



The Voice of Zion

December 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
(resumes January 2019)

MOPS: 2nd Tuesday of each month: 6:45 pm

Quilters: Each Wed. at 1:00 pm



Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



December 1, 2018

Dear Members and Friends:

The Christmas season is here!! Homes and communities "shine" with extra lighting. If we will take some time to reflect we may recognize those lights as the ones that lit the way for Mary and Joseph to find shelter. Shelter for the birth of Jesus our Savior. For those of us who continue to send Christmas cards and letters it provides and opportunity to remind our distant family and friends that we are thinking of them and wishing them a Joyous Christmas Season.

Likewise, Zion will celebrate the season with many Advent activities. Check the calendar and see how you can be involved. Don't miss your opportunity to join in the celebrations.

Enjoy the Season and God's Blessings,

Respectfully,

Judy

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Zion Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
11 November 2018

Present: Pastor Greg Knippa, Richard Crain, Jacob Schuetz, Scott Hunsicker, Jackie Moss, Wayne Benke; Chuck Hart

Absent: Chris Filline, Dewayne Boyles, Judy Newman

Guests: Anthony Stinson, Rod Moss

I. Opening Prayer

- a. Pastor Greg delivered the opening prayer

II. Minutes

- a. Corrections were noted to the minutes from the October 14th meeting
 - i. Richard Crain was present at the meeting
 - ii. Jackie Moss is working with Marisela Boyles on the audit

III. Treasurer's Report

- a. Jackie reviewed the report that was included in the meeting packet.
- b. There may be some discrepancies regarding the attendance numbers for the past several weeks. Jackie will review the attendance reporting for the last couple of months.
- c. Motion by Jacob Schuetz to accept the report, second by Wayne Benke, the motion carried.

IV. Damage at Zion Cemetery

- a. Anthony Stinson reported on the recent damage to the Zion #1 cemetery. A couple of headstones were disturbed or overturned, a significant amount of ruts and torn up turf was caused by driving equipment over rain soaked ground, and a limb was broken out of the cedar tree. There had not been an interment in the Zion cemetery but one had been done in the adjacent cemetery. The equipment operator for the interment conducted in the adjacent cemetery was directed by the funeral director to drive through the Zion cemetery without the permission of the Zion Cemetery committee.
- b. The Cemetery Committee had met and created a document, "Rules for Work in Zion Cemetery", specifying the procedures and process to follow when a funeral home conducts an interment in any of the Zion cemeteries. Anthony requested that the council approve and send the document via certified mail to Tondre-Guinn Funeral Home. The council asked for the following clarifications:

- i. Specify the amount of insurance/bonding required to cover damages
 - ii. Answer the question about what is customary for funeral homes to do following an interment
 - iii. Develop a standard contract to be used with any funeral home conducting an interment at a Zion cemetery or a company performing work in any of the cemeteries
- c. The council will take the following action:
 - i. Provide suggested verbiage regarding liability insurance
 - ii. Request Judy Newman to contact a lawyer to develop a standard contract that Zion can use for cemetery operations.

V. Pastor Greg's Report

- a. Pastor Greg provided a written report that was included in the meeting packet. He reviewed the following items:
 - i. Benevolence – Zion had worked with Food King to provide vouchers to those in need for the purchase of food items. Since Food King is no longer in operation in Castroville we need to find another solution.
 - ii. Reported attendance numbers for October. Action to be taken is described in the Treasurer's Report.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Property
 - i. Narthex update
 - 1. Painting is completed
 - 2. Some trim still needs to be finished
 - 3. Door repair – waiting on contractor to schedule
 - ii. Restroom painting
 - 1. Waiting on the same contractor to schedule

iii. Nominating

1. Nothing to report at this time

VII. Old Business

- a. Ministries Sunday / Time & Talent – Review; no update
- b. Chris Filline: Safety procedure – ongoing, no update
- c. Kneeling pads for communion rail – complete
- d. Boy Scouts – Jacob Schuetz provided a detailed summary of the activities of the Boy Scout troop. Jacob suggested the congregation provide some amount of financial support for their operations. Jackie will include a line item in the 2019 budget; the council will make a recommendation for consideration by the congregation.
- e. Building Committee – 2 general recommendations have been forwarded. The committee will begin meeting after the first of the year.
- f. Financial Audit
 - i. As previously mentioned, Jackie is working with Marisela Boyles in reviewing the checking accounts. Jackie will contact members of the previous Audit Committee team to once again conduct a thorough audit of the church financials.

