

# THE ZION ZEALANT

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It's the night before Christmas, and all through our towns,  
there wasn't much joy, just an abundance of frowns.  
This night rolls around every year on the dot  
just COVID and masks and delight was for naught.  
One would think that the trees, decorations and hassle  
surely'd move all our hearts into glee and all docil'.  
Now in with the drab and the news and the shootings  
away, away from this thought as our teeth are all grating.  
But it's the night when we plead with our Lord to come back  
No downturns! No drawbacks! Just come and relieve us!



When Christ comes back and down from the billows,  
He'll look all around and drag out the harrows.  
God will declare to all without any mirth,  
what have you done with this place you all now call earth?  
It was created with love and you were given dominion  
but with conceit and all selfishness fell pain to a trillion.  
"I gave you my Son, so He could save each of you...  
with peace and concord, you'd realize the value.  
But now on this night when you gather to see Me  
let my words go to heart far into eternity.



You need gather more often, in My house shall you all come  
greater Christians you'll then oh soon to become.  
I know of your plight and your worries at night  
by one tiny Baby greater love will ignite.  
For now when you approach this altar so fair,  
you'll feast on the Christ which He knows you can bare.  
It's Advent right here in this moment in time  
these days before Christmas aren't only sublime.  
You'll prepare for Christ's coming, I'll say it's a must  
For this season means joy and it isn't a bust."



So come now to church, I hath but to say  
 God wants you all here to worship and pray.  
 The day will come quickly, even bright and all briskly  
 all life here on earth will end just as likely.  
 Be prepared for His coming, His birth once announced,  
 here in church you will hear His true Word now pronounced.  
 Come, taste of His self, His true Sacraments you'll see  
 Baptized into Christ, His dear child you'll be.  
 Let me end this poor poem with a word of delight:  
 Come celebrate the joy of Christ's birth, on this Holy Night.



## Board of Directors Meeting November 16, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Ralph Brooke with six (6) members (Ralph, Jill, Chuck, David E., David M. and Katie), one (1) guest (Phil C.) present.

Rev. David Easterday was asked to opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes: Jill Coons made a motion to accept the October Voter's Assembly Meeting minutes printed in the November Zealant with one correction, The Dividend for September should read \$441.35. David Easterday seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Receiving Treasurer: reported by Chuck Cooper

	October 31, 2021	YTD
Unrestricted Offering Receipts	\$ 12,541.00	\$ 71,632.95
Restricted Offering/ Miscellaneous Offering Receipts	\$ 1,798.29	\$ 12,218.45
On-Line Giving Receipts	\$ 1,925.00	\$ 25,228.00
Dividends	\$ 335.04	\$ 3,088.49
Interest	\$ 2.48	\$ 23.36
<b>Total Unrestricted Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 14,466.00</b>	<b>\$ 96,860.95</b>
<b>Total Restricted Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 1,798.29</b>	<b>\$ 12,218.45</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 16,601.81</b>	<b>\$ 112,191.25</b>

Katie Rittner made a motion to accept the report as presented. Jill Coons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Disbursing Treasurer: reported by Jill Coons**

**Check/Savings as of October 31, 2021**

<b>General Checking/Savings</b>	<b>\$ 65,667.67</b>
<b>Youth</b>	<b>\$ 11,411.53</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>\$ 18,424.66</b>
<b>Lehmburg Legacy/ Kyler Endowment</b>	<b>\$201,039.82</b>

**Statement of Activity**

	<b>October 31 2021</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>General Budget</b>	<b>\$ 7,493.92</b>	<b>\$ 26,076.54</b>
<b>Non-Budgeted/ Reimbursed</b>	<b>\$ (9,576.03)</b>	<b>\$ 14,420.44</b>
<b>Youth</b>	<b>\$ (1,049.82)</b>	<b>\$ 1,790.27</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ (3,131.93)</b>	<b>\$ 42,287.25</b>

**Chuck Cooper made a motion to accept the report as presented. David Merryman seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**Elders: Meeting November 14, 2021**

**Meeting was opened with prayer.**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**Phil is still working on a contractor for the railing to the west entrance of the church.**

