

November 2020

A Place of Belonging...

Zion Lutheran Church



We've made it November, eight months into the pandemic response. As we continue to respond and adjust our expectations and practices, there are a few things to take note of for this month.

November 1st is All Saints' Sunday. We will meet in worship in person with no age restriction for that service. You will need to call/text/email me if you would like to join us in-person for November 1st. 402-676-1756 or pastorkitzing@gmail.com. The November 15th service will be for those 64 and younger as normal.

Our traditional Thanksgiving eve service will be posted online in conjunction with Bethany in Ruskin (as we did in August). It will be posted and go live on Wednesday morning to give you the opportunity to watch it at your leisure over the holiday weekend. A link will also be posted on our Facebook page.

There is a link on the following page to sign-up for Christmas Eve services. We right now have two services planned for December 24th – one at 4PM and one at 7PM. This will give us a chance to clean and sanitize the sanctuary between services. The 4PM service is reserved for those 65 and older or with current health conditions (as we currently do on the first Sundays). If you would like to worship with extended family of various ages with people that do not live together, please sign-up for the 7PM service. You may sit together as a family if you wish at 7PM.

Thank you for your help with all of this. Thank you for doing your part and following the guidelines that the council has laid out for in person worship. Thank you for understanding that by working together we can keep each other safe.

Happy Thanksgiving,

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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Upcoming Worship Service Information

November 1 – All Saint’s Sunday – there will be no age restriction Nov. 1st. If you plan to attend in-person - **Call or email Pastor Andrew to sign-up if you plan to attend All Saints' Sunday. Include number of people and names for those sitting together.** All Saints' Remembrance - those who died the past year –

Terry Tallon
LeRoy Busboom
Tammie Nieman

Evelyn Reid
Dave Montgomery
Bruce Fearing

Those who were baptized the past year

Kaspian Bartels
Savannah Hehn
Mary Ann Piening

Maci Mae Piening
Ally Lind
Richard Allsman

Thanksgiving Service will be posted on-line for you to view at your convenience.

Christmas Eve Services – We are planning 2 Christmas Eve Services at this time. 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM. The 4:00 PM service will be for those 65 and over ONLY. The 7:00 PM will be for any age. Please click on this link to sign up for the service you plan to attend or email/call Pastor Andrew <https://forms.gle/zfypxjDxdpNs8Tt87>

Garden Club News



The garden club met for the last time this year for a final watering. We met weekly throughout the spring and summer to water and weed. A new memorial garden (which will be dedicated at a later date) was planted in memory of LeRoy Busboom. We are anxious to see what happens next spring. Faller Landscape helped us with some design as well as input from LeRoy's family.

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 withdrawal 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>

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.



New Addresses:

Bob & Jo Penner
3723 Frederick Place
Lincoln, NE 68504

Oliva McGee
The Knolls
5801 Norman Rd. #230
Lincoln, NE 68542

Special Events and Volunteers

Volunteers

Duties	November 1	November 15
Council Person	Jackie Strauss	Lisa Zessin
Communion Asst.	Dave Wacker	Mark Porath

Birthdays

Kim Mihulka-Messman	November 1	Jessica Nieman	November 17
Dawson Rohe	November 1	Lucas Turen	November 18
Shyann Sehi	November 1	Leon Lostroh	November 19
Zoey Minzel	November 3	Chad Frank	November 23
Jerry Dozler	November 4	Thomas King	November 23
Morgan Lemkau	November 5	Tyler Webster	November 23
Cole Kepler	November 6	Hudson Deinert	November 27
Kelly Porath	November 6	Saul Kittleson	November 27
Jim Manke	November 10	Ron Liston	November 29
Luna Rezac	November 10	David Rohe	November 29
Carson Rohe	November 10	Eric Nelson	November 30
Melissa Kepler	November 13	Logan Tejral	November 30
Mandi Kobus	November 14		
Darin Mensik	November 14		
Paula Smith-McCall	November 14		
Hanna Borgmann	November 15		

