



THE ZION ZEALANT

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As we are looking forward to what is to come... we implore of Christ that of His mercy He would strengthen us through the same in faith toward Him and fervent love toward one another...

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As we transition from one year to the next, from the season of Christmas to the season of Epiphany, we are reminded of just how transient our time here on earth truly is. There isn't anything in this world that remains the same consistently over the course of time. Several years ago, a good friend of mine recalled to me that at a congregational revitalization event he was leading, he had the opportunity to listen to a member of the host congregation who was reminiscing about the good old days of the congregation. Long gone were the fellowship gatherings, the parties, and celebrations along with fellowship times when the church was packed to maximum occupancy and sometimes even beyond. It is always a joy to consider these "good times." However, we must always remember that they are and remain memories of times and seasons which have passed. Too often, we spend our time not only reminiscing, but also lamenting how things will never be that good again. This attitude is definitely a major impediment to accomplishing mission and ministry into the future.

If all we ever do is look back, we can't move into the future in faithfulness and trust in the Lord of the Church. Indeed, we must look forward to what is to come. The church exists for the work of the Kingdom until that time that Jesus returns. Until then, no matter our congregational circumstance, our work has not yet ended. He is still calling us to faithful mission and ministry, however that may look in the present and into the future. In fact, the harvest fields even in these days are ripe! This is why and how we can rejoice in what God has done for us and in the work our eternal Lord has called to us to accomplish. For He sent His Son into the flesh that we might be saved and shine His light into this bleak world, singing with Psalmist:

“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” (Psalm 8)

I look forward to seeing each of you in church... soon!

Pastor Philip Rittner II

Board of Directors Meeting

January 17, 2023



Meeting
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Dave Wiehe, President with five (5) members (Dave, Jill, Chuck, David and Katie), and two (2) guests present.

Steve Smith was asked to open the meeting with prayer, he read one from Portals of Prayer.

Minutes: Chuck Cooper made a motion to accept the December Board of Directors Meeting minutes printed in the January Zealant with no corrections. David Merryman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Receiving Treasurer: reported by Chuck Cooper

	December 31, 2022	YTD
Unrestricted Offering Receipts	\$ 5,160.00	\$ 78,952.35
Restricted Offering/ Miscellaneous Offering Receipts	\$ 30,449.38	\$ 67,123.80
On-Line Giving Receipts	\$ 3,492.00	\$ 38,039.00
Dividends	\$ 232.38	\$ 22,992.88
Interest	\$ 19.95	\$ 73.94
Total Unrestricted Receipts	\$ 8,652.00	\$ 116,991.35
Total Restricted Receipts	\$ 30,449.38	\$ 67,123.80
Total Receipts	\$ 39,353.71	\$ 207,193.19

Katie Rittner made a motion to accept the December report as presented. David Merryman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chuck Cooper asked to revise the following information for November to correctly report funds in the correct accounts:

	November 30, 2022	YTD
Unrestricted Offering Receipts	\$ 11,060.00	\$ 73,792.35
Total Unrestricted Receipts	\$ 14,702.00	\$ 108,339.35

Disbursing Treasurer: reported by Jill Coons

Check/Savings as of December 31, 2022

General Checking/Savings	\$ 113,974.27
Youth	\$ 6,985.36
Restricted Funds	\$ 32,400.67
Lehmburg Legacy/ Kyler Endowment	\$ 252,171.60

	December 31, 2022	YTD
General Budget	\$ 3,089.57	\$ 34,389.14
Non-Budgeted/ Reimbursed	\$ 22,035.72	\$ 58,092.04
Youth	\$ 110.60	\$ (4,357.44)
Net Revenue	\$ 25,235.89	\$ 88,123.74

Chuck Cooper made a motion to accept the November report as presented. Dave Wiehe seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Elders: Meeting held January 8, 2023

Meeting was opened with prayer.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Phil Coons has agreed to be president and Steve Smith secretary of the Elders for 2023.

Discussion was held on the recent cancellation of services over Christmas as we had some problems with our method of notification to our members. Pastor said that the problem has been fixed.

Red Cross will be here on the 10th of January.

Elders part of the church calendar for services in 2023 has been set.
Discussed the painting that will be done in the church.

Average attendance for December:

Sundays	48
Advent Midweek	11

Meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectively submitted,
Stephen Smith (Sec.)

The price for the old kitchen stove has been lowered. If it is not sold soon it will be scrapped.

The painting has been completed.

The carpet quote from Jimelle Flooring is being requested again.

Board of Education: No meeting held.

Board of Christian Outreach: No meeting held.

Board of Stewardship:

If anyone is in need of their annual giving report, please contact Chuck Cooper.

Board of Youth:

Old Settlers will be June 20-24, 2023. Work will need to be done on the corndog wagon to get it there for our annual event.

Camp Lutherhaven will be holding a back-to-school kick-off event in September. Would be great for youth to attend.

