly awaiting the end of summer and the creation of new friendships and great conversations. I enjoy fellowship and education and I look forward to getting to know all of you better this year.

Let's have a fun year together.

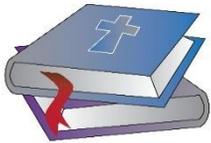
Pastor Doug

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

Adult Education

Thank you to all who completed one of the Adult Education questionnaires. I got a lot of feedback and the results were pretty close but, in the end, 2 clear times were the most popular. So, we will begin gathering twice a week in the 3rd week of September.

Adult Education



Wednesday morning, we will gather from 9:30 – 11:00 at Zion beginning on October 9th. We will then meet on the 2st and 4rd Wednesdays of every month.

Thursday evening, we will gather from 6:00 – 7:30 at Cross beginning on September 19th. Again, we will meet every other week on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.

When we gather the first time, we will decide what our topic(s) will be. Members of either church are welcome at both gatherings so please come to whichever best suits your schedule – or both! I look forward to our time together.

Thanks
Pastor Doug

Back to School...

...which just might include YOU too! The environmental science class at Oconomowoc High School has joined a group of high school students in Australia in their effort to alleviate the plastic grocery bag world-wide crisis. They have designed BOOMERANG BAGS, fabric bags which are used as refillable/reusable shopping bags.

What does this have to do with us? OHS students are looking for help making the bags which will be made available for no cost to shoppers at local area stores (and even the Ashippun Bread basket!). If you sew – great! If you don't, there are several ways you can help with this energetic outreach by donating heavy weight fabric, ironing, folding, cutting, pressing, and more.

Interested? Want to check it out? Let me know! I'm excited to share this student-driven project with you. They are an extremely energetic, committed bunch of delightful kids. I think you'll find it satisfying to toss your hat (or Boomerang Bag) into the ring of busy bee creators!

Get back into the swing of the good ole school days and sew with us.

Sandy
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Saints in Light

All Saints Day will be celebrated
Sunday, November 3.

Use the request form in this newsletter to honor special people in your life by lighting our tree.

Red lights honor living friends and relatives; white lights honor the deceased.

Requests will be accepted through October 27.

Completed forms and checks may be placed in the Evangelism mailbox.



Ice Cream Social

The event was quickly organized. Doreen, Gina, Wendy and Jeanine would like to know how we did. Is there anything we could do better and how? Was the date and time good?



Piggly Wiggly receipt totals for July and August: \$7,293.43. Woohoo! Watch the youth account grow through the generosity of Fox Brothers Piggly Wiggly and by your dropping Pig grocery receipts in the drawer. Thanks so much!



On Sunday, September 8, we will have a special "Backpack Blessing". All students, teachers and education professionals should bring their backpack/bag to worship with them.



PLEASE COMPLETE A SECTION FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL (ONE PERSON'S NAME PER SECTION)

DONATION OF \$5 PER NAME GREATLY APPRECIATED. PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR EACH HONOREE; YOUR NAME ON THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE

Zion Lutheran Church, ELCA

Remember or honor a loved one or special friend this holiday season with this heartfelt gift.

"SAINTS IN LIGHT" TREE

Your donation will light the evergreen tree in front of Zion throughout the holiday season.

Red lights honor the living.
White lights honor the memory of those departed.

A BEAUTIFUL "SAINTS IN LIGHT" CARD WITH THE DONOR'S NAME WILL BE MAILED TO ALL THOSE HONORED AND REMEMBERED.

PLEASE PRINT
MY DONATION OF \$ _____ FOR THE SAINTS IN LIGHT TREE IS ENCLOSED.

YOUR NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ STATE: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

All names of those honored and remembered will be displayed in our church narthex.
Requests will be accepted through October 27. The Tree Lighting program will be on November 3, 2019.

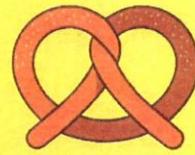
<p>Please light a bulb on our <i>Saints in Light</i> Tree (one individual per light)</p> <p>For: _____</p> <p>From: _____</p> <p>Please check one:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Red Light-in honor of friend or relative (living)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White Light-in honor of friend or relative (deceased)</p> <p>Send <i>Saints in Light</i> Acknowledgement card to:</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____</p>
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Presents



OKTOBERFEST

10.06.19

N557 MAIN STREET,
ASHIPPUN, WI

8:30 AM| POLKA WORSHIP SERVICE

"GEMUTLICHKEIT" TO FOLLOW

11:00AM| HAM & CHICKEN DINNER

FREE WILL OFFERING

1-5:00PM| POLKA DANCE-MAPLE INN

\$5 DANCE ADMISSION

HWY 67 IN OLD ASHIPUN

MUSIC BY THE GOODTIME DUTCHMEN
BAND



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