



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church LCMC

November, 2020
Newsletter

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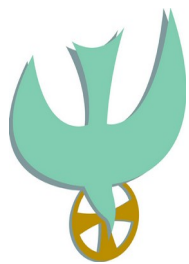


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A Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life: for the breath that sustains life, for the food that nurtures life, for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation: for the beauty that the eye can see, for the joy that the ear may hear, for the unknown that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder, for the expanse of space that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.

We thank you for our communities: for nurturing families, for friends who love us by choice, for companions at work, who share our burdens and daily tasks, for strangers who welcome us into their midst, for people from other lands who call us to grow in understanding, for children who lighten our moments with delight, for the unborn, who offer us hope for the future.

We thank you for this day: for life and one more day to love, for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace, for neighbors and one more person to love and by whom be loved, for your grace and your promise: to be with us, to be our God, and for our salvation.

*For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks, eternal, loving God, through Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.*

Written by: Vienna Cobb Anderson

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Zion Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes - October 7th, 2020

Council Members Present: Walter Strebe, Jesse Knudsen, Carol Brown, Jake Ferg, Cindy Levezow

Council Members Absent: -

Others in attendance: Jane Suehs, Pastor John Hielsberg, Sue Hein, Esther Schmidt, Kory Klemm, Patty Hirte, Liz Strebe, Nancy Rasmussen, Ashleigh Ferg, Jerry Suehs, Jeff Suehs

The meeting was called to order by Council President Walter Strebe at 6:32 PM

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Jake Ferg to approve the agenda, seconded it by Carol Brown.

Motion carried.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Jake Ferg to approve the Secretary's Report, second by Cindy Levezow. Motion carried.

Elect 2 New Council Members:

Jerry Suehs – 5 votes

Ashleigh Ferg – 3 votes

Diane Beyer – 2 votes

A motion was made by Jesse Knudsen to elect Jerry Suehs and Ashleigh Ferg to fill vacant council positions.

Seconded by Jake Ferg. Motion carried.

Elect Vice President of Council

A motion was made by Jesse Knudsen to elect Carol Brown as Vice President of the council, seconded by Jerry Suehs. Motion carried.

Open Forum

Nancy Rasmussen read a letter from Deb Sarna requesting her release from Zion.

Nancy Rasmussen informed about fall clean-up on October 17th

Old Business

Install Storm Windows – Waiting on Noffke for verification on when windows arrive

New Business

Congregational Meeting October 25th – Letters to go out to members encouraging them to come and share thoughts and concerns with church

Hire Office Secretary and current office hours – Nancy Rasmussen will put together job description of secretarial duties and estimated hours

Cancel Credit Cards – Motion was made by Carol Brown to cancel Mike Thyssen and Faye Wohlrabe church issue credit cards effective immediately, seconded by Cindy Levezow. Motion carried.

Snow Plowing – Bids to go out and be returned by November 2nd to Jesse Knudsen

Money Counters – would like at least 1 council member present when counting money

Catechism & Confirmation- Pastor John spoke about classes and asked to move Confirmation Sunday to a later date. November 8th is new Confirmation Sunday

A motion was made by Jesse Knudsen for church to purchase 6 New confirmation robes (2M, 2L, 2XL) to use, and 3 scrolls for 2020 confirmation students to keep. Seconded by Jerry Suehs. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ashleigh Ferg for the church to purchase Altar flowers for confirmation Sunday with budget of up to \$100, seconded by Cindy Levezow. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jesse Knudsen to have Jerry & Jane Suehs lead confirmation classes after confirmation Sunday, seconded by Cindy Levezow. Motion carried.

Review Membership List – tabled to Monday October 12th

Evaluate employees – tabled to Monday October 12th

Other New Business

Cheryl Hass resigned from Audit Committee effective immediately

Betty Piotter resigned from Church secretary effective October 1st

Holly Wohlrabe resigned as Sunday School Superintendent effective immediately

Allan and Holly Wohlrabe and family asked to be removed from member list

Faye Wohlrabe resigned her position as Church treasurer effective immediately

A motion was made by Carol Brown for church to purchase 2 - With One Voice Spiral Hymnals - (Organist edition), seconded by Ashleigh Ferg. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jesse Knudsen for Jane Suehs to be the new Sunday School Superintendent, seconded by Ashleigh Ferg. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jesse Knudsen for the church to give Pastor John \$75 for auto expenses and mileage for each confirmation class he taught. Seconded by Jake Ferg. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jerry Suehs to give release letters of memberships for Deb Sarna, and Allan & Holly Wohlrabe, seconded by Cindy Levezow. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Scrip – see attached

Worship Committee - Minutes in newsletter.

Treasurer’s Report - See Attached.

A motion was made by Jesse Knudsen to not approve the treasurer's report, second by Jerry Suehs. Motion carried.

