



# The Voice of Zion

**February 1, 2018**

A MEMBER CHURCH OF LUTHERAN  
CONGREGATIONS  
IN MISSION FOR CHRIST (LCMC)

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*Our Mission: We unite to bear witness to  
and receive God's love through Jesus Christ,  
by worship, fellowship, education, and  
service*

**Office Hours: Tuesday thru Friday 9:00 am -2:00 pm**

**Sunday School for All Ages: Sunday 8:45 – 9:30 am**

**Sunday Fellowship at 9:30 am**

**Sunday Worship at 10:00 am**

**Tuesday: Ladies Community Bible Study: 7:00 pm**

**MOPS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month -6:30 pm**

**Quilters: Each Wed. at 1:00 pm**



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



February 1, 2018

Dear Zion Members & Friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Congregational President. I respect the position and look forward to working with each of you as we continue to help Zion grow and prosper.

We will soon enter the Lenten season. This is a time to reflect on all God has done for us through his Beloved Son, Jesus. You are encouraged to attend the services as well as recognize the season daily in your personal journey.

As your President please feel free to contact me at any time.

Respectfully,

Judy Newman

Zion Church Council President

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## Zion Lutheran Church

### Council Minutes

**18 January 2018**

Present: Pastor Greg Knippa, Bill Bippert, Chris Filline, Wayne Newman, Jackie Moss, Linda Plante, Wayne Benke, Chuck Hart, and Richard Crain

Absent: DeWayne Boyles

Call to order at 11:26 A.M.

- I. **Opening prayer** – Chris Filline provided the opening prayer
- II. **Minutes** – the minutes from the December 10, 2017 meeting were reviewed, motion by Jackie Moss to approve the minutes as presented, second by Wayne Newman, the motion carried
- III. **Treasure's Report** – Jackie provided a written report that was included in the meeting

packet. Wayne Newman moved to accept her report as presented, second by Chris Filline. The motion carried. Motion by Chuck Hart to move \$30,000 from the general account to a CD. Second by Chris Filline. The motion carried.

**IV. Pastor's Report** – Pastor Greg commented on his written report that was included in the meeting packet. The Amateur Radio Station Ministry would like to use the lawn in front of the Fuos House on Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup> to hold a Winter Field Day/Public Demonstration. The Medina County Amateur Radio Club will provide for all necessary needs and power requirements. Motion by Jackie Moss and second by Richard Crain to allow the radio club to use the front lawn. The motion carried.

**V. Committee Reports**

- a. Altar Guild – The Altar Guild would like to purchase new candle lighters that use oil rather than a wax wick. The wax wicks drip on the Altar paraments. Pastor Greg will get quotes.
- b. Cemetery – a written report was included in the meeting packet.
- c. Fellowship – potluck on Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> to recognize Irene Bendele's 105<sup>th</sup> birthday. The theme of the potluck will be "brunch" fare.

**VI. Old Business**

- a. Website Coordinator – Michael Eichman
- b. 2018 budget (proposed) - council reviewed and discussed the proposed budget for 2018.
  - i. Discussed budgeting for a new refrigerator for the fellowship hall kitchen. Tabled the idea for now, not budgeted.
  - ii. Motion by Chris Filline, second by Richard Crain to increase the pastor's salary by \$5,000 annually. The motion carried.
  - iii. Motion by Richard Crain, second by Chris Filline to increase Choir Director/Organist salary by 10%

per worship services and increase office visits/choir practices to \$30 per instance. The motion carried.

iv. Motion by Linda Plante, second by Wayne Newman to increase the Office Administrator pay by \$0.50 per hour. The motion carried.

c. Motion by Chris Filline, second by Richard Crain to accept the proposed budget as amended above for recommendation to the congregation for approval. The motion carried.

**VII. New Business**

a. Grace Kauffmann Scholarships - reviewed the information that was included in the meeting packet regarding the disposition of funds for 2018.

**VIII. Ushers**

- a. January – Jackie Moss
- b. February – Richard Crain

**IX. Next meeting**

- a. Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>
- b. Opening prayer – Richard Crain

**X. Close with the Lord's Prayer**

- a. Motion to adjourn by Wayne Newman, second by Jackie Moss, the motion carried at 12:58 P.M.
- b. The council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chuck Hart



**Treasurer Report for  
Zion Lutheran Church**

Greetings,

For December Zion Lutheran Church has a net loss of \$1,458.32. However, that number is misleading because \$30,000 was moved from the General Account into CD's. The \$30,000 is reflected in the Profit and Loss statement as an expense. In December Zion received very generous

offerings. God has blest Zion. Let us continue to listen to the Holy Spirit and take action.

