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## Father's Day, Birthday, and D-Day

As June approaches, I always think of my Father. June is a big month for remembering Kenneth Huston. Not only is it the month of Father's Day, but my dad's birthday also falls on June 20<sup>th</sup>. June is also the anniversary of D-Day. D-Day marked the beginning of the Allies entry onto the European continent in the final push to defeat Nazi Germany. You could say that my dad was on the tip of the spear of this effort.

Dad joined the navy in January 1943 at age seventeen. He was assigned to an LST (Landing Ship Tank). Dad's LST was built in Pittsburgh PA. He joined the crew of that ship and sailed it down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans. In New Orleans the ship added its compliment of assault boats. The Higgins boat, manufactured by the first integrated work force in New Orleans and named for its designer, was the main vehicle used to put infantry into the war as they landed on the beaches of Normandy France.

Dad was assigned to a three-man crew responsible for navigating the choppy English Channel and getting its compliment of twenty-four men onto dry land. Dad was in the third wave and arrived on the beach at 6:30 AM on June 6, 1944. He was 18 years old.

Underwater obstacles, placed by the Germans to prevent such landings, impaled my dad's Higgins boat and all had to abandon ship to wade onto the beach. That included dad and his other crew mates. They became stranded on the beach for the rest of the day. All were under orders not to go out into the surf to assist any of the landing infantry. In essence everyone was on his own in trying to get ashore safely.

I often wonder what kind of thoughts one has about life in those moments. I am sure that dad's war experience shaped his focus on life that day. Facing one's mortality in such a way has to bring real clarity to your life. I am sure that dad was not thinking about those around him and wondering about their race, their faith, their politics, or their sexuality. Rather, he was counting on the character of those other teenagers on the beach to help him get through that day alive. My dad was somehow wounded on June 6, 1944. I know this because I have his purple heart medal, though he never spoke of the circumstances surrounding that event. In fact, dad rarely talked at all about his experiences during the war. The first time I even knew he was at D-Day was on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the invasion when a local newspaper contacted him for comment.

But, looking back on my dad's life, I believe that he learned something about our relationships with others that day. From the comfort of our own modern existence, and away from confronting life and death situations on a daily basis, we are often too quick to judge others. We categorize people into groups based on their religion, politics, race

or sex. If they don't fit into what is acceptable in our group, they are people to be feared or worse, shunned. This is the harsh reality of life today. We seek out and embrace sameness because we are afraid to rejoice in the diversity of God's world. Our fear prevents us from having a fuller and richer life on God's earth.

My dad was not a reader but one of his favorite phrases was "Don't judge a book by its cover". And he practiced what he preached. All through his life, dad had many friends and acquaintances who were not part of his "group". This was especially out of the norm during the 1950's but dad always saw beyond the outside and found the inner sameness in people. His love of people for who they were inside and not by how they looked on the outside was the best legacy I could ever hope to receive.

Though a Lutheran by birth, dad was not "religious". My mother was always the driving force in this area, but they made a terrific life lesson team. My parents lived Jesus' commandment to "Love others as they would want to be loved". That simple message was front and center in my parents' life, and by association my life. Although I freely admit that I have been challenged at times to live up to their example. It is hard to live with life's diversity. No, it is more than just hard, it is frightening to do so. But the rewards you get for being courageous in living Christ's commandment is well worth the effort. Throughout my growing up, people of all types were part of my life experience. This provided me with a rich variety of cultures and ideas to build on as I grew up. My life has certainly been much richer because of my parents' example.

Thank you, dad for your service to our country and for your life's lessons. For better or worse, I am who I am because of you.

