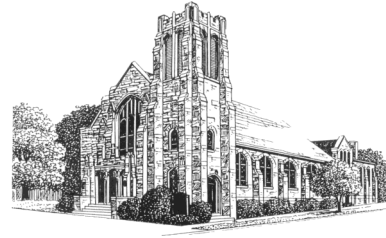


# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



February 2024

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Dear Trinity 3-2-1,

The new year brings a time of transition, we move from the joy of Christmas to the Epiphany of Christ. Learning who Jesus is and what kind of Messiah he is for the world, including us. As we move from New Year resolutions to promises of giving up items during Lent our year progresses. Let us not rush the wonder and joy and exploration of Christ's presence in our lives.

As we work our way from the manger to the cross in the upcoming weeks, we will revisit the calling of the disciples, and our own calling to be followers of Jesus. We will also see how Peter speaks for us at times, and we may even see how we can learn from Peter (or maybe that's just me).

In our upcoming texts, particularly in Mark, we will see that angels are present in places that are surprising, at least to me. I encourage you to pay attention to those places. I think about this section where in Hebrews 13:1-2 we read: "1 Let mutual love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." I read this as good news for our ministry together. How can our mutual love for God's world be extended through Trinity 3-2-1? How are we serving God and God's people in our individual congregations and through our work together? I think about the joy shared at our Advent 4 service hosted by Luther Chapel. We rejoiced in worship at God's table and in dining together after the meal. The fellowship was wonderful! Let us look for ways to entertain angels, known and unknown in our community throughout this next year. May God's grace and mercy overflow.

+Pastor Tedd

## **Trinity 321 Lenten and Holy Week Schedule Announced**

Trinity 321 has announced the service schedule for our upcoming Lenten and Holy Week services

### **Lent 2024**

#### **Ash Wednesday:**

Wednesday February 14, 2024 – 7:00 PM at Zion

#### **Lenten Mid-Week services will be held as follows:**

Lent 1: Wednesday February 21, 2024 – 7:00 PM at Zion

Lent 2: Wednesday February 28, 2024 – 7:00 PM at Zion

Lent 3: Wednesday March 6, 2024 – 7:00 PM at Zion

Lent 4: Wednesday March 13, 2024 – 7:00 PM at Zion

Lent 5: Wednesday March 20, 2024 – 7:00 PM at Zion

*These services will be held in the Zion office area. The service will provide time for prayer and discussion and be followed by a Eucharist.*

#### **Holy Week Services will be held as follows:**

#### **Passion (Palm) Sunday:**

Sunday March 24, 2024 – 9:30 AM at Zion

Sunday March 24, 2024 – 11:15 AM at Luther Chapel

#### **Maundy Thursday:**

Thursday March 28, 2024 – 7:00 PM at Zion

#### **Good Friday:**

Friday March 29, 2024 – 7:00 PM at Luther Chapel

#### **Easter Vigil:**

Saturday March 30, 2024 – 5:30 PM at Zion

#### **Easter Sunday:**

Sunday March 31, 2024 – 7:00 AM at Luther Chapel

Sunday March 31, 2024 – 9:30 AM at Zion

## **Congratulations Zion on a Great 2023**

Well, you all really came through in 2023!

Income for 2023 totaled **\$207,818.50**. This was \$53,021.67 **over** our budgeted income of \$154,796.83. Much of this increase came in the form of Current and Benevolence contributions which totaled **\$186,974.50**. Our Current and Benevolence contributions were \$47,704.50 **over** our pledged Current and Benevolence budget of \$139,270.00

The support you all provided toward Zion's budget in 2023 gave council the confidence to increase our budget for 2024 so that additional ministerial support and enhanced programming with Evangelism and Recreation and Fellowship can be added to our 2024 agenda. We also will be able to continue to enjoy the added voices from our IUP student scholarship program as our 2024 budget will pick up the financial requirements previously covered through the Helen Myers Memorial Fund which will now return to funding special music programming. This will provide additional opportunities for Zion to expand its ministry.

Your support throughout 2023 also allowed us to pay for several unexpected property expenses. Repairs to our elevator, roof support for our furnace room, and sidewalk repair added to our operating expenses in 2023 and were paid for with the increased support you supplied to our budget.

