



# THE ZION ZEALANT

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## **Council Meeting February 16, 2016**

Ralph Brooke called the meeting to order with 8 members present. Kenny Knuth opened with prayer. Ralph thanked Kenny for chairing the voters meeting due to his illness.

Steve Smith made a motion to accept minutes of the voters meeting as printed in the Zealant, Kenny Knuth 2nd the motion passed.

**Receiving Treasurer:** Chuck Cooper gave the receiving report.

Total Budgeted Receipts: \$7626.50

Total Non-Budgeted Receipts: \$454.07

Interest: \$.88

Total Receipts \$8,081.45

Joyce Reidt made a motion to accept the report as presented with a 2nd by Steve Smith, the motion passed.

Dispersing Treasurer: Jill Coons gave the report.

Lake City Checking \$2375.38

Lake City Savings \$11,363.98

Joyful Response Checking \$443.87

General Church Checking/Saving accounts  
\$14,183.23

Lehmburg Legacy Fund \$73,557.46 (Market  
Value as of 12/31/ \$66,847.82)

Total Youth Accounts \$9086.18

Year to Date: Income \$8081.45

Expenses \$8005.09

Net ordinary Income \$76.36

Other Expense \$252.07

Other Income \$252.07

Net Income \$-175.71

Steve Smith made the motion to accept the report as submitted with a 2nd from Kenny Knuth, the motion passed.

### **Elders Report by Steve Smith:**

No transfers.

There was no January meeting, appointment of officers, Mike Gerbers as president and Steve Smith secretary.

A new visitation schedule has been set through June.

A youth event "Higher Things" was discussed, with more information to come.

We will be having two Easter services again this year with Communion offered at each service.

Average attendance for December 2015:

Sundays 51

Mid-week 17

Christmas Eve 79

Christmas Day 22

New Years Eve 26

Average attendance for January:

Sundays 48

Mid-week 14

The meeting was closed with the Benediction.

### **Trustees Report by Dan Knuth:**

The blower on the basement furnace needs repair, that will be taken care of during the annual maintenance.

The Lemburg Legacy Fund dividends will now be placed in a more stable fund.

Gym rentals were discussed, and will be discussed further at the April Voters meeting.

Parking lot repair/replaced was discussed, Dan will look into getting quotes for repair vs. replace that will be discussed at a later date.

### **Board of Christian Education:**

Kenny Knuth called the meeting to order with 6 members attending. Kenny opened with prayer. The minutes were approved.

Sunday School Report:

Attendance for January: Adults 15, Students 7.

The Sunday School children made 54 Valentines, puzzles, and letters that were sent to our Shut-ins.

Thank you's were received from the Rita Smith Family, John Duffy, Wayne Reese and Ralph Brooke.

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Council minutes continued)

Missions for January/February is the Lighthouse with a total of \$176.33 to date, March/April mission will be Destiny Rescue. Pastor asked that a goal be set for more children during VBS.

Zion will be hosting "Higher Things" a week-end program for the youth from our circuit ages will be conformation thru high school. This year's VBS theme will be "Barnyard Roundup" which will be held June 27th—July 1st.

**Board of Outreach:**

The board was notified that they will not be receiving a Reformation Grant. This does not mean that we will cancel the block party! Each month Outreach will have an event we would like to get every one involved, the February meeting will focus on events for summer. This spring Zion will host students from the Seminary, they will canvas Columbia City Spreading God's word everyone is encouraged to come and help.

**No Reports: Stewardship, Youth or Pastor.**

Joyce Reidt made a motion to adjourn with a 2nd from Steve Smith, the meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted Joyce Reidt (sec)



**LENT**

Pastors do Round Robin

March 2nd @ 7 pm  
Pastor Mommens

March 9th @ 7 pm  
Pastor Winegarden

March 16th @ 7 pm  
Pastor Rittner



March 20th  
Palm Sunday  
Worship w/  
Communion

March 24th  
Maundy Thursday  
with Communion  
Service 7 pm



March 25th  
Good Friday  
Worship 7 pm

March 27th  
Sunrise Worship w/Communion @ 8 am  
Breakfast @ 9 am  
Easter Worship w/Communion @ 10:15 am



**Mary Martha Altar Guild**  
**Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016**

Pastor Rittner opened the meeting with prayer and a Bible study with a study sheet titled "The Veil." In the Bible we read passages with references of the veil. The Pastor ended Bible study with prayer.

