

Zion Lutheran Church



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Psalm 51:10-12

Psalm 51 is the opening of the Ash Wednesday service. We start the service in a state of confession and reflection as we ask for God's presence of forgiveness and grace as we begin the penitential season. Asking forgiveness is a daily activity, according to Luther's Small Catechism, but Lent gives us an entire season to reflect on our lives and actions, make amends, and turn our lives around.

Lent begin on Ash Wednesday, which is February 26th this year. We will be gathering for supper at 5:30 each Wednesday evening before worship. I'm sure there will a need for volunteers and cooks as we go through Lent. Worship will begin at 7:00 pm.

During Lent we will not be holding confirmation class. The confirmation students will be responsible for nine sermon notes during the season. We'll talk more about that during class in the coming weeks, but be ready to write.

It seems as though winter has barely started, but there have been plenty of days of snow. Give Dave Wacker a big thank you for clearing the sidewalks of ice and snow. It's been a continual job this past month. And thank you to Leon Lostroh for clearing the parking lot of snow. It helps us all.

Peace,

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

February 9

**Council Retreat –
Time/location TBD**

February 26

**Ash Wednesday
Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30
Worship - 7:00 PM**



February 26th

Soup Supper—5:30-6:30
Worship - 7:00 PM

Lenten Suppers

Come early and enjoy supper before Worship! We will be serving supper before the Lenten services. Some week's the meal will be purchased and some will give members an opportunity to bring food if they would like to. Check the Nolte bulletin board for sign up sheets.

Supper will be served from 5:30-6:30 in the Nolte Center.

Dates are:

February 26
March 4
March 11
March 18
March 25
April 1

Pick up Dishes/Containers from Nolte Center

There are several dishes/containers on a table in the Nolte Center. Please claim by February 23rd or they will be donated.

Volunteers

	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23/26
ACOLYTES	Carson Frank	Ally Lind	Logan Tejral	Helena Lind
	X	Wyatt Lenners	Haley Brhel	Shyann Sehi
ASST MINISTER	Rob Tewes	Rachel Rezac	Simon Rezac	Rob Tewes
BELL RINGER	Jackie Strauss	LaRita Lang	John Borgmann	Byron Nelson
COMM ASST	Rob Tewes	Leon Lostroh	Dave Wacker	Mark Porath
	Randy Strauss	John Borgmann	Rob Tewes	Josh Rezac
	X	Maddy Tejral	Rachel Rezac	Leon Lostroh
COMM PREP	Rachel Rezac	Rachel Rezac	Rachel Rezac	Rachel Rezac
	Sarah Rezac	Sarah Rezac	Sarah Rezac	Sarah Rezac
	Mona Taylor-Waldron	Mona Taylor-Waldron	Mona Taylor-Waldron	Mona Taylor-Waldron
READER	Rocky Wussow	Hadley Teut	Hannah Kepler	Josh Rezac
USHERS	Wayne Burcham	Craig Billesbach	Rachel Rezac	Josh Rezac
	Simon Rezac	Mark Porath	Sean Webster	Mike Sibbernson
	Leon Lostroh	Kelly Porath	Gary Lang	Hunter Sibbernson
GREETER	Lang	Zieman	B&V Piening	Oldeheoft
ZION CLEANERS [Clean before Sunday]	Mensik	Messman	K&K Minzel	L&T Minzel
NOLTE CLEANERS [Clean before Sunday]	Battles	J&K Borgmann	Brhel	Carlson

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 December 10, 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, Julia Johanson called the meeting to order at 7:31 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 November 12 Council meeting were distributed. John Borgmann moved to accept the November minutes. Jackie Strauss seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report

- Nov. 14 – Pastor attended the Brooks Institute in Omaha. This was a continuing education class for clergy from Lincoln and Omaha.
- Nov. 24 – Lostroh/Andelt Wedding
- Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Eve service was cancelled due to the weather
- Dec 15 – Children's Christmas program during worship. Practice will be on Sat. Dec. 14 at 9:00 AM
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Services at 5:00 and 7:00 PM
- Dec. 29 – The blue Christmas worship will be included in this Sunday worship
- Jan. 26 – Annual meeting with potluck following

Treasurer's Report

November 2019

John gave the treasurer's report for November to review. Total regular offering for **November 2019** was \$6,841.25. Total expenses were \$8,564.20. Net loss of \$1,773.55. The Asset account balance is \$83,044.59. Special operating funds are \$44,338.02. The year-to-date building fund \$1,765.00. This leaves a spendable balance of \$36,941.57

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

We have Thrivent income in the amount of \$4,200. After discussion it was decided to put it in the Zion Capital Improvement Fund to help with the parsonage deck so that we can close out the building permit.

