

THE HERALD

APRIL 2023



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

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Closed Friday

A Message from our Pastor

Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."'

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Mary Magdalene- she was the faithful one who had quietly followed Jesus from Galilee. The faithful one, who was always the silent witness and disciple. She was the faithful one who stayed at the foot of the cross, and watched as Jesus breathed his last. She saw him buried. And she remains by the empty grave lost in sorrow, unmoved and un-comforted by apostles and angels alike. She does not even recognize Jesus when he stands beside her. She is unable to imagine or see life in the midst of death. She is unable to see the new creation which has begun.

It is only when Jesus speaks her name, that Mary can at last know the love and power of God. Mary discovers a mystery beyond nature. God's love is greater than death. And those who belong to God, will live in God forever.

The resurrection of Jesus proves that God is faithful always and forever. God is faithful to his Son, as he raises him from the dead. God is faithful to us, as we share new life through Jesus forever. As surely as one season follows another, as sure as spring brings signs of new life and rebirth to creation, so we have our own rebirth, our new life in Jesus our Lord.

And just as Jesus called Mary by name, so he calls us out of death into life. Jesus calls us out sorrow and despair, into love and his joy. Jesus calls us to find our place, our hope, our future in him. Jesus calls us by name, and we are his forever.

I pray that this is a very rich and meaningful Holy Week and Easter season for all of you. May you hear God's voice calling your name, and leading you into the joy of life with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Janyce

\$3 A DAY CHALLENGE

In January Pastor Janyce challenged the congregation to increase their giving by three dollars per day. 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. If you would like to give this challenge a try, you could commit to the Easter Season, April 9 (Easter Sunday) through May 28 (Day of Pentecost).

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Lutheran SpiriTrust Auxiliary Geranium Sale Orders Due Easter, April 9

Place your geranium order today! Plants are \$5 each and come in red, salmon and white. Delivery is May 13th. New this year, order a plant to donate to the church to help brighten up our grounds. Order forms are available on the information booth.



Lectionary Scriptures for April



April 2, 2023

To grasp something fully, we need to look at both sides. This coming Sunday is both Palm Sunday and the Sunday of the Passion. We join in the joy of the palm procession, and we gather in sorrow at the foot of the cross. Come to sing both “Hosanna!” and “Lord, have mercy upon us.”

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14--27:66

April 9, 2023

What does it mean to be Christian? Christians are those who believe that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and that he continues to enliven his people with his Spirit. On every Sunday we remember Christ’s resurrection, but once a year we have a blowout celebration of this central mystery of the faith. Come to celebrate with us.

Readings and Psalm

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

April 16, 2023

This coming Sunday is often called “low Sunday” because in many churches attendance is so low. Yet also this Sunday we gather to celebrate the resurrection. Come and rejoice with the disciple Thomas, for now in one another we encounter the Risen Christ.

Readings and Psalm

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11)

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

April 23, 2023

On this coming Sunday, we hear about three thousand people who were baptized and about two disciples who were surprised to discover that they were eating a meal with the Risen Christ. Come to worship: celebrate your baptism, and join us at a meal with Christ.

Readings and Psalm

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I will call on the name of the Lord. (Ps. 116:13)

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

April 30, 2023

When in the early centuries of the church Christians first began to draw pictures of Jesus, they depicted him as the good shepherd. This coming Sunday we hear part of John 10, a chapter that elaborates on the image of Jesus as the shepherd. Come to worship, and join the rest of the sheep to honor our shepherd.

Readings and Psalm

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10



Children, Youth & Family Ministry



April is upon us, and we are right in the middle of Lent. Whether you have given something up or taken something additional on for the Lenten season I hope that your spiritual journey is going well.

Last month I let you in on some of the things that were coming up for the youth. The retreat for our youth in confirmation went very well. They all had a good time learning from the small catechism under the instruction of myself and Pastor Janyce. We shared two meals together and they have a better understanding of the Apostles' Creed and why they are being confirmed. The next thing up for our confirmation group is the 1st years presenting their faith interviews in April. Please continue to pray for them as they continue on their faith journey.

