

July 2020

A Place of Belonging...

Zion Lutheran Church



We, of course, continue to operate under an alternate worship schedule. This will be the way we worship for some time while we continue to observe the spread of Covid-19 and observe social distancing guidelines.

At this moment we will continue to alternate the weeks that are available for in-person worship. The first Sunday of the month, July 5th, will be for those 65 years old and above and their households. The third Sunday of the month, July 19th, will be for those 64 years old and younger. It's not ideal, but it is what it is.

All worship services will take place by conference call, especially when we are not meeting in person. You may join us all Sundays at 10:00 AM by dialing (844)854-2222 and entering the access code: 167118. You may also click on the link sent in the emails each week before worship. The services will also continue to be recorded and be posted on Facebook.

VBS has been cancelled, which probably goes without saying. We are looking at holding Sunday school remotely to begin the year; details will be coming when a decision is made.

On behalf of the council, I would like to thank everyone that has sent offering in by the mail. It is easy to forget about offering on a normal Sunday, which makes it that much easier to forget when we don't meet regularly. Thank you for mailing in your offering. You may continue to do so or bring it on your in-person Sunday.

Blessings on your Summer!

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
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Zion News

Thank you



Dear friends at Zion Lutheran Church,
Thank you for sharing your expressions of sympathy to our family as we mourn and celebrate Mom's life. We appreciate the memorials, thoughts and prayers sent our way. Mom enjoyed many wonderful friendships at Zion, her church family. Thank you for being a part of her life.

Blessings, Evelyn Reid's daughters, Linda, Rhonda and Jodi, and Mom's sister, Ann, and Larry

Card Shower for Dave & Shirley Montgomery

On June 27, 2020, Dave & Shirley Montgomery will be celebrating 39 years of marriage. Their sons would like to invite you to help them celebrate with a card shower. As Michael wrote, *"Together they have cherished each other, two wonderful sons, and extensive travel as well as simple time together, shared dreams, and precious memories!"*



You may send your well wishes and congratulations to Dave & Shirley at:
Dave & Shirley Montgomery
7318 Swiss Alps Ave.
Lincoln 68516

Health Kits Completed

Thank you for the donations for the 100 health kits and thank you to Dave & Janet for organizing, preparing all of the kits and taking them to the donation site!

Simply Giving®

We hope you will continue to make your monetary donations through this unprecedented time. Zion is requesting that you PLEASE mail your donations 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 mailbox every day. This might be a good time to think about automatic with-drawl through Simply Giving®, your gifts are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic gift—weekly, semi-monthly or monthly—the option is yours. To learn more about this easy way to give, contact Pastor Kitzing or click on the link:

<http://www.thefellowship.com/downloads/simplygiving.pdf>

Lutheran Student Center Masks



Buy one for \$18 and a student will get a free one! Order at:

https://thelutherancenter.org/give/?blm_aid=33875

Indicate *mask* in the comments section, they will be mailed to the billing address.

Special Events and Volunteers

Volunteers

Duties	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Council Person	Byron Nelson		Lisa Zessin	
Communion Asst.	Dave Wacker		Mark Porath	
Mowers	Wacker/Kitzing	Mensik	Oldehoeft	Rezac

Birthdays

Douglas Rohe	July 1	Hunter Sibbersen	July 16
Bo Kepler	July 2	Diane Lostroh	July 18
Savannah Hehn	July 3	Joshua Johanson	July 19
Emma Kobus	July 3	Mallery Bartels	July 22
Ryan Tejral	July 3	Milton Rogge	July 22
Reilly Carlson	July 7	Pete Petersen	July 23
Scott Deinert	July 8	Dave Wacker	July 24
Mercedes Tran	July 8	Scott Stratton	July 26
Tim Ward	July 10	Mark Earnest	July 29
Dylan Burcham	July 10	Becky Tejral	July 29
Sarah Rezac	July 10	Liam Lemkau	July 30
Kelly Allsman	July 11	Vicky Piening	July 31
Larry Minzel	July 11	Caitlin Strauss	July 31
Jim McNally	July 12		

Baptisms

Meredith Schneider	July 2	Wayne Burcham	July 15
Shaylee Heidtbrink	July 6	Byron Nelson	July 19
Robert Montgomery	July 8	Ellisyn Piening	July 22
Beckett Oldehoeft	July 13		
Sarah Rezac	July 14		

Anniversaries

McCall, Kevin & Paula	July 19, 1997
Heidtbrink, Corey & Tera	July 21, 2007

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.

