

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Dear friends at Zion, Luther Chapel, and Lutheran Campus Ministry,

The sound of the IUP Marching Band has returned and this signifies to me that the academic year has started. Autumn is here—the season of fire pits, flannel, and football games. Oktoberfest is just around the corner, as is our annual meeting for Zion. Luther Chapel's annual meeting is a little later.

This summer, our time in the Gospel as told by Matthew has been about exploring who Jesus is and how he is revealed as the Messiah. As Simon Peter blurted out "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16) when Jesus asked the disciples who they say that Jesus is. That phrase, "Son of the living God" is important to us as Christians, and I think we do not spend enough time focusing on it. We proclaim Jesus as the crucified son of God, but we do not really explore or discuss how God is living, in our midst.

In one of our sessions for our *Love, Wins* discussion, we watched one of the *Nooma* videos by the same author of the book, Rob Bell. These videos were created between 2002 and 2009 and the pronunciation is the same as the Greek work *pneuma* meaning wind or spirit or breath. As we inhale and exhale, as we breathe, we are reminded of the spirit of God given to creation. We bless each other by breathing, by exchanging 'peace' with each other.

The Spirit of God flows through our congregations, with our interactions, blessing us as we too proclaim Jesus is the long-awaited and much anticipated Messiah, the Son of the living God in, with, and around us! Divine revelation brought the understanding to Peter which enabled him to proclaim the identity of Jesus, and for us, our Holy Baptism brings us to an awareness.

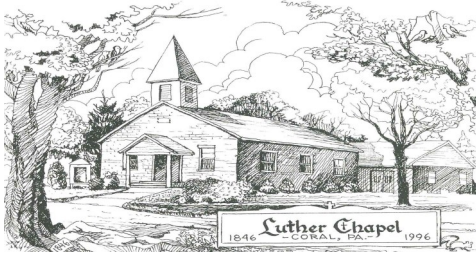
As we are anticipating the return of the Gabriel Kney organ this year, we have some exciting plans in the works—more information to come on this in upcoming newsletters. We have also been working on the upgrade to our streaming capabilities. Yes, these have been delayed, but the work has continued.

**HAPPY
LABOR
DAY**

A hope that I have for Zion is to take a look at the stated Mission for the Congregation and begin to review it. I hope that Luther Chapel will begin to draft a mission statement during this time, as well. Zion's Mission reads: "God calls us into a community in Christ to gather for worship; share the good news; reach out in love and service to our world using the gifts God gives us; and support one another in our ministries." It is a fine statement, but when asked about a mission statement, it took some time for individuals to remember that it existed and we had to search to find it. If you are looking for it, it can be found on the website.

As we move from summer into a new season together, I want to take a moment and thank Kevin Huston for his work guiding the congregation of Zion. He has been the leading changemaker of bulletins, the accountant (I'm making up a new word here) of budgets, and the writer of newsletters. And so much more behind the scenes. I have appreciated learning from him and walking with him as an Assisting Minister and in his leadership of Council. Much of the success of the congregation needs to be attributed to Kevin. And with each of you, I thank God for you, for your service and for your pneuma.

+Pastor Tedd



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

We had a wonderful time at Blue Spruce Park thanks to our Youth Group led by Darlene Brown Beatty. This was a 3-2-1 event well attended by Luther Chapel members and families. We had lots of good food and even ice cream sundaes for dessert.

The WELCA group broke all the records with an unbelievable total of 40 quilts and 40 health care kits made. These kits and quilts were delivered to the disaster relief warehouse on Friday August 25. The trip was fun and beautiful weather down and return home. While there we got to see the assembly line volunteer workers sorting and repacking kits and wrapping blankets. The warehouse was almost full and getting ready to ship to Hawaii or another fire zone. They told us the need for help is great and it is worldwide like never before.

Council learned of a Thrivent project to match funds for every two dollars donated for Hawaii they will match with one dollar so we voted to begin with a \$100.00 fund and ask the congregation to help us by donating to the pool. This request will run to the last Sunday of September.

Darlene has plans for another youth group activity for fall. Those plans will be announced later.

Thank you to Harold Housholder Jr. and sons for mowing and caring for the church grounds. This care makes a big impact.

Our ladies from our WELCA group meet at the Church every Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 for quilt making. All are invited to help or just come and visit. We have a nice fellowship meeting while doing God's work with our hands.

God Bless and stay safe.