As we close our 2023 financial year we are blessed with a \$23,821.16 budget surplus that we will carry into 2024.

Our congregation is moving forward thanks to you.

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## **Zion's 2024 Pledge Campaign Continues**

It is not too late to send in your Current and Benevolence pledge for 2024.

We currently have 30 pledges totaling \$107,070.00. In comparison we had 44 pledges in 2023 totaling \$139,270.00.

We urge you to consider joining your fellow members in making a pledge toward our 2024 budget.

We have approved a more robust budget for 2024. We have expanded our ministry with the addition of Vicar Jane Miller. We have increased the budgets of both the Recreation and Fellowship and Evangelism committee so that funds would be available for more enhanced membership and outreach programming.

As we strive to reach the level of contributions necessary to consider calling full time pastoral support, our church leadership views 2024 as a critical year toward demonstrating that our congregation is committed to support this effort.

The future of Zion's ministry is in your hands.

If you have not already, please consider a pledged commitment toward our 2024 budget.

Pledges can be mailed to Zion's office using the pledge card and reply envelope sent to you in December. If you have misplaced your pledge card, please call or stop by the office and a new pledge card can be supplied for you to complete your 2024 pledge.

## Zion Lutheran Church 2024 Committee Membership

### **Administration and Finance**

Pastor Tedd Cogar  
 Rik Wissinger (Vice Pres)  
 Sue Dickson (SFC)  
 Gail Sechrist (Treas)  
 Beverly Swatsworth  
 Pertell Bowersox  
 Dave Keith  
 Ernie Fisher  
 Kevin Huston (Past Pres)  
 Kim Balcerak (Fin Sec)

### **Zion Council**

Pastor Tedd Cogar  
 Rik Wissinger (Pres) (24)  
 Dory Campbell (Vice Pres) (25)  
 Sue Dickson (SFC) (24)  
 Shirley Horner (24)  
 Sheri Bowersox (25)  
 Pernell Bowersox (25)  
 Becky Slade (26)  
 Barry Widdowson (26)  
 Jerry Ruffner (26)  
 Kim Balcerak (Fin Sec)  
 Gail Sechrist (Treas)

### **Staff Support**

Rik Wissinger  
 Barry Widdowson

### **Audit**

Becky Slade - Council  
 Sheri Bowersox  
 Gary Ellenberger  
 Ruth Houser

### **Trinity 321**

Rik Wissinger  
 Barry Widdowson

### **2024 Synod Assembly**

Beth Crafton  
 Dirk Crafton  
 Dory Campbell

### **Nominating Committee**

### **Stewardship Committee**

Kevin Huston

### **Endowment/Memorial Committee**

Gail Sechrist-(Treas)  
 Dawn Seagren  
 Don Seagren  
 Pernell Bowersox  
 Sheri Bowersox

### **Evangelism Committee**

Dory Campbell - Council  
 Shirley Horner  
 Ruth Hauser  
 Jenn Rising

### **Worship and Music**

Pastor Tedd Cogar  
 Dr. Christine Clewell  
 Beth Crafton  
 Rik Wissinger  
 Kathy Huston  
 Jan Cikowski  
 Kevin Huston  
 Sue Dickson

### **Social Ministry**

Sue Dickson - Council

### **Education Committee**

Gail Sechrist - Council  
 Jessica Mehus

### **Youth Ministry**

Sheri Bowersox - Council  
 Sherene Hess

### **Rice and Fellowship**

Shirley Horner-Council  
 Barb Lockard  
 Claudia Ditch  
 Bev Wissinger  
 Ernie Fisher  
 Donna Fisher  
 Beverly Swatsworth  
 Sue Dickson  
 Mary Nycum  
 Becky Slade

### **Property Committee**

Becky Slade (Council)  
 Barry Widdowson (Council)  
 Jerry Ruffner (Council)  
 Don Seagren  
 Dave Keith  
 Jim Laughlin  
 Kevin Huston

### **Rossmann Shaffer Garden**

Becky Slade - Council  
 Sue Dickson  
 Dawn Seagren  
 Kimberly McCullough

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

<u>Service Dates</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
January 6 and 7	8	29
January 13 and 14	13	18
January 20 and 21	15	25
January 27 and 28	8	27

### FOOD PANTRY MONEY

In 2023 Zion distributed Food Pantry monetary donations to over 10 local food pantries in our area. For 2024, monetary donations for Food pantry will be sent to ELCA World Hunger. ELCA World Hunger helps reach communities most in need throughout the world.

