



# The Voice of Zion

April 1, 2021

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

Adult Bible Class at 8:45 am

Sunday School for All Ages: Sunday 9:00 – 9:50 am

Sunday Fellowship at 9:30 am

Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

Sunday: Ladies Community Bible Study: 1:00 pm

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

Quilters: Each Wed. at 1:00 pm



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



April 1, 2021

Members and Friends,

This year we will be able to celebrate Easter, Christ is Risen! What an awesome occasion!!! Last year it came and went, and we were unable to worship together as we had been accustomed. Enjoy the Worship services this weekend. A definite time for reflection and celebration.

Spring is here and the flowers are beginning to "wake up" for us. Enjoy this reminder that "God is Good". And pray for some much-needed rain.

As we "open" Zion for much needed time to worship together we will continue to be mindful of the COVID guidelines for safety. Enjoy and participate as fits your needs. Remember we are all here to help each other.

Feel free to contact any of your council members or me if you have questions or suggestions. We are here to serve you and our Christian community.

"Wash your hands and say your prayers, Jesus and germs everywhere."

Respectfully,

Judy Newman

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### Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 14, 2021

Present: Judy Newman, Raymond Heath, Scott Hunsicker, Hilton Stinson, Eddie McDaniel, Jacob Schuetz and Pastor Greg Knippa

Absent: LeeAnn Hart, Floyd Santleben, Candy Faulk

I. Opening Prayer – Pastor Greg

II. Minutes – The minutes of 2-21-21 were reviewed and accepted.

**III. Treasurer's Report** - The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Expenditures running normal. Scott made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Eddie seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- A. Payroll coordination** – Council discussed church employees' payroll and procedures. Things seem to be going well now. We will continue to review the calendars.
- B. Audit Committee** – Carol Mangold and Anthony Stinson performed an audit and found everything order. A written report is on file.
- C. Castroville State Bank signature addition:** Available to proceed.
- D. CD Review:** We will contact Castroville State Bank to see if they have any options for coordinating the CD's to provide a higher interest rate for money not necessary for immediate use.
- E. IV. Pastor's Report** – Pastor provided an update on home visits as well as the streaming services. (2/15 - 3/14 = FB 522 - YT 37)

Easter Sunday - An Easter Egg hunt is being planned by Pat Davila. There would be a continental breakfast during that time for members. (9:00 - 10:00)

Only one Easter Sunday Service.

Health Ministry/Parish Nursing - plans are being reviewed to develop a Health Ministry for the congregation. This ministry would offer health/wellness information to interested individuals. Watch for further details.

The City of Castroville reached out to seek Castroville residents who may need help with their homes. If you know of anyone, please let Pastor know.

## V. Committee Reports

### A. Property

- i. Guide One Insurance**
  - a. Property values** – Insurance values for the Church and Youth Building

have been revised. This adjustment increased the insurance premium.

- b. Landscaping Rocks** – This will be reviewed during Spring Break.

## VI. Old Business

- A. Safety Procedures** - The council will continue to seek information for training.
- B. Boy Scout Troop 310** – Boy Scouts have removed their items from the storage building. We will need to change the locks. The building is now available for storage.

## VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Covid 19 Policies and Procedures** – J&J Vaccine is available at the County Clinic, no appointment needed.
- B. Restarting Events** – Zion continues to review and expand activities.

## VIII. New Business

- A. Medina County 4H** - Sausage Dinner, April 25, 2021. Council approved their use of the Youth Building for the event.

**IX. Ushers** – We will begin asking other individuals to assist with the ushering duties.

## X. Next Meeting

- A.** Next Council Meeting – April 11, 2021
- B.** Opening Prayer – Hilton Stinson

## XI. Close with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Raymond Heath, Council Member



**Treasurer Report for  
Zion Lutheran Church**

For March 2021, Zion Lutheran Church has a net loss of \$-12,279.01. Please let me know if you have any questions, and I will answer them the best I can.

