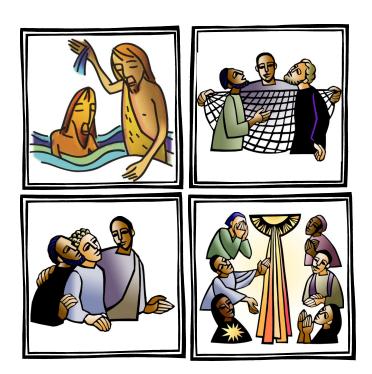
THE HERALD FEBRUARY 2023



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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 10:00 AM
- Sunday 10:00 AM Online (YouTube and Facebook)
 - Monday 7:30 PM Online Prayer Service

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Closed Friday



"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16

Dear friends in Christ,

I greet you in the season of Epiphany, praying that the light of shine continues to shine for you and through you. May your daily lives be sustained by the one who is the light shining in the darkness of our world.

At our annual meeting in November, we introduced the concept of a "13th gift"- an invitation to provide an extra financial gift in the amount of what you would typically give for one month. I want to thank you- as a result, we collected over \$4000 at year's end, to help with the expenses of our shared ministry. It was good to be able to track and see how the 13th gift did in fact make a difference.

As we stand at the beginning of another calendar year, I invite you to consider this invitation, I'm calling it the "Three dollars a day challenge", as you prayerfully consider increasing your financial giving this year by three dollars per day. Once again, our hope is that this invitation and response will serve to support our shared ministry throughout this year, as we live into how God is calling us to serve today.

During the pandemic, our leadership made the pastoral decision not to ask for additional financial support from the members and friends of the congregation; we didn't know how the pandemic effected your livelihood, and we wanted to be sensitive and aware of your needs. By the grace of God, we were sustained to continue to do ministry in this time and place.

As we live into the future, we look forward to growing in our understanding and living out our lives as stewards of the goodness of God. To be generous with what God gives us takes many forms, and I pray that you will find those expressions of your own generosity which are meaningful and life-affirming to you.

I continue to stand in awe of the ways that you share your gifts in service and in love. You inspire me to do the same. I look forward to where and how God is leading us, in this season and always.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Janyce







February 5, 2023

We cannot live without salt or light. In the gospel for this coming Sunday, Christians are called to be like salt and light for others. Come to worship, to enter once again in the light of the baptized assembly, to hear the word, and to share in the meal of forgiveness.

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Psalm 112:1-9 [10]

Light shines in the darkness for the upright. (Ps. 112:4)

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

Matthew 5:13-20

February 12, 2023

Much of the New Testament is a commentary on the Old Testament, in the light of Christ. The gospel for this coming Sunday is an example of this, as Matthew quotes Jesus discussing several of the Ten Commandments. Come to worship, to hear these words, to pray for strength to live God's ways, and to share in the meal of forgiveness.

Readings and Psalm

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

Happy are they who follow the teaching of the Lord. (Ps. 119:1)

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

February 19, 2023

This coming Sunday we conclude the time after Epiphany by celebrating the Transfiguration of our Lord, when Jesus went up a mountain and showed himself to be divine. Then next Wednesday we observe Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, as Jesus walks up another mountain and shows himself to be human. Come to worship, to praise this Jesus Christ, to hear him speak, and to partake of his body.

Readings and Psalm

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

You are my son; this day have I begotten you. (Ps. 2:7)

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

February 26, 2023

Each year on the first Sunday in Lent we hear about Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, and we pray that we may be able to resist the temptations that come to us here and now. Come to worship, to receive the Spirit's strength to live in light of your baptism.

Readings and Psalm

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. (Ps. 32:10)

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11











Faith Formation

Adult Bible Study Sundays

9:00 AM-9:45AM

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

Adult Study ~ Life with Jesus Sundays 9:00 AM—9:45AM

Join us in the choir room. We are discussing the Sermon on the Mount, a few verses at a time. Each week's class is stand alone so come when you can. This is a place for you when your drop off your child(ren) in Faith Formation!

Gather and Grow Monday, February 27 6:00 PM

Join us in the Parlor to learn and discuss what the Bible has to say on Christian Fellowship. This month we will focus on "Keep Gathering". Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex, verses used for discussion will be emailed ahead of time.

Children, Youth & Family Ministry

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We had a fantastic January as some of our Senior High youth attended the annual retreat, Winterfest. This was the 30th anniversary of Winterfest and it was celebrated in a grand manor. Friday night's events were opened to our younger youth in the Synod so they and their parents had an opportunity to get a taste of what goes into a Senior high event. There were many youth that couldn't wait to return for their turn at the weekend. Saturday night was celebrated with a formal dinner and a dance. Many of the youth and the advisors dressed up for the special occasion. As you can see by the pictures our kids looked great. Throughout the weekend the youth listened and discovered what they have been "created for...". They had the chance to interact with youth from other congregations in the area to have discussions led by table leaders. I was lucky enough to lead one of these table discussions.

