



# The Voice of Zion

June 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  
(resumes in September)**

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

**Quilters: Each Wed. at 1:00 pm**



Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



June 1, 2021

Members and Friends,

It appears we are moving toward "normal". In person attendance is increasing. We all miss our friends and seeing them in person is much better. Thank you for helping us move forward.

The community is opening and activities are resuming. Watch the newsletter and talk to the Ham Dinner committee about their plans for this fall. Please be willing to "roll up your sleeves" and let the committee know you are willing to help. Yes, everyone does help out but the committee really needs your commitment as they begin the planning process. A "yes, I'll be there" will help.

Yes, we had rain. Unfortunately, there was a lot of damage. I hope everyone is recovering and will soon have things repaired and back to business.

Happy Memorial Day. Please take a few minutes to remember those who sacrificed so that we have the many privileges that are available to us. So many are not as blessed with the freedoms we often take for granted; not to mention good food, medical care and fresh water to drink. Thank you to all Veterans.

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  
May 2, 2021

## VIII. New Business

- A. Ham Dinner** – After much discussion with all the key people from the Ham Dinner Committee, Hilton moved that the Church Council support the Ham Dinner Committee to meet on 5/23/21, and research the feasible possibility of holding the Ham Dinner as in the past and/or provide other options. Raymond seconded this motion. The motion passed. The Ham Dinner Committee agreed to meet at the next council meeting to discuss their results.

**IX. Ushers** – Assistance from the congregation will be provided via a sign-up sheet. Until help is available, Church Council members will usher.

## X. Next Meeting

- A.** Next Council Meeting – June 13, 2021  
**B.** Opening Prayer – Judy

**XI. Adjournment and Close with the Lord's Prayer** – LeeAnn moved to adjourn, and Scott seconded the motion. All agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,

LeeAnn Hart, Council Secretary



## Treasurer Report for Zion Lutheran Church

For April 2021, Zion Lutheran Church has a net gain of \$3,116.44. Please let me know if you have any questions, and I will answer them the best I can.

	<u>Apr. 2021</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Income	\$ 12,048.31	\$ 53,367.90
Total Expenses	<u>8,931.87</u>	<u>73,978.81</u>
Net Income	\$ 3,116.44	\$-17,610.91

Respectfully,  
Jacob Schuetz

Present: Judy Newman, Raymond Heath, LeeAnn Hart, Scott Hunsicker, Eddie McDaniel, Hilton Stinson, Candy Faulk, Pastor Greg Knippa, and Floyd Santleben

Absent: Jacob Schuetz

## I. Opening Prayer – Hilton Stinson

**II. Minutes** – The minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Raymond and seconded by Hilton to approve the minutes as written, and the motion carried.

**III. Treasurer's Report** – There was no report. Judy reassured us that the utility bill reimbursement was received.

**IV. Pastor's Report** – The Pastor's Report was reviewed and discussed. Pastor Greg highlighted our upcoming VBS, and his vacation on May 30<sup>th</sup> for a family reunion. Pastor Ed will be facilitating that Sunday.

## V. Committee Reports

### A. Property

- i. Property Safety Team** – The team is in place.
- ii. Removal of the Landscaping Rocks** – Scott said that this project is on hold.
- iii. Tree Trimming on Church Property** – Scott told us that Daniel Boyer is going to deliver an estimate soon.
- iv. Fuos House Roof Repair** – Scott contacted a roofer who delivered an estimate of \$2200 to repair the roof from the storm damage. He told the roofer to repair it. Scott told us that insurance would not pay for the repair because our deductible is \$2500.

## VI. Old Business

- A. Safety Procedures** – Hilton visited with people from St. Paul Lutheran to see what they have done. He was told that they have 6 people that carry arms and are willing watch over the church during events. They had to take extensive training to fulfill this duty.

**VII. Unfinished Business** – No changes to restarting events or COVID 19 precautions.

## FROM PASTOR GREG ...

*“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place”* (Acts 2:1). So begins the account of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church in the book of Acts.

While members of Zion Lutheran Church, Castroville begin to attend worship in person, we know that some will feel the need to continue to worship at home, digitally for a bit more time.

We give thanks, then, for the promise of our faith—that the Lord God will bless and keep us. The risen Christ is with us and in us, and the Holy Spirit connects us with believers near and far. We take comfort and inspiration from the example of the earliest believers, who *“spent much time together in the temple”* and *“broke bread at home ... with glad and generous hearts”* (Acts 2:46).

We remember the good news of the gospel: *“And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved”* (Acts 2:47).