	<u>Mar. 2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,287.59	\$ 20,598.59
Total Expenses	<u>21,566.60</u>	<u>43,591.83</u>
Net Income	\$ -12,279.01	\$ -22,993.24

Respectfully,  
Jacob Schuetz

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## FROM PASTOR GREG ...

Dear Members and Friends,

### “FORTH IN THE NAME OF JESUS”

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Now what do we do? Our Lenten Journey is over. We traveled to the upper room on Maundy Thursday with Jesus and his disciples. We heard Jesus say those powerful, effective words that are still effective when we hear them on Sunday mornings, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins” (Mt 26:28). We traveled to the foot of the cross on Good Friday and heard Jesus utter a lonely cry of abandonment, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me” (Mk 15:34)? We heard the words of finality that Jesus spoke with his last breath, “It is finished!” (Jn 19:30), paying in full the price for our Sin that separates us from God. And we traveled to the empty tomb to hear again about the group of women that traveled there early on the first day of the week to find it empty. We heard once more the words of the angels at the empty tomb, “He is not here, but has risen” (Lk 24:6). The final, culminating Day of the Resurrection is over. Now what do we do?

The month of April reminds us that Easter is more than just one day. Easter is an “every Sunday” celebration during which we come together to receive the fruit of the cross and resurrection of Jesus—the forgiveness of sins and the certainty of eternal life with God. Easter is also an “every day” celebration in which we live each day trusting in God through Christ, knowing that Jesus is “the resurrection and the life” (Jn 11:25) for us.

So what do we do now as we go forth from the empty tomb? Let us follow the example of the first

witnesses of the empty tomb. After the two angels reminded Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women that Jesus had risen, St. Luke tells us that “they remembered the words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest” (Lk 24:8-9, emphasis mine). They went forth from the tomb changed by the resurrection of Jesus. They went forth from the tomb to bring an “every day” witness of God’s power over Sin, death, Hell, and that no good low life, Satan himself.

So where do we go once we leave the empty tomb? Let us follow the example of Jesus’ first disciples. After Jesus walked through locked doors to appear to the eleven disciples and to show himself to Thomas, seven of the eleven disciples went back to their fishing business (Jn 21:1-14). They went back to their vocations or stations in life and took the witness of the resurrection with them. They lived in the joy of the resurrection of Jesus while carrying out the daily, ordinary labor and responsibilities given to them.

Similar to the women at the empty tomb and the eleven disciples, we are “every day” witnesses and participants in the resurrection of Jesus. We believe and are baptized. We have the hope of eternal life. We have the joy of the resurrection living inside of us. Also, like the women at the empty tomb and the eleven disciples, we have vocations or stations in life that God has given to us as gift. Most of us are not fishermen, but all of us have one or more of these callings: father, husband, mother, wife, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, employee, retiree, friend, and neighbor. Each of these callings comes with a set of duties and responsibilities. As repentant Christians, by God’s grace we wrap the daily duties and responsibilities of our vocations in the joy, love, peace, and forgiveness of Christ.

And, more than likely, others will take notice and God will bless your faithful work by giving you opportunities to “tell all these things to all the rest” (Lk 24:9).

Now, we go forth from Easter Sunday and the celebration of the empty tomb free as God’s forgiven children in Christ. Now we go forth empowered by God’s Spirit living and active within us to live in the joy of the resurrection as “every day” witnesses.

“For thee delightfully employ whate’er thy bounteous grace has giv’n, and run my course with even joy,

and closely walk with thee to heav'n" (LSB 854, "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go,").

*Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,  
My daily labor to pursue,  
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know  
In all I think or speak or do.*

*The task Thy wisdom has assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
In all my works Thy presence find,  
And prove Thy good and perfect will.*

*Thee may I set at my right hand,  
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
And labor on at Thy command,  
And offer all my works to Thee.*

*Give me to bear Thine easy yoke,  
And ev'ry moment watch and pray,  
And still to things eternal look,  
And hasten to Thy glorious day.*

*For Thee delightfully employ  
Whate'er Thy bounteous grace has giv'n,*

*And run my course with even joy,  
And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.*

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Your servant in Christ Jesus,

*Pastor Greg*



### Library Corner

Exciting news from your church library, not only have we added many new fiction, devotional, and books for cancer patients, we now have a computer with internet access for you to use while you're at the library. We have added DVD's your family can check out, a few VCR tapes as well, so our library is evolving weekly. Janice is busy updating the web site so those of you with internet access can browse the book selections by category with descriptions at home before you come. All shelves are labeled by categories to speed up your time at the library. Check us out.

Cathy Hangartner

### 988 Three Digit Number Approved for National Suicide Prevention Hotline Coming to Our Area Code

In order for 988 to work in our area code, 10-digit local dialing must first be implemented. Starting **April 24, 2021**, you should begin dialing 10 digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. If you dial just 7 digits, your call will still be completed.

Beginning **October 24, 2021**, you must dial 10 digits for all local calls. On and after this date, local calls dialed with only 7 digits may not be completed, and a recording will instruct you that your call cannot be completed as dialed. You must hang up and dial again using the area code and the 7-digit number.

Beginning **July 16, 2022**, dialing "988" will route your call to National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline.

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### 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, Suzanna Feliciano, Cathy Hangartner

*Prayer Blanket Stitchers:* Cheri Boucher', Lahoma McDaniel, Suzanna Feliciano

*Sunday School: Sunday School Director and Children's Teacher:* Pat Davila, *Teacher Assistants:* Sherry Langston; Candy Faulk; *Youth:* Emily Bippert; *Adult:* Carol Mangold

*MOPS:* Jana Urbanczyk

*VBS Coordinator:* Alicia Knippa

*Multi-Media Ministry:* Andrew Knippa

*Church Librarian:* Cathy Hangartner

*Music Director:* Pete Martinez

*Counting Team Coordinator:* Dorsey Krause

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### Medina Valley Nursing Home Service Schedule:

Services have been suspended until the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and Medina Valley Health & Rehab Center allows visitors.

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4/27	Eileen Merryman	4/28	Jameson Perritano
4/29	Troy Klump	4/30	Marvin Kriewald

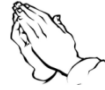
## Flowers

April 4      *Grace Klump, Cheryl & Nathan Griggs*  
 In memory of Dick Klump and W.R. Griggs  
 Congregation's Lilies

April 11      *Bryan, Kim & Kayla Dietrich*  
 In memory of loved ones  
*Lahoma McDaniel*  
 In memory of her loving husband

April 18      *Millard & Inell Schuchart*  
 In memory of loved ones  
*Judy and Richard Crain*  
 In memory of Erma Hansen

April 25      *Robert Chester & Family*  
 In memory of James & Myrtle Chester



**Please Remember in Prayer:**

### Zion Lutheran Church Prayer Request

**Please pray for rain where needed, and employment for those who seek work.**

**Please pray for our members, friends and neighbors in public and military service:** Brett Bippert, Sarah Bippert, Joshua Bradley, Jeff Burges, Sara Flanagan, Aaron Grigsby, Cody Haegelin; Sam Heath, Katie Johnson, Dorsey Krause III, Matthew Krause, Ryan Sprauer, Paul Stinson, Pat Sheehan and Garrett Wurzbach.

**Please remember in prayer our members and friends in nursing homes and hospitals:** Herbert Richter and Lee Ann Wurzbach.

**Please lift up our homebound members in prayer:** Bill & Janet Armstrong, Fritz Pittman and Bonnie Stein

**Please remember our members and friends who are ill or injured:** Prayers for all affected by the COVID-19 virus: patients, doctors, nurses; pray for an orderly re-opening of businesses in our state and nation; pray for all elected officials; pray for those affected by the recent winter storm. These are recent prayer requests: Therese Bendele; Bill Bippert; Debbi Blocker; Jeff Daltan; Family of Alyson Faulk; Candy Faulk; Diane Hibbs; Melinda Jacobson; Pete Martinez; Louis McBroom; Linda Pava; Terry Meier; Fritz Pittman; Bonnie Stein; Family of Sandy Winakur.