January also saw the two youth groups gather and select their epiphany star words for the year. As the wise men were led to Jesus, so their Epiphany star words will help to guide them through 2023. They are told they should explore this word every day to see what it means in their daily life. We will speak about their words a few times during the year to see what they are discovering about themselves.

As we are moving into February there are a few things going on to know about. I am sure you all know about the Chili cook-off happening on February 5th. Happening at this same event is a fundraiser for our youth that will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2024. There will be a few different baskets being given away with different types of items in each basket. This will be a raffle style giveaway with tickets available to purchase at the cookoff. As always, the youth and I thank you for your continued support.

Our Confirmation youth will gather for their first retreat of the year on February 25th. We will explore parts of the small catechism and enjoy breakfast and lunch together as a confirmation family. This is a great opportunity for them to bond beyond youth group and explore their faith deeper.

The last weekend in February brings both youth groups back to gather for another evening. As always, friends are invited to attend both Club 456 and Jr/Sr High. Youth group is always better with the more people we have.

I will be spending the beginning of February in California at the ELCA Youth Ministry Network's Extravaganza. This is a yearly event that brings together youth workers from across the country to learn from each other and build connections to benefit all of us in the missions that we have. I look forward to sharing my experiences upon my return. Have a fantastic month and I will see you on Sunday.





ZYG 2023 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

FEBRUARY

26 Club 456 3:00 - 4:30pm

26 Jr/Sr High Youth Group 6:00 - 8:30pm

MARCH

12 Jr/Sr High Youth Group 6:00 - 8:30pm

19 Club 456 3:00 - 4:30pm

APRIL

7 Jr/Sr High Lock—In 6:00pm

8 Zion LC Egg Hunt—10am (youth to assist with event)

16 Club 456 3:00 - 4:30pm

16 Jr/Sr High Youth Group 6:00 - 8:30pm

17 Confirmation Camp forms and money due to Chuck

MAY

21 Club 456 1:00 - 2:30pm

21 Jr/Sr High Youth Group 4:00 - 7:30pm



- 1 Dorinda Dahlheimer
- 2 Rodney Brandstedter
- 4 Mary Dye
- 5 Alex Connolly
- 7 Michelle Chu Rev. Dr. Janyce Jorgensen
- 8 Barry Anderson Shari Young
- 9 Joyce Daniels Kara Hazelton Adam Ogle Connie Ogle
- Norah DreisbachIan MoyerChristian NguyenSamantha Wingerd
- 11 Jonas Altland Mandy Holtzapple-Leung
- 12 Louise Chenoweth
 Millie Delp
 Erin Ream
 Peyton Stauffer
- 13 David Belnick Kathy Buckingham Hadley Mohr Shirley Schneider

- 14 Carson Kessler Elaine Mann
- 15 Andrew Doerr Susan Glass Kendall Stauffer William Vollmer
- 16 Joyce Gingerich
- 17 Karen Engleman
- 21 David Hazelton Noah Kazar Weston Mohr Susan Penley
- 22 Don Dreisbach Marissa Molinar
- 23 Molly Reinhard Addison Sauers Andrew Sauers
- 24 Leah Cunningham Colton Peters
- 26 Linda Holtzapple
- 27 Jennifer Arnold Alison Brandstedter John Spadafora Jr.
- 28 Stephanie Kin Janice Kindig

28 James and Donna Funt Amy and David Schanbacher



February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue
 5 5 Epiphany Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am Faith Formation-9am Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am Chili Cookoff –12 to 3 pm 	6 • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm	7
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 19 Transfiguration of Our Lord Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am Faith Formation-9am Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am 	20 • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm	21 • Council Meeting-7pm
 26	27 • Gather & Grow-6pm • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm	28 • Girl Scout Troop 20018 6-8pm

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 • Girl Scouts-7pm	2	3	4 • Worship- 5:30pm
8 • Girl Scouts-7pm	9	10	11 • Worship- 5:30pm
Lunch Bunch—Lyndon Diner –12noon Girl Scouts-7pm	16	17	18 • Worship- 5:30pm
22 Ash Wednesday Services: • 11 am • 7:30 pm	23	24	Confirmation Retreat 8am to 4 pm Worship- 5:30pm
			Deadline to submit items for the March Herald is February 14.

ZION HAS HEART

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

It's February, Zion has Heart Month! Donate to help provide support to those in immediate need and people who fall through the system's cracks. Zion receives calls every year from people who need money for a bill immediately. They may be in the process of filling out forms, or in the waiting period to receive certain benefits, but they need the funds immediately. There are also the working poor-- people living pay check to pay check who don't qualify for any benefits but one minor incident and they can't pay a bill. Where do these people turn? They often call the church, and if it is reasonable, feasible and funds are available, we love to help!