As this congregation continues to resume public activities, please know that we will do so in the spirit of constant prayer, and with full trust in the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of our Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

We may make mistakes along the way. There will surely be awkward moments.

There will be times of frustration, disappointment, and grief. However, we will have countless opportunities to exercise the spiritual gifts of patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control.

But there will also be blessings. There will be wonderful surprises, great celebrations, and moments of deep satisfaction. We will get to see glimpses of the new thing God is doing here at Zion, even now. We will have opportunities to savor the spiritual gifts of love, joy, peace, generosity, and faithfulness.

Let us be faithful, then—to God and to one another—as we receive the gifts and work together through the challenges of this time in the life of our congregation and world. Let us be guided by God’s Word alone, responsive to the Holy Spirit, and open to the grace of God. Let us remember that nothing can separate us from God’s love in Christ Jesus.

Your servant in Christ Jesus,  
*Pastor Greg*



## Library Corner

Greetings from your church library. This month we will focus on summer reading. We hope parents will bring their children to pick out books to read over the summer. We have children’s books for all ages -- toddlers to teens. While you’re there, check out a fiction book for yourself. We have fiction for men and women. Get to know your church library this summer.

Cathy Hangartner

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**2021 VBS - " Ready, Set, Gold!"**

**July 5-9, 2021**

**9 am – Noon**

**Children Ages 5-10**

Children 11 years and older may be helpers. Any adults interested in helping, please contact Alicia Knippa 254-718-5743 or call the church office.

## 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: Adriana Calk; Candy Faulk; Youth: Emily Bippert;*

*Adult: Carol Mangold. Children's Sermon: Marcia Hart*

MOPS: Jana Urbanczyk  
 VBS Coordinator: Alicia Knippa  
 Church Librarian: Cathy Hangartner  
 Music Director: Pete Martinez  
 Multi-Media Ministry: Andrew Knippa  
 Counting Team Coordinator: Dorsey Krause



## June Birthdays

6/3	Sue Graves	6/3	McKenna Stewart
6/4	Madison Ledford	6/6	Madimaya Martinez
6/7	James Denman III	6/7	Leah Melton
6/9	Bryce Chester	6/11	Edison Perritano
6/12	Earl Jonas, Jr.	6/15	Jeff Burges
6/15	David Heath	6/16	Emily Flanagan
6/16	John Langston, Jr.	6/16	Nicole Martinez
6/16	Jane Scheffler	6/20	Cheri Boucher'
6/20	Dortha McDaniel	6/21	Priscilla Blair
6/23	Dan Stephens	6/26	Pete Matinez
6/27	Kim Dietrich		



### 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.



## Flowers

- June 6            *Jeanette Boehme*  
 In memory of Harvey and Darlene Boehme
- June 13          *Karen and Dorsey Krause, Jr.*  
 In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Knight  
 and Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Krause
- June 20          *Anthony and Suzanne Stinson*  
 In memory of Edith and R.Q. Stinson
- June 27          *Carl Santleben Family*  
 In memory of loved ones  
*Phyllis Santleben and Debbie Jones*  
 In loving memory of Floyd & Myrtle Santleben



**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. These are recent prayer requests: Donald Belcher; Bill Bippert; Larry Hibbs; Linda Pava; Fritz Pittman; Phil Rodgers; the family of Brian Wolfshohl.



- June 6            Anthony Stinson  
 June 13          Cheryl Griggs  
 June 20          Alicia Knippa  
 June 27          Pat Davila

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

Wednesday, 10:00 am

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***Pastor Greg's  
Corny Corner***

**What We Have is a Failure to Communicate**

During a high school visit to France, I stayed with a French family. One night, I was unsure what the meat on my dinner plate was, so I pointed to it and asked in my best 11<sup>th</sup>-grade French: "*Qui esc-ce?*" The family's expressions told me I needed some tutoring. Instead of asking "What is it?" as I had intended, I'd asked "Who is it?"

--- *Brigitte Brulz*

After I paid for my items in an adorable Italian shop, the salesperson smiled and said, "*Grazie,*" Italian for "thank you." My Italian isn't very good, but I knew that the Italian word for "you're welcome" was the same as the name of a spaghetti sauce. So, I confidently replied "Ragu!" and walked out of the store. A few blocks later, it hit me: I had the wrong spaghetti sauce. "You're welcome" is *prego*.

