

THE HERALD

MARCH 2022



Zion Lutheran Church
zionyork.org
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Zion's Mission Statement

“Reaching up, Reaching out, Reaching in,
with faith and love.”

Services

- Saturday 5:30 PM
- Sunday 8:00 AM
- Sunday 9:00 AM Faith Formation
 - Sunday 10:00 AM
- Sunday 8:45 AM - Online (Facebook) ~ 10:30 AM - Online (YouTube)
 - Monday 7:30 PM - Online Prayer Service

Zion Lutheran Church

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In, with Faith and Love

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Closed Friday

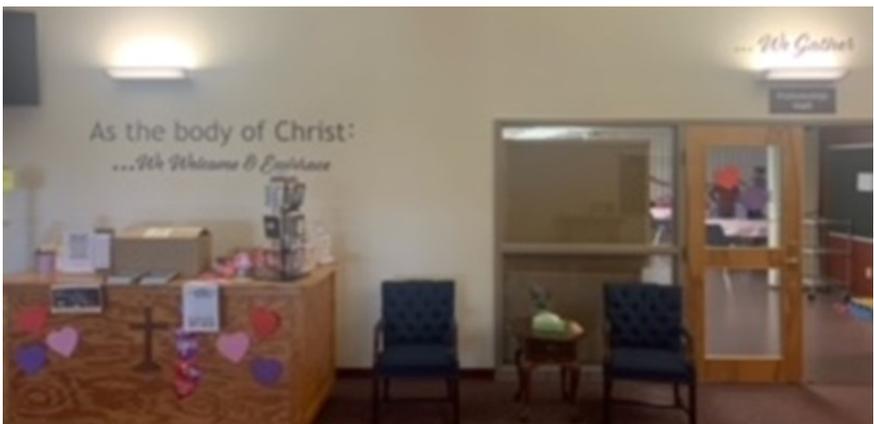
A Message from our Pastor

*“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”
1 Corinthians 12:27*

Dear Siblings in Christ,

There’s a change in the narthex at Zion, you have may noticed the strategically placed messages on the walls. These are Zion’s Guiding Principles, in abbreviated form. Our guiding principles were developed in 2019 during our participation in the Lower Susquehanna’s Synod renewal program, R3 (Renew, Reform, Revision). Below is the entire text of our guiding principles- let us join together in committing to working together to these tasks as they guide our work as the body of Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Janyce
Zion Lutheran Church, York, PA



Guiding Principles and Priorities

As the Body of Christ, we welcome, accept, and embrace everyone.

We continuously train members to be inviting

We offer educational opportunities on open community discussions

We keep our space user-friendly for all

We learn & grow from others with different experiences and perspectives

As the Body of Christ, we gather in Christian worship, fellowship and community

We show Christ love through caring, compassion and support

We share our joy in Christ

We nurture children and youth in God's love and embrace their active participation

As the Body of Christ, we are called to change as God transforms and renews us

We commit to worship and study of the scriptures and Lutheran teachings

We offer faith formation for all ages and we seek intergenerational opportunities to learn

We are open to active and ongoing discernment regarding God's will for us

We continually pray for God's guidance for ourselves and our congregation

As the Body of Christ, Zion's people and our ministries extend beyond the walls of this building

We seek opportunities to serve locally, nationally and internationally

We actively share our mission with the community

We look to partner with other religious traditions and service organizations



Lectionary Scriptures for March



March 6, 2022

Each year on the first Sunday in Lent we hear about Jesus being tested in the wilderness. In this way Jesus joined with us, who are also, one way or another, tested in some wilderness. We say Sundays “in” Lent, since when counting the forty days of Lent, we omit the six Sundays, because Sunday is always a celebration of Christ’s resurrection. So this Sunday we are both in Lent and beyond Lent.