### **Social Ministry collection for Family Promise - Beyond Shelter Store**

During Lent, Zion's outreach will be to help our neighbors in need at Family Promise of Indiana Co. We will be collecting non-food items to donate to Family Promise's **Beyond Shelter** store.

The Beyond Shelter store allows low income and underemployed individuals an opportunity to purchase non-food items (not usually at food pantries) at a reduced price so they can save more of their cash resources to pay their rent and utilities, aiding their ability to maintain independent living. The small fees generated help to support Family Promise of Indiana Co and their programs to help the unhoused. The shelter store is located at the Family Promise day center, and is open for those registered families who meet eligibility requirements.

Zion Lutheran Church will be accepting the following items **during February & March**. Please think of this project when you are shopping. There will be a box in the back of the church to place them.

All-purpose cleaner	Feminine products
Bathroom cleaner	First aid items
Toilet bowl cleaner	Liquid Hand soap*
Dish soap	Shampoo
Laundry detergent (max 69oz.)	Conditioner
Dryer sheets	Lotion – body or hand
Floor cleaner	Q tips
Paper towels – single rolls	Tissues
Toilet paper- single wrap or 4 pack only	Toothpaste* - adult
Body wash – men's & women's	
Deodorant- men's & women's	
Chapstick	

\*They have plenty of toothbrushes and bar soap

## NexTrex Recycling Film Challenge - Bench for the Rossman Shaffer Garden

We have signed up with NexTrex for a 1-year challenge to recycle 1,000 lbs. of plastic, film and bags.

If the goal is met, we will receive a very nice Trex bench to place in the Rossman Shaffer Garden (formerly known as the Greenspace).

We encourage you to save your bags, and drop them off in the collection boxes that will be placed at both entrances. Let's start keeping the plastic out of our landfills!

Please take note of the list of acceptable and unacceptable plastic films listed below.

If anyone would like to help us with managing this challenge, please see Sue Dickson. 724-388-5000.

### Items to include:

Produce bags, store bags, Ice bags  
Ziploc and other re-closeable bags  
Cereal box liners  
Case overwrap –ie around water cases  
Bread bags  
Newspaper sleeves  
Dry cleaning bags  
Bubble wrap  
Plastic e-commerce mailers  
\*See if the package will **stretch** when you pull it.  
**If yes, it can be included.**

### Please do NOT include:

Frozen food bags  
Candy bar wrappers  
Chip bags  
Pre-washed salad mix bags  
Hot dog or meat wrap packaging  
Six-pack rings  
Vinyl shower curtains/table clothes  
PPE –gloves  
Shiny, crinkly films like floral wrap  
\*Shiny?, Crinkly sound in hand?  
**Do NOT use**

## Green Corner NWPASynod Green Team

### WAR AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS

“Israel’s military assault on Gaza is not just a humanitarian disaster but also generating massive amounts of planet-heating emissions and exacerbating the climate crisis. The carbon emissions from Israel’s bombs, tanks, fighter jets and other military activity in the first two months of the war were higher than the annual carbon footprints of 20 of the world’s most climate-vulnerable nations, according to researchers in the United States and United Kingdom. That is “a really conservative estimate,” says *Guardian* reporter Nina Lakhani, who reported on the new study. The report is based on new work by researchers in the U.S. and the U.K., and they say even this impact is likely an underestimate. The analysis includes carbon emissions from fuel for aircraft, tanks and other vehicles, as well as emissions from making and exploding bombs, artillery and rockets. It also showed that U.S. cargo planes flying military supplies to Israel accounted for nearly half of all the carbon emissions.”