**Tim reported that the new pew cushions project is still a work in progress.**

**Red Cross will be here on November 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**It was decided to begin singing the offertory hymn even though the collection plate will still be at the entrance of the Nave.**

**In case of inclement weather all cancellations will be thru a robo-call to each family again this year.**

**Schedule of holiday services are as follows:**

**Thanksgiving Eve November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
**Advent Wednesday Evening December 1, 8 & 15 at 7:00 pm**  
**Christmas Eve December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
**Christmas Day at 9:00 am**

**There will be no New Year's Eve service.**

**Average attendance for October was 47**

**Meeting was closed with prayer.**

**Respectively submitted,  
Stephen Smith (Sec.)**

**Board of Education: No Report**

**Board of Christian Outreach: No Report**

**Board of Stewardship:**

**Praise the Lord for His goodness and blessings!**

**Board of Youth:**

**National Youth Gathering dates are July 9-13, 2022 in Houston, Texas. Registration deposit check of \$1,050 has been sent and the registrations for five (5) teens and two (2) adults has been completed. Due to the limited number of spaces, notification will be sent in January 2022 of confirmation.**

**Pastor:**

**No report – Pastor was at a respite retreat.**

**Unfinished/Old Business:**



**The new copier has arrived and is in place. When using the copier, use tray 2 or 3. Tray 1 has color cardstock paper in it. Tray 3 has two sections, the back section is what is fed into the copier. You need to open tray 2 to get to the back section of tray 3. Ask Tonya or Pastor if you need help with the copier.**

**New Business:**

**Zion has been receiving offerings designated for missions. Jill has been giving it to the Indiana District for missions. A substantial gift has been received designated for missions with no further instructions. Jill inquired what to do with it. A few LC-MS suggestions were given: David Merryman mentioned Shepherd's Hands in Fort Wayne (they are an inner-city RSO that is making a difference in the area providing diapers and other needs); Office of International Missions has been mentioned in the past by Pastor Phil either to OIM or to a particular missionary; BABE of Whitley County. Jill brought it to the Board of Directors for consideration and further discussion at the next meeting when Pastor Phil returns.**

**David Easterday made a motion to give Jerry Lahrman a \$100 Visa gift card for appreciation and out of pocket expenses through his care of the church building. David Merryman seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**Chuck Cooper made a motion to give Linda Hobkirk a \$100 Visa gift card for Christmas in appreciation of the beautiful birthday and anniversary cards she makes and sends out monthly to our Zion family.**

**Zion's secretary, Tonya, passed along information that she has been able to verify Zion and our search engine listing on Google for free after being contacted by a telemarketer to do it for a fee. When doing a search on the internet, you are directed to a Landing Site (LS) which allows people to find us on the map, call us, go to the website or Facebook page, view our hours and worship times. Since September, there have been 721 people who have seen our Landing Site, and of those there have been 141 interactions to find information.**

**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**



### **LADIES AID**

**Sewing of the cancer pads is going great as we have some really speedy sewers. We have 110 finished pads to return.**

**The Cancer Services of N.E IN annual Volunteer Breakfast will again not be held as usual. Instead, a drive thru at Cancer Services on Ludwig Ave on Dec. 3 will be held to receive your gift. Kathaleen will pick up the gifts for all 10 sewers.**

**Thanksgiving cards have been sent to all Zion's sick and shut ins.**

**Everyone is happy that we can once again have our annual Christmas party again this year on Dec. 16 at Tri Lakes Restaurant. (See all details in the box below.)**

**There will be NO sewing in the month of January. We will resume in February weather permitting.**

**GOD grant us the light in Christmas, which is  
FAITH , the warmth of Christmas, which is  
LOVE, the belief in Christmas, which is  
TRUTH, and the ALL OF Christmas, which is  
CHRIST.**



**SERVING WITH GLADNESS**



**Please remember in your daily prayers:**

**Sandra Barrett, Lois Duffy, Linda Hobkirk, Maxine Lott, Bill Niedermeyer, Willie & Karen Scheumann, Jeanine Slavicek, Jack & Joanne Lane, Ralph & Barbara Keiper, Lynn Kyler, Ralph Brooke, Ralph Sexton, and Steve Smith.**

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Happy Anniversary



12 Kurt & Gayle Goshorn  
26 Donald & Judy Gilbert

Adalynn Branning  
Lydia Childs  
Daniel Knuth  
Gretchen Grant  
Lindsey Lepper  
Sara Sawyer  
Wilmer Scheumann  
Bryan Sexton  
Kim Yann  
Donald Gilbert  
Janet Jackson

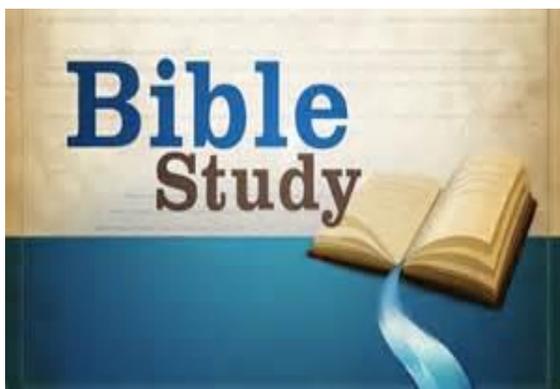
3 Zane Lepper  
6 Wilmer Scheumann  
6 Janet Jackson  
8 Richard Lane  
16 Justin Bachelder  
18 Tonya Stanford non member  
22 Rev. Phil Rittner  
29 Donald Gilbert II



What you may have missed last month

11/28/2021 Was a Surprise Party for Pastor to celebrate his 10 years!!! Congrats Pastor Phil!!!

The Woodlands Senior Activity Center has:  
Euchre every Tuesday and Friday at 9am.  
Dominoes every Tuesday at 11:30 am



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

**No Bible Study on the Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**but resumes Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022**

You are invited to the Annual Ladies Aid Christmas Party!

December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
12 Noon  
@  
Tri Lakes Restaurant  
SR 9 at Curve Shriners Lake

Bring a \$3-\$5 gift for a gift Exchange

Come Join Us For:

Food  
Fun  
Fellowship

For reservations & more Info call  
Kathaleen Reese 260-327-3911

**Mid-week Advent** services @ 7:00 pm Dec. 8 & Dec. 15.

**Congregational Christmas Celebration** is on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 10:15 am.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion**, Friday, Dec. 24 at 7:00 pm.

**Christmas Morning Service with Holy Communion**, will be Saturday, Dec. 25 @ 9:00 am.

**Beginning January 1**, Pastor Phil will be changing his days and hours in his study at church to Wednesday, Thursday and of course Sunday. Other hours will be available by appointment. As always, Pastor Phil is available 24/7 for emergencies and for funerals and weddings.

**Life Line Screening**, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Zion Lutheran Church on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

**A package of five** screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

#### **Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)**

An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

#### **Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening**

An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)**

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.

#### **Atrial Fibrillation**

A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Osteoporosis Risk**

An ultrasound is performed to measure the shin bone for abnormal bone mass density. This can help assess the risk of osteoporosis, a disease where bones become weak and brittle.

**These 5 vital screenings** are offered for only \$139 and take 60-90 minutes to complete.

**Register by calling** toll free 1-888-653-6441, text the word "circle" to 797979 or online at <https://ilsa.social/HSC>

# December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 7pm - Worship Service	<b>2</b> 9am Ladies Aid Sewing Grp 7pm-Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am - Bd of Outreach	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7pm - Worship Service with Holy Communion	<b>9</b> 7pm-Bible Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service 11:30am- Bd of Education 8pm - Elder's Mtg	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7pm - Worship Service	<b>16</b> 12pm Ladies Aid Sewing Grp Christmas Party 7pm-Bible Study	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 
<b>19</b> 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service with Holy Communion <b>Christmas Celebration</b>	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b> 7pm - Board Meeting	<b>22</b> 7pm - Worship Service with Holy Communion  Zealant Items Due	<b>23</b> No Bible Study	<b>24</b> 7pm- Candlelight Service 	<b>25</b> 9am-Christmas Day Service
<b>26</b> 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service 11:30am - Bd of Youth	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> No Service	<b>30</b> No Service 	<b>31</b> No Service	<b>1</b> No Service 