

May, 2021

A Place of Belonging...

# Zion Lutheran Church



As you know, managing the pandemic and how to worship safely during it has been nothing short of a major challenge. We continue to do all we can to ensure the safety of our worship space. With recent updates from the CDC and LLCDH, we have made changes to how we worship, beginning in May.

The CDC now says that there is little risk of contracting the virus through touching surfaces and only regular cleaning is needed, instead of heavy sanitizing. This has helped us be able to get to a place where we can worship every week. They continue to stress the importance of social distancing and mask wearing when indoors.

Those over 65 in our area are about 80% vaccinated at this point. That is a huge number and will allow us to remove age restrictions from our worship services. We've been holding services by age to protect those who are most vulnerable, and now the vaccine is available for all adults and the oldest age groups have been getting it.

Moving forward, we will have in person worship services each week with no age restrictions. We will continue to require masks and will have pews blocked off. The Nolte Center is available for overflow seating. If you know you will have an especially large group, or will be hosting visitors, please let me know so that I can set aside pews or chairs for you to all sit together. Otherwise, we must continue to sit as we have been. If the weather is nice, we'll have coffee outside.

Thank you for getting us to this point. It's a big set, even though the pandemic isn't yet over. Thank you to those who have sent offering to the church by mail when they weren't able to join us. Thank you for understanding the difficult decisions and positions we've all been put in are only temporary. Get vaccinated and let's continue to move out of this pandemic.

Pr. Andrew



ZION EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2021 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Wayne Burcham—President

LaRita Lang—Vice President

John Borgmann—Treasurer

Lisa Zessin—Secretary

Glenn Hartmann —Co-Financial

Byron Nelson—Co-Financial

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## Zion News/Worship Service Information

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**May Worship Services - 10:00 AM -**

**In-Person Services every Sunday with no age restrictions.**

*Social distancing and masks will be required.*

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### Donations for Hygiene Kits

Zion will once again be collecting supplies and monetary donations for the 2021 Health Hygiene Kits.

200 - Antibacterial soap bars

200 - Toothbrushes

100 - 6 Oz Toothpaste

100 - Deodorant

Please bring all supply donations to the Nolte Center by April 30, 2021. If you have any questions, please call Janet Wacker - 402-450-3518

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## Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to Zion's 2021 graduates and good luck in your future endeavors!

**Addison Ernest**

**Austin Ernest**

**Hannah Kepler**

**Ashlynn Sehi**

**Hadley Teut**



## Special Events and Volunteers

### Birthdays

Brandy Gunnerson	May 1	Cari Dozler	May 19
Kris Borgmann	May 3	Rocky Wussow	May 21
Miranda Gunnerson	May 3	Marrissa Allsman	May 22
Lori Kitzing	May 5	Kevin McCall	May 23
Shane Kepler	May 8	Matt Oldehoeft	May 25
Linda Liston	May 8	Linda Deinert	May 27
Olivia Magee	May 11	Larry Lawton	May 28
James Nelson	May 11	Thomas Lewis	May 29
Corey Heidtbrink	May 12	Haley Brhel	May 30
Carolyn Busboom	May 14	Brinkley Carlson	May 30
Roger Engelbart	May 14	Katherine Lewis	May 30
Karen Brhel	May 19	Beckett Oldehoeft	May 30

### Baptisms

Kevin McNally	May 3	Carolyn Turen	May 12
Carson Rohe	May 4	Thomas Bartels	May 20
Scarlett Battles	May 7	Natalie Sehi	May 21
Grant Lewis	May 9	Melvin Deinert	May 22
Dan Rohrs	May 10	Aden Tran	May 23
Nathan Burcham	May 11	Jason Turen	May 24
Simon G Rezac	May 11	Burdette Piening	May 25
Thomas King	May 12	Emma Stratton	May 25

### Anniversaries

Frank, Chad & Kelly	May 3, 2003	Rohe, Douglas & Melissa	May 22, 1993
Burcham, Wayne & Linda	May 12, 1973	Schneider, William & Linda	May 24, 1986
Kittelson, Reid & Deb	May 20, 1978	Strauss, Randy & Jackie	May 28,

### Volunteers

Date	Council Person	Communion Assistant
May 2, 2021	LaRita Lang	Randy Strauss
May 9, 2021	Wayne Burcham	Josh Rezac
May 16, 2021	Lisa Zessin	Dave Wacker
May 23, 2021	Byron Nelson	Leon Lostroh
May 30, 2021	Glenn Hartmann	Mark Porath

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

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## ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Minutes of the meeting of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council held March 9, 2021  
(Met via Zoom)*

**Council Members Present:** John Borgmann, Wayne Burcham, Glenn Hartmann, Pastor Andrew Kitzing, LaRita Lang, Byron Nelson, Lisa Zessin

### **Meeting Called to Order**

Wayne Burcham called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Pastor began the meeting with devotions.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Wayne called for a motion to approve the agenda. LaRita Lang made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of "Spring Cleaning". Byron Nelson seconded. Motion passed.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the February 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting were emailed. Byron Nelson moved to accept the February minutes. Glenn Hartmann seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Pastor's Report**

