



The Voice of Zion

October 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



October 1, 2018

Members & Friends;

Our annual Ham Dinner is upon us. Check the lists of tasks to see how you can help. The committee has been working diligently to get things under control, but we need your help. Please don't hesitate to sign up to help where you can. And if you don't sign up you can still help. It is our united efforts that will make this Ham Dinner another success. We all enjoy the combined efforts of the congregation to pull off this major event.

Your council is planning for the current and future needs of Zion. Watch and listen for updates and ways you can be involved.

Please do not hesitate to contact any council member with your thoughts and ideas. We are all here to serve you and the congregation.

Respectfully,

Judy

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Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes 16 September 2018

Present: Pastor Greg Knippa, Richard Crain, Chuck Hart, Judy Newman, Dewayne Boyles, Wayne Benke, Jacob Schuetz, Chris Filline, Jackie Moss, Scott Hunsicker

Call to order at 11:24 A.M.

- I. **Opening Prayer** – Scott Hunsicker
- II. **Minutes** – the meeting minutes from the August 12, 2018 meeting were sent out via e-mail and reviewed. Jackie Moss motion to accept the minutes as distributed, the minutes were accepted by voice vote.

III. **Treasurer's Report** – a written report was included in the meeting packet and reviewed by the council with comments by Jackie. Motion by Chris Filline to accept the report as provided, second by Richard Crain, the motion carried by voice vote.

IV. **Pastor Greg's Report** – a written report was included in the meeting packet; Pastor Greg provided the following comments:
Confirmation class has started with one participant
Question: Do we want a Thanksgiving Eve service? No decision was made
Advent services are coming up
Pastor Greg proposed to start developing a plan to expand the church facilities to accommodate growth of the congregation and ministries. The council decided to form a ministry action group to develop a plan. Council participants are Chris Filline, Scott Hunsicker, Richard Crain and Chuck Hart. Chuck will chair the committee with plans to start up after the Ham Dinner. The council will solicit participation from members of the congregation.
Pastor Greg received a wireless PA system from the Medina County Amateur Radio Club for use by the congregation.
By request of Pastor Greg, the council gave approval to install a doggie door in the parsonage.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Property
 - i. Narthex update – the painting of the Narthex is completed, repair and painting of the front doors and the bathrooms to be completed
 - ii. A quote will be obtained to have additional painting accomplished in the Fellowship Hall
- b. Ham Dinner – preparations are underway, looking good
- c. Nominating Committee – Chuck Hart's two terms are ending and will go off council; first two-year terms are ending for Richard

Crain, Jackie Moss, Chris Filline, and Dewayne Boyles. Richard, Jackie and Chris will stand for re-election; Dewayne Boyles will not stand for re-election.

VI. Old Business

- a. Ministries Sunday / Time & Talent – Review. Pastor Greg provided results of the Time and Talent sheets submitted
- b. Safety review – Chris Filline is continuing to work on this
- c. Eagle Scout Project by Riley Chafin – Some work has been completed however the much needed rains have delayed completion. Work to complete the project is scheduled for Saturday September 22nd.
- d. Kneeling pads – council decided to proceed with this project; Chuck Hart will take ownership to see the project through
- e. Boy Scouts – Jacob Schuetz reported that this is re-charter season and will be working with the Troop to get this done. He also reported that 1 scout has achieved "Eagle" and that 3 new scouts and one adult leader have joined the troop.

VII. New Business

- a. Committee to plan a building program – see Pastor's report above
- b. Financial Audit – Jackie Moss asked that a process be put in place for a person to conduct a monthly audit of the financial books on a monthly basis, person to be determined

VIII. Ushers

- a. October – Jacob Schuetz with Chuck Hart assisting
- b. November – Jackie Moss with Chris Filline assisting
- c. December – Scott Hunsicker with Jackie Moss assisting

IX. Next Meeting

- a. October 14, 2018
- b. Opening prayer – Dewayne Boyles

X. **Closing Prayer** – the council closed the meeting with all saying the Lord's Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Hart, Council Secretary



**Treasurer Report for
Zion Lutheran Church**

Greetings,

For August Zion Lutheran Church has a net loss of \$1,790.27. For the month we had some property maintenance and startup of Sunday School expenses. Please let me know any questions and I will answer them the best I can.

