

# Zion Lutheran Church



Happy New Year!

We've made it to 2020 and it promises to be another great year for us at Zion. There are a few housekeeping items to start off our year.

January 5th will be the day we take down decorations from Christmas. Afterwards we will gather for a quick soup lunch and time of fellowship. Pr. Adam White will be preaching that morning. It will be a good day to gather as the church.

ANNUAL REPORTS are due by January 10th. If you have something you would like to include, be sure to email to me by the 10th so that it can be included and printed in the annual report.

The annual meeting is scheduled for January 26th. The snow date is the next Sunday. Please to sure to come and help us set goals for the year ahead and celebrate all that we've accomplished this past year. There will be a potluck lunch after the meeting, so come and eat and enjoy.

This past year has been a good year for us and with everyone's help, support, and faith Zion can start 2020 on a good foot and continue to grow and move forward.

Happy New Year!

Pr. Andrew

## ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2019 COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Julia Johanson—President
- Jackie Strauss—Vice President
- John Borgmann—Treasurer
- LaRita Lang—Secretary
- Lisa Zessin —Co-Financial
- Byron Nelson—Co-Financial
- Wayne Burcham—Deacon

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## Upcoming Events

**January 5**

**Un-Decorate church after worship and stay for soup lunch**

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**January 14**

**Council Meeting—7:00 PM**

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**January 26**

**Annual meeting following worship and potluck lunch following meeting**



## Children's Christmas Program



Thank you to everyone who made the Children's Christmas Program a success! It was a wonderful program!

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## Help Un-Decorate Church—January 5

Zion Family Fellowship invites you to help un-decorate the church and enjoy a soup luncheon on January 5 after worship. Sign up sheets to bring soup or dessert are on the bulletin board in the Nolte Center.

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## Zion Annual Meeting and Potluck lunch January 26th after Worship

The annual meeting will be held on January 26 after worship. Please stay for the potluck lunch following the meeting

## Volunteers

	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26 Annual Meeting
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Camry Sehi	Helena Lind	Wyatt Lenners	Haley Brhel
	X	Shyann Sehi	Adela Donahoo	Bryce Teut
<b>ASST MINISTER</b>	Simon Rezac	Rob Tewes	Rachel Rezac	Simon Rezac
<b>BELL RINGER</b>	John Borgmann	Byron Nelson	Lisa Zessin	Wayne Burcham
<b>COMM ASST</b>	Simon Rezac	Simon Rezac	Dave Wacker	Mark Porath
	Randy Strauss	John Borgmann	Rob Tewes	Josh Rezac
	X	Maddy Tejral	Leon Lostroh	Rachel Rezac
<b>COMM PREP</b>	Natalie Sehi	Natalie Sehi	Natalie Sehi	Natalie Sehi
	Carolyn Busboom	Carolyn Busboom	Carolyn Busboom	Carolyn Busboom
	X	X	X	X
<b>READER</b>	Sue Dedick	Jackie Strauss	Deb Lewis	Addison Earnest
<b>USHERS</b>	Byron Nelson	Jackie Strauss	Leon Lostroh	Burdette Piening
	Cheryl Nelson	Randy Strauss	Dave Wacker	Craig Anderson
	Wayne Burcham	Craig Billesbach	Simon Rezac	Kathy Anderson
<b>GREETER</b>	Porath	K&K Minzel	Strauss	Brhel
<b>ZION CLEANERS</b> [Clean before Sunday]	Lewis	Loga	McCall	McNally
<b>NOLTE CLEANERS</b> [Clean before Sunday]	Tewes	Wacker	Webster	Zessin

If you are unable to fulfill these responsibilities, please find a replacement. Thank you!