Readings and Psalm

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. (Ps. 91:11)

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

March 13, 2022

In next Sunday’s gospel reading, we are like chicks that need protection, for a fox is nearby. Come to worship, and join us in praising the God who gathers us as if under loving wings.

Readings and Psalm

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)

Philippians 3:17--4:1

Luke 13:31-35

March 20, 2022

Some Christians imagine either themselves or other people to be no more than barren trees that might as well be uprooted and discarded. Come to worship this Sunday, and hear what the gardener says about barren trees.

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. (Ps. 63:1)

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

March 27, 2022

This coming Sunday the gospel reading is the well-known story of the prodigal son. Which brother are you like? Come to worship, whichever one you are, and join in God's feast of mercy.

Readings and Psalm

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord. (Ps. 32:11)

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



Advent Challenge in Lent

As we enter the Lenten season of 40 days of reflection and self-examination to prepare our hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter, I invite you to think about another season of preparation in our Church calendar: Advent. The theme for this year's Advent Devotional is the final fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control. During Lent, people often give something up or add a spiritual discipline to their daily lives. This can require great self-control to accomplish this for 40 days. Please consider writing a devotion about self-control as you journey through these 40 days. Have questions? Contact Mary Jane McCluskey, 717/873-6434 (c) or mjmclcluskey@comcast.net

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in honor of Terri's father, Hank's 83rd birthday and their son,
Eric's, 32nd birthday.



When one door closes, another one opens. By now you may have all heard that the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering has been cancelled. This leaves a giant hole in a lot of people's hearts and schedules this summer. Along with my role here at Zion, I serve as the Gathering Synod Coordinator for the Lower Susquehanna Synod. This means that I am the point person for questions about the Gathering for us and the surrounding churches in the LSS.

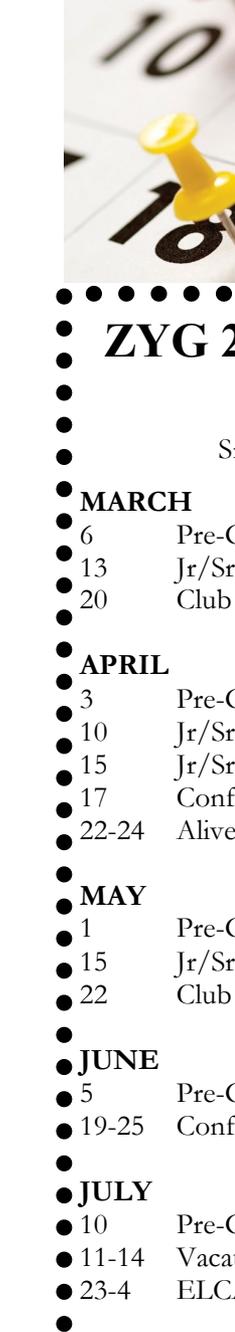
Last month I spent two days at a retreat for the GSC staff where we shared our sorrow for ourselves as well as the youth that will never get to experience an actual ELCA Youth Gathering as a student. We also spent a lot of time brainstorming different ideas for what could be done to try to substitute the experience that should have been had this coming summer. I can tell you that there are a lot of plans in the works currently. Soon our youth that was attending the Gathering will have a choice to make on how they spend that now vacant week. I will share more of that journey as it happens in March.

Thoughts and efforts for myself and the Churchwide Gathering Team have now turned to the 2024 Gathering. The dates of that gathering are July 16th – 20th, 2024. The location of the 2024 Gathering will be announced in the month of March! This is an exciting time. The dates are set and planning will pick up again around who will be going, what fundraising will be done, what the theme will be and what we will be building towards as July of 2024 will be here faster than any of us realize.

Let's refocus now on what is coming up for our youth within Zion for the month of March. First and foremost, youth group will be happening for both our Club 456 gang as well as our Jr and Sr High youth. Our Confirmation crew will have their Faith Interview lunch and presentations at the end of March. We are also looking at possible options for a Sr High retreat and building anticipation for a Good Friday lock-in.