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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, Tina Anderson, Mike Bash, Susan & Bob Butchkoski, Adam Chilenski, Deb Cosgrove, Jeff Davis, Paul Davis, Beth Ford, Harry Ford, James Gallo, the Guella family, Gene Hartzell, Bonnie Hilty, Chris Howard, Dan Howard, Diana Howard, Abby Johnston, Tina Krouse, Bishop Michael Lozano, Prisca Maier, Karl & Dorrinna Martini, Judy Matsko, Holly Miller, Paula Miller, Dave Nycum, Shawn Otto, Fred Park, Loretta Piper, Sandy Prinkey, Bob Reifsteck, Jenn Rising, Coleen Seagren, Denny Swanson Jr, the family of Dora Mae Walker (Shirley Horner's sister), Jane Williams, Dominic Yensi.

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

[zion.lutheran@comcast.net](mailto:zion.lutheran@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.

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**GIVING REPORT: MONTH OF MAY**

Needed for May operating budget:	\$ 12,899.74
Received in May:	<u>\$ 9,771.80</u>
Amount Still Due for May:	\$ 3,127.97

Only includes the first 2 weeks of May

**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>
May 6 and 7	12	29	
May 13 and 14	17	28	
May 20 and 21	14	30	
May 27 and 28	12	28	

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**Save the Date**

As you may be aware, the Rev. Dr. Sandra K. Jones will be retiring from full-time ministry at the end of July this year. Therefore, the Good Hope/Zion Lutheran Ministry of Oil City invites the people of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod to a celebration of the thirty plus years of ministry in the church by Rev. Jones. The celebration will be held on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at Good Hope Lutheran Church (800 Moran Street, Oil City, PA) and will start at 2:00pm in the sanctuary with worship. There will be a reception after the service in the Fellowship Hall with hors d'oeuvres and a program. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mike Parsh at the Good Hope Office (814-676-9122).

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**New AED**

We now have a new AED ready for cardiac emergencies at Zion.

Many thanks to Caroline Anderson who graciously donated this in memory of her husband, Rev. Earl Anderson.

This unit is located in the hallway just outside of the office area. It replaces the 12-year old unit that is past its working time.

### **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 **JUNE** donation to: **Indiana Community Garden**

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### **Zion Will Hold Outdoor Services in June**

Zion's Worship and Music committee has voted to hold two outdoor services in June.

The two services will be held **on Saturday, June 10, 2023 and Saturday, June 24, 2023 beginning at 5:30 PM.**

Services will be held, weather permitting, on our "green space" on the south side of the church.

Parking is available in the drive way, leading up to the church's garage and in the Zion lot adjacent to the Graystone parking lot.

Our new bulletin format provides everything we need for our Saturday spoken service so no hymnals are required.

Chairs will be provided but please feel free to bring your own chair from home.

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### **Coming this Fall: Martin Luther**

Beginning this fall, Zion's Worship and Music committee will be sponsoring a series of talks centering on the writings of Martin Luther.

Presented by Jim Chapman at the conclusion of our Sunday service on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, these 10 minute "talks" will provide both entertainment and education while we remember the life of one of the most dynamic leaders of the Protestant Reformation.

Our first presentation will be Sunday, September 10, 2023.

Please mark your fall calendars. You will not want to miss it!

### **Fish Estate Gifts Zion**

The estate of former Zion member Mardelle Fish has gifted Zion Lutheran Church the sum of \$506,477.95.

This generous gift from Mardelle will be put to good use as Zion has several property projects that can benefit from the financial resources of this gift.

Zion will first invest \$51,000 into our Endowment Fund. This is accordance with our constitutional requirements.

Part of the gift will be used to support our final ZARP project, the renovation of the kitchen. (\$58,918.09). This project and its budget amount had been approved by Zion's congregation at a special meeting called in July 2022. The project is scheduled to get underway in late May and should take one month to complete.

Part of the gift will be used to provide replacement windows for section A of our building's window project. (\$189,930.00) This project and its budget amount was approved by Zion's congregation at a special meeting called in July 2022. The windows scheduled for replacement will be those on the west side of the structure encompassing the office area, Sunday School area, Pre-School location and the windows facing east at the pastor's office location and the third-floor area currently housing our archives storage. This project is scheduled to begin in early fall 2023.

