



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church LCMC

December, 2019
Newsletter

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“A Moment with the Pastor”

***For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6***

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Zion Ev. Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes - November 6, 2019

Open with Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Council President, Mike Thyssen. The meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Lees.

Council members present: Walter Strebe, Esther Schmidt, Mike Thyssen, Cindy Levezow and Betty Piotter.

Absent: Jake Ferg and Matt Buchholz

Also present: Bill Piotter, Faye Wohlrabe, Nancy Rasmussen and Pastor Lees.

Approve Agenda

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

Secretary’s Report

A Motion was made by Walter to approve the Secretary’s Report. The Motion was seconded by Cindy. Motion carried.

Open Forum

Nothing for discussion.

Pastor’s Report

- a. Letter from Trinity-Waupaca-they are in need of donations for their holiday dinner. This will be added to the bulletin for volunteers.
- b. Met with Elders- they suggested Pastor Lees should take some type of schooling. This is not required by LCMC, but Pastor Lees will review different courses to take.
- c. Confirmation- they are doing well. The children are very encouraged with learning.
- d. Pastor Lees had a visitor at the church that was very encouraged regarding what he is doing at Zion.

Old Business

Working on Member Roster- Mike will get with Donna on this.

Special Meeting- The Special Meeting discussed in the Council Meeting of September 4, 2019 was held by the Elders with the concerned parties. No resolution was found.

Any Other Old Business-None.

New Business

Computers- A Motion was made by Cindy to upgrade the church computers. The Motion was seconded by

Esther. Motion carried.

Worship Committee-The next meeting will be November 20, 2019. They will be deciding on someone to lead the meetings.

Any Other New Business- None.

Committee Reports

a. Scrip- There is \$96.80 in the account. Faye sold 1 card in October. She is holding 7 cards valued at \$250.00 for a total of \$346.80.

b. Building and Grounds:-no report

Treasurers Report

A motion was made by Walter to accept the Treasurer’s Report. The Motion was seconded by Cindy. Motion carried.

Adjourn With The Lord’s Prayer

A Motion was made by Betty to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by Esther. Motion carried. The meeting closed with a prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

The next meeting date is December 4th @ 6:30PM. All members of Zion are welcome to attend.

Minutes submitted by: Betty Piotter, Secretary

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ZWIC MEETING

November 17, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Faye Wohlrabe.

Secretary’s Report by Brenda

Treasurer’s Report. None

Old Business:

December 2 at 8 am. Making of the peanut butter balls for Holiday Fair

December 8 Holiday Fair

December 9 Peanut Butter Ball Sale

December 16 Rosette Sale

Faye applied for a Thrivent Action Team for our fundraisers. It was approved.

The Guidepost covers were made.

Miracle on Bridge Street is December 14. We will be having a craft activity at church from 11-3.

Bookmarks and fleece hats will be the craft. Everyone is welcome to help. Monday we will start getting supplies ready for craft event. We will make a sign up sheet to bring cookies and for help on December 14.

Faye will get hot chocolate with Thrivent Action Team.

New Business:

We decided to donate \$200 to Mission of Hope. \$100 for education and \$100 for meet the need. Motion made by Brenda and seconded by Betty.

Motion made by Esther and seconded by Betty to adjourn with The Lord’s Prayer.

Next meeting is December 15, 2019.

Respectively submitted Brenda Thyssen

WORSHIP COMMITTEE - November 20, 2019

The meeting opened with prayer.

Brenda Thyssen has volunteered to be the Worship Committee Leader.

Pastor Lees will explain on Sunday about the new procedure for Worship volunteers for reading and having the ushers extinguish candles at the end of Worship.

Pastor Lees will also be sharing prayers with the children on Sundays before they are dismissed for Sunday School. Children's Bulletins will be handed out beginning with the new church year on December 1.

Faye will be leading the Thanksgiving eve service on November 27 at 7 PM.