Pastor Rittner, Verna Doehrman, Peggy Brooke, Marty Williams, and Betty Wilkinson were all present.

President, Verna Doehrman, then asked if there were any Weddings or Baptisms coming up before our next meeting. As of now there are 2 weddings that Pastor will be officiating but only one at Zion. Pastor will give more details at a later date.

Ash Wednesday, the Pastor will be here. There will be a Round Robin of Pastors for Lenten services. During Lent Linda Gerbers will be playing the organ.

Old Business

Advent wreath. Katie will take the wreath to Concordia for us.

Joan Lane donated silk flowers for Rachel Degitz to make new arrangements for the Altar.

The Linen has been ordered and received and is on the Altar. The cost was under \$200 and was paid for out of memorials.

New Business

A request for flowers for the Easter service will be put in the bulletin. A breakfast is being planned to follow Easter service. As of now there will only be one service.

Maundy Thursday the Altar will be stripped during the service.

Will be setting up for Good Friday.

All of Altar Guild ladies will help set up for Easter.

Meeting was adjourned by President Doehrman.

Prayerfully submitted, Betty Wilkinson

## Spring Flowers for Easter

Altar Guild  
invites you to bring in Spring Flowers  
for Easter morning.

You may bring them in  
during Holy Week  
and place them in  
the library.  
(Make sure your name  
is on them.)

You may take them home  
after Easter service @ 10:15.



### OPEN COMMUNITY SOUP & SANDWICH MEAL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH  
5:00—6:45 PM



WATCH  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
TO COME



## SUNDAY



## SCHOOL

## SCOOP

MARCH 2016

The **Sunday** School Hour at Zion is from 9:00 - 10:00 A.M. We meet in the fellowship hall for opening and songs and dismiss for classes at 9:10 A.M. Coffee and doughnut fellowship is provided. Please consider making **Sunday** morning a family affair!

### Lessons for March:

6th - "John Prepares the Way"

13th - "The Baptism of Jesus"

20th - "The Temptation of Jesus"

27th - "Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael"

The **Sunday** School is supporting Columbia City's Lighthouse Mission for the months of January and February. There is also a box located adjacent from the mailboxes for the congregation to donate health and beauty products, hats, mittens, hygiene products, etc. Those will be delivered to the Lighthouse.

A total of 54 Valentines were created by **Sunday** School classes, and 18 packets were mailed to shut-ins and friends of Zion. Many thank yous have been returned expressing the joy and thankfulness of being remembered on Valentines Day. This is a wonderful outreach program for all.



The children will be leading the Palm Sunday processional and sing a chorus on **March 20th** at the 10:15 A.M. worship service. Anyone is welcome to participate in the processional. There will be a Children's Sermon that morning.



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL STATS - January 2016**

Class Attendance was a 3-way tie with 80% attendance the month of January!



## Vacation Bible School 2016

Will be held

**June 27th — July 1st**

**9—11:30 AM**

**Parents & Grandparents please put this on your calendar so your children and grandchildren won't miss out!**

**Let your family, friends and neighbors know!!!**



**Sunday, March 13th  
Daylight Savings Time Begins**

**Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday! Otherwise you will be late for church on Sunday!!**

## Ladies Aid/LWML February 18, 2016

Five members attended the 1 PM meeting.

President Kathaleen Reese opened the meeting with prayer. She continued with a Devotion entitled "Dance!" Spelling the word GUDIANCE you can see the word "dance." Using the "G" make it God, followed by "u" and "i" and it equals God, You and Dance! Let us trust in his lead as we dance our lives.

