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September 2026



Zion's 2026 Congregation Council

Laura C. — President

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Tatem S.

Phil S.

Jane L.

Kathy H.

Nik W., Youth Member

Zion Staff

Pastor — Amanda K.

Office Administrator and Financial Secretary — Marissa T.

Choir Director and Organist — Ann B.

Accompanist for Choir and Organist— Rachel R.

Custodians — Sarah S. and Gina B.

Zion Ministry Contacts

Worship

Worship Leadership Scheduling — Ann B.

Assistants — Ann B. (Ushers, readers, acolytes, communion assistants, set up/ clean-up communion)

AV Team — Troy C., coordinator

Banners — Karen D.

Bulletin and Newsletter Assistance — Marissa T.

Candles (eternal and oil) — Deb M.

Praise Band Worship — Bill T.

Hymn Selection — Ann B.

Wine and apple/grape juice — Gary G.

Building Maintenance – Interior/Exterior

Supplies — Gary G.

Handyman — Jack H.

Committees/Groups

Caring Ministry — Karen S., and Judy S.

Confirmation Classes — Pastor

Funeral Luncheon — Ann B., Carol J., Karen S. and Cheryl M.

Harvest of Hope Community Garden — John R.

Kitchen Supplies — Gary G.

Mission Endowment Comm. — Karen D.

Money Counters — Karen D., Bonnie S. and Pat M.

Nominating Comm — Ann B.

Personnel Comm. — Troy C.

Property Comm. — Mark S.

Ruth Women's Circle — Jane L.

Sanctuary Arts — Barb G., Karen D., Carol J., Sally B., and Ann B.

Sew for Mission — Carol M.

Social Ministry — Heidi B.

SPARK — Johanna Z.

Stewardship & Generosity — Karen S., Bonnie S., John R.

Youth Ministry Treasurer — Karen D.

Worship and Music — Ann B.



The Stewardship and Generosity Corner

The goal of Zion's Stewardship and Generosity Committee is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them.

The Seven Marks of Discipleship

✠Pray

✠Worship

✠Study

✠Invite

✠Encourage

✠Give

✠Serve

This article was written by John Sulzbach and taken from the October 2013 issue of the Luther Seminary's Center for Stewardship Leaders Newsletter. Mr. Sulzbach is a Certified Financial Counselor with Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, and he serves as a resource person for the Center for Stewardship Leaders coach program. I found this article to be thought provoking.

“How much is enough? Growing up as one of 7 children, 6 of whom were boys, you knew you had to move quickly at the dinner table or the food would vanish. But no one ever starved, and I never went to bed hungry. As a financial counselor I regularly work with people whose income ranges from very little to six-figures. How some people can stretch a very meager amount humbles me. Why others cannot manage on what seems to be a very large sum perplexes me. Let me quickly say that Jesus reminds us that it is not money that is the problem, but rather the ‘love of money’ that gets us into trouble. How much is enough? I have concluded that ‘enough,’ for many people, is always a little bit more than they have now.

We try to stretch our earnings a bit further than we know we should. If we receive a job promotion or a big raise, it's very natural to reward ourselves. After Sept 11, 2001, it was seen as our civic duty to spend money, and marketers have long ago learned how to push our ‘buy button.’ There seems to be some inherent greed inside us that drives us to acquire. Scientists hypothesize that this may stem from a time when resources were very scarce and so we learned to find and keep that which might not be available tomorrow.

One of my earliest clients as a financial counselor was a single mom, originally from Liberia. She had a good-sized amount of

debt and only a very modest income, but she was determined to repay her obligations in full. She had no money in her budget for food. When she lost her job, she had to find another one on a bus line because she had no car. I told her that she may want to consult with an attorney to discuss filing a bankruptcy petition. She wouldn't hear of it and somehow found 'enough' for herself, and to repay her debts.

It's not an easy question to answer, and it's different for each of us. Is a cell phone a 'need' or a 'want?' What's a higher priority, student loan payments or a donation to church? My child needs braces, but if I don't fix the car, I can't get to work. These are decisions with which we all have to struggle. There are no simple solutions, but we, as counselors, are asked to help sort through a list of priorities so that financial health may be restored. Challenging every line item in our daily spending plan often leave us saying, 'but I need it all.' As in many areas of life, finding the right balance between needs and wants is often a process that takes reflection. When we are sidetracked by the latest new fashion or bauble, it's time to take a step backwards and decide for ourselves, how much is 'enough.'"

I can certainly see myself in this article. I agree with Mr. Sulzbach, there seems to be some inherent greed inside us that drives us to acquire, and we do acquire, don't we? Why else would storage units be thriving around the entire country?

If you're having financial difficulty, I'd like to suggest you Google Dave Ramsey's Baby Steps. For several years, John Radloff led a "Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University" course here at Zion. It was a wonderfully educational Christian based course which I don't believe is currently available. Everyone who attended those courses learned something including me. We know God will provide, but it is up to us to responsibly manage the resources God provides.

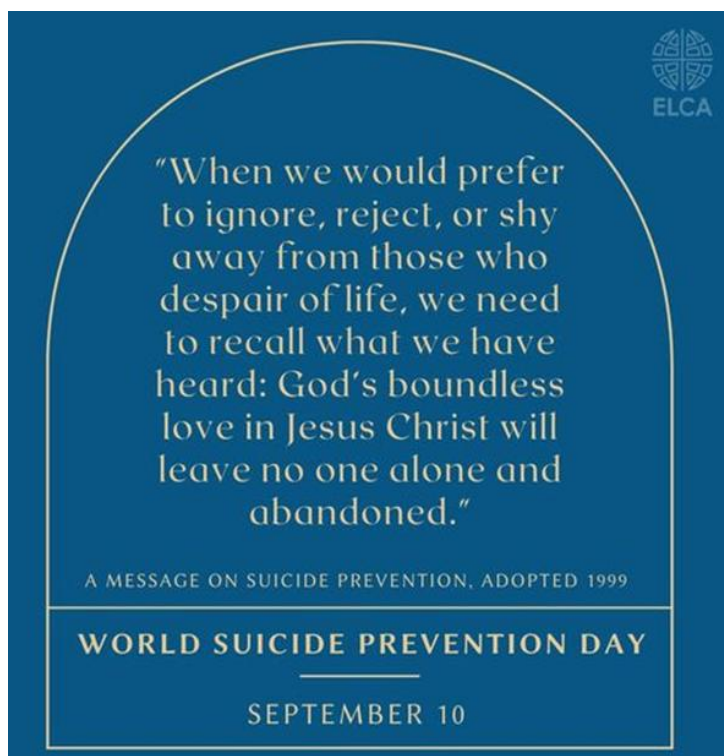
Dear Lord, thank you for your endless provision and the resources you have entrusted to me. I come before you today to acknowledge that everything I have comes from your hand.

Lord, grant me the wisdom and discipline to manage these resources responsibly. Free me from the anxiety of financial burdens and teach me to be a faithful steward of what you have provided. Help me to earn honestly, spend thoughtfully, and save prudently. Give me a generous heart so that I may use what I have not just to meet my own needs, but to bless others and support your Kingdom. Guard my heart against greed and protect me from the trap of debt and poor financial choices. May my financial decisions reflect my love for you and my commitment to Christian principles. Remind me to seek your guidance before every purchase and plan. In Jesus' name, Amen

In God's love and faithfulness,
Karen S.

Mental Health Corner

(This was originally posted on www.facebook.com/elcaspn.org/)



What's Around the Corner?

- Sept. 6: 15th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube.
- Sept. 7: Labor Day. Office closed.
- Sept. 8: Sew for Missions, 9 a.m., Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 9: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.; Praise Band practice, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 13: 16th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Praise Band Sunday. GWOH Sunday @ Bethel LC.
- Sept. 15: Movie & Discussion, 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 16: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 17: Ruth Circle, 3 p.m.
- Sept. 20: 17th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., outdoor worship with Holy Communion. Pet blessing and remembrance. No livestream!
- Sept. 22: Sew for Missions, 9 a.m.; Movie & Discussion, 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 23: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 27: 18th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Special music by Zion's choir. National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools
- Sept. 30: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Orientation, 6:30 p.m.

Indian Boarding School Documentary and Discussion

Tuesday, Sept. 15 and Sept. 22 at 5:30 p.m., Pr. Amanda will be showing and leading discussions on *Sugarcane*, a documentary about Indian boarding schools. You are highly encouraged to attend. Please sign-up by Sep 10 either on the sheet in the welcome area or by emailing Pr. Amanda. Each of the two sessions will be approximately 1.5 hours. Please bring a notebook or journal.

Congregation Council Highlights

The Congregational Council met on August 11th at 6 p.m.

Pastor's Report: June 2026 average attendance was 75; July average attendance was 66. During the month of June, pastor made 8 home visits and 3 office visit; during July, she made 9 home visits, 2 hospital visits, 6 office visits, and presided over 2 funerals.

Committee Reports

- **Property:** Talked about quotes from Johnston Heating about the boiler cleaning, installation of mixing valve and replacement of thermostats.
- **Social Ministry:** Zion is teaming up with Bethel for the GWOH food collection for Marinette/Menominee schools, food will be split evenly and brought to both schools. Sept. 13th will be the date of distribution w/lunch provided at Bethel.
- **Stewardship and Generosity:** Work is being done to make a pie and bar chart of expenses and receipts over the past few years to bring to the congregation for a finance update.
- **Worship and Music:** An outdoor worship with a pet blessing was scheduled for Sept 20th.
- **Youth Ministry:** July 1st there was a meeting about the National Gathering event in Minn. Asked for commitments to be done by Oct. 1st and possibly arrange for transportation to the event.

Old Business

- **Adult Day Services:** Discussed this some but will need more information at the Sept. meeting. Pr. Amanda will reach out to see if Laura from Marinette County Elderly Services can attend a meeting to discuss more about the packet sent via email about a memory cafe. Possibly using the church for dementia friendly coalition and events
- **Handicap Accessible Doors:** provided quotes on handicap

accessible door project. More to come with this discussion.

New Business

- **New Member request by Affirmation of Baptism:** Carter B., Mark E., Linda & Dale Jr. P., and Cayla S.
- **Microphone Quote:** Quote provided for new microphone setup. Option 1 was chosen from the quote provided. Monies will be taken out of AV budget.
- **Church Snowblower:** Pr Amanda will put a blurb in the bulletin to see if anyone is interested in snowblower. Also try to see if any other churches or organizations are interested.
- Boiler Inspection Complete
- Outlet for Advent Wreath Display

Tabled Business

- Capital Campaign idea discussion
- **Social Hall Chairs:** Complete new chairs put into social hall
- **Social Hall Fans:** New prices given will need to get some ideas from Scott W.

The council will meet again Sept. 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Office Volunteer Opportunities

Beginning Friday, Sept. 25th to Tuesday, Oct. 6, Zion's Office Administrator will be on vacation, leaving light office volunteer opportunities available! If you are available from 9 a.m. to noon on any of these days, please contact Marissa at the office at 715-735-7898 or zion.lutheran.marinette@gmail.com. Thank you!

Choir to Start Practicing Again!

Zion's Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals are only an hour. We would love to have you join us! If interested, please contact Ann Buscher at 715-735-3017.

Outdoor Worship & Pet Blessing

Join us Sunday, Sept. 20 at our usual 9:30 a.m. time as we worship the One who created, blesses and loves beyond measure all of us who call Earth home. There will be a pet blessing as well as a remembrance of our beloved animal companions who have had died. Please bring your own chair if possible. Afterwards, we will also be putting our hands together to create a vibrant, colorful welcome sign. Invite family, friends, neighbors, and even strangers! *Note: we will not be livestreaming worship this Sun.*

Confirmation



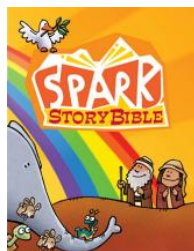
Confirmation for 6th, 7th and 8th graders will be held on Wednesdays from **6:30-7:30 p.m.** beginning **Sept. 30 with orientation** for students and parents/guardians at Zion's church building. This faith formation will be a

shared ministry between Bethel, Zion, Pioneer and First Presbyterian churches with classes held at Zion's building. Students of any age who would like to join us as we dialogue about various matters relating to theology, faith and life should please contact the church office at 715-735-7898. A registration form will be sent to you, you may pick one up at the church office or you can download it from our website.

SPARK

Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m. our faith formation for elementary-aged, (3 years old – 5th grade), resumes! All children in our congregation, as well as friends and family, are welcome to attend. Contact our church office, 715-735-7898, to let us know so that we can prepare the materials. SPARK lasts one hour and contains a

connection with one of the Bible lessons for the upcoming Sunday. There's time for stories, prayer, crafts and music as together we grow in relationship with God. Please fill out a registration form either from the office or on our website.



Ruth Circle Group



The Ruth Group will meet Thursday, September 17th, in the family room at Zion at 3 p.m. for our monthly Bible study. All are welcome to attend!

September Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for September is sponsored by Pam and Mike G. and is in memory of Pam's mom and dad.

Lutheran World Relief Truck Loading October 10

Adults and youth between 6th-12th grades are invited to help load items for Lutheran World Relief on **Saturday, October 10**. We will be loading quilts, school supplies, and baby kits onto a semi-truck for Lutheran World Relief between 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. There will be coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts available for the down time between truck arrivals. Please bring a water bottle. This year there is a **NEW LOCATION!** We will be meeting here at Zion Lutheran Church to fill a semi-truck instead of a boxcar. Contact Stefanie Ehle at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org or (810) 881-2669 with questions or to RSVP.

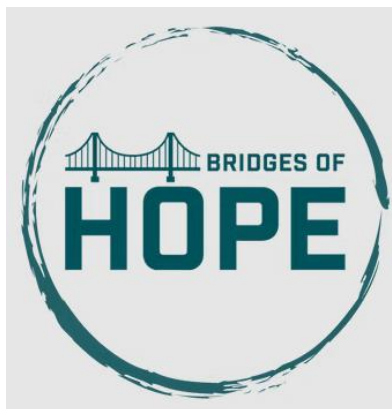
Annual Fall Fest at Fortune Lake

Mark your calendars! Saturday, Oct. 3 is the annual quilt and fine arts auction fundraiser for Fortune Lake!

Daily schedule of events:

- 9:30-10:30 a.m. – Continental Breakfast & Bake Sale in the Dining Hall & Quilt Preview in the Chapel
- 11 a.m. – Opening of LIVE Auction
- All morning – Raffle ticket sales and Country Store hand-crafted items for sale in the Chapel

Can't make it in-person? Join the VIRTUAL Auction from anywhere beginning on Wednesday, Sept., 23 and closing on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 5 p.m.: auctria.events/fortunelake



Marinette Forum on Helping Former Foster Youth _____

Wednesday, Oct. 7 at noon,

Bridges of Hope is hosting a community learning opportunity. The local Independent Living Coordinators and some former foster youth will be speaking about the challenges, statistics and needs of youth aging out of foster care in the Marinette and

surrounding areas. Particularly, they will also be presenting us with practical ways that we can come together to help support these youth! They have told us this area of the state is a "resource desert" for youth aging out of foster care, and they would LOVE to engage the local community on the needs these youth have. Anyone who has a heart to help those in the foster community, or who simply wants to learn more is most welcome!

It will be held at Calvary Church A/G, W1498 WI-64, Marinette. ***As lunch will be provided, they will need to have an estimate of how many are attending so please register Thursday, Oct 1 at***

<https://www.bridgesofhopeus.org/event-details-registration/marinette-forum-on-helping-former-foster-youth>

NGLS Dungeons & Dragons Club _____



The NGLS has an online Dungeons & Dragons Club for young people between 6th-12th grade.

Upcoming gaming dates are:

- Sunday, September 27, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Stefanie at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org for the Zoom link or if you would like to be part of this growing club!

God's work. Our hands.