The Christmas trees will be put up and decorated on Saturday, November 30 at 6 PM. The entire time that the trees are up will be a food drive for our local food pantry. Please bring your nonperishable gifts to be donated from December 1, 2019 through January 12, 2020. The January 12, 2020 worship service will be followed by a potluck lunch and time to take down the trees.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS: The Altar Committee for December will take care of the Advent Wreath. Pastor will find places to involve the Confirmation Class in the Worship Services.

The Sunday School Christmas program will be held at 5:30 PM on Christmas Eve. The Christmas Eve. Candlelight Service will be after the Sunday School program. Christmas Day service will be on December 25 at 9:30 AM.

MUSIC: The Choir will be singing two of the Reclaim Hymnal liturgy settings on December 15 during the Sunday worship service.

Christian CDs will be played on our sound system before church. If you have a Christian CD you would like to share, please leave it in the church office. Please put your name on the CD cover, so it can be returned.

We will be joining in the LCMC Synod 3 days of prayer, January 7, 8 & 9, 2020. Details to come.

Faye will contact **The Family** Radio Network's Help for the Homeless hygiene drive to be February 16 – March 8, 2020 so we can join the drive.

Mission Sundays – AT LEAST 2 Sundays in 2020 will be planned as Mission Sundays to raise money for God's work beyond our church.

Next meeting: Next Worship Committee meeting will be on January 22, 2020 at 6:30 PM to plan services for Lent and Easter: Ash Wednesday – February 26, 2020. Five Sundays in Lent (to include a "testimonial" Sunday with special music, prayer and time for sharing God's work in your life); (Another Sunday to include a a Mission Sunday to support Compassion for Africa.) Holy Week: Palm Sunday - April 5; Maundy Thursday – April 9, Good Friday – April 10, Easter Sunday - April 12, 2020. Confirmation - May 3, 2020.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Donna Knudsen, Allen (Butch) Wegener, Forest Kreklow, Brenda Thyssen, Jana Peterson (relative to several members), Todd Klemm (son of Bill & Harriett Klemm), Cory Anderson (brother to Terry Levezow), Gail Haag (friend of Donna), Ken Niemuth, Tracie Carrick, (daughter of Elaine Zuge), Dale Marcott, Betty Ball, Renee Graichen, (sister to Darla Graichen), Eileen Mittelstaedt, Danielle Davis, (daughter of Dan Froding), Robert Schmidt, the family of Nancy Wendt, Tom Sajdak and Dennis Piotter, (nephew & brother of Bill Piotter).



CHURCH HELPERS FOR DECEMBER, 2019

Readers:

December 1 - Elaine Zuge
December 8 - Brenda Busby
December 15 - Elaine Zuge
December 22 - Faye Wohlrabe
December 24 - Faye Wohlrabe
December 25 - Amanda Schuler
December 29 - Elaine Zuge

Organist:

December 1 - Carol Brown
December 8 - Kay Suehs
December 15 - Carol Brown
December 22 - Carol Brown
December 24 - Carol Brown
December 25 - Carol Brown
December 29 - Carol Brown

Greeters:

December 1 - Peggy Dallman
December 8 - Bill Piotter
December 15 - Jake & Ashleigh Ferg & Leon Spiegelberg
December 22 - Jesse & Brenley Knudsen & Brenda Busby
December 24 - Matt & Jenny Buchholz
December 25 - Mike & Brenda Thyssen
December 29 - Walter & Elizabeth Strebe

Money Counters

Cindy Levezow & Elaine Zuge

Altar Guild

Ashleigh Ferg & Darla Graichen

Ushers:

December 1 - Jane Suehs & Peggy Dallman
December 8 - Bill Piotter & Sheila Luedtke
December 15 - Jake & Ashleigh Ferg
December 22 - Jesse Knudsen & Jake Ferg
December 24 - Matt & Jenny Buchholz
December 25 - Mike & Brenda Thyssen
December 29 - Sheila Luedtke & Walter Strebe

A sincere thank you to all of our volunteer church workers!

