

# THE HERALD

## APRIL 2024



**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**zionyork.org**  
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# **Zion Lutheran Church**

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

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## **Office Hours**

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

**Closed Friday**

## **Services**

- Saturday 5:30 PM ~ Gathering, Come As You Are
- Sunday 8:00 AM ~ Traditional: Words, Hymns, Liturgy
  - Sunday 10:00 AM ~ Community Service
- Sunday 10:00 AM - Online (YouTube and Facebook)
  - Monday 7:30 PM - Online Prayer Service



*I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:3-6*

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I would like to express my deep appreciation for the amazing farewell celebration we shared together on February 25. Thank you to all of you for the personal touches and meaningful moments. The time we spent together that day was a wonderful affirmation of the ways we shared in life and ministry for so many years.

You provided me with a lifetime full of memories. I also want to thank you for the many personal greetings through cards, gifts, messages and sharing your gifts during the celebration. I am overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness and generosity. Realizing that contributions and gifts for the celebration came in so many ways, thanking each of you personally is not possible, as some of you contributed anonymously. Please know that I read, heard, and experienced every greeting and gesture, and was touched by each one.

My time at Zion was a huge part of my life in ministry, and I will always hold you lovingly in mind and heart. I will miss our relationship as pastor and people, which brought us together regularly in worship and service. Yet, as siblings in Christ, my love for you remains, as I am assured that God holds you close and in loving care.

Love in Christ,  
Pastor Janyce

A Covenant of Closure has been signed by Christy Bucks, Council President and Pastor Janyce. For the congregation to move forward, we need to accept fully the authority and guidance of the succeeding pastor, even as we cherish the memory and leadership of the Pastor Janyce. For Pastor Janyce to live into her new life of retirement, Zion members and her need to surrender pastoral authority and pastoral ties with Zion church members. Below is a copy of the covenant. If you have any questions please feel free to speak with Christy or Pastor Kevin.

## **A Covenant of Closure:**

### **Guidelines for the Relationship of a Congregation and Former Pastors**

We believe that the Holy Spirit is acting when a pastor is called to serve God's people and also that the Holy Spirit is acting when it is time for that pastor to accept another call, including the call into retirement.

A healthy relationship between a pastor and God's people is often mutually enriching and joyous. While serving a congregation, a pastor is deeply involved in the lives of God's people, and it is appropriate that strong bonds of trust, friendship, commitment and interdependence develop.

However, when the Holy Spirit leads the pastor to a new call or into retirement, those relationships, however strong, must change for the future health of both the congregation and the pastor. For the congregation to move forward, its members need to accept fully the authority and guidance of succeeding pastors, both interim and called, even as they cherish the memory and leadership of the former pastor. For former pastors to live into their new lives of service or retirement, they need to surrender pastoral authority and sever pastoral ties with their former congregations and their people.

The following expectations will help clarify the new relationship between former pastors and congregations:

#### **Congregations and Members:**

-Will not reach out to former pastors for professional pastoral care in times of emotional, spiritual, or physical need, but rather exclusively to their current pastor.

-Will not invite or approach former pastors to perform or participate in pastoral acts, such as weddings, funerals, baptisms, home communions, etc., but rather exclusively the current pastor.

-Will not seek the counsel of former pastors (or their family members) on matters relating to the congregation, including its worship life, finance, administration, leadership, or issues. Members will avoid talking with former pastors (and family members) about congregational matters.

-Will not expect former pastors (or their family members) to retain membership in the church, to attend worship, or to participate in activities or events in the life of the congregation.

-Will speak positively of former pastors (and their family members). As Martin Luther explains in the *Small Catechism*, the Eighth Commandment compels us to do so: "We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our

neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead, we are to come to their defense, speak well of them and interpret everything they do in the best possible light.”

-Will, in continuing personal relationships, regard former pastors as friends only. Although it is proper to address any ordained minister as “pastor,” in light of the new relationship members will remember that the former leader is no longer serving as *their* pastor.