April 4	Adam Knippa
April 11	Carol Mangold
April 18	Cheryl Griggs
April 25	Chuck Hart



### April Birthdays

4/1	Laura Denman	4/5	Marjorie Krause
4/8	Roy Lee Bippert	4/10	Nathan Stinson
4/12	Zachary Feltner	4/18	Christina Burges
4/18	Judy Crain	4/18	Crissi Flanagan
4/18	Floyd Santleben, Jr.	4/19	Sara Flanagan
4/20	Janet Armstrong	4/20	Caryn Swenson
4/20	Ian Vonderharr	4/21	Florence Balmer
4/22	Vera Steubing	4/23	LeeAnn Hart
4/24	Dorsey Krause III	4/26	Christopher Manire
4/27	Byron Krause	4/27	Dr. Bill Burges

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

**Wednesday, 10:00 am**



**Pastor Greg's  
Corny Corner**



**Holy Week**



"I looked, and the Ten  
Commandments don't say *anything*  
about running with scissors!"

- April 1 Maundy Thursday – Matt 6:13 and John 11:47-50 “Lead Us Not Into Temptation”
- April 2 Good Friday - Matt 6:13  
“Deliver Us From Evil”
- April 4 Easter Sunday
  - 8:45 am Easter Fellowship
  - 9:15 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt
  - 10:00 AM Festival Service –  
“Thine is the Kingdom,  
and the Power, and the Glory,  
Forever & Ever.”  
Matthew 6:13 and  
Matthew 28: 1-10



*Special thanks to those who provided Easter Lilies for 2021*

Donated by:

Catherine Hagartner  
Roberta S. Derlin Hennig  
Mary Griggs  
Emilie and Bill Stege  
Brenda & Carl Santleben  
Gaye & Donald Belcher  
Lahoma McDaniel  
Dorothy Breezee  
Emily Bippert  
Judy & Richard Crain  
Raymond & Cheryl Heath  
Frances & Bill Bippert  
Pete Martinez  
Frieda & Louis McBroom  
Eddie & Dortha McDaniel  
Seth & Madaline Sherrill  
Diane Hibbs  
Nancy & Earl Jonas  
Rev. Greg & Alicia Knippa  
Andrew & Adam  
Carol & Dickie Mangold  
Pat Davila  
Anthony & Suzanne Stinson

In Memory/Honor of:

Edna Schenk  
L. W. Crowley  
To the Glory of God  
Our parents and James Coffman  
Alvin & Johnny Santleben  
Glory of God  
Loved Ones  
Our Parents  
Loved Ones  
Beverly Berkner  
  
Our Risen Lord  
Bobbie Martinez  
Faye Ware  
Memory of our Parents  
Glory of God  
Loved Ones  
Colby Jonas  
Parents & Grandparents  
  
Family Members  
Edith & R.Q. Stinson and William Wurzbach

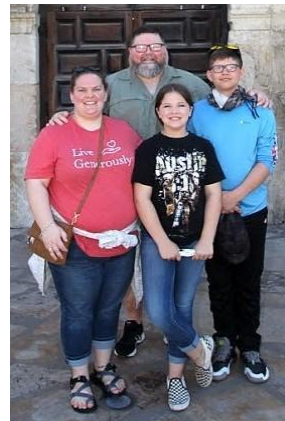


# Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt  
Director of Mission Growth



## Christ Calls Waco Missionary Family



I am so excited to share about our latest church planting endeavor and introduce you to the missionary family who has accepted God's call to move to Waco and replant Christ Lutheran Church! Chris Meyer has been called to live on mission and redevelop a community of faith to reach new people on the north side of Waco.