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Sunday School News & Upcoming Events



Hello Everyone!

I am so thankful to the wonderful students of our Sunday School, all the teachers and everyone working so hard to support us all! It is very appreciated. The kids are always working hard and absorbing their lessons. They have so much to discuss every week. It is awesome to talk about God's word with them!

Now we will be working on our Christmas Program! We are looking forward to sharing the amazing story of Jesus' birth!

Feel free to ask them what they are learning!

Holly Wohlrabe
Sunday School Superintendent

Date- Week #- (Number of Students Attended) Lesson Learned by Classes
November 3rd 2019-Week Nine (9 Students) Abraham Sacrifices Isaac
November 10th 2019- Week Ten (15 Students) A Wife for Isaac
November 17th 2019- Week Six (16 Students) Esau and Jacob
November 24th 2019- Week Seven (12 Students) Jacob's Dream

Sunday, December 1st – No Sunday School – Thanksgiving Break.
Sundays, December 8th, 15th, & 22nd – Christmas Program Practice.
Another practice may be scheduled for the Christmas Program.
Tuesday, December 24th – 5:30 PM Zion Lutheran Sunday School Christmas Program.
Sunday, December 29th – No Sunday School – Christmas Break.

If you have any questions about any upcoming events – please feel free to contact me!
Holly (920) 538-0842 hollyynn26@gmail.com



Church & Area Happenings

MIRACLE ON BRIDGE ST. & HOLIDAY FAIR

The Zion Women In Christ will be selling candy and crafts at the Manawa Holiday Fair on December 8, 2019 at the Elementary School.

ZWIC is also sponsoring a crafting event (making bookmarks and winter hats) at church during the city-wide Miracle on Bridge St. on December 14, 2019.

NEW CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Beginning December 1st, read one chapter of the book of Luke in the Bible each evening. There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus's Life and wake up Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate!!

READERS, GREETERS, USHERS

A new procedure will be used starting with the new church year on December 1, 2019 to sign up for the reader, greeter and usher volunteer opportunities. A sign-up sheet will be passed around during worship services to sign up for these volunteer opportunities, or sign-up sheets will be located in the church entryway. If you are signed up to read, please pick up the 2019-2020 church year liturgical schedule readings from the church office. This schedule contains the scripture for each Sunday of the church year (December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2020). You can locate the Sunday you are signed up to read, and that line will show the scripture you will be reading. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Lees or Nancy Rasmussen.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for the Altar Committee and the Money Counting Committee. Please leave your name and contact information in the church office if you can join either or both of these Committees so the schedule for 2020 can be prepared. **THANK YOU!!!**

THE CHRISTMAS "GIVING" TREES

From December 1, 2019 through January 12, 2020 you are invited to bring nonperishable items that will be donated to our local food pantry. Items can be placed under any of the Christmas Trees at church.

2 Corinthians 9:11-12 "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us: for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God."



November Financial Report

Zion Lutheran Books November 2019 - Bills

	<u>Bills</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
11/3 Balance forward	\$3900.81		
11/3 Offering		\$ 853.00	
11/6 Telephone	\$ 95.63		
11/6 Credit Card	\$ 334.08		
11/6 Sec. Sal	\$ 455.00SSMC(\$34.81)		
11/6 Jan. Sal.	\$ 194.00SSMC(\$14.84)		
11/6 Organist Sal.	\$ 194.00SSMC(\$14.84)		
11/6 Tres. Sal	\$ 160.35SSMC(12.30)		\$3388.51
11/7Fleet	\$ 127.59		
11/7 Mem. Transfer	\$ 200.00		
11/7 Alliant	\$ 348.53		
11/10 Offering		\$1740.00	
11/16 Food Pantry	\$ 200.00		
11/17 Pastor Lees	\$ 769.24		
11/17 Offering		\$1018.00	
11/24 Offering		\$ 605.00	\$5106.30



Joy to the World

**Zion Lutheran Church
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Tidings from Zion
December