### **Former Pastors:**

-Will politely but firmly refuse requests to provide ministerial care to former congregational members, instead referring them to the current pastor. For the health of the congregation and the integrity of the ministry of the current pastor, this rule will be without exception.

-Will politely but firmly refuse all requests to perform or participate in pastoral acts, such as weddings, funerals, baptisms, home communions, etc., instead referring them to the current pastor. (Former pastors will respond to all such requests with an unequivocal “no” and not suggest that members ask the current pastor if it is okay. Such a request puts the current pastor in a very difficult position, creates an unhealthy triangle, and can set a dangerous precedent.)

-Will decline to comment on matters relating to the former congregation, including worship life, finance, administration, interpersonal relationships, conflicts, or politics. Former pastors will counsel their family members similarly to decline. It is wise for former pastors to discourage members even from talking with them about congregational affairs.

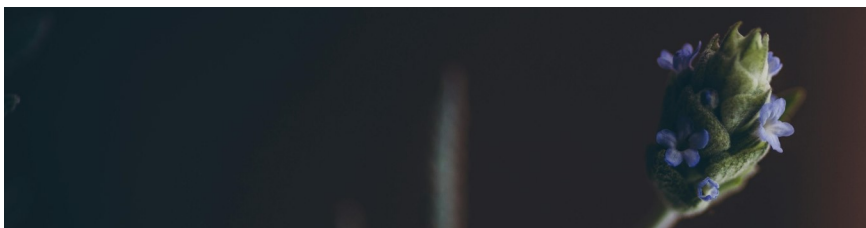
-Will move the official membership for themselves and all family members to another congregation. Former pastors and family members will refrain from attending worship or participating in regular events and activities in the life of the congregation.

-Will speak well of the former congregation, its leaders, and its members. As Martin Luther explains in the *Small Catechism*, the Eighth Commandment instructs us to do so: “We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray, or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead, we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light.”

-Will, in continuing personal relationships, regard members of the former congregation as friends only. In light of this new relationship, former pastors will encourage former congregation members to address them by their given name. When they are addressed with the honorific of “Pastor,” ministers will remind, as appropriate, former members that they no longer serve as *their* pastor.

### **Covenant of Closure**

In order to promote a healthy closure to the ministry tenure of our departing pastor and a healthy beginning to the tenure of successor pastors, we the undersigned agree to do our best to abide by the conditions of this covenant. We will encourage others in our congregation and our families to do the same by making this covenant a public and living document.





Thank  
You  
Your generosity  
Made a difference

- Summit Search and Rescue thanks you for your generosity in providing toys, treats and comfort for their hard working blood-hounds. Your generous donations give them the resources to be able to assist others in finding lost people.
- Chuck asked for your help with donating candy by stuffing Easter eggs and what a response! All the eggs were taken to be filled in 2 weekends. Because of your generosity we were able to bring joy to over 80 children in the community this Easter.
- Lenten Soup and Study was a hit mostly due to our talented soup makers. Thank you to all those who provided soup, bread and those who helped to set up and clean up on Wednesday evenings.

***Making Jesus Known in Our Community!***

### **Stuff the Bus April 20 & 21**

Chrystal's Place/Northeastern Neighborhood Association (NENA) operates a food pantry, in addition to providing emergency food, clothing and household items. Anyone in need of any of these items may come to Chrystal's Place and they will be served even if they do not live in the northeast neighborhood. Many of the persons who were blessed by our blanket collection for the YMCA New American Welcome Center in February, then turn to Chrystal's Place for assistance as they establish their new home and for ongoing needs.



**On April 20 & 21 Zion is collecting the following to support NENA:**

- **Pots**
- **Pans**
- **Kitchen items**

Let's stuff that bus!!!

