



## THE ZION ZEALANT

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### Pastor's Corner

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Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

Here at Zion we have been talking more about the mission work we could support. At one Voter's Meeting I was asked to look for a couple of ideas we could support, and it was decided we would adopt a seminary pastoral student and a deaconess student. Having still fresh memories of having been adopted by a church when I was in the seminary, I know these young folks are indeed welcoming all the help they can get!

The young woman we are supporting, Tirzah Krey, has been doing nursing work abroad while completing her M.A. in Deaconess Studies via the distant learning program. An interesting and busy career she has undertaken! But she's actively working in the field of missionary work; it too a very important challenge and need in the world today. So, thinking about my article for this month, I ran across a letter written by the Rev. Kevin D. Robson, the Chief Mission Officer, for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. I thought it something good to pass along to each of you.

“The Church's steadfast persistence in the face of trials, challenges and cultural counterattacks reveals something special: a quiet, certain hope. Such faith has its origin in the promises and works of the Savior Himself. We Lutherans are quite stubborn about this because Jesus is right here among us now (Matt. 28:20) and has promised to come again. The spectacular Gospel truth — that we have been saved from sin, death and the power of Satan by God's grace in Christ alone — is the cause of genuine freedom. We are reborn at the baptismal font and bear the image of His sacrificial love. Jesus gave Himself for everyone; His Church and her members, in turn, embody this self-giving to others — from the greatest to the least. This Gospel directs us to love our neighbors with the works that God has prepared beforehand (Eph. 2:10).

However, such confident hope sometimes falters. Sins assail us, and the devil never stops with his accusations. He says: “Unworthy. Unlovable. Unrighteous. God could not really love someone like you.”

But Satan is silenced whenever that peculiar cross comes into view (1 Cor. 1:22– 25). “For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive” (1 Cor. 15:22). This is why the children of God are continually drawn to the very instruments — the Word and Sacraments — that deliver

the fruit of this cross with its eternal benefits. Our day-to-day lives are marked by continual repentance. Our sins are no more, and we are refined and strengthened to proceed into the world.

So whether across an ocean or in our own backyard, a persistent hope emerges. And from such faith, we pray that the proclamation of the Gospel and the Church’s works of mercy may continue unhindered. [Deaconess student Tirzah’s work abroad is but one example, or] in countless other contexts — of how marvelously these prayers are being answered. Rejoice over God’s goodness, and give thanks!”

That’s what we are doing when we contribute to the mission work of the church: helping spread the Good News of Christ crucified and His love for all mankind! We’re right there in the trenches helping others do what we’re unable to do – to share the love of God in the places that need it most!

I’m excited, as so should you be, that we’re able to fulfill this worthy work for God’s Kingdom and the salvation of everyone. But it’s still not enough that we help people in, say, deep Africa hear about Jesus... but right here in Columbia City! It has been proven time and time again that the absolute best way to grow the church is for each of you to invite and bring someone to church. You know that cousin, neighbor, friend that you are sure that Christ could help them. Bring them to church!

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

Pastor Phil Rittner





## Board of Directors Meeting

September 21, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Ralph Brooke with three (3) members (Ralph, Jill, Katie), one (1) ex-officio member (Pastor Rittner) and three (3) guests (Peggy, Phil Coons, Tim Crutchfield) present.

Pastor Rittner opened the meeting with a devotion from Psalm 55, Matthew 8:23-27 and prayer.

**Minutes:** Jill Coons made a motion to accept the August Board of Directors Meeting minutes printed in the September Zealant with no corrections. Ralph Brooke seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Receiving Treasurer:** The August report was not ready for the meeting. It will be reported at the October Voters' Assembly meeting along with the September report.

