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Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

We will be deep into Holy Week when this newsletter arrives in your mail box. As we commemorate the most holy of days in our ecclesiastic calendar, we will progress from the sorrow of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to the Joy of Easter and Jesus' triumph over death and the grave. Easter marks the return to singing "Hallelujah!" again. Our Lenten journey was void of this joyful praise of God and we welcome it back with enthusiasm.

Handel's "Messiah" is probably what we think of first when it comes to Easter and "Hallelujah!". Who doesn't get chills when hearing this chorus sung?

Sometimes I don't think we "Hallelujah!" enough. All that we have is a blessing from God. Our whole life and even our ransomed life from death and the grave are freely given to us through the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Easter allows us to really focus on this as we sing Hallelujah in praise and thanksgiving.

I looked into the meaning of "Hallelujah" and found that Hallelujah is actually a two part phrase in Hebrew that means "praise ye Jah!" The first part "*hallel*" in Hebrew means a "joyous praise in song". The second part, "*Yah*" is the shortened form of YHWH (Yahweh in modern English). Hallelujah is found in 24 verses in the book of Psalms, starting and concluding several of the Psalms.

But "Hallelujah" has also made its way into modern secular use as well.

Kathy and I recently watched a documentary on Leonard Cohen. Cohen was a Canadian poet and song writer who composed "Hallelujah". It was originally recorded in 1984 on an album called "Various Positions". Columbia records, which published Cohen's recordings at the time, refused to release the album stating that it wasn't good enough to be released. An independent record label released the album and in 1991 John Cale of the Velvet Underground re-recorded "Hallelujah" and its popularity skyrocketed.

Since then the song has become one of the most performed songs in modern music history. It has appeared as background music for television (The West Wing) and featured in the animated movie, "Shrek".

Cohen took five years to write Hallelujah, composing 80 to 180 verses for the song. When asked as to the meaning of the lyrics Cohen wrote:

"This world is full of conflicts and full of things that cannot be reconciled. But there are moments when we can reconcile and embrace the whole mess, and that's what I mean by "Hallelujah".



As I navigate through my third year in leading this congregation, I can sure identify with that statement.

Conflict and things that cannot be reconciled are part of us. We have it in relationships with family, with friends and neighbors, with local and national politics, and within our church life. Life sure is messy and more and more we find that there are very few instances where we can have a "Hallelujah" moment.

In our confirmation class this month we are studying the Ten Commandments. God's Ten Commandments are all about relationships. Commandments 1-3 focus on our relationship with God. Commandments 4-10 focus on our relationships with each other. I think that Jesus summarized these Commandments perfectly when he said: "Love God with all your heart and mind and soul and love each other as you love yourselves." Of course, our daily lives often hinder us as conflict and chaos (Satan) constantly work to distract, divide and discourage us.

We open each church council meeting with prayer, reminding us that with God's help we will honor our rich traditions while welcoming new ideas. We recognize that we come from diverse backgrounds but we will strive to resolve conflict with fairness and respect toward each other in the best interests of our congregation.

I admit that this doesn't always happen. But we return each month and try our best. I am always encouraged at the end of the meeting when we all sing the doxology together.

"Praise God through whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Zion has its conflicts and we have some issues that may not ever be reconciled, but when we do join together, those moments deserve a big "Hallelujah!"

I hope as the year progresses, we will find more of those moments. I for one would welcome them.

Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

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The Kney

The centerpiece of our worship life at Zion is in need of refurbishing. The Kney organ has served Zion for over 40 years, providing us with a majestic accompaniment to our hymns and inspirational music during our prelude, postlude, offertory, and choir anthems. We have also been the recipient of concerts and special music as area musicians were eager to play or accompany the Kney with their music skills.

We are at a crossroads now as we must decide whether or not to shoulder the financial burden of refurbishing the Kney. Our congregation has lost much in the last few years. Membership is down. This creates issues for our leadership as we manage church finances with declining funding. Our membership has been generous to Zion's financial needs but frankly we continue to struggle with budget essentials. Fortunately, we have recently received significant gifts that have allowed us to address some long-neglected building issues. It is easy to get discouraged about us and our future. But Zion will carry on as there are still faithful people here. Our recent interest in creating a disciple-based community of worship at Zion, gives us hope that Christ is alive at Zion and we can continue to be an active oasis of faith in Indiana PA.

But the having the Kney, at Zion goes way beyond the walls of our nave.

Our Director of Music, Dr. Christine Clewell, recently provided some insight into the significance of having the Kney organ at Zion.

“For the four major principles of stewardship in preserving Zion’s storied Gabriel Kney Organ, I write.

1. Music Ministry Outreach and Evangelism to the community between 1978 since its installation and Lent 2010 (and beyond), at least 50 non Zion members have attended faculty and guest organ concerts with internationally acclaimed organ artists: Martha Folts (year of the Dedicatory Recital); Drs. Marilyn Mason (before and in 2000 and 2011), Ann Labounsky (2x); Margaret Evans (2009); Christoph Kegenhoff, Guy Whatley, Libby Larsen and at least three International Festivals of Women Composers; local AGO chapter events with regional organists have performed at least five events since 2017, and most recently since Sept. 2022 with the Patriot’s Day program.

2. Music Ministry and Outreach and Evangelism to the IUP students since 1978 to present day with at least three student organ-related events per year up to March 1, 2020. This is a modest number—it is likely that 100 people per year have collectively attended these events, which include the Advent and Lenten Organ Recitals followed by soup and fellowship drew more non-Zion members into the church than members.

3. Preserving the Lutheran heritage and tradition of our sung faith and its distinct role in theological history where congregation singing is carried by a pipe organ since the 1600’s.

4. Zion’s Gabriel Kney Organ provides organ instruction for students and non-students where musically aesthetic inspiration of both extrinsic and intrinsic value serves the rural, western PA region...where both the IUP faculty, IUP organ and music alumni, and non-organ students of the university are reached throughout this region. Since 1978, Zion has established itself as a historically significant venue where people gather to hear great music, secular and sacred music, in a remarkable space that is unparalleled east of Pittsburgh and west of Harrisburg. Zion possesses an impactful identity serving the role of patron of the arts to a rural region where organists gather for instruction and inspiration.

Our congregation should measure its worth and impact by those within and beyond its walls...to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ by sharing the powerful role that music plays in nurturing the souls of the masses and preaching the healing power of the Gospel through music with many voices gathered in profound ways with organ music at the helm”.

The old saying: “You don’t know what you have it until you lose it” certainly applies to us when it comes to the Kney organ. Our congregational forefathers had the vision to invest in this exceptional musical instrument. They bore a large financial responsibility to ensure that Zion would have the best musical experience possible. Zion’s membership back then, steeped deeply in both instrumental and vocal music, joyfully shared their talents in praising God every Sunday and the Kney provided the ultimate accompaniment for them.

As we assemble on Sunday today, there is no doubt that we are no longer the congregation we were when the Kney was first installed. And while our choir is small, it is faithful and powerfully supported by the Kney. Can we really imagine worship without this glorious instrument?

We have recently invested in better building access options for us to use when entering Zion. We have improved the look and functionality of our social hall and we will begin in 2023 to address upgrading our kitchen and the building’s exterior windows. Refurbishing the Kney will provide encouragement that we are here to stay and that the Kney will continue to provide inspirational music for future Zion congregations.

We will be meeting on **Sunday April 30, 2023** after services to discuss the Kney’s future at Zion. Please plan to attend this meeting to share your voice and vote with your fellow congregation members.

Special Congregational Meeting

Zion's council has announced that a special meeting of the congregation will be held on **Sunday April 30, 2023**.

The Kney, installed at Zion over 40 years ago, has been the center piece of our music program providing Zion's members with a rich and inspirational accompaniment to our worship experience. The quality of the Kney has allowed Zion to attract top tier organists to both provide music for our services and provide community outreach through sharing their gifts through concerts and instruction to aspiring organ students.

In consultation with Brunner and Associates LLC, our Kney maintenance firm, it has been determined that the instrument requires three areas of refurbishment.

1. Organ Chassis: Dismantling and transporting the Kney for proper restoration of organ and delivery and reinstallation - \$ 86,256.94
2. Rebuilding the Kney's wind regulators - \$7,350.00
3. Restoration of the Kney's combination action - \$41,893.50

The restoration work would begin in 2025, which is the earliest available time that Brunner can schedule the work due to current backlogs. The time estimated for the project to be completed is five months.

The total cost of the renovation, if we contract the work by May 31, 2023 is \$127,500.44. This is an \$8,000.00 discount from the above costs of \$135,500.44.

The congregation is being asked to approve proceeding with the refurbishment and allow council to organize a three-year fund-raising campaign to help raise out-of-budget funds to offset the cost of the refurbishment.

A secondary item of the agenda will ask the congregation to rescind its previous approval of replacing the roof on the nave. Recent repair and sealing of the existing roof on the nave have added approximately five more years to the roof's life. Council would like to hold those funds designated for the roof replacement and invest them in secure best available interest rate products.

Zion Announces Lenten/Easter Worship Schedule for 2023

Lent and Easter are upon us and Zion's Worship and Music Committee announces our in-person worship opportunities for Lent and Holy Week.

Beginning on **Wednesday March 1, 2023**, Zion will be hosting a mid-week Lenten service at **7:00 PM**. This service will be celebrated in the office area as we did during Advent.

Passion Sunday services will be held at:

Zion on Saturday April 1, 2023 beginning at 5:30 PM

Zion Sunday April 2, 2023 at 9:30 AM

Luther Chapel April 2, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Maundy Thursday services will be held at **Zion on Thursday April 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

Good Friday services will be held at **Luther Chapel on Friday April 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

The Easter Vigil will be held at **Zion on Saturday April 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

Easter Sunday services will be held on **Sunday April 9, 2023 at:**

7:00 AM at Luther Chapel

9:30 AM at Zion

Zion Continues its Food Pantry Support

While we no longer have a Food Pantry to distribute food to our area neighbors who are in need, we can still help with Indiana's food insecurity by contributing to the other local food pantries who are still working hard to ease hunger in our area.

Zion's council has endorsed this effort. Those of us at Zion who still wish to contribute to help feeding our neighbors in need, can do so by donating each month to "Food Pantry". We will combine our monthly "Food Pantry" offering and then distribute it to one of our local food banks.

You can support this program by sending your contribution along with your regular Zion offering. Please make the dollar amount you wish to contribute to "Food Pantry" by marking that amount in the "Food Pantry" box on your contribution envelope.

We will select a different food bank each month and send our collected monthly contributions to that food bank.

We will be sending our April donation to: **Chevy Chase Community Center**

PRAY for those who suffer oppression, death, and tragedy. Please pray for those who travel. Please pray for those who serve in the armed forces and for their families. Pray for peace for all peoples.

Remember all those requesting prayer: Ron Anderson, Tom Brown, Susan & Bob Butchkoski, Jim Chapman, Adam Chilenski, Jeff Davis, Paul Davis, Beth Ford, Harry Ford, the Guella family, Gene Hartzell, Chris Howard, Dan Howard, Diana Howard, Richard Lamberski, Bishop Michael Lozano, Prisca Maier, Karl & Dorrinna Martini, Judy Matsko, Darla Mechling, Paula Miller, Dave Nycum, Shawn Otto, Fred Park, Loretta Piper, Bob Reifsteck, Coleen Seagren, Deb Stephens, Bob Tierney, Jane Williams.

We pray for all those currently serving in the military especially, Zachery Horner, Mark Collins, Chad Beighley and Nicole Beighley, Matthew McEldowney, Corey Feretti and Franklin Feretti, and Stephen Davis.

We also pray for comfort and peace for our homebound including Geraldine Shatzer, Marietta (Mo) Foltz, Royce Walters, John Carloni and Bea Ruth.

Prayers for our family and friends is a cooperative effort

We at Zion, are privileged to pray for you and your loved ones and friends. Please be sure to let us know of your prayer requests. And it would help us so much if you could update us on the status of those on our prayer list.

We want to continue praying for those who are in need, to give thanks to God for those who have been healed and to pray for any family if they lost a loved one. That can only happen if YOU keep in touch with Zion's office and update us regularly.

You can speak to Beverly Monday through Thursday from 8 AM until 2 PM or email her at zionlutheran@comcast.net.

Thank you in advance for your partnership in this prayer venture.

NOTE: Zion council discussed our prayer list management at their recent monthly meeting. Council has suggested that a quarterly review be conducted on the prayer list. With that in mind we need your help in verifying that ALL who continue to need our prayer support remain on the list.

GIVING REPORT: MONTH OF MARCH

Needed for March operating budget:	\$ 12,899.74
Received in March:	<u>\$ 12,656.60</u>
Amount Still Due for March:	\$ 243.14

In-Person Worship Attendance and On-line Viewing Last Month

<u>Service Dates</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>On-Line Viewing</u>
March 4 and 5	18	31	
March 11 and 12	17	23	
March 18 and 19	13	33	
March 25 and 26	12	37	

Constitutional Changes Approved

The congregation met on **Sunday March 26, 2023** following our 9:30 AM service to vote on proposed changes to Zions constitution (Revised January 2020).

The following Amendments have been revised:

- C11.01: Congregation Council Officers
- C12.02: Congregation Council
- C13.01: Executive Committee
- C13.02: Nominating Committee
- C13.03: Audit Committee
- C13.05: Staff Support Committee
- C13.06: Administration and Finance Committee

The following By-Laws were revised:

- C10.01.01: Annual meeting
- C11.01.01: Duties of officers

The following Continuing Resolution was amended:

- C13.02.A05: Duties of the Nominating Committee

A mailing was sent to every member of record detailing these adopted revisions. A copy of the revised Constitution (3/26/2023) is available through the office upon request

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dave Nycum
Dirk Grafton
Gianna Krznic
Hannah Rethi
Jeffrey McCullough
Kathy Gibbons
Kay Thorell
Kristianna Shearer
Liliana Woomer
Linda Malin
Lois Hoffman
Manon Gill
Mason Otto
Nancy Malacarne
Pernell Bowersox
Rebecca Gibbons
Robert Gaylor
Sally Calvetti
Sarah Schroth

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

February 13, 2023

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Present: Kevin Huston, Shirley Horner, Becky Slade, Pastor Tedd Cogar, Dory Campbell, Kimberly McCullough, Rik Wissinger, Sue Dickson, Kim Balcerak, Gail Sechrist

Absent: Sheri & Pernell Bowersox

Guest: Ryan Ebner

Installation of new council members: Dory Campbell and Shirley Horner

Devotions: Kimberly

January minutes: After some minor grammar corrections a motion was made to approve January minutes by Rik and seconded by Kim.

Communication: – Pastor no report

Web site- Dory – Christoph Maier will continue to help with the Website but would also like to have a backup trained. Proper procedure for putting items on both the Website and Facebook should be followed. Please send information to Pastor Tedd for notification and verification and then on to Christoph for website or Sheri Bowersox for Facebook.

Facebook – Sheri Bowersox. Maggie Dugan also offered to help with Evangelism/Stewardship postings.

Financial Report January 2023- January showed an income of \$24,471, which was over budget. In addition \$6,200 of early giving for 2023 was added (Cash reserve). January expenses showed increases in Utilities (Gas), and Elevator. The elevator expense was from the annual inspection. Vacation Organist expense was higher than usual due to some late submission of hours from 2022.

The O2 Account reorganizations were done, and the “Bequest undesignated, Memorials Undesignated, and Other Specials” were combined to be called **Memorial Fund**. \$22,940

An **“In/Out”** O2 line was created for funds for short term projects.

Budget Surplus O2 account now includes monies from Special Focus envelope 2020 and Budget Surplus in 2022. \$25,895

A motion was made by Shirley and seconded by Kim that the January financial report be filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Admin and Finance- Kevin

Kevin proposed to council to move some of the monies in our S&T savings account that are not tied up for immediate use, to a one year CD for a better interest rate. A motion was made by Sue and second by Kim to move \$75,000 from S&T savings to a CD.

Ryan from the ELCA Foundation presented updates about the ELCA Foundation Endowment fund. Zion’s account did decrease this last year, but he stated that we received approximately \$1,200 in interest earnings. Ryan also stated that he would be willing to talk to the congregation about Legacy Giving.

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL—cont

Staff Support- Rik - No report

Nominating Committee- Don Seagren – no report

Evangelism/Stewardship- Dory Campbell presented a written report for Jan/Feb 2023.

- Kim Balcerak will continue the Cradle Roll and sending information to those newly baptized.
- A cry room area with a speaker is being planned for an area where parents can be with their children if needed, and still hear the service.
- Shirley Horner will be sending out birthday cards to those on Birthday list. This needs updated.
- Jenn Rising and Ruth Houser will send out encouragement cards periodically to members.
- The Committee is looking for someone who will send Sympathy, Get Well, and “Thinking of You” cards to the congregation members as needed. Sue asked about a Prayer Chain/email blast for important announcements such as a death of a member.
- Discussion on a “Prayer Chain” and looking for those interested in participating. Also those who could call those hospitalized with a prayer over the phone.
- Looking into starting again fellowship time before Saturday worship and following worship Sunday.
- A suggestion from Pastor to think about use of the greenspace for gatherings, and picnics.
- Kim is still working on the trip to see Moses at Sight and Sound. A date and transportation still needs to be decided on.

Constitution – Becky Meeting is March 26th after the Sunday service.

The annual audit is this Saturday.

Parish Ed – Gail No plans for Bible School this summer.

Property – Becky The committee is working on the window project contract.

Rec and Fellowship- Shirley

The committee will be meeting soon to come up with some preplans in case of funeral dinners.

Social Ministry – Sue

We are looking for homes for the 2 freezers that we no longer use instead of letting them sit unplugged and unused. Two local food pantries, Chevy Chase and Creekside are interested in them.

Sue presented a flyer from the ELCA with information on Lutheran Disaster response after the massive earthquakes in Turkey and Syria last week. She would like to have these put in our bulletins to help collect donations.

Trinity 3-2-1 –Rik - The next meeting is Tuesday. Some work to preplan for Christmas service dates. Rik also wants to remind all the 3 congregations that our Saturday services are open to both Luther Chapel and IUP campus ministry.

Worship and Music- Pastor Tedd

Online worship- Rik hopes to start soon.

Bulletins- Still a work in progress and will start in Lent.

Pastor has placed some information in the newsletters from the Synod Green Team concerning environmental issues.

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL—cont

Old Business:

New Business:

Sue presented information about our AED. It is now 12 years old, past its 8yr warranty and we can no longer find replacement batteries. Its battery is low, but should be still usable if needed. Sue mentioned that with it being February and Heart month, there are discounts being given till the end of the month. A motion was made by Rik and second by Kim that Sue looks into purchasing a new unit with a maximum cost of \$2,000. The original unit was purchased in 2011 by Sue and Jim Dickson in memory of Sue's parents.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Leadership through Discipleship

The following testimony is from Zion council member Dory Campbell as we continue to explore the book "Power Surge" by Michael W. Foss. "Power Surge" provides a program where by churches can change their operational model to one of leadership through discipleship. In the coming months as council and other interested congregation members begin to develop understanding of this new concept, we hope to share more information with you. Dory's testimony is another example of how we can more deeply share our lives with each other. Thank you, Dory, for sharing this with the greater congregation.

At a recent Council meeting, members decided to share with the congregation how each of us attempts to include devotions in our lives, hoping to encourage others to talk about their practice. We know that everyone approaches this habit in different ways. No ONE way is the only way.

So, this is my story. For years I have intermittently read a small devotional book, Christ in Our Home. (Copies are on the window sills in the sanctuary for anyone who would like to check them out). I was very busy with kids and work. It was hard to find a quiet moment. When I did, I appreciated that these were short and thought provoking. And best of all, Thursday through Sunday the readings and commentary prepared me for weekends' worship times.

In the 90's I worked for an employer who invited us to share our daily scriptures and prayer concerns each morning. This helped me to get in a more regular routine of reading Bible verses and praying for my family and friends. Then, when I began to care for my mother in her last years, she kept a journal where she wrote her prayers down each morning. I felt I was too busy to do that. But over time I began to add that on mornings when I could. It was an amazing adventure. It has shown me over time how God is answering my prayers – not always as I expect, but of course, as is best. It has really helped my trust/faith to grow. And it has helped me pay attention and often spot God's hand at work in life's situations. I record daily "gratitudes" and "God-sightings" along with my prayers now. That, too, helps me to recognize how blessed I am, even on the worst days.

I look forward to learning how others find God in their daily lives. The conversations will enrich us all, to be sure.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 8, 2022

Call to order: 6:04 pm

Present: Kevin Huston, Rik Wissinger, Pastor Tedd Cogar, Sue Dickson, Pernell Bowersox, Kim Balcerak, Gail Sechrist.

February Minutes: Motion to approve by Gail, second by Kim

Financial Report:

February financials are still in process.

Synod Benevolence Increase- We have received a letter from the Synod concerning our benevolence giving. They are asking congregations in the Synod to aspire to increase their benevolence to the Synod to 20% of their total Current and Benevolence. Currently we give \$24,000 per year. We would need to increase what we give by \$7,000 if we wanted to reach the 20% level. Discussion followed. There was concern about a sudden increase in the level. A suggestion was made to increase giving by half to \$3,500. This will be taken to council.

O2 account review and reorganization. – A \$75,000 CD was purchased at 4.25%. The money was from the savings account and also some from the checking account. This allows for much better interest earnings while the money is not immediately needed.

Old Business:

Fish estate has not been received yet, so window and kitchen projects are still on hold.

New Business:

Organ repair- Bruner Company from Silver Spring, Pa has drawn up a proposal to Zion for repairs of the Kney Organ. There is much to be repaired/refurbished, and repairs could be divided into 3 phases. Bruner recommends that the 3 phases be done at the same time with an \$8,000 savings. Total proposal is for \$135,544 but this proposal is only good till the end of May. This company is scheduling into 2025. Much discussion on how to raise funds for this, options for organ use during repairs, and how and when to approach the congregation for funds. A notice for a special meeting would need to be posted in time to meet the proposal expiration date. This will be brought to council next week.

Motion made to adjourn at 7 pm in time for the mid-week Lenten service by Rik, and second by Kim.

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 28, 2022

Members Present: Kathy Huston, Kevin Huston, Rik Wissinger, Pastor Tedd Cogar, Jan Cikowski, Sue Dickson,

Topics Discussed:

- 1.The committee discussed purchasing new robes for the Assisting Ministers – We will re-search the cost and number of robes needed and submit a request to council to use Memorial Fund money to make purchase of the robes.
- 2.The committee discussed having our altar brass (candelabra and torches) either regilded or replaced. The committee will review costs, time schedules if regilding, and submit a request to council to use memorial fund monies for this purpose.
- 3.The committee made plans to dress the altar for Palm Sunday
- 4.The committee made plans to dress the altar for Maundy Thursday and organize help to strip the altar at the end of the service.
- 5.The committee made plans to dress the altar and nave for the Easter Vigil
- 6.The committee made plans to dress the altar for Easter Sunday.
- 7.The committee reviewed the bulletins for Palm Sunday, Holy week and Easter Sunday.
- 8.The committee discussed the Kney Organ refurbishing with Christine Clewell and made plans to prepare a plan for fund raising if the congregation approves proceeding with the project at an April 30, 2023 special congregational meeting.
- 9.The committee discussed a possible visit from the bishop in May 2023
- 10.The committee selected hymns for the Sundays after Easter

