

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church



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Ponder Anew...what the Almighty can do!

Our Synod regularly develops and offers congregations and individuals many different kinds of trainings to strengthen our faith and our walk with Christ. Some have been so successful that other Synods across the ELCA have begun using them. Before COVID-19 hit full force, the Council had decided to participate in the Synod's program Inspire. Ignite. Invite. : A Spiritual Renewal Process Here is how they describe it:

The Renewing Mission Table is creating a three-year Spiritual Renewal Process. Each year will focus on one of these themes — Inspire. Ignite. Invite.

Goal:

The IK Synod will grow into a people of God who:

- Clearly identify the presence of the Spirit
- Eagerly tell our shared story as the body of Christ
- Follow the Spirit to new frontiers
- Transformed for service to God and neighbor

Outcomes:

As we live into the IK Synod Mission Statement: Empower, equip and encourage each other to make Christ known, members of congregations in the synod will:

- Grow in their connection with God in their spiritual walk
- Recognize the work of the Spirit in, through and among them
- Share stories of how they have seen and experienced God (Father, Son and Holy

Spirit) at work in their lives, in their congregations and in the world

- Express what it means to be a Lutheran Christian
- Articulate their faith
- Develop comfortable ways to share Jesus with others
- Talk about how Jesus makes a difference in their lives

The theme for Year 1 is Inspire. We meet monthly on a Zoom call with 6 other congregations from our Synod. They are listed below under our *Pray for One Another* lists. Each month has a theme, a scripture verse and study activity, discussion questions and homework for the next month. Currently, our monthly meeting team members are Carol Miller, Amy Neild, Teresa Pattison and Pr. Amy. We then bring that back to the Council to share our experiences and lead the scripture and study with them. Our hope is to eventually develop small groups to share what we are learning with the entire congregation. As a council, we felt this falls into our goals for a Thriving Zion and gives us concrete training and a direction to follow. In the coming months, I will be sharing with all of you a summary of what we are doing so you can be aware of all that is happening.

I am excited for the possibilities this opportunity presents- to build on the foundation of what has already been developed and to help each of us, individually and as a congregation, experience spiritual renewal. Like anything of this sort, we'll get out of it what we put into it. If we allow the Holy Spirit to move in and through us, to commit to the process on a deep level, continue to pray regularly and to join in with enthusiasm and an expectation of God's hand upon us, I believe we will see how we will be lead to become a Thriving Zion once more. Even in the midst of or because of the current unpredictability in our lives, it is a good time to be the Church and disciples of Jesus!

Blessings to each of you as together we share Jesus Christ for Life, albeit in a different way!

Pr. Amy



Current:

Robert & Lois Dowd, Jon Perkins, Linda Rager Hampton, Clayton Marcum and family, Becky Oden, Nancy Jamerson, Dean McKinley, Jayden Plotner

Ongoing:

Peggy Gilbert, Mara Joy Nelson, Owen Vannoster and his family

Homebound:

Marie Betten-Niccum, Bo & Joanne Boettcher, Nancy Coble, Betty Hamlin, Ruth Hauser, Betty Lawrenz, Vada Lee Nixon

Inspire. Ignite. Invite. Cohort 1 Congregations:

Grace & Glory, Goshen, KY; Bethany, Indianapolis; Zion's, Pershing, IN; Calvary, Cromwell, IN; Grace & Peace, Evansville; Gethsemane, Indianapolis



*****To Dave and Amy Neild, Denise Rohrer, Clayton Marcum, and Pr. Amy for getting together and handing out our study treat bags at the Manchester University Welcome Back Students event.**



*****To all who help us clean and reset the fellowship hall each Sunday after worship.**



September Birthdays

- 3 Betty Yankey
- 4 Cindy Rosenbarger
Audrey Bradford
- 10 Nancy Shenefield
- 13 Herb Anderson
- 16 Jessica Rosenbarger
- 21 Terry Rosenbarger
- 22 Montgomery Pattison
- 23 Shirley Williams
Drew Bradford
- 26 Dan Speicher



September Baptisms

- 16 Stan Escott
- 18 Jessica Rosenbarger
- 26 Betty Yankey
Paige Spratt
- 27 Herb Anderson
- 30 Cindy Rosenbarger



September Anniversaries

- 11 David & Patty Grant
Tony & Carol Miller
- 17 Brian & Cheryl Spratt

To My Zion family- Thank you for all the love and support, prayers and cards you have given me these last several weeks, especially around the death of my dad. With this year being full of disappointment, heartbreak, uncertainty, and loss, I appreciate all you have done for me. Thank you.
Clayton

If you are worshiping at home and are in need of communion supplies, please call the office or Pr. Amy so we can replenish them for you.

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