Using the Winter 2015 LWML Quarterly, Lois Duffy told of stories by women of Faith as they lived their lives with talents dedicated to God and his blessings: Erin Bode, a jazz musician/songwriter and her husband used hymns such as "Be Still My Soul" in their concerts and told stories to the audiences about their relationship with a Japanese couple, a Lutheran Pastor and his wife and the Tsunami in Japan and about Erin's grandmother who lived through terrible storms in Kansas. She and her family would sing hymns while down in their cellar. Erin and Syd dedicated the hymns to give comfort and praise to God. The origin of the hymn "Be Still My Soul":

It was written by Katherine Von Schlegel in about 1752 when a great revival of hymnody in Germany was during that time.

It was transformed from German into English by Jane L. Borthwich and the tune was by Jean Sibelius who composed it honoring his native Finland in 1899.

Scripture Reference Psalm 46:10.

A CD was recorded with the many comforting hymns by her husband and the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. The cover art for the CD was by a Japanese printmaker Sadeo Watanobi which is entitled "Boat In The Storm," as one of his biblical artworks.

Mia Koehne is another singer/songwriter. She writes that she alone does not write the songs or words, but the Holy Spirit gives her power to minister deep within people's souls. She told of how the words she spoke and the song she sang helped a couple with marriage problems. Because of testimonies like this-she is encouraged to continue to write and continue to sing SO THAT Jesus is glorified and people are reminded of His saving grace. Hannah Steele is a Music Director. She tells us how she joined the praise team at age 14 at church. Nine years later she became the Director of Contemporary Worship. Her passion for music ministry stems from the fact that we are called to praise the Lord and make a joyful noise and sing praises

to Him as in Psalm 100:1-2. She was so thankful and humbled by the experience she had at a Memory Care Center. She prayed and then sang "Amazing Grace." No matter how much those people may not have remembered, they all sang all the words with her. Hannah gave the Holy Spirit credit for this because it brought them with more clarity to be closer with God.

Member Gloria Nimtzt read two Christmas letters that her brother's wife Carrie wrote using beautiful Christian poetry to tell of the Macke Holiday Happenings.

### **Business Meeting:**

The secretary's minutes for January was approved with a motion by Maxine Lott and d2nd by Marty Williams.

### **Committees:**

Sewing Cancer pads and collecting postage stamps and coupons continue. The stamps will be taken to the 3-Zone Spring LWML Rally. Card tops were collected for Passages.

### **Correspondence:**

LAMP (Missionary Pilots) told of how our donations help the LAMP volunteers to do their job in Northern Canada; Thank you letters for Christmas gifts came from the Salvation Army, the Lutheran Military Vets and Families, a thank you note for a gift card to a seminary student and tor donations make to the Seminary Co-op.

### **Valentine Bake Sale:**

Sunday, February 14th netted \$128.50 for Missions.

### **Up Coming Events:**

The 3-Zone LWML Spring Rally on April 9th at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Ft. Wayne. Zion's Ladies Aid is to bring 20—3 oz. bags of Trail Mix to be used at the Convention. Chili Supper for LAM— Missionary Jane Weaver in Ecuador. It will be held at the Parkview Mirror Center 10622 Parkview Plaza Drive in Ft. Wayne. \$6.00 for the meal. President Reese talked about the Destiny Rescue project that was talked about at one Sunday Service recently.

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President Reese entertained with “Going Down Memory Lane” with old Words and Phrases that remind us of the Way we Word. Do You remember:

- Best bib and tucker?
- Hot rods and jalopies?
- Heavens to Betsie?
- Living the Life of Riley?
- Oh, my aching back?
- Members remembered all.

Mission Projects were discussed. We will continue the soap for Lutheran World Relief, Cancer Pads and Card tops for Passages. There will be more discussion in the March Meeting.

**Fellowship Time:**

Gloria Nimtze and Lois Duffy served chocolate cake, chocolate snacks and nuts on a Valentine theme table setting. Maxine Lott won the table prize.