<https://truthout.org/video/israels-military-assault-on-gaza-is-fueling-climate-crisis> January 11, 2024

“Twelve months in, the Russian/Ukraine war’s decidedly mixed carbon impact is coming into view. Inside Ukraine, experts have tracked vast amounts of the greenhouse gasses that have been shed. Outside of Ukraine, though, the opposite has happened. To many analysts’ surprise, Putin’s decision to squeeze gas exports to Europe last summer has pushed the region’s emissions down in recent months. It has also accelerated a global phase out of fossil fuels.

**But the bad climate news first.** Forest fires sparked by fighting, attacks on the Nord Stream 1 and 2 gas pipelines, the need to rebuild hundreds of thousands of blasted buildings, plus the millions of fossil-fueled journeys by soldiers, munitions, and refugees, adds up to a lot of extra carbon pollution. Russia’s targeting of Ukraine’s energy system, starting in October, has been particularly damaging: as oil depots and gas power plants have exploded, releasing carbon and methane into the air, Ukrainians have been forced to rely on dirtier fuels to keep warm. “We saw a huge influx of inefficient [diesel-powered] generators in November and December,” says Lennard de Klerk, a Dutch carbon accounting expert in Kyiv preparing a report on the war’s greenhouse gas impact, due to be presented to the U.N. in June(2023).

**The better news** is that Europe slashed its emissions in the later part of 2022. Many climate advocates had feared that Russia’s suspension of natural gas exports to the E.U. would force the bloc to use more coal, which is twice as polluting. And some countries, including Germany and the U.K., did extend the life of coal plants that were due to be shut down. But the far more dominant trend was a fall in energy use. Europeans responded to dizzyingly high gas prices by turning down their gas-powered home heating or closing down businesses that couldn’t pay their energy bills. The E.U.’s non-electricity natural gas consumption has fallen 17% year-over-year since the start of the war—which translates to 117 metric tons of avoided carbon emissions, according to Lauri Myllyvirta, lead analyst at the Finland-based Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air. “Europe’s CO2 emissions overall would have been higher without the invasion and Putin’s attempts at an energy war.” [The Unexpected Climate Impact of Russia’s War in Ukraine | TIME](https://time.com/625749/Russia-ukraine-war-climate-impact/) [time.com/625749/Russia-ukraine-war-climate-impact/](https://time.com/625749/Russia-ukraine-war-climate-impact/) February 2, 2023

The Green Team’s purpose is to “raise awareness of and advocate for the care of creation.” Our mission is to support and encourage creation care ministries, raise awareness, model creation care advocacy consistent with ELCA teachings in our faith communities and public life.

## **PYSANKY 2024**

Darla Mechling has organized an egg decorating class. The class will meet in the Zion Social Hall.

Classes start on Wednesday February 7, 2024 and will meet on the following Wednesdays:

Wednesday February 14, 2024

Wednesday February 21, 2024

Wednesday March 6, 2024

Wednesday March 6, 2024

Wednesday March 13, 2024

Wednesday March 20, 2024

Wednesday April 3, 2024

Wednesday April 10, 2024

Wednesday April 17, 2024

Classes start from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

The class instructors are Alison McFarland and Cindi Boyer

You can register for the class by calling Alison McFarland at 724-354-4686

A \$20.00 start-up kit fee will be charged, for supplies to new students.

Each participant should bring a #2 PENCIL and a BOX OF KLEENEX. Two blown-out eggs will be provided for each new member

We will be using the kitchen and if you wish to bring something for lunch please do so.

The opportunity to donate to the church for expenses will be provided each week.



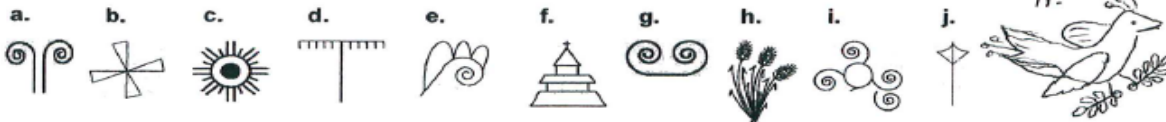


## Ukrainian Easter Eggs "Pysanky"

### CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS FOR UKRAINIAN EASTER EGGS

Devout Ukrainian women, when beginning to decorate Easter eggs (Pysanky), make the sign of the cross and whisper, "God help me!" This is to assure that the profound religious meanings symbolized in the designs shall come to life in the people who see them on Easter morning. Here are some of the symbolic meanings:

1. RIBBON or BELT – either around egg or length-wise means "the endless line of eternity"
2. DOTS or SMALL CIRCLES – stars, constellations, or Mary's tears.
3. LITTLE SIEVE or NET – suggest fishing for men
4. LITTLE BASKETS or TRIANGLES – symbolizes Holy Trinity
5. LADDERS – suggest prayer
6. ROSE or EIGHT POINTED STAR – ancient symbol for Christ, and also the Ressurrection of the Savior
7. CROSS – the four corners of the world, and also the Ressurrection of the Savior
8. LEAF or FLOWER – suggest life and growth
9. PINE NEEDLES – suggest long life, youth, and health
10. FISH – ancient symbol for Christ
11. DEER and HORSES – wealth and prosperity
11. BIRDS – fertility and fulfillment of wishes
12. GRAPEVINE – "Good fruits" of the Christian life
13. BUTTERFLY – symbol of the resurrection
14. OTHER MOTIFS: a. ears, b. windmill, c. sun, d. rake, e. rooster's comb, f. church, g. ram's horns, h. wheat, i. spider, j. goose feet





**SAVE THE DATE** “WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024”, Zion is planning our annual trip to Sight and Sound to see the production of “DANIEL”. More information to follow in our newsletter and bulletin.

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: Susan Adam, Caroline Anderson, Ron Anderson, Tina Anderson, Mike Bash, Susan & Bob Butchkoski, Jim Carloni, Adam Chilenski, Ann Cogar, Deb Cosgrove, Jeff Davis, Paul Davis, Kalise Dugan, Jennifer Faught, Ernie Fisher, Beth Ford, Carol Forster, Jen Frick, the Guella family, Bonnie Hilty, Lois Hoffman, Chris Howard, Dan Howard, Diane Howard, Family of Warren & Vicki Isakow, Family of Sue Johns (sons-Avery & Holden), Bishop Michael Lozano, Prisca Maier, Richard Malacarne, Mason Martin, Paula Miller, Jimmy Muller, Cliff Nichols, Dave Nycum, Otto Family (Jill Shively-Mason-Cole), Fred Park, Loretta Piper, the Prinkey Family, Winifred Redinger, Bob Reifsteck, Family of Larry Rice, Jenn Rising, Georgie Sandrowicz, Shirley Schulze, Coleen Seagren, Gary Shearer, Shelby Sisco, Bethany Smith, Gladys Smith, Todd Walters, Jane Williams, Dominic Yensi, Holly.

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 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.

### **GIVING REPORT: MONTH OF JANUARY**

Needed for January operating budget:	\$ 15,833.33
Received in January:	<u>\$ 16,774.92</u>
Amount Still Due for January:	\$ 941.59 over budget

Does not include the end of the month giving

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Adam Hess  
Amanda Creps  
Benjamin Gibbons  
Bernard Lockard  
Betty Stancombe  
Caitlin Mumau  
Caroline Anderson  
Dorothy Moreland  
Grant Hess  
Jim Belford  
Logan Lundberg  
Luke Shively  
Maggie Dugan  
Peggy Schrock  
Rachel Bowersox  
Sheri Bowersox  
Tyler Kmetz

Every member needs to check Zion's birthday list each month. Have we missed a member of your family? PLEASE call (724-465-5597) or email ([zion.lutheran@comcaset.net](mailto:zion.lutheran@comcaset.net)) Bev at the Zion office and alert her of the our error. Thank you!

**MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL**

**December 11, 2023**

**Call to order:** 6:32 pm

**Present:** Kevin Huston, Pastor Tedd Cogar, Vicar Jane Miller, Gail Sechrist, Kim Balcerak, Sheri Bowersox, Shirley Horner, Dory Campbell, Becky Slade, Sue Dickson, Barry Widdowson

**Absent:** Pernell Bowersox, Jerry Ruffner, Rik Wissinger.

**Devotions:** Kevin Huston – Advent devotion, Jessie Tree

**Election of Officers:** Full election of officers postponed till January meeting due to missing members.

Financial Secretary- Kim Balcerak

Treasurer- Gail Sechrist

Secretary – Sue Dickson

Vice President- Rik Wissinger

President – this selection was postponed till the January meeting due to some missing members.

