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# Oklee Lutheran Parish

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## October 2024

Check out our website: [OkleeLutheran.org](http://OkleeLutheran.org)

**Zion WELCA**  
**Annual Fall**  
**Bazaar - Bake - Auction**

**Wednesday, October 2, 2024**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**Oklee, MN**

*Holiday Decor*      *Crafts*  
*Baked Goods*      *Fancy Work*

**Free Will Pulled Pork and Pie Supper**  
**before the Sale**  
**Between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.**  
**Auctioneer: Eric Mickelson**



- Salem's next council meeting is **Tuesday, October 8th** at 6:30 p.m.

- Zion's next council meeting is **Wednesday, October 9th** at 7:00 p.m.

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- The Parish Board meeting will be on **Thursday, October 10th** at 7:00 p.m.

**Please attend your meetings!**  
**It is important to be there to support your church & community.**



### Severe Weather Contact System

The system will use your cell number if it was provided or else we will use home number on record in directory.

Please text your name to Bonny at 612.840.9401 to add cell information to the system.

This service will also be used for meeting notices and church service cancellations or other urgent situations.

**October 6:**

Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8;  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

**October 13:**

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17;  
Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

**October 20:**

Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16;  
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

**October 27:**

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126;  
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

# ~ Parish News ~

## Confirmation News

Confirmation will be different this year. Please check the monthly calendar for Wednesday dates and times.

Zion students will be meeting twice a month.

Salem students will be meeting weekly.

Both group meetings will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday at their home church and on Sundays during Sunday School.

If you have questions, contact Eric Mickelson @ 218-796-5767 for Zion and Elaine McGeary @ 218-796-5591 for Salem.



Chime choir will hold its first meeting/practice October 9th at 6:00PM .If you are interested in chime choir please call Patty Mickelson at 218-280-5696, or simply show up at Zion Oct. 9th at 6:00PM!!



## HOME VISITS

ELCA Lay Minister Marijo Vik will be open to visitations up to November 24th.

If you would like her to come and visit with you please contact Bonny Cote to make the arrangements. Bonny's contact information is: Cell: 612-840-9401, or email: bcote@okleelutheran.org



## JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Salem Sunday School is held at 9:00 AM  
Zion Sunday School is held at 10:00AM.

# USHERS

## Salem Ushers List

Sun. October 6:	Ron Hegge
Sun. October 13:	Kyle Vettleson
Sun. October 20:	Lisa Kolstoe
Sun. October 27:	Erica Motteberg

## Zion Ushers List

Sun. October 6:	Sarah (Adam) Lee
Sun. October 13:	Jami Hendrickson
Sun. October 20:	Council Member
Sun. October 27:	Council Member

\*\*\* Remember, if you are not able to usher the date you are assigned, it is your responsibility to find your replacement.\*\*\*

**FALL DINNER**

October 6th

Menu: Hotdish, Salad, Roll, Desert, & Beverage

Serving from 11:30-12:30

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FREE WILL DONATION

FUNDS GOING TOWARDS BATHROOM REMODELING

## okleelutheran.org

It works on your phone or computer web browser. Our website is updated every Sunday night. Check on Mondays for new announcements.

We encourage you to sign-up on our website for emails. Stay informed about upcoming events and special posts to our website. Go to the bottom of any page and look for Subscribe to our emails. Complete the form. We promise no more than 3 emails a month will be sent.