	<i>December 2017</i>	<i>Year to Date</i>
Total Income	\$ 43,044.26	\$241,084.39
Total Expenses	<u>44,502.58</u>	<u>185,318.44</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ (1,458.32)</u>	<u>\$ 55,765.95</u>

I am very proud to be a part of Zion and pray that God continues to use and bless Zion in His work.

Blessings,  
Jackie Moss  
Treasurer

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### **From Pastor Greg's Desk:**

#### **Christ's Call to Make Disciples**

(Taken from an article by, RC Sproul)

As a pastor, I am filled with a zeal for evangelism. In the past, however, much to my consternation, when I talked about this, most people think I am a bit over zealous. Many, remain unconvinced despite my sharing the Gospel with them. Finally, someone asked me, "Why don't you start a class and teach us what you have learned about Jesus?" This person was serious. I was elated. We scheduled a time to meet—but people never showed up. I thought church was a failed effort.

Despite my profound desire for evangelism, I was a failure at it. This realization came to me early in my ministry. Yet, I also discovered that there are many people whom Christ has called and whom He has gifted by His Spirit to be particularly effective in this thing called, evangelism. In one respect, I'm glad that the Great Commission is not a commission principally to evangelism.

The words preceding Jesus' commission were these: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matt. 28:18). He then went on to say, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (v. 19). When Jesus gave this commission to the church, He was speaking authoritatively. He gave a mandate to the church of all ages not simply to evangelize but to make disciples. That raises a significant question: What is a disciple?

The simplest definition of disciple is one who directs his mind toward specific knowledge and conduct. So, we might say that a disciple is a learner or pupil. The Greek philosophers Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle had disciples.

Socrates described himself as a disciple of Homer, whom Socrates regarded as the greatest thinker in Greek history.

We tend to think of Homer as a poet rather than as a philosopher. But Socrates saw him as the supreme teacher of ancient Greece. Socrates had his own student—his chief disciple—whose name was Plato. Plato had his disciples, the chief one being Aristotle. Aristotle also had his disciples, the most famous being Alexander the Great. It is astonishing to think about how dramatically the ancient world was shaped by four men: Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, and Alexander the Great.

Aristotle was known as a "peripatetic" a traveling philosopher. He walked from place to place, not teaching in a fixed location. The students of Aristotle would follow him as he walked the streets of Athens.

These concepts help illuminate the nature of discipleship. However, they fail to capture the full essence of biblical discipleship. Biblical discipleship involves walking with the Teacher and learning from His words, but it is more than that.

Jesus was a rabbi and, of course, the most important "peripatetic", or travelling teacher and disciple-maker in history. Wherever He walked, His students would follow. At the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, He chose particular individuals to be His disciples. He went to prospective disciples where they were and gave this simple command: "Follow me."

Yet, Jesus was more than just a "peripatetic", a travelling teacher. His disciples called Him "Master." Their entire way of life changed because they followed Jesus not merely as a great teacher but as the Lord of all. That's the essence of discipleship—submitting fully to the authority of Christ, the One whose lordship goes beyond just the classroom.

The Great Commission is the call of Christ for His disciples to extend His authority over the whole world, and in our case, often our community and area, which is a part of the world. We are to share the Gospel in many ways with everyone so that more and more people might call Him "Master." This calling is not simply a call to evangelism. It isn't merely a call to get members for our churches. Rather, Christ calls us to make disciples. Disciples are people who have wholeheartedly committed to follow the Master. Church is not just Sunday morning. Church is everywhere.

Thus, when Jesus tells us to go to all nations, we are to go into the world with His agenda, not our own. The Great

Commission calls us to work with other believers in the church in order to produce disciples and flood our world, this world with Christians who worship God and follow Jesus Christ passionately.

More to come.

Your servant in Christ,  
Pastor Greg

*Prayer Blanket Stitchers:* Flo Balmer, Cheri Boucher', Emilie Stege, Mary Day, Lahoma McDaniel  
*Sunday School: Children* – Pat Davila, Danae Kohlleppel, *Youth* – Emily Bippert; *Young Adult* – Rod Moss; *Adult* – Carol Mangold  
*MOPS* – Jana Urbanczyk  
*Garden Granny:* Marcia Hart  
*Music Director:* Pete Martinez

**Scholarships**

The 2017-2018 \$1,500 distribution has been made from the Grace Kauffmann Trust which was established by Ms. Grace (deceased). The Trust is for Zion Lutheran members who are attending college for undergraduate degrees or a tech school. Ms. Grace loved education and was a faithful, long-time member of Zion Lutheran Church. Distributions were made to Andrew Knippa, Emily Flanagan, Sara Flanagan, and Rylie Filline.