VIII. New Business

- a. Annual Meeting
 - i. Jackie will get with Janice to send out an e-mail blast requesting reports from the various committees and ministries.
- b. Change in provisions to Benevolence vouchers – see information in the Pastor’s Report section.
- c. Insurance update – no report
- d. Rod Moss
 - i. Rod discussed the status of sending our young folks to Camp Eagle next summer

1. Andrew Knippa and Emily Bippert will be our sponsors for those attending. They will receive \$100/day each for being sponsors.
2. The cost for next year is \$460 for each attendee and sponsor.
3. The youth group(s) will conduct fund raising events toward the financial needs.
4. Rod will provide input for the annual budget to support camp program
5. Want to consider including non-members attending camp to extend the outreach of our ministries beyond our doors

- ii. Requested \$500 to repair the light in the Prayer Garden. This would likely be a dusk to dawn light. Also repair and/or upgrade the existing light in the “Erna Day tree” to be an on/off fixture providing light to support our Camp Gladiator ministry. Motion by Scott Hunsicker to provide up to \$500 for these lighting projects, second by Jacob Schuetz, the motion carried.

IX. Ushers

- a. December – Scott Hunsicker, w/Jackie Moss assisting
- b. January – Chris Filline with Richard Crain assisting
- c. February – Wayne Benke with Chuck Hart assisting

X. Next Meeting

- a. December 9, 2018
- b. Opening Prayer – Jackie Moss

XI. Close with the Lord’s Prayer

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 PM. The council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Chuck Hart, Council Secretary



**Treasurer Report for
 Zion Lutheran Church**

Greetings,

For October Zion Lutheran Church has a net income of \$9,500.67. This includes the results of the Ham Dinner that Zion worked on so hard. 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	\$ 31,940.57	\$168,075.10
Total Expenses	<u>22,439.90</u>	<u>166,243.63</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 9,500.67</u>	<u>\$ 1,831.47</u>

As Zion is beginning to think of next year and prepare the next year's budget, please let me know if there are any items you would like Council to consider.

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:

Christmas Isaiah 9:2-7

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9.6

Bethlehem and Jerusalem are less than a mile apart, or so it would seem; but the significance of their closeness is amplified by Isaiah's opening comment in chapter nine of his prophecy: The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them the light shined.... For unto us a child is born.

Who can tell the meaning of the Christmas miracle in more beautiful detail? The great and mighty wonder of our blessed Savior's birth, the blessed will of the heavenly Father to save mankind from the ravages of this life, the sending of His very own dear Son to save us from eternal destruction sheds heavenly light upon the throne of His everlasting glory and love. It brings joy to those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death. It gives sure and certain hope to the likes of you and me.

As we consider the names of majesty and power here conferred upon the Babe of Bethlehem, we bow before Him with the lowly shepherds and the lofty wise men to consider that He was sent by God to save us all. We are amazed that even the angels desired to see it. And we are comforted with the fact that sin and death no longer have power over us.

We are God's children! For unto us is born a Savior who is Christ the Lord!

Dear Lord Jesus, Oh mighty Prince of Peace, we are weak and frail. You came from Your throne of power and glory to be our Little Child, to share our weakness, to suffer and die for all our sins. We remain lost in our wrongdoing, but You alone are able to save us all. Grant us evermore the faith to believe that by Your holy life and innocent suffering and death we are made free to be Your children forevermore. May we bask in this Christmas joy this holy season, and always. Amen.

Your Under Shepherd in Christ,
 Pastor Greg



Sunday Bible Study

Our study continues regarding the names/attributes of God. Please join us as Carol Mangold facilitates the study and discussion. Join as we explore God's Word for us today.



