



# Lutheran Church

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## AUGUST 2022

### Worship

**Saturdays - 6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday - 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.**

### Sunday School

**9:30 Sunday School for All Ages**  
(Off for the Summer, will resume on Rally Day, 9/4)

### Sundays:

9:00 a.m. KOK Chimers Rehearsal  
(Off for the Summer, will resume on Rally Day, 9/4)

### Wednesdays:

9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew

### Thursdays:

10:00 a.m. ThuMBS (Off for the Summer, will resume on 9/1)

### AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

**8/3, 10, 17, 24:** Women's Summer Bible Study

**8/6:** Recovery Walk

**8/10:** Property Board Meeting

**8/10:** Communication Board Mtg

**8/18:** DelGrosso Day

**8/18:** CPC Meeting

**8/19:** DelGrosso Day (Rain Date)

**8/21:** Church Picnic (Legion Park)

**8/28:** Women's Bible Study Group

### LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER

**9/2 & 16:** Afterburners

**9/5:** Labor Day ~ Office Closed

**9/7 & 21:** FaithFormers

**9/9-11:** Adult Retreat (Sequanota)

**9/11:** Shane Claiborne Event

**9/14:** Property Board Meeting

**9/14:** Communication Board Mtg

**9/14 & 28:** CR@ZY

**9/15:** CPC Meeting

**9/17:** Men's Breakfast

**9/20:** Ruth Circle

**9/25:** Youth Sunday

**9/25:** Women's Bible Study Group

I watch a lot of science fiction television series and movies; many set in the future. In lots of these stories there is that cliché moment when a character emerges from a shelter or the underground after some massively destructive event. It could be a nuclear attack, an alien invasion, some kind of disastrous super storm, etc. Whatever the reason, the character stands in awe as their eyes take in the destruction and begin to look for "what's left". It might seem a bit overly-dramatic, but many of us have felt that way as we look around at the world since the arrival of Covid 19. It is a "what's left?" kind of time. We also experience this after sudden losses, deaths, major life changes, etc. It can feel as though life was just hit by an apocalyptic level super-hurricane. What's left?

It is with difficulty and sadness that I must share some news with you all. At the end of June, my wife decided to ask that we end our marriage. This was a sudden change for which I was not prepared. I found myself needing to immediately find the ground and attend to all the tasks of creating a new situation for myself. My biggest motivation in everything is the wellbeing of my three boys and my life as their father. I am grateful that they have a mother who loves them and cares for them as she does. I look forward to sharing my life with them in new ways. I ask for your prayers. Thankfully, I have been able to see them some in this period, but adjusting to the sudden level of separation is very painful. I simply don't know what the future will look like. For now, I am clinging to the love of Jesus, the love of my boys, and the love of my parents. While this is not the direction I was hoping to go, I am left looking for "what's left" after a moment of destruction.

At first, it was hard to believe that anything could be left standing after this. As the dust settled, I quickly realized just how much was left! Three amazing children to teach and love, a faith that continues to sustain, family and friendships to be rekindled, a beautiful town to live and work in, the gift of art and music that is the color in my life, collegial relationships and friendships, the written word to sharpen thought, enjoying the outdoors with Mom, deep discussions with Dad, a congregation to do ministry with that values and cares for me, and young people to lead in the ways of Jesus. Not only am I considering what is left standing, but what can be built. I am looking to build a new "house on rock", and I am grateful that Zion is a part of it.

I want to thank all of you who have helped me during this time. I have been surrounded by love and support, and it is deeply appreciated. Reality is, there are many of you I would have preferred to share this news with face to face, but there have been many to tell. I ask for understanding from those of you who are learning of it here. Please do not hesitate to speak with me, or ask me any questions. We have so many good things standing here at Zion to be grateful for. We have so much that we can build together, and I look forward to building it with you!

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It is often the things left standing, the “what’s left”, that mean the most to us. “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock.” (Matthew 7:24-25) Thank you, Jesus.