**Disbursing Treasurer:** reported by Jill Coons

### Check/Savings as of **August 31, 2021**

General Checking/Savings	\$ 65,636.53
Youth	\$ 12,460.70
Restricted Funds	\$ 18,261.16
Lehmburg Legacy/ Kyler Endowment	\$200,588.22

### Statement of Activity

	<b>August 31 2021</b>	<b>YTD</b>
General Budget	\$ 1,958.17	\$ 16,406.45
Non-Budgeted/ Reimbursed	\$ 624.15	\$ 23,477.06
Youth	\$ .17	\$ 2,839.44
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,582.49</b>	<b>\$ 42,722.95</b>

Katie Rittner made a motion to accept the report as presented. Ralph Brooke seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Elders:** September 19, 2021

Meeting was opened with prayer.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS:

We studied from our training manual "The Caring Elder".

The rest of our meeting was devoted to preparing our part of the upcoming proposed budget for 2022. The total came to \$38,300.00

Elder Proposed 2022 Budget

	District Pledge	\$ 4,600.00
6111	Minister's Salary	\$15,600.00
	Vicar's Salary (5 months)	\$ 9,000.00
6113	Guest Speaker	\$ 1,500.00
6124	Sem. Student Mileage	\$ 1,000.00
6312	Pastor Conference	\$ 1,500.00
6314	Altar Guild	\$ 600.00
6315	Pastor Mileage	\$ 3,000.00
6319	Elder Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
<b>Elder Total</b>		<b>\$38,300.00</b>

Average attendance for August was 41  
Meeting was closed with the Benediction.

Respectively submitted,  
Stephen Smith (Sec.)

**Trustees:**

The sign repair has been completed. Working to get the timer adjusted correctly so the sign is on during the nighttime hours in order to be read and seen.

There are various plumbing issues that are being resolved this week by Phil Coons.

**Board of Education:** No Report

**Board of Christian Outreach:** No Report

**Board of Stewardship:** No report

**Board of Youth:**

National Youth Gathering dates are July 9-13, 2022 in Houston, Texas. Four (4) youth members have been identified as eligible to go. Online registration is now open and mail registration opens November 1. It is a \$150.00 per person deposit payable at registration (total registration is \$495 per person). All expenses except souvenirs the kids want are covered by the youth account.

We are working on another fund raiser in the spring – a car show and corn dog wagon – to raise additional funds for the trip.

More information will be coming out in the next few weeks as well as times for the youth to gather to prepare for this great time of gathering.

**Pastor:**

**1. Concordia Theological Seminary Student Adoption.**

We've been given the names of the two (2) students we here at Zion have adopted for the next school year. They are:

- i. **Tirzah Krey.** Born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Previous vocation was as a nurse. She is in her second year the the Seminary, studying to become a Deaconess in the LC-MS in the Distance program while serving in the Dominican Republic.
- ii. **Aaron Coggins.** Aaron's hometown is Saint Paul, Minnesota. Before coming to the Seminary, he was a student at the University of Minnesota. Aaron is also in his second year of the MDiv program, studying to become a pastor in the LC-MS.

**2. Tuition Assistance Program.**

- a. As we have previously provided Tuition Assistant to 3 people from our congregation; those same three have requested help for the 2021-2022 school year.
- b. Those three individuals are:
  - i. Scott Woodhouse (CTSFW)
  - ii. Thompson Marin (CTSFW)
  - iii. Jada Burton (Concordia High School, FW)
- c. We need to discuss a withdrawal/Disbursement from the LCMS Foundation.
  - i. The "Lehmburg" Account can be withdrawn from at any time by a simple email to the account administrator, Shelly Herzog.
  - ii. The "Kyler" account is currently set up for a 4% distribution yearly in December. (At it's origin, this account was set up for disbursements to happen in July. The account administrator and I are unaware how that was changed.) A withdrawal/disbursement from this account can be done also at any time (although the annual disbursement should be realigned to a more fitting date so that we can impact the tuition needs of students at the beginning of their school year).

Jill Coons made a motion to give Scott and Thompson \$5,000.00 each and Jada \$1,500.00 to be applied to their student accounts at CTSFW and Concordia High School.

50% of the 4% disbursement from the Kyler Account

4% disbursement from the Lehmburg (for Scott and Thompson)

\$2,000 from tuition assistance restricted funds (established for LC-MS parochial schools)

Remaining balance from the General Funds in the checking account.

