



The Voice of Zion

March 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: 2nd Tuesday of each month -6:30 pm

Quilters: Each Wed. at 1:00 pm



PRESIDENT'S LETTER



March 1, 2018

Our Lenten season continues and is a special time for us to remember the sacrifices of our Savior. I trust your Lenten Journey is especially meaningful as we reflect on our lives and our relationship with God.

Your council has been installed. They are your representatives to lead Zion, please feel free to contact any council member or me if you have questions or suggestions on how we can better minister to Zion, Castroville, and the surrounding communities. You elected us to work together, please continue the open communication, it is what keeps a healthy congregation.

Respectfully,

Judy Newman

Zion Church Council President

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Zion Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

11 February 2018

Call to order at 11:30 AM by Judy Newman

Attending: Dewayne Boyles, Scott Hunsicker, Chuck Hart, Judy Newman, Pastor Greg Knippa, Wayne Benke, Jacob Schuetz, Richard Crain

Absent: Jackie Moss, Chris Filline

I. Opening prayer by Richard Crain

II. Minutes: Since the minutes from the previous meeting had not been distributed to the new council members, they will be distributed and reviewed at the next scheduled meeting.

III. Treasurer's Report: The report was included in the meeting packet and reviewed by the council. Motion to approve by Richard Crain, second by Wayne Benke, the motion carried.

IV. Pastor's Report: Pastor Greg provided a written report that was included in the meeting packet. He commented on the recently attended LCMC Texas District Mid Winter Retreat held at Concan, Texas. Pastor also provided Member information forms for 12 new members. Motion by Chuck Hart, second by Jacob Schuetz to accept the new members; the motion carried. Pastor Greg will follow-up with Chris Filline regarding a security plan for the church.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Christian Education – Confirmation class will begin this fall in the August/September time frame. First communion for the students will occur shortly after classes begin.

B. Altar Guild – purchased oil filled candle lighters.

C. Property – installed LED light above the kitchen sink; repaired/installed gutter guards on the Fous House.

D. Prayer Chain and W.O.W. - Linda Plante will continue to lead these ministries.

E. Fellowship – Planning a meet and greet for new members.

F. M.O.P.S. - Meetings and program continue to go well with 12 -15 attending.

VI. Old Business

A. Web-site update – Pastor Greg provided a written status and will copy to the council members. Michael Eichman would like a photo of each council member to include on the web-site.

B. Grace Kauffmann Scholarships – thank you notes from each recipient are in route to the Kauffmann family.

VII. New Business

A. Communication – specifically the church's Internet service. Jacob Schuetz will work with Janice to source a viable and cost effective service for the church. Chuck Hart will assist if needed.

B. Motion by Richard Crain, second by Dewayne Boyles to provide a \$100 VISA card to Bill Bippert as an appreciation for his recently completed years of service to Zion as the congregational president. The motion carried.

C. Request for Camp Gladiator – Motion by Chuck Hart, second by Richard Crain to give the go ahead for Brett Bippert to proceed with starting up a Camp Gladiator at Zion. The motion carried.

D. Family Heritage – council members to study provided information for review at next meeting.

E. Internet service – covered in item A. above

F. Council responsibilities – Head usher responsibilities will be reviewed by Judy and Pastor Greg and distributed to the council members for review at the next council meeting.

G. Cross-shaped hedge in front of church – the hedge is suffering from a disease that is treatable. Wayne Benke has the go-ahead to have it treated.

VIII. Head Ushers

March – Chuck Hart

April – Judy Newman

IX. Next Meeting

A. Sunday March 11, 2018

B. Opening prayer – Dewayne Boyles

Motion to adjourn at 12:25 P.M. by Richard Crain, second by Dewayne Boyles, motion carried. The council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Hart



**Treasurer Report for
Zion Lutheran Church**

Greetings,

For January Zion Lutheran Church has a net loss of (\$32,226.35). 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. That would make the loss for January (\$2,226.35).

	January 2018	Year to Date
Total Income	\$ 14,594.82	\$ 14,594.82
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 46,821.17</u>	<u>\$ 46,821.17</u>
Net Income	<u><u>\$(32,226.35)</u></u>	<u><u>\$(32,226.35)</u></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

From Pastor Greg's Desk:

What is Lent?

Early in the Church's history, the major events in Christ's life were observed with special observances, such as His birth, baptism, death, resurrection and ascension. As these observances developed, a period of time was set aside prior to the major events of Jesus' birth and resurrection as a time of preparation. During Lent, the Church's worship assumes a more penitential character. The color for the season is purple, a color often associated with penitence. The "Hymn of Praise" is omitted from the liturgy. The word "Alleluia" is usually omitted as well. By not using the alleluia—a joyful expression meaning "Praise the Lord"—until Easter, the Lenten season is clearly set apart as a distinct time from the rest of the year. Additionally, it forms a powerful contrast with the festive celebration of Jesus' resurrection when our alleluias ring loud and clear. Finally, the penitential character of Lent is not its sole purpose. In the ancient Church, the weeks leading up to Easter were a time of intensive preparation of the candidates who were to be baptized at the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday. This time in the Church's calendar was seen as an especially appropriate time for Baptism because of the relationship between Christ's death and resurrection and our own in Holy Baptism (see Romans 6:1-11). This focus would suggest that the season of Lent serves not only as a time to meditate on the suffering that Christ endured on our behalf, but also as an opportunity to reflect upon our own Baptism and what it means to live as a child of God.

