

# Through Zion's Window

OCTOBER 2021

*Thank you to Tom Schwefel, a member of Cross, who provides this months front page article!*

When did you find God?

Ask yourself when did I find God?

How many of us know the time and date? Some of us might say we found God at our Baptism. This is when our parents accepted God for us. I'm asking when did you knowingly find God? The moment when you yourself had the feeling of fully accepting God into your life.

August 26, 1986, 1:40 am unbeknown to me this is when God came into my life. I didn't realize it at the time; this is when my life changed dramatically. I had just ruptured a disc in my back. For the next almost 20 years I struggled to figure out what the future held. I went into a very dark pit, kind of like a boat with no sail, just going where the wind took me.

*Psalms 18:48 "You rescued me from my enemies; even over those who attacked me, you exalted me, you saved me from my deadly foe"*

Eventually I was able to look back on the past 20 years. I had to ask myself what kept me alive. I started to realize that maybe God had a plan for me, but what was it? After all I had been through God never left my side. Even when I didn't want his help God never abandoned me, he was not giving up on me.

April 7, 2006, God's plan hit me. His plan included a little baby girl, and God used this little baby to bring me back to Christ.

*Psalms 25:2 "My God I put my trust in you, let me not put to shame; nor let my enemies triumph over me."*

I started coming to church so I could bring that beautiful baby girl to church. The more I came to church the more I heard the word. I was starting to see God's plan.

Now 15 plus years later I realize how much God is in my life every day. Maybe it is a sunset, a reflection on the water, helping someone in need or seeing that little baby grow into a young woman. Sometimes we just need to appreciate the little things and trust in God. After all, he never left a sinner like me behind.

Some might think I found God April 7, 2006. As I look back, I know I found God August 26, 1986, 1:40am. It just took me almost 20 years to realize God was in my life.

Tom Schwefel

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As I was re-reading last month's newsletter, I realized that I put both Adult Ed. opportunities on the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month. That was a mistake! We will gather at Zion on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am and at Cross on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 6:00 pm. Also, my kitchen is continuing to be a challenge, we will have to push *Pasta With Pastor* to November 14<sup>th</sup>. 😊

Thanks, I look forward to gathering with you. - Pastor Doug"



September 12, 2021, Church Council Meeting Minutes ~ Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by President Jerry Liesener. Devotions were led by Christine Siedschlag. Next Month's devotions will be led by Mike Johnson.

Treasurer's Report – Balance \$40,000. July was \$200 short

Parish Ed – Cross and Zion only have 6 or 7 kids between the two congregations, looking into doing something joint.

Worship – nothing new Laurie Schwefel has accepted our position as music director. Need to decide what protocols we need to follow in light of the delta variant, we will keep an eye on it.

Evangelism – cards/birthday, etc. is being handled for Ashippun apartments. We need a person on council for this position.

Mission – Served 115 people at Bread & Roses, which included takeout meals. Next project is the Christmas Giving Tree for Shorehaven.

Stewardship – Planning to do a skit and table talk, in addition to handing out pledge cards with the Time & Talent sheets. Hoping to get out in mid or late October.

Building & Grounds – Priced windows for choir area. Metal doors need repair in fellowship hall. Refrigerator is fixed. Tent has been rented for Oktoberfest from the Lebanon Lion's Club.

Old Business – Keep using one screen in sanctuary. Help is needed for Oktoberfest, setup on Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> for take down. Worship will be at 10 am that day.

New Business – Reaching out to people who have not been in church for quite some time, what is the best way to reach out to people? Evaluate Pastor on a regular basis, every 2 years.

Next Council meeting is October 10<sup>th</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 10:19 am and closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Johnson  
Council Secretary



We will be welcoming new members on November 14, 2021. If you would like to become part of Zion's family, please contact Pastor Doug.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

- 02 – Scott Gramling
- 04 – Pastor Doug Andersen
- 05 – Allison Jones
- 05 – Steve Louden
- 14 – Annette Christopherson
- 20 – Debbie Guenther
- 21 – Aubrey Altreuter
- 27 – Elda Wangelin

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

- 13 – Shane & Allison Jones
- 15 – Phil & Doreen Schultz
- 17 – Jim & Vickie Schlieve
- 22 – Todd & Annette Christopherson

**PROJECTION OPERATOR**

- 03 – Heidi Tunak
- 10 – Jeanine Heinrich
- 17 – Carrie Wendorf
- 24 – Loni Jaeger
- 31 – Jerry Liesener

**ASSISTING MINISTER**

- 03 – John Siedschlag
- 10 – Jerry Liesener
- 17 – Anna Gramling
- 24 – Mike Johnson
- 31 – Carrie Wendorf