Pastor: Unable to attend due to illness, asked Katie to report the following:

1. Baptism of Annabelle, Illeana and Michael Rittner was held after worship on January 8, 2023.
2. Baptism of Mollee J. Moss will be February 5, 2023 during worship. They have recently moved to Columbia City and her mother, Kylee is lifelong LCMS.

Unfinished/Old Business:

Phil Coons presented a mission option. Luther Bible Translators will be returning to Africa to a region they spent over 30 years in previously. LBT spreads the Word of God through translation into native languages around the world. This will be discussed at a future meeting to be presented to the congregation.

New Business: None

With no further business, Katie Rittner made a motion to adjourn. Chuck Cooper seconded the motion.

The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine (Katie) Rittner, Recording Secretary



SPOTLIGHT ON ZION'S MARY MARTHA ALTAR GUILD

We extend an open invitation to those who may be interested in participating in our group activities.

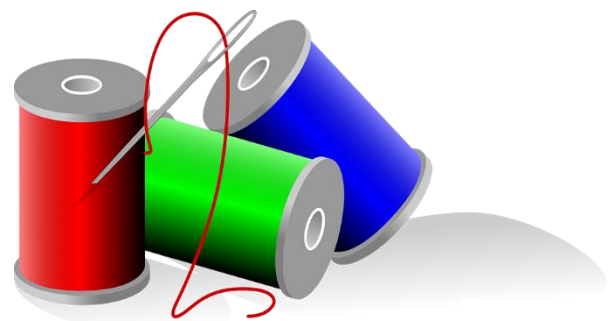
Here at Zion the Mary Martha Altar Guild continues to provide a service by preparing the linens, filling the candles with oil, and setting up the altar for worship services, including baptism and communion. We also assist at funerals and weddings. At Easter we fill the sanctuary with lilies and flowers by funds donated, and at Christmas we help in decorating the church, including aisle candles for the candlelight service.

If you would like to donate flowers to be put on the altar for a given Sunday to signify a special occasion, such as, a birthday or anniversary, we have provided a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The only exception is during the Lenten season. We can assist you with the process.

As a group we meet four times a year, with meetings in February, May, August and November. Please fill free to ask any of us if you have any questions or if you would like to join.

January was not a busy month as we did not sew this month due to possible inclement weather. We all look forward to begin sewing again on Thurs. Feb. 16th at 9:00 a.m. weather permitting. We were surprised to see the picture of our sewing group which was taken at the Cancer Services Volunteer Breakfast in Dec. in the Cancer Services Newsletter. It recognized our group as having sewn a total of 10,870 cancer pads since 1985.

LADIES AID



Visits and Portals of Prayer were taken to former members who are now shut ins.

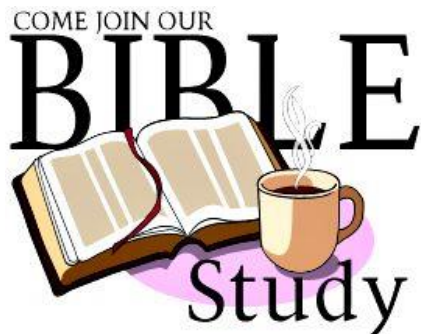
We are looking forward to continuing to:

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

PRAYER for the NEW YEAR

Dear Lord, In this New Year, may I be filled with patience,
Kindness, compassion, generosity, and forgiveness.
Help me to let go of old pains, hurts and grudges.
Allow me to see the beauty and dignity in
Each and every person I meet.
Deliver me from pettiness, selfishness,
Vindictiveness and jealousy.
Grant me peace of mind and spirit.
Make me mindful of those less fortunate,
And willing to help as I can.
May I be filled with Your love
And guided by Your wisdom always.
AMEN

Please remember in your daily prayers: *Lois, Linda, Janice, Dortha, Maxine, Ralph B, Jeannine, Jack & Joanne, Shane, Ralph K., Ralph S., Steve, Bob B., Bill E., Gloria, Ann, Bonnie, Tonya and her mom Cyndee.*



***Thursday Night Bible
Study @ 7 pm.***



Ge'Onna Decker
 Christopher Decker
 Tracy Decker
 Caleb Decker
 Nicholas Decker
 Bradley Hart
 Summer Hart
 Jack Lane
 Dyllynn Lepper
 Melody Reese
 Spencer Rossow
 Sandy Rueger
 Tim Rueger
 Barb Lahrman
 Scott Woodhouse
 Harper Zielinski

24 Sean & Ge'Onna Decker

8 Melody Reese
 9 Jack Lane
 12 Ralph Kieper
 15 Jeremy Grant
 15 Tim Rueger
 16 Terry Frick
 21 Riley Coons
 21 Verna Doehrman
 21 Bryan Sexton
 22 Regan Decker
 23 Wyld Jean Cook
 24 Trena Merryman
 25 Ariella Rittner
 26 Erika Marin
 26 Vicki Western
 28 Alex Hart



HIGHLIGHTING UPCOMING EVENTS



2022 Giving Reports - Anyone interested in receiving a giving report for 2022 tax purposes please contact Chuck Cooper (email to hchuckcooper@gmail.com or call/text at 614-353-6961).

DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR COOKBOOKS!!! PLEASE ASK FRIENDS OR RELATIVES TO BUY 1 OR 3! Also now is the time to buy for Valentines Day, Easter Baskets, Secret Pals and Spring Birthdays!!! The money is to pay back for the Youth Texas Trip from 2022 summer. **THANKS!!! Jill and Tonya**

LEARN ABOUT ZION

by Peggy Brooke

This is Part 2 of the narrative Pastor James Haugen gave during our celebration in 2006.

1886-1926 The Second Generation



The second forty-year period was served almost entirely by one man. Rev. Henry Jungkuntz answered the call of Zion and was installed on the third of March 1889. He served thirty-four years. He came from North Judson. Pastor Jungkuntz also served St. Peters a division from St John's that occurred during the Predestination controversy of the 1880. This continued until the two churches were united in 1917.

- In 1891 the steeple was built, and a bell was purchased from Hy Stuckstede & Sons, St Louis, MO. Dedication took place on Aug. 16th. Upon this occasion the Pastor delivered a sermon based on Ps 126:3. Point one of the sermon, was "This was the day of rejoicing." Point two of this dedication should move us to "ring out the message of Jesus".
- In 1904 on the last Sunday in July, Zion celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of Pastor Jungkuntz ministry. He was presented with a new top-buggy.
- 1916 marked fifty years for the church building and the church was renovated. New pews were installed, and the ceiling was covered with galvanized tin. A service of celebration occurred on July 23. Rev. Steven Hassold, former pastor, preached the morning service. In the afternoon there was another service with speaker Rev. W.O. Bischoff. He was a nephew of the sainted Rev. Thieme.

Some of the names of the second generation come down to us at least in the memories of those yet living. John Ummel was a person of the second generation. He was the grandfather of Dorothy's husband. The emigrant was David who was John's father.

John Miller was another Whitley County resident from this era. His son was Carl Miller who many would remember. Walter Bardonner's name appears during this time. Members from the 50-60's will remember Walter and his wife Myrtle. Other names that were part of this time: Kneller, Luecke, Kumbarger, Pook, Schultz & Sallzbrenner.

FREE MONEY FOR THE CHURCH

To Use the Kroger Community Rewards Program:

You will need your Kroger plus card, Simply go to <http://www.kroger.com>.

Once logged into your Kroger account then you can search for ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH either by name or use **NA108** and then click Enroll.

New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card, get your card from the service desk.

If you have any changes in your address, phone or email – please let Tonya know so the phone directory maybe updated. Also, if you would update the church office with your birthdates, baptism date (if known) and anniversary dates. I am updating the church records and we have new members as well.

Thank You for your cooperation, Tonya

Last Name: _____

First name of everyone in household, along with birthdate: (ex. Tonya 12/18/1968, Jill 1/1/1970)

Wedding Anniversary: _____

Emails: _____

Cell Ph.Number (indicate which cell number goes with household member)
(ex. T 260-555-1212, J 555-1213) _____

Address (Only if different than what is listed in directory for you):

Do you want Zealant By Email: _____

(Check which you prefer) By Church Mailbox: _____

By Snail Mail: _____

Check if willing to serve on a committee: _____

Anything else you may want me to know: _____

Fill out above and turn in with offering or in office mailbox. Thank You

February 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service	30 Pastor's Day Off	31	1 7pm -Worship Service	2 9am Ladies Aid Sewing Grp 7pm-Bible Study	3	4 Pastor's Day Off 9:30am Altar Guild
5 <i>1st Sun coffee hr</i> 9am – Sun. School 10:15am - Worship with Holy Communion 11:30am - Bd of Outreach	6 Pastor's Day Off	7	8	9 7pm-Bible Study	10	11 Pastor's Day Off
12 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service 11:30 am Bd of Education 11:30a Elder's Mtg	13 Pastor's Day Off	14	15 Zealant Items Due	16 9am Ladies Aid Sewing Grp 7pm-Bible Study	17	18 Pastor's Day Off
19 9am - Sunday School 10:15am – Worship with Holy Communion	20 Pastor's Day Off Snow makeup day - schools Presidents' Day	21 7pm - Board Mtg	22 7pm - Worship Service LENT Ash Wednesday	23 7pm-Bible Study	24	25 Pastor's Day Off
26 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service 11:30am - Bd of Youth	27 Pastor's Day Off	28	1 7pm - Worship Service	2 7pm-Bible Study	3	4 Pastor's Day Off