Council went into closed session at 8:53pm

Closed session ended at 10:02 pm

A motion was made by Cindy Levezow to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Carol Brown. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 PM with the Lord’s Prayer

Next council meeting is Wednesday November 4th, 2020

Minutes submitted by Jesse Knudsen, Council Secretary

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Closed Council Meeting Minutes - October 12th, 2020

Council Members Present: Walter Strebe, Jesse Knudsen, Carol Brown, Jake Ferg,
Cindy Levezow, Ashleigh Ferg, Jerry Suehs

Council Members Absent: -

The meeting was called to order by Council President Walter Strebe at 6:30 PM

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Jerry Suehs to approve the agenda, seconded it by Carol Brown.
Motion carried.

Treasurer – A motion was made by Jerry Suehs that the church checkbook requires signatures of at least 1 elected church official, and treasurer of the church, seconded by Ashleigh Ferg. Motion carried.

Computer Password – A motion was made by Jake Ferg that the council always knows the computer passwords, seconded by Jerry Suehs. Motion carried.

Credit Card – A motion was made by Cindy Levezow to have Walter Strebe’s name on church credit card, seconded by Jerry Suehs. Motion carried.

Hire Church Treasurer - A motion was made by Jerry Suehs to have Walter Strebe and Jesse Knudsen speak with Esther Schmidt on her being interim treasurer, and look at past years books with pay TBD, seconded by Jake Ferg. Motion carried.

Re-Key Church doors – Thursday October 15th 7:00 am

Mask Fund –

A motion was made by Jerry Suehs to adjourn meeting, seconded by Carol Brown. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM with the Lord’s Prayer

Minutes submitted by Jesse Knudsen, Council Secretary

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Council Meeting Minutes - October 22nd, 2020

Council Members Present: Walter Strebe, Jesse Knudsen, Carol Brown,
Ashleigh Ferg, Jerry Suehs

Council Members Absent: Jake Ferg, Cindy Levezow,

Others present: Esther Schmidt, Manawa Police Chief Gorman

The meeting was called to order by Council President Walter Strebe at 9:34 am

A motion was made by Ashleigh Ferg to adjourn meeting, seconded by Carol Brown. Motion carried.

The meeting ended at 11:15 am

Closed council meeting Monday October 26th at 6:30 pm

Minutes submitted by Jesse Knudsen, Council Secretary

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ZWIC MEETING - September 20, 2020

Esther announced the resignation of our president, vice president and secretary at our last meeting in August. We will elect officers at our October 18 meeting.

Nancy Rasmussen and Patty Hirte asked if they could be part of ZWIC even though they are not church members yet. We welcomed them to ZWIC and are very pleased to have them part of our organization.

We discussed our potluck lunch after services next Sunday, September 27, when Pastor Perry Fruhling from Iowa and the LCMC will be here as our supply pastor.

We were asked to consider making rosettes in December and, if so, the day we wish to make them. We will have to check our supply of rosette irons.

Funeral lunches will be as family preferences.

A motion was made by Kris H. and seconded by Kris W. to table paying Brenda's bill until next month for the baskets for the Tessen benefit. Motion carried.

Kris H. asked for announcements and/or upcoming dates for her to post.

Bible study will begin Monday, September 28 at 6:30 PM studying the book of Daniel.

The treasury has a balance of approximately \$2,550.

We closed with the Lord's prayer.

We thanked Marilyn Schwanke for providing our church with the beautiful autumn decorations and also thanked Darla G. for helping Marilyn with the decorating.

Diane Beyer, Acting Secretary

ZWIC MEETING – October 18, 2020

Meeting called to order by Esther Schmidt.

The secretary's report was read. A motion was made by Jane seconded by Kris W. to accept the report. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given with a balance on hand of \$2,702.15. The camouflage ceiling fans will be returned to Menards with the credit being used for a new vacuum cleaner. Kris H. will obtain information on this. A motion was made by Jane seconded by Kris H. to accept the report. Motion carried.

We discussed the bill submitted by Brenda for the baskets for the Tessen benefit. We will ask the Council how to proceed.

We discussed having a pie sale. We decided not to have one at this time.

We will make rosettes Friday, December 11 and Saturday, December 12, beginning at 9:00 AM. A motion was made by Jane and seconded by Sue to ask \$5.00 per dozen. Motion carried. We will take orders in the month of November with names, phone numbers and whether sugar is desired.

Kris H. stated website is back for listing any news, dates, or upcoming activities.

We discussed Christmas gifts for the shut-ins. Due to the pandemic, we will only be sending them the 2021 Guideposts Devotion book.

We will have election of officers in December.

A motion was made by Kris W. and seconded by Carol to have ZWIC pay for the corsages for the young ladies being confirmed this year on November 8. Motion carried.

A cookie decorating day will be held in November with day and time to be decided by Carol. Everyone is asked to bring about 1 dozen cookies.

Diane reported the pew candles are in the process of being cleaned and repaired so we may use them for upcoming special occasions.

We closed with the Lord's prayer.

A motion was made by Kris H. and seconded by Elizabeth to adjourn. Motion carried. Our next meeting will be November 15.