As we SLOWLY and patiently work ourselves out of this pandemic, please pray for those who are mourning the loss of their 2022 Gathering and pray for the new team that will be organizing the next one. Have a great month!

~ Chuck



UPCOMING EVENTS

ZYG 2021-2022 EVENT CALENDAR

Club 456 is for youth in 4-6 grades

Jr High Youth Group for youth in 7-8 grades

Sr High Youth Group is for youth in 9-12 grades

MARCH

- 6 Pre-Gathering session for Gathering attendees 11:00 -12:15
- 13 Jr/Sr High Youth Group 6:00 - 8:30pm
- 20 Club 456 3:00 - 4:30pm

APRIL

- 3 Pre-Gathering session for Gathering attendees 11:00 -12:15
- 10 Jr/Sr High Youth Group 6:00 - 8:30pm
- 15 Jr/Sr High Lock-In 6pm Friday – 9am Saturday
- 17 Confirmation Camp forms and money due to Chuck
- 22-24 Alive! 2021 (6th-8th grade retreat) @ Camp Nawakwa

MAY

- 1 Pre-Gathering session for Gathering attendees 11:00 -12:15
- 15 Jr/Sr High Youth Group 6:00 - 8:30pm
- 22 Club 456 3:00 - 4:30pm

JUNE

- 5 Pre-Gathering session for Gathering attendees 11:00 -12:15
- 19-25 Confirmation Camp

JULY

- 10 Pre-Gathering session for Gathering attendees 11:00 -12:15
- 11-14 Vacation Bible School
- 23-4 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN

AUGUST

- TBD working on a plan



Birthdays of the Month

1	Megan Ripley	15	Don Pickel
2	Shad Altland	16	Michael Rader
3	Emma Gladfelter		Zephyr Mueller
	Andrew Strittmatter		Haley Glezer
	John Villarose IV	17	Tammy Holtzapple
	Beverly Wagner	18	Eric Johnston
5	Rebecca Luckenbaugh		Bruce Brown
	Campbell Kurilla		Regina Peckmann
	Kaleigh Sauers		Curry Smith
6	Kelly Kessler	19	Angela Pease
	Colin Owings	21	Emma Eisenhart
	Jennifer Ports		Annette Fisher
7	Ted Butala		Linda Plass
8	Carter Arnold	22	Mechelle Shaffer
	Colin Arnold		Aubrey Graham
9	Darlene Bahn		Travis Peters
	Cameron Dickerson	23	Kenneth Walter
	Alyson Meloni		Wesley Graver
10	Karen Chronister		Connor Heist
	Cody Wise		Justin Riese
11	Erik Eisenhart	24	Anmarie Hazelton
	Scott Nadzom		Athene M. Steinke
	Christine Reutter		Kylie Walker
12	Lori Brown	26	Melissa Doerr
	Dillon Obyle		Trevor Ketrick
13	Clayton Brandstedter		Diana Mohn
	Jessica Rader		Irwin Rhode
14	Suzie Hipkiss	27	Taylor Speicher
	Lisa Lam	28	Mackenzie Spickler
		29	Eric Anderson
			Carol Davis
			Simon Koons
			Lydia Reichard-Groller
			Nichole Smyser
		30	Ann Becker
			Jennifer Grove
		31	Eric Isaminger



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- 4 Kristine and Brad Cox
 - 7 Charlie and Ruth Fishel
 - 10 Lance and Annette Fisher
 - 13 Don and Jeri Pickel
 - 20 David and Stephanie Miller
 - 25 Don and Rita Ware

Anniversaries



Joyful Noise News

We had an amazing time during Lutheran Education Week! The theme this year was “In All Things.” We had fun singing songs in chapel with Pastor Janyce. Singing the Hippo Song with Mr. Chuck, and reading a book and playing a game with Mrs. Laine.



March is our “Safety Month”. We are looking forward to having visits from the local Fire Department, Police Department, and an age appropriate lesson on being safe at home!

We will also hold our annual “Daddy’s Night” this month.

Wishing you many Blessings as we enter the Season of Lent.



March's Joyful Noise Events

- March 7th and 8th
Be a Fire Safe Kid: Fire Fighters
- March 17th
Daddy's Night.
- March 17th—18th
No School. In Service Days
Possible Snow Make-up Days
- March 21st & 22nd
Home Safety Lesson
- March 28th & 29th
Pet Safety Lesson with Mrs. Roberts



March 2022

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<p>6 <i>1 Lent</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Worship Times Online *Facebook-8:45am/YouTude-10:30 am • Faith Formation- 9am 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm • Troop 150 –7pm • Night Prayer *Facebook Live- 7:30PM 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girl Scouts Troop 20018-6:30 to 8 pm
<p>13 <i>2 Lent</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Worship Times Online *Facebook-8:45am/YouTude-10:30 am • Faith Formation- 9am • A Curious Faith—Facebook 10 am • Chili Cookoff-11:30am –1:30pm • Jr/Sr High Youth Group-6pm 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm • Troop 150 –7pm • Night Prayer *Facebook Live- 7:30PM 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Meeting-7pm
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Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

2 Ash Wednesday

- Services
 - 11 am
 - 6:30 pm
- Girl Scouts-7pm

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- Worship – 11am

4

5

- Red Cross Blood Drive
9:30 am—2 pm
- Worship- 5:30pm

9

- Lent Service –6:30pm
- 4 Pages of the Sermon-
7pm
- Girl Scouts-7pm

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- 4 Pages recap-
10am
- Worship – 11am

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12

- Worship- 5:30pm

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- Lent Service –6:30pm
- 4 Pages of the Sermon-
7pm
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10am
- Worship – 11am

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10am
- Worship – 11am

Deadline to submit
items for the
April Herald is
March 15.



Ash Wednesday Services

March 2

11:00AM & 6:30PM

Join us for Worship, Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes.
6:30PM service will be live streamed.

Drive Up Ashes available

5:00—6:00 PM

Lenten Services

Wednesdays

March 2—April 6

6:30 PM

Lenten Bible Study—4 Pages of the Sermon

Wednesdays

March 9—April 6

7:00 PM—8:00 PM

Lenten Bible Study—4 Pages of the Sermon Recap

Thursdays

March 10—April 7

10:00 AM—10:45 AM

Letting Go - Movement and Meditation

Tina Keffer will lead us through a time of yoga and movement, inviting us to let go of what binds us, in order to embrace renewal and new life which is ours through Jesus Christ.

Wednesdays

March 9, 23 & April 6

10:30 AM—11:15 AM

and

March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6

7:00PM (following worship)

Holy Week Schedule



April 9—Palm Sunday

5:30 PM

Worship

April 10 - Palm Sunday

8:00 AM

Worship

8:45 AM

Facebook Live Worship

10:00 AM

Worship

10:30 AM

YouTube Live Worship

April 14 - Maundy Thursday

11:00 AM

Worship Service

6:30 PM

Worship Service

6:30 PM

Online Service

April 15 - Good Friday

11:00 AM

Worship Service

6:30 PM

Worship Service

6:30 PM

Online Service

April 16 - Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 AM

April 16 - Easter

5:30 AM

April 17 - Easter

6:30 AM

Sunrise Service

8:00 AM

Worship

8:45 AM

Facebook Live Worship

9:00 AM

Easter Breakfast

10:00 AM

Worship

10:30 AM

YouTube Live Worship

For Lent – Make Church A Habit Again!

It has been a trying two years. Lock downs, masks, supply chain issues, employee shortages and the list goes on and on. Social situations have become a mine field. Do I have that party? Do I go to that event? Should I shake hands? Is it ok to ask someone if they are vaccinated? Should I wear a mask,,, etcetera, etcetera? But life is starting to find a new equilibrium and church can be a great place to get your footing. Online worship was vital in getting us through and can be a lifeline for those who are unable to get out and about, but gathering with fellow Christians is biblical and important for your faith life.



FishbowlFamily.com

Hebrews 10:24-25 says “And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Gathering for worship is an essential faith activity. It is not an occasional activity. It is an ongoing and regular commitment. (shall we say habit)

The Bible emphasizes the importance of the local church. Think about it. After the four gospels, almost all of the New Testament is about the local church or directed to the local church. Throughout the New Testament, different local congregations met together and worshipped together. It is simply what believers do.

When we gather together, we encourage each other. Streaming services and Zoom community groups give us a different level of encouragement as those times when we are physically present with each other. Look at Hebrews 10:25 again. The act of gathering is an act of encouragement.

So, this year for Lent make worship attendance your spiritual discipline. During Lent we gather at Zion on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Thursdays at 11am, Saturday at 5:30pm and Sunday at 8am and 10:30am. Come join us!

Article resource: 4 REASONS TO GET BACK IN THE HABIT OF COMING TO CHURCH by Mike Hurt



Faith FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

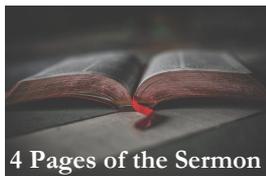
4 Pages of the Sermon

Wednesday

March 9, 16, 23 & 30 @ 7:00 PM

Pastor Richard's class meets via Zoom.

Watch Facebook for the link.



4 Pages of the Sermon



Sundays, March 13 & 27

10:00 AM

Facebook Live

This will be a forum to ask the questions you've always been curious about. Pastor Adam will be answering a submitted question.

Life with Jesus

Sundays

9:00 AM—9:45AM

Life is complicated, but we don't live it alone. Come, discuss, and explore the ways the life and teaching of Jesus connect with our lives today, through the lens of the Sermon on the Mount.



Adult Bible Study

Sundays

9:00 AM—9:45AM

This group is reading through the Bible. Join them in Zion's Parlor!

Lunch Bunch
Wednesday, March 16
12:00 PM

Join Zion's Lunch Bunch at the Lyndon Diner for a time of food, fellowship and fun—
You are Welcome!



Calling the women of "Team Zion"- you are invited to participate in the York Habitat for Humanity Women Build- Saturday, March 12. No construction skills necessary (if you have some- great); you will be trained. Sign up on bulletin board in the narthex or leave a message at 717-767-4673 extension 224.

Movement & Meditation
Wednesdays (March 9, 23 & April 6)
10:30 AM—11:15 AM
and
March 9 to April 6
7:00 PM (following worship)

Join us in the Narthex as Tina Keffer leads us through a time of yoga and movement, inviting us to let go of what binds us, in order to embrace renewal and new life which is our through Jesus Christ.



Blood Drive
New Birth
at
Zion Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
2215 Brandywine Lane
York, PA 17404

Saturday, March 5, 2022
9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

www.redcrossblood.org

Pastor Janyce Sabbatical Updated

In the January Herald, Pastor Janyce wrote about her plans for sabbatical this year. As a refresher here are her plans....

Sabbatical project is entitled- "Retirement- Ecumenical Perspectives"- *I plan to take my experiences in ecumenism to broaden my understanding (and the understanding of others) of how rostered leaders can continue to serve in their season of retirement. I plan to make two extended trips- one in the Northeast, the other in the Midwest, visiting sacred sites of other church denominations. Unlike my previous two sabbaticals, I will not be traveling internationally because of the uncertainties of the lingering pandemic.*

This sabbatical is being funded by a generous donation from a Zion member. What a blessing! The harder part has been finding coverage for Pastor Janyce. This part continues to be worked on. Please pray for Zion leadership as they work at this task. The current plan is that Pastor Janyce start sabbatical in June and we will need coverage for her entire leave as Pastor Adam and Pastor Richard are not available at this time.