# Sandwich Sale



**BENEFITS PROJECTS OF THE AUXILIARY TO**

**SpiriTrust Lutheran®**

***Pretzel Sandwiches are \$6.00 ea.***

Chicken/Pepper Jack, Italian, Ham & Cheese, Turkey & Cheese, Roast Beef & Cheese, Sweet Bologna & Cheese, Cheese, Chicken Salad, Egg Salad, Tuna Salad

***Subs are \$7.00 ea.***

Spicy Italian, Italian, Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef, American, Whole Grain Roll Turkey, Whole Grain Roll Cheese

**Orders Due April 14**

order form is on the bulletin board in the Narthex

Pick up is 4/24 at Spiritrust Lutheran in the rear of the Gladfelter building 10am to 12noon.

Please contact Lee Wagner at (717)764-4605 for more information or details.

# 2024 Mother's Day GERANIUM SALE

BENEFITS PROJECTS OF THE AUXILIARY TO

## SpiriTrust Lutheran®



RED, SALMON & WHITE COLORS AVAILABLE  
\$5.00 PER PLANT

**Orders Due:** Sunday, April 28th

**Pick Up at Zion:** Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 11AM-Noon

**Congregational Representatives:**

Orders: Diana Mohn [dianamohn63@gmail.com](mailto:dianamohn63@gmail.com), 717-880-3220

Day of Pick Up: Barb Reed 717-891-2998

Order forms available at the information booth or email orders to Diana. Payment due at pick-up (checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church).





# Vacation Bible School Volunteers

Monday, July 8 – Thursday, July 11  
Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

I would like to help in one or more of the following areas:  
(Please "X" one or more areas It helps us to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> choice)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help get ready for VBS

<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	No preference	<input type="checkbox"/>

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help during VBS

<input type="checkbox"/>	Crowd Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration / check in
<input type="checkbox"/>	Station Assistant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crew Guide – PreK/K
<input type="checkbox"/>	No Preference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crew Guide – Elem.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ (cost \$7.00)

Volunteers 18 or older will need child abuse clearances and state criminal clearances.

If you have any questions, contact  
Chuck Bissell (717-767-4673) or [cbissell@zionyork.org](mailto:cbissell@zionyork.org)

**Please return completed form to office**

## Children, Youth & Family Ministry



What a difference one year makes. I am writing the April Herald article while we are amid Lent. The anticipation for the Good Friday lock-in, the egg hunt on Saturday and Jesus' resurrection on Easter still hang in the air. When you read this article, Jesus would have already risen and we will be in the middle of the Easter season.

This month I want to talk about an activity that Theresa and I did with the youth groups during the March meetings. We took a "prayer walk" around the church grounds. While there are multiple types of prayer walks ours was more of a spiritual walk where you can calm your body and your mind to connect spiritually with God. I do have to give all of the groups credit. They braved the wind and colder weather to participate in this experience. They were tough.


We left the church through the back doors in silence and maintained silence for the duration of the walk and through the writing down of their thoughts. We focused on the things that we saw, heard, smelled, and felt as we walked across the fields and paused in multiple places. We returned to the warmth of the church where we shared our answers with each other. The one thing that all the youth shared was that they felt peace and a calm while walking on the church grounds. They also felt closer to God.

I would encourage you to do this through your neighborhood or go for a walk in a neighboring town or city. Pay attention to your surroundings and remain silent. There is a peace to be found in the silence and it is much easier to hear God speaking to you when your own mind and voice is quiet.

The only other thing I want to bring to your attention is Camping Season. There are opportunities during the summer months for your kids to go to either Camp Nawakwa or Camp Kirchenwald.

Check the youth group board in the Fellowship Hall for the brochure or go to [www.lutherancamping.org](http://www.lutherancamping.org) to check out the different types of camps and to register online. There is another sheet on the youth board that talks about what camp your child is going to this summer. Make sure you fill that out if you are already going. Maybe a familiar face will be the thing that gets your kiddo excited about going to camp. Zion also has the funds to pay \$100 towards your child's camp costs for a week. Please see me or Denise Moyer about how that will work. It has been a great year so far for youth ministry. Why not make it a great summer as well?