By the time you read this I would have already sent out an email to the volunteers that we had for last year's VBS giving them first right of refusal for the positions that they held last year. We will still need many more people to guarantee a great VBS for all the kids that we expect. The dates are July 10-13 and it is in the evening. Please contact me if you would like to help.

Another big summer event is that camping season is coming!! We have two fantastic Lutheran camps in our area. Camp Nawakwa and Camp Kirkenwald will soon be accepting registration forms from kids and families that want to participate in their awesome camp weeks that begin June 25th. The best thing is that Zion wants to encourage youth to attend camp so we can offer \$100 to help go towards any camp your kid(s) would like to attend. Another bonus for Zion members is that the camps extend a \$20 discount to each registration because we have a Camp Ambassador in our congregation. If you are not aware, Karen Engleman serves as that person. Please see me or Karen with any questions you may have about the camp activities this year.

I can also tell you that the youth are excited about the lock-in, the egg hunt that is coming in a few days, confirmation camp, VBS and a few additional activities that will be happening over the summer months. This job continues to be a fantastic blessing on my life and I immensely enjoy everything that I do here. I am so grateful for what God has brought into my life and I hope his blessings are equally as great for you.

Peace and Blessings,
Chuck



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

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

JUNE

- 18-24 Confirmation Camp

JULY

- 10-13 Vacation Bible School - Stellar—Shine Jesus' Light
- 15-23 Lutheran Hands Mission Trip—NOLA



First Holy Communion Classes

Sundays April 16-30

11:00 AM following service

Zion will be offering instruction for communion in April. The class is geared towards children in 1st or 2nd grade. If you have any questions if your child is ready, speak with Pastor Janyce. Their First Holy Communion will be on May 14th. Interested participants or those with questions should email Chuck at cbissell@zionyork.org.



Join us for Worship

Palm Sunday

Saturday April 1 at 5:30PM

Sunday April 2 at 8 & 10 AM

Maundy Thursday

April 6 at 11AM & 6:30PM

Good Friday

April 7 at 6:30PM

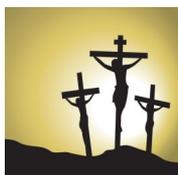


Saturday

April 6

10:00 AM

We would love for you to join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This is for children 0-10 years of age. Be sure to bring your own basket/bag to collect eggs. Register for the egg hunt at <https://forms.gle/jAnpEZxrf6cxFCTVA> or call the office at (717) 767-4673



Easter Worship Schedule

Saturday April 8

5:30 PM Worship

Sunday April 9

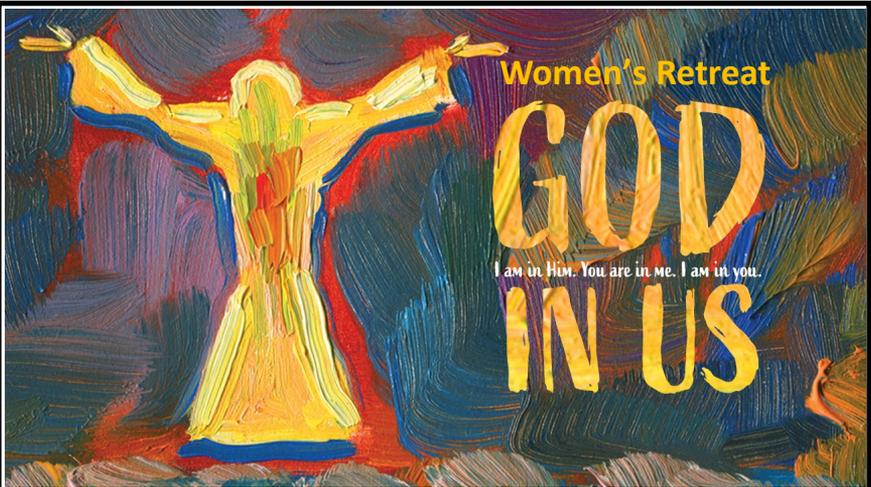
6:30 AM Sunrise Service

8:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Continental Breakfast

No Faith Formation

10:00 AM Worship



Women's Retreat: "God In Us" Have you wondered how it is possible that God is really with us? It is true! The Bible is packed with scripture telling us so. He is with us through the Holy Spirit. Sometimes, the idea of the Holy Spirit can seem mysterious and confusing. So, let's clear the air! Attend the women's retreat to learn, and breathe free!