**USHER**

- \*Franklin Wolter Team**
- Siedschlag Family
- Brian Schlieve

**ALTAR GUILD**

- Wendy Egholm
- Ruth Peirick

**LAY READER**

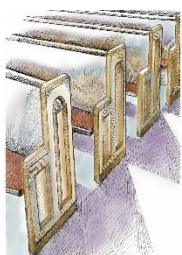
- Assisting Ministers

**GREETER**

- 03 – Jerry & Peggy Liesener
- 10 – Ruth Peirick
- 17 – Millie Moldenhauer
- 24 – Paul & Wendy Egholm
- 31 – Shari Franke

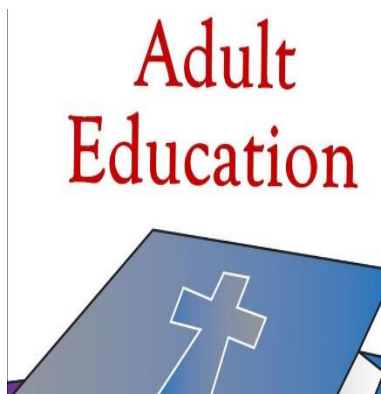
**SPECIAL DATES IN OCTOBER**

- 03 – World Communion Sunday
- 31 – Reformation Sunday



View from the Pews

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| Sunday, August 29    | 29 |
| Sunday, September 5  | 27 |
| Sunday, September 12 | 37 |
| Sunday, September 19 | 25 |



**Adult Education:** We'll start with the same schedule that we were using when we shut down in March 2020. We will meet beginning in October, on the second and fourth Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm at Cross, initially we will continue with the study of the upcoming Sunday's readings, however we can choose a different topic if we want. Then the first and third Wednesday mornings, at 10 am we will meet at Zion. I would like to suggest a book study on "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans, we can discuss this idea with everyone and get your input.



Oktoberfest October 3, 2021

Zion Lutheran Church  
N557 Main Street, Ashippun

10 AM ~ Polka Service

11 AM ~ "Gemutlichkeit Under the Tent"

11 AM ~ Brat or Hamburger Box Lunch (includes chips & pickle)

\$5 Single/\$8 Double/\$4 Children's Hot Dog Box Lunch

11:30 AM - 2 PM ~ Polka Music by the

Good Time Dutchmen Band

Zion's lower parking lot

Free-will offering

Door prizes and raffles galore!

Pastor Doug is holding one more practice session to learn the German Lord's Prayer, Apostle's Creed, etc., on September 29 at 6 PM at 6 pm.

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**PASTA**

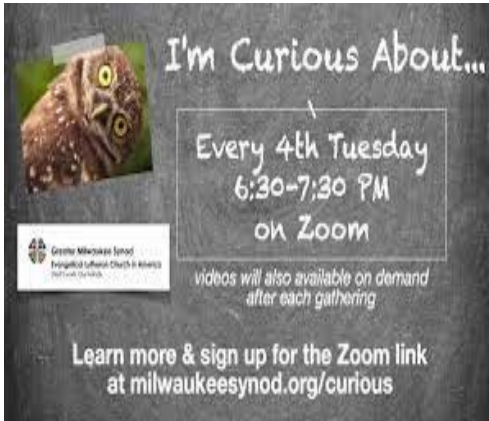
*With Pastor*

Starting in November Pastor Doug and Starr will host *Pasta with Pastor*. Though it is called *Pasta with the Pastor* that is only for alliterative purposes, it can be brats, burgers, stews, roasts or etc. They can host up to six folks at a time at their house in Waukesha for a simple meal and fellowship, individuals, couples, and/or families will be welcomed.

The first *Pasta with Pastor* is Sunday, November 14, with the meal at 4 pm, and then continuing with the second Sunday of each month going forward. (December 12<sup>th</sup> and January 9<sup>th</sup>)

To reserve a date please contact Danielle (Administrative Assistant at Zion), email ~ [zionashippun@wi.twcbc.com](mailto:zionashippun@wi.twcbc.com) or call 920-474-7234.





Beginning on Tuesday, September 28, our synod's Mission Table will host an hour-long, monthly gathering on Zoom for Christians who want to dream together about where God is leading the Church.

The topic in September will be "The Future Church." New topics in future months, every 4th Tuesday from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, via Zoom.

Come, hear inspiring reflections from others. No experience is needed. All voices are welcome.

Contact Rev. Matthew Short at [matt@milwaukeesynod.org](mailto:matt@milwaukeesynod.org) with questions.



## Saturday, September 25

Waukesha County • Ozaukee County  
Racine/Kenosha County • **NEW!** Milwaukee County  
Virtual Option Available

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Pray  
for ...



Ellen Braunschweig  
Shirley Chatfield  
Carly Ostrom  
Peyton Wolter  
Tom & Donna Meotke  
Wilber Pieper  
Ross & Jacob Kopfer  
Patrick Jones  
Art Hall  
Arvon Kuehl  
Erla Newbecker  
Rev. John Siedschlag Sr.  
Sherry Theine  
Deb Wolter

The Family of Curtis Mueller  
The Family of Barb Pieper

*A big congratulations goes out to Ashlyn Schlieve  
on earning the rank of Eagle Scout!*