Peace and Blessings,  
Chuck



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**Sundays April 14, 21, 28 & May 5**  
**11:00 AM following service**

Zion will be offering instruction for communion for four Sundays. The class is geared towards children in 1st or 2nd grade. If you have any questions if your child is ready, speak with Pastor Kevin. Their First Holy Communion will be on May 12th. Interested participants or those with questions should email Chuck at [cbissell@zionyork.org](mailto:cbissell@zionyork.org).



**14**

**Apr**

11:30 Kidz Konnektion  
3:00 456  
6:00 ZLCY

**19**

**May**

11:30 Kidz Konnektion  
3:00 456  
6:00 ZLCY



## *Lectionary Scriptures for April*



### **April 7, 2024**

This coming Sunday is often called “low Sunday” because—alas!—attendance is usually so low. Yet also this next week we will want to have experienced the risen Christ. Come and rejoice with Thomas. Now in one another we can touch the wounds of Christ.

#### **Readings and Psalm**

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Ps. 133:1)

1 John 1:1--2:2

John 20:19-31

### **April 14, 2024**

Easter lasts for fifty days: this Sunday is the third Sunday of Easter, and we hear another story of Jesus’ appearance after his resurrection. To encounter Jesus here and now, join us at church, to hear the word, to eat with him, and to connect with his body of believers.

#### **Readings and Psalm**

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

*The Lord does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)*

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

### **April 21, 2024**

This coming fourth Sunday of Easter is called Good Shepherd Sunday, because all three years of the lectionary celebrate the image of the shepherd. We will sing the beloved Psalm 23. Unfortunately, most art depicting the good shepherd is unrealistic and sentimental: shepherding was a difficult and dirty job for the men and women who herded the flocks, but sheep were gifts from God and essential sources of life for the people. Join us in thanking God for being our shepherd.

### Readings and Psalm

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

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

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

### April 28, 2024

On this fifth Sunday of Easter, the gospel reading describes believers as branches of the one vine, who is Christ. Come to worship, and so be connected with all the other branches.

### Readings and Psalm

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord. (Ps. 22:27)

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8



with prayers of gratitude to the Women's Ministry at Zion.



### Follow us at

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Instagram: [zionyork2215](https://www.instagram.com/zionyork2215)

Twitter: [@zionyork](https://twitter.com/zionyork)

# April 2024

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17 • Lunch Bunch Friendly's-12noon		18		19		20 • Worship- 5:30pm	
24		25		26		27 • Worship- 5:30pm	
						Deadline to submit items for the May Herald is April 14.	



# Joyful Noise News

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



Our Kiddos & their daddies had a blast building together!







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 Dog and our local Firefighters! It is always a favorite of the students to see the trucks up close!

Another highlight of the month was our Annual Daddy's Night! This year's theme was "Building Time Together" where the students and their fathers spent time making a small building kit.

We closed out the month with our Easter Celebrations. This is always a special time for our JNP family.

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





# *Faith Formation*

## **Adult Bible Studies**

**Sundays**

**9:00 AM—9:45AM**

## **Devotion & Dialogue**

Each week we read a passage from the Upper Room devotional, followed by discussion points for further dialogue and a review of the corresponding scripture. Join us in Zion's Parlor!

## **Life with Jesus**

Are you looking to grow your faith? Participate in , "Life with Jesus" each Sunday in the choir room (first door to the left past the bath-rooms, across from the nursery). Currently the study and discussion is on the book of James. Pop in any Sunday and check it out. All adults are welcome!