Main event: Sat., April 22nd, 2023 (starting at 9:00am)

Day/Overnight: choice of day (Sat, Apr. 22); or 1, 2, or 3 nights, Thurs., Apr. 20 - Sun., Apr. 23.

Location: Camp Nawakwa, Zinn-Tozer Lodge, Arendtsville, PA

Cost: main day-\$25; one night-\$55; two nights-\$90; three nights-\$125

Food: provided for Sat. and Sun. morning. (Thurs/Fri. on own: eat out or prepare at camp.)

Sign-up: Contact Deb Anderson, dba456@live.com; 717-891-8433; or on sign-up in narthex.

Theme verse:

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter and Helper to be with you forever, the Spirit of Truth. . . . You know this Spirit, for it abides with you and will be in you. — John 14:16–17

Go to [Women's Ministry page](http://www.zionyork.org) at www.zionyork.org for more details.



Our Hummingbird Friends in the Sensory Table spraying fires!

Our friends loved getting visitors from the Fire Department during our Safety Month!



Our Kiddos & their daddies had a blast showing off their special talents at our Annual Daddy's Night!



We are so excited to put winter behind us! With the weather warming up, the children can finally get outside for playtime!

Our March was jam packed with safety lessons. We enjoyed a visit from the Seeing Eye Puppies, our local Firefighters, and a Search & Rescue Team!

Another highlight of the month was our Annual Daddy's Night! This year's theme was JNP's Got Talent! We had such a great time seeing our little kiddos with their Dad's on stage!

We are looking forward to our Easter Celebrations this month! JNP will be closed from Thursday, April 6th through Monday, April 10th for our Easter Break.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for our wonderful preschool!



April 2023

Mon

Tue

<p>Deadline to submit items for the May Herald is April 14.</p>		
<p>2 <i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Faith Formation-9am • Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm 	<p>4</p>
<p>9 <i>Easter Day</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Times In-person: 6:30 am, 8 am and 10 am • Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am 	<p>10 <i>Easter Monday Office Closed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girl Scout Troop 20018 6-8pm
<p>16 <i>2 Easter</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Faith Formation-9am • Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am • 1st Communion Class-11am • Club 456 Youth Group - 3 to 4:30pm • Jr/Sr Youth Group – 6 to 8:30pm 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Meeting-7pm
<p>23 <i>3 Easter</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Faith Formation-9am • Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am • 1st Communion Class-11am 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather & Grow-6pm • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girl Scout Troop 20018 6-8pm
<p>30 <i>4 Easter</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Faith Formation-9am • Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am • 1st Communion Class-11am 		

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 • Worship- 5:30pm
	5	6	7 Good Friday Jr/Sr Lock In • Good Friday Service 6:30pm	8 • Egg Hunt –10am • Worship- 5:30pm
3-	12	13	14	15 • Worship- 5:30pm
	19	20	21	22 • Worship- 5:30pm
3-	26	27	28	29 • Worship- 5:30pm



Birthdays of the Month

- 1 Owen Lutz
- 3 Matthew Kessler
John Lambert
Darla Smith
Jonathan Taylor
- 4 Daniel Hazelton
- 5 Nikolas DeLise
Janis Glusco
Trevor Hoffman
Troy Smyser
Noah Wise
- 7 Karyl Keller
- 8 April Leib
Katy Newton
Danaë Schanbacher
- 9 Scott Leister
John Reutter
- 10 Kathryn Wingerd
- 11 Kennedy Hanna
- 12 Daphne Grim
Erin Lambert
Madisyn Ripley
- 13 Evelin Otterson
- 15 Maxwell Barshinger
Kenneth Roser

- 16 Cynthia Geiser
- 17 Mike Tymowczak
- 18 Kim Alloway
Bennett Rowlands
- 19 Dusty Gardner
Cecilia Glezer
Sara Turnbaugh
- 20 Dena Owings
- 21 Brian Bender
Magdalena Reichard
Molly Townsley
- 23 Justin Graham
- 24 Madyson Doerr
Alexander Harris
- 25 Adam Strayer
Aila Turnbaugh
- 26 Avery Hoffman
Mike Lundy
- 27 Bennett Katz
Alexander Lambert
Clinton H. Roderick
- 28 Lisa Gibson
Mikala Kin
Emma Smyser
Skylar Volz
Richard Young
- 29 Ryan Engleman
Blake Lemelman
Mike Mummert
- 30 Morris Hooper, Jr.
Alan Little
Eli Nadzom

- 3 Scott & Susan Penley
- 9 Brandon & Chelsea Mohn
- 10 Jeremy & Kelly Harris
Dave & Anmarie Hazelton
- 12 Donald & Carolyn Kern
- 15 John & Christine Reutter
- 16 Todd & Sandra Bush
- 19 Marlin & Janice Kindig
- 20 David & Gini Riese
- 24 Paul & Marci Hemmann
- 25 Kevin and Daphne Grim
- 27 Adam & Connie Ogle
- 28 Mike and Karen Mummert

Anniversaries





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, April 24

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 "Put Each Other First". Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex, verses used for discussion will be emailed ahead of time.

Lunch Bunch

No Lunch Bunch in April

Pastor Janyce is away. Watch for announcements for Lunch Bunch in May.

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,

John 5:39

Ukraine Resettlement

Exciting news! We are partnering with Christ Lutheran Church, downtown York to resettle a Ukrainian family from Zaporizhzhia, a city of about 730,000 people on the Dnipro river. It is just northwest of Mariupol. They were displaced by the war. The family is coming through the Bethany Christian Services Ukrainian Refugee Resettlement program and we anticipate their arrival between 3/25 and 4/15.

The father, Volodymyr, is 35 and a cabinet maker/woodworker. His furniture shop was destroyed by a Russian missile. The mother, Polina, is 31 and a manicurist and speaks some English. The daughter, Milana, is 9 or 10 and she likes aerobic sports and singing. The grandmother, Olena, is 56 and has a construction degree and spends all her free time nurturing her granddaughter. The grandfather, Oleksandr, is 53 and has a degree in electromechanics. He knows how to repair cars and is well versed in electronics.

The expectation is that they will attend ESL classes & begin to learn English. The daughter will be enrolled in school within 1 month of arrival and the adults will become employed within 3 months. While they are adjusting and looking for employment, we will provide support for living expenses.

We are asking for your prayers, for their safe travel from Romania to York, for the York community to provide a safe and secure place to live and for healing from the war trauma.

A generous donor has provided a house in Haines Acres which is within walking distance of grocery stores, a shopping center and Milana's school.

Monetary needs:

- Weis, Giant, Aldi, visa gift cards, any amount (place in box on desk in Narthex)
- Monetary donations to cover utilities, cell phone, clothing and other needs. Place in Love envelope, earmark resettlement, or mail/drop off at Church Office

Volunteers: (If interested please complete a form at the desk in the Narthex and place in box)

- Transportation - to appointments, ESL classes, job interviews
- Russian Interpreters
- English as a second language - help outside of ESL classes
- Finance - teaching about our business culture and day to day transactions
- Families willing to include them in activities to be part of US culture

May you find a place in your heart for this family.

Dinner Church

What Did We Learn About Serving Our Community?



York Habitat for Humanity

Habitat's mission is to help people have affordable, safe and sustainable housing. Not only do they build homes for people, they help their clients learn finances and how to be a new home owner. Getting a Habitat home takes a lot of work!

Habitat's latest endeavor has been to open York Habitat ReStore. How does it work? Customers like you donate new and lightly used furniture and home goods to the York ReStore. Landfills become less overwhelmed, and home-improvement goods are put to new use. We then sell your items to customers in need of home-improvement at a fraction of retail prices. ReStore profits help to fund the building of affordable homes for York County families in need. ReStore is located at 463 S Albemarle St, York, PA 17403. Stop by and check it out!

