

# THE HERALD

## NOVEMBER 2023



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

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**Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.**

**Closed Friday**

# A Message from our Pastor

*I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.*

*1 Timothy 2:1-2*

Dear Friends in Christ,

As Thanksgiving approaches this month, I was thinking about the tradition of going around the table, and saying what we're thankful for. This tradition has the tendency to focus our thanksgiving prayers on ourselves, giving thanks for what we have received. Martin Luther's Small Catechism lists all the things that God gives us, all the things that count as "daily bread" – food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, homestead, field, cattle, money, goods, a pious spouse, pious children, pious servants, pious and faithful magistrates, good government, good weather, peace, health, discipline, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like. These are all the things for which we ask God in the Lord's Prayer, and they are all the things for which we give thanks on Thanksgiving (and hopefully every day).

In the passage above, the writer of this letter to Timothy urges us to offer prayer, supplication, intercession, and thanksgiving, not only for ourselves, but for everyone (especially the government officials!), and also on behalf of all people. Such a prayer forces us to set ourselves aside, and try to imagine ourselves in the place of another. What is it like, for example, for a president or governor to hold the weight of responsibility every day, taking blame and receiving little gratitude? It puts us as the pray-er into a position of humility, and requires us to remember that these people, too, are children of God, made in the image of God.

November is also a month for our national elections. This year, let's not only exercise our right and privilege to vote, but also to hold in prayer those who are running and those who serve in government at all levels. With humility, let us remember that each and every one of us is a beloved child of God, for whom Christ lived, died, and was raised. And while we're at it, let's pray for that peace which surpasses all human understanding, that God's peace will reign in all corners of our world, especially in those places where there is conflict.

I am wishing you a wonderful November- may all you do this month be meaningful to you, and may you know that God loves you unconditionally.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Janyce



# **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, November 19  
10:00 am**

Join us for the annual meeting following the combined 9AM service. You are needed to complete the business of the church. There will be activities for non-voting youth during the meeting.

Packets with information on the meeting have gone out to voting members. You should be receiving yours shortly. If you do not receive a packet and would like one, please contact the church office at (717)767-4673 or [info@zionyork.org](mailto:info@zionyork.org).

The annual meeting packet will be available the week of November 11th, to save on paper, one per family please.

You may also sign up for a detailed budget, please do so on the bulletin board in the Narthex. One will be provided for you to pick up at the church.



# Faith Formation

## Adult Bible Studies

Sundays

9:00 AM—9:45AM

## Reading thru the Bible

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

## Life with Jesus

This class meets in the choir room & will spend 6 to 7 weeks completing the study of the Sermon on the Mount, which is Matthew, chapters 5-7.

## Gather and Grow

Monday,

November 27

6:00 PM

Join us around the Firepit (weather permitting) to learn and discuss what the Bible has to say on Christian Fellowship. This month we will focus on "Judgemental No More". Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex, verses used for discussion will be emailed ahead of time.

## Lunch Bunch

November 15

12:00 Noon

Join Pastor Janyce at Friendly's on Loucks Rd for food & faithful discussion.



## College Care Packages

Women's Ministry will be packing care packages for college students on **Nov. 19th**, following the congregational meeting, around 11:30am. (Any help to pack them on that day is appreciated!) Please consider donating individually wrapped snacks to include in the 20 plus boxes that we will fill. A box for your donations can be found in the narthex, by the parlor doors.

**If you have a college student in your family, please contact Lori Wise by Nov 17th at: [lsb@jhmi.edu](mailto:lsb@jhmi.edu) with your student's name and college address.** Packages are also available for pick up that day after packing or Monday—Wednesday 9am-3pm at the church.

## Children, Youth & Family Ministry



Here come all of the happenings of late Fall and Winter. While November is somewhat of a quiet month, the buildup to everything coming in December is real. October was a great time for youth group Sunday. All three groups explored the parable of the splinter and the log. We learned valuable lessons about judging others. We also learned that putting the right energy out there brings the right energy back to you. October also saw another successful Trunk or Treat. I want to thank all of those that signed up to decorate your car. I also appreciate all of the volunteers that helped park cars and serve hot dogs to everyone that came out. We then finished off the month of October with a very busy October 29th. The Affirmation of Baptismal Promises saw five new young adults join the congregation of Zion. Congratulations to Molly, Connor, Alex, Daniel, and Kameron! You have done the work but the journey is not over. This is only the beginning of your deeper exploration into your faith as a Lutheran Christian.