September 13, 2026

"God's Work, Our Hands"

This year for our GWOH collaboration with Bethel LC, we will continue collecting items to stock the school pantries. We are requesting the kind of food items that can be sent home with even the youngest kids to prepare for themselves and the kind of personal care items that teens need but often can't afford.

Sunday, Sept. 13, you are invited to join us at Bethel's building where we will split everything between the Marinette and Menominee School Districts and deliver them. Afterwards **we will enjoy a meal together**. Please donate only new, unopened items by Sept 13. We would also appreciate assistance Here are some suggestions:

- Meals that are ready to eat such as Chef Boyardee, Dinty Moore, SpaghettiOs, canned fish, chicken, ham, cracker or pretzel snack packs, Pop Tarts, granola bars, breakfast bars, fruit roll ups, beef jerky, trail mix, nuts, dried fruit, fruit and vegetable juices.
- Meals that just need water and a microwave: soups, cereals, oatmeal cups. Many companies make individual serving cups like: A Taste of Thai Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, Idahoan potatoes, Minute Rice.
- Personal hygiene items such as: shampoo, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, disposable razors, shaving cream, tampons & pads.

National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools

On September 30, native and non-native people across the United States and Canada pause to remember that from the years 1819-1969, countless Indigenous children were taken from their homes and placed in boarding schools, operated either by the US government or by various Christian denominations as mission schools partially funded by the government. One of the government funded mission schools was operated by the Norwegian Lutheran Church—a predecessor body to the ELCA—Bethany Indian Mission at Wittenberg, Wisconsin.

Indian children often were placed in schools far from their families and their tribes in an effort to assimilate them to the dominant culture. They were forced to have western haircuts, made to wear clothing unfamiliar to them, and forbidden to speak in their native language. They were made to learn the cultural and religious values of white settlers and were not allowed to engage in any of the ceremonial or religious practices of their elders. Unable to learn practices germane to their tribal way of life, like ricing, maple sugaring, hunting and fishing, they were instead taught how to sew, cook, clean, and work on farms, trained to be a kind of servant class in white United States.

The boarding school motto was “Kill the Indian and Save the Man (sic).”

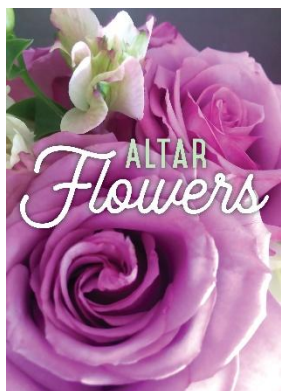
Often, boarding schools were also places of strict discipline. Racism was endemic. Physical and sexual abuse were common. Many children tried to run away. Others died while at boarding schools. The burial sites of a large number of children still have not yet been identified.

In recent years, we’ve come to recognize that we, in the Christian church, either condoned or actively participated in operating these boarding schools, which have led to so much suffering.

But in fact, the damage inflicted on our Indigenous neighbors because of the boarding schools is incalculable. Generations have struggled to regain their sense of worth and identity as Native people. As they go about their healing, it is our calling as people of God to support them.

To that end, we will be observing Remembrance Day on **Sun Sept 27**, by including prayers for the survivors and those who have gone missing in the worship liturgy and wearing orange. *Walking With Our Indigenous Neighbors*, a synod task force, is encouraging all congregations within the synod to participate in some fashion either that weekend or one near it.

Orange is the color of Remembrance Day. So you are invited to **wear orange** in solidarity with our Indigenous neighbors. Any orange top or shirt is just fine, or you can purchase t-shirts here: <https://nabshc.myshopify.com/collections/day-of-remembrance-orange-t-shirts> They are specifically designed for this national recognition and support the ongoing work of the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS). "The first and only national organization whose purpose is to advocate on behalf of Native peoples impacted by U.S. Indian boarding school policies. We seek truth through education and research, justice through activism and policy advocacy, and healing through programs and traditional gatherings."