LaRita Lang made a motion add the 2019 Thrivent income of \$4,200 to the Zion Capital Improvement Fund. Lisa Zessin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ministry Reports

Education Ministry:

- Christmas Program will be Dec. 15 and practice on Dec. 14
- No Sunday School on Dec. 29 or Jan 5

Property Ministry: No Report

Social Ministry: No Report



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Worship Ministry: No report

Evangelism and Stewardship Ministry: No report

Old Business

Columbarium Policy

No update.

Sabbatical Policy

The December 8th question/answer session after worship was well attended and went very well. The policy will be revised with the suggestions made at the December 8th meeting (that the sabbatical would not be able to be taken during major year events, (i.e. Lent, Advent))

Cemetery Policy

Pastor drafted an agreement for those wanting to reserve cemetery plots and pay for them in advance. Pastor will have all of those individuals wanting to reserve plots sign the agreement. The individual will receive a copy of the agreement and one will be retained in the Zion church office.

New Business

2020 Budget Draft

Jackie Strauss made a motion to recommend the 2020 draft budget to the congregation for the January 26 annual meeting. John Borgmann seconded. The motion passed.

Next Meeting

The next Zion Lutheran council meeting will be **Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 PM**.in the Nolte Center.

Adjournment

Being no further business before the Church Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm and closed by all joining in praying the Lord's Prayer.

November, 2019 Statistics:

Total regular offering for **November 2019** was \$6,841.25. Total expenses were \$8,564.22. **Net Loss of \$1,773.55.**

Respectfully Submitted,

LaRita Lang

Zion Church Council Secretary

Birthdays

Haley Rohe	February 1
Bryce Teut	February 1
Casey Bartels	February 2
Rob Tewes	February 4
Deborah Webster	February 4
Deb Kittleson	February 6
Helen Petersen	February 6
Brooklyn Minzel	February 7
Ellisyn Piening	February 8
Koral Gunnerson	February 12
Addison Earnest	February 14
Austin Earnest	February 14
Wayne Burcham	February 21
Cheryl Nelson	February 21
Marlene Nieman	February 21
Simon G Rezac	February 21
Byron Nelson	February 22
Lyle Kroeger	February 23
Lili Reichenberg	February 24
Aden Tran	February 24
Jim Rippe	February 26
Karen Kroeger	February 27
Averie Frank	February 28

Baptisms

Riley McCall	February 1
Dakotah Strauss	February 4
Rachel Rezac	February 6
Raylan Piening	February 7
Brenda Mensik	February 9
Channing Spanel	February 10
Ellie Messman	February 11
Alana King	February 12
Adrienne Loyd	February 12
Logan Tejral	February 12
Tyler Piening	February 13
Hanna Borgmann	February 16
Melinda Deinert	February 18
Brooklyn Minzel	February 25
Audrey Lenner	February 26
Kaylee Mensik	February 26
Deborah Webster	February 28

Food Pantry “Wish List”

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

Anniversaries

Slothower, Dale & Tracy February 14, 2009


Tejral, Jacob & Maddison February 23, 2019

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
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2 9:00 a.m. Worship./Fellowship 10:15—Sunday School	3	4	5 Confirmation 7:00 PM	6	7	8
9 9:00 a.m. Worship./Fellowship 10:15—Sunday School Council Retreat Time/Location -TBD	10	11	12 Confirmation 7:00 PM	13	14 	15
16 9:00 a.m. Worship./Fellowship 10:15—Sunday School	17	18	19 Confirmation 7:00 PM	20	21	22
23 9:00 a.m. Worship./Fellowship 10:15—Sunday School	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday 5:30-6:30 Soup Supper 7:00 PM Worship	27	28	29

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

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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