There are links to our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

# OCTOBER

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

- 4: Hilde Larson
- 13: Rebecca Cote  
Daryl Hamm
- 14: Carter Larson
- 15: Wendy Stauffacher
- 17: Jett Hanson  
Orin Weber
- 20: Heath Mickelson  
Jaxon Peterson
- 22: Trey Nelson
- 23: Elaine McGeary
- 25: Karena Melby
- 27: Brad Gunderson
- 28: Leif Kolstoe  
Ava Kolstoe
- 29: Les O'Neill
- 30: Marcella Melby
- 31: Darrell Tougas

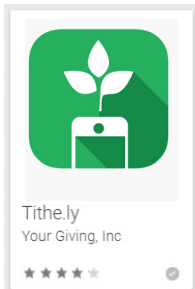
### Anniversaries

- 1: Arlan & Sheryl Fore
- 10: Terry & Sarah Whalen
- 12: Vincent & Shirley Dessellier
- 17: Matt & Lisa Kolstoe
- 18: Larry (Snook) & Bobbie Olson

*If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary, contact Bonny Cote at 218-796-4688 or email: [bcote@okleelutheran.org](mailto:bcote@okleelutheran.org)*

**Update: You now have six choices to choose from to make your donation:**

- Oklee Lutheran Parish
- Parish Youth Group
- Zion Church
- Salem Church
- Zion Cemetery
- Salem Cemetery



**Please continue to be generous in your support!**

**Use the Tithe.ly app**

The Link is on our website:  
[okleelutheran.org](http://okleelutheran.org)

or  
Try our QR Code

**Thank You!!**



## Zion News

### Zion WELCA Bazaar - Auction

The Zion WELCA Bazaar & Auction - Pulled Pork & Pie dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, **October 2nd. With the Auction starting at 7:00 p.m.** Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## Salem News

### Salem WELCA Meets

This month the meeting is set for Wednesday, **October 2nd** at 7:00 p.m. Ellen Hegge has Bible Study and Jane Kolstoe is the Hostess.

All ladies of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

### Salem Working on a History Book, Need Family Histories

At the 2023 Salem annual meeting, July 13, 2025, was set as a date to celebrate Salem's 130th anniversary since the 125th anniversary fell during covid. As part of the celebration we will be putting together a new history book. We'd like to include a section on family histories in the book. Some possible things to include in your family history are the family members, marriage year, parents, children, grandchildren, occupations, family connection to Salem, anything you'd like to share about your family for future generations. Please include a picture or two. Articles and photos may be emailed to Alice Hofstad at [alicehofstad@okleelutheran.org](mailto:alicehofstad@okleelutheran.org). Older photos can be scanned and attached to the email. Cell phones are wonderful for scanning photos. One of my favorites for the iPhone is Genius Scan as it will eliminate distortion cause by the angle you hold the phone. Be sure to send photos as jpgs, not pdfs. Also send them at the highest resolution possible and the largest size possible. This is necessary so it will reproduce well in the book. If you'd rather, you can give the photos to Alice to scan and give back to you.

We are looking at a deadline of Dec 31, 2024, for including family histories. That's eleven months away, but don't wait until your backs are against the wall! You might want to do a little research of your own about your family!



**Thank You  
For Giving  
This Summer**





Greetings from Inter-County Community Council (ICCC), your local Community Action Agency



As summer winds down and winter is on the horizon, I want to share some information on the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), locally known as Energy/Fuel Assistance.

Energy Assistance is federal funding that we receive to assist eligible low income households pay a portion of their heat/electric bills. It is designed to help people of all ages with all types of income and heating fuels.

Through Energy Assistance we can also assist people in crisis situations such as low fuel, utility disconnects, or furnace repair/replacements for homeowners.

When you qualify for Energy Assistance you also qualify for Weatherization. Eligibility is based on the last one month of income and assets are NOT counted for this program. More information and the paper OR online application can be found on our website at [www.intercountycc.org](http://www.intercountycc.org) or by phone request.

ICCC administers the program in Pennington, Red Lake and East Polk Counties.

Last year we served 1,605 households with their home heating and energy costs. We know that there are people who are eligible who haven't applied and we could use your help in reaching them... maybe it's

**HEAT OR FOOD**

You don't have to choose.

**Special Parish Board meeting  
September 8th - 4 p.m.**

Roll Call: David H, Kyle V, Cheryl O, Gin B, and Bonny C.