Diane Beyer, Acting Secretary

WORSHIP COMMITTEE - September 30, 2020, 6:30 PM

We opened with Prayer.

Everyone was welcomed to help with the ZWIC booth at the Manawa Fall Fest on Saturday, October 3.

BlessYourPastor.org program was explained to the group and will be presented to the Council for approval for a way to express our thanks to Pastor John Hielsberg.

Kris will create the facebook page call Zion Discussion Board for all members of Zion to find and discuss information about happenings at church

Confirmation Sunday will be on November 8, 2020 with Pastor Hielsberg. The confirmands would like to use the white gowns with red stoles. We will be requesting that the church council approve that the church purchase new gowns, stoles and altar flowers. The ZWIC group will be asked if they would purchase the corsages for the confirmands. Ashleigh will keep the other parents informed.

The group voted NOT to have a Thanksgiving Eve service in 2020; but we will be having a Christmas Eve candlelight service.

Next meeting will be November 18, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Allen (Butch) Wegener, Forest Kreklow, Todd Klemm, Ken Niemuth, Tracie Carrick, (daughter of Elaine Zuge), Dale Marcott, Betty Ball, Renee Graichen, (sister to Darla Graichen), Dan Froding, Eileen Mittelstaedt, Pastor Roger Nielsen, The family of Carol Diehl, The family of Barb Tohm.



CHURCH HELPERS FOR NOVEMBER, 2020

Readers:

- November 1: Diane Beyer
- November 8: Confirmands
- November 15: Norris Brown
- November 22: Kris Hein
- November 29: Nancy Rasmussen

Altar Guild:

- Carol Brown
- Nancy Rasmussen

Money Counters:

- Carol Brown
- Esther Schmidt

A sincere thank you to our volunteer church workers!



Sunday School News

Thank you to Holly Wohlrabe for her service to Zion Ev. Lutheran Church as the Sunday School Superintendent. Holly has resigned her position and we wish her God's blessings.

Jane & Jerry Suehs will be teaching the Catechism Class and will be coordinating the Sunday School program for 2021. Any questions, please contact Jane at (920) 596-2123 or leave a message at the church (920) 596-3275 or contact a Council member.



Church & Area Happenings

READERS, GREETERS, USHERS

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the church to sign up for Reading the scriptures during worship services. If you sign up to read, please pick up the 2019-2020 church year liturgical schedule readings by the sign up sheet. The schedule contains the scripture for each Sunday of the church year (Dec. 1, 2019 – Nov. 30, 2020). **Greeting and ushering will resume when the risk of COVID-19 has lessened.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Please consider volunteering for the Altar Committee and the Money Counting Committee for 2021. The schedule will be set up in December for 2021. **THANK YOU!!!**

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped deep clean the church kitchen and to everyone who helped with the Fall cleanup of the church. The next cleanup will be on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 9 AM.

Praise God for all volunteers in the church!

Thank you to Matt Buchholz, Mike Thyssen and Brenda Thyssen who have resigned from their volunteer positions at Zion. Thank you also to Betty Piotter, Faye Wohlrabe, and Bill Piotter who have resigned from their employment with Zion.

Thank you to the B&D Foundation for their generous gift of \$1,000 to be used for “General Operations” of our church. All praise to God!



Thank you veterans! God has blessed this country with so many men and women who were willing to serve and defend our great nation.
THANK YOU!

ROSETTES

Zion Women In Christ will be taking orders in the month of November for rosettes. Please leave your name, phone number, how many, and whether you would like them with sugar or no sugar. A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the back of the church, or call the office (920) 596-3275 and leave a message. Rosettes will be made on December 11 and 12, 2020.

OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Zion Lutheran Books, October, 2020 – Payments & Deposits

Date	Check #	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
10/1	BALANCE			\$3,660.27
10/1	15308 Cardmember Services (web)	\$ 42.00		
10/1	DEPOSIT (Keys returned)		\$ 15.77	
10/1	DEPOSIT interest		.08	\$3,634.12
10/1	15309 Betty Piotter	420.19		
10/2	15310 MaryAnn Jossie	179.16		
10/2	ATM Manawa Telephone	102.68		
10/2	15311 Carol Brown	179.16		
10/2	15312 Faye Wohlrabe	148.08		
10/2	15313 Pastor Walter Schmidt	150.00		
10/2	15314 City of Manawa	77.38		\$2,377.47
10/2	DEPOSIT		911.64	
10/11	15315 Pastor Mary Fiane	150.00		
10/11	DEPOSIT		1,380.00	
10/18	DEPOSIT		670.00	
10/19	15316 USPS Stamps	110.00		
10/25	15317 Pastor Kay Knight	150.00		
10/25	DEPOSIT		670.00	
10/25	DEPOSIT		1,250.00	
10/26	15318 Ashleigh Ferg (confirmation gowns & stoles)	205.60		\$6,643.51



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Tidings from Zion



November, 2020

(May God bless your Thanksgiving celebration!)