



The Voice of Zion

February 1, 2019

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: 6:45 pm

Quilters: Each Wed. at 1:00 pm



Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



February 1, 2019

Dear Members and Friends:

Thank you for attending our Annual Meeting. This is an important part of the congregational duties. The meeting sets the budget for the year and provides members with a review and an update on the direction of Zion for 2019.

I would like to thank Jackie Moss, Dewayne Boyles and Chuck Hart for their time on the Council. It was a pleasure to work with them. I appreciate their honesty, insight and Christian attitude to do the best for Zion. I will personally miss them on the Council but know they will continue to be an active member of Zion, doing things that need to be done. Thank you Jackie, Dewayne and Chuck!!

And welcome to our new members. I appreciate their willingness to serve on the Council. I hope they find it rewarding and an opportunity to continue to move Zion in a forward direction. Welcome!!

As always, do not hesitate to discuss your ideas and concerns with me or any council member. We are here to represent you and address your interests and ideas. Thank you for supporting your council.

Respectfully,
Judy

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**Zion Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
13 January 2019**

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

Absent: Dewayne Boyles

I. Opening Prayer

- a. Scott Hunsicker led the opening prayer.

II. Minutes

- a. The minutes were not included in the meeting packet; we were not able to reference an electronic copy so the review of the December meeting minutes has been deferred.

III. Treasurer's Report

- a. A copy of the report was included in the meeting packet. Jackie pointed out that she had updated the attendance data for the year and that there were extra expenses related to the air conditioning and heating systems receiving service.
- b. Motion by Chris Filline to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; second by Richard Crain. The motion carried.

IV. Pastor's Report

- a. A copy of Pastor Greg's report was included in the meeting packet. It was a draft of his report for the Annual Meeting.
- b. Judy Newman asked about considering starting up a group for young adults, 25 - 30ish years young
- c. Pastor Greg asked that ideas and suggestions, in addition to discussing with him, be forwarded to his e-mail address.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Property
 - i. Wayne discussed the work done to one of the furnace exhaust chimneys and asked if he could rent a high reach to work on the others. The council agreed he should so the work can be completed safely.
 - ii. Narthex/Doors painting - Richard Crain has touched base with the contractor; they are very busy and backed up but will get it scheduled.
- b. Nominating Committee

- i. Three candidates have been identified
- ii. Judy Newman will have ballots made up

c. Cemetery Committee

- i. Council reviewed a new draft of the "Rules of Work in Zion Cemetery" and provided feedback and suggested updates. Judy Newman will update the document and review with Council at the next regular meeting.

VI. Old Business

- a. Church Safety - Chris Filline has identified an organization that will provide safety training for a congregation to include any individuals that want to participate and learn about safety for our congregation and property. He is arranging for this organization to come to Zion.
- b. Building Committee
 - i. Planning first meeting of the group for Sunday January 27, 2019 immediately following the regular worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to organize the group, set meeting time, etc.
- c. Financial Audit
 - i. Jackie Moss has been working with Marisela Boyles to regularly review the bank accounts and related records. They are working to smooth out the process and make it more efficient.
 - ii. Jackie has notified the existing Audit Committee members that an audit needs to be completed soon.
- d. Insurance - updated and on file
- e. Annual Meeting
 - i. Agenda - a draft agenda was included in the meeting packet
 - ii. Committee Reports need to be filed soon

- iii. Judy Newman will have ballots prepared for the election of council members

Blessings,
Ed Truelson, Treasurer

VII. New Business

- a. A thank you note was received from the Sunny Glen Children's Home for the donation of clothing from the Zion Rummage Sale inventory
- b. It was suggested that the church reach out to the estate of Virgil Jungman to pay for the services he provided Zion on the day of his passing. Motion by Jackie Moss to offer \$150 for Virgil's services on that day. Second by Chris Filline. The motion carried.

VIII. Ushers

- a. February - Wayne Benke with Chuck Hart assisting
- b. March - Richard Crain with Jackie Moss assisting
- c. April - Judy Newman with Jacob Schuetz assisting

IX. Next meeting

- a. February 10, 2019
- b. Opening prayer - Richard Crain

X. Close with the Lord's Prayer

- a. The council closed the meeting with all saying the Lord's Prayer
- b. The meeting adjourned at 12:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Hart, Council Secretary



**Treasurer Report for
Zion Lutheran Church**

Greetings,

For December, Zion Lutheran Church has a net profit of \$15,982.58.

| | <u>December 2018</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Total Income | \$ 33,569.34 | \$214,841.29 |
| Total Expenses | <u>17,586.76</u> | <u>199,622.00</u> |
| Net Income | <u>\$15,982.58</u> | <u>\$ 15,219.29</u> |

From Pastor Greg's Desk:

"Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white."

– Mark 9:2-3

"And immediately [after his baptism] the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness."

– Mark 1:12-13

Beloved of God,

From the mountaintop to the wilderness. That's our trajectory this month. The season of Epiphany culminates with brilliant light on the Mount of Transfiguration as Jesus holds council with Moses and Elijah while Peter, James and John try to make sense of what they're experiencing.

Some things are more challenging than others to put into words—and this seems especially true when numinous moments break into ordinary time and we find ourselves awestruck, disoriented, or overwhelmed. These experiences are often fleeting, leaving us wondering whether what we experienced really did happen, or if it was that extra glass of wine or something else that lay behind the otherworldly encounter.