May God’s unending love in Christ Jesus continue to bind us together.

Ryan Custead

## ***Notes of Thanks!***

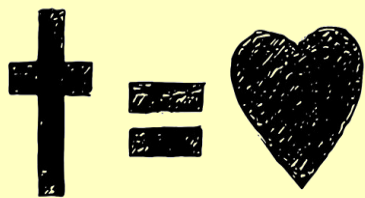
Dear Zion,  
Thank you for the graduation gift and the graduation coffee hour.

Sincerely,  
Alan Wedel

## **Youth Sunday!**

Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

**Worship led by our youth & more!**



Both the 8:00am and 10:45am services on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and the 6:00pm service on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> will have youth volun-

teers serving and leading during worship. A special sermon time will feature a report on all that our youth are experiencing together here at Zion! We will be looking to involve youth entering 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and up in the services. **Please contact Ryan/the church office if your child(ren) would like to serve in some way!**



## **CHURCH PICNIC**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 at 12:15 p.m.**

**Legion Park ~ Pavillion C**

The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and rolls and place settings. **Please bring your own drinks, and a side dish or two to share.** Spend the afternoon with your Zion friends and family with activities and games for all ages. Our time will also include a camp style worship. Please register no later than August 14th by completing the form that will be available in your Sunday bulletin or by calling the church office at 695-0091.



## **Adult Retreat**

Zion is hosting a retreat for adults at the Sequanota Bowersox Enrichment Center on September 9-11. The Enrichment Center has “hotel-like” qualities—your own room complete with beds and a private bath. The retreat includes lodging, meals (you don’t have to cook!), bible study, worship, free time, and some planned activities.

This year we will spend some free time on Saturday at Mountain Craft Days. This event is just down the road at the Somerset Historical Society and features pioneer era crafts, food, artisans, and entertainers.

If you are interested in attending, please speak with Pastor Dave for more details.



# DelGrosso's Park® & LAGUNA Splash®

## Zion Delgrosso's Day

Thursday, August 18th (8/19 rain date)

**Sign up by 8/14!**

On **Thursday, August 18th** (8/19 rain date) Zion families and kids will gather at Delgrosso's Park and Laguna Splash for a day of fun and fellowship as our summer comes to an end. This is a great chance to see friends from Vacation Bible School before Sunday School and Fall programs start back up in September! All ages are welcome to join us for this day at the park (small children, children, youth, and adults). **All children entering 6th Grade and under must have a parent, grandparent, caregiver, or adult with them at the park for our day together** (adults accompanying children do not NEED a wristband to enter the park). Youth entering 7th Grade and above may attend without a parent or adult, and friends are welcome. (All youth and friends attending without a parent or adult will be sent a permission form to be signed by a parent or caregiver). **Our group will meet at the Ticket Admissions Booth at Noon, and the park closes at 8:00pm** (we are not traveling to the park from Holidaysburg or returning as a group).

Zion is providing All Day Fun Passes (includes rides and water park) to all children and youth, 12th Grade and younger. **The price for adults who want wristbands for the day is \$15** (payment can be made on the day of the event or ahead of time in the church office. Make checks payable to 'Zion Lutheran Church'). **Everyone will be responsible for purchasing or providing their own food while at the park.** Wristbands for all kids and adults will be purchased ahead of time and handed out at the park entrance, **SIGN UP BY SUNDAY, AUGUST 14th.**

Sign up today by emailing Ryan at [ryncust@gmail.com](mailto:ryncust@gmail.com) with the names and ages of who is coming and needs a wristband, calling the church office at (814) 695-0091, signing up on the list outside of the church office, or online at the link emailed to the congregation. (Those who sign up will be contacted about a 'rain date' plan.)



**September 4, 2022**

**Sunday School  
for All Ages**

**All kids thru 12th grade will start in  
the Fellowship Hall**

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED**

We are in need of Sunday School teachers for the elementary rotation program. Keep in mind, If you are concerned about the commitment, each rotation is only 4 to 5 weeks long. You do not need to commit to the whole year (unless, of course, you would like to ☺)

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Naugle, Ryan Custead, or the church office.