WOW Christmas Party

Ladies, you are invited to the WOW Christmas party.

It will be held on December 15, 2018, at Zion Lutheran Church at 2 pm.

Please bring an ornament to exchange. A prize will be given for the most festive attire.

Hope to see you there!

Happy holidays!

Linda
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2018 ADVENT

December 2 Greening of the Church
10:00 Worship Service

ADVENT MID-WEEK SERVICES

December 5 Savior of the Nations, Come
Luke 2:30-32
December 12 Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Sounding
Luke 1:76-79
December 19 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Isaiah 7:10-14
6:00 – 7:00 pm Soup 'n Sandwich Meal
7:00 – 7:30 pm Worship

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 23 Children's Christmas Program during
Worship Service at 10:00 am
December 24 Christmas Eve Communion Service at
7:00 pm

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:

Dec. 13, 2018 – 10:30 am Worship and Holy
Communion

Dec. 27, 2018 – 10:30 am Worship and Holy
Communion

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



Flowers

Dec. 2 Dorothy Jean Breezee
In memory of her brother, A.C. Wurzbach II

Dec. 9 Lillian, Fritz & Sharon Pittman
To the Glory of God

Dec. 16 Jim Warnke
In memory of Sandra Warnke

Dec. 23 Congregation's Poinsettias

Dec. 30 Dorothy Jean Breezee
In memory of her brother, R. Edward Wurzbach

MINISTRY



ASSISTANTS

Dec. 2 Chuck Hart
Dec. 9 Frances Bippert
Dec. 16 Jackie Moss
Dec. 23 LeeAnn Hart
Dec. 30



Martinez; Sarah Martinez; The Family of Floyd Santleben, Sr..

December Birthdays

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

12/7	Ruth Felty	12/9	Bobbie Martinez
12/10	Alicia Knippa	12/10	Rose Vernon
12/11	Lindsey Perritano	12/12	Wayne Newman
12/13	Chris Filline	12/20	Nicole Denman
12/20	Judy Newman	12/21	Irene Robbins
12/21	Phyllis Santleben	12/23	Carol Mangold
12/23	Garrett Wurzbach	12/24	Karen Poissonnier
12/25	Gary Poissonnier	12/26	Kris Koehler
12/27	Clinton Bippert	12/28	Sharon Coleman
12/28	Bryan Krause	12/30	Darlene Boehme

Wednesday, 10:00 am



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, Catherine Tschirhart, and Lee Ann Wurzbach.

Please lift up our homebound members in prayer: Bonnie Stein 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:

Prayer of thanks: The Medina County Food Pantry is thankful to Zion members for all the prayers and support toward building a new Food Pantry for Medina County; Tommy Bippert; Cookie Blake; Ernest Lerma; The Family of Clara Lindig; Bobbi



**Pastor Greg's
Corny Corner**

Jesus is Better Than Santa

Santa lives at the North Pole.
JESUS is everywhere.

Santa rides in a sleigh
JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa comes but once a year
JESUS is an ever present help.

Santa fills your stockings with goodies
JESUS supplies all your needs.

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited
JESUS stands at your door and knocks...
and then enters your heart.

You have to stand in line to see Santa
JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.

Santa lets you sit on his lap
JESUS lets you rest in His arms.

Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is
"Hi little boy or girl, What's your name?"
JESUS knew our name before we did.
Not only does He know our name, He knows our
address too. He knows our history and future and
He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly
JESUS has a heart full of love.

All Santa can offer is HO HO HO
JESUS offers health, help and hope.

Santa says "You better not cry"
JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I
care for you.

Santa's little helpers make toys
JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts,

repairs broken homes and builds mansions.

Santa may make you chuckle but
JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.

While Santa puts gifts under your tree
JESUS became our gift and died on the tree.

It's obvious there is really no comparison.
We need to remember WHO Christmas is all about.
We need to put Christ back in Christmas.
Jesus is still the reason for the season.
Yes, Jesus is better, he is even better than
Santa Claus!



