

A Place of Belonging...

March, 2020

Zion Lutheran Church



Lent is upon us as Wednesday, February 26 was Ash Wednesday. We use the night to remind ourselves that we are dust and to dust we will return. We recall the Psalmist's plea to create new hearts and renew our spirits. We share in the meal of life and salvation.

The season of Lent runs throughout the month of March. Our Wednesdays in Lent will be focused on the commandments. We focus on two commandments each night paying close attention to Luther's interpretation and understanding of them. We will, of course, use the small catechism during worship as part of our service, and the large catechism will be the basis of the sermons. This Lenten season will give us a chance to focus on one of the main sections of the catechism.

Reminder that there will be no confirmation class during the Lenten season. Confirmands will be required to write nine sermon notes during the season. There are a total of six Wednesdays and six Sundays where there will definitely be sermons. Remember to fill out the sermon note sheet and turn them back into me in my office after church.

Come and join us for suppers, again, before worship each Wednesday. We'll have soup on Ash Wednesday and pizza the first Wednesday in March. Meals are planned for the rest of the season. Please sign-up if you can bring food or help in any way.

Lenten Blessings,

Pr. Andrew



ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2020 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

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Upcoming Events

March 4

Lenten Supper - 5:30-6:30
Worship – 7:00 PM

March 7

**Spring Ahead—move clocks
an hour ahead**

March 11

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

March 18

Lenten Supper - 5:30-6:30
Worship – 7:00 PM

March 25

Lenten 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:

March 4
March 11
March 18
March 25
April 1

Bylaws/Constitution/Statement of Policy

Updated copies of Zion's Bylaws, Constitution and Statement of Policy are available in the Nolte Center and also on the Zion website.

Save the Date—July 19, 2020

We will be celebrating Pastor Andrew's 10 year ordination anniversary and 10 years at Zion. More details to come!

Volunteers

	March 1/4	March 8/11	March 15/18	March 22/25	March 29/April 1
ACOLYTES	Bryce Teut	Adella Donahoo	Camry Sehi	Thomas Lewis	Scarlett Battles
	X	Shaylee Heidtbrink	Carson Frank	Ally Lind	Logan Tejral
ASST MINISTER	Rachel Rezac/X	Simon Rezac/X	Rob Tewes/X	Rachel Rezac/X	Simon Rezac/X
BELL RINGER	Lisa Zessin	Jackie Strauss	Wayne Burcham	LaRita Lang	John Borgmann
COMM ASST	Rachel Rezac/X	Dave Wacker/X	Simon Rezac/X	Mark Porath/X	Randy Strauss/X
	John Borgmann/X	Rob Tewes/X	Josh Rezax/X	Leon Lostroh/X	Rachel Rezac/X
	X	Mark Porath/X	Simon Rezac/X	Dave Wacker/X	Josh Rezac/X
COMM PREP	Kathy Anderson/X	Kathy Anderson/X	Kathy Anderson/X	Kathy Anderson/X	Kathy Anderson/X
	Betty Zieman/X	Betty Zieman/X	Betty Zieman/X	Betty Zieman/X	Betty Zieman/X
	X	X	X	X	X
READER	Sue Dedick/X	Jamie Bruder/X	Bo Kepler/X	Wayne Burcham/X	Mark Porath/X
USHERS	LaRita Lang	Byron Nelson	Jackie Strauss	Leon Lostroh	Scott Deinert
	Gary Lang	Cheryl Nelson	Randy Strauss	Burdette Piening	Dave Wacker
	Craig Anderson	Rachel Rezac	Josh Rezac	Simon Rezac	Kelly Porath
GREETER	Wacker	Anderson	Burcham	Mensik	Billesbach
ZION CLEANERS [Clean before Sunday]	Nelson	Oldehoeft	Porath	Rezac	Rippe
NOLTE CLEANERS [Clean before Sunday]	Dedick	Deinert	Donahoo	Earnest	Frank

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 January 14, 2020.

Council Member Present: John Borgmann, Wayne Burcham, Julia Johanson, Pastor Andrew Kitzing, Byron Nelson, 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. Wayne Burcham seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the December 10 Council meeting were distributed. John Borgmann moved to accept the December minutes. Byron Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report

Dec 15 – Children's Christmas program went well.

Dec 24 – Christmas Eve services went well. 250 total in attendance between both services. Most in the 10 years since Pastor has been hear as well as highest offering for services.

Dec 29 – Service was also well attended.

Jan 26 – Annual meeting with potluck following

Feb 26 – Ash Wednesday – There is a rough outline in place for Wednesday night dinners during Lent.