In his book, *Convictions*, in the chapter entitled God is Real and is a Mystery, New Testament scholar Marcus Borg—perhaps best known for theological approaches to the Christian faith that challenge traditional ways of understanding God and Jesus—shares a mystical experience he had later in life while flying on a plane from Tel Aviv to New York. The experience, he recounts, lasted about 40 minutes, the longest and most intense experience of this kind in his life. Suddenly, he recounts, the light in the plane changed and became golden, and everything was filled with exquisite beauty. Under the influence of this spiritual moment Borg saw that everyone looked wondrous—even the man pacing the aisle who was perhaps the ugliest man Borg had ever seen—even he was transformed in that golden light.

Experiences such as these remind us that beneath all the surface issues which dominate our days, our agendas, and

our conflicts is an abiding light, and pulsing heart that names us BELOVED and calls us into community with all living things.

Lent begins on March 6th. We are called to carry a heartfelt conviction with us as we move with Jesus from that Mount of Transfiguration into the Wilderness of Lent. Lent is a season for returning to our basic covenant with God of baptism, and entering into disciplined patterns that lead us, by the Spirit's guidance, back to the one who is the ground of our being. Perhaps LENT this year can be a time when love, as we tend to think of it, is expanded beyond human relationships to encompass more of God's beloved creation.

With you on the Way,
Pastor Greg

Thank You Notes

From Feliz Lopez, President, St. Vincent DePaul, St. John Bosco, St. Andrew's, Immaculate Conception:

I would like to thank everyone for donating your shoes and other items to my church, St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Lytle. Judy has been calling me for a few years now for our shoe drive. We appreciate all that your congregation does. Helping others – as we should! Many blessings.



From Dorothy Kinsel, Sunny Glen Children's Home:

Thank you so very much for the boxes of clothing for Sunny Glen Children's Home. Holly VanCleve brought them to Cotulla. All is very much appreciated!!

Sunny Glen was established in 1936. This place is wonderful for caring for children. The staff makes use of everything given to them. Sunny Glen is one of the oldest children's home in Texas. If you are in the San Benito area, you may enjoy visiting there.

I am wishing you a blessed Christmas Season.



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.

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 Kohlleppel;
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:

Feb. 14, 2019 – 10:30 am Worship and Holy Communion

Feb. 28, 2019 – 10:30 am Worship and Holy Communion

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



Flowers

Feb. 3 *Mary Griggs*
 To the glory of God

Feb. 10 *Brenda & Carl Santleben*
 In memory of Loved Ones

Feb. 17 *Raymond & Cheryl Heath*
 In memory of Marcia Tondre

Feb. 24 *Pete & Bobbie Martinez*
 For the Greater Glory of God

MINISTRY



ASSISTANTS

LeeAnn Hart
Adam Knippa
Phyllis Santleben
Cheryl Griggs

Feb. 3
Feb. 10
Feb. 17
Feb. 24

Please remember our members and friends who are ill or injured: Martha Bailey; Prayer of thanks for Eldon Balmer; Prayer of thanks for birth of a baby girl for Kassi Bippert & husband Ben; April Bodie; Estela Dietrich; Jason, Marcia Hart; Myra Hunsicker; James Huron; Karen Krause; Eileen Merryman; Lisa and Scott Moss; Clara Ricks; For the Family of Katie Russell; For the Family of Butch Schueling.

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

Wednesday, 10:00 am



February Birthdays

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|------|----------------------|------|-----------------|
| 2/5 | Dorothy Breezee | 2/6 | Molly Linton |
| 2/7 | Beverly Bartlett | 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 | Ginny 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 | | |



**Pastor Greg's
Corny Corner**

Knowing that the pastor enjoyed his drink, a hotel owner offered him a case of cherry brandy for Christmas in exchange for a free ad in the church newsletter. The pastor agreed and ran this in the next issue: "The pastor would like to thank Patrick Smith for his kind gift of a crate of fruit and for the spirit in which it was given."

From HOTSERMONS.COM



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.



HeBrews 10:24 on the Move in San Antonio

In 2017, I introduced you to Chuck and Azeneth Knudson of New Braunfels who have been called to live on mission and to plant a church in San Antonio. God has given them a great vision to establish a church-owned coffee roasting / coffee shop “business” as a means to engage the Dellview community in ministry while providing sustainable financial support for their new church plant. Unfortunately, this vision has been difficult to live into as more obstacles than we could ever have imagined have interfered and delayed their efforts.

But today I have Good News: God is on the move as HeBrews 10:24 has experienced breakthrough in San Antonio! A large, neglected retail space in an old strip center in the heart of Dellview has been offered at a below-market lease rate. This would be an excellent location for a coffee shop and worship space. Located in a redevelopment district, HeBrews 10:24 will have an immediate impact in the community!



Cleanup is underway and plans are being developed, but we need your help! Willing workers and qualified trade professionals who could donate their time and talents to help fix-up the space would be most helpful. If you or someone you know is an architect, engineer, plumber, carpenter, painter, or concrete contractor and would be willing help, please let us know. Additionally, the costs to develop the space into a functioning coffee shop are significant. While exact figures are unknown, tens of thousands of dollars will be required to make this dream a reality. Would you be willing to help the cause?

I'd like to invite you as an individual as well as your congregation to consider making either a one-time gift or a monthly pledge to HeBrews 10:24 and their mission efforts in the Dellview neighborhood of San Antonio. Gifts can be made electronically through our website at www.lcmctexas.org/give. Be sure to select "HeBrews 10:24 – San Antonio Mission".

If you'd like to learn more about what God is up to through HeBrews 10:24, please contact me. I'd be happy to share with you and can arrange a time for you, your group, or congregation to meet the Knudsons and hear first-hand what God is up to through them. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of mission partnership.

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

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