The Administration and Finance Committee has approved investing \$200,000 from the Fish Estate Gift into a 12 month CD at 1<sup>st</sup> Summit Bank with an annual interest rate of 4.85% (the endowment fund amount of \$51,000 was also added to this CD investment). This investment has been made in anticipation of providing financial support to Zion's roof, should replacement be required in the next five years.

Interest from the CD will provide an additional \$9,700 to our capital projects fund and \$2,473.50 to our Endowment Fund.

The remaining \$6,629.86 will be left in Zion's capital projects 02 account to cover any cost overruns that should arise from the kitchen or window projects.

### **Remembering Helen Myers**

The Helen Myers Memorial Fund was established in 2021, through contributions from Paul Myers and the Myers children, to provide funding opportunities to enhance Zion's music program.

A continuing resolution was passed by Zion Council to formalize the **Helen Myers Memorial Fund** to:

1. Underwrite special music and/or concerts performed at Zion in memory of Helen Myers
2. Underwrite church music scholarships for organ students

Since then, Helen's love of music and devotion to Zion Lutheran Church in Indiana PA, has been enhanced by using these music and scholarship programs to add voice to our weekly service music.

While contributions to fund the Helen Myers Memorial Fund have come primarily from the Myers family, other sources within the congregation and the community have been slow to materialize.

The Helen Myers Memorial Fund committee is appealing to the congregation to consider supporting, through personal contributions, this fund so that the music we have all enjoyed these last few years can continue.

Give this some thought. We hope you will add this fund to your generous support of Zion.

## **Refurbishment of the Kney Organ**

Zion Lutheran held a special congregational meeting on April 30, 2023 to discuss engaging in a refurbishment project for our Kney Organ. The congregation present voted unanimously to move forward with the project. The Kney has served our congregation for over 40 years and is one of the finest organ instruments in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Our initial investment in the Kney has provided us with several accomplished keyboardists who have served as both Director of Music and Organist. In addition, the Kney has hosted concerts showcasing the talents of several accomplished musicians while serving as the primary instrument for instructing future organ musicians in IUP's music program.

We have received bids from both Brunner and Associates LLC (our current maintenance provider) and J. Zamberlan & Co (our original maintenance provider). At the congregational meeting, the congregation approved a working budget not to exceed \$130,000 for the refurbishment project. J. Zamberlan & Co. has been awarded the project and work will begin in late Summer 2023.

The decision, made decades ago, to add the Kney as our main accompaniment instrument for our liturgy, was made to ensure that Zion would be able to provide quality church music for our congregation and offer, through its music, a rich variety of evangelical outreach to our community.

Over the years, the Kney has had numerous repairs, keeping the instrument in good working order so that its music mission could be accomplished. These repairs addressed most of the ongoing issues of functionality with the organ, but there was no doubt that a major refurbishment was in the Kney's future to bring the organ back to its original operational condition.

That time is now upon us.

The Kney refurbishment committee under the direction of Dr. Christine Clewell, our Director of Music and Organist, will be tasked to negotiate the specific operations to be undertaken and the time line for completion of the project.

We now need to ask that you support our efforts with the Kney by considering a pledge over the next three years to provide the funds necessary for the successful completion of the project. You will soon be receiving a mailing asking your support, through contributions, to this project. Our hope is that we can raise the funds over the next three years to cover the cost of the Kney's refurbishment.

We will continue to update you on the progress of the project through the newsletter.

We sincerely hope that you support us as we move forward with restoring the Kney to its original glory.

## **Power Surge Group Meets**

### **Post-it Notes Reviewed**

Thanks to all who took the time to attach a post-it note to our message boards. We received responses sharing your vision of what is important to you as a member of our congregations and what you would like to see added to your worship life.

The top two responses we received centered around prayer and bible study. Ironically, these two congregational activities are crucial for success in a Discipleship based ministry.