Interested in volunteering for Habitat go to their website at www.yorkhabitat.org/volunteer.html

The WELL—Food Pantry

The WELL, located at 408 W Market St, York, PA 17401, feeds over 150 families a month and the need continues to increase. They work off grants, donations and sweat and tears. One thing they do that a lot of people don't know about is their senior boxes. The Senior Food Box Program provide seniors with a free box of food to help stretch their incomes and improve their nutritional health. Boxes typically include milk, juice, canned meat, poultry, or fish, oats, ready-to-eat cereal, rice, pasta, dry beans, peanut butter, and canned fruits and vegetables. Do You Qualify? Must be 60 or older and living in York County, Monthly Income Requirements: Household of 1: \$1,473 and Household of 2: \$1,984. Must have valid ID.

Want to help out? Call (717) 852-7345 to volunteer. The Pantry is open Tuesday—Thursday, 9:30-11:30 AM.

Zion Lutheran Council Meeting February 21, 2023

Attendance: Al Abruzzese, Kim Alloway, Christy Buck, Andrew Doerr, Pastor Janyce Jorgensen, Jill Lordan, Wade Markel, Tricia McMackin, Denise Moyer, Regina Peckmann, Amy Schanbacher, & Krista Zellers:

Excused/Missing: Ryan Engleman, Tim Smith & Trevor Hoffman

February 21, 2023 Meeting Discussion:

Opening Devotions: Amy Schanbacher discussed Fortitude as the word to define 2023 for her. While fortitude is not a word frequently found in the Bible, it's synonyms (perseverance, strength and endurance) are frequent topics. We all show fortitude in our own unique ways in helping those around us. Tim Smith to present Devotions in March 2023 on a subject of his choice.

Reports.

Thank You Cards: Kim Alloway: Let's thank the organizers of the Chili Cook Off (Erin Ream, Anita Langeheine & Yvonne Smith, Diane Meluzio, Barb Reed)

Minutes from January 2023: Pastor Janyce: corrected spelling of Strittmayer to Strittmatter under New Business. Jill Lordan motioned to approve the motion with the correction, seconded by Andrew Doerr. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (Wade Markel): We are 8% through 2023 with income of \$31,128.74 (93% of the January 2023 budget) and expenses of \$39,670.14 (96% of the January 2023 budget). The current surplus/deficit for 2023 is at (\$8,541.40) deficit and we were budgeted to have a (\$7,550.95) deficit at the end of January. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Andrew Doerr and seconded by Trisha McMackin.

Investment Treasurer's Report:

- \$169.19 (2022 Net Income) – John C. Rupert – Sunday School Bequest – to be transferred to current for Sunday School purchases.
- \$184.67 (2022 Net Income) – John C. Rupert – Mission Bequest – to the National Youth Gathering.
- \$893.49 (2022 Net Income) – Daniel Gotwalt – Benjamin H. Weiser Trust – to be transferred to Council Benevolence
- \$639.10 (2022 Net Income) – J. Fred Sultzbach Bequest -- \$319.55 to be transferred to Council Benevolence and \$319.55 to Zion has Heart.
- \$25.60 (2022 Net Income) – Lucy Shnyder Trust – to be gifted to SpiriTrust Lutheran.

Membership Report (Pastor Janyce): Pastor Janyce recommended Tom & Karen Kauffman; Joseph, Amy, Ainsley & Lain Kotula; Rocky & Sara Turnbaugh (Kaia, Asher & Aila Turnbaugh); Lindsey, Ben, Mason, Henry & Evelin Otterson for membership. Motion seconded by Wade Markel. Motion carried. These new members will be recognized this coming weekend at the 5:30 and 10:00 AM services.

Pastor Janyce's Report. Report accepted as written with no discussion. No action items.

Parish Administrator's Report. Report accepted as written with no discussion. No action items.

CYFM Report. Report accepted as written with no discussion. No action items.

Old Business.

Performance Reviews: Al Abruzzese followed up with Synod on information needed to do the Performance Reviews. Followed up with gathering information. Approximately fourteen (14) people in the focus group and anticipates that the Performance Reviews will move forward in the near future. Focus Group – We put out word for those who wanted to participate in the Performance Review and include those who have the most interaction with Pastor Janyce, staff and committee chairs. Comprised of individuals from all services.