- February 17 – Ash Wednesday
- March 28-April 3 – Holy Week
- April 4-11 – Pastor Vacation/Niece Baptism
- April 15-20 – Family wedding

### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was emailed for review. Total regular offering for **February 2021** was \$10,478.96. Total expenses were \$10,032.25. **Net gain of \$446.71.** The asset account balance is \$132,189.83. Special operating funds are \$80,847.13. The year-to-date building fund is \$70.00. This leaves a spendable balance of \$51,272.70. Parsonage Improvement Fund - \$-7,942.49. Expenses a little higher due to insurance premiums. LaRita Lang made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Glenn Hartmann seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Ministry Reports**

**Worship:** New pew cushions have been delivered. They fit the pews well.

**Social:** Will need to decide if we are going to have the hog roast. It will be an agenda item for April.

**Property:** Siding on bell tower is beginning to peel. Dave will talk to Craig Anderson to find out who installed it and will talk to the company. The rest of the church seems to be ok. Still dealing with the siding on the Nolte center as well. John contacted a company to call pastor with a bid for the deck.

### **Spring Cleaning**

Have throughout a whole month. Possibly the month of May. The task list would be available for members to check off what task they did. Could also have a task list for the outside items so people can check those off as well.

### **Old Business**

- **COVID Conditions**
  - Council discussed how to re-open fully in a safe manner. It was suggested to add another Sunday for each age group. Sanitizing would need to be addressed and would have to make sure the organists felt comfortable as well. It was decided that we will continue the same worship service schedule for the time being aiming for May to be able to return with more services.
  - Changes will be based on how soon vaccinations are given. Whenever we can re-open fully, we will still need to wear masks and social distance.

- Discussed what the requirements for cleaning will look like. Pastor will be able to provide a list of the minimum requirements to meet COVID cleaning.
  - Doing cleaning after services on a team basis to meet the requirements.
  - Will discuss this further at next meeting to have procedures in place.
- **Heat pump** – new one is ordered and will be installed.
- **Pew cushions** – these have been delivered and installed for use immediately.
  - Will have a dedication of these at a later date this spring.
  - These have been paid for through 3 different memorials.
- **2021 Need To Do Events (normally done)**
  - Vacation Bible School – will wait on this until 2022
  - Installation of Council Members – Glen would be the only new member (all others are current)
- **2021 Zion Projects**
  - Sidewalk
  - Grading work that needs to be done

### New Business

- **PPP Money** – Extensive discussion on this loan and the process. Must qualify for the loan. Meet with banker to complete the application. Must demonstrate that the loan was used appropriately in the time period allocated. If requirements are met, the loan may be forgiven. If not met, the loan will need to be paid back. Byron Nelson made a motion to apply for the loan. Motion seconded by LaRita Lang. The motion passed.
  - Byron Nelson and Wayne Burcham will work through providing necessary information to bank for consideration.
- **Easter Service(s)**
  - 8 AM Service – 65 and older – 3 families currently signed up
  - 10 AM Service – 64 and younger – 3 families currently signed up
- **How to do cleaning** – Discussion if this is something that could be qualified under the PPE loan discussed above if someone were paid. Will provide this scenario to the banker during the loan process to determine if it would qualify.
- **Pastor Vacation Plans**
  - April 4-11 – Pastor Vacation/Niece Baptism
  - April 15-20 – Family wedding
  - April 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> discussed how service would be provided.
    - April 11<sup>th</sup> – Pastor will pre-record and released.
    - April 18<sup>th</sup> – Pastor will see about finding someone to fill in live via Zoom but there will be no in-person worship this week.

### Next Meeting


- The next Zion Lutheran council meeting will be on Monday, April 12th, 2021 Via Zoom, 7:30 PM.

### Adjournment

- Being no further business before the Church Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm and closed by all joining in praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Lisa Zessin  
 Zion Church Council Secretary

# May Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00 AM – In Person no age restriction Social Distancing and Mask Required	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 10:00 AM – In Person no age restriction Social Distancing and Mask Required	10	11	12	13 7:00 PM Council Meeting- Nolte Center	14	15
16 10:00 AM – In Person no age restriction Social Distancing and Mask Required	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:00 AM – In Person no age restriction Social Distancing and Mask Required	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 10:00 AM – In Person no age restriction Social Distancing and Mask Required	31 Memorial Day 					

## 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>

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## 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](mailto:cheryl1955Nelson@gmail.com)

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## Food Pantry “Wish List”

Items on the Lutheran Food Pantry’s “wish list” at this time are: Pork and beans, Jelly, Saltine crackers, Breakfast bars (Pop Tarts, granola bars, etc.), Canned tomatoes, Cereal Canned pears, Snack items (small packages of cookies, crackers, nuts, etc.), Personal care items. Thanks to everyone for helping keep the shelves of the Lutheran Food Pantry stocked with food available to provide for the food needy.

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## 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.

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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!

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