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, Family of Sue Johns (sons-Avery & Holden), Bishop Michael Lozano, Prisca Maier, Holly Miller, Paula Miller, Dave Nycum, Shawn Otto, Fred Park, Loretta Piper, Sandy Prinkey, Bob Reifsteck, Jenn Rising, Coleen Seagren, Gladys Smith, Todd Walters, 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.

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.

We grieve with the family of Judy Matsko. Judy passed away on August 11, 2023. Her service was held at Rairigh-Bence Funeral Home on Tuesday, August 15.

GIVING REPORT: MONTH OF AUGUST

Needed for August operating budget:	\$ 12,899.40
Received in August:	<u>\$ 12,230.40</u>
Amount Still Due for August:	\$ 669.00

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

<u>Service Dates</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
August 5 and 6	22	36
August 12 and 13	11	36
August 19 and 20	17	29
August 26 and 27	17	28

BOSCOV'S!! will have "Friends Helping Friends" on Wednesday, October 18th, from 8 AM to 11 PM. Shop at the Johnstown, Altoona, Butler or Beaver stores and receive 25% off most merchandise and 10% off small appliances. Purchase a \$5.00 Shopping Pass (Zion gets to keep 100% of this donation) and you get to have a fun day shopping at Boscov's. So, purchase your Shopping Pass, tell your friends, family and neighbors to save that day for a fun shopping day. It's a great way to start your Christmas shopping.

To purchase your Shopping Pass contact:

Kim Balcerak 724/388-2341 or
 Bev Swatsworth 724/465-5597 Zion Lutheran Church office

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 11, is the 18th Annual Jerry Ruffner Film Festival. More information will come in the October newsletter.

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: **Alice Paul House**

14th Indiana County Back to School Bash

A big **Thank you** to those of Zion for your donations of school supplies collected in July. We collected 75 plastic Pencil boxes, and over 125 Composition books. The event was held on Saturday, August 19. It was a beautiful day, (in 14 years we have never had rain). The 400 children registered were each given brand new backpacks filled with school supplies. At the festive event here on Church Street, they were able to get free haircuts, play games, face paintings, live DJ, visit vendors each giving away free items, and receive a Grab n Go lunch for all.

Thank you Zion, Gods work, our hands.

Eucharistic Ministers

Each month, Kathy and I visit members of the congregation unable to attend worship. We do this to bring Holy Communion and a bit of Zion into their homes. We have so much to share and we want those we visit to soak in some of the congregational energy that surrounds Zion each month.

We find that those we visit are anxious for news from the congregation and we hope that by sharing this along with the Eucharist, the members we visit feel a little closer to the greater congregation. We are blessed that they allow us into their homes each month to provide this ministry. It is the most important thing we do at Zion.

We are sure that we are not reaching all that we could. If you are unable to attend worship or have had illness or surgery, whether in the hospital or at home recovering, and you would like to share the same Holy Communion that the congregation shares each Saturday and Sunday, all you need to do is call us.

Kevin and Kathy Huston 724-349-4208

Kney Organ Refurbishment Update

As we close the books on July 2023, I would like to update you on where we stand with the fund-raising campaign for the Kney organ refurbishment.

As of July 31, 2023, we have received 24 pledges totaling \$79,110.00. This is 60.8% of our funding goal of \$130,000.

If you have misplaced or have forgotten to send in your pledge, please know that we will be glad to accept it at any time in the future.

Those of you who wish to support the Kney organ refurbishment project but are unable to make a pledge commitment can do so by sending in your donation with your regular weekly envelopes. Just mark the "Other" box on your envelope with the amount and write "KNEY" under the amount you wish to contribute.

Repairs on the Kney are currently progressing off-site. We are hoping to have the Kney ready for worship in early December 2023.

We will continue to update you each month on our progress.

“Building for the Future Campaign” Announced by Lutherlyn

Our congregation received communication from Lutherlyn in July announcing their campaign “Building for the Future”. The campaign has a goal of \$2,500,000 (\$1,500,000 of which has already been raised) to address the future needs of the facility.

Lutherlyn has a goal of funding five professionally constructed “winterized” cabins at a cost of \$1,000,000, the renovation of the Steinger Memorial Amphitheater at a cost \$500,000, the removal of the outdated and unusable Shaulis Cabins along with road and site improvements at a cost of \$500,000 and the building an additional five “Seasonal” cabins at a cost of \$500,000.

Over the years, Lutherlyn has been a valuable resource for Zion. Many of our congregation’s former and current youth have taken advantage of the various programs offered at the camp.

