



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church LCMC

January, 2020
Newsletter

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“A Moment with the Pastor”

Moving into the new year, I see a need for those who are a part of Zion to have a clear goal and purpose.

Philippians 3:10 (amplified) – Paul says: For my determined purpose is that I may “Know Him” (Jesus) and that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him.

How perfect! Let us set ourselves as a church body to “Know Him” as our clear purpose throughout 2020.

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Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes- December 4, 2019

All church meetings will now be recorded

a. Open with Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 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, Matt Buchholz, Jake Ferg and Betty Piotter.

Absent: none

Also present: Kory Klemm, Kolton Klemm, Allyce Lees, Bill Piotter, Elaine Zuge, Faye Wohlrabe, Brenda Thyssen, Donna Knudsen, Dan Froding, Dan Pomeroy, Bob Schmidt, Nancy Rasmussen, Pastor Lees and Ashleigh Ferg.

b. Approve Agenda

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

c. Secretary’s Report

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

d. Open Forum

Nancy Rasmussen: We are still in need of people for the Altar Guild and Money Counting. Please see her if you can help.

Bob Schmidt: Wanted to know if Pastor Lee’s had started any classes and whether or not he had a legal contract. He also inquired about the Worship Committee. All questions were addressed and answered.

Matt Buchholz: Inquired about renting the use of the basement on December 28th for a family gathering. A good will offering will be sufficient.

Brenda Thyssen: Read a report she prepared addressing the conflict within the church body. She stated that it is time for it to end and we need to find peace.

Elaine Zuge: Read selected sections of the chapter “Protecting Your Church” from a book entitled “The Purpose Driven”. It was decided unanimously that if you are not receiving what you need from Pastor Lees or are unhappy with the worship at Zion you may want to seek a new church home where you can get what you need.

e. Pastor’s Report

a. Schooling-He will be taking a class entitled Micro Masters of Divinity that will be a total cost of \$4200.00. \$1200.00 will be the initial installment with \$500.00 bi-monthly payments until paid in full.

b. He would like to start the new year with a different style of worship. On January 5, 2020 worship service will be testimonials , your choice of worship music, and communion.

- c. He had a visit with Eileen Mittlesteadt. She donated the flag to Zion that was placed on her husbands casket.
- d. Jeff Jolitz requested to become a member
- e. Pastor Lees has been called to do a Chapel Service December 11th at Bethany.

f. Old Business

- a. Computers- a new laptop has been purchased and all computers in the office have been updated. A new camera may need to be purchased to record the services on Sundays.
- b. Any Other Old Business-none.

g. New Business

- Cancellation-any weather related cancellations will be reported on the local television stations.
- Christmas Bags-Mike and Brenda will pick up the supplies.
- Annual Meeting- will be held January 19th in the church after Sunday Service.
- Budget-Motion by Matt to accept the proposed annual budget as presented. Motion seconded by Walter. Motion carried.
- Mission (Allyce)-would like Zion to sponser a child from her mission trip to Africa.
- Any Other New Business-none
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h. Committee Reports

a. Scrip- There is \$296.81 in the account. Faye sold 59 cards in November. She is holding 10 cards valued at \$400.00 for a total of \$696.81.

b. Building and Grounds:-Three doors were purchased for the parsonage for a total of \$770.61. The renter installed the doors as well as some weather stripping. Faye will call and set up a time to do an energy audit on the parsonage. A motion was made by Jake to pay the renter one month's rent for installing the new doors.

The Motion was seconded by Cindy. Motion carried. A Motion was made by Cindy to retain Bill Piotter to take over the duties of the Building and Grounds. The Motion was seconded by Walter. Motion carried.

i. Treasurers Report

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

j. Adjourn With The Lord's Prayer

A Motion was made by Betty to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by Cindy. Motion carried. The meeting closed with a prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

The next meeting date is January 8th @ 6:30PM. All members of Zion are welcome to attend.

The Annual Meeting will be January 19th following the Sunday Service.

Minutes submitted by: Betty Piotter, Secretary

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ZWIC MEETING - December 15, 2019

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

Secretary’s Report by Brenda

Treasurer’s Report. None

Old Business:

Shut in gifts were handed out to those who are delivering them.

We need to update shut in list.

Mission of Hope sent a thank you letter. Faye took crocheted mittens for Mission of Hope.

We talked about Miracle on Bridge Street event.

New Business:

Save the date April 24 & 25. Piecing Together.

Betty reported we need a new Sunshine person to send out cards monthly. All supplies are left at church.

Betty brought up ideas for getting younger ladies to help. Suzie Circle.

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

Next meeting is January 19, 2020.

Respectively submitted Brenda Thyssen

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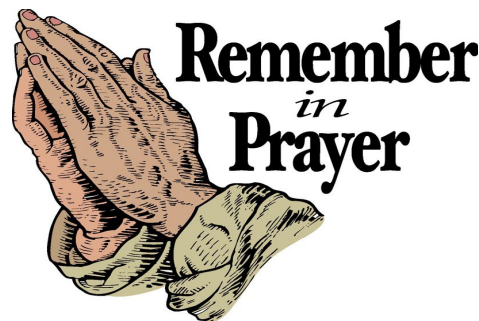
WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The 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.

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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), Pastor Tom Theama, Tom Sajdak and Dennis Piotter, (nephew & brother of Bill Piotter).



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CHURCH HELPERS FOR JANUARY, 2020

Readers:

January 5: Buzz Jossie
January 12: Deb Sarna
January 19: Elaine Zuge
January 26: Faye Wohlrabe

Organist:

January 5: Carol Brown
January 12: Carol Brown
January 19: Carol Brown
January 26: Carol Brown

Greeters:

January 5: Buzz & Mary Ann Jossie
January 12: Diane Beyer
January 19: Jesse Knudsen & Brenley Knudsen
January 26: Cheryl Severson

Money Counters

Faye Wohlrabe

Altar Guild

Faye Wohlrabe & Elaine Zuge

Ushers:

January 5: Buzz & Mary Ann Jossie
January 12: Ross Beyer & Diane Beyer
January 19: Jesse Knudsen & Jake Ferg
January 26: Rick & Rikki Thyssen

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

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Sunday School News

Hello Everyone!

I am so extremely proud of the children's performance of the Christmas play on Christmas Eve! They put immense effort into their practices to do their very best and it showed! They loved telling the story of Jesus' birth in our own way.

They enjoyed the wonderful collaboration with the choir as well!

Thanks to all who helped with the Christmas Program! It is fantastic to have such support and help given to the Sunday School so far this year!

Looking forward to what 2020 brings to the Sunday School!

Holly Wohlrabe, Sunday School Superintendent



Date- Week #- (Number of Students Attended) Lesson Learned by Classes

December 1st 2019- Week Thirteen (No Class)

December 8th 2019- Week Fourteen (18 Students) Christmas Program Practice

December 15th 2019- Week Fifteen (18 Students) Christmas Program Practice

December 22nd 2019- Week Sixteen (19 Students) Christmas Program Practice

December 29th 2019 - Week Seventeen (No Class)



If you have any questions about any upcoming events – please feel free to contact me!

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Church & Area Happenings

READERS, GREETERS, USHERS

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.

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 serve on either or both of these Committees.
THANK YOU!!!

A volunteer is needed to mail out cards monthly to our shut-ins. Please contact Nancy Rasmussen or leave a note in the church office if you would like to volunteer.

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.

December Financial Report

Zion Lutheran Books December 2019 - Bills

	<u>Bills</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
12/01 Balance forward			\$5115.49
12/01 Pastor salary	\$ 769.24		
12/05 Telephone	\$ 109.01		
12/3 Sec Sal	\$ 420.19(SSMC\$34.81)		
12/3 Organist Sal	\$ 134.37(SSMC\$11.13)		
12/3 Janitor Sal	\$ 179.16(SSMC \$14.84)		
12/3 Tresurer Sal	\$148.08(SSMC \$12.30)		
12/3 Charge Cd	\$ 179.07		\$3176.37
12/12 Offering		\$1654.00	
12/14 Pastor Tedd	\$ 769.24		
12/15 Snow sidewalks	\$180.00		
12/15 bulletins	\$ 117.64		
12/17 Alliant	\$743.30		
12/18 copy paper	\$ 53.02		
12/22 gift cds	\$ 75.00		
12/22 Offering		\$1752.00	
12/25 Offerings		\$1540.00	
12/29 Pastor Lees	\$769.24		
12/29 Offering		\$1442.00	
12/29 LCMC	\$410.00		
12/29 Food Pantry	\$ 50.00		
12/29 Bethany	\$ 250.00		\$6146.93

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Tidings from Zion

January, 2020