Taking this as a message from you that these two activities should be our first priority, we have scheduled the following events:

### **Bible Study:**

The group discussed launching a weekly bible study. The question was raised as to what our bible study topic should be. We will be holding a planning session on **Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM**, and we invite anyone from our congregations who is interested in helping to plan this to attend. We will meet at Zion's office area and relocate to a larger space if the need arises.

### **Prayer:**

We will be hosting a "Prayer Retreat" for our member congregations on **Saturday, July 8, 2023**. The retreat will gather at the IUP College Lodge at 9:00 AM with the session lasting until 3:00 PM. The focus of the retreat will be "The Lord's Prayer". All are welcome.

We are hoping for a good turnout for each of these events so spread the word and plan to be there.

We will follow up with additional details on these two events as they become available.



## Zion Is Going to See Moses!

Well, we did it! We have enough people (30) to reach our minimum number for the trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster, PA .

There are still some seats available on the bus, so if you want to join us contact Kim Balcerak at 724-388-2341.

The details are below.



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 Prom-  
ised 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 and 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.

Payment needs to be in by June 13, 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,

## Green Corner NWPA Synod Green Team

### ELECTRIC VEHICLES: THE FUTURE

Upfront, the best advice we can provide about electric vehicles (EV) is to read an overview article, such as one published by Consumer Reports (CR) in February, 2023. Much of the following information is obtained from that article.

EVs are part of attempts to reduce climate change. The decision to purchase is complicated for many reasons, but well worth the effort.

In general, EVs still cost more in dollars than comparable fossil fuel (FF) vehicles. That price difference is shrinking. One question to ask is whether the dollars alone tell the story. What price do we put on saving the earth? Saving lives affected or lost due to climate change is just as important.

Following are some of the factors to consider regarding EVs.

**Reliability:** "A 2020 CR study found that EVs cut repair and maintenance costs by 50 percent over similar gas cars."

**Fuel savings (including cost of electricity for charging):** "The cost of the electricity to charge an EV is almost always hundreds of dollars less per year than the fuel expense for a similar gas-powered vehicle."

**Tax credits by federal and state government:** Depending on price, point of manufacture, and income of the buyer, credits of up to \$7,500; used EVs can also get a tax credit of up to \$4,000.

**Rebates:** In addition to federal tax credits, EV buyers can potentially save thousands thanks to state tax breaks for car buyers, lower electric rates for EV owners to charge at home at certain times, or discounts on installing an at-home charger.

**Private industry offers:** examples include "a \$500 rebate from a utility company if consumers buy or lease their car from a local dealership; a \$600; rebate and discounted electric rates depending on which charger they buy and when they plug in.

**The range (miles) per full charge:** even large vehicles are now achieving ranges greater than 300 miles.

Yes, it is a rather complex combination of factors – if you make cost the only criteria. Our challenge is to look beyond the cost in dollars to see how much is saved in terms of the health of all creation: humans, animals, plants, air, water – every thing!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Andy Campbell  
Brian Stancombe  
Chris Grafton  
Cory Hotchkiss  
David Dahlheimer  
David Woodall  
Dawn Seagren  
Don McKelvey  
Gene Jones  
Hallie Sweger  
Jacquie McCullough  
Karl Nagle  
Mason Musser  
Sharon O'Keiff  
Shirley Kelly  
Tyson Ellenberger

## **MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL**

**April 17, 2023**

**Call to Order:** 6:29 pm

**Attendance:** Pastor Tedd Cogar, Kim Balcerack, Pernell Bowersox, Sheri Bowersox, Becky Slade, Dory Campbell, Kevin Huston, Rik Wissinger, Sue Dickson, Gail Sechrist.