Our ongoing support for sending Zion’s youth to Lutherlyn has been faithfully supported through our ongoing “Kelly Jones, Lutherlyn scholarship fund”. Without the generous support of Gene and Karen Jones, who began the fund in memory of Kelly and the many Zion members who continue to honor Kelly by donating to the scholarship fund, many of our young members would be unable to experience the rich resources that Lutherlyn provides.

We will be seeking guidance from the congregation on how best to respond to this appeal. Our choices are between a fund-raising campaign asking for individual contributions from the congregation or making a congregational gift to the campaign by way of a one-time donation.

We have several available fund sources to draw from if we decide on the one-time congregational gift. There is money in the Memorial Fund, the Youth Activities Fund and the Youth Gathering Fund (we have no youth who are currently age eligible to attend the 2024 event). All of these options need to receive approval by vote of the congregation so they can be used for this purpose.

We will place the issue on the agenda for our upcoming Annual Meeting which will be held on Sunday, November 19, 2023, at 5:00 PM.

If you would like to hear more about the happenings at Lutherlyn or hear testimonial as to the benefits of the program experience at the camp, please contact Beck Slade.

Whirl Classroom Year 2023-2024

Date	Lesson	Verses
September 10, 2023	Rally Day Adam and Eve Baby Moses	Genesis 2:4-25; 3:1-24 Exodus 2:1-10
September 24, 2023	The Burning Bush and the Plagues The Red Sea	Exodus 3:1-15, 7:14-12:32 Exodus 14:1-30
October 1, 2023	The Ten Commandments Joshua	Exodus 20:1-17 Joshua 6:1-20
October 15, 2023	Ruth and Naomi God Calls Samuel	Ruth 1 1 Samuel 3:1-20
October 29, 2023	Reformation Sunday Martin Luther Lesson	
November 12, 2023	Davis is Anointed	1 Samuel 16:1-13
Back to Back Weeks	Davis and Goliath	1 Samuel 17:1-49
November 19, 2023	Kings David and Solomon	2 Samuel 7:1-17; 1 Kings 2:10-12, 6
Back to Back Weeks	The Lord is My Shepherd	Psalms 23
December 3, 2023	Malachi's Words An Angel Visits Joseph	Malachi 3:1-4 Matthew 1:18-25
December 17, 2023	John Prepares the Way Jesus is Born	Mark 1:1-18 Luke 2:1-20
December 24, 2023	Christmas Eve – No Sunday School	
December 31, 2023	New Year's Eve – No Sunday School	
January 7, 2024	Jesus Calls Disciples The Beatitudes	Matthew 4:18-22; 9:9-13; 10:1-4 Matthew 5:1-12
January 21, 2024	Jesus Walks on Water The Parable of the Vineyard	Matthew 14:22-33 Matthew 20:1-16
February 4, 2024	Jesus Turns Water to Wine Mary and Martha	John 2:1-11 Luke 10:38-42
February 18, 2024	Jesus Raises Lazarus The Lost Sheep and Coin	John 11:1-45 Luke 15:1-10
March 3, 2024	Jesus Heals Ten with Leprosy Jesus Feeds 5,000	Luke 17:11-19 John 6:1-21
March 17, 2024	Nicodemus at Night Mary Anoints Jesus	John 3:1-17 John 12:1-8
Back to back weeks	Matthew's Holy Week	Matthew 21:1-11; 27:27-66
March 24, 2024	Jesus Is Risen	Matthew 28:1-10
Back to back weeks	Easter – No Sunday School	
March 31, 2024		
April 7, 2024	The Road to Emmaus The Ascension	Luke 24:13-25 Acts 1:6-14
April 21, 2024	The Holy Spirit at Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21
May 5, 2024	Peter and Tabitha	Acts 9:36-43
May 19, 2024	Last Day of Sunday School Paul, Silas, and the Earthquake Rejoice in the Lord Always	Acts 16:16-34 Philippians 4:1-9



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!

Green Corner NWPA Synod Green Team

Fall is an excellent time to plant trees, and it's also a good time to rescue smaller tree and shrub seedling volunteers like oaks and maples now sprouting in various flower beds and waste areas all around us so this project can be free or very inexpensive if you plant nuts and seeds to increase the amount of vegetation around you and provide food for wildlife. Do ask homeowners before you uproot seedlings in flowerbeds other than your own. Or you can purchase seedlings or larger trees to plant. God helps us with the watering in fall and winter. If you have concerns about plants being dry, don't hesitate to get out there and water them. Always use the best soil you can, and that may mean that the soil at the surface should go into the hole with the roots. Always use something as mulch, to hold moisture in the soil while trying not to touch the little tree with mulch. I even recycle old clothes as mulch, as long as the tree is in an established garden bed, absolutely not where a lawnmower would touch the fabric. That's an instant tragedy! Mowed grass is an excellent free mulch and improves soil as well. Protect the new seedlings from chewing animals. I cage all new trees until leaves and small branches are taller than me, beyond where deer can reach. It's amazing how fast trees grow, some far more than a foot a year! Planting trees around houses can lower temperatures in the yard and in the house as well, if they are properly sited. I have whole house air conditioning but have had no need to use it for years. The trees make the difference. Do some research, looking for what conditions your seedlings will need—sun or shade, dry or damp conditions. Conifer trees and shrubs on the north and northwest side of a house block cold winter winds and help to cool the area around them in summer. Deciduous summer shade trees should be planted on the west or east side of houses (mine are on the west). When the leaves fall, the sun can help heat the house in the winter. Reuse your leaves as mulch to feed the soil. Consider planting trees back far enough from houses to remove concerns of adult trees falling on houses. After living here 46 years, most of the thousands of trees I've planted are adult now. But I plant trees and nuts every year. It is a true blessing to feel the difference in air temperature and wind currents these trees make now, both in and out of the house. Please, be a blessing to God's world and plant for our future.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Colin Carloni
Dan Heggenstaller
Diane Howard
Don Seagren
Ed Chapman
Irene Wallaert
Jean Casaday
Josh Widdowson
Kallen Snyder
Karen Jones
Kim McCullough
Margaret Buckshaw
Marietta Foltz
Richard Thorell
Roberta Ryan
Ron Anderson
Ross Nycum
Wynne Kmetz

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

July 10, 2023

Call to order: 6:30

Present: Kevin Huston, Kimberly McCullough, Rik Wissinger, Gail Sechrist, Pernell Bowersox, Sheri Bowersox, Becky Slade, Kim Balcerak, Shirley Horner, Sue Dickson **Absent:** Dory Campbell

Devotions: Shirley Horner

June Minutes: June minutes were approved with a few corrections. (Rik/Kim)

Pastor's Report: The first July outdoor service went well.

The Sacred Pause Prayer retreat held on July 8 was well attended, and those in attendance would like to plan another retreat in the next few months. Pastor placed some photos from both the retreat and the outdoor service on Zion's Facebook page.

The "Love Wins" bible study will be starting Wed July 12.

Facebook/Website – Sheri Bowersox. Still investigating someone to help with the website.

Review of Financial Reports: May and June

May financials were corrected with help of Shephard's Staff personnel. We are still looking at a recording correction in savings account section for the amount of \$340.

June- June income above budget.

S&T checking balance is lower at \$4,980. Kevin has directed Bev to move some money from savings into the checking for bills. 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 the increase. Also doing research on bundled insurance plans for gas/electric/water lines.

Motion to approve financial report and file. (Shirley/Kim)

Committee Reports

Administration & Finance –

Next year's budget. Should we do another request for pledges to help plan the budget. Prior budget was planned using the pledges. Our pledges have decreased, but we are still meeting our budget with income above budget. There are 12 families who are giving 66% of our budget. This year should we plan the budget on our estimated income received, or strictly from the pledge amounts? The committees are asked to submit budget requests for 2024.

Staff Support – Rik - With the upcoming budget planning be thinking about raises for staff for next year.

A question was asked if we have any estimate for expense for an intern. Rik said it would be about \$38k

Nominating Committee- Don Seagren

Evangelism/Stewardship- Dory Campbell

Prayer retreat- Went very well. There will be a summary in the next newsletter.

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL—cont

Bible Study – This Wed starts the book “Love Wins”.

Sight and Sound – The trip to see “Moses” is this Thursday July 13

Kim planning the next Boscov’s “Friends Helping Friends” fundraiser on Oct 18, 2023

Parish Education – Gail Sechrist

Director of Christian Ed – We have no one for that position at this time. Gail will continue to make sure meetings are held for Sunday School.

Property- Becky Slade

The sidewalks have been repaired, MC Alarm has met with the kitchen contractors about the kitchen smoke alarms, and Becky has met with 2 people about plans for the Greenspace.

Bat infestation – The pest control company has given Zion a bid for \$11,200 to remove/trap the bats on premises and work to repair and block areas where they are coming in. Council members brought up some additional questions they would like to ask the company before starting a contract. It was also learned that the bat dung has left etched marks on the organ pipes. A concern that there could be much more damage if we don’t get rid of the bats.

Windows – Final measurements will be taken soon with the install probably early fall.

New church sign – looking at 2 vendors, plans in process

Rec & Fellowship- Shirley Horner

Possible Oktoberfest being planned for this fall. No date set yet.

Baptism August 6th –

Social Ministry – Sue Dickson

Back to School Bash collection during July for pencil boxes and Composition books.

July collections are for the food bank at Salvation Army.

Trinity 3-2-1 Rik - August 15th next meeting

Worship & Music

Kney Organ Refurbishment – There is more damage to some of the larger pipes than expected due to age, vibration and the weight of the large pipes. The work has been outsourced to another company. The additional cost still puts the total cost \$6,000 below the budgeted limit.

Pledging – So far there has been \$64,610 pledged toward refurbishment expense.

Grant Writing – Nothing new to report, but still looking into this.

On line Worship- On hold till work on the organ is complete.

Old Business

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 9, 2023

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

Call to order: 7:18 pm

July Minutes were reviewed and approved no changes. (Rik/Kim)

July Financials:

July Current and Benevolence (\$19,458.60) is above budget by \$7,852.77. Kevin pointed out on the financial report that the donations coming in for the Organ Restoration will go into the Capital Improvement fund. The income surplus this year so far is \$25,774. Our expenses have been above budget mainly due to property expense. Motion was made to file financials for audit. (Rik/Kim)

2024 Budget Process – Kevin passed out a sample draft of the 2024 budget. This was built based on what our donations have been running on average the past two years (both years had income over budget), and not based on pledges as was done the last two years. For the 2023 year the pledges did not meet the budget so a 2022 surplus amount of \$9,353 was moved to this year to balance the budget. For the 2024 budget the difference between the expected (avg.) donations and the budgeted income will be made up with the interest earned in the CD's and the \$25,000 2023 surplus will go into the Budget Surplus O2 account.

Discussion followed about whether we should send out pledge requests this year.

Ongoing Facilities Projects-

Window – Final measurements have been done. Installation will probably move to spring 2024.

Kitchen – Kitchen is complete and bill paid. Need to wipe down all surfaces and put things back in.

Kney Organ Refurbishment – We received pledges of \$79,110 with \$16,650 received already. Grant work is still in process

Online Project – Lines run.

Old Business –

Intern project- In process. 2024 budget will have cost for intern included.

Bat removal project – 3 different bids have come in. This will be discussed at Property Committee.

Elevator - We are looking into getting an additional bid for repair.

New Business – none

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm (Gail/Kim)

Submitted by Susan Dickson 8/9/23

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 15, 2023

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

Current Projects

- 1.7/21/2023 – Ceiling support Beams in Furnace room are failing
- 2.7/21/2023 – Purchased a dehumidifier to combat moisture in furnace room – main cause of roof support failure
- 3.7/25/2023 – Environmental Pest Control service performed
- 4.7/27/2023 – Minor electrical repairs made in furnace room to provide power to dehumidifier
- 5.8/1/2023 – Received bids for bat removal
- 6.8/3/2023 - Kitchen fire suppression system re-installed following renovation
- 7.8/10/2023 – Repairs to access door “FOB” system made
- 8.8/12/2023 – Loose parquet tiles around Nave piano area were repaired

On Going Projects:

- 1.The committee received two additional bids for having the bat infestation issue resolved. Both bids include sealing all areas that are currently allowing the bats to enter the building.
 - a.Bid One – Terminex - \$9,548.00 with annual fee of \$496.00 to insure building integrity
 - b.Bid Two – Erlich - \$7,980.00 follow up needed on yearly inspection and building integrity
- 1.Pennington Construction has completed the kitchen renovation on schedule. All bills for the project have been satisfied
- 2.Window replacement project continues with final window measurements being taken in July. Installation schedule appears to be in early spring
- 3.Kney Organ refurbishment continues and is on schedule to be completed in early December
- 4.A landscape architect has submitted a landscape plan for the green space. Search for a landscaper to provide and install the necessary materials to complete the plan is now underway.

Available Funds for Projects

Capital Improvement Account Balance: \$148,319.04

Thrivent Building Maintenance Fund - \$22,570.67

Kitchen Renovation Fund - \$6,015.52

ZARP Account Balance: \$ 9,776.71 (reserved for green space)

The Committee’s next meeting will be Tuesday, September 19, 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.

Committee recommends that the bat infestation bids be submitted to the full congregation at the November annual meeting for discussion and decision on a resolution plan.

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 22, 2023

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

Topics Discussed:

- 1.The committee discussed a proposal from our Director of Music to provide funding for continuing to use IUP students to supplement our choir membership. The added voices have been providing much needed volume to our Sunday music offering.
- 2.The application paperwork for the Ministry Formation/Seminary Intern (Jane Miller) has been submitted to the seminary. We are still waiting final financial figures that will be required to support the internship program. We hope to begin this program starting with the Seminary Winter semester.
- 3.The committee finalized the program for the Patriot Day service (September 9, 2023 (at 5:30 PM). The program was submitted to Beverly to be printed.
- 4.Bishop Lozano is available to meet on Saturday September 9th 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 September.

Recommendation to Council:

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday September 26, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Huston

PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 26, 2023

Present: Jess Baum Mehus

Absent: Gail Sechrist and Tedd Cogar

Parish Ed Committee Update: Jenn Rising has stepped down as DCE.

Jess Baum will continue on with Sunday School, only.

Arrangements will be made to get Parish Ed computer from Jenn.

CATECHISM:

No update.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday School will resume the first Sunday after Labor Day.

Sunday School Teachers/Volunteers:

Will put in request for volunteers.

Request for new DCE and/or continue with individuals to chair VBS and Intergenerational and special events.

Sunday School Calendar:

Using Whirl Blue Calendar Year

Intergenerational/Trinity 3-2-1/Special Events:

No update. Request for volunteer to update and manage.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

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NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting – time and/or date change

BUDGET: No update or requests.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

N/A

AUTUMN IS COMING



September 2023

Date	Lay Reader	Altar Guild	Ushers	Assist. Min.	Tellers
Sep 2/3	5:30-Jerry Ruffner 9:30-Sue Dickson	Sat-AM & PM—Sharon O'Keiff Sun-Sue Dickson	5:30-Shirley Horner, Chuck Rodnicki 9:30-Don & Dawn Seagren	5:30-Kim Balcerak 9:30-Sue Dickson	Kim Balcerak
Sep 9/10	5:30-Jim Chapman 9:30-Tyson Ellenberger	Sat AM & PM- Sun-Becky Slade	5:30-Rik & Bev Wissinger 9:30-Gary Ellenberger	5:30- 9:30-Beth Grafton	Kim Balcerak
Sep 16/17	5:30-Sue Dickson 9:30-Beth Grafton	Sat-AM-Jan Cikowski, PM -Bev Wissinger Sun-Kathy Huston	5:30 9:30-Tyson Ellenberger	5:30-Kim Balcerak 9:30-Kevin Huston	Kim Balcerak
Sep 23/24	5:30-Kami Dugan 9:30-Josh Widdowson	Sat-AM Kathy Huston, PM Shirley Horner Sun-Sue Dickson	5:30-Dave & Linda Malin 9:30-Pernell Bowersox	5:30-Sue Dickson 9:30-Stephanie Brady	Kim Balcerak
Sep 30/Oct 1	5:30-Kalise Dugan 9:30-Jenn Rising	Sat-AM & PM—Sharon O'Keiff Sun-Sue Dickson	5:30-Dave & Linda Malin 9:30-Jim Slade	5:30-Kevin Huston 9:30-Rik Wissinger	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 Zion office closed	2 5:30 Liturgy
3 9:30 Liturgy 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:45 Choir Rehearsal	4 HOLIDAY <u>Office Closed/Jim Off</u> Labor Day	5	6	7	8 Zion office closed 7 Adm/Finance Mtg (Special Day)	9 5:30 PATRIOT DAY SERVICE Bishop Lazano Visit
10 9:30 Liturgy 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:45 Choir Rehearsal Sunday School Starts	11 6:30 Council Mtg	12	13	14	15 Zion office closed	16 5:30 Liturgy
17 9:30 Liturgy 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:45 Choir Rehearsal	28	19 7 Property Mtg	20	21	22 Zion office closed	23 5:30 Liturgy
24 9:30 Liturgy 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:45 Choir Rehearsal Sunday School	25	26 6:30 W&M Mtg	27 7 Parish Ed Mtg	28 Newsletter Mailed	29	30



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