For a total of \$11,500.00.

Katie Rittner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **3. Lifeline Screening Event.**

- a. We have arranged for Zion to hold another Lifeline Screening event on Wednesday, January 26, 2022. Their “team” will arrive at approximately 8:00 am. Pastor has the information regarding their table and chair needs while here that day.

### **4. Indiana District Fall Pastor’s Conference.**

- a. Pastor Phil has registered for attending this conference to be held October 18-19, 2021 in Noblesville, Indiana, at the Embassy Suites Hotel & Convention Center.
- b. Pastor Phil will be out of town Sunday evening, **October 17 through Tuesday evening, October 19, 2021.**

### **5. Red Cross Blood Drives at Zion.**

- a. We just has a blood drive today, September 21, 2021. The next scheduled blood drive is **November 16, 2021.**
- b. No dates have been selected yet for 2022.

### **6. Update from our secretary Tonya.**

- a. We’ve made the arrangements for a new and better copier/printer/fax/scanner for the church office. It is due to be delivered and set-up in early October. This will replace the relic fax machine and save the church monthly with a reduced cost overall.
- b. We have been experiencing some outages of internet over the past few weeks. Mediacom is working on the problem, probably outside on the power pole. All interior items have been checked. We are staying on top of this matter as it affects everyday operations at the church.

**Unfinished/Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

**ALL Budget requests are due ASAP! We will be voting on them at the October Voters’ Assembly meeting on October 17 immediately after church.**

Since we have moved to the Board of Directors and no longer have an elected Trustee, Jill Coons has reviewed the Trustee budgets for the last few years and has made adjustments for increases where needed so we can continue to maintain our property. This will be presented at the October Voters’ Assembly with all other budgets.

Jill Coons made a motion to increase the salary our secretary Tonya receives by \$.50 (50 cents) per hour beginning January 1, 2022. However, due to wage allowance restrictions, we purchase a \$150.00 gift card quarterly for her. This will serve as her wage increase for 2022 and will be purchased in March, June, September and December. Katie Rittner seconded the motion. The motion passed.



Katie Rittner made a motion beginning January 1, 2022 to increase the compensation for Jerry Lahrman to \$600.00 per month (\$7,200.00 per year) as he provides janitorial services for the church. Jill Coons seconded. The motion passed.

With no further business, Katie Rittner made a motion to adjourn. Jill Coons seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

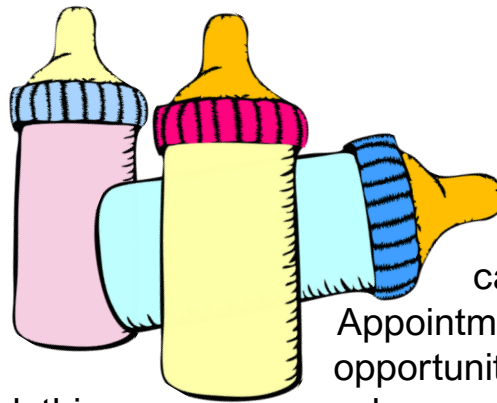
Pastor Rittner closed the meeting with the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katherine (Katie) Rittner, Recording Secretary



**BABE**

Whitley County is Center but also BABE, women and families to services to better take when going to Dr. classes and other can use to buy diapers, clothing,



blessed to not only have A Hope which is a program that helps participate in programs and care of their children. The mothers, Appointments, taking parenting and nutritional opportunities, earn Babe Bucks, which they and even strollers. And one way we as a church can help is by having a BABE Bottle Month!

