



THE ZION ZEALANT

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Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

Strange days are upon us. Lockdowns. Stay-at-home orders. Travel shut down. Offices closed. Millions upon millions out of work. What should the church be doing right now? What should I be doing as an individual? Where do we start? We should think about our hearing God's calling!

We brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (1 Tim. 6:7) — it all belongs to God. But the Lord has blessed us to be His stewards: He gives us gifts to be used for His purposes. But how do we know what those purposes are? God's purpose for us in our lives is expressed in the various vocations, or callings, that we have. That's all the more clear in a time of emergency: God makes each aspect of our lives *"holy ground"* by calling us to be His children.

A great treasure of the Lutheran Reformation was the rediscovery of the holy callings given to each Christian. In Luther's day, it was taught that the surest way to enter heaven was to leave the world and join a monastery. But in Luther's eyes, to do this was actually to abandon the holy callings (*"vocations"*) that God has given us to fulfill in the home, the church and society at large. Each one of these vocations makes a claim upon us. Luther laid out the biblical commands for our various vocations in the Table of Duties in the Small Catechism, and specifically the command for all Christians when it comes to stewardship in the church:

1 Cor. 9:14: **"In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel."** ›

Gal. 6:6–7: **"Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap."**

In the *church*: Our vocation as Christians makes a claim on us: on our presence on Sunday morning and on our support for the work of the Gospel. We find purpose here: We are called to use what God has placed in our trust for His high purpose of bringing salvation to all people.

In the *Home*: Likewise, our callings in the home make a claim on us: again for presence and support. So, for example, parents use their income to feed, clothe and protect their children,

and they must be present with their children to actually raise them. Children are called to listen to their parents. Grandparents give support, love and wisdom. And so on — whatever your role in the home, God is calling you to a high purpose.

In **Society**: In society at large our vocations are varied, but they all boil down to being a good neighbor no matter where we are. We work, we have friends, we help those in need. In each place, we are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. That means being a faithful friend and worker, a kind and generous neighbor, etc. Once again, this role places a claim on our presence and our support and gives us a role to play in God’s high purposes for the world. God has called you to be His child. He has made your whole life “holy ground,” whether in the church, the home, or in society at large. In each role He has given you, pray for wisdom and seek to fulfill His purposes in your use of the gifts He has given you.

See you in church, soon!

Pastor Phil Rittner

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MEETING MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting August 16, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Ralph Brooke with four (4) members, one (1) ex-officio member and one (1) guest present.

Pastor Rittner opened the meeting with a devotion from 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, the Book of Concord - Apology of the Augsburg Confession and prayer.

Minutes: Chuck Cooper made a motion to accept the July Voters’ Assembly Meeting minutes printed in the August Zealant with no corrections. Jill Coons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Receiving Treasurer: reported by Chuck Cooper

	July 31, 2021	YTD
Unrestricted Offering Receipts	\$ 6,480.00	\$ 45,736.95
Restricted Offering/ Miscellaneous Offering Receipts	\$ 161.33	\$ 9,212.19
On-Line Giving Receipts	\$ 2,563.00	\$ 17,994.00
Dividends	\$ 451.74	\$ 2,085.84
Interest	\$ 2.44	\$ 15.62
Total Unrestricted Receipts	\$ 9,043.00	\$ 63,730.95
Total Restricted Receipts	\$ 161.33	\$ 9,212.19
Total Receipts	\$ 9,658.51	\$ 75,044.60

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	July 31, 2021
General Checking/Savings	\$ 63,939.64
Youth	\$ 12,460.53
Restricted Funds	\$ 17,787.27
Lehmburg Legacy/ Kyler Endowment	\$200,361.96

Statement of Activity

	July 31 2021	YTD
General Budget	\$ (31.73)	\$ 14,448.28
Non-Budgeted/ Reimbursed	\$ (761.07)	\$ 22,852.91
Youth	\$ (250.12)	\$ 2,839.27
Net Revenue	\$ (1,042.92)	\$ 40,140.46

Chuck Cooper made a motion to accept the report as presented. Katie Rittner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Elders: No Meeting

Trustees:

The sign repair will be done this week.

Board of Education: No Report

Board of Christian Outreach: No Report

Board of Stewardship: No report

Board of Youth:

Need to do another fund raiser for National Youth Gathering in Houston 2022. Tossed around doing Nelson's Chicken or a Car Show with the Corn Dog Wagon. The Car Show idea is really being looked at.

Pastor:

1. Upcoming Weddings (so far...)

- a. Altman-Rittner Wedding 27 August 2021 (in Michigan)
- b. Riley Coons' Wedding 13 November 2021 (in Fort Wayne)

2. **Bluegrass Festival** in Kendallville over Labor Day weekend. Pastor will be doing the worship service on Sunday afternoon.
3. **Thursday evening Bible study will return on Thursday, September 2 at 7 pm.**
4. **YouTube revitalization.** Beginning in the fall, pastor will be uploading Bible studies and devotions on the YouTube channel, *Pastor Phil Preaches the Gospel*

Unfinished/Old Business:

Pastor recommends CTSFW Student adoption for \$100.00 per month for 2 students (not members of the congregation) to begin with the 2021-2022 academic year that begins in September.

Jill Coons made a motion to adopt 2 students for the 2021-2022 academic year through the CTSFW Student Adoption program at \$50.00 per student, per month for a total of \$100.00 per month. The seminary will choose the two students who have the most need. Chuck Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed.

This was discussed at the Voters' Assembly meeting July 25, 2021 and was asked to hold off until the district pledge has been paid at least half. As of August 17, 2021, over half of the district pledge has been paid.

New Business: None

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

Pastor Rittner closed the meeting with the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine (Katie) Rittner, Recording Secretary



LADIES AID



The ladies continue to sew the cancer bed pads on the first and third Thursday of each month. We enjoy great fellowship while doing this very worthy mission project. Come join us and be a part of the mission and the fun.

Thanks to all who donated sheets for the cancer pads. Mary Metzger has cut them and we now have over 200 pieces ready to be assembled into the pads. Donna Rhubrake has assisted Kathaleen in the cutting of the plastic for the pads. We have some speedy sewers, so 100 more pads need to be picked up prior to the original Oct. pick up date.

“Thinking of You” cards were sent to all Zion’s sick and shut ins. Other notes go out to them from time to time just to let them know we have not forgotten them and praying for them.

SERVING WITH GLADNESS

Remember the “alphabet game? On long car trips, we’d look around for objects starting with letter A, and then when we’d run out of ideas, we’d move on to B. Why couldn’t we use that same tool to help praise? “Lord I am grateful for the flavor of Apples. Thank you for creating them, for my friend Amy, for the Authority You have over this world, and for Authors whose books have nourished me.” YOU designed Butterflies and Beaches, and YOU are Bountiful and full of Blessings.” Then go on to “C” and rest of the alphabet.

Praise Jesus for His qualities and His gifts, using the alphabet tool!

Alumni Weekend for Concordia



Alumni and Homecoming Weekend is an annual event to celebrate our many alumni, students, parents and friends. Come back for a football game, reunions, and fellowship with friends and family! Alumni Weekend is September 23-26. It kicks off with our Golf Outing on Thursday and then leads into the Homecoming game on Friday evening. The weekend ends with a Worship Service on Sunday. All welcome. See details at www.clhscadets.com/alumni-weekend

Join us for our annual Golf Outing on Sept. 23



Join us for our annual Golf Outing on Sept. 23 at Chestnut Hills Golf Course. We are now registering foursomes. All are welcome! Registration is limited to the first 128 players or 32 teams. Register now by visiting www.golf4cadets.com. If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Greg Rehberg at grehberg@clhscadets.com. Registrations must be received by September 17, 2021.



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.



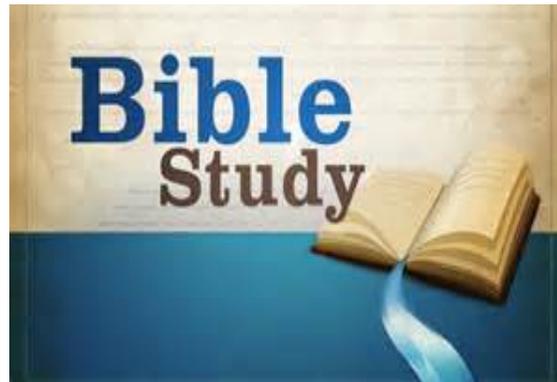
Jeffery Clark
Jason Doehrman
Connie Forrester
Janice Klopfenstein
Cecily Knuth
Tom Knuth
Maxine Lott
Jennifer Harter
Bonnie Spoerke
Myra Hartman
Sharry Wiehe
Judith Kovacs
Luke Conrad (Grant)



28 Toby & Lindsey Lepper



2 Nicholas Decker
7 Maxine Lott
14 Kyler Bills
15 Tracy Decker
18 Linda Hobkirk
20 Lois Duffy
24 Katie Rittner
28 Kim Yann
28 Kian Hartman



***Thursday Night Bible Study will return
September 2 @ 7 pm.***



Lest We NEVER Forget!

20 Years Later

Hard to believe it's been 20 years!



September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service	30	31	1 7pm - Worship Service	2 9am Ladies Aid Sewing Grp 7pm-Bible Study	3	4
5 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am - Bd of Outreach	6 LABOR Day	7	8 7pm - Worship Service with Holy Communion	9 7pm-Bible Study	10	11 Patriots Day
12 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service 11:30am - Bd of Education Elder's Mtg RALLY DAY Grandparents Day	13	14	15 7pm - Worship Service	16 9am Ladies Aid Sewing Grp 7pm-Bible Study	17	18
19 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service with Holy Communion	20	21 RED CROSS 7pm - Council Meeting	22 7pm - Worship Service with Holy Communion Zealant Items Due	23 7pm-Bible Study	24	25
26 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service 11:30am - Bd of Youth	27	28	29 7pm - Worship Service	30 7pm-Bible Study	1	2