# Council Minutes

## ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Minutes of the meeting of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council held November 12, 2019.*

Council Members Present: John Borgmann, Wayne Burcham, Julia Johanson, Pastor Andrew Kitzing, LaRita Lang, Byron Nelson, Jackie Strauss, Lisa Zessin

### **Meeting Called to Order**

Following opening devotions by Pastor Andrew Kitzing and discussion on comments regarding the Sabbatical Policy, Julia Johanson called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Lisa Zessin made a motion to approve the agenda. Jackie Strauss seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the October 14 Council meeting were distributed. John Borgmann moved to accept the October minutes. Lisa Zessin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Pastor's Report**

- Oct. 20 – Arin Liszka, intern at UNL will preached and did well
- Nov. 3 – All Saints Sunday – 2 funerals this year
- Nov. 9 – Fall Cleaning
- Nov. 14 – Pastor will be in Omaha for Continuing Education class
- Nov. 17 – Soup luncheon fundraiser for Lynette's Angels
- Nov. 24 – Lostroh/Andelt Wedding
- Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Eve service

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **October 2019**

John gave the treasurer's report for October to review. Total regular offering for **October 2019** was \$11,275.78 Total expenses were \$10,703.41. Net gain of \$572.37. The checking account balance is \$71,605.47. Special operating funds are \$34,949.98. The year-to-date building fund \$1,715.00. This leaves a spendable balance of \$34,940.49

In early 2019, a CD had matured in the amount of \$11,284.68 and at the March meeting it was voted on to divide the money with \$6,000 going back into a CD and \$5,284.68 going into the parsonage project fund. This has not been done yet. Byron will do research on the best rates for CD's. John adjusted the account balances to include these changes. The adjusted treasurer's report for October was:

Total regular offering for **October 2019** was \$11,275.78 Total expenses were \$10,703.41. Net gain of \$572.37. The checking account balance is \$60,320.79. Special operating funds are \$40,234.66. The year-to-date building fund \$1,715.00. This leaves a spendable balance of \$21,801.13

Byron Nelson made a motion to accept the October 2019 Treasurer's report as amended. LaRita Lang seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Ministry Reports**

#### **Education Ministry:**

- Christmas Program will be Dec. 15 and practice on Dec. 14
- Dec 1 the Sunday school children will sing and then decorate the Nolte Center (no class).

#### **Property Ministry:**

- November 9 was fall cleaning
- Outside globe broke, Pastor found a replacement



# Council Minutes

Social Ministry: Soup lunch fundraiser on November 17 for Lynette's Angels. Serving will be 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Church decorating after worship on December 1.

Worship Ministry:

- Acolyte training was held recently
- Time & Talent sheets will be distributed soon
- Blue Christmas service will be included in the Dec. 29 worship service
- All Saints Sunday – anyone can light a candle in memory of their loved ones
- Sometime around Memorial Day - tour the cemetery, continue to recognize communion of saints  
Christmas Eve services will be at 5:00 and 7:00 PM. Will use setting 8 in the hymnal

Evangelism and Stewardship Ministry: No report

**Old Business**

**Columbarium Policy**

No update. Byron wants to visit with the cemetery committee to see how a columbarium would fit in the landscape.

**Sabbatical Policy**

A lot of discussion was held on this topic. Pastor feels that a sabbatical would be good for both himself and for the congregation. There were congregation members upset about the policy who made it known to the Council. Pastor visited with them one on one. It was suggested to possibly document what a typical week or month looks like to make the congregation aware that a sabbatical is very much needed. Pastor will compile a list of what the pastor needs to do before going on a Sabbatical. The Lilly Foundation provides grants for sabbaticals. The grant application deadline for a 2021 sabbatical is April 2020. Some ideas mentioned - pastor would research ideas to better meet the needs of widows and widowers, since we have a growing number in the congregation. There will be a question/answer session after worship on December 8 for the congregation to attend.

**New Business**

**2020 Budget Draft**

Julia and Pastor met to draft the proposed 2020 budget. A comment was made that the church roof will need to be replaced in a couple years and the bell tower needs some work done as well. It was suggested that we need to build our contingency fund instead of giving to UNL. However, if each family gave 3% of income, we would be financially sound.

**Next Meeting**

The next Zion Lutheran council meeting will be **Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 PM** in the Nolte Center.

**Adjournment**

Being no further business before the Church Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 pm and closed by all joining in praying the Lord's Prayer.

**October, 2019 Statistics:**

Total regular offering for **October 2019** was \$11,275.78. Total expenses were \$10,703.41. **Net Gain of \$572.37.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
LaRita Lang  
Zion Church Council Secretary

## Birthdays

Lynn Engelbart	January 1
Linda Schneider	January 1
Riley Dozler	January 4
Wyatt Loga	January 5
Megan Heidtbrink	January 6
Brenda Mensik	January 7
Jayne Rohe	January 7
Russell Minzel	January 8
Joshua Rezac	January 8
Dylan Rohe	January 12
Presley Carlson	January 13
Simon Jr. Rezac	January 13
Jessica Carlson	January 14
Meaghan Webster	January 15
David Sehi	January 17
Scott Schmalken	January 20
Rev. Andrew Kitzing	January 21
Ben Messman	January 21
Bo Reichenberg	January 21
Carson Frank	January 22
Jada Rohlmeier	January 22
Alex Driewer	January 24
Luke Borgmann	January 25
Marty Hamel	January 29
Rachel Rezac	January 29
Dan Rohrs	January 29

## Baptisms

Allyson Porath	January 1
Kristie Minzel	January 2
Shyann Sehi	January 3
David Montgomery	January 4
Joshua Rezac	January 14
Tyler Webster	January 14
Wanda McNally	January 17
Hudson Deinert	January 20
Ryker Driewer	January 21
Zoey Minzel	January 22

## Food Pantry “Wish List”

Items on the Lutheran Food Pantry’s “wish list” at this time include: Canned fruits, Canned peas, Cereal, Tuna, Saltine Crackers, Pancake mix, Fruit juice, Pork and beans, Personal care items, Monetary donations to purchase food from the Food Bank

## Anniversaries


No January Anniversaries

**Please submit any Address or E-Mail Changes to the Office.**

**If we missed your Birthday, Anniversary or Baptism Date, please notify the office so we can update our records.**

**Please contact Pastor to get your monthly Newsletter delivered via E-Mail. Thank you!**

# Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2	3	4
5 9:00 a.m. Worship./Fellowship No Sunday School Un-Decorate Worship and soup luncheon	6	7	8 NO Confirmation	9	10	11
12 9:00 a.m. Worship./Fellowship 10:15—Sunday School	13	14 Council Meeting 7:00 PM	15 Confirmation 7:00 PM	16	17	18
19 9:00 a.m. Worship./Fellowship 10:15—Sunday School	20	21	22 Confirmation 7:00 PM	23	24	25
26 9:00 a.m. Worship./Fellowship 10:15—Sunday School Annual Meeting and Potluck Lunch after Worship	27	28	29 Confirmation 7:00 PM	30	31	

A Place of Belonging...

**10 GOOD REASONS TO CALL OR  
EMAIL  
THE CHURCH OFFICE**

1. You want to volunteer!
2. You have an address change!
3. You are having a baby!
4. You want to share good news!
5. You are going to the hospital!
6. Your phone number changed!
7. You need a special prayer, or pastoral visit!
8. Your family information has changed!
9. You are having a problem or concern!
10. You miss us and just want to say "Hi!"

**Volunteer Opportunities**

If you would like to have your name added to any of the volunteer groups (i.e. Usher, Acolyte, Asst. Minister, Reader, Communion Break Baking, Communion Prep, Mowing, etc. Please contact Pastor Andrew or Cheryl Nelson at 402-525-5387 or [cheryl1955Nelson@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl1955Nelson@gmail.com)

**Best Choice Labels**

Reminder to collect the bar codes from Best Choice items! Zion receives .03 cents per bar code. Place them in the jar located in the Nolte kitchen. If you have questions, contact Jackie Strauss.

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