Baptisms

Heston Heidtbrink	November 4	Linda Liston	November 16
Danielle Nelson	November 4	Rudy Jr. Nieman	November 18
James Nelson	November 4	Brandy Gunnerson	November 19
Michael Nelson	November 4	Miranda Gunnerson	November 19
Morgan McNally	November 6	Bailee Gunnerson	November 19
Mason Oldehoeft	November 6	Nathan Mensik	November 19
Mona Taylor-Waldron	November 6	Luna Rezac	November 19
Mark Borgmann	November 10	Janessa Heidtbrink	November 22
Rhemmy McCall	November 10	Garrett Kittleson	November 24
Zachary Porath	November 12	Braxton Sehi	November 27
Lona Anderson	November 14	Kelly Porath	November 28
Tera Heidtbrink	November 15	Ann Lawton	November 30
Thayer Heidtbrink	November 16		

Anniversaries

Liston, Ron & Linda	November 3, 1962
Rezac, Simon Jr. & Deb	November 4, 2006
Lawton, Larry & Ann	November 23, 1963
Lostroh, Leon & Diane	November 24, 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!

Council Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council held September 15, 2020 (Met via Zoom and in-person due to Pandemic)

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

Guests: Simon Rezac

Meeting Called to Order

Following opening devotions by Pastor Andrew Kitzing, Wayne Burcham called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the August 18th Council meeting were emailed. John Borgmann moved to accept the August minutes. Jackie Strauss seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report

- August 22 – Pastor participated in the ordination of Sarah Wilson via Zoom. She was installed last week as a Director at PLTS in Berkley, CA.
- September 13 – Baptism of Ally Lind
- September 23 – Confirmation class - Parents organizational meeting
- September 27 – Baptism of Richard Allsman
- September 30 – Confirmation class begins in-person. The Nolte Center will be re-arranged for social distancing
- October 25 – Confirmation Sunday. Parents have been emailed. There will be a meeting the evening of October 18 to have a walk through and distribute robes. This is Reformation Sunday as well.
- November 1 – All Saints Sunday

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was emailed for review. Total regular offering for **August 2020** was \$9,395.00. Total expenses were \$9,786.60. Net loss of \$373.60. The asset account balance is \$107,564.15. Special operating funds are \$52,276.52. The year-to-date building fund \$980.00. This leaves a spendable balance of \$54,307.63. Parsonage Improvement Fund" - \$-34,368.80 (no change from last month). The issue with the IRS is resolved when John gets all the various departments to acknowledge the resolution. Insurance went down slightly. LaRita Lang made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Byron Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ministry Reports

Education Ministry: Sunday School will hopefully begin in January.

No reports for the following Ministry's: Property, Social, Worship, Stewardship, Evangelism or Garden Ministry

Old Business

- COVID Conditions
 - We will continue the same worship service schedule for the time being
- Fall Cleaning
 - Pastor will visit with Rob regarding weekly cleaning consistency (after COVID)

New Business

Ordering Envelopes

- John will order approximately 20 less boxes of envelopes

COVID 19 - Church Services

- November 1st is All Saints Sunday – this will be open to all congregation members, however, members will need to sign up indicating the total number of attendees in their group and there will be assigned seating.
- Christmas Eve – will have at least 3 services, maybe 4 – members will also need to RSVP and there will be assigned seating.
- Annual Meeting – January 24 – some churches are delaying their meetings; some are planning to have them via Zoom.

Internet connection – when In-Person Service

- Jeremy Lewis did some changes regarding the Internet connection and it is much better now.

Connecting with Members

Due to COVID and the service schedule, a comment was made that it might be nice to create “*We miss you*” bags and drop off on member’s doorstep.

Next Meeting

- The next Zion Lutheran council meeting will be on October 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM Via Zoom.

Adjournment

- Being no further business before the Church Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm and closed by all joining in praying the Lord’s Prayer.

August 2020 Statistics:

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Respectfully Submitted,
LaRita Lang Zion Church Council Secretary



November Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 - Worship – All Saints Sunday -In- Person for any age- RSVP Required to Pastor Council Person: Jackie Strauss Communion: Dave Wacker	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 10:00 – Worship on-line only	9	10 7:00 PM Council Meeting – via Zoom	11	12	13	14
15 Worship – 10:00 AM In-person for ages 64 and younger Council Person: Lisa Zessin Communion: Mark Porath	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 10:00 – Worship on-line only	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Service posted online	26	27	28
29 10:00 - Worship – on line only	30					

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: Condensed soups (all kinds), Juice, Canned fruits (all kinds), Snacks (individual packages of crackers, cookies, etc.), Jelly, Red beans (chili, black, kidney, refried, etc.), Saltine crackers, Tuna. Thanks to everyone for helping keep the shelves of the Lutheran Food Pantry stocked with food available to provide for the food needy. 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!