

Zion Lutheran Church



What an interesting time we live in. This experience is one that has not been seen in our world since the end of WWI.

There remains some hope that we can all get back to a near normal way of living sometime soon, but we won't really be back to our actual normal until a vaccine can be created. Until that normal comes, everything will feel foreign and different. Funerals are different, births are different, hospital visits are different, nursing home visits are different, worship services are different, grocery shopping is different.

What is most important, however, is that we do all we can to stay healthy and not pass the virus on to others, especially those who are immunosuppressed.

With Palm Sunday and Easter coming at the beginning of this month, we should take time at home to celebrate. What Holy Week and Easter look like for us has not been finalized, yet. Everything is different. But we will proclaim Christ crucified and risen as we always do. We will proclaim the victory of Christ over sin, death, and evil as we always do. We will proclaim the "Alleluia!" to give thanks to God for his love and life. It may be different, but we will celebrate the power of our God.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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

Due to COVID-19 Social Distancing and Governor Ricketts mandate, In person services at Zion will not take place until after May, 6, 2020.

Please check your email and the Zion Facebook page for information on services via conference call and also interesting interviews.

Volunteers

There will be more news about the 2020 Spring Cleaning AND the “2020 Spring Sanitizing” of the whole building.



We hope you will continue to make your monetary donations through this unprecedented time. Zion is requesting that you PLEASE mail it to the church at 2244 NW 126th, Lincoln, NE 68528. Either Pastor or someone on council will get it in a timely manner to minimize the time in the mail box every day.

Pastoral Care

If you are in need of pastoral care, call Pastor on his cell or email him and arrange a time and location. Please appreciate that Pastor has a busy schedule. Remember that Social Distancing is to be observed.

Pastor Andrew's Ordination Anniversary Moved to September Date TBD

In the March newsletter we asked you to save the date of July 19 for Pastor Andrew's 10 year ordination anniversary and 10 years at Zion. Due to Zion Vacation Bible School Kick-off event scheduled for July 19th, Pastor Andrew's Ordination anniversary will be moved to September. More details to come!

Thank you Pastor Andrew!

The Zion Council would like to thank Pastor Andrew for finding ways to bring our Zion family together in these unprecedented times. It is greatly appreciated.



This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

On this day You were crucified,
On this day when You bled and died,
On this day of your riven side,
On this day which unleashed the tide
Of blood by which I'm justified
Because You pled my case and cried,
"Forgive them Father!"

On this grim day, so dark its hour,
On this "Good" day death smote with power
And took Your life amid the shower
Of spit and spite. You raised a tower—
Your Cross, Your life a seed to flower
All days since then—on this day.

So on this day I raise my voice
In praise with all who now rejoice
Because You made the Cross Your choice
And died to cancel the invoice
Of sin-debt—spent Your life for mine—
On this day.

– Jack W. Hayford

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Council Minutes

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Minutes of the meeting of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council held February 9, 2020.

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

Zion Lutheran Council held a retreat prior to the meeting. The retreat was held at American Lutheran, 42nd & Vine, Lincoln, NE from 12:30 – 3:30 PM

Meeting Called to Order

Following opening devotions by Pastor Andrew Kitzing, Jackie Strauss called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m. LaRita Lang made a motion to approve the agenda. Lisa Zessin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January 14 Council meeting were distributed. Byron Nelson moved to accept the January minutes. John Borgmann seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Election of Officers for 2020

President – Wayne Burcham

Vice President – Jackie Strauss

Treasurer – John Borgmann

Secretary – LaRita Lang

Co-Financial – Byron Nelson and Lisa Zessin

Pastor's Report

January 26 – was the Annual meeting following worship then a potluck lunch.

February 4 – Attended Brooks Institute – good meeting with several denominations represented

February 6 – Lutheran Prayer Breakfast – clergy and bishop attended.

February 11 – Cemetery committee meeting – make sure map/reserved plots are up to date

February 16 – Baptism and Maddie and Jacob Terjl's send off

February 20 – Justice Committee meeting\

February 26 – Ash Wednesday with soup supper 5:30-6:30

Treasurer's Report

John handed out the treasurer's report to review. Total regular offering for **January 2020** was \$14,042.33. Total expenses were \$9,927.61. Net gain of \$4,114.72. The asset account balance is \$97,369.16. Special operating funds are \$49,010.04. The year-to-date building fund \$115.00. This leaves a spendable balance of \$48,244.12. Parsonage Improvement Fund" - \$-34,368.80
John added a new line in the balance sheet - "Parsonage Improvement Fund" and said that \$2,000 that came was specifically earmarked for the parsonage fund. He also updated the CD and Bonds to reflect the face value amount. LaRita Lang made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Jackie Strauss seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ministry Reports

Education Ministry: Children will sing on February 16. Maddie Terjl will be leaving, so a teacher will be



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needed. Jackie commented that they attended 4 different churches on their vacation and all of these churches had Low Sunday School attendance.

