

May 2024

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Remembering Mother's Day and the Women of Zion

May is finally here. The dark cold winter is behind us and we look with hope to the blooms of spring. May brings days that are longer, days that are warmer and days that even smell better. Have you noticed the flowers raising from the earth everywhere!

May is also the month that we celebrate "Mothers' Day". Mothers' Day is a boom for the greeting card industry and until the advent of cell phones, the phone companies. People who don't normally buy cards or make long distance phone calls always find a way to remember their mothers.

I can only speak for my own life experience when I say that my mother has had a tremendous influence on my own life. You all have been exposed to some of my mother's stories, but behind all that was a someone who lived through great tragedy to become a strong woman of faith that molded me and my siblings into a life of faith with the confidence to pursue our dreams. You see my mother lost her father early in life. Being raised by a single parent in depression era America was not easy and while my mother and grandmother had family support nothing fills the gap left by the death of a parent. Her life was disrupted by back-and-forth relocation from the city (Philadelphia) where she lived most of her life to the country (a dairy farm in West Norriton owned by my great-grandfather). The last move deposited her at the farm and determined to finish high school with her classmates, my mother traveled by train each day to the city, attended school and then returned from the farm. Even in the late 1940's this was a tough commute for a young, teenage women. This of course was just a preview of what a strong and determined women she would become. Her plan for us was to live a life of stability and she saw to that by getting us housed in the suburbs, and involved in the church. We only had one car and that was reserved for my father, so we often walked to the grocery store with my mother pulling a little red wagon for transporting the groceries and my sister, too young to make the trip on her own. When my parents finally had the money for a second car, my mother learned to drive for the first time. She was never comfortable driving, especially on the highways, but she did what she had to do. She NEVER failed to get to church with us piled in the back seat, but she mapped out routes to avoid as many busy streets as possible.

After high school graduation, I spent the summer at an Episcopal church camp. The "camp" was located outside Philadelphia and we had a service mission to work with elementary and pre-K kids in the inner city. This often required us to assist with meals, education and recreation. We had a pool at our "camp" center and would bring the kids out for a day of recreation. One day I remember helping to unload the bus when a little girl refused to get off the bus. She was really frightened and we finally learned that she had never seen grass before and was afraid to step off the bus onto the lawn. Boy was that an eye opener for me. One of the guys at camp that I became friendly with was a refugee from Cuba named Rolando Ramirez. Rolando had been living at the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania church farm. This was a farm/school, for kids without parents and Rolando, having left his in Cuba found his way there somehow. The farm school was a working farm and in addition to receiving an education through grade twelve, the students were also required to do chores at the farm. As the summer ended, Rolando was in need of a place to stay since he no longer qualified to stay at the farm so we took him in while he sorted



out his life. I went off to college and Rolando stayed on a few years with the family. Given her own life experience, my mother always had a soft spot for kids without parents. Rolando eventually figured out his life and moved out on his own, but he frequently showed up for meals and stayed in touch. He eventually moved to Miami and over the years we lost contact with him. But, while my mother was alive, he always found time to call her EVERY Mothers' Day. This demonstrated to me what a powerful influence my mother had on him.

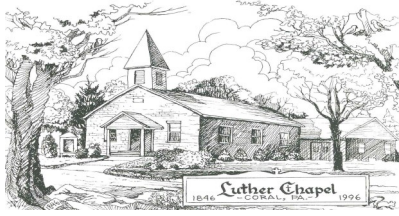
Now I know that not everyone has a positive relationship with their mothers and I am saddened that estrangement in its many forms is more prevalent in our family relationships that it should be. If you are in this category, I hope you can find resolution at some point.

I was fortunate in having my mother around not only for my childhood but also as I became a young parent. I often sought advice from her on how best to handle parenting situations. Most of the time her advice was spot on. I know that I owe her a lot of credit for how our two daughters turned out. But the true hero in raising our children was my wife, Kathy. Unlike me, Kathy's early life was disrupted by tragedy when her mother died unexpectedly of a heart attack. She was twelve years old at the time. It goes without saying that she needed to grow up fast as she was expected to take on many of the chores that her mother had handled in addition to going to school every day. It was a tough life for her. She had two sisters who were older and married at the time and they offered guidance and advice, but she was basically left on her own to navigate the day-to-day home life with her father was in his sixties by this time. To say there was a clash of wills with a teenage girl in the 1960's and a retirement age father is an understatement. Needless to say, she developed a strong need for independence but she stuck it out at home and made a life there. She and her father realized that they both were stronger together than apart and they found a way to tolerate each other for the general good. By the time I came along and we started dating, Kathy was already teaching elementary school in Armagh Indiana County. She had a good job, her own car and no need to be "taken care of". As we started dating, I quickly realized that she did not need me, or any man, to succeed in life but wanted me as a partner in her life's journey. I was honored that she offered me this opportunity and I have never regretted the life we have lived together

These stories are not unique. There are many women who are smart, insightful and confident. Often their male partners become better for having shared life with them. I am sure that most men in our congregation probably feel the same as I do. We like to think we are self-sufficient but we know deep in our hearts that our partners in life provide that secret ingredient that makes our lives fuller and happier. I can't help but wonder if our church would have survived all these years without the strength and courage of women. If you think about it, women have also always played an enormous part in the life of the church and continue to do so today. I do not know how Zion would function without the dedicated women of our own congregation who provide real church leadership along with altar guild services, voices for the choir, hospitality. We should all be proud of our sisters in Christ for the essential part they play in our church life. We have had several women of our congregation enter the ministry, several have taken leadership positions in the greater church (Synod and National) and still many more provide invaluable leadership in crafting Zion's vision and mission right here in Indiana.

So happy Easter to all our sisters of Zion!

And Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers everywhere!



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

At our April 21 council meeting Vicar Jane discussed the probability of being with us through the summer and doing her next study requirement in the fall at Danville Pa.

We had a visitor with us for service and council. Jan Maloney was sitting in because she is preparing for Seminary and stopped on her way through for the experience of how small rural churches operate.

We are still saving plastic to help Zion receive a bench for their green space so keep on collecting.

The Paschal Candle seems to be burning fine.

WELCA ladies are hosting a Tea on May 18, 2024 from 2:00 to 4:00. We will have refreshments and Denise Jennings Boyle will speak about the history of our local communities. Come have fun and learn about our history.

WELCA applied for a grant for community action through the Northwest Synod Woman's group. We are making preemie blankets and Disaster Relief blankets. We also learned our friend MaryAnne Patterson has left the area and returned home. Good luck Mary Ann. You will be missed.

Our group meets every Wednesday at 2:00 to work on our projects. We meet the first Saturday of every month for a brief business meeting followed by our Bible Study. Everyone is welcome to come and join.

Luther Chapel and Zion will have a joint Service on Sunday, July 7. It will be held at Zion Lutheran in Indiana with a picnic in their green space to follow. A time has not yet been determined. A combined service at Luther Chapel will be held on August 4, 2024 with a picnic afterward. Please plan to attend. This time is also yet to be determined.

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

<u>Service Dates</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
April 6 and 7	24	31
April 13 and 14	14	35
April 20 and 21	17	40

“Fancy Dinner” Follow-Up

Thanks to all who participated in the Gabriel Kney Organ benefit dinner.—to our patrons who purchased tickets and to our volunteers who made everything possible. Jan Cikowski, the Gaylor family (Kathy, Kristin, Sammi, Molly and Joe), Barb Lockard, Claudia Ditch, Carol Guba, Donna & Ernie Fisher, Pernell & Sheri Bowersox, Sue Dickson, Jim & Becky Slade, Karen Gresh, Bev Swatsworth and Jim Laughlin.

Thanks, also, to Dr. Christine Clewell, Zion Organist and Dr. Therese Wacker, IUP Professor of Flute, for the musical program after the dinner.

We raised \$1,059.04 for the organ restoration.

Addition to Easter Flower Memorial List

One of the memorials was not included on the Easter Flower Memorial List in last month’s newsletter. Gene and Karen Jones gave to the Kelly Jones Scholarship Fund in memory of Kelly Christen Jones.

We are sorry for this omission on the original list.

Bible Study

Featuring: the Book of Daniel

When: Wednesday Nights at 6:00 PM

April 10, 2024

April 24, 2024

May 8, 2024

May 22, 2024

June 5, 2024

June 19, 2024

Where: Zion office area

Bring your own bible (or find one on our shelves, we have plenty) and join the discussion on this surprising book.

Zion Summer Services on the Green

Beginning on Saturday, June 1, 2024, Zion will be holding some of its services outdoors on the green.

The services will be held every other Saturday through the summer.

While chairs will be provided, feel free to bring your own lawn chair.

The Saturday outdoor schedule is as follows

June 1, 2024 – 5:30 PM

June 15, 2024 – 5:30 PM

June 29, 2024 – 5:30 PM

July 13, 2024 – 5:30 PM

July 27, 2024 – 5:30 PM

August 10, 2024 – 5:30 PM

August 24, 2024 – 5:30 PM

Zion's Financial Position Update

We have received the final bills for the Kney Organ refurbishment project. Those invoices will be paid and will be reflected in our end of April financial statement.

The total cost for the Kney Organ refurbishment project was \$127,302.98. This was \$2,697.02 under what the congregation had authorized when we approved undertaking the project.

We would hope that those who pledged funds for the project would continue to contribute to the commitment that they made. Receiving these funds now will aid in replenishing our Capital Improvement 02 account.

We still are committed to completing the window replacement project this year at a cost of \$153,674.21.

After completing the final payments due for the Kney, our Capital Improvement 02 account will have a carry-over balance of \$67,412.39. We have freed up money from the Thrivent Building maintenance fund (\$23,247.79) to help cover the window project costs. But we will still be \$63,014.03 short of the needed funds.

Our plan is to cover this short fall from two sources. We are still carrying a balance of \$19,207.58 in our "Budget Surplus" 02 account and we are carrying a net operating fund surplus of \$114,159.75. These two sources of funds will be more than enough to cover the window project while we await the completion of the Kney Organ fund pledge drive.

Our financial position continues to be strong as we still will have \$70,353.30 in net operating income, \$200,000 in our 1st Summit CD which matures in May 2024, and an additional \$40,507.56 in net operating income which we invested in a second 1st Summit CD which matures in February 2025.

These amounts provide us with an uncommitted cash reserve of \$310,860.86.

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

Why Use Native Plants?

This article has been adapted from www.psu.edu/why-use-native-plants July 5, 2023

There are several definitions of the term "native plant." The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources describes a native plant as one which occurred within this region before settlement by Europeans. Native plants include the ferns, grasses, perennial and annual wildflowers, woody trees, shrubs, and vines that covered Penn's Woods when the first settlers came.

Native plants preserve Pennsylvania's biodiversity.

Biodiversity means the number and variety of living things in a specific region. Our native wildlife, especially birds, butterflies, pollinators, and other organisms, evolved with the plants here; many can only feed on plants they co-evolved with. Unfortