



ST. PAUL-ZION DUAL PARISH

SEPTEMBER 2026

A Few Thoughts from Pastor

When evening had come, (Jesus) said to (His disciples), "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took Him with them in the boat, just as He was. And other boats were with Him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion.

And they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

And He awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey Him?"



Mark 4:35-41

Sometimes we just need to be reminded. We know things; we've been told, we've seen, we've heard, we've experienced and even told others about things, and yet we sometime fail to fully appreciate the real significance of "everything." It was no different for Jesus' closest disciples. They had seen Him cast out demons and heal the sick, and they had heard Him teach, but they had also seen opposition to Him begin to grow, and now on a boat in the midst of a great wind storm, they feared Jesus was letting them down. Didn't He know? Didn't He care?

I think they may have "forgotten" who He was. They needed a reminder, as we sometimes do, of exactly who He is! Not just some great leader, teacher, and healer. Not just someone who was useful to have around (sometimes). He was, as He still is today and will be forever, God Almighty, the Creator of all that is; the Lord of all, our Maker and our Redeemer; the One who came to us specifically to save us, to give His life for ours, to take away our sin and to pay for our selfishness and willful rebellion against God and His ways.

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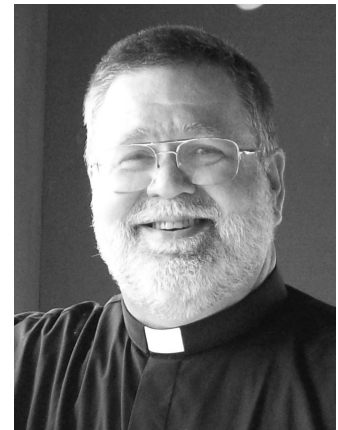
And so Jesus speaks, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind stopped and the seas went calm. The Creator speaks and creation responds; such is the power of His word. This was more than a "don't worry, I'll take care of you" moment. This was a powerful reminder of who Jesus is.

At times in our lives it may seem like Jesus is "asleep" (unaware or apparently uncaring about what's going on), but that's never the case. And at such times we do well to remember this story and to be reminded that God always knows what's going on, and that He always cares ... more deeply than we can even begin to imagine. But I hope this story also serves as a reminder of whom it is that we follow, worship, and trust ... God Almighty, the Creator, our Maker and Redeemer, and the One who sends His Holy Spirit to create and sustain in us life-saving and life-changing faith!

The Baby that the Virgin Mary carried? It was Him. The tiny Infant first laid in a manger? God with us. The One who first spilled His blood at eight days of age? He who would shed all His blood later on the cross for us. The twelve year old in the temple? God Himself dwelling in the midst of His people. The One who daily and richly provides us with spiritual and physical blessings too many to number? The One to whom all thanks (& praise) is ultimately due; the One who rose, and ascended, and will come again, in glory, thus marking the final day of this sin-plagued world.

Your Jesus knows ... and He cares ... and He's given us His Church to "mother" us and to provide for us until that final day. There, within the Church, He provides a rich supply of His all-powerful Word, and His Word connected with physical elements (the Sacraments), for our use and benefit. He knows we sometimes "forget," and so He gives us these incredible reminders, like this story from Mark, our Baptism, His words of Holy Absolution, and His Holy Supper. Make no mistake about it, and don't ever forget, that you are loved by God, and that He is Lord of all, and that He came to save you! So give thanks and praise, and marvel at our new relationship with Him!

Pastor Holle



***Pastor Holle has a radio broadcast on KNZA
at approximately 10:05am on Sunday mornings.***



Please Update!

***If you have a new cell phone number, address, or email address,
please make sure you send it to the office.***

*You can e-mail the office at stpaulzionlutheran@gmail.com or call 785-742-3995.
The office would also like the names and addresses
of any members who are at college. Thank You!*

Stewardship



“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.” (Eccl. 9:10)

God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach and teach and those who hear and learn). And He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord’s Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them.

As members of God’s own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works in accordance with God’s will. They are to preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off. Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are to support them by their prayers and their gifts.

As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil - those who live contrary to God’s will - and to reward those who do good - those whose lives are lived in conformity with God’s will. Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for their leaders bear the sword of God’s temporal justice for a purpose.

Each of these callings from God places a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence, our prayers, and on our time, talents, and treasures. So, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10). Pray for your family, for your church, and for your government, and pray tirelessly. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your church, and your government, and give generously. That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.

JOINT MEETING

***There will be a Joint Service on September 27th.
This will be at St. Paul and will start at 10:00am.***

***There will be a Joint Voter’s meeting
held after the worship service.***





*The Fairview Community
Ice Cream Social
hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church
will be held on
Sunday, August 30, 2026
from 5:00-7:00pm at the
Fairview Community Building.
Everyone is welcome!*

**I SCREAM!
YOU SCREAM!
WE ALL SCREAM
FOR ROKEYROAD ICE CREAM!!**



WOMEN OF GRACE
Zion Lutheran Church, Hiawatha, Kansas 66434
July 26, 2026

The regular meeting of Women of Grace was called to order on July 26, 2026 by Lela Middendorf with 4 ladies present. A devotion was shared from the LWML Quarterly entitled "Blessed to Be an Adopted Grandma".

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. We had no treasurer's report. Communications from Dakota Boys Ranch and Ablelight, (formerly Bethesda Home) were read

Our first "craft work day" was a success, and the next work day for making crafts for the Maple Leaf Festival is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, at 2:00 and 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be on August 30, 2026 at 9:15 a.m.

Anne Arnesen
Secretary

St. Paul Dorcas

A few reminders for the end of August and the September meeting:

There was no business meeting in August.

We will be tying quilts in the church basement August 20th at 9:30am. Anyone can stop in, even for just a little while. The more the merrier. It's fun to help out and volunteer with these ladies. Just knowing the quilt you work on might be the only cover someone may have of their own.

The Dorcas Ladies will host the congregational picnic (potluck in the church basement) on August 23rd at 6:30pm. Please come join us for fun and fellowship.

We will also be hosting a birthday party at Maple Heights on August 26th at 2:00pm. We will celebrate the residents who have August birthdays with cookies and ice cream. Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating these residents.

On September 6th after church we will be back to having our regular Dorcas meeting. We will be collecting our general offerings as well as LWML mites. Bible study leader is Sharon Meyer, hostesses are Karen Bauman and Kristina Costlow. Any ladies in the congregation are welcome.

Becky Meyer, Secretary

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Military: Spencer Ernst, Alexander Williams

College: Megan Brockhoff, Paige Stover, Marcus Hinton, Remington Killman.

Care Facilities & Shut-Ins: Carol Bauer, Doris Rice, Juanita Fritz.

Also in our prayers: Richard Clay, Darlene Atland, Ben Ernst, Martha Pearson, Charlotte Kruse, Ray Thieme, Joann Davidson, Julie Selland, David Davidson, Doug Barrett, Rachel Spann, Malcolm Gigstad, Jill Kohlmeier, Katie Fry, Wes Duesing, Aimee Hampl, Carl Mueller.

We Remember the blessed saints who now rest in the Lord and we pray for their families that they remember all who die in the Lord live with the Lord. (Romans 6:5)



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept 2-Journey Arnesen, Sept 2-Rebel Arnesen, Sept 4-Marge Shockley, Sept 5-Joann Davidson, Sept 5-Mike Dunaway, Sept 7-Marissa Lee, Sept 7-Myriah Lee, Sept 11-Darryl Hoppe, Sept 12-Dean Bailey, Sept 14-Janis Krug, Sept 14-Isabella Sandeffer, Sept 15-Doug Kleopfer, Sept 18-Jeff Brockhoff, Sept 20-Katie Doyle, Sept 21-Kim Priest, Sept 23-Jeremy Stover, Sept 27-Bill Priest, Sept 28-Selena Smith, Sept 29-Dwight Kruse, Sept 30-Brenda Rahe

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 22-Joe & Jennifer Blaske

SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER

(Please trade if you have a date conflict)

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

Sept 6th: Sadie Meyer & Evan Brockhoff

Sept 13th: Nancy Flentie & Mark/Kathy Carpenter

Sept 20th: Eldon & Rosalie Mellenbruch & Carolyn Schneider

Sept 27th: Dwight & Charlotte Kruse

Altar Guild for September: Sarah Kleopfer, Nancy Manche, Galen Meyer

ZION LUTHERAN

Sept 6th: **Elder**-Travis Hampl, **Acolyte**-Grace Hampl, **Ushers**-David Middendorf & Kurt Killman,

Greeters-Cathy Brockhoff & Diane Brockhoff, **Sound System**-David Middendorf

Sept 13th: **Elder**-Scott Gigstad, **Acolyte**-Cal Gigstad, **Ushers**-Bob Freese & Mike Brockhoff,

Greeters-Dwight & Sue Meyer, **Sound System**-Dwight Meyer

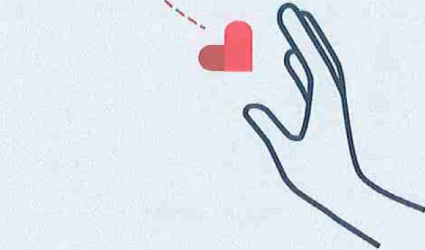
Sept 20th: **Elder**-Bob Freese, **Acolyte**-Grace Hampl, **Usher**-Leon Wissmann,

Greeters-Hampl family, **Sound System**-Bob & Virginia Freese

Sept 27th: **Elder**-Travis Hampl, **Acolyte**-Cal Gigstad, **Ushers**-David Middendorf & Kurt Killman,

Greeters-Donna Gormley & Debbie Reschke; **Sound System**-Leon Wissmann

Altar Guild for September: Donna Gormley & Virginia Freese



THRIVENT CHOICE® UPDATE

A Stronger Thrivent Choice Experience—Built for Greater Impact

Important program enhancements for enrolled organizations—and action items to ensure your organization is ready.

\$660M+

We've made a BIG impact with Thrivent Choice. Over \$660 Million in grant funding has been sent to enrolled organizations since 2010.

PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS

What's New—and Why It Matters

The Thrivent Choice® program has been upgraded, making it even easier for Thrivent clients with membership to live generously and support organizations like yours.



More members can support you

BEFORE
Select Thrivent members received Choice Dollars®

NOW
All 1.9M members receive Choice Dollars

More members → More Choice Dollars → More impact.
\$1 granted by Thrivent for each Choice Dollar directed.



Members can act sooner

BEFORE
Choice Dollars accrued over time

NOW
Available in full at the start of the year

All 2026 Choice Dollars are available to direct now.
Encourage members to act today.



Intuitive calendar year

BEFORE
Directions due by Mar. 31

NOW
Members can direct anytime through Dec 31

Support for your mission when it matters most
— anytime during an intuitive calendar year.



EFT deposit date change

Electronic fund transfers will now be issued on the **10th of the month** (or next business day), instead of the 5th. Please share this with your finance person.

ACTION REQUIRED

Confirm Your Organization's Information

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Zion Lutheran Church

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Four things to verify now

1

Your catalog listing

Check your organization's description in our Thrivent Choice catalog at thrivent.com/organizations

2

Your landing page

We've updated our catalog experience. Bookmark your new landing page URL.

3

Email address

Confirm the email shown above is active and monitored. If 'None' is listed, please provide one.

4

Bank account

Verify your account on file for EFT deposits shown above is accurate.



To request updates, complete our form at bit.ly/orgupdateform or scan this QR code.

Something special is coming...

Giving Tuesday · Dec 1, 2026

Thrivent has something exciting planned. Now is the perfect time to ensure donors and members can easily find your organization, and funds can reach you without delay. Details coming soon.

SEPTEMBER, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00 Midweek Bible Study	3	4 <i>Pastor Holle day off</i>	5
6 14 th Sunday after Trinity 9:15 Bible Study @Zion St. Paul Dorcas	7 	8	9 7:00 Midweek Bible Study	10	11 <i>Pastor Holle day off</i>	12
13 15 th Sunday after Trinity 9:15 Bible Study @Zion	14	15	16 7:00 Midweek Bible Study	17 9:30am Quilt tying @St. Paul	18 <i>Pastor Holle day off</i>	19
20 16 th Sunday after Trinity 9:15 Bible Study @Zion	21 Articles Due For Newsletter	22	23 7:00 Midweek Bible Study	24	25 <i>Pastor Holle day off</i>	26 Maple Leaf Festival
27 17 th Sunday after Trinity 10:00 Joint Service @ St. Paul Voter's meeting after worship service	28	29	30 7:00 Midweek Bible Study			