	<u>August 2018</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Income	\$17,282.20	\$120,967.19
Total Expenses	<u>19,072.47</u>	<u>128,729.98</u>
Net Income	<u>\$(1,790.27)</u>	<u>\$ (7,762.79)</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

From Pastor Greg's Desk:

In the city of Chicago, one cold, dark night, a blizzard was setting in. A little boy was selling newspapers on the corner; the people were in and out of the cold. It was so cold that he could not sell many papers. He walked up to a policeman and said, "Mister, you wouldn't happen to know where a poor boy could find a warm place to sleep tonight? You see, I sleep in a box up around the corner there and down the alley and it's awful cold in there at night. Sure would be nice to have a warm place to stay."

The policeman looked down at the little boy and said, "You go down the street to that big white house and you knock on the door. When they open the door you just say John 3:16 and they will let you in."

So he did, he walked up the steps to the door, and knocked on the door and a lady answered. He looked up and said, "John 3:16." The lady said, "Come on in, Son." She took him in and sat him down in a rocker in front of an old fireplace and she went off.

He sat there for a while, and thought to himself "John 3:16 ... I don't understand it, but it sure makes a cold boy warm." Later she came back and asked him "Are you hungry"? He said, "Well, just a little. I haven't eaten in a couple of days and I guess I could stand a little bit of food." The lady took him in the kitchen and sat him down to a table of wonderful food. He ate and ate until he couldn't eat any more. Then he thought to himself "John 3:16 ... Boy, I don't understand it, but it sure makes a hungry boy full."

She took him upstairs to a bathroom to a huge bathtub filled with warm water and he sat there and soaked for a while. As he soaked, he thought to himself, "John 3:16 ... I sure don't understand it, but it sure makes a dirty boy clean. You know I've not had a bath, a real bath, in my whole life. The only bath I ever had was when I stood in front of that big old fire hydrant as they flushed it out."

The lady came in and got him, took him to a room and tucked him into a big old feather bed and pulled the covers up around his neck, kissed him good night and turned out the lights. As he laid in the darkness and looked out the window at the snow coming down on that cold night, he thought to himself, "John 3:16 ... I don't understand it, but it sure makes a tired boy rested."

The next morning she came back and took him down again to that same big table full of food. After he ate, she took him back to that same old rocker in front of the fireplace and she took a big old Bible and sat down in front of him and she looked up at him and she asked, "Do you understand John 3:16?" He said, "No, ma'am, I don't. The first time I ever heard it was last night when the policeman told me to use it."

She opened the Bible to John 3:16, and she began to explain to him about Jesus. Right there in front of that old fireplace he gave his heart and life to Jesus. He sat there and thought, "John 3:16. I don't understand it, but it sure makes a lost boy feel safe."

John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

With you on the way,
Pastor Greg

Ham Dinner Rummage Sale

Donations: Donations gratefully accepted of all gently-used clothing, kitchen ware, household items and furniture.

Volunteers Needed - Rummage Sale Days:

Saturday	Oct. 6.	8:00-3:00
Sunday	Oct. 7	11:00-3:00
Saturday	Oct. 13	8:00-3:00

For questions, please call

Frances Bippert	830-931-4275
Judy Newman	210-416-2286
Cheryl Griggs	210-827-2889

2018 HAM DINNER



The Annual Ham Dinner is next Sunday. This event is a good fund-raiser for the church, along with the rummage sale that takes place in the Youth Building. The Rummage sale starts on Saturday, October 6.

The event can only happen with the help of the entire congregation, and each year we see evidence of that. For all of our new members to Zion, just to let you know there are many committees where you can help — **rummage sale** (pricing and selling items); **silent auction** (collecting and marking items & setting up tables on Sunday); **ticket sales**—quilt tickets, raffle tickets, meal tickets; **servicing line** (dishing up/serving the ham dinner plates & collecting money—outside); **peeling potatoes for potato salad** (Saturday before Ham Dinner); **setting up all the tents, tables and chairs outside**; **baking cakes** (we ask each family to bake cakes); **cutting cakes** (done Sunday A.M.); **children's activities** (set up and help children); **clean up** after the event. There are more behind-the-scenes activities too, and everyone is welcome to help wherever they can.

If you have questions, please call the church office (830-538-6335), or one of the Ham Dinner Co-Chairs—Bill Bippert (830-931-4397) or Cheri Boucher` (210-556-9138).

Hope to see you ALL there. It takes a lot of hard work, but it is a wonderful time for great fellowship as well.

Ham Dinner Co-Chairs: Bill Bippert and Cheri Boucher`

SILENT AUCTION

Calling All Zion Members.....We are now taking donated items for the Silent Auction. Here at Zion we have so many generous members and are looking for items to be donated for the Ham Dinner Silent Auction. So go check out your closets, cabinets, barns and get those specialty made items ready. You can deliver your items to the church office Tuesday - Fridays. If you need any items to be picked up, please call Myra Hunsicker @ 830-931-4231. With your help we can make this a very successful event. All funds brought in go to help support our church finances for the year.