From the perspective of The Lutheran Church, "giving something up for Lent" is entirely a matter of Christian freedom. It would be wrong, from our perspective, for the church to make some sort of "law" requiring its members to "give something up for Lent," since the Scriptures themselves do not require this. If, on the other hand, a Christian wants to give something up for Lent as a way of remembering and personalizing the great sacrifice that

Christ made on the cross for our sins, then that Christian is certainly free to do so. However, he or she does not "judge" or "look down on" other Christians who do not choose to do this.

Your shepherd in Christ,
Pastor Greg

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to make an offering for Easter Lilies to beautify the church during the Lenten/Easter season, please use the appropriate envelope (lily envelope) located at the end of each pew. Remember to include your name and any other information such as names of loved ones or other special message of your choice. The envelopes will be available until March 18th. Envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or given to Frances Bippert.

The cost of each plant is \$12.00. Your plant may be picked up after our Easter service or any time during the following week. Any flowers not picked up will be donated to area nursing homes for their enjoyment.



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.

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



3/21 Jeanette Boehme	3/21 Bob Grigsby
3/21 Diane Perreault	3/22 Kara Whittington
3/23 Frances Bippert	3/26 Pat Davila
3/30 Tristan Jonas	3/30 Stanton Smith
3/31 Sarah Bippert	

Pastor Greg's Medina Valley Nursing Home Service Schedule:

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

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



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: Please remember our members and friends who are ill or injured: Prayers for the family and friends of the victims in the Florida school shooting; Donald and Ethyl Bailey; Steve Benke; Sheri Bishop; LeeAnn Hart; Riley Hunsicker; Marie Maddox; Freeda McBroom; Mary Owen; Fritz Pittman; Linda Searson; Teagan Shaffer; Brett Sokol; Darrell Steubing; Luke William Stinson, grandson of Anthony & Suzanne Stinson; Larry Thomas; Lee Ann Wurzbach; The Family of Lillyan Zenner.

Flowers



Mar. 4 Rod & Jackie Moss
 To the glory of God
 Mar 11 Donald & Gaye Belcher
 In memory of loved ones
 Mar. 18 Wayne & Judy Newman
 In memory of Eva Sanderlin, Richard Beloat, and Dale Robbins
 Mar. 25 Nancy & Earl Jonas
 In memory of Colby Jonas & O.J. Steubing



Mar. 4	Ian Vonderharr	Jackie Moss
Mar. 11	Ian Vonderharr	Cheryl Griggs
Mar. 18	Ian Vonderharr	LeeAnn Hart
Mar. 25	Ian Vonderharr	



March Birthdays

3/04 Marcus Koehler	3/05 Asher Bippert
3/08 Chester Blair, Sr.	3/11 Trace Cowan
3/12 Clinton Wurzbach	3/13 Ann-Marie Keller
3/16 Madaline Sherrill	3/17 Jaiden Hibbs

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

Thursday, 10:00 am



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***



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Best wishes for a wonderful and blessed 2018!

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GIFT AMOUNT</u>
05/15/17	\$500.00

Total Giving for 2017: \$500.00 No benefit has been bestowed upon this donor in exchange for this contribution.



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."

Pastor Bryce Formwalt is the Director of Mission Growth for the LCMC Texas District. Residing in Georgetown, Pastor Bryce is available to coach congregations on mission. Feel free to contact him with any questions or comments: 512-942-7776 or bryce@lcmctexas.org. Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/lcmctexas

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				Thursday 1 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7:00 pm Boy Scouts /Webelos – Youth building	Friday 2	Saturday 3 8:00 am – Noon MCARC Meeting Fellowship Hall
Sunday 4 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u>	Monday 4 Pastor's day off 7:00 pm Bell Choir	Tuesday 6 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	Wednesday 7 1:00 pm Quilters 6 pm Lenten Meal 7 pm Lenten Service 7:30 pm Choir	Thursday 8 10:30 Pastor Greg - Nursing Home 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7:00 pm Boy Scouts / Webelos– Youth building	Friday 9	Saturday 10 11:00 am Memorial Service for Lillyan Zenner
Sunday 11 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u> 11:00 am Council Mtg.	Monday 12 Pastor's day off 7:00 pm Bell Choir	Tuesday 13 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 6:30 pm MOPS Mtg.–Fuos House 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	Wednesday 14 1 pm Quilters 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 6 pm Lenten Meal 7 pm Lenten Service. 7:30 pm Choir	Thursday 15 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7:00 pm Boy Scouts / Webelos – Youth building	Friday 16	Saturday 17
Sunday 18 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u>	Monday 19 Pastor's day off 5 am Camp Gladiator 5:15 & 6:30 pm – Camp Gladiator 7:00 pm Bell Choir	Tuesday 20 5 am Camp Gladiator 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	Wednesday 21 5 am Camp Gladiator 1 pm Quilters 5:15 & 6:30 pm – Camp Gladiator 6 pm Lenten Meal 7 pm Lenten Service 7:30 pm Choir	Thursday 22 5 am Camp Gladiator 10:30 Pastor Greg - Nursing Home 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7:00 pm Boy Scouts / Webelos-Youth Bldg.	Friday 23 5 am Camp Gladiator	Saturday 24
Sunday 25 Palm Sunday 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u>	Monday 26 Pastor's day off 5 am Camp Gladiator 5:15 & 6:30 pm – Camp Gladiator 7:00 pm Bell Choir	Tuesday 30 5 am Camp Gladiator 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	Wednesday 28 5 am Camp Gladiator 1:00 pm Quilters 5:15 & 6:30 pm – Camp Gladiator 7:00 pm Choir	Thursday 29 5 am Camp Gladiator 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm Boy Scouts / Webelos-Youth Bldg .	Friday 30 5 am Camp Gladiator 7:00 pm Good Friday Service	Saturday 31

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