During Lent February 22—April 2, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a monetary donation to replenish this fund. You can donate online at www.zionyork.org by selecting give online button. When you give, just select Zion Has Heart fund and mark it Zion has Heart. Or select a heart from the Narthex and put it with the donation in a marked Zion has Hear Love Envelope. Our goal this year is to raise \$3,500 for Zion has Heart.

Thank you for having a heart of compassion toward those in need in our midst.

And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good. 2 Thessalonians 3:13

Join us for the Chili Cook Off February 5, 2023 12:00 Noon As a Judge/Taster or as a Competitor

> Competition Categories: Traditional Chili Unique Chili Firehouse Chili Cornbread



Sign up in the Narthex or email dmoyer@zionyork.org.



DAFFODIL DAYS 2023

Bunch of Daffodils: \$10

Bunch of Daffodils w/vase: \$15

Bunch of Tulips (assorted colors): \$15

Bunch of Tulips w/vase \$25

Mini-Potted Daffodils: \$15

*Gift of Hope: \$25

*Rather than receive, flowers will be donated to a local hospital, cancer center, nursing home facility

Orders and donations are due to the church by Feb. 19th



PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Souper Bowl Sunday February 11/12

On this competition weekend here at Zion we like to have a little competition as well, but no trophies, and all the proceeds will be going to The WELL food pantry. This year, strawberry and grape will be dueling it out to see which is Zion's favorite jelly flavor. Bring in a jar of your favorite to vote. Also, bring your cash on February 11th & 12th and place your donation in the pot with the team's logo you want to win the Super Bowl!



FEBRUARY Joyful Noise Preschool

- February 1st Closed for Conferences
- February 7th Valentine's Party-Caterpillar 2 Class
- February 8th Valentine's Party-Caterpillar 1 Class
- February 9th Valentine's Party-Bumblebee Class
- February 10th Valentine's Party– Hummingbird 1 & 2 Classes

- February 13th Valentine's Party— Grasshopper 1 & 2 Classes
- February 14th Valentine's Party-Butterfly Class

A special THANK YOU to everyone that came in to read to one of our classes during Lutheran Education Week! We loved having you! If you are interested in coming back to read again, please contact Arieta at: Joyfulnoise@zionyork.org

Celebrating the New Year!

Pictured here is our Hummingbird Class showing off their 2023 hats! Our 2 and 3 year old classes rang in the new year with a balloon drop!





Our FLEX Class was excited to check out their Firework experiment!

REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023
SCHOOL YEAR!
Please contact 717-764-9467 or email
Arieta Beamesderfer at
Joyfulnoise@zionyork.org for a registration packet!



Ash Wednesday's wake-up call

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

With these words from Genesis 3:19 and the swipe of a dirty thumb across our foreheads, Ash Wednesday propels us into Lent with the proper context to understand our lives as stewards of all that God entrusts to us.

Ash Wednesday, which falls on Feb. 22, teaches us that we are mortals, after all. It crushes our ego, dispels our pretentions and drives us deep into God's mysteries: Why are we here? What are our lives all about? What's really important? Pray over these questions and profound insights emerge.

We are dust. Yes, but we are God's dust. Our body consists of trillions of atoms, each a speck of "dust" created by of God billions of years ago. God put us together from the stuff of the universe.

- Therefore, we are quite literally "earthy" beings, made of the same material as air, water, soil and stone. As part of creation, we work to preserve, protect and sustain creation.
- Therefore, we have reverence for our bodies, expressed through healthy living.

We are breath. We are "dust" into which God has "breathed the Holy breath of life" (Genesis 2:7).

- Therefore, every breath we take is holy, reminding us of God's life force in us.
- Therefore, we look to God to align our lives with God's holy realities of peace, love, joy, justice and truth.

Our time is brief. Our "dust" will return to the earth someday. We are mortal. Therefore, every hour, every second is sacred. We spend our time wisely, carefully, prayerfully.

- Therefore, we do not cling to possessions, knowing that we hold onto them only for a little while.
- Therefore, we fill our lives with treasures of lasting value friendships, trust, love, joy, service, generosity and harmony.

This Lent, spend time in prayer, with openness and honesty. See how God will turn your heart and mind, transforming you into the person you were created to be. Reflect each day on Ash Wednesday. "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

-Roh Blezar

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: December 13, 2022

Present: Al Abruzzese, Kim Alloway, Andrew Doerr, Ryan Engleman, Trevor Hoffman, Pastor Janyce Jorgensen, Wade Markel, Krista Meluzio-Zellers, Denise Moyer, Regina Peckmann, Jim Rowlands, Amy Schanbacher, Tim Smith.

Excused: Jill Lordan

Guests: Incoming council members Christine Bucks and Tricia McMackin attended the meeting as invited guests.