So you may be thinking, what is a Pastoral sabbatical? A ministry sabbatical is a period of time, usually three months, when ministry leaders and congregations set aside the leader's normal responsibilities for the purpose of rest and renewal toward sustained excellence in ministry.

A ministry sabbatical is not an extended vacation nor is it an academic sabbatical that normally involves extensive study. *A ministry sabbatical is a release from the routine of the call for the physical, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual well-being of the ministry leader.*

What is the Biblical perspective for a ministry sabbatical? The word sabbatical is drawn from Sabbath. The Hebrew word for Sabbath means to "close or rest" and is connected with the last day of Creation when God rested. (Genesis 2:1-3) God both models and commands Sabbath rest for this people. "Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy." (Exodus 20:8-11)

The Biblical example of Jesus' own frequent withdrawal to a quiet place to meditate, pray and be renewed is a model. In His ministry, the constant demands of people led Jesus to step away on a regular basis. (Matthew 14:23; Mark 1:35)

So why is a sabbatical important?

- It is simply health-giving and spirit-enhancing. It promotes wellness and wholeness.
- Burnout makes ministry and the minister, dull, hollow, and uninteresting.
- A sabbatical is a time or rekindling the sense of calling, for growing in one's knowledge and for deepening one's spiritual life
- It is a time for renewal and refreshment for those who serve others.
- It is a time for a congregation to rediscover its own resources for lay leadership within the congregation and to be itself renewed as a result of the sabbatical.
- Provides the opportunity for congregations to examine their dependency on the ministry leader and consider expanding the roles of lay leaders.

THE WELCOME TABLE

This is a segment we include in our monthly newsletter and weekly emails to recognize our new members, baptism, marriage, births and deaths. Notify us of any of these at info@zionyork.org.

Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God.

Luke 13:29

All are welcome, friend and stranger at the banquet of the Savior
All are welcome, all are welcome here

"All are Welcome" by Dakota Road



Imagine a long, expansive, banquet table, with a place for everyone at the table. No one is turned away; everyone will enjoy the feast. This is a powerful image of life as people of God. All are welcome- there is always room at the table.

Guiding Principle #1 for our congregation is: As the Body of Christ, we welcome, accept and embrace everyone. With that in mind, we rejoice to be together at the table of our Lord.

We also give thanks to God that the expanse of God's table is without end. We trust in the promise of eternal life for those who have died:

*Donald A. Patterson as we pray for his sister Anita Langeheine
May 17, 1943 – February 8, 2022*

*Carol Villarose as we pray her husband John Villarose
December 15, 1941 – February 9, 2022*

*Stella Abruzzese as we pray for her son Al Abruzzese and family
September 15, 1928 – February 11, 2022*

*JoAnn Altland as we pray for her sister Brenda Hilty and family
Mary 14, 1944—February 18, 2022*



Money, Money, Money!

How does Zion do good work in our Church, in the community, and pay the bills? With money that comes through your offerings. Every Sunday, 2 volunteers count the offering. This takes about 1 hour. Do you have an hour once a month, or even occasionally to help count the offering? Training provided! Contact Lori Heathcote lheathcote@treavelleaders.com or call the Church office.

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 18, 2022

Present: Al Abruzzese, Ricardo Aguilar, Kim Alloway, Annie Connolly, Andrew Doerr, Trevor Hoffman, Pastor Janyce Jorgensen, Jill Lordan, Wade Markel, Denise Moyer, Regina Peckmann, Jim Rowlands, Amy Schanbacher, Krista Meluzio-Zellers.

Excused: Tim Smith

Devotions: The meeting opened with a devotion by Al Abruzzese on Luke 1-2 on the significance of Jesus's changing of the world beginning with poor shepherd and a teenage mother. Next month's devotion will be by Kim Alloway on Luke 3 & 4.