Recommendation to Council: The committee is seeking advice from council for a plan to fund the needed repairs to the Kney organ. Repairs are scheduled to begin in 2025.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday April 25, 2023 At 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Huston

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 21, 2023

Members Present: Becky Slade, Jim Laughlin, Jerry Ruffner, Kevin Huston, Dave Keith, Kathy Huston, Dan Seagren

Completed Projects

1. 2/24/2023 - Environmental Pest Control performed their monthly pest control
2. 2/22/2023 – Miller Plumbing repaired leak at kitchen faucet under the sink (105.75)
3. 2/24/2023 – Miller plumbing replaced thermostat controlling temperature in pre-school
4. 2/27/2023 – McNaughton's moved freezer from food pantry room to kitchen storage area
5. 2/23/2023 – Russ Crane repaired the cement steps at the red door on Church Street
6. 3/14/2023 – Certasite inspected kitchen fire suppression system and replaced a fire extinguisher that had lost pressure
7. 2/28/2023 – Ron Lukehart repaired garage roof damages from wind storm (\$250.00)

On Going Projects:

- 1.All materials have finally arrived for the new on-line ministry program. Contractors will now be scheduled to run the necessary fiber optic cable and installation of the new audio and video equipment will begin.
- 2.Kitchen renovations, approved by the congregation, will commence once funds are received from our legacy benefactor.
- 3.Window replacement operations, approved by the congregation, will commence once the funds are received from our legacy benefactor.
- 4.The Nave roof replacement project, approved by the congregation, may be revisited in 2023 after successful repairs and sealing were performed this past month.
- 5.Russ Crane is providing plastering services for the Church Street door entrance and the stairwell leading up to the choir loft.
- 6.The committee is awaiting a bid for adding heat wrap to the down spouts south 6th Street side of the church
- 7.The committee discussed a plan to replace the lightbulbs in the Nave center aisles.
- 8.The committee is seeking bids to repair the stone steps leading to the green space from the church lower access door.
- 9.The committee is accepting bids for replacing the 90 feet of curb on Church Street that has deteriorated.

2023 Projects

- 1.The committee is researching for a vendor to address our ongoing bat infestation problem.
- 2.The committee will explore creating a Columbarium in our new green space area. This would be a designated space to allow for a final resting place for ashes.

Available Funds for Projects

Capital Improvement Account Balance: \$ 21,982.27

ZARP Account Balance: \$ 9,046.16 (reserved for green space)

The Committee's next meeting will be Tuesday, April 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Formal recommendations to council:

The committee recommends that council approve replacing the tar paper garage roof with shingles at a cost of \$3,950.00



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Saturday, May 13, 2023, 11 am - 4:30 pm

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ZION ROAD TRIP
“SIGHT AND SOUND” (Lancaster, PA)
“MOSES”

Date: Thursday, July 13, 2023

Time: Will leave Walmart parking lot (near the old Rita’s Ice) 9:00 AM.
Arrive back at Walmart parking lot around 11:30 PM/midnight.

Place: Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA....Set adrift as a baby,he is an unlikely hero – until God calls him to lead His people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. Journey with Moses as he ventures through the wilderness, encounters God at the burning bush, and ascends to the top of Mount Sinai.

Price: \$199 per person
\$151 children (ages 3-12)

Price includes tickets to production (will be in center section 102, Rows L-M-N). We will stop at Middlesex diner in Carlisle, PA for brunch before the show (you are on your own). Dinner after the show will be at Miller’s (Smorgasbord) included in your ticket price.

Minimum of 30 people are needed to reserve the bus, reservations and payment need to be in by May 26, 2023. Please make all checks payable to Zion Lutheran Church. For additional information contact Kim Balcerak at 724/388-2341 or , or Zion Lutheran Church at 724/465-5597, .



SIGN UP FOR TRIP—"MOSES"

Sight and Sound (Lancaster, PA)

Number of persons attending:

Adult's _____

Children _____

Name of Person(s) Attending:

1. _____

Phone # _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Only need a phone number for the contact person.



April 2023

Date	Lay Reader	Altar Guild	Ushers	Assist. Min.	Tellers
Apr 1/2	5:30-Karen Gresh 9:30-Josh Widdowson	Sat-AM-Kathy Huston, PM-Shirley Horner Sun-Sue Dickson	5:30-Rik & Bev Wissinger 9:30-Pernell Bowersox	5:30-Rik Wissinger, Kevin Huston, Karen Gresh 9:30-Jenn Rising	Kim Balcerak
Apr 9 Apr 5 Maundy Thursday Apr 8 Vigil	9:30-Beth Grafton Jenn Rising	Sat AM-Kathy Huston, PM-Shirley Horner Sun-Sue Dickson Kathy Huston, Jan Cikowski Kathy Huston	9:30-Jim Slade	9:30-Beth Grafton Jenn Rising	Kim Balcerak
Apr 15/16	5:30-Jerry Ruffner 9:30-Jenn Rising	Sat-AM&PM Sharon O'Keiff Sun-Sue Dickson	5:30-Shirley Horner, Chuck Rodnicki 9:30-Don & Dawn Seagren	5:30-Rik Wissinger 9:30-Jenn Rising	Kim Balcerak
Apr 22/23	5:30-Dante Adamson 9:30-Gail Sechrist	Sat-AM&PM Louise Buchanan Sun-Becky Slade	5:30-Dave & Linda Malin 9:30-Gary Ellenberger	5:30-Kevin Huston 9:30-Beth Grafton	Kim Balcerak
Apr 29/30	5:30-Sue Dickson 9:30-Tyson Ellenberger	Sat-AM-Jan Cikowski, PM -Bev Wissinger Sun-Kathy Huston	5:30-Rik & Bev Wissinger 9:30-Tyson Ellenberger	5:30-Rik Wissinger 9:30-Jenn Rising	
	Jenn Rising	Kathy Huston	5:30 Dave Malin 9:30 Dave Keith Pernell Boxwersox	Kim Balcerak	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Narcotics Anonymous meetings Sunday evenings	Alcoholics Anonymous meetings Wednesday evening					1 5:30 Liturgy
2 9:30 Liturgy 8:30 Choir Practice 10:40 Choir Practice Sunday School	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 OFFICE CLOSED 7-Adm/Finance Mtg	6 7-Maundy Thursday Service	7 7-Good Friday (at Luther Chapel)	8 7-Easter Vigil Service
9 9:30 Easter Liturgy 8:30 Choir Practice 10:40 Choir Practice No Sunday School 	10 6:30 Council Mtg	11	12	13	14 Zion office closed	15 5:30 Liturgy
16 9:30 Liturgy 8:30-Choir Practice 10:40-Choir Practice Sunday School	17	18 7 Property Mtg	19	20	21 Zion office closed	22 5:30 Liturgy
23 9:30 Liturgy 8:30-Choir Practice 10:40-Choir Practice No Sunday School 30 9:30 Liturgy 8:30 Choir Practice 10:40-Choir Practice Sunday School	24	25 6:30 Worship & Music Mtg	26 7 Parish Ed Mtg	27 Newsletter Mailed	28 Zion office closed	29



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Rik Wissinger
 Barry Widdowson

ZION COUNCIL MEMBERS

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NEXT NEWSLETTER MAILED — April 26, 2023: Deadline: April 15, 2023

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