November will be BABE Bottle month. The baby bottles will be provided by BABE and you simply fill the bottles with change. At the end of the month, the bottles will be returned to BABE. So the real question becomes: how many bottles would you like? There will be a signup sheet starting in October. Thank you for helping BABE to help mothers, fathers and families in Whitley County to provide preventative and prenatal care. Mark 9:36-37 "And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them 'Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me'"



Please remember in your daily prayers:

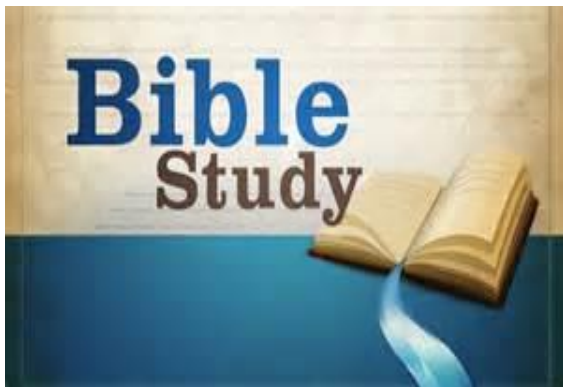
Sandra Barrett, Lois Duffy, Linda Hobkirk, Maxine Lott, Bill Niedermeyer, Willie & Karen Scheumann, Jeanine Slavicek, Jack & Joanne Lane, Ralph & Barbara Keiper, Lynn Kyler, Ralph Brooke, Ralph Sexton, and Steve Smith.



## **Oktoberfest was on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** at the home of Kenny & Barb Knuth

I would like to THANK both Kenny & Barb for a wonderful time! My daughter really enjoyed herself (she had no homework for a few hours!) and my husband enjoyed meeting and talking with the people I've talked about. Thanks again for making us feel welcomed.

Kenny and Barb really outdid themselves and the food everyone brought in was great! My husband liked how it came in waves; new people show up, new food also showed up! The punch made by Nikki H. was outstanding! Thanks everyone!



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



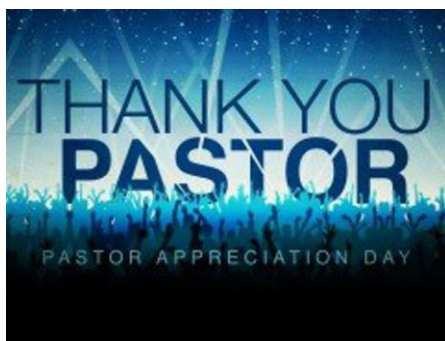


4 Spencer & Jessica Rossow  
 5 Rick & Sara Sawyer



3 David Wiehe  
 8 Heather Decker  
 21 Caleb Roark  
 22 Mary Sexton  
 24 Jennifer Foldenauer  
 27 Amanda Crutchfield  
 27 Ervin Doehrman  
 28 Martha Williams  
 29 Daniel Knuth  
 29 Linda Williams

Andrew Hart  
 Violet Klopfenstein  
 Lois Duffy  
 Jack Foldenauer  
 Gilliana Knuth  
 Kenneth Knuth  
 Jill Coons  
 Kirby Coons  
 Riley Coons  
 Rachel Digitz  
 Kathleen Reese  
 Michael Sexton  
 Lilly Lane



On Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, after worship service, we will be celebrating Reformation Sunday, New Member Potluck Sunday, and Pastor Appreciation.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. A card shower would be great. Mail to the Church or email them to me and I'll print them out for him to read. The meat & drinks will be provided. Congregation is asked to bring casseroles, salads & desserts, please

# October 2021

September '21							November '21								
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7pm - Worship Service	<b>30</b> 7pm-Bible Study ☐	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  OCTOBERFEST 5pm-8pm Knuths see map
<b>3</b> 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am - Bd of Outreach	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7pm - Worship Service	<b>7</b> 9am Ladies Aid Sewing Grp 7pm-Bible Study	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service 11:30am - Bd of Education 11:30am Elder's Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7pm - Worship Service with Holy Communion	<b>14</b> 7pm-Bible Study ☐	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30a- VOTER's MTG	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7pm - Worship Service  Zealant Items Due	<b>21</b> 9am Ladies Aid Sewing Grp 7pm-Bible Study ☐	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service Reformation Service 11:30am - Bd of Youth	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7pm - Worship Service with Holy Communion	<b>28</b> 7pm-Bible Study ☐	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service with Holy Communion  All Saints Day	<b>1</b>	Notes  				