Thank You Card: Thank you cards to be sent to the outgoing council members: Vicki and Jenn - Jim, Rose - Jill, Mario - Amy.

Installation of New Members: Pastor Jorgensen led the installation service for the new council members: Al Abruzzese, Kim Alloway, Andrew Doerr, Wade Markel and Regina Peckmann.

Minutes: The minutes from the December 14, 2021 meeting were submitted by Jim Rowlands. The minutes were approved as presented on motion by Al Abruzzese, seconded by Trevor Hoffman.

Treasurer's Report: Wade Markel summarized the December, 2021 treasurer report. Income was at 118% of budget including \$57,702 from PPP and \$10,209 from Joyful Noise. We ended the year with a surplus of \$53,584.79 versus a budgeted deficit of \$67,423.00. The Treasurer report was approved on motion by Jim Rowlands, seconded by Al Abruzzese.

Investment Treasurer Report: Trevor submitted the December, 2021 report. The Council directed December Benevolence distributions will be reflected on the January report. Thank you notes were received from Lifepath Ministries and Olivia's House. Trevor reviewed the restricted fund distributions including 2021 distribution numbers.

Membership Report: Denise presented the attendance report. Pastor Jorgensen made a motion to remove JoLynn Friedel from the rolls at her request upon her moving out of the area. The motion was seconded by Trevor Hoffman and was approved. Keith Smith's family was very appreciative of the gifts of meals and outreach during his illness and passing.

Pastor Janyce Jorgensen's Report: Pastor Jorgensen submitted a written report. Instead of the usual format, her report was formatted as an outline for New Council Member Orientation. She explained the meaning and practice of Congregational Polity.

CYFM Report: Chuck Bissell submitted a written report which was highlighted by Annie Connolly. Fifth and sixth grade Faith Formation sent a thank you card and a tea bag to several of our Senior members. They received quite a few return notes from the seniors.

Parish Administrator's Report: Denise Moyer submitted a written report. Lanie Knaub is finishing work on the 2019 JEMS scholarships. Council tabled the award amount until next month. Staff expressed appreciation for the allowance to purchase special office items at the end of the year.

Old Business

- **ERTC Status** - No word on the application.
- **Return Task Force** - Jim Rowlands presented a summary of the group's January meeting. No changes until we get a better feel on the length of the Omicron Spike.
- **Performance Reviews** - reviews are ongoing.
- **Employee Handbook** - Mary Jane McCluskey will be assisting to finalize the revised handbook.
- **Goals from Retreat** - Denise has a quote from Fast Signs of \$540.91 to provide and install stencils of our guiding principles on the Narthex walls. Trevor made a motion to "Engage Fast Signs for Stencils as Denise described (\$540.91) to be paid from replacement funds." Motion was seconded by Wade Markel and passed.

New Business

- **Phone Calls to Families** - Some of the feedback received is as follows:
 - People are at different places regarding re-engaging in activities
 - They 'broke the habit' and need / want to get back
 - The fact that it "doesn't look like it was" is holding them back
 - there was no feedback nor complaints about the change in faith formation times.
 - there was suggestion to do another survey to gather more feedback.
- **Pastor Jorgensen's Sabbatical** - She is having reservations about the timing of the sabbatical. She has not been able to find a new assisting pastor for when Pastor Morton leaves to pursue his degree; Pastor Morton is currently under contract for about 15 hours per week. He cannot provide full coverage nor is 15 hours per week sufficient to cover needs. The estimated cost of pastoral coverage during the sabbatical was underestimated. She is thinking of delaying the sabbatical to End of June to end of September. Jim Rowlands made a motion "to allocate up to \$15,000 from the General Unrestricted funds to the Pastor Sabbatical Designated Fund." The motion was seconded by Regina Packmann and passed.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:00 on motion by Al Abruzzese, seconded by Jill Lordan.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Rowlands



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