Board was given information by Marijo Vik on what she wants in the Covenant. She is being very generous. Motion by Kyle & David to accept her proposal that will end on November 24th, 2024, provided the synod accepts it.

Marijo also requested that to make the music more appealing to the congregations, to have one newer song all month, and every week have

even you.

Check out below to see if you might qualify. Are you eligible?

Size of household	Past 1 months maximum income
1	\$2,983
2	\$3,901
3	\$4,819
4	\$5,737

*Thank you for the opportunity to share space in your newsletter. To learn more about ICCA you can visit [www.intercountycc.org](http://www.intercountycc.org) or call me directly at 218-796-5144 ext 1027.*

*Yours in action- Catherine Johnson, Executive Director.*



Three of the Zion kids that went on the trip told the congregation about what they liked the best at the National Youth Convention at New Orleans.

Pictured is Natalie & Emma Hendrickson and Owen O'Neill.

one older song that the older folks like and the third one can be what ever is chosen.

She also asked about Ushering, Communion and Offering and the board said during the school year, the kids usually help with all of that.

Marijo had done some visiting that day and she visited with Morris H, Irene R, Eleanor C, and spent about 45 minutes with each.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

David made the motion to adjourn, Kyle seconded. Carried.



# ZION BREAKFAST PHOTOS



Conway and Logan cooking pancakes -- Joyce and Lavonne serving the crowd.



It was a delicious meal and everyone that came enjoyed the breakfast.




# Children's Coloring Page

Name \_\_\_\_\_



## October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b><u>Salem Altar</u></b> Paula & Kendra	<b><u>Zion Altar</u></b> Sheryl Fore Joann Lerohl		<b>1</b> Zion Bazaar & Auction 7:00 p.m.	<b>2</b> 7 p.m. Salem WELCA 7:00 p.m. Salem Conf.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>6</b> <i>Communion</i> 9:00 a.m. Zion 9:00 a.m. SS @ Salem 10:00 a.m. SS @ Zion 10:30 a.m. Salem	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:30 p.m. Salem Council	<b>9</b> 7:00 p.m. Zion Council	<b>10</b> 7:00 p.m. Parish Board	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:00 a.m. Zion 9:00 a.m. SS @ Salem 10:00 a.m. SS @ Zion 10:30 a.m. Salem	<b>14</b> <i>Columbus Day</i> 	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> MEA	<b>18</b> MEA	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <i>Communion</i> 9:00 a.m. Zion No SS @ Salem No SS @ Zion 10:30 a.m. Salem	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00 p.m. Salem Conf.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:00 a.m. Zion 9:00 a.m. SS @ Salem 10:00 a.m. SS @ Zion 10:30 a.m. Salem	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00 p.m. Zion Conf. 7:00 p.m. Salem Conf.	<b>31</b>	<b>Salem Ushers</b> Oct. 6: Ron H Oct. 13: Kyle V Oct. 20: Lisa K Oct. 27: Erica M	<b>Zion Ushers</b> Oct. 6: Sarah Jo L Oct. 13: Janni H Oct. 20: Council Oct. 27: Council

The Newsletter deadline will be the first Saturday after the 15th of the month.  
 Please send your contributions to Bonny by email to [bcote@okleelutheran.org](mailto:bcote@okleelutheran.org).  
 Or call or text Bonny at 612-840-9401. Thank you!!



*<sup>8</sup> Those who live at the ends of the earth stand in awe of your wonders. From where the sun rises to where it sets, you inspire shouts of joy.*

*<sup>9</sup> You take care of the earth and water it, making it rich and fertile.*

*The river of God has plenty of water; it provides a bountiful harvest of grain, for you have ordered it so.*

*<sup>10</sup> You drench the plowed ground with rain, melting the clods and leveling the ridges. You soften the earth with showers and bless its abundant crops.*

*<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with abundance.*

*Psalm 65: 8-11*

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