--- *Theresa Turcotte*

Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it. – Mark Twain



# Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt  
Director of Mission Growth



## Life Review Time

It is THAT time of year... tax time! Covid-19 and our winter storm of 2021 have brought about a new extended tax season and I am guessing that tax preparers welcome the enhanced flexibility. Even so, for most people, taxes are not anything to get excited about. But I thank God for a seminary professor who gave me a new perspective on taxes. My theology professor one day explained how he believed taxes to be an invitation to review life and faith.

Each year at tax time, we can pause and remember with thanksgiving God's graciousness in providing for us each day our daily bread and all that we need to sustain life. Additionally, we can take some time and reflect upon what we have invested our finances into over the past year. We remember Jesus' words in Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Tax time can be a heart check-up of sorts: if your finances do not accurately reflect your faith and values, then consider re-aligning your financial priorities to better reflect what is most important to you.

Not only have I just completed my own taxes which has brought all of this to mind, but also God has been taking me on a journey of deeper reflection and meditation on my life and faith. In some chapters of my life, I am embarrassed to admit that I have bemoaned such endeavors as a waste of time. Yet lately, I have become increasingly aware that without such quiet introspection and time with the Lord I may be wasting the one and only earthly life I will ever live! In other words, I realize now that I cannot afford NOT to invest the time in reflection, meditation, and time with the Lord.

So here are eight questions that I am reflecting on in this season and I invite you to join me in this endeavor:

1. How am I doing at intentionally investing in my marriage and family relationships?
2. How am I doing at intentionally investing in and raising up leaders around me?
3. What am I doing that costs me time or other resources that is not bearing much fruit?
4. What am I doing that is important to be done but is not important that I be the one doing it?
5. How am I limiting what God desires to do in and through me and our ministry by holding on too tightly?
6. How is God calling me to invest my time more intentionally into multiplying disciples and churches?
7. How is God calling me to trust him more deeply with every aspect of my life? What am I holding back and why?
8. Do my investments of time, talent, and money reflect my faith and values?

This is life review time: Time to thank God for his goodness and mercy and time to reflect on our response in faith. So, how are you doing at living the life God is calling you to live? No shame or blame here...just God's patient and sincere invitation to discipleship: to deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow after Jesus. I pray that as we review our lives and reflect upon them, God might draw us closer to himself and by his Holy Spirit realign our lives to reflect our faith.

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# June 2021

		<b>Tuesday 1</b> 5:30 pm Exer. Class – Fellowship Hall	<b>Wednesday 2</b> Zion Podcast "Casting for Christ" 1:00 pm Zion Quilters	<b>Thursday 3</b> 5:30 pm Exer. Class – Fellowship Hall	<b>Friday 4</b>	<b>Saturday 5</b>
		<b>Sunday 6</b> 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u> 4:30 pm Alsatian Dancers	<b>Monday 7</b> <b>Pastor's day off</b>	<b>Tuesday 8</b> 6:30 pm M.O.P.S. – Fellowship Hall	<b>Wednesday 9</b> Zion Podcast "Casting for Christ" 1:00 pm Zion Quilters 5:30 pm Exer. Class – Fellowship Hall	<b>Thursday 10</b> 5:30 pm Exer. Class – Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday 13</b> 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u> 11:00 am <i>Council Meeting</i> 4:30 pm Alsatian Dancers	<b>Monday 14</b> <b>Pastor's day off</b>	<b>Tuesday 15</b> 5:30 pm Exer. Class – Fellowship Hall	<b>Wednesday 16</b> Zion Podcast "Casting for Christ" 1:00 pm Zion Quilters 5	<b>Thursday 17</b> 5:30 pm Exer. Class – Fellowship Hall	<b>Friday 18</b>	<b>Saturday 19</b>
<b>Sunday 20</b> 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u> 4:30 pm Alsatian Dancers	<b>Monday 21</b> <b>Pastor's day off</b>	<b>Tuesday 22</b> 5:30 pm Exer. Class – Fellowship Hall	<b>Wednesday 23</b> Zion Podcast "Casting for Christ" 1:00 pm Zion Quilters	<b>Thursday 24</b> 5:30 pm Exer. Class – Fellowship Hall	<b>Friday 25</b>	<b>Saturday 26</b>
<b>Sunday 27</b> 8:45 am Bible Study 9:30 am Coffee/FH 10:00 am <u>Worship</u> 4:30 pm Alsatian Dancers	<b>Monday 26</b> <b>Pastor's day off</b>	<b>Tuesday 29</b> 5:30 pm Exer. Class – Fellowship Hall	<b>Wednesday 30</b> Zion Podcast "Casting for Christ" 1:00 pm Zion Quilters			

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