**November Minutes:** 1 correction, motion to approve: (Shirley/Becky)

**Pastors Report:** Pay for Vicar Jane has been resolved, Lay Internship committee has been organized. Vicar Jane's first evaluation will be in the 1<sup>st</sup> qtr of 2024

Facebook/Web site – Sheri Bowersox

The play at the Advent event was streamed live on Facebook, and posted pictures of the event.

Website- Dory will talk to Christoph about the website, we may need some help on the site.

**November Financial Report – Motion** to send to audit (Dory/Kim)

**Committee Reports-**

Admin & Finance - Kevin

A question about FDIC insurance max was answered that it is per account, not per investor.

Staff Support – no report

Nominating Committee - no report

Evangelism - Dory Campbell

Advent Event – Nice event where those present decorated Christmas ornaments for the shut-in's.

Stewardship – Kevin Huston

Pledge letters are out to the congregation.

Parish Education – Gail Sechrist No report

**MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL—cont**

Property – Becky Slade

Bob Cochran came to give repair quote for the sidewalk and stairs by the office. Hold till January

Received 2 bids on the mold problem in the kitchen storage area. Hold till January

Crane masonry bid for plaster repair on the walls going up to choir loft. Hold till January

Rec & Fellowship- Shirley Horner

Request approved for use of the social hall for Ukrainian egg decorating classes in February.

Social Ministry – Sue Dickson no report

Trinity 3-2-1 Barry Widdowson no report

Worship & Music – Pastor Tedd

All going well. Adding additional communion hymn cause of increased attendance.

Old Business- none

New Business – none

Adjourn at 7:53

Submitted: Sue Dickson 12/11/23

## **ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**January 4, 2024**

**Call to order:** 7:00

**Present:** Rik Wissinger, Pastor Tedd Cogar, Kevin Huston, Sue Dickson, Pernell Bowersox, Dave Keith, Gail Sechrist, Kim Balcerak, Ernie Fisher (zoom), Vicar Jane Miller (zoom).

**December minutes:** 2 corrections made, motion to approve (Gail/Kim)

### **Financial Report:**

December Financials –

Kevin made note that early 2024 giving at the end of 2023 of \$15,100 (see in Budget surplus) will be moved to C&B for 2024. 2023 year ended with a surplus. A motion to approve the December 2024 financials made by Dave/second Kim.

2024 Current and Benevolence pledge campaign- So far we have received 30 pledges with a commitment of \$105,870.

### **Ongoing Facilities Projects -**

Window Project – We are on their schedule for spring. (or when the weather breaks).

Kney Organ Refurbishment – We have paid \$48,254 so far from the funds. Zamberlan should be starting to bring the parts back by the end of January.

On line Project – We are still on their schedule with no date given to start.

### **Old Business**

The \$5,000 donation to Lutherlyn will be sent. This donation to their Capital Campaign was approved at the congregational meeting and the donation will be taken from the Memorial Fund.

### **New Business**

Church heating system – There has been some work done on the system to find out why there are areas that are getting so warm. Not sure of the status.

Upcoming CD investments

There are 2 CDs that come due in Feb 2024

S&T Bank CD (2/14/2024) - \$75,000 at 4.25%

Mission Endowment Fund CD – (2/20/2024) \$12,961.49 was 2.82%

Not sure what the rates will be. Should we look around at another bank for a better rate? Rik and Kevin will look to see if there is anything better. They will also will look for a better rate for the Mission Endowment fund CD.

Pernell found some unclaimed property listed for Zion at Unclaimed property.PA. One looked like it was a credit from the gas company. This will be looked into further.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn (Kim/Rik) 8:22 pm.