**Absent:** Shirley Horner, Kimberly McCullough

**Installation of New Council Members:** Pernell and Sheri Bowersox, and Dory Campbell.

**Devotions:** Becky

**March minutes:** reviewed- Motion to approve, (Rik Wissinger/Kim Balcerack)

**Communications:**

**Pastors Report:** This Sunday Christ Episcopal is hosting IUP Chamber Choir for an Evensong Service.

**Facebook:** Sheri –

**Financial Report: March 2023 –**

C & B income was above budget by \$1,000 with the total for the year at 39% of the annual budget. Expenses: The Synod benevolence -\$3,500 paid. New monthly amount will be \$2,500. Church repair expenses included Masonry charges for repair in 6<sup>th</sup> street entranceway and repair to Church St. entrance steps and for repairs to the garage roof. YTD expenses are at 29.8% of the budget. (target is 25%) There is an Endowment Fund CD coming due in May.

Motion made to approve the financial report. (Dory Campbell/Kim Balcerack)

**Administration and Finance – Kevin**

Kevin presented information showing a Summary of Zion's Current Available Cash vs. Project Commitments. This showed the funds needed for the 3 projects approved last summer at the Congregational meeting (Windows, Kitchen, Nave Roof) and added the Kney Organ Refurbishment Project. Then showed funds on hand, funds from the Fish Estate, and CD coming due in May and some suggestions for investing portions of the money until it is needed. There are some CD's that have much higher interest rates than our current savings account. A motion made to proceed with this better interest rate investment. (Rik Wissinger/Becky Slade).

**Staff Support-** Rik Things are going well.

**Nominating Committee – Don Seagren**

**Evangelism/Stewardship – Dory Campbell**

Get Well and Thinking of you cards have been going out to shut-ins, and those on the prayer list.

Power Surge- Next meeting planned for Wednesday May 24 6:30 pm.

Sight and Sound trip – July 13, 2023

**MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL—cont**

**Parish Ed- Gail**

Do we have any graduates? Hannah Rising UPJ only one so far.

May 28 is the last day of Sunday School with plans for the students to sing at the service.

June 4 Celebrate First Holy Communion – Cake/refreshments after church

**Property- Becky**

Bid for repair/shingling of the Garage roof is \$3,950. Motion to accept. (Rik Wissinger/Kim Balcerack).

Property will be checking with 2 vendors for information concerning bat removal.

**Rec and Fellowship-** Shirley provided the sample funeral menus. A copy will be placed in the folder for funeral information. At the time of a funeral Beverly would be a contact but she would contact Shirley or someone from Rec and Fellowship for further coordination of a possible funeral luncheon.

**Social Ministry** – Zion Food project - The remaining food in the pantry will be given to Chevy Chase. This month's offering/donations for Food Pantry are to go to Chevy Chase. May donations to Calvary Church. **Trinity 3-2-1** – The next meeting is set for May 16.

**Online Worship** – There has been such a long delay in waiting for EMB to run the lines that Rik may look into another company.

**Worship and Music** – Pastor Tedd

The committee will be discussing a possible service outdoors, looking into ordering new Albs, and repair of replacement of the altar candles and candelabras. Some of these items could be funded by undesignated memorial monies.

**Old business:**

April 30 - Congregational meeting to discuss and vote on the Kney organ refurbishment.

May meeting dates were discussed.

Admin and Fin set for Thurs May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Council remains on Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:30 pm

Submitted by Sue Dickson

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**May 3, 2023**

**Members Present: Kevin Huston, Rik Wissinger, Pastor Tedd Cogar, Gail Sechrist, Pernell Bowersox**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

The minutes from the previous month's meeting were reviewed and approved as written (Wissinger/Bowersox).

The Financial report ending April 30, 2023 was reviewed and sent for audit (Bowersox/Wissinger)

The committee was informed by chair Huston that a 12-month CD will be obtained on Thursday, May 4, 2023 in the amount of \$51,000 from proceeds from the Fish estate, as mandated by Zions constitution (Revised 2020). The annual interest rate for the CD is 4.85%.

The committee was informed that the Kitchen project, approved by the congregation on July 2022, has been executed with Pennington Construction. Project start dates and schedules will be released as soon as received by Pennington.

The committee was informed that the window project, approved by the congregation in July 2022, had an increase of some \$50,000 due to inflation and supply issues during the last 10 months. The project proposal will be reviewed with the vendor to reduce the number of windows replaced so that the project can be undertaken within the budget parameters approved by the congregation.

The committee discussed the two bids received for the Kney Organ refurbishment project. Zamberlan and Co.'s bid of \$140,416.00 is being recommended for acceptance by council based on the ability of Zamberlan to begin the project in the summer of 2023. The other bidder (Brunner) is unable to begin the project until 2025.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

**Recommendation to Council: Accept the bid from Zamberlan and Co. to perform the refurbishment of the Kney organ**

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday June 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Huston

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**May 16, 2023**

**Members Present: Becky Slade, Jim Laughlin, Jerry Ruffner, Kevin Huston, Don Seagren, Kathy Huston**

### **Current Projects**

- 1.5/16/2023 – The kitchen cabinets were emptied and all materials stored in the former food pantry location in anticipation of work beginning to refurbish the kitchen
- 2.4/19/2023 – 1-2-3-Lock repaired the Church Street and Sixth Street Doors
- 3.4/16/2023 – Health inspector inspected the kitchen and we passed
- 4.4/20/2023 – Russ Crane was in to address plaster work
- 5.4/24/2023 – Ben Butterbaugh was in to review bat problem and will submit a quote
- 6.4/25/2023 – Environmental Pest Control performed monthly treatment
- 7.4/26/2023 – Bob Cochran provided quote for repair of sidewalks and curbs
- 8.5/1/2023 – Received quote for church sign received Fast Times (\$8,230.00) Timeless Expressions (\$10,999.00)

### **On Going Projects:**

- 1.A vendor has been located to assist with our Bat infestation problem. The committee awaits cost estimates for this.
- 2.Committee met with Pennington Construction to review the proposed work from the bid given on 4/22/2022. The project has been scheduled to begin on May 22, 2023.
- 3.Window replacement contract will be signed and deposit paid to allow phase “A” of Zion’s window upgrade project to get underway. Anticipated availability for the windows to be installed will be in early Fall. A project completion schedule will be published.
- 4.Council has voted to delay the Nave roof replacement project, approved by the congregation. After recent repairs to the nave roof, council is delaying the project to improve Zion’s future cash flow.
- 5.Russ Crane is providing plastering services for the Church Street door entrance and the stairwell leading up to the choir loft.
6. Ron Lukehart Home Specialists has completed the work to replace the garage roof with asphalt shingles.
- 7.The committee is seeking vendors to repair parts of the sidewalk that could create a tripping issue.
- 8.The committee is seeking vendors to bid on a new church sign at Church and Sixth Streets.
- 9.Becky Slade has agreed to spearhead finding a landscape architect to create a plan for the green space on the south side of the church.

### **2023 Projects**

- 1.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: \$255,877.95

Thrivent Kitchen Fund - \$22,570.67

Kitchen Renovation Fund - \$2,988.23

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

**The Committee’s next meeting will be Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

**Formal recommendations to council: None**

## **WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**May 23, 2023**

**Members Present: Kathy Huston, Kevin Huston, Rik Wissinger, Pastor Tedd Cogar, Jan Cikowski, Sue Dickson, Jim Chapman, Christine Clewell**

Topics Discussed:

- 1.The committee designated June 10 and June 24 as being outdoor services. Announcement will be made in the newsletter.
- 2.Jan Cikowski will coordinate the ordering of new robes for those who want to replace their existing robe.
- 3.The committee discussed and approved to have Jim Chapman present a short (10 Min) program on Martin Luther beginning in September. Jim's programs will be presented on the second and fourth weekend of each month. Details and topics to come.
- 4.Dr. Clewell requested and received approval to have two pianos and the harpsichord tuned.
- 5.The committee discussed participation in the Bachtoberfest hosted by Christ Episcopal on Sunday September 17. The committee selected "*Creating God renew us*" the hymn commissioned for Zion as our music contribution.
- 6.The committee discussed the upcoming Ministry Formation/Seminary Intern program we are going to participate in. More information will be forthcoming in the next thirty days.
- 7.The committee discussed the upcoming Patriot Service on Saturday, September 9, 2023. The committee would like to have the service at Zion at 5:30 PM
- 8.Bishop Lozano will be in Indiana on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Time will be arranged for the Trinity 321 congregations to meet with the bishop.
- 9.The committee discussed the upcoming fall and the potential for utilizing the Helen Myers memorial fund to support additional IUP choir voices as was done in 2022-23 school year. With the fund depleting, other funding options were discussed to be presented to the congregation for support.
- 10.The committee discussed having a synod wide rededication celebration after the Kney organ refurbishment has been completed. The committee will lend its support to this. There is synod grant money available for this which we will apply for.
- 11.The Kney organ funding campaign was discussed. A letter and pledge card will be mailed to all congregation families asking for support to fund the refurbishment.
- 12.The committee selected hymns for upcoming Sundays.

### **Recommendation to Council:**

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday June 27, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Huston





## June 2023

Date	Lay Reader	Altar Guild	Ushers	Assist. Min.	Tellers
June 3/4	5:30-Jerry Ruffner 9:30-Tyson Ellenberger	Sat-AM Kathy Huston, PM- Shirley Horner Sun-Sue Dickson	5:30-Rik & Bev Wissinger 9:30-Tyson Ellenberger	5:30-Kim Balcerak 9:30-Beth Grafton	Kim Balcerak
June 10/11	5:30-Jim Chapman 9:30-Beth Grafton	Sat AM & PM-Sharon O'Keiff Sun-Sue Dickson	5:30-Shirley Horner, Chuck Rodnicki 9:30-Pernell Bowersox	5:30-Rik Wissinger 9:30-Jenn Rising	Kim Balcerak
June 17/18	5:30-Sue Dickson 9:30-Josh Widdowson	Sat-AM&PM Louise Bu- chanan Sun-Becky Slade	5:30-Dave & Linda Malin 9:30-Jim Slade	5:30-Kim Balcerak 9:30-Beth Grafton	Kim Balcerak
June 24/25	5:30-Kami Dugan 9:30-Jenn Rising	Sat-AM Jan Cikowski, PM- Bev Wissinger Sun-Kathy Huston	5:30-Rik & Bev Wissinger 9:30-Don & Dawn Seagren	5:30-Kevin Huston 9:30-Kim Balcerak	Kim Balcerak
	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				1	2 Zion office closed	3 5:30 Liturgy
4 9:30 Liturgy 8:30 Choir Practice 10:40 Choir Practice First Communion	5	6	7 <u>ZION OFFICE CLOSED</u> 7 Adm/Finance Mtg	8  <b>June 8 thru 10</b> <b>Synod Assembly</b>	9 Zion office closed	10 5:30 Liturgy <b>(Outside)</b>
11 9:30 Liturgy 8:30 Choir Practice 10:40 Choir Practice	12 6:30 Council Mtg	13	14 6 Bible Study Planning Session	15	16 Zion office closed	17 5:30 Liturgy
18 9:30 Liturgy 8:30-Choir Practice 10:40-Choir Practice 11-3 Ellenberger B/D	19	20 7 Property Mtg	21	22	23 Zion office closed	24 5:30 Liturgy <b>(Outside)</b>
25 9:30 Liturgy 8:30-Choir Practice 10:40-Choir Practice	26	27 6:30 Worship & Music Mtg	28 7 Parish Ed Mtg	29 Newsletter Mailed	30 Zion office closed	





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