Respectively submitted Lois Duffy

The Oaks:  
Patricia Neidermeyer

Renaissance Village:  
Dorothy Ummel

Peabody Home (Memory Care):  
Alberta Warnick

Summit City Nursing and Rehab:  
John Duffy

Those at home:

Sami Blomquist, Linda Hobkirk, Jim Jackson, Bill Neidermeyer, John Pullen, Wayne Reese, Tim & Sandra Rueger, Willie & Karen Scheumann, Jeannine Slavicek, and Michael Sexton

Those Serving in the Armed Forces:

Chris Decker, Alex Hart, Joshua Rittner, Jason & Ashley Weatherly and Dayne Zielinski



**Worship Services**

**SUNDAY**

**Sunday School—9:00 a.m.**  
**Worship—10:15 a.m.**  
**w/Communion**  
**1st & 3rd Sundays**

**WEDNESDAY**

**Worship—7:00 p.m.**  
**w/Communion**  
**2nd & 4th Wednesday**

**Rev. Phil Rittner**  
**Cell Phone: 260-415-9078**  
**(I text if you'd like!)**  
**Email: revrittner@reagan.com**

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

for

. . . and anyone else we have not mentioned that might be in our hearts. . . . Lord, hear our prayers.

Our condolences to the family of Robert ‘Bob’ Gallmeyer who went to be with his Father in Heaven on Feb. 11, 2016.

Our condolences to the family of Max Cotner who went to be with his Father in Heaven on Feb. 23, 2016.

## SERVING IN MARCH 2016

### USHERS

6th—Mike Gerbers  
13th—Steve Smith  
20th—Mike Gerbers  
27th—Ralph Sexton

### ACOLYTES

6th—Shianne Brooke  
13th—Kyler Bills  
20th—Emma Mullett  
27th—Mason Knuth

### GREETERS

6th—Kathaleen Reese  
13th—Lois Duffy  
20th—Pat Decker  
27th—

### ALTAR GUILD

Peg Brooke

## **BIRTHDAY'S**

3 Mike Gerbers	15 Alisha Kimmel
3 Morgan Sawyer	19 Melissa Bender
6 Anna Pepler	14 Lily Pressler
10 Alysa Sawyer	19 April Brooke
11 Jordan Allen	21 Jennifer Knuth
11 Bonnie Spoerke	22 Thomas Auer
13 Ryan Bills	22 Ge'Onna Decker
13 Peggy Brooke	25 Barbara Kieper
13 Kinsley Schuller	25 Joan Lane
14 Adrian Kimmel	28 Melinda Puckett
14 Dorothy Ummel	31 Geoffry Gerbers

## **BAPTISMS**

Miriah Adkins	Mason Knuth
Thomas Auer	Maddox Lahrman
Joshua Braun	Anna Pepler
Ryan Bills	Ashton Pepler
Verna Doehrman	Amanda Welch
Brody Hart	Kassidy Welch

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

23 Jerry & Barb Lahrman



**for**  
**Thursday**  
**Bible Study**  
**7 p.m.**



# MARCH 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 S.S. 9 am Worship w/Communion 10:15 am	7	8	9 Round Robin Lenten Service 7 pm Elders	3 Ladies Aid Sewing 9 am Bible Study 7 pm	4	5
13 S.S. 9 am Worship 10:15 am Bd. of Ed. 11:15 am	14	15 Council 7 pm	16 Open Community Soup & Sandwich Meal 5—6:45 PM Round Robin Lenten Service 7 pm	10 Bible Study 7 pm	11	12
20 Palm Sunday S.S. 9 am Worship with Communion 10:15 am	21 Zealant Items Due	22	23 No Wed. Service	24 Maundy Thurs. Service 7 pm No Bible Study	25 Good Friday Service 7 pm	26
27 Easter Sunrise service 8 am Breakfast/S.S. 9 am Easter Worship 10:15 am	28	29	30 Wed. Service 7 pm	31 Bible Study 7 pm		