## **Sunday School**





## ADULT FALL START-UPS

**STITCH & SEW:** For anyone with the time to help make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. If you can sew, cut, tie knots, iron or just want to enjoy some good company, then join this group each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Bring a bag lunch. Any questions, please contact Bonnie Summers.

**RUTH CIRCLE:** All women are welcome and encouraged to join the group for Ruth Circle, which usually meets the third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. **The first meeting is scheduled for 9/20.** Please watch your bulletins for the location. Any questions, please contact Jolene Kopriva.

**ThuMBS:** This Thursday Morning Bible Study meets in the church library weekly at 10:00 a.m. **Start date will be 9/1.** Any questions, please contact Pastor Dave or the church office.

**CHOIRS: Adult Choir(s):** Please watch your bulletins for information and start date. Any questions please contact April Tarantine.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** All men are welcome to attend a monthly men's breakfast with a brief discussion in the Fellowship Hall. **The first breakfast will be 9/17 at 8:00 a.m.** Any questions, please contact Sam McClure.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** This is a new group which will typically meet every 4th Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Any questions, please contact Ali Sawyer.



## YOUTH & CHILDREN FALL START-UPS

**CR@ZY** (7th-12th Graders):

**Wednesday, 9/14**

from 7:00-8:30pm. Cr@zy is Zion's regularly meeting 7th-12th Grade group. We do a variety of activities, bible studies, games, and service work throughout the year. **Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, September-May.**

**FaithFormers** (preschool-3rd Grade):

**Wednesday, 9/7**

from 4:30-5:30pm. FaithFormers is Zion's regularly meeting children's group. Fun games, crafts, songtime, bible studies, and more! **Meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, September-May.**

**Sunday School** (all ages):

**Sunday, 9/4**

from 9:30-10:30am. Join us for Rally Day (Sunday School kick-off) on September 4th, and then every Sunday after that. We have classes for children, Jr/Sr High Youth, and adults. **Meets every Sunday, unless other-wise announced, September-May.**

**KOK Chimers**(K-6th Grade):

**Sunday, 9/4**

from 9:00-9:30am. The Kids of the Kingdom Chimers is our children's bell choir and music group. Children prepare music to offer during worship, learn lots of great music theory lessons, explore how we worship and praise God with music, and more! We also have lots of fun every week. The Chimers have class in the 2nd floor kids' music room. **Meets every Sunday, unless otherwise announced, September-May.**





# zion FAITHFORMERS

Zion's new preschool-3rd Grade group continues this Fall!

FaithFormers is a place where children learn about and experience God with fun songs, lessons, games, and more! All **Preschool-3rd Graders** are welcome to start attending any time we meet. FaithFormers meets here at the church every **first and third Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm** of every school-year month. Ryan Custead will lead the group along with volunteers from the congregation. *Children may choose to have a parent or guardian attend with them. Children who are not potty trained **must** have a parent or guardian with them.* Please contact the church office at (814) 695-0091 or email Ryan at [ryncust@gmail.com](mailto:ryncust@gmail.com) with any questions. \*A parent or guardian will need to register their child with a short release form at the church when attending for the first time. Forms will be available at FaithFormers, on the children's bulletin board, and online.

Upcoming dates (4:30pm-5:30pm):

**Wednesday, September 7th**

**Wednesday, September 21st**

**Wednesday, October 5th**

& every 1st and 3rd Wednesday unless otherwise announced!



## KOK CHIMERS

The Kids of the Kingdom Chimers are back for the Fall of 2021! All children K-6th grade are invited to be a part of our new kids' bell and chime choir. Kids will learn

all about praising God with music as we learn to play the bell and learn some music theory too! **KOK Chimers' first rehearsal is Sunday, September 4th.** We rehearse in the second floor music room from 9:00-9:30 a.m. every Sunday unless otherwise announced. All interested children can join anytime by just showing up for rehearsal! Contact Ryan at the church office with any questions.