Chris hails from Thrall, Texas where he currently resides with his wife, Kelli, and their children: Wesley (13) and Clairra (11). He is enrolled in Harvest Workers, our online ministry training program and serves as the program's Student Recruitment Coordinator. He is employed full time by the State of Texas, working remotely as an EMS Specialist for the Department of Health and Human Services. Kelli currently works for an assisted living facility in Taylor and is pursuing a nursing degree.

According to Chris, God got his attention through several events, including an Emmaus weekend, a men's retreat, and a Texas District Gathering. Each was a key milestone in his faith journey as he began to hear God calling him to deeper faith and service in mission. He has been an active member and leader at St. John Lutheran in Thrall and served as a minister with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). In the Thrall community, he has served on the school board as well as the volunteer fire department as a board member, firefighter, and medical first responder. Over the past 18 months he has been a regular supply preacher for LCMC congregations across in Texas giving him invaluable ministry experience.

During the search process, Chris and Kelli took part in two lengthy interviews and several objective assessments, including an extensive behavioral assessment conducted by a Lutheran pastor with over 20 years of experience assessing church planters. Throughout the process, Chris and Kelli's call to this missionary work continued to be affirmed.



The Meyer family intends to relocate to Waco this summer. In order for this move to be possible, several building renovations are required. Chris is currently developing a plan and budget for the renovation project and we are actively seeking financial partners who can help fund the necessary facility repairs to accommodate the Meyer family and help them get started in Mission.

To learn more and to give to the Waco Mission, go to [waco.lcmctexas.org](http://waco.lcmctexas.org). Thank you for your prayers and your financial support. To contact Chris, call him at 512-942-7776 ext. 1, or email [chris@harvestworkers.net](mailto:chris@harvestworkers.net).

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# *April 2021*

				<b>Thursday 1</b> 5:30 pm Exer. Class – Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	<b>Friday 2</b> 7:00 pm Good Friday Service	<b>Saturday 3</b>
<b>Sunday 4</b> 8:45 am Easter Fellowship 9:15 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am Festival Worship Service	<b>Monday 5</b> Pastor's day off	<b>Tuesday 6</b> 5:30 pm Exer. Class – Fellowship Hall	<b>Wednesday 7</b> Zion Podcast "Casting for Christ" 1:00 pm Zion Quilters	<b>Thursday 8</b> 5:30 pm Exer. Class – Fellowship Hall	<b>Friday 9</b>	<b>Saturday 10</b> 9:00 am – Noon MCARC Mtg.
<b>Sunday 11</b> 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u> 11:00 am Council Meeting 1:00 pm Ladies Bible Fellowship 5:30 pm Alsatian Dancers	<b>Monday 12</b> Pastor's day off	<b>Tuesday 13</b> 6:30 pm M.O.P.S. – Fellowship Hall	<b>Wednesday 14</b> Zion Podcast "Casting for Christ" 1:00 pm Zion Quilters 5:30 pm Exer. Class – Fellowship Hall	<b>Thursday 15</b> 5:30 pm Exer. Class – Fellowship Hall	<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> 1:00 pm Ladies Bible Fellowship 5:30 pm Alsatian Dancers	<b>Monday 19</b> Pastor's day off	<b>Tuesday 20</b> 5:30 pm Exer. Class – Fellowship Hall	<b>Wednesday 21</b> Zion Podcast "Casting for Christ" 1:00 pm Zion Quilters	<b>Thursday 22</b> 5:30 pm Exer. Class – Fellowship Hall	<b>Friday 23</b>	<b>Saturday 24</b>
<b>Sunday 25</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u> 1:00 pm Ladies Bible Fellowship 5:30 pm Alsatian Dancers	<b>Monday 26</b> Pastor's day off	<b>Tuesday 27</b> 5:30 pm Exer. Class – Fellowship Hall	<b>Wednesday 28</b> Zion Podcast "Casting for Christ" 1:00 pm Zion Quilters	<b>Thursday 29</b> 5:30 pm Exer. Class – Fellowship Hall	<b>Friday 30</b>	

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