Altar Flower Sponsorships

Zion has altar flower sponsorships available and the cost of sponsoring the flowers for one week is \$15. Dates are reserved on a first come first serve basis. You can take the flowers home after service! To reserve a date, please contact Zion's office at 715-735-7898 or zion.lutheran.marquette@gmail.com. **Flower dates that need sponsoring are Sept. 6, Sept. 27 and Oct. 4!**

Zion to Host Blood Drive



Zion is hosting a blood drive Friday, September 25th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the social hall. To make an appointment, people may call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or [schedule an appointment online.](#)

Accurate contact information?

Have you or a family member recently had a change of address or phone number? Have you or a family member moved? Not sure if Zion has accurate information on file (mailing address, phone number, email)? Please call or email Zion's office to verify what is on file (715-735-7898) or zion.lutheran.marquette@gmail.com. Thank you for your assistance!



Donate to Zion



Did you know that you are able to contribute to Zion via the website? Simply to go: <http://www.zionlutheran-marquette.org> and in the far right margin of the page is a nice purple

rectangle button that reads: Donate. Click it and follow the steps to donate. You may also click on the "Shop Now" button on Zion's Facebook page!

Large Print Bulletins

If you require a large-print bulletin due to sight issues, please contact the office and let us know! We can print off a bulletin with the words to the liturgy and hymns. Please call the office (715-735-7898) or email zion.lutheran.marquette@gmail.com if you require one!





Notes of Thanks!

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for recognizing me and for the gas card. Your support throughout the years has meant everything to me.

Sophie L.

Dear friends:

Each of our congregations, yours included, is the result of seeds planted generations ago. We give thanks for the growth that God gives.

It is now our turn in the time that is given to us to plant and water seeds for future ministry and commend their future growth to God's care. I think this can afford us both relief and cause anxiety. The growth of faith, the growth of the church, is God's work. But there is joy in doing our part.

Thank you for helping to provide what is needed for soil preparation, for seed planting, and for the nurturing of those seeds of ministry through the special gifts listed below. Together we give thanks for the growth that God gives.

January-June 2026

- Fortune Lake: \$957.54
- World Hunger: \$7,947
- Lutheran World Relief: \$3,020

I am grateful for your partnership!

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherin F.

2026 VBS









September Birthdays

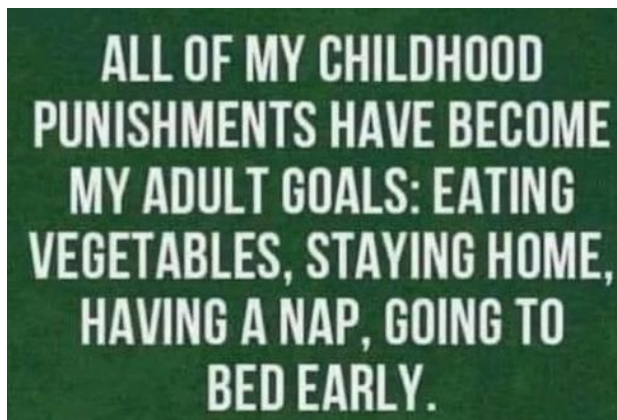
- Sept. 1-6: Karen D., Thomas K., Diane B.
- Sept. 7-13: Bradley N., John P., Jacob R.
- Sept. 14-20: Peggy M., Vicki G., Amanda R.
- Sept. 21-27: Donna D., Joe G., Mary B., Dorothy B., Addalynn B., Godfrey H., Daniel J., Kaya L.
- Sept. 28-30: Kathi G.



Join us in lifting up our siblings in Christ, in prayer as we remember their baptism

- Sept. 1-6: Allie B., Elsa E., Skyler E., Andrew H., Patricia P., Jacki R.
- Sept. 7-13: Roxanne B., Becky D., Vern C., Brooke R.
- Sept. 14-20: Brittany R., Jo R., Rick D., Alex G., Sandy G., Bill M., Dennis M.
- Sept. 21-27: Keaton E., Joe G., Jared J.
- Sept. 28-30: Lori D., Larry N., Linda W.

Funny Corner!



Kid's Activity!

Searching Rich

Can you search for some key terms from the story of the Rich Man?



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G O O D L I H C N B N
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