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**January 16, 2024**

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

### **Current Projects**

1. On November 28, 2023 Eagle Air was in to review problem with heating system – no resolution found
2. On November 30, 2023 Terminex was in to continue to seal further exposed locations on our “No More Bats” project.
3. On December 6, 2023 Eagle Air made a second attempt to solve heating system problem. Still no success.
4. On December 8, 2023 Zion conducted a successful Fire Drill
5. On December 12, 2024 Blue Sky installed our new marque sign
6. On December 29, 2024 Jody Dumm was contacted to address our continued issues with the heating system.
  - a. Suggested that the ceiling in the cage room be insulated and dry walled (Jim will contact Ron Lukehart for a bid)
7. On January 2, 2024 Don Ross was in to inspect the elevator. Passed
8. On January 11, 2024 Steve Higgins was in on a problem with the computer in the financial office. It was decided to order a new (refurbished) computer at a cost of \$300.00.
9. On January 11, 2024 Steve Higgins suggested that upgrades be performed on our Shepherd’s Staff program. This will be completed after the 2023 year is fully closed.
10. On January 11, 2024 Ken Jeuit was in to install a flood light on our new marque sign. He also replaced the sensors on our two Sixth Street entrance lights.
11. On January 15, 2024 Jody Dumm returned to work on the heating system. The larger radiator in the cage room was turned off. New proportionate cellunoid were installed to better regulate the temperature in the nave.
  - a. Recommendation was made to shut down the right side radiator in the financial office and to replace a leaking valve on the left side of the room
  - b. Removal of the drinking fountain was also completed
12. On January 16, 2024 Rik Wissinger re-negotiated our service contract with Eastern Elevator. The annual cost agreed on matched the bid we received from Right Elevator. This saves the church \$1,000.00 annually
13. On January 16, 2024 the committee agreed to change the Environmental Pest control visit contract from monthly to quarterly since food is no longer stored on sight.
14. On January 16, 2024 the committee agreed to have George Sexton remove debris from the downstairs storage room.



## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **Current and Potential Projects for 2024**

15. Window replacement project continues with final window measurements being taken in July. Installation schedule appears to be in early spring
16. Kney Organ refurbishment continues and is on schedule to be completed in early February.
17. The railing going up the Sixth Street entrance needs to be scraped and re-painted.
18. South Basement Wall in kitchen storage room needs to be water proofed to prevent existing mold. DeBug has provided the low bid for this at \$4,000.00.
19. New sidewalk and steps exiting the pastor's office needs to be completed. This will provide safer access to our new Ross Shaffer Memorial Garden. Cost \$5,500.00 (Cochrane Concrete)
20. Zion's Sixth Street main entrance and side wings leading to the choir loft need to be replastered. This is the final clean up phase after our water leak in this area was repaired. Cost \$16,330.00 (Crane Construction)

### **Available Funds for Projects**

Capital Improvement Account Balance: \$121,623.51

Kney Organ Refurbishment Pledges - \$80,395.00

Thrivent Building Maintenance Fund - \$22,570.67

ZARP Account Balance: \$0.00

**The Committee's next meeting will be Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

## **WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**January 16, 2024**

**Members Present: Kathy Huston, Kevin Huston, Pastor Tedd Cogar, Vicar Jane Miller, Sue Dickson, Rik Wissinger, Dr. Christine Clewell**