Missionary Mandate

The Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 has served as the church's marching orders since the very day Jesus ascended to heaven: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you."

The church has long understood its purpose is to make new disciples and to strengthen the disciples we already have. Church leaders have long debated which is more important: making new disciples (mission) or strengthening the faith of disciples (maturity). Most pastors, if forced to choose, I believe fall on the side of maturity even though they believe mission (making new disciples) is also important.

But what if there was a way the church could more effectively do both? This is the final 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 fifth shift Im highlights in his book is to move from maturity to missionary. Before you start throwing darts, hear this out: Im is not suggesting maturity is in any way unimportant. In fact, what the author is advocating for is a form of discipleship that results in both mission and maturity. Im writes: "In my experience pastoring, leading, and consulting with churches, I've discovered that when you focus on developing *mature disciples*, you do not necessarily find yourself with an army of missionaries. However, when you focus on developing *missionary disciples*, you will always get *mature disciples*."

The author is not advocating that everyone become a pastor or an overseas missionary, but that the local congregation develops a culture of vocation to make disciples as they go about their everyday lives: "In other words, every plumber, poet, and police officer in your church has the same vocation—to go and make disciples. This is our missionary mandate as the church!"

I believe the author is spot-on. What does your local congregation perhaps need to shift to increase the missionary culture? What changes need to be made to help followers of Jesus identify their primary vocation in mission? How do we equip and send disciples into the harvest to be and make disciples? I am convinced that as we equip disciples for mission, we will also always be developing mature disciples of Jesus.

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Sunday 2 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u> Greening of the Church 4:30 pm Alsatian Dancers	Monday 3 Pastor's day off 5 am Camp Gladiator 5:15 pm & 6:30 pm – Camp Gladiator 7 pm Bell Choir	Tuesday 4 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 5:30 pm FITEC- FH	Wednesday 5* 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 1:00 pm Quilters 6:00 pm Advent Meal 7:00 pm Advent Svc. 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7:30 pm Choir	Thursday 6 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 5:30 pm FITEC- FH	Friday 7 5 am Camp Gladiator	Saturday 1 <hr/> Saturday 8 8 AM – NOON MCARC Meeting	
Sunday 9 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u> 11:00 am Council Mtg. Veteran's Day	Monday 10 Pastor's day off 5 am Camp Gladiator 5:15 pm & 6:30 pm – Camp Gladiator 7 pm Bell Choir	Tuesday 11 1:30 Sr. Dining Center 6:45 pm MOPS - FH	Wednesday 12* 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 1:00 pm Quilters 6:00 pm Advent Meal 7:00 pm Advent Svc. 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7:30 pm Choir	Thursday 13 10:30 Pastor Greg - Nursing Home 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 5:30 pm FITEC- FH	Friday 14 5 am Camp Gladiator	Saturday 15	
Sunday 16 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u> 4:30 pm Alsatian Dancers	Monday 17 Pastor's day off 5 am Camp Gladiator 5:15 pm & 6:30 pm – Camp Gladiator 7 pm Bell Choir	Tuesday 18 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 5:30 pm FITEC- FH	Wednesday 19* 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 1:00 pm Quilters 6:00 pm Advent Meal 7:00 pm Advent Svc. 5:30 pm FITEC- FH 7:30 pm Choir	Thursday 20 11:30 Sr. Dining Center 5:30 pm FITEC- FH	Friday 21 5 am Camp Gladiator	Saturday 22	
Sunday 23 <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u> <i>Children's Program</i> 4:30 pm Alsatian Dancers	Monday 24 Christmas Eve Services: 7 pm	Tuesday 25 Christmas Day	Wednesday 26 5 am Camp Gladiator 5:15 pm & 6:30 pm – Camp Gladiator	Thursday 27 10:30 Pastor Greg - Nursing Home 5:30 pm FITEC- FH	Friday 28 5 am Camp Gladiator	Saturday 29 Terway / Jacobs Wedding	
Sunday 30 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u>	Monday 31 New Year's Eve	(*Note: Camp Gladiator meets Wed. AM & PM)				Come let us <i>Adore</i> Him + 	

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