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, Frances Bippert, Ruth Felty, Jane Scheffler, Diane Perreault, Karen Balmer, Suzanna Feliciano

Prayer Blanket Stitchers: Cheri Boucher`, Lahoma McDaniel, Suzanna Feliciano

Sunday School: Children: Pat Davila, Danae Kohlleppe;
Youth –Emily Bippert; *Young Adult* – Rod Moss;
Adult – Carol Mangold

MOPS: Jana Urbanczyk

Garden Granny: Marcia Hart (Children's Message)

Music Director: Pete Martinez



Medina Valley Nursing Home Service Schedule:

Oct. 11, 2018 – 10:30 am Worship and Holy Communion
Oct. 25, 2018 – 10:30 am Worship and Holy Communion

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



Flowers

Oct. 7 *Dorothy Jean Breezee*
 In memory of her mother, Lometa Wurzbach
Oct. 14 *Seth and Madaline Sherrill*
 In memory of loved ones
Oct. 21 *Dick and Carol Mangold*
 In memory of her father, Chester Schmidt
Oct. 28 *Bill and Janet Armstrong*
 In memory of loved ones and in honor
 of their wedding anniversary



Oct. 7 LeeAnn Hart
Oct. 14 Adam Knippa
Oct. 21 Kayla Dietrich
Oct. 28 Frances Bippert



October Birthdays

10/1 Jace Flanagan 10/1 Jacque Page
10/2 Robert Bippert 10/2 Bill Bippert
10/2 Cody Seay 10/4 Louis Hart, Jr.
10/5 Ken Felty 10/5 Phyllis Wurzbach
10/7 Hilton Stinson 10/9 Christine Paoletti
10/11 Kimberly Thompson 10/13 Evelyn Smith
10/14 Aaron Grigsby 10/14 Mary Owen
10/15 Emily Bippert 10/15 Mathew Krause

10/16 Lindsay Collins 10/17 Rod Moss
10/17 Brock Melton 10/17 Olivia Breves
10/19 Travis Sherrill 10/20 Karen Krause
10/20 Jacob Seay 10/21 Laura Aelvoet
10/21 Kinsley Jonas 10/23 Dorsey Krause, Jr.
10/24 Ashley Jonas 10/24 Patrick Kahn
10/25 Adam Knippa 10/27 Richard Kohlleppe
10/29 Marcia Hart



Please Remember in Prayer:

Zion Lutheran Church Prayer Request

Please pray for a period of drying out where rains have flooded the soil, 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, Chris Filline, 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, 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: Eldon Balmer, Joshua Bradley, Kristen Moss, Rita Riccomini, Emily Ross, Addie Smith, Grady Smith, Stan Smith, Linda Webber.

*******Deadline for Bulletin Items*******

Wednesday, 10:00 am



Mission Moment

Texas District

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth

Walking Alongside

Is being a disciple of Jesus more about knowing the right information or living life in relationship with Jesus? I think we all know the answer to that question! Yet often times our classical approach to faith formation elevates the importance of learning information. What would happen if instead we elevated the role of guidance? This is the third article in a five-part series on increasing effectiveness in developing disciples by making small shifts in our behavior, based on Daniel Im's book *No Silver Bullets: Five Small Shifts That Will Transform Your Ministry*.

The third shift Im highlights in his book is to move from sage to guide. Recent scholarship in the field of adult education has confirmed that adults learn very differently than children. Im points out that 70% of what adults learn comes through doing while 20% is gained through interaction. Just 10% of adult learning can be attributed to classical education methods such as reading and listening. And why should it be any different when it comes to following Jesus?

Im reminds us that what is needed for faith formation is not a sage on the stage, but rather a guide on the side. Nothing is more important to the one learning how to faithfully follow Jesus than someone to walk beside him or her to show the way. And this is something that God is calling each of us to do for others. And not only is God calling us, he's equipping us, too! In Ephesians 4:11-12, Paul reminds us that God has so gifted the church with various leaders for the purpose of equipping the saints for the work of ministry.

In other words, you don't have to take a class to learn how to disciple someone... you are already called and equipped to do so. And I believe that as we go, God further equips us for even greater ministry. As we walk alongside someone to guide him or her, we realize our own need for someone to walk alongside us and guide us as well. So, while we are discipling others, we are being disciplined, too. This was God's plan for the church.