Call Committee: Katie Strittmatter agreed to head the Call Committee. All who were approached agreed to be on the Call Committee, which includes Nancy Rossi, Matt Engleman, Barb Reed, Lori Wise and Richard Sheibley.

Jill Lordan continuing to work on Ministry Site Profile and is following up with the Synod to finish the Ministry Site Profile. Waiting on response from email help-line to assist with technical difficulties. For now, Jill Lordan and Tricia McMakin are working off of a hard copy. Continues to anticipate that the Zion Ministry Site Profile to be completed within 60 days to keep this process moving – must ultimately be approved by Zion Council – looking to have that done by end of March 2023.

There is a congregational piece about “who we are” that Pastor Janyce would like us to work on in the interim. The information needed for this section includes demographic information and usually requires the congregation to complete a survey. It is important to get information out to the congregation about the steps we are taking with respect to the Call Committee and taking steps to look for another rostered leader. There appear to be questions regarding how much input from the congregation is necessary, which we need to verify.

Jill Lordan reviewed the various components of what is needed for the Ministry Site Profile. Pastor Janyce obtained the survey and emailed it to Jill Lordan during the meeting. Denise Moyer to help with some of the demographic information. Al Abruzzese to contact Synod for copy of prior Ministry Site Profile.

Stewardship: Participating in second cohort when it begins. Pastor Richard knows we are waiting in the wings and to let us know when the second cohort is to begin. The program addresses “living generously”. Remains in a holding pattern for now.

Update – Joyful Noise Donation Request: Some items requested to be addressed have been completed. Waiting on a quote with respect to the door. Denise Moyer looking for people to help fix some items on list.

Donation request to continue to sit in Current funds for now.

Constitutional Revisions: Denise Moyer and Jim Rowlands provided information to Amy Schanbacher to be reviewed prior to the March 2023 meeting. Need to ensure we get all required changes.

New Business.

Ukrainian Family Sponsorship: In 2015-2016, there was a York Conference initiative to adopt a refugee family. We had previously worked with Bethany Christian Services and there is an account containing some funds and furniture was also gathered. Process came to a halt. This came up again recently with regard to a Ukrainian family of three (3) (Mother, Father, and teenage daughter) but now expanded to include grandparents.

We were contacted to see if we are still interested in helping by Bethany Christian Services from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. We thought we might have more time to gather necessities and help but part of the family is coming sooner than expected. There is an apartment available for assistance on East Market Street.

Family needs everything: school, medical, clothing, transportation, food, etc. They are coming with nothing. Apartment is \$1,700.00 per month.

Pastor Janyce discussed with Lori Wise and is available to be our connection with Bethany Christian and the family. Idea is to get the family functioning so that they become self-sufficient as quickly as possible. Anticipates that other churches would help with this family.

Looking to make a financial commitment from the International Missions fund in the Investment Account. There is \$1,613.09 in the International Missions fund. Pastor Janyce suggests we either donate the entire amount to the family or \$1,500.00. Jill Lordan motioned to donate the entire balance (\$1,613.09) and close

the International Missions fund and make up the difference from Council Benevolence to achieve a donation of \$2,000.00 to support the Ukrainian family. Seconded by Regina Peckmann. Motion carried.

Investment Account for Palms: Mary Jane McClusky suggested we fund an investment account to honor Lucille Demyanovich so the palms for Palm Sunday are always donated in her memory. We have money for palms for this year. Tabled for discussion a later date.

Easter Breakfast: We need to discuss and plan this in March 2023. Denise Moyer to reach out to Council members to determine who will be here for Easter and is able to help out.

Church Directory: Pastor Janyce to obtain information so that we may follow up on whether we want to update the directory at this time.

Next Meeting with Kris Albert: Looking to have Kris Albert back for March meeting.

Visioning Homework:

Service: The action of helping someone. Kim Alloway explored the definition of service from the Bible. A significant example is helping to support the Ukrainian family as they move to York, Pennsylvania.