Older youth helpers would be great. No music experience or knowledge required. Contact Ryan if interested.



# zion CR@ZY

Mark your calendars for CR@ZY! Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. (unless stated otherwise) Zion Youth & friends, 7th-12th Grade are invited for youth group fun, Faith discussions, opportunities to serve, and more!

Upcoming Dates:

9/14 - at Zion

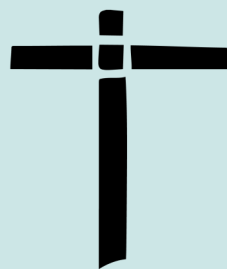
9/28 - at Zion

## CONFIRMATION COURSE

A Confirmation Course is scheduled for **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** here at the church. The course is for all youth in year 1 and 2 of the Confirmation process. Topics for the courses will range from Catechism, to the Bible, to Church History. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Courses for this year:**

Sunday 9/18, 10/23, 12/4, 1/8, & 2/5 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 3/17-18 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.



## Process of Confirmation

Parents and family of youth already in the Process of Confirmation, youth entering 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, and youth 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and older who have not taken part in the process should watch their email for Confirmation Forms (also available in the back of the sanctuary). Return forms to take part this year will be due on **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**. The first Confirmation Course (for Year 1 and 2 youth) is **Sunday, 9/18 from 2:00-4:00pm.**



## **“Peacefully, Simply, Together”**

**feat. Shane Claiborne**

Sunday, September 11th 1:00-3:00pm  
Hollidaysburg Church of the Brethren

Zion will join with HCOB as they host prominent Christian speaker, activist, and best-selling author, Shane Claiborne for an event with music, children's activities, prayer, and more. Zion's worship band, Song of Zion, will provide a portion of the event's music. *Watch the weekly bulletin and your email for more information!*



### **Fellowship Hall**

**October 9, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.  
following the 10:45 service**

Please contact the church office no later than 10/2 to give us a count to help us with our planning.

#### **Our menu for this event will be:**

Pork Tenderloin, Hot Dogs, Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Apple Desserts,  
and Root Beer & other beverages



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**10/8 BLESSING OF  
THE ANIMALS**

**10/9 OKTOBERFEST**

**10/30 REFORMATION  
AND CONFIRMATION**



### **A Helping Hand**

We are collecting gift cards to have on hand for families going through a rough time. They may be going through a medical situation that requires a lot of travel or just may be having some financial struggles. These families could use a helping hand with things like food and fuel to help ease the burden and give them one less thing to worry about. **If you would like to make a donation, what seems to work the best are Martins, Hometown Market, and Sheetz cards in \$10 to \$25 increments.** Please bring the cards to the church office and we can get them to the families.



### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### **General Fund**

**July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022**

Income (Giving) \$332,159.17

Expenses \$334,551.92

Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)  
(\$2,392.75)

(REMINDER: The above income figure reflects money given in the "Current Expenses" portion of your giving envelopes and undesignated loose offering only. Benevolence and money given to designated funds is not included.)

#### **Edward Jones Investments**

E J Account Value as of 6/24/22 \$557,784.72

Less Principal (initial investment) \$336,214.17

Value over principal as of 6/24/22 \$221,570.55



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

It was announced in early July that Zion's capital campaign goal of \$350,000 had been surpassed!

