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## How's Your "Love Thy Neighbor" Batting Average

As most of you know, I am a huge baseball fan. My Mother (her again) was a major influence on my baseball passion. When her father died, my six-year-old mother was watched over by two of her great-uncles, William and Locke. In addition to being confirmed bachelors, they were baseball fans. Back in depression era Philadelphia, fans had a choice between the American League Athletics and the National League Phillies. The A's were owned and managed by Connie Mack and at the time of my mother's birth had won nine league pennants and five world championships. The hapless Phillies, often embroiled in ownership shenanigans and near bankruptcy, had won a total of one pennant and no world titles. So, of course, great-uncles William and Locke were avid Phillies fans.

Baseball is a game of failure, fair play, and statistics. The greatest hitters in any age often fail seven out of ten times. No matter how great you are as a player, you must wait, batting only once while eight other players take their turn. Statistics, and there are plenty of those, allow players and their fans to measure their careers against the greatest of their age and those great stars of the past. Statistics are compiled and compared allowing all to be judged with the worthiest enshrined as baseball immortals. Baseball is also the only sport in which the defense has the ball, but we can address that sometime in the future.

If a player is to survive as a professional baseball player, he needs to face his failures head on and have the courage to keep trying. This is tough on anyone's ego, but on top of that, ball players have to live with their failures before thousands of people in the stadiums where they perform.

In our own lives we too often have to face failure. While most of our failures are not so public as those by ball players, they are no less painful for us to experience. In our faith lives, our failures come from our inability to truly love God and our disregard the needs of our neighbors. I sure hope God isn't keeping score on our "good deeds" batting average. Yea, I get it, we are saved by God's grace alone, not through our own good works. But why then did Jesus give us this commandment: "Love God with all your heart and soul and mind and love your neighbor as I have loved you." It sure seems like Jesus is giving us the mother of all good deed commandments.

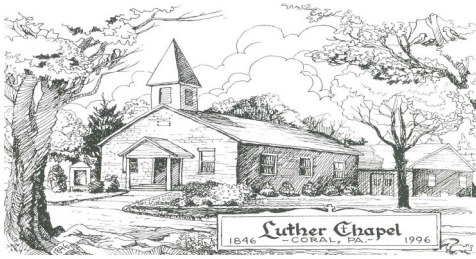
While teaching confirmation class this year, I have given a lot of thought to Jesus' commandment. Condensing the ten commandments into those simple words, is fraught with opportunity for us to fail. God's grace sure comes in handy daily in our lives doesn't it. Loving God with all your heart and soul and mind, seems a like a small request and one that should be easy to fulfill. But let a little cloudiness into our lives and God often bears the brunt of our anger, sadness and disappointment. How easy it is for us to lash out at God when life just doesn't go right. I know this all too well as we are facing the toughest challenge of our lives right now, trying to hang on to the Kathy we know, while watching who she was slowly slip away.

Loving your neighbors as Jesus has loved us should be a breeze. Until we really dig into who our neighbors truly are. Let's start with family. While technically not our neighbors since we had no real choice in selecting them, family is a mixed bag for all of us. We say we love them, but they frustrate, anger and disappoint us as we do them. Friends should be easy right, since we get to pick them ourselves. But who has a long list of life-long friends that are trustworthy, compassionate, and loyal to a fault. I know my list is very small. And how about that broader interpretation of neighbor that Jesus lays on us. When asked the question, "Who is our neighbor?" Jesus listed the hungry that we should feed, the sick who we should minister back to health, the naked who we should cloth and the lonely who we should visit. This is especially tough when these neighbors don't measure up to our standards. How easy it is for us to turn our backs on neighbors who don't worship God like us, don't look like us, don't think like us, and don't have the same life style as us. You bet it is hard to love these neighbors. I know that I have failed often trying to live this simple commandment from Jesus.

But just like those ball players, we need to have courage in the face of failure to keep trying. God may not be keeping score on us, after all we are indeed saved by God's grace alone! But just like my mother's uncles, God knows he is a fan of a team fraught with shenanigans, moral bankruptcy, and failure, yet when we win that one lone pennant, won't that be truly something! God has been pulling for us since the beginning. Let's have the courage, in the face of all life's failure to keep trying.

Start small. Reach out to your neighbors at Zion, you'll be surprised the next time you see your batting average in the box scores.

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## News from Luther Chapel - Part of the 3-2-1 Ministry—July

On Tuesday June 20, 2023 we held our Council meeting. We discussed the Patriot Day Service to be held at Zion on Saturday, September 9, @ 5:30. This is a special service honoring fire personnel, police officers, military personal and veterans and emergency personnel.

Dr. Sandra Jones will be retiring in July. Good Hope will be hosting a celebration for her on Saturday, July 29, 2023. This will be in Oil City, Pa at 2:00. Come celebrate and visit with Bishop Lozano before or after her event.

Property committee reports the pipe outside our building is repaired.

Darlene Beatty is holding Teen Night from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on the first Sunday of every month and the 2 nd Sunday of each month is Young Adult Night from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. For more information call her at 724-541-5168. She has a host of activities and ideas for things to do. You can reach her at [beattydar@aol.com](mailto:beattydar@aol.com).

WELCA will meet this Sat., July 1, at Luther Chapel. Our 10:00 meeting will begin with a short business meeting followed by a bible study from the Gather magazine.

Pastor Tedd will be blessing our blankets and kits on July 29, 2023. Come to church and see our beautiful blankets and kits before they are shipped off to be distributed.

A picnic is being planned by Darlene Beatty at one of our County Parks for August. More details to follow in next newsletter.

Next council meeting is scheduled for August 27 @ 12:30 in the Social Hall of Luther Chapel.

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: Caroline Anderson, Ron Anderson, Tina Anderson, Mike Bash, Susan & Bob Butchkoski, Adam Chilenski, Ann Cogar, Deb Cosgrove, Jeff Davis, Paul Davis, Donna Fisher, Ernie Fisher, Beth Ford, Carol Forster, Jen Frick, the Guella family, Gene Hartzell, Bonnie Hilty, Chris Howard, Dan Howard, Diane Howard, Bishop Michael Lozano, Prisca Maier, Judy Matsko, Holly Miller, Paula Miller, Dave Nycum, Shawn Otto, Fred Park, Loretta Piper, Sandy Prinkey, Bob Reifsteck, Jenn Rising, Coleen Seagren, Gladys Smith, 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 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 JULY**

Needed for July operating budget:	\$ 12,899.74
Received in July:	<u>\$ 14,442.80</u>
Amount Still Due for July:	<b>\$ -1,543.06 (over budget)</b>

**Does not include end of month giving**

### 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>
July 1 and 2	11	31	
July 8 and 9	19	23	
July 15 and 16	8	27	
July 22 and 23	14	31	

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## First Half Budget Update

Zion ended the first half of 2023 with a \$19,405.59 budget surplus. Our income as of June 30, 2023 was \$109,201.16 (70.54% of budget projections) and our expenses as of June 30, 2023 were \$89,795.57 (58.01% of budget projections).

On the income side, those who made budget pledges (44 families) to our current and benevolence for 2023 contributed \$77,247.60 through June 30, 2023. This was 55.5 % of the total pledged amount. In addition, we had contributions to current and benevolence from 44 additional families totaling \$22,187.00. The balance of our first half budget income came from miscellaneous contributions.

On the expense side, a slight increase in budget expenses came from our adjustment to Synod benevolence contributions (Zion council voted to increase our benevolence contributions from \$24,000 to \$30,000) and unexpected utilities (Gas) costs, elevator maintenance, and property repairs (garage roof, side walk and entry step repair). This pushed these two budget categories beyond the estimated 50% threshold with Synod benevolence at 62.5% of budget and property at 79.25% of budget.

We are currently invested in two Certificates of Deposit which we hope will provide us with \$12,080.00 in additional annual interest income for our general budget needs and \$5,010.00 in additional Mission Endowment growth. These are small but significant steps forward as we look toward calling a ministry intern sometime in 2024.

Council will begin work on our 2024 budget in the coming months. If you have questions or suggestions on areas where our budget can be improved, please seek out a council member and share your thoughts.

### **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 donation this month to: **IUP Food Pantry**

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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!

## Adult Bible Study to Start in July

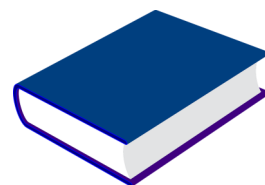
Responding to your suggestion to offer adult bible study for our congregation, an adult bible study has been organized. Beginning on **Wednesday July 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM**, the group will be reading "*Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived*" (2011) by Rob Bell.

We have acquired 10 copies of the book and interested members of the congregation can pick up their copy at Zion's office.

Additional meeting dates have been set for the following evenings at Zion Lutheran Church:

Wednesday August 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Wednesday August 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM



Please plan on joining us for this study. All are welcome!

## **Kney Refurbishment Project Update**

We are underway on two fronts with the Kney refurbishment project.

Our pledge campaign has received 21 responses with financial commitment to the project totaling \$65,310.00. This is 50.2% of our total approved budget of \$130,000.00. Our pledge campaign has an end date of July 31, 2023. If you have not yet pledged, there is still time to do so. A reminder that we extended the payment terms to three years, so you can commit your support and have until 2025 to fulfill your pledge.

Our refurbishment company J Zamberlan and Co. have removed those parts of the Kney needing off-site work. We have received, on loan, an organ from IUP which we will use until the Kney refurbishment is complete.

We are currently anticipating a November completion date for this project.

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## **Sight and Sound Trip A Success**

On Thursday July 13, 2023, members of our congregation traveled to Lancaster PA to the Sight and Sound Theatre to attend a production of "Moses".

The production was as promised; a sight and sound extravaganza with music, visual effects, live animals, amazing sets and a great bible story that kept the audience spellbound.

Our thirty-five intrepid souls survive a four-hour bus ride to and from to witness this grand event. Rewarded with an all you can eat smorgasbord for supper, our return trip landed us back home in Indiana at midnight.

This was our second trip to Sight and Sound (a production of "Jesus" was performed on our first visit) and the group agreed that we should consider another trip in 2024 where "Daniel" will be the year's production.

A very special **THANK YOU** to Kim Balcerak who organized the trip and all the accommodations and shepherded our group throughout the day. Kim's tireless work on these trips allows those who travel with her to have a full and relaxing day.

Kim, we are so grateful for your willingness to make this event a true success!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Ashli Mumau

Brian Miller

Christine Clark

Darla Mechling

Floyd Casaday

Geraldine Shatzer

Jaidyn McCullough

Jenn Rising

Jerry Ruffner

Karen Budris

Kathy Gaylor

Katie Sechrist

Logan Hess

Loretta Piper

Mary Nycum

Pastor Russ Crouthamel

Peggy Widdowson

Piper Lundberg

Prisca Maier

Richard Bush

Robert Shively

Shawn Houck

Shirley Hoover

Thomas Buckshaw

# **TRINITY 3-2-1 MINISTRY RETREAT SUMMARY**

## **A SACRED PAUSE: FATHER, TEACH US TO PRAY**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

# **A Sacred Pause: Lord, Teach Us to Pray**

**July 08, 2023, 9 AM to 3 PM**

**Elkin Hall, IUP Campus**

**Participants:** Gary Alsop, Linda Alsop, Dory Campbell, Jim Chapman, Ps. Tedd Cogar, Kalise Dugan, Maggie Dugan, Sue Dickson, Donna Fisher, Ernie Fisher, Shirley Horner, Kathy Keller, Beth Seal, Gail Sechrist, Sarah Shaffer, Becky Slade, Barry Widdowson, Peggy Widdowson, Bev Wissinger, Rik Wissinger.

**Summary:** You will find in the following data that overall the retreat went well.

- The location was highly rated.
- There was overwhelming responses to have another retreat in October at the latest.
- Fellowship and getting to know fellow-parishioners more deeply was appreciated.
- Folks often commented that they wanted more solitary time and more fellowship.
- Future retreats could be around the subjects of Prayer, Apostles, Hope, Diversity, the Future, Forgiveness & Self-worth or anything biblical.

Because this was a first step in our prayer, reflecting and listening for God's response and direction, we did not come to any firm conclusions, nor did we expect to have answers after one day of listening. **THIS IS AN ONGOING PROCESS.** We invite the entire Trinity 3-2-1 Ministry to continue to pray for and listen for answers from God. Equally important is to write your insights from your quiet time on the AHA! Sheets and to deposit them in the blue container at the rear of the sanctuary at Zion or mail them to Zion c/o Dory Campbell, 100 South Sixth Street, Indiana PA 15701. They will be collected and included with this report as an addendum. Thank you.

**WATCH** the newsletter for details of an upcoming October retreat.

## MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

June 12, 2023

**Call to order:** 6.30 pm

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

**Absent:** Pernell Bowersox

**Devotions:** Gail

**May minutes:** No changes (Shirley/Kim)

### **Pastors Report:**

- Synod assembly – The Bishop would like to hold a Convocation service in Indiana County (fall?), possibly here at Zion. The speaker is someone from Churchwide Assembly. More info to follow.
- Internship application. -Rik is working on filing the paperwork for the person doing their internship here at Zion. Due to class schedule conflicts the intern may not be here till spring.
- Grant application – Beth and Christine may be working on a grant available that they learned about at Synod assembly. This involves music and High School age students.
- Campus ministry – Pastor will be meeting this Thurs with Campus ministry.
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**Facebook** – Nice pictures were posted from the Sat eve outdoor service.

### **Financial Report, May –**

May showed income above budget, but also expenses were above budget. They should be at 41.67% of budget but we are at 50.8% of budget. Increase expenses included a re-shingle of the garage roof, and emergency repair of the old coal chute. Currently there is approximately \$16,000 surplus.

There were some errors in reporting the assets and expenses last month when the CDs were purchased. This is stuck in the accounting program Shepherd staff. Kevin will be working with Shepherd Staff to correct this. The money is there, was just recorded wrong.

### **Committee Reports**

**Administration & Finance** – The CDs were purchased.

**Staff Support** – Rik

Jim asked for a few days off the week of July 4 because family coming from out of town. No issues.

**Nominating Committee** – Don Seagren

### **Evangelism/Stewardship-**

1. Dory needs more timely communication to her and the committee on illness/deaths in the congregation.
2. Dory asked for comments and approval for making up a card to hand out with Zion information (service times, address/phone), and the **6-Steps of Discipleship**. She will go ahead with this.
3. Shirley has a small gift to be passed out for the men at the Father's Day weekend services.
4. Dory asked for input about having a *Faith Float* participating in the Indiana Christmas Parade usually held the end of November. We could work along with Calvary on this.

## MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL—cont

1.Sight and Sound- Moses July 13. – There are 37 going.

### **Parish Ed –**

- Jen Rising has resigned as Director. Jesse has made the schedule for the lessons for next year. Some discussion on Sunday school, who to have replace Jen, attracting more students.
- 1<sup>st</sup> communion – The students baked the communion bread for the service. All went well.

### **Property- Becky**

- Window Project- Contract signed and windows being ordered. They may be able to start as soon as late summer. People have reached out to some artisans who may be interested in “repurposing” some of the stained glass pieces/windows that are removed.
- Kitchen Project – This project has started. The kitchen is cleared/gutted and renovation is in progress. This should take about 4 weeks.
- The coal chute opening on the Church Street sidewalk was deteriorating and unsafe. Jim placed calls and within days a company came to fill it in with cement and now it is not a safety hazard.
- Bat guy – We are waiting for bids from the company for safe removal of the bats and measures put in place to prevent their return.
- Becky will be meeting this Wed June 14 with Barbara Hague a Landscape Architect for guidance on the Greenspace area.
- Sidewalk repair. Grant money is available, and we have applied for it to use to repair/replace the multiple unsafe sidewalk slabs surrounding the church on both Church Street and South 6<sup>th</sup> street. This will be an expensive project but the grant money should pay for a good portion.

### **Rec & Fell – nothing**

### **Social Ministry-**

Sue asked if she could put up signs/requests donations of school supplies from the congregation members to help fill the backpacks for the children registered for the 14<sup>th</sup> Back to School Bash. (Aug 19, 2023) The collection would be for two items; plastic pencil boxes for the elementary ages, and Composition books for the upper ages. Information will be placed in the newsletter.

### **Trinity 3-2-1 –**

The committee is working with Luther Chapel and Campus Center on the internship agreement paperwork.

### **Worship & Music-**

- Kney Organ – The Zamberlin Company will be sending a contract. It will be below our budget of \$130,000. They hope to start as soon as mid-July. A letter will be going out to the congregation for those who may want to pledge a 3 yr. commitment to help fund the refurbishing of the Kney.
- Outdoor service – The first one this year was on Sat June 10<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful evening and 15 were present at the service. The second planned outdoor service is set for June 24<sup>th</sup>. This will also be a special day as there will be after service refreshments celebrating Kevin and Kathy Huston’s 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
- Refurbishing Altar Brass – nothing new at this time.

## **MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL—cont**

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- Refurbishing Altar Brass – nothing new at this time.
- On-line Worship- The fiber optic cable has been installed, but a corrected part is on order. It has been decided to hold off placing the camera and the rest of the equipment up in the choir loft until the Kney organ work is complete and the organ reinstalled. This is to prevent damage to the new equipment with all the work in the loft.

### **Old Business-**

Sue showed the council the new fully Automatic AED. It is placed in the same wall box as the old unit. Dory mentioned that Calvary was starting to plan a CPR class and will see if any Zion members would like to take the class.

### **New Business- none**

Submitted by Sue Dickson June 19, 2023

## **ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**July 6, 2023**

**Call to order-** 7:03 pm

**Present-** Kevin Huston, Rik Wissinger, Sue Dickson, Pernell Bowersox, Gail Sechrist, Kim Balcerak

**June Minutes-** approved (Rik/Kim)

### **Financial Report**

**May Financials** – Bookkeeping error with the CD purchases was corrected by Kevin and Shepherd Staff. A corrected copy of the May financials was given out to the committee.

**June Financials** - S&T checking balance is lower at \$4,980. Kevin has directed Bev to move some money from savings into the checking for bills. Income is still above budget.

Expense for books for the Bible Study placed under Parish Ed.

IGS gas/electric. – Kevin to meet with the company to see how we can lock in some lower rates before increase.

Researching an insurance plan for bundled gas/electric/water lines for both inside and outside.

June financials approved (Rik/Kim)

### **2024 Budget Process**

Continue Budget Pledges – Last 2 years budget was planned by looking at our pledges. Pledges have decreased but meeting budget. Question for committee to think about the new budget plans in the fall and should we plan the budget on what we have been getting in not just the pledges. Think about it.

Committee Budget Requests – At council, the committees will be asked to plan budget requests.

### **Ongoing Facilities Projects**

Window Project – We are waiting on company representative to come out for final measurements.

Kitchen Project - Ongoing, looks like flooring is going in. Drywall done.

Kney Organ Refurbishment – Organ has been dismantled and moved to shop for refurbishment.

Fund raising campaign - \$46,400 pledged.

Grant writing process – in process

Online Project – Installation is on hold till organ work is complete and reinstalled to protect the expensive camera.

### **Old Business**

Intern project – The paperwork is filled out. Pastor needs to fill out more and then it will be submitted. It is 21 pages of forms.

Pernell made note that the South 6<sup>th</sup> entranceway ceiling is leaking again.

### **New Business**

Adjourn at 8:03 pm

Submitted by Sue Dickson July 9, 2023

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**July 18, 2023**

**Members Present: Becky Slade, Jim Laughlin, Dave Keith, Don Seagren, Kevin Huston, Kathy Huston**

### **Current Projects**

- 1.6/22/2023 – Pianos were tuned
- 2.6/22/2023 – Sidewalk repair was completed
- 3.6/27/2023 – Kney organ refurbishment project started
- 4.6/28/2023 – IUP organ arrives at Zion (on loan during refurbishment project)
- 5.6/28/2023 – Environmental Pest Control service performed
- 6.7/3/2023 - Bid for new outdoor sign received
- 7.7/18/2023 – Miller Plumbing repaired a toilet and urnal that had been leaking causing increased cost to our water bill
- 8.7/18/2023 – Elevator semi-annual inspection was performed

### **On Going Projects:**

- 1.The committee received a bid of \$11,200.00 to resolve the bat infestation problem at Zion. This will entail capturing and removal of the bats to a new out of town location and sealing all areas susceptible to pest incursion. Council reviewed this bid and asked the committee to revisit this with the vendor for clarification on several issues
- 2.Pennington Construction continues to make progress on the kitchen renovation project. New ceiling, walls and flooring have been installed along with new electrical and lighting. Project is on schedule.
- 3.Window replacement contract was 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.A landscape architect has been contacted for assistance in designing our greenspace landscaping. In addition we are looking into adding a columbarium within the design.

### **Available Funds for Projects**

Capital Improvement Account Balance: \$178,703.41

Thrivent Kitchen Fund - \$22,570.67

Kitchen Renovation Fund - \$5,940.52

ZARP Account Balance: \$ 9,640.24 (reserved for green space)

**The Committee’s next meeting will be Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

**Formal recommendations to council:**

**Recommend accepting bid from Blue Sky Sign Company LLc in the amount of \$4,470.00 for installation of new building sign and removal and disposal of the old sign.**



## **WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**July 11, 2023**

**Members Present: Kathy Huston, Kevin Huston, Pastor Tedd Cogar, Sue Dickson, Keith Ferguson**

### **Topics Discussed:**

1. The committee designated August 12 and August 26 as being outdoor services. Announcement will be made in the newsletter.
2. We are completing the application paperwork for the Ministry Formation/Seminary Intern (Jane Miller). We hope to begin this program starting with the Seminary Winter semester.
3. The committee did some planning work on the Patriot Day service September 9, 2023 (at 5:30 PM)
  - a. It was agreed to keep the service similar to 2022
  - b. The committee suggested several hymns to be used by the guest organists to avoid repetition of the same music
4. Bishop Lozano is available to meet on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, prior to the service. The meeting will be held at 3:00 PM in Zion's social hall.
5. Zion will be supporting "Bachtoberfest" at Christ Episcopal Church on September 17, 2023 (3:00-5:00 PM)
6. The committee is planning a Kney Organ rededication service. A hymn sing and a hymn fest featuring Tom Trenney will be part of that.
7. The committee selected hymns for August.

### **Recommendation to Council:**

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday August 29, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Huston

## August 2023

Date	Lay Reader	Altar Guild	Ushers	Assist. Min.	Tellers
August 5/6	5:30-Sue Dickson 9:30-Tyson Ellenberger	Sat-AM & PM—Sharon O'Keiff Sun-Sue Dickson	5:30-Dave & Linda Malin 9:30-Gary Ellenberger	5:30-Rik Wissinger 9:30-Beth Grafton	Kim Balcerak
August 12/13	5:30-Kalise Dugan 9:30-Beth Grafton	Sat AM & PM-Louise Buchanan Sun-Becky Slade	5:30-Rik & Bev Wissinger 9:30-Tyson Ellenberger	5:30-Kim Balcerak 9:30-Kevin Huston	Kim Balcerak
August 19/20	5:30-Claudia Ditch 9:30-Josh Widdowson	Sat-AM-Jan Cikowski, PM -Bev Wissinger Sun-Kathy Huston	5:30-Shirley Horner, Chuck Rodnicki 9:30-Pernell Bowersox	5:30-Kevin Huston 9:30-Rik Wissinger	Kim Balcerak
August 26/27	5:30-Karen Gresh 9:30-Jenn Rising	Sat-AM Kathy Huston, PM Shirley Horner Sun-Sue Dickson	5:30-Dave & Linda Malin 9:30-Jim Slade	5:30-Kim Balcerak 9:30-Beth Grafton	Kim Balcerak
	Jenn Rising	Kathy Huston	5:30 Dave Malin 9:30 Dave Keith Pernell Boxwersox	Kim Balcerak	

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Narcotics Anonymous meetings Sunday evenings		1	2	3	4	5 5:30 Liturgy
6 9:30 Liturgy	7	8	9 6 Bible Study  7 Adm/Finance Mtg	10	11 Zion office closed	12 5:30 Liturgy (outdoor service)
13 9:30 Liturgy	14 6:30 Council Mtg	15 7 Property Mtg	16	17	18 Zion office closed	19 9-12:30 Back to School Bash  5:30 Liturgy
20 9:30 Liturgy	21	22	23 6 Bible Study	24	25 Zion office closed	26 5:30 Liturgy (outdoor service)
27 9:30 Liturgy	28	29 7 W&M Meeting	30 7 Parish Ed Mtg	31 Newsletter Mailed		



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