Devotions: Jim Rowlands presented a devotional on Luke 19 & 20. The devotion compared Advent and Lent; Christmas and Easter.

Thank You Cards: No thank you cards to be sent this month.

Minutes: The minutes from the November 15, 2022 meeting were submitted by Jim Rowlands. The minutes were approved as submitted on motion by Al Abruzzese, seconded by Trevor Hoffman.

Treasurer's Report: Wade Markel presented a corrected September, 2022 treasurer report as well as the November, 2022 treasurer report. The current deficit for 2022 is at \$47,220 versus a budgeted deficit of \$65,845. Both reports were approved as submitted on motion by Kim Alloway, seconded by Al Abruzzese.

Investment Treasurer Report: Trevor Hoffman submitted the November, 2022 report. The previously approved exchanges have been made. There is \$2045 in the council benevolence designated fund.

Membership Report: Pastor Jorgensen presented the membership report. She recommends for removal: Chelsea, Olivia and Taro Roberts; Robb Young and Karen Hudson. The motion was seconded by Jim Rowlands and was approved.

Pastor Janyce Jorgensen's Report: Pastor Jorgensen submitted a written report. She has requested feedback on what type of mid-week Lenten activity we feel there will be interest in.

CYFM Report: Chuck Bissell submitted a written report. Ryan Engleman reported the Cookie Walk was very successful with approximately \$1,200 raised toward the national gathering.

Parish Administrator's Report: Denise Moyer submitted a written report. She presented quotes for lawn and snow service. Council advised to contract with Green Image for snow removal and to decide lawn service at a later date.

Old Business

- Council Retreat The council retreat with Dr Albert is set for the January Council Meeting on the 17th.
- Annual Meeting Council received no feedback. There was one person who expressed disappointment there were no staff pay increases in 2023. It was good that congregation showed interest and asked questions on the proposed budget.

New Business

 2023 Congregation Council Officers - The following slate of officers was proposed:

President - Kim Alloway
Vice President - Al Abruzzese
Treasurer - Wade Markel
Secretary - Amy Schanbacher
Assistant Secretary - Regina Peckmann
Investment Treasurer - Trevor Hoffman
Parliamentarian - Andrew Doerr

The slate of officers was approved on motion by Jim Rowlands, seconded by Regina Peckmann.

 Signers for PNC Accounts - Trevor Hoffman made a motion that Wade Markel, Treasurer; Trevor Hoffman, Investment Treasurer; and Amy Schanbacher, secretary and past president be designated as signers for all PNC accounts. The motion was seconded by Jim Rowlands and passed unanimously. • **Council Benevolence** - The following motions were made regarding council benevolence distributions:

Pastor Jorgensen made a motion to contribute \$750 to the York Conference of Lutheran Tutoring Program. The motion was seconded by Kim Alloway and was approved.

Kim Alloway made a motion to contribute \$250 to Team Deputy Lutz. The motion was seconded by Al Abruzzese and was approved.

Al Abruzzese made a motion to provide \$500 to seminarian Jennifer Morris to partially defer costs. The motion was seconded by Kim Alloway and was approved.

- Council Vacancy There is one open position that was not filled during the annual congregational meeting. In accordance with constitution paragraph 12.04, Amy appoints Tim Smith to fill the term until the next congregational meeting. The appointment was approved by council.
- Constitution and By-Laws Jim Rowlands reported the
 congregational approved changes to the constitution and bylaws have been incorporated and signed. However, in the
 process of incorporating the changes a new Model Constitution was issued by the synod. There are changes in the model constitution that will need to be incorporated into our constitution and by-laws. The current revision was signed as an
 interim revision. As next year's secretary Amy Schanbacher
 to chair the task force to bring into compliance. Denise Moyer, Jim Rowlands and Andrew Doerr volunteered to assist
 on the task force.
- **Call Committee** A chair is needed for the committee.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:25 on motion by Trevor Hoffman, seconded by Al Abruzzese.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Rowlands.

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:

Leanne Hill as we pray for her family

John Lewis Staub as we pray for his daughter, Sue Belnick and family

Phyllis J. Myers as we pray for her daughter Crystal Collingsworth

Robert E. Delp as we pray for his wife, Millie Delp



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Trevor Hoffman - Investment Treasurer

Christy Bucks
Jill Lordan
Tricia McMackin
Tim Smith
Krista Zellers
Ryan Engleman - Youth Representative

*Executive Team

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Children, Youth and Family seeking chair Christian Fellowship Erin Ream Discipleship seeking chair seeking chair Finance Mutual Ministry Executive Team Parish Health Gina Campbell Preschool Lindsay Zimliki Mario Saullo Personnel seeking chair Property Service Ministry Team Lead Worship and Music Juliann Roderick

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