Pastoral Care

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

Council Minutes

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Minutes of the meeting of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council held May 14, 2020 (Met via Zoom due to Pandemic)

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

Meeting Called to Order

Following opening devotions by Pastor Andrew Kitzing, Wayne Burcham called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. John Borgmann made a motion to approve the agenda. Jackie Strauss seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the April 21 Council meeting were emailed. Changes included – 2 Piening girls, Talon should be Tallon and Tammy should be Tammie. The .04 cost for the call-in number is per line, not per person. John Borgmann moved to accept the April minutes as amended. Byron Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report

- April 23 – Tammie Nieman graveside service
- May 5 – Conference call with Mayor and Lancaster Health Dept.
- May 13 – Update conference call with pastors and Mayor and Health Dept.
- Will not visit shut-in's, but can call to check in.
- Several other Zoom meetings
- Continue with Wednesday and Sunday on-line services
- Check Facebook on Monday's for various interviews with peers/friends

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was emailed for review. Total regular offering for **April 2020** was \$7,270.00. Total expenses were \$8,265.02. Net loss of \$995.02. The asset account balance is \$105,166.36. Special operating funds are \$49,010.04. The year-to-date building fund \$503.00. This leaves a spendable balance of \$54,441.32. Parsonage Improvement Fund" - \$-34,368.80 (no change from last month). Jackie Strauss made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. LaRita Lang seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ministry Reports

Education Ministry: Bible school will not be held due to the pandemic.

Property Ministry: The building permit has been obtained for the parsonage deck. It is a different blueprint than what was discussed at the property committee meeting, but as long as it is within code, should be ok. There will be no spring-cleaning event. Cleaning between services will need to be a priority.

Social Ministry: Health kits will be assembled by a small group. The kits will stay in Lincoln.

Worship Ministry: Cheryl is calling the older members. Some that do not have computer capabilities do not receive the newsletter. She will mail the newsletters to those who normally pick up the hard copy at church.

Evangelism Ministry: Reimbursement from Synod assembly will be received since it has been cancelled.

Old Business

- **Pandemic**

- Pastor participated in the conference call with all county clergy, Mayor and the Lancaster County Health Department. In working with their guidelines regarding in-person services, Zion will follow these guidelines:
 - Will need to be four consecutive weeks with a drop-in cases
 - First Sunday of month service will be for those 65 and older only
 - Third Sunday of month service will be for those 64 and younger only
 - Every other Sunday (2nd, 4th and 5th) will be on-line service
 - Must sign in so we know all in attendance. If a member who was in attendance is diagnosed with Covid19 – MUST let pastor know, and we will not have in-person services for 3 weeks.
 - There will be 2 rows of chairs on the side and 3 empty pews between rows and will use 2 back pews in balcony.
 - Household in one pew
 - No greeters, ushers. No standing in aisles.
 - Must wear facemasks
 - No coffee/social time
 - Offering plates at doors
 - Bulletins will be at seats (no hymnals/bibles in pews)
 - Communion will be one row at a time
 - Liturgy will be spoken and very little singing – possibly one verse of closing hymn
 - Council member who rings bell will sit in bell room
 - Church will be cleaned and sanitized between services

New Business

Arin Liszka

Arin is currently the intern at the UNL Student Center. Arin has just entered candidacy for ordained ministry through the Nebraska Synod. She has asked Zion to be her home/sponsoring congregation! Arin will be doing distance learning through Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, while serving a congregation in the Nebraska Synod. When she earns her MDiv degree, she plans to stay in Nebraska serving as a pastor. She will be joining us in worship on May 24. It will be exciting to support her through her continued seminary education!

Commercial Cleaning

It was suggested that we may want to hire a commercial cleaner since we are not having the annual Spring Cleaning. It was decided that the Council would clean.

Next Meeting

- The next Zion Lutheran council meeting will be on June 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM. (if we are not back to in-person services, the meeting will be via Zoom)

Adjournment

- Being no further business before the Church Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm and closed by all joining in praying the Lord's Prayer.

April 2020 Statistics:

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Respectfully Submitted,
LaRita Lang
Zion Church Council Secretary

July Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 
5 10:00 Worship – In-Person for those 65 and older Council Person: Byron Nelson Communion: Dave Wacker Mower: Wacker/Kitzing	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 10:05 Worship – via phone Mowers: Mensik	13	14	15	16 7:00 PM Council Meeting – via Zoom	17	18
19 Worship – 10:00 AM In-person for ages 64 and younger Council Person: Lisa Zessin Communion: Mark Porath Mowers: Oldehoeft	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 10:05 Worship – via phone Mowers: Rezac	27	28	29	30	31	

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 Bread 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 are: the following items are currently needed by the Pantry: Canned fruit--peaches, pears, pineapple, Mandarin oranges, applesauce, Peanut butter, Condensed tomato and vegetable soups, Noodles, dry Spaghetti/pasta sauce, Personal care items (shampoo, toothpaste, bath soap). Thanks to everyone for helping keep the shelves of the Lutheran Food Pantry stocked with food available to provide for the food needy. Reminder: St. Andrew's hours are currently 8-12 Tuesday through Friday. Thank you for your continued support of the Lutheran Food Pantry.

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.

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!