Having the additional youth group this year has been a great experience. The challenge has been to figure out how to best communicate these parables across all ages. This has allowed me to better understand them as well. The answers that we get to the questions we ask are also so great for their ages. They all ask the most amazing questions as well across all three groups. We are in the presence of little theologians. I look forward to the months that we have left until May.

As I mentioned earlier, November is a quiet month but it leads the way to a VERY busy month of December. You can see the schedule on a separate page in the Herald. I wanted to expand on the activities a little more. December 1st through the 3rd is our Jr/Sr High Fall “MEGAretreat” at Camp Nawakwa. This retreat brings together seven Lutheran churches from around the area to explore a theme separately among the groups but also together in activities that cover the entire camp. Previously, this was held in the beginning of November but we moved it to give those youth with a busy fall schedule more opportunity to attend. December 9th is the



**12**  
**Nov** 11:30 Kidz Konnection  
3:00 456  
6:00 ZLCY

**1-3**  
**Dec** MEGAreteat at  
Nawakwa

**9**  
**Dec** 2-4pm Cookie Walk

**10**  
**Dec** 11:30 Kidz Konnection  
3:00 456  
6:00 ZLCY

**15-16**  
**Dec** 6pm-9am Jr/Sr High  
Lock-in begins

*CYFM article continued....*

Cookie Walk. This is a fundraiser to help fund current and future youth that are attending the ELCA Youth Gathering. Members have the opportunity to bake for us so we can sell your wonderful creations to other congregation members as well as a big following from the community. Other events are Youth Group Sunday on the 10th as well as the lock in for the Jr/Sr high beginning the 15th through the morning of the 16th.

There is so much happening and it is through your continuing support that we have the chance to gather and grow in this community of faith.

Have a fantastic November!

Chuck







## Joyful Noise News

### **November is here!** **Our THANKFUL month of the year!**

All of our classrooms will be learning about what it means to be Thankful. We will show our thankfulness for our families, friends, and to God.

Each classroom will have a special celebration before the start of our Thanksgiving vacation. Our Caterpillar Classes will begin with a "Friendship Soup." This is a special soup that is made by each child in the class contributing one ingredient of the soup. Families will join them to enjoy the delicious soup made by this class of newfound friends!

Our three-year-old classes will host a "Turkey Tale" which is celebrated in the Fellowship Hall with their family members. Each child will get a chance to rotate through several turkey themed centers while spending quality time with their loved ones and fellow classmates!

Our four-year-old classes will gather in the Fellowship Hall with their families to join together and share a favorite food item from their family's Thanksgiving dinners. We are so very THANKFUL that we get to celebrate this time of year with our JNP families!

We welcome this time to celebrate Thankfulness with our students. We are thankful to spend our days with each of these children. They bring us joy, laughter and love. We wish all of you a very happy, healthy, and blessed Thanksgiving holiday with your loved ones!





# FALL FIELD TRIPS!



Apples, haybales, corn, and pumpkins galore! Our four year old classes took a field trip to Flinchbaugh's Orchards in October! Fun was had by all!



They enjoyed the sights, sounds, tastes and even smells of FALL!





## Birthdays of the Month

- |    |                         |    |                      |
|----|-------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1  | Lily Bohannon           | 12 | Blake Hotham         |
|    | Rachel Glusco           |    | Ainsley Kotula       |
|    | Matthew Lam             | 13 | Christopher Detwiler |
|    | Karen Reichard-Groeller |    | Barb Ott             |
| 4  | Hillary Grove           | 15 | Drew Collingsworth   |
|    | Kathleen Lloyd          |    | Lester McMackin      |
|    | Chance Miner            |    | Cali Nadzom          |
|    | Gregory Wolf            |    | Peggy Sowers         |
| 6  | Benjamin Leister        | 17 | Nick Dreisbach       |
|    | Brenna Leister          | 18 | Stephanie Miller     |
|    | Mason Ogle              | 19 | David Riese          |
| 7  | Allison Graham          | 21 | Linnea Vasali        |
| 8  | Bonnie Brown            |    | Darci Wolf           |
|    | Anna Connolly           | 23 | Marty Kline          |
|    | Charles Fishel          |    | Lauren Steward       |
| 9  | Penny Heisey            |    | Evan Strayer         |
|    | Alexis Lemelman         | 24 | Alec Bender          |
|    | Mary Jane McCluskey     | 25 | George Ripley        |
|    | Nancy Nitchman          | 26 | Cindy Imhoff         |
|    | Janet Setzer            |    | Reta Lefever         |
| 10 | Taryn Peters            | 27 | Michael Katz         |
|    | Laura Turko             | 28 | Joseph Groeller      |
| 11 | Chris Davis             |    | Alexis Johnston      |
|    | Karen Markel            |    | Colton Schanbacher   |
|    |                         |    | Caryssa Walker       |
|    |                         | 29 | Anita Langeheine     |
|    |                         |    | Stephen Lundy        |
|    |                         |    | Judith Vasali        |

## Happy Anniversary

- 1 Pete and Judy Vasali
- 6 Barry & Nancy Newton
- 10 Bill & Linda Cannon
- 14 Robert & Bonnie Brown
- 15 Tim & Karen Mechler
- 18 Kim & Dora Chu
- 22 Rodney & Sharon Kershaw
- 26 Brian & Patty Bender

# Christmas Flowers 2023

This year we are offering 2 different size poinsettia plants: a 6 inch pot/ single color priced at \$10.50 and a 7 inch pot/dual color (red/white) for \$15.50.



Place your order with payment in the container in the Narthex or drop it off in the office during office hours **no later than Sunday, December, 3<sup>rd</sup>**. (Please do ***not*** place in collection plate) Payment to accompany order; make checks payable to *Zion Lutheran Church*.

Poinsettias – single color (\$10.50 each)

# \_\_\_\_ Red    # \_\_\_\_ Pink    # \_\_\_\_ White

Poinsettias – dual color (\$15.50 each)

# \_\_\_\_ Red/White

Total \$ \_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_ do \_\_\_\_ do not want the poinsettia

*Poinsettias will be available for pickup after the Christmas Eve services.*

# November 2023

	Mon	Tue
<b>5</b> <i><b>All Saints Sunday</b></i> <i><b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b></i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am</li> <li>• Faith Formation-9am</li> <li>• Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am</li> <li>• Gathering Group Meeting-11:15am</li> </ul>	<b>6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm</li> </ul>	<b>7</b> Election Day
<b>12</b> <i><b>Pentecost 24</b></i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am</li> <li>• Faith Formation-9am</li> <li>• Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am</li> <li>• Kidz Konnection-11:30am to 1:30pm</li> <li>• Club 456– 3 to 4:30pm</li> <li>• Jr/Sr High Youth Group-6 to 8:30pm</li> </ul>	<b>13</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm</li> </ul>	<b>14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Meeting-7pm</li> </ul>
<b>19</b> <i><b>Pentecost 25</b></i> <i><b>Annual Meeting</b></i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Times In-person: 9am</li> <li>• Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-9:00 am</li> <li>• Annual Meeting: 10am</li> </ul>	<b>20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm</li> </ul>	<b>21</b>
<b>26</b> <i><b>Christ the King</b></i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am</li> <li>• Faith Formation-9am</li> <li>• Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am</li> <li>• Advent Wreath Making Event-11:15am</li> </ul>	<b>27</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gather &amp; Grow-6pm</li> <li>• LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm</li> </ul>	<b>28</b>

Wed		Thu		Fri	Sat
1		2		3	4 • Worship- 5:30pm
8		9		10	11 <b>Veteran's Day</b> • Worship- 5:30pm
15 • Lunch Bunch Friendly's-12noon		16		17	18 • Worship- 5:30pm
22		23 Thanksgiving 		24	25 • Worship- 5:30pm
29 • Decorate the Church-6pm		30			Deadline to submit items for the December Herald is November 14.