Property Ministry: Will be meeting in the next few weeks.

Social Ministry: Supper will be held prior to each Wednesday Lenten service.

Worship Ministry: Time and Talent sheets will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Evangelism Ministry: Pastor will meet with Randy to begin preparation for the "Field Meal Project". It will begin with this spring planting season – so could be 3rd or 4th week in April.

Stewardship Ministry: No report.

Old Business

2019 Annual Meeting Review.

Pastor handed out copies of Zion's Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions. Copies will be available for review in the Nolte Center and on the Zion website. LaRita will note this in the newsletter.

Columbarium – No update.

Sabbatical – Pastor handed out a proposal for Council to review. The proposal – take 4 weeks in 2020 and 6 weeks in 2021. For 2020, he plans to go on sabbatical July 27 – August 29, 2020. A forum with the congregation will be held in a few weeks.

New Business

Goals for the Year

Mutual Ministry Committee - From discussions during the retreat, the council felt that forming a Mutual Ministry committee was an important goal.

Wedding Policy – the Council will review/revise the Zion wedding policy.

Other

Since July 2020 will be Pastor's 10th anniversary of his ordination, the council felt we should celebrate it. Therefore, a celebration will be held on Sunday, July 19, 2020.

Next Meeting

The next Zion Lutheran council meeting will be on March 10, 2020.

Adjournment

Being no further business before the Church Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm and closed by all joining in praying the Lord's Prayer.

September 2018 Statistics:

Total regular offering for **January 2020** was \$14,042.33. Total expenses were \$9,927.61. Net gain of \$4,114.72. Parsonage Improvement Fund is \$ -34,368.80

Respectfully Submitted,

LaRita Lang

Zion Church Council Secretary

Birthdays

Shaylee Heidtbrink	April 1
Dalton Engelbart	April 2
Casey Engelbart	April 2
Amanda Engelbart	April 2
Nathan Burcham	April 3
Kevin McNally	April 3
Jackie Schroeder	April 3
Shelli Krupicka	April 12
Craig Billesbach	April 17
Kelly Frank	April 17
TJ Zessin	April 19
Jacob Johanson	April 20
Adela Donahoo	April 24
Jake Mensik	April 24
Grant Lewis	April 26
Betty Zieman	April 26
Mark Holthus	April 28
Melvin Deinert	April 29
Tregan Frank	April 30
Burdette Piening	April 30

Baptisms

Andrew Kitzing	April 1
Darin Mensik	April 2
Casey Bartels	April 4
June Hamel	April 4
Betty King	April 4
Braeden Strauss	April 4
Cashton Strauss	April 4
Bill Dedick	April 6
Roger Vollstedt	April 6
Amelia Hamel	April 7
Dawson Rohe	April 10
Karen Kroeger	April 11
Sydney Nieman	April 12
Wyatt Loga	April 14
Jerry Dozler	April 15
Riley Dozler	April 15
Helen Petersen	April 17
Bo Reichenberg	April 19
Bram Reichenberg	April 19
Lili Reichenberg	April 19
Luella Deckinger	April 22
Elsie Minzel	April 24
Jada Rohlmeier	April 25
Austin Drake	April 28
Linda Burcham	April 29
Autumn Loga	April 30
Velda Schmidt	April 30
Hadley Teut	April 30

Anniversaries


Dedick, Bill & Sue	April 4, 1997
Minzel, Ken & Kristie	April 4, 1998
McShane, Max & Megan	April 7, 2018
Rogge, Steve & Michelle	April 8, 1989
Deinert, Melvin & Linda	April 16, 1988
Krupicka, Shelli & Jeff	April 17, 1982

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 Conference Call Worship—7:00 PM	2	3	4
5 Conference Call Worship—Noon	6	7	8 Conference Call Worship—7:00 PM	9	10	11
12 Easter Sunday Worship - Time TBA 	13	14	15 Conference Call Worship—7:00 PM	16	17	18
19 Conference Call Worship-Time: TBD	20	21	22 Conference Call Worship—7:00 PM	23	24	25
26 Conference Call, Worship—Time: TBD	27	28	29 Conference Call Worship—7:00 PM	30		

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

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

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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