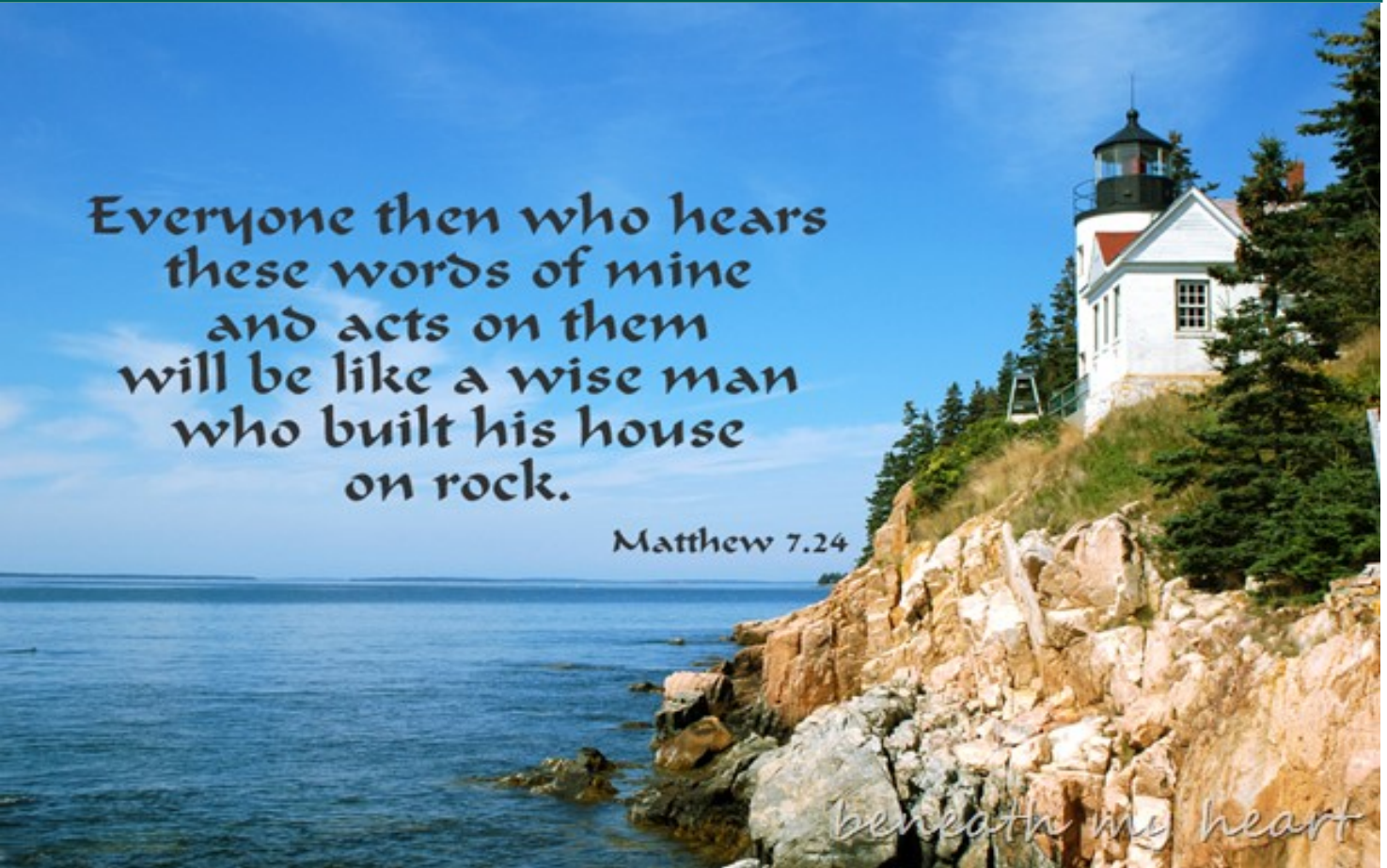
Renew  
**Restore**  
Rejuvenate

Information about pledge payments and remittance envelopes was mailed to the homes of all capital campaign donors. Keeping accurate records will help everyone stay on track to pay their pledges in full no later than June of 2025. A vast majority of our donors chose to pay their pledges over three years.

Persons wishing to include pledge payments with their weekly offering can do so. Please remember to clearly mark this gift as "Capital Campaign" in the special section on the front of your envelope so it is credited properly.

