

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church LCMC

December 2017
Newsletter

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Zion Lutheran Church Council
Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2017

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM by President, Steve Pethke.

2. Role Call

The meeting was opened with prayer. Council members present were: Steve Pethke, Walter Strebe, Esther Schmidt, Dan Froding, Mike Thyssen and Betty Piotter. Absent: Jake Ferg. Also present: Bill Piotter, Bob Schmidt, Donna Knudsen and Faye Wohlrabe.

3. Approval of Agenda

A Motion was made by Walter to approve the agenda. The Motion was seconded by Mike. Motion carried.

4. Secretary's Report

A Motion was made by Walter to approve the Secretary's report. The motion was seconded by Dan. Motion carried.

5. Open Forum

Bob Schmidt discussed his disappointment and concerns regarding the results of the special meeting on October 1, 2017 to call a pastor. Anyone else with questions or concerns should contact a council member or attend the next council meeting on December 6th at 6:30 PM.

6. Old Business:

- a. Bell Tower: Thank you Mike Thyssen for getting the bell working. It was a wonderful surprise for our 100th anniversary celebration!
- b. Looking at contract: The Council is still reviewing the contract for any changes that may need to be made before a new pastor has been selected.
- c. Anniversary Dinner: What a great day! We received many good comments. Thank you to everyone for their ideas, contributions, hard work and participation in making this a memorable celebration.

7. New Business:

- a. Interim Pastor: Pastor Carole Neitzel will be joining Zion as an Interim Pastor beginning November 12, 2017.
- b. Valentine Dinner Show: Plans are in progress for the 4th Annual Valentine Dinner and Country Music Show to be held February 17, 2018 at the Masonic Center in Manawa. Please let Tammy, Steve, or Buzz know if you are interested in helping out or if you have a donation. The cost of the event is \$35 per person. There will also be raffles and an auction. Tickets are now available and can be purchased from Tammy, Buzz, any council member or at the church office. These make great Christmas gifts!
- c. Fellowship: Please join us after service on November 12, 2017 as we welcome Pastor Carole Neitzel. Going forward, we will have fellowship after service on the second Sunday of each month. There is a sign up sheet located in the front entry if you would like to contribute. If you are not signed up but would like to bring something on the second or any

other Sunday, please feel free to do so. Fellowship is always welcome!

8. Committee Report

- a. SCRIIP: There is \$89.86 in the account. Faye sold 1 card in October. She is holding 6 cards valued at \$375.00 for a total of \$464.86.
- b. Building & Grounds: Bill trimmed some of the low branches from the trees in front of the church. Thank you Mike Thyssen for your help and the use of your crane. The flood light in the parking lot is out. Faye will call the electric company to see if they can replace it.

9. Treasurer's Report

A Motion was made by Betty to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and to pay bills as money becomes available. The Motion was seconded by Dan. Motion carried.

10. Adjournment w/prayer

A Motion was made by Betty to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by Mike. Motion carried. The meeting closed with a prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting date is December 6th at 6:30 PM. All members of Zion are welcome to attend.

Minutes submitted by: Betty Piotter, Secretary



**Zion Lutheran Church Council
Special Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM by President, Steve Pethke.

The meeting was opened with prayer. Council members present: Steve Pethke, Walter Strebe, Esther Schmidt, Dan Froding, Mike Thyssen, Jake Ferg and Betty Piotter. Absent: None. Also present: Pastor Carole Neitzel.

This meeting was called to discuss the hiring of an interim pastor. Steve introduced Carole Neitzel. She presently resides in Green Bay. Carole, along with her husband, served Redeemer Church in Marquette, MI for 12 years. Originally from Green Bay, they left Michigan to return to Green Bay where their children reside. Unfortunately, Mr. Neitzel passed away shortly after their return. Carole has continued to serve LCMC as an interim for the past 15 months. Since LCMC does not currently have any church in Green Bay, she is willing to serve at Zion on a part-time basis. She is available for Sunday service and will officiate for funerals, if needed. She will visit any congregation member that has been admitted to the Fox Valley hospitals. Since the parsonage is not currently available, she will need lodging should she be needed for any overnight stay. She is interested in starting a Bible Study group on Sundays. She will greet the Sunday School children before they begin class and will include a children's service during the regular sermon service. She also encourages fellowship after Sunday services.