Engagement: The act of being engaged, involved or committed. Emotional involvement. No real Biblical references but clearly there are examples of “engaged” service throughout the Bible.

- Speak with passion & excitement.
- Challenge to get others involved in volunteer activities.
- Make it easy to get involved.
- Use active words rather than passive words.

Service:

- At the moment, we appear to be stagnant. We are reactive rather than being proactive.
- We are habitual. We do similar things every year.
- We have stayed in our comfort zone without venturing in new directions.
- If service is beneath you, leadership is beyond you. We are doing well serving our Zion family but need to branch out farther into the community. To be a spiritual leader, you have to be a servant first.
- We want to branch out further into the community and be more dynamic – intentional and leave our comfort zone. We need to be more proactive.

- We need to be more relational with the community and other organizations.
- A community is only as strong as their volunteer base so we need to energize the congregation. Service and engagement are clearly intertwined.
- Can we communicate our needs in a better way to recruit more volunteers?
- Getting others engaged will make service more successful.
- How do you know the congregation is proactive and service-minded? We need to convey to the congregation that service is our priority and offer service opportunities. We will see an increase in volunteers, service opportunities and congregation members expressing a greater devotion to helping where needed.
- Once the congregation becomes more involved, the measure will be determined by the impact on the community.
- Short term goal: time, talent and treasures – asking the congregation to understand what service means – that we become educated on available opportunities and how we can help.
- Short term/Medium term goal – more participation in service opportunities. Advertising who does what and how congregation members may help each other.
- Short term goal – recognizing the various talents of our congregation members.

Engagement:

- We anticipate that Engagement will have similar comments/statements.
- We know that various congregation members are involved with other organizations ... why can't we help that congregation member with that activity. Example being Regina's participation in the Panther Pantry.
- Short term goal – encourage congregation members to let us know what they are involved in and that they can consider the Church a resource.
- Engagement and service are going to overlap considerably.
- Engagement also means coming to church, engaging in fellowship, deepening your spirituality, worshipping, etc.
- Short term goal: defining the various types of engagement (service, fellowship, engaging in worship, etc.).
- What is overly engaged? What is under engaged? – likely the questions that reflect where we are at the present.
- How do we measure: how many come to church, how many are “engaging” in fellowship,

- If someone is truly engaged, then that person is involved in more than just one aspect of the church.
- Engaged means coming to church, engaging with each other (fellowship), engaging in service ... all aspects of being involved while recognizing that not everyone is going to participate at all levels but that does not mean they are disengaged. It also means understanding that congregation members will engage in different ways and in different fashions.
- Engagement changes the individual in some way, shape or form, which may be measurable.
- Where we want to be: fully staffed committees that are purposeful. Engagement would be measured by the Church being able to do more, more participation in committees, etc.
- We need to ensure congregation members know what they can volunteer for – being more intentional about such opportunities in the Zest for Zion (examples: ushers, assisting minister, communion assistants, etc).
- COVID caused us to disengage and now we need to re-engage.
- We can make congregation aware of more opportunities when we begin the stewardship campaign.
- We need to engage in different ways – perhaps using Zoom to our advantage ... making engagement opportunities more accessible and offering other ways to engage.
- Engagement means sacrifice and understanding that you are making a choice to actively doing something.
- Short/medium term goal – what are your choices to engage and how can the congregation engage?
- Short/medium term goal – AWARENESS of opportunities.

Next meeting: March 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn – Andrew Doerr and seconded by Jill Lordan.



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 rejoice this month that *Tom and Karen Kauffman; Joe and Amy Kotula and children Ainsley and Lain; Ben and Lindsey Otterson and children Mason, Henry and Evelin; Rocky and Sara Turnbaugh and children Kaia, Asher and Aila; Jacob Yeaple and son Landyn* were received into church membership.

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:

Kenneth E. Markel as we pray for his son's family Wade & Karen Markel

Mary M. Smeltzer as we pray for her granddaughters Katelynn Strittmatter and Taryn Stein and families

Rodger D. Dick as we pray for her daughter Kelly (Matthew) Kessler and family



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