Work on several of the projects to be funded by this campaign, including the elevator restoration and the work in the sanctuary, will begin in January. More information about the timeline for these projects will be shared as the schedule is finalized.

If you have any questions about the capital campaign or your pledge payments, please contact Joni Hammaker in the Zion office.



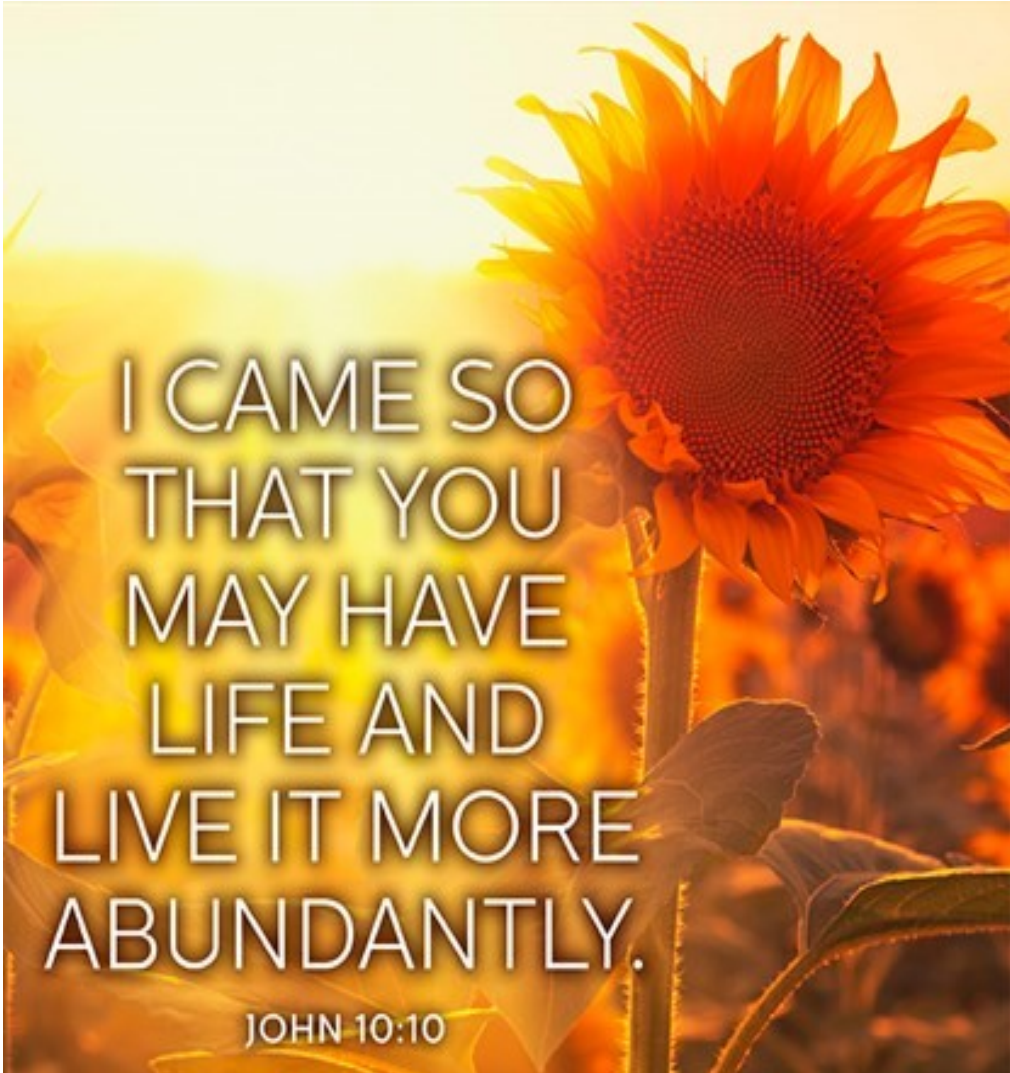
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Matthew 7.24

*beneath my heart*

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