A Motion was made by Walter to hire Carole on a one month trial basis, to begin November 12, 2017 through December 2017 at a cost of \$150.00 per Sunday and mileage reimbursement at the current state rate of \$.53. The council will meet again prior to the end of December to discuss whether or not to extend the time for an interim need. The Motion was seconded by Esther. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with a prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Minutes submitted by: Betty Piotter



S i l e n t N i g h t , H o l y N i g h t

CHURCH HELPERS FOR DECEMBER 2017

Readers:

Dec. 3rd - Dan Froding
Dec. 10th - Cheryl Hass
Dec. 17th - Leon Spiegelberg
Dec. 24th - Buzz Jossie (Christmas Eve. 10:00)
Dec. 24th - Sunday School Christmas Program @ 7:00 PM
Dec. 25th - Faye Wohlrabe
Dec. 31st - Harriett Klemm

Organists:

Dec. 3rd - Carol Brown
Dec. 10th - Carol Brown
Dec. 17th - Kay Suehs
Dec. 24th - Jamie Buschke
Dec. 25th - Carol Brown
Dec. 31st - Carol Brown

Greeters:

Dec. 3rd - Matt & Jenny Buchholz
Dec. 10th - Cheryl Hass & Ihla Peterson
Dec. 17th - Elaine Zuge
Dec. 24th - Buss & Mary Ann Jossie (10:00 AM)
Dec. 24th - Megan Pethke & Lesley Wilz (7:00 PM)
Dec. 25th - Faye Wohlrabe
Dec. 31st - Mark & Kay Suehs

Acolytes

Dec. 3rd - Rohan Hass & Emrey Seeger
Dec. 10th - Olivia Ogle & Calleigh Beyer
Dec. 17th - Alex Marx & Bella Ferg
Dec. 24th - Hunter Suehs & Carl Suehs
Dec. 25th - Rohan Hass & Emrey Seeger
Dec. 31st - Olivia Ogle & Calleigh Beyer

Ushers:

Dec. 3rd - Matt & Jenny Buchholz
Dec. 10th - Walter Strebe & Rick Thyssen
Dec. 17th - Harriett Klemm & Cindy Levezow
Dec. 24th - Buzz & Mary Ann Jossie (10:00 AM)
Dec. 24th - Sunday School Students (7:00 PM)
Dec. 25th - Faye Wohlrabe & Dan Froding
Dec. 31st - Jeff Suehs & Mark Suehs

Money Counters:

Walter & Elizabeth Strebe
Faye Wohlrabe

Altar Guild

Cindy Levezow
Brenda Thyssen





Please keep the following people in your prayers: Harriett Klemm, Brenley Knudsen (daughter of Jesse Knudsen, granddaughter of Donna Knudsen), Cory Anderson (brother to Terry Levezow), Wanda O'Hare (friend of Donna, Harriett & Faye), Paige (friend of Jason Pomeroy), Jean Winterberg (Betty Piotter's Sister), Luke & Nicole Seeger and Family, Alice Roehl, Randy Hass, Ken Niemuth, Beth Brendemuehl, Derek and Rhonda Wilz, Forest and Arla Kreklow, Darla Grachien, Steve Morack (brother to Donna Knudsen), Tracie Carrick, (daughter of Elaine Zuge); Dale Marcott; Betty Ball; Allen (Butch) Wegener; Jon Rohde; Jim Ferg, (friend to several members); Nancy Wendt; Ruby Piotter; Renee Graichen, (sister to Darla Graichen); Eileen Mittelstaedt; Bill Klemm; Dolores Roloff; Danielle Davis, (daughter of Dan Froding); and Robert Schmidt.



ZION LCMC WOMEN
SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Diane Beyer. Meeting will be short due to a commitment Diane has. Sect. report: Was in the news letter. Minutes taken by Donna due to Sect. being absent. Carried. Treas. Report: Treasurer report given with a balance of about \$2,300.00. Accepted/carried. Old Bus: Talked about 100th anniversary dinner. Any ideas bring to next meeting. Discussion on doing the quilt and making a Sunday School one also. New business: Work on quilts for anyone who wants to help. Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer. Sect. Esther M. Schmidt

ZION LCMC WOMEN
OCTOBER 15, 2017

Meeting called to order by Pres. Diane Beyer. Thank you from the Nelson Family was read. President gave a report on the convention for LCMC. No Sect report and no Treas report. Old Business: Quilt – 1 completely done. Kids one is being finished. Diane thanked all those who helped in any way with the quilts. Faye will get the meatballs, 5 gals milk and Remingtons will do the Chicken but they need two men to pick it up. Brenda will make the potatoes on Sunday morning. Donna will make a nesco of stuffing. A sign-up sheet will be passed around in church for those who would like to make either pies or salads.

We will use our glass dishes for the meal. Will need help for that day also. Donna reported that almost 30 tickets have been sold, advertising was sent out to the churches around here. Will be working Saturday about 8:00 and come when you can to help. Tables will be done Monday and Tuesday.

New Business: Making peanut butter balls and rosettes. Will make peanut butter balls Dec. 5th and rosettes Dec. 12th. The price will be the same as last year at \$5.00 per dozen. Holiday Fair is Dec. 3rd at the Jr./Sr. High School and the women will have a booth again. Tuesday, Nov. 28th we will make peanut butter balls for this and have some other items/crafts also.