## **Lunch Bunch**

**April 17**

**12:00 Noon**

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

## **Gather & Grow**

**April 8 & 22**

BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible) and join us in the parlor at Zion on Monday April 8th at 6:00 pm for the beginning of our study of the Minor Prophets. These are tiny books with big life lessons! Bring a friend as we gather for a fun multimedia discussion in the church parlor every other Monday, April 8th through June 17th .



- 1 Owen Lutz
- 3 Matthew Kessler  
John Lambert  
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
- 12 Daphne Grim  
Erin Lambert  
Madisyn Ripley
- 13 Evelin Otterson
- 15 Maxwell Barshinger

- Kenneth Roser
- 16 Cynthia Geiser
- 17 Walt Marriott
- 18 Kim Alloway  
Bennett Rowlands
- 19 Dusty Gardner  
Cecilia Glezer  
Sara Turnbaugh
- 20 Dena Owings
- 21 Brian Bender  
Magdalena Reichard
- 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
- 13 Doug and Linnea Bradford
- 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





**HOPE** – a little word full of big promises! What stories of hope are part of your life? What can we learn about hope from God's word? Come encourage other women in this journey of life of which we are all a part and share the hope!

**Women's Retreat Details:**

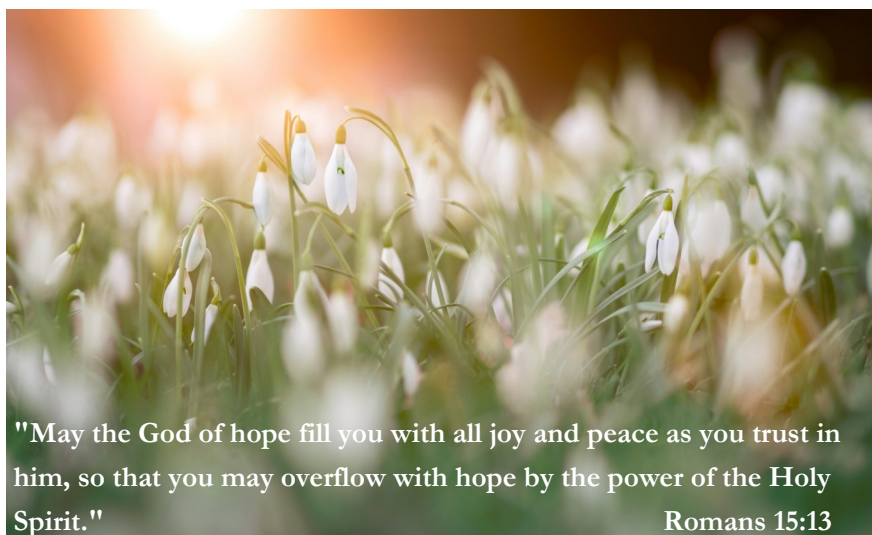
**When:** April 18-21; choose your attendance day(s); main event Sat., April 20, 9:00am-3:00 (You are welcome to stay for dinner at 5:30pm)

**Where:** Zinn-Tozer Lodge, Camp Nawakwa

**Cost:** 3 nights -\$140; 2 nights - \$100; 1 night - \$60; day - \$20 (Give payment to Deb Anderson at retreat, checks to "Zion Lutheran Church." Or, you may pay Deb ahead of time.)

**Sign-up:** in the narthex; or email [dba456@live.com](mailto:dba456@live.com); or text 717-891-8433

**Questions:** contact Deb Anderson, at the above info



"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13



Zion is looking for assistance in purchasing the below item(s). If you would like to donate any of these items or provide funding, either in part or in full, for their purchase, please contact Denise Moyer, Administrator, at the church office (767-4673) or via e-mail [dmoyer@zionyork.org](mailto:dmoyer@zionyork.org).

Item	Amount
Clavanova dolly (to be able to move around the church for events)	\$500.00
Small Refrigerator for Sacristy	\$200.00

### PHOTO RELEASE FORMS

We are asking for everyone, who hasn't previously done so, to fill out a photo release form so we can share all the great activities and worship experiences! Please fill out release forms that are available at the information booth at Zion.

Along those same lines ***we love to receive photos of Zion events!*** If you have a great photo to share send it to Shawn Cummings our Digital Media Coordinator at [avteam@zionyork.org](mailto:avteam@zionyork.org).



# Save the Date

**April 28**  
**2:00 PM**  
**Pastor Kevin's Installation**  
**Followed with an Ice Cream Social**  
**RSVP by April 21st**  
**Sign up in the Narthex**



## MINUTES: ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE:** February 20, 2024

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Pastor Janyce Jorgenson	Present	Dave Schneider, Parliamentarian	Present
Pastor Kevin Stout	Present	Ryan Engleman, Youth Representative	Present
Denise Moyer, Administrator	Present	Kim Alloway, Member	Present
Christy Bucks, President	Present	Andrew Doerr, Member	Present
Al Abruzzese, Vice President	Present	Anmarie Hazelton, Member	Present
Wade Markel, Treasurer	Present	Jill Lordan, Member	Present
Secretary	Excused/Missing	Mary Jane McCluskey, Member	Excused/Missing
Sara Strayer, Assistant Secretary	Present	Krista Zellers, Member	Excused/Missing

### 1. OPENING DEVOTION

Devotion shared by Christy Bucks, which focused on a reflection of the heaviness and chaos of the world and highlighted verse mapping. This method is used to study one verse to develop a deeper understanding of its meaning. Christy also shared it assists in not rushing through personal devotion time. Isaiah 26 and Jeremiah 17 were reviewed as reminders in times of challenge and uncertainty.

Devotion will be led by Sara Strayer at the March meeting.

### 2. THANK YOU CARDS

- Thank you to Denise Moyer for helping Pastor Kevin to take down sign (no card to be sent).
- Card to be sent to Nicole Osborn for paint night. Denise will obtain the contact information for Nicole from Chuck Bissell.

### 3. MEETING MINUTES AND REPORTS

Report	Comments
3.1 Meeting Minutes	The Meeting Minutes from January 2024 were submitted by Regina Peckmann. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motion to approve by Anmarie Hazelton, seconded by Andrew Doerr. Motion carried.</li></ul>
3.2 Treasurer's Report	Report submitted by Wade Markel <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The January 2024 financial report was distributed prior to the meeting.</li><li>• January 2024 total income is \$66,365.08, which is 123% of the January budget. The total expenses for January 2024 were \$75,159.41, which is 122% of the January budget.</li><li>• January 2024 surplus/deficit is (\$8,575.15) against a budget of (\$7,417.81).</li><li>• Current surplus/deficit for 2024 is at (\$8,575.15) deficit and we are budgeted to have a (\$89,013.85) deficit at the end of the year.</li></ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open plate, snow removal expenses, and electric expenses were higher in January.</li> <li>• Budget item 65007 Pastor Benefit was estimated incorrectly and incorrect number will reoccur in future months.</li> <li>• Income over expenses, year to date, and budget year to date to be presented in bulletin.</li> <li>• Joyful Noise Preschool should be presented in church budget. However, preschool budget could be separated out for church to analyze budget. Overall budget to be presented to church.</li> <li>• Denise to identify what expenses are coming regarding building repairs.</li> <li>• Motion to approve by Anmarie Hazelton, seconded by Dave Schneider. Motion carried.</li> </ul>
3.3 Investment Treasurer Report	<p>Report submitted by Adam Strayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfers were made as requested: John C. Rupert Sunday School Bequest 2023 Net Income (\$160.07) to Sunday School; John C. Rupert Mission Bequest 2023 Net Income (\$174.71) to Guatemala Fruits and Vegetables Designated Fund; J. Fred Sultzbach Bequest 2023 Net Income (\$301.12) to Council Benevolence Fund; Lucy J. Shnyder Trust to SpiritTrust Lutheran for full amount.</li> <li>• Withdraw from investments to be transferred to church account to cover church expenses. Questions regarding how to present this transfer in budget (quarterly?). Wade Markel to ask Adam Strayer for clarification.</li> </ul>
3.4 Membership Report	<p>Report submitted by Pastor Janyce Jorgenson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “August” should be removed from the <i>Sunday Worship</i> column in the first table under the <i>Attendance January 2024</i> report.</li> <li>• One baptism occurred in February.</li> <li>• New members expected in the future.</li> <li>• 10 am service attendance is increasing.</li> <li>• No action items.</li> <li>• Report accepted as written.</li> </ul>
3.5 Pastors’ Reports	<p>Report submitted by Pastor Janyce Jorgenson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pastor Janyce reviewed pastor transition, which has worked well.</li> <li>• Pastor Janyce shared thanks for the good care she received. And shared apologies for mistakes over the years.</li> <li>• Pastor Janyce’s last day is February 29, 2024, and will aim to pack up office by that date and honor covenant of closure.</li> <li>• Vacation and continuing education will occur until official retirement date of March 31, 2024.</li> <li>• Report accepted as written.</li> </ul> <p>Report submitted by Pastor Kevin Stout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Pastor’s Report.</li> <li>• Pastor Kevin will be out of office April 1-8, 2024. Chuck Bissel will lead all 3 services.</li> <li>• Pastor Kevin will be out of office May 4-5, 2024. Byam is graduating with doctorate degree. Lay people to perform services.</li> <li>• Pastor Kevin performing Funeral service on Saturday, February 24 in Newberrytown.</li> <li>• Pastor Kevin will serve as Chaplain with SpiritTrust Lutheran, as needed.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pastor Kevin starting on SpiritTrust Lutheran Board next week.</li> <li>• Report accepted as written.</li> </ul>
3.6 Parish Administrator's Report	<p>Report submitted by Denise Moyer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking lot light is fixed.</li> <li>• Denise hired new custodian and cleaning service.</li> <li>• The back furnace was fixed but no cost provided by service company yet.</li> <li>• Council agreed that Denise should proceed with replacing wireless equipment.</li> <li>• Report accepted as written.</li> </ul>
3.7 Children, Youth and Family Ministry (CYFM)	<p>Report submitted by Chuck Bissell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paint night was successful.</li> <li>• Possible trivia night to be scheduled.</li> <li>• The first planning meeting for VBS occurred.</li> <li>• Report accepted as written.</li> </ul>
3.8 Youth Rep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children and youth should continue to be involved and invited for participation in church events.</li> <li>• Youth groups and Faith Formation groups are growing.</li> <li>• Fundraising continues for youth gathering.</li> </ul>

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

##### 4.1 Stuff the Bus

- March 2024: Summit Search and Rescue.
- They will have blood hounds onsite at church.
- Mary Jane McCluskey to send Denise Moyer list donation items they are requesting.

##### 4.2 Covenant of Closure

- April Newsletter will highlight covenant of closure.
- Pastor Kevin to discuss in sermon.

##### 4.3 Pastor Kevin Date of Installation

- April 28, 2024, at 2:00 pm.
- Next Council meeting will identify coordinator for event.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

##### 5.1 Council Secretary Position

- Sara Strayer volunteered for open Secretary position and was approved by Council President, Christy Bucks. Council vote not required as outlined in constitution.

##### 5.2 Council Assistant Secretary Position

- Annamarie Hazelton volunteered for open Assistant Secretary position. Motion to approve by Andrew Doerr and seconded by David Schneider. Motion carried.

##### 5.3 Easter Breakfast

- Sunrise service at 6:30 am followed by breakfast at 7:00 am.
- Council to organize the breakfast this year. Andrew Doerr will be the contact person.
- Anticipating 25-30 people to attend.

##### 5.4 Little Free Library

- Mary Jane McCluskey submitted a request from Zion's Life with Jesus group for a Little Free Library outside on church property.
- Barry Anderson will build library with non-breakable glass.
- Thrivent grant to be used for construction materials.



- Library to be maintained by Zion's Life with Jesus group.
  - Library's location to be discussed at March meeting.
- 5.5 Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly
- March 10: Lower Susquehanna Synod Spring Assembly.
  - June 1: Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly Business Meeting.
  - Synod requests "one male and one female" to attend. Wade Markel to attend. Another attendee is needed from Zion and should contact Pastor Kevin to register.
- 5.6 Southern Sudan Family Sponsorship
- Lower Susquehanna Valley Synod requested Zion help sponsor a refugee family from Southern Sudan with \$800 donation, along with donations from other local churches.
  - Family will live in Harrisburg and are connected with Tree of Life Church.
  - Family's needs include English as a Second Language, finding job, and housing.
  - Lori Wise volunteered as organizing sponsor.
  - Lower Susquehanna Valley Synod requests Zion to manage sponsorship funds of \$7,200 for record keeping/accounting purposes.
  - Motion to donate \$800 from benevolence funds to Southern Sudan family and for Zion to do accounting for funds made by Wade Markel. Jill Lordan seconded. Motion carried.
- 5.7 Investment Policy Update
- Trevor Hoffman updated investment policy to reflect changes due to working with a new investment company, Janney.
  - Motion to revise the resolution changing the revision of the investment policy made by Andrew Doerr. Wade Markel seconded. Motion carried.
- 5.8 Emigsville Band Community Band Festival
- Emigsville Band is planning a Community Band Festival for this summer.
  - Jim Rowlands requested Zion to be the location for the festival.
  - Festival to be held outdoors, pending weather.
  - Access to church restrooms and electric will be needed.
  - Zion can plan concurrent fundraising and advertising (e.g. bake sale, etc.).
  - Festival date is TBD but will be held on a Saturday or Sunday.
  - Council agrees to host festival if there are no conflicting events already scheduled.
  - Council requests Jim Rowlands to identify and schedule a date for the festival with Denise Moyer.

## 6. ADJOURN

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Motion to close by Andrew Doerr, seconded by Wade Markel. Meeting adjourned in prayer.

## “Jesus, help me know You.”

Throughout His ministry, Jesus taught men, women, and children from diverse cultural, social, and economic backgrounds. They heard His words and marveled at His miracles. They called Him teacher, healer, prophet, and miracle worker. They stood amazed, but many walked away unchanged. Though these men and women knew about Jesus, they failed to see Him as Messiah, Deliverer, Savior, and God in the flesh.

Like the crowds who followed Jesus, we can easily read the Gospel of John again and again, storing up more Bible knowledge. But Jesus invites us to experience something deeper. He doesn't ask us to know *about* Him; He invites us to personally *know* Him. He does not simply tell us the truth; He *is* the truth. In John 14:6 Jesus clarified, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

To know Jesus is to be changed by Jesus. We don't simply read His words; we know Him to be “the Word” (John 1).

## “Jesus, help me make You known.”

For those early Christ followers, being dramatically changed by knowing Jesus automatically made Jesus known to others.

The men and women who believed that Jesus was Messiah, the Son of God, allowed the gospel to transform their thoughts and direct their actions. Every aspect of their lives—from family to finances—looked different. God used a few faithful followers to impact the world for eternity, and He continues to work through people like you and me today.

As you allow God's Word to mold your thoughts, affections, and actions, the people around you will notice. I can't help but wonder, what if every Zion member committed to make Jesus known? Imagine the impact! And the beauty is we don't have to look far for opportunities. God calls and equips His followers to love, serve, and share wherever we are with the people already in our lives.

*Adapted from blog post dated Sept 24, 2023 by Hollie Roberts, Executive Director of Bible Study Fellowship's.*

## **CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

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**Adam Strayer - Investment Treasurer**

*(non-council member)*

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