## *Lectionary Scriptures for November*



### **November 5, 2023**

On All Saints Day, we thank God for all the baptized, both the famous and the forgotten, both those who lived in the past and those around us today. Come to worship, to gather at Jesus' feet and to receive his words of blessing.

#### **Readings and Psalm**

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

*Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord; for those who fear the Lord lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)*

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

### **November 12, 2023**

This coming Sunday we are to "wake, awake," and join the wise bridesmaids at the table of the wedding feast that Christ provides.

#### **Readings and Psalm**

Amos 5:18-24

Psalm 70

*You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

### **November 19, 2023**

Some people do a good job of using their talents to benefit others, but some persons never employ their talents to the full. Come to worship this coming Sunday. Hear the parable about talents; receive God's blessing; and at the table be strengthened to become an ever more creative and faithful servant in God's kingdom.

### Readings and Psalm

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

*So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)*

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

### November 26, 2023

Are you a sheep or a goat? Lutherans believe that each of us is both saint and sinner, both sheep and goat. Come to worship this coming Sunday, the last Sunday of the church year, when we will praise Christ as the great judge who gathers us around his throne both now and at the end of time.

### Readings and Psalm

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24


Psalm 95:1-7a

*We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. (Ps. 95:7)*

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46



 <p><i>Pastoral Call Process Update</i></p>	<p>Thank you to Zion's Call Committee for all their hard work. The weekend of October 21 and 22, candidate, Pastor Kevin Stout was presented to the congregation to be called. The vote was unanimous by those who attended. Pastor Kevin accepted the call directly following the vote. We look forward to Pastor Kevin joining Zion in December of this year.</p>
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**ANGEL TREE** - Once again this year, the Service Ministry team will be participating in the Salvation Army Angel Tree program. Hanging on the tree in the Fellowship Hall are tags listing the gender and age of a local child whose family is without the means to provide gifts at Christmas time. Please take a tag off the Christmas tree and return it **attached** to an **unwrapped** toy by **Sunday, December 3rd**. Help us to make all children feel the sheer joy of Christmas this year!

**FAMILY SPONSORSHIP** – Zion Lutheran Church will be sponsoring a family from our local community who would otherwise not have a very merry Christmas this year. Please see the sign-up sheet on the board next to the Parlor and sign up for any items you would like to donate. ***Items may be dropped off at the Information Booth or in the office by December 17th.*** Items donated should be wrapped and labeled for who the gift is for (i.e. Mom, Girl age #, etc.). Gifts will be delivered the week before Christmas.

### **“Prepare the way of the Lord”**

**FAMILY EVENT – Advent Wreath Making** – Start Advent out right by making a wreath to use during the Advent season. Sunday, **November 26th, 11:15 AM (following service)**- Snacks will be provided. Sign up in the Narthex by November 12th so supplies can be purchased.

**DECORATING THE CHURCH** – On **Wednesday, November 29th 6:00 p.m.** - As the saying goes many hands make light work. Join us to prepare our church for the Advent & Christmas Season. This is a fun activity for all ages. Sign up on the Narthex bulletin board.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS** - **Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd** services will be the Hanging of the Greens to celebrate the First Sunday of Advent.

**COOKIE WALK – Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** – Come out to Zion from 2 to 4 pm to purchase homemade cookies for your next holiday event!

**CAROLS FOR A CAUSE- December 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.** Please come join us for our annual Carols for a Cause. The purpose of this event is to raise money for Olivia's House, which is an organization to help support grieving children. The concert includes a variety of performances.

**OUTSIDE SERVICE – Tuesday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.** Join us around the firepit for a service with holy communion and singing of Christmas carols. Bring chairs and blankets and enjoy the provided hot chocolate while celebrating the birth of Jesus.



**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP—December 23, 5:30 pm** worship service.

**ADVENT 4/CHRISTMAS PLAY SERVICE – 10:00 a.m.** – Join us for worship as we conclude our Advent season and begin our Christmas celebration with the children presenting their Christmas play. Come watch the magic happen all over again.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – 7:00 p.m.** – Join us for worship filled with Christmas Music , a Christmas message and Holy Communion. The service will conclude with the lighting of the candles and singing Silent Night. This service will also be livestreamed.

**109<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE – 10:00 p.m.** - Zion was the first church in York to hold a Christmas Eve candlelight service. The tradition continues as the Christmas story comes to life through music, song, the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and the scriptures. In keeping with tradition, the service will also include the lighting of individual candles while singing together, "Silent Night."



## **Zion Lutheran Council Meeting September 19, 2023**

### **Attendance:**

Kim Alloway, Christy Bucks, Andrew Doerr, Trevor Hoffman, Pastor Janyce Jorgensen, Pastor Janyce Jorgenson, Jill Lordan, Denise Moyer, Amy Schanbacher, Krista Zellers, Wade Markel

**Excused/Missing:** Al Abruzzese, Regina Peckmann

### **July 18, 2023, Meeting Discussion:**

**Opening Devotions:** (By Trevor Hoffman). For devotions, Trevor went back to an old Bible and looked primarily at the Book of James – Raising two children and encouraging them to look at something from another person's perspective to understand how someone may feel differently about the same thing. Forgiveness is far stronger as an asset than undermining another person or seeking retribution. Book of Worship belonging to Great Great Grandmother that has been passed down through family and from which we will say a prayer this evening – for Grace to love and serve God.

For October: Jill Lordan

### **Reports.**

**Thank You Cards.** None identified this month.

**Minutes from August 2023** (Regina Peckmann).

- No changes.
- Andrew Doerr motioned to approve the motion with corrections. Seconded by Christy Bucks. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report** (Wade Markel)

- Treasurer's Report to be deferred to next month when both August and September reports to be made available and voted on to allow additional time to review financials and resolve inconsistencies, particularly with the August 2023 expense column.
- The August surplus/deficit is accurate – we had a surplus, which is a bright spot.

### **Investment Treasurer's Report** (Trevor Hoffman).

- Previously emailed. No inflows/outflows other than to the JEMS account for the Mission Fund.
- The RFP committee met on August 28, 2023. Eight firms had been invited to submit RFPs to manage our investments. From there, committee narrowed it down to three (3) firms that presented on August 28th (Ameriprise, Janney and Questmont).

- All three organizations presented well. The committee was comfortable with each of the investment approaches and available options. Questmont had the highest fees. Ameriprise fees were in the middle. Janney's fees were significantly lower than any other firm that submitted a proposal. The committee had a lengthy discussion regarding the pros and cons of each option.
- The committee ultimately selected Janney and is bringing that recommendation to Council. The investments would be managed at Janney, by Zion member, Dave Brosend.
- Trevor Hoffman moves to proceed forward with the committee's recommendation to hire Janney as the new investment manager for Zion's portfolio and to allow the authorized signers to execute the necessary documents. Seconded by Andrew Doerr. Motions carried unanimously.

#### **Membership Report (Pastor Janyce)/Pastor Janyce's Report.**

- Pastor Janyce recommended for transfer are David & Susan Glass to a church in the Hooverville area. Wade Markel seconded. Motion carried.
- Pastor Janyce recommended for membership Chris Owens. Trevor Hoffman seconded. Motion carried.
- Remainder of report accepted as written.

**Parish Administrator's Report (Denise Moyer).** Report accepted as written with no discussion. Action items discussed below.

**CYFM Report (Ryan Engleman).** No report.

#### **Old Business.**

#### **Stewardship (Amy Schanbacher & Pastor Janyce).**

- Building a Culture in Generosity. We are asking 100% of both the Stewardship Committee and Council to participate in the campaign, which does not mean that we are committing a significant financial contribution. It simply means that we will participate in the campaign in some fashion and give what may be comfortable for our families either financially or of our time.
- Challenge Gift. Explanation by Pastor Janyce. We have \$3,500.00 committed (and potentially \$5000) if we can meet the challenge of having at least 50 members fill out an intent card as to their participation in the campaign. The challenge gift will go to fund Confirmation Camp.

#### **Call Committee/Rostered Leader (Kim Alloway and Pastor Janyce).**

- Council met with the Candidate on Thursday, September 14, 2023, and the meeting went very well. The Call Committee had glowing recommendation for the Candidate and Council Members in attendance also voted unanimously to call the Candidate to Zion Lutheran Church.

- Kim Alloway sent a summary email to Council of draft call letter advising that he is the primary Candidate on Sunday, September 17, 2023.
- Letter advising the congregation will be mailed out on or about October 2, 2023. It is anticipated that the Candidate will preach at all three (3) services the weekend of October 21st and that a call vote will take place that weekend. Announcement to be made two (2) consecutive weeks at church services (which will need to take place on the weekends of October 7th and October 14th).
- Meet & Greet for the Candidate. Council members will likely be asked to contribute snacks or other pastries for the Meet & Greet.
- Can ask congregation members who will be out of town that weekend may have the option to participate in one service that weekend via Zoom and vote that way if needed to reach a quorum. Cannot use Facebook Live to do this.
- Andrew Doerr is willing to monitor the Zoom link for the 10AM service on the weekend the call is to take place.

### **Panther Pantry Food Drive.**

- Will take place the last weekend in October. Will be announced in the coming services.
- Kim was approached by The Well and we may be doing another food drive for them.

### **Parish Administrator's Report.**

- All restoration work is guaranteed (warranty) for one (1) year if there are issues.
- Resolutions are ready to be presented to Council and voted on – they will be addressed at the October meeting.
- The projector cannot be repaired. It is believed to be the power source that has gone bad, which cannot be fixed considering its age. Probably best to buy two (2) new projectors. Repairs and new projectors would cost \$7,350.00. We do have a \$1,000.00 gift to use toward the projectors. Balance would be approximately \$6,350.00. There is \$10,792.00 for replacement costs in the budget for 2023. Price uses the current system we have but would allow for upgrades at a later date.
- Andrew Doerr moved to replace the two (2) projectors and take the funds (in addition to the gift) from replacement costs to pay for the projectors and moving the working projector to the back. Seconded by Pastor Janyce. There was some discussion. Motion carried.

### **Pastor Janyce's Report.**

- Submitted as written.
- Potluck meal on the last weekend of October as the first one was successful.

## **New Council Members.**

- Still looking for five (5) new members. We have one candidate but need several more.

## **Pastor Richard Jorgensen.**

- This is Pastor Richard's third (3rd) Council meeting since Sunday. We are one of many, many Councils throughout the Synod. We present ourselves as a living sacrifice to God and lifted that up to God (from Romans). We are present to do God's work.
- Pastor Richard took the position with the Synod at various meetings was the expression that [the Church's] best days are behind us. Pastor Richard viewed this as a challenge to address the issues that troubled him the most and went about changing the system. I don't take joy in seeing people grieve or take a loss, but I do take joy in seeing people have hope in God. Be less afraid. We are always in need of being spiritually renewed ... the congregations doing this (as well as their rostered leaders) are the ones most likely to grow in all different ways.
- We should not make decisions based on fear or constantly living in fear ... we need to live into our hope as a church. If we cannot bear witness to our hope in Christ, then we are in trouble. Let's not be ruled by fear.
- Even though we are running at a deficit, we are doing remarkably well as a congregation, and we have the resources to continue forging forward. As we go through a transition, we are reminded to invite ourselves to live into faith and courage and recognize that there is a financial crisis in the aftermath of the pandemic, but we are also during many places turning the corner. Zion has a lot of positive things happening. Recognize that your gift matters no matter what that gift is and recognize that commitment matters.
- Expressed appreciation for partnership and leadership with Pastor Janyce. Pastors Richard & Janyce are committed to Zion and participating in our stewardship campaign as well as to Zion.
- The message we share with the congregation is that yes, this is a challenge, but we will meet that challenge with faith, strength, and commitment. We make a commitment, and we live into it (even when we die – story for the road).

Andrew Doerr moved to close the Council Meeting. Seconded by Wade Markel.

Next meeting: October 17, 2023, at 7:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn. Trevor Hoffman moved to adjourn and was seconded by Wade Markel. Meeting adjourned.



### **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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