**Pastor Greg's Medina Valley Nursing Home Service Schedule:**

Feb. 8, 2018 – 10:30 am   Worship and Holy Communion  
Feb. 22, 2018 – 10:30 am   Worship and Holy Communion

(Typically, the services are on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.)

**THANK YOU FROM IRENE BENDELE**

A very big "thank you" to everyone at Zion for my birthday party last Sunday!!



**Flowers**

Feb. 4           *Mary Griggs*  
                    To the glory of God  
Feb. 11          *Brenda and Carl Santleben*  
                    In memory of loved ones  
Feb. 18          *Raymond and Chery Heath*  
                    In memory of Marsha Tondre  
Feb. 25          *Pete and Bobbie Martinez*  
                    For the greater glory of God



**Sunday Bible Study**

Our study continues of the book entitled, "Spiritual Discipleship – Principles of Following Christ for Every Believer." Please join us as Pastor Greg facilitates the study and discussion. Join as we explore God's Word for us today.



Feb. 4	Ian Vonderharr	Jackie Moss
Feb. 11	Ian Vonderharr	Adam Knippa
Feb. 18	Ian Vonderharr	Cheryl Griggs
Feb. 25	Ian Vonderharr	Frances Bippert

**Zion Lay Ministry**

*Women of the Word and Prayer Chain Coordinator:* Linda Plante  
*Altar Guild:* Carol Mangold, Cheri Boucher', Diane Hibbs, Frances Bippert  
*Quilters:* Flo Balmer, Fran Bippert, Ruth Felty, Jane Scheffler, Diane Perreault, Karen Balmer, Esther Thomas, Suzanna Feliciano



### *February Birthdays*

2/04	Caroline Burges	2/05	Dorothy Breezee
2/10	Lahoma McDaniel	2/11	Scott Hunsicker
2/16	Kenneth Ricks	2/17	Mark Smith
2/20	Marisela Boyles	2/20	Catherine Tschirhart
2/21	Virginia Lewis	2/22	Mary Day
2/22	Brian Dietrich	2/22	Millard Schuchart
2/23	Raymond Heath	2/24	Linda Plante
2/25	Dewayne Boyles	2/25	Nancy Jonas
2/26	Tommy Wurzbach	2/28	Cheryl Heath



**Senior luncheon every third Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm at the VFW Auxiliary in La Coste**

**All seniors welcome**



***Pastor Greg's  
Corny Corner***

### **Naval Bar Codes**

Why did the navies of Sweden, Norway and Denmark decide to put bar codes on their ships?

So when the ships returned to port, they could "Scandinavian."



**Please Remember in Prayer:**

### *Zion Lutheran Church Prayer Request*

**Please pray for rain for all areas of Texas in need, and employment for those who seek work.**

**Please pray for our members, friends and neighbors in public and military service:**

Sarah Bippert, Joshua Bradley, Jeff Burges, Mikela Cotham, Aaron Grigsby, Cody Haegelin; Sam Heath, Katie Johnson, Dorsey Krause III, Matthew Krause, Ryan Sprauer, Nathan Stinson, Paul Stinson, Pat Sheehan and Garrett Wurzbach.

**Please remember in prayer our members and friends in nursing homes and hospitals:**

Harvey Kunze, S.P. Martinez, Alvin Santleben; Floyd Santleben, and Catherine Tschirhart.

**Please lift up our homebound members in prayer:** Bonnie Stein and Stan and Addie Smith.

**Please remember our members and friends who are ill or injured:** Britney and Jacob DeLoach and newborn son, Kade; The Family of Douglas Koehler; The Dan Pue Family; Prayer of thanksgiving - Rodney Rues; Mark Scheffler;

Tiegan Shaffer; The Family of Joe Ben Smith; Brett Sokol; Nathan and Alicia Stinson; The Family of Teresa Voges.

**\*\*\*\*\*Deadline For Bulletin Items\*\*\*\*\***

**Thursday, 10:00 am**



Texas District

# Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt  
Director of Mission Growth

## Helping Others Answer the Call

It's been said that the greatest days in your life are the day you were born and the day you figured out why. Indeed, one of the most significant discoveries you can make is discovering what God has created you for.