### **Topics Discussed:**

1. The committee received an update on the Kney refurbishment:
  - a. Pipes are finished and ready to be installed
  - b. Electrical Portion has been upgraded, installed and complete (our own Rik Wissinger provided technical support for this part of the project)
  - c. A plan to upgrade all service lighting to LED is in place
  - d. The loft needs to be deep cleaned prior to the upcoming Kney refit. Rik will talk to Jim and make a plan for this
  - e. The IUP organ we were lent needs to be returned and tuned. Christine will contact Bob Shively for help with this
2. The committee reviewed plans for celebration events for the Kney's return to service
  - a. A Kney/flute recital is planned for February 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM –
  - b. On March 24, 2024 (Passion Sunday) the Kney will accompany a brass quintet in a "Celebration of Organ" concert at Zion at 3:00 PM. Recreation and Fellowship will be asked to provide after concert refreshments.
  - c. The "Rededication of the Kney" will be celebrated on September 22-24, 2024.
    - i. Special music by world renowned organist Tom Trenney will be featured along with other events over the three-day event.
3. The committee reviewed budget numbers for the IUP Scholar Singing program
4. The committee approved purchase of new special music at a cost of \$150.00
5. The committee approved contracting string accompaniment for Easter Sunday at a cost of \$250.00.
6. Pastor Cogar will celebrate his ordination anniversary on March 17, 2024. Special hymns were selected for this service.
7. The committee set service times and locations for Lent and Holy Week
  - a. Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at Zion on Wednesday February 14, 2024 at 7:00 PM
  - b. Mid Week Lenten services will be held at Zion on the following Wednesdays - 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 all services will be held at 7:00 PM in the Zion Church office.
  - c. Maundy Thursday service will be held on Thursday March 28, 2024 at Zion at 7:00 PM
  - d. Good Friday service will be held on March 29, 2024 at Luther Chapel at 7:00 PM
  - e. The Easter Vigil will be held on Saturday March 30, 2024 at Zion at 5:30 PM
  - f. Easter Sunday services will be held on Sunday March 31, 2024 at Luther Chapel at 7:00 AM and Zion at 9:30 AM
8. The committee selected hymns for the remaining Sundays after Epiphany and the Sundays in Lent.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday February 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Huston

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

**7:00 PM AT ZION**



**Ash Wednesday**  
— Lent Begins

February 2024

Date	Lay Reader	Altar Guild	Ushers	Assist. Min.	Tellers
Feb 3/4	5:30-Kalise Dugan 9:30-Gail Sechrist	Sat-AM Kathy Huston, PM-Shirley Horner Sun-Sheri Bowersox	5:30-Rik & Bev Wissinger 9:30-Gary Ellenberger	5:30-Kim Balcerak 9:30-Beth Grafton	Kim Balcerak
Feb 10/11  Ash Wed Feb 14	5:30-Sue Dickson 9:30-Beth Grafton	Sat AM & PM-Sharon O'Keiff Sun-Becky Slade	5:30-Shirley Horner, Chuck Rodnicki 9:30-Tyson Ellenberger  Kim Balcerak	5:30-Sue Dickson 9:30-Rik Wissinger	Kim Balcerak
Feb 17/18	5:30-Kami Dugan 9:30-Jenn Rising	Sat-AM Kathy Huston, PM-Maggie Dugan Sun-Sue Dickson	5:30-Rik & Bev Wissinger 9:30-Pernell Bowersox	5:30-Rob Wilt 9:30-Jenn Rising	Kim Balcerak
Feb 24/25	5:30-Claudia Ditch 25-Tyson Ellenberger	Sat-AM-Maggie Dugan, PM-Ruth Houser Sun-Sheri Bowersox	5:30-Shirley Horner, Chuck Rodnicki 9:30-Jim Slade	5:30-Claudia Ditch 9:30-Stephanie Brady	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>
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings Wednesday evenings	Narcotics Anonymous meetings Sunday evenings			1	2 Zion office closed	3 5:30 Liturgy
4 9:30 Liturgy 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:45 Choir Rehearsal Sunday School	5	6	7 6 Love Wins 7 Adm/Finance Mtg	8	9 Zion office closed	10 5:30 Liturgy
11 9:30 Liturgy 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:45 Choir Rehearsal	12 6:30 Council Mtg	13	14 Ash Wednesday— 7:00 at Zion	15	16 Zion office closed	17 Noon-3:00— Mumau Baby Shower 5:30 Liturgy
18 9:30 Liturgy 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:45 Choir Rehearsal Sunday School	19	20 7 Property Mtg	21 6 Love Wins 7 Mid-Week Lent	22	23 Zion office closed	24 5:30 Liturgy
25 9:30 Liturgy 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:45 Choir Rehearsal	26	27 7 Worship & Music Mtg	28 7 Parish Ed Mtg 7 Mid-Week Lent	29 Newsletter Mailed		



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NEXT NEWSLETTER MAILED — February 29 2024: Deadline: February 12, 2024

THERE IS NOW A LINK ON THE ZION WEBSITE TO ACCESS THE TRUMPET