It was suggested the women get together once a month for enjoying sewing & fellowship or do other things together. We will do this during the week and have a little lunch with it. Maybe we could do a cookie exchange for December. Our first one will be Tuesday, November 7th, at 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Motion made by Brenda to do the get togethers/second by Faye. Motion carried.

Motion to close by Diane & second. Motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sec. - Esther M. Schmidt

ZION LCMC WOMEN
NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Diane Beyer.

Secretary report read and approved. No treasurer report due to her being absent. President Diane thanked everyone for all the help on the 100th anniversary quilt. Our Dinner went very well and received very good comments on it.

Old Business: Will be making peanut butter balls on November 28th at 9:00 a.m. for the Holiday Fair on December 3rd. We will have other craft items for sale also. Anyone who can help are welcome to do so. December 5th we will be making peanut butter balls to sell for \$5.00 a dozen. A sign up sheet will be available in church or you can call the church to place your order. Time will be 8:00 a.m. We will be making rosettes December 12th at 8:00 a.m. These will also sell for \$5.00 per dozen.

Ladies get together was held November 7th and all who attended had a nice time and a very good lunch. We did beer bread, brownie mix and a dry mixture for making a dip. Thank you to Brenda for presenting these ideas.

Cookie exchange will be December 17th after church with Pot Luck and we will all be doing some things together including the men.

New Business: Shut Ins this year are ten. We will be giving them gift cards, blanket, peanut butter balls, rosettes and microwave popcorn. Donna reported that we have 86 dozen peanut butter ball orders plus what Brenda has. Election of officers: President: Motion by Esther, Donna Knudsen second by Betty. Carried. Vice President: Motion by Donna Knudsen, Faye Wohlrabe, second by Brenda Thyssen. Carried. Secretary: Motion by Donna Knudsen, Esther Schmidt, second by Faye Wohlrabe. Carried. Treasurer: Motion by Faye Wohlrabe, Mary Ann Jossie, second by Donna Knudsen. Carried

Meeting adjourned. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Esther Schmidt

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



This is the time of the year that all the kids get excited about its Christmas time and we are ready to start practicing for the program which will be December 24th at 7PM. For the next 5 Sundays in December we will be using that time to practice for the program. The teachers may do a short lesson with them. I know everyone is busy getting ready for the Holidays so if you could have your child to the church by 8:45AM on these Sundays that would be great.

On Sunday the 24th if we could have the kids to the church by 6:15PM that would be great to get them ready and have some Christmas fun with them.

If your child will not be in the program please let their teacher know or myself. We will not have Sunday School the following Sunday then which would be January 31st but will resume then on January 7th at 8:45AM.

From our families to your family, we want to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Tammy

Zion Lutheran Books November 2017 - Bills

	<u>Bills</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
11/01 Balance forward			\$8102.58
11/01 Thrivent	\$2944.00		
(\$2000 mem/ann dinner)			
11/01 Telephone	\$147.72		
11/01 web charg	\$ 21.00		
11/01 Lawn/repairs	\$173.84		\$4816.02
11/04 Sec. Sal.	\$ 420.19(SSMC \$34.81)		
11/04 Jan. Sal.	\$223.95 (SSMC \$18.55)		
11/04 Carol	\$89.58 (SSMC \$7.42)		
11/04 Jamie	\$89.58 (SSMC \$7.42)		
11/04 Treas.Sal.	\$148.08(SSMC \$12.20)		
11/04 Cat.Instruct.	\$100.00 (4 wks)		
11/04 stamps	\$ 98.00		
11/04 office paper	\$ 49.94		
11/05 Offering		\$1662.73	
11/05 Pulpit supply	\$ 75.00		\$5184.43
11/12 Offering		\$1183.00	
11/12 Int. Pastor	\$211.20		
11/15 Alliant	\$467.91		
11/19 Offering		\$587.00	
11/19 Int. Pastor	\$211.20		
11/21 Supplies	\$16.79		\$6047.33
11/22 Offering		\$82.00	
11/26 Offering		\$5,634.00	\$11763.33
11/26 Int. Pastor	\$211.20		\$11552.13
Expenses	\$5699.18		Income \$9148.73

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH 157 N. BRIDGE ST., MANAWA

We still have our cookbook, called “Taste of Heaven” for sale. They would make great Christmas Gifts. It is a 3-ring binder, contains 325 recipes and is being sold for \$15.00 each. Recipes have been contributed by our members and families. The book features a picture of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church on the cover. We will be selling these until they are gone. Please contact the church office @596-3275, if you are interested in purchasing one. If no answer, please leave a message and we will get back to you.