I was reminded of this recently as we studied the first reading for the second Sunday after Epiphany. In 1 Samuel 3 we read of how Samuel discovered his calling. Three times the boy Samuel heard the voice of God calling and three times the boy ran to his master Eli as he assumed it was Eli who was calling him. When it happened a third time, Eli realized the voice calling the boy must be God's. So, he instructed Samuel to go back and when he heard the voice call to him again, simply say "Speak, for your servant is listening."

This lesson serves as an excellent reminder that not only are we to seek to discover our own calling from God, but also help others to hear and answer their calls too. As Eli mentored Samuel in the faith and helped him to hear and recognize the call of God, all God's faithful are called to help mentor and guide others, especially those who are younger, to discover how God is calling them to live and to serve.

All across the Texas District congregation members are concerned about the future of the church. And there is good reason for concern as they look around and see aging pastors and congregations, dwindling youth and children's programs, and little movement among young people in preparation for Christian ministry. But instead of wringing our hands, there is something that each of us can and should be doing. Maybe a significant part of our own calling is helping others discover theirs. Maybe we are called to be Elis to invest in young Samuels... or Pauls to invest in young Timothy's.

Inevitably the question will be asked: How? How does an older person meaningfully engage in the faith development of a younger person? The key is to get back to the basics of living out our faith in community. The Christian faith compels us to engage with others around us no matter what age, race, or socio-economic status they are. Let's join Jesus on his mission and get to know our neighbors again, especially those who are younger or different. Love them like Jesus would, without judgment or shame, but pure, grace-filled kindness and love that can communicate across every social barrier we think might be there. And most of all, when the time is right and one comes to you seeking guidance, like Eli you can point him or her to God and teach him or her to say with an open heart, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."


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## February 2018



				Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3
				5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7:00 pm Boy Scouts / Webelos – Youth building		
<b>Sunday 4</b> 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u>	<b>Monday 4</b> <b>Pastor's day off</b> 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>Tuesday 6</b> 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	<b>Wednesday 7</b> 1:00 pm Quilters 7:00 pm Choir	<b>Thursday 8</b> <b>10:30 Pastor Greg - Nursing Home</b> 5:30 pm FITEC- FH  7:00 pm Boy Scouts / Webelos – Youth building	<b>Friday 9</b>	<b>Saturday 10</b> 8:00 – Noon MCARC Meeting Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday 11</b> 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u> 11:00 am Council Mtg.	<b>Monday 12</b> <b>Pastor's day off</b> 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>Tuesday 13</b> 6:30 pm MOPS Mtg.–Fuos House 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	<b>Wednesday 14</b> 1:00 pm Quilters 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7:00 pm Ash Wed. Service <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday 15</b> 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7:00 pm Boy Scouts / Webelos – Youth building	<b>Friday 16</b>	<b>Saturday 17</b>
<b>Sunday 18</b> 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u>	<b>Monday 19</b> <b>Pastor's day off</b> 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>Tuesday 20</b> 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	<b>Wednesday 21</b> 1:00 pm Quilters 6:00 pm Lenten Meal 7:00 Lenten Service 7:30 pm Choir	<b>Thursday 22</b> <b>10:30 Pastor Greg - Nursing Home</b> 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7:00 pm Boy Scouts / Webelos – Youth Building	<b>Friday 23</b>	<b>Saturday 24</b>
<b>Sunday 25</b> 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u>	<b>Monday 26</b> <b>Pastor's day off</b> 7:00 pm Bell Choir	<b>Tuesday 30</b> 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	<b>Wednesday 28</b> 1:00 pm Quilters 6:00 pm Lenten Meal 7:00 Lenten Service 7:30 pm Choir			



# Texas District

Thank you  
for your  
thoughtfulness  
in providing  
us with our  
meals.

Aaron  
Susan Wenzel

May God bless you  
for the grace you  
have shown to us.  
Jack Bohls  
& Barbara Bohls

Zion  
Thank you for  
the Amazing  
BBQ! We love  
you! Pastor Jim

Those were some real  
yummy dead animals  
-y'all are heaven sent.  
God's blessings - Lynn, James, Seb

Thank you  
for feeding us.  
The BBQ was great!  
Cina & Jason  
Linda

From One Texan to Another(s) ...  
From one who loves (& loves devoting)  
bovines' contributions to us ...  
And to those who know how to  
perfectly rub, marinate & smoke  
beef ... WOW! Y'all good, for y'all!  
Aet H??!

Thank you good people  
of Zion!  
David Mayer

GREAT  
Food! Thank  
you so  
much!  
Mark Wain

People of Zion,  
Thank you for  
blessing us with  
that awesome  
ybi C,  
Bryce  
Forman  
George

Lion,  
We thank you  
for the ~~best~~  
great food.  
Jon & Kathy



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