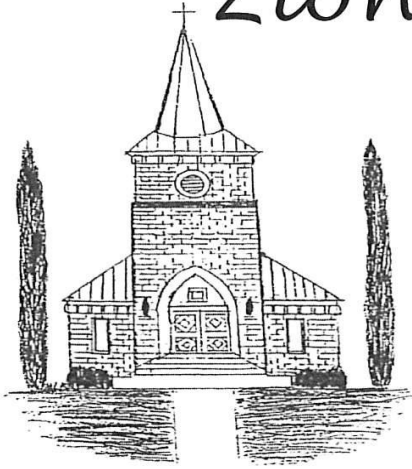
And it was God's plan from the earliest days. In Acts 8, Philip joins the Ethiopian in the chariot who had been reading Isaiah. He asked the man, "Do you understand what you're reading?" The Ethiopian replied, "How can I unless someone guides me?" Let us never forget how God is calling us to disciple others by joining them in their journey of following Jesus as their guide on the side.

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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1106 Fiorella St., Castroville, Texas



Annual Ham Dinner Sunday October 7, 2018

Serving 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

\$ 8.00 Per Plate

To-Go Plates Available

Ham, Potato Salad, Slaw,
Beans, Bread,
Cake and Tea

Stay and Eat or Drive-Thru

Giant Rummage Sale (Sat. & Sun.)

Kids' Activities

Silent Auction • Quilt Raffle

Ham Dinner Raffle

4 Whole Ham Drawings

(Must be present to win for the ham drawings)

A portion of the proceeds will go to the Medina County Food Pantry Building Fund

****Please join us for Worship Service****
Sunday, October 7 at 10 a.m.

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	Monday 1 Pastor's day off 5 am Camp Gladiator 5:15 & 6:30 pm – Camp Gladiator 7 pm Bell Choir	Tuesday 2 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7 pm Ladies Bible Study – Fuos House	Wednesday 3 5 am Camp Gladiator 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 1:00 pm Quilters 5:15 pm & 6:30 pm – Camp Gladiator 7 pm Choir	Thursday 4 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 5:30 pm FITEC- FH	Friday 5 5 am Camp Gladiator	Saturday 6 8 am Rummage Sale
Sunday 7 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u> HAM DINNER	Monday 8 Pastor's day off 5 am Camp Gladiator 5:15 pm & 6:30 pm – Camp Gladiator 7 pm Bell Choir	Tuesday 9 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 6:30 pm MOPS – <i>Fellowship Hall</i> 7 pm Ladies Bible Study – Fuos House	Wednesday 10 5 am Camp Gladiator 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 1:00 pm Quilters 5:15 pm & 6:30 pm – Camp Gladiator 7 pm Choir	Thursday 11 10:30 Pastor Greg - Nursing Home 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 5:30 pm FITEC- FH	Friday 12 5 am Camp Gladiator	Saturday 13 <i>MCARC Mtg.</i> 8 am – Noon <i>Fellowship Hall</i> 8 am Rummage Sale
Sunday 14 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u> 11:00 am Council Mtg.	Monday 15 Pastor's day off 5 am Camp Gladiator 5:15 pm & 6:30 pm – Camp Gladiator 7 pm Bell Choir	Tuesday 16 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7 pm Ladies Bible Study – Fuos House	Wednesday 17 5 am Camp Gladiator 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 1:00 pm Quilters 5:15 pm & 6:30 pm – Camp Gladiator 7 pm Choir	Thursday 18 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 5:30 pm FITEC- FH	Friday 19 5 am Camp Gladiator	Saturday 20
Sunday 21 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u> 4:30 pm Alsatian Dancers	Monday 22 Pastor's day off 5 am Camp Gladiator 5:15 pm & 6:30 pm – Camp Gladiator 7 pm Bell Choir	Tuesday 23 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7 pm Ladies Bible Study – Fuos House	Wednesday 24 5 am Camp Gladiator 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 1:00 pm Quilters 5:15 pm & 6:30 pm – Camp Gladiator 7 pm Choir	Thursday 25 10:30 Pastor Greg - Nursing Home 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 5:30 pm FITEC- FH	Friday 26 5 am Camp Gladiator	Saturday 27
Sunday 28 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u> 4:30 pm Alsatian Dancers	Monday 29 Pastor's day off 5 am Camp Gladiator 5:15 pm & 6:30 pm – Camp Gladiator 7 pm Bell Choir	Tuesday 30 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7 pm Ladies Bible Study – Fuos House	Wednesday 31 5 am Camp Gladiator 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 1:00 pm Quilters 5:15 pm & 6:30 pm – Camp Gladiator 7 pm Choir			

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