Treasurer's Report

December 2019

John gave the treasurer's report for December to review. This is more of an annual report more so than just December. Total regular offering for **November 2019** was \$20,175.00. Total expenses were \$11,688.36 (expenses were slightly higher as there were double contributions to NE Synod and UNL in this report). Net gain of \$8,486.64. The Asset account balance is \$89,986.52. Special operating funds are \$47,060.04. This leaves a spendable balance of \$42,926.08.

Discussion on Thrivent Fund. Moving the fund would show a bigger Net Income loss - \$4300. Capital Improvement Fund is essentially a no interest fund. We have paid this down considerably over the past couple of years. Goal is to have paid this back in 5 years total so we are 2 years fulfilled.

Rescinding the vote from November meeting to move the 2019 Thrivent income of \$4,200. Byron Nelson made a motion to have the 2019 Thrivent income of \$4,200 to remain in the General Fund. Wayne Burcham seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Wayne Burcham made a motion to accept the December 2019 Treasurer's report. John Borgmann seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ministry Reports

Education Ministry:

Dec 5 – Children's Christmas program went well

Jan 6 – Sunday school resumed

Feb 16 – Children sing

Property Ministry: No official meeting but will look to schedule in February

Continue projects in place



Council Minutes

Will discuss the cleaning schedule

Social Ministry:

Christmas decorations were taken down
Outlined meal schedule for Wednesdays during Lent

Worship Ministry: Will be scheduling a meeting end of Jan/begin of Feb
Time and Talents sheets

Evangelism and Stewardship Ministry: No report; additional information in Annual meeting

Old Business

Sabbatical Policy

Updates have been made per the December meeting.

Mutual Ministries Committee

No further discussion at this time. Continue to review what has been received.

New Business

Annual Meeting Agenda

Reviewed and will have the Treasurers report added.

Council Members

Julia Johanson has reached full term and fulfilled her service at this time.

Next Meeting

The next Zion Lutheran Council meeting will be the annual retreat on **Sunday, February 9th, at 12:00 pm** with location to be determined. We will be doing officer elections during this meeting.

Adjournment

Being no further business before the Church Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm and closed by all joining in the Lord's Prayer.

December 2019 Statistics:

Total regular offering for **December 2019** was \$20,175.00. Total expenses were \$11,688.36. **Net Gain of \$8,486.64.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Zessin
Zion Church Council

Birthdays

Austin Drake	March 1
Nate Kobus	March 1
Ryan Nelson	March 2
Ashley Hines	March 3
Mike Sibbernsen	March 7
Julia Johanson	March 8
Glenn Hartmann	March 9
Kathy Anderson	March 10
Betty King	March 12
Steve Schmalken	March 12
Thomas Bartels	March 15
Michael Nelson	March 15
Natalie Sehi	March 15
Carolyn Turen	March 16
Scarlett Battles	March 18
Riley Donahoo	March 20
Paige Schneider	March 20
Allison Schneider	March 20
Roger Vollstedt	March 20
Braeden Kobus	March 21
Wyatt Lenner	March 21
Hayden Frank	March 22
Charlie Carlson	March 26
Luella Deckinger	March 28
Linda Burcham	March 29
Bill Dedick	March 29
Tammy Schmalken	March 30
Velda Schmidt	March 30
Mason Oldehoeft	March 31
Meredith Schneider	March 31

Baptisms

Meaghan Webster	March 1
Jim Rippe	March 5
Presley Carlson	March 11
Megan Heidtbrink	March 11
Cheryl Nelson	March 20
Allison Schneider	March 21
Ron Liston	March 24
Jessica Nieman	March 24
Koren Keller	March 29



Velda Schmidt

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Anniversaries

Gunnerson, Kirk & Brandy	March 16, 1991
Burcham, Dylan & Amanda	March 23, 2013
Anderson, Craig & Kathy	March 27, 1976

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

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 9:00 a.m. Worship./Fellowship 10:15—Sunday School	2	3	4 Supper—5:30-6:#0 Worship—7:00 PM	5	6	7 
8 9:00 a.m. Worship./Fellowship 10:15—Sunday School 10:30—Sabbatical forum	9	10	11 Supper—5:30-6:#0 Worship—7:00 PM	12	13	14
15 9:00 a.m. Worship./Fellowship 10:15—Sunday School	16	17 	18 Supper—5:30-6:#0 Worship—7:00 PM	19	20 	21
22 9:00 a.m. Worship./Fellowship 10:15—Sunday School	23	24	25 Supper—5:30-6:#0 Worship—7:00 PM	26	27	28
29 9:00 a.m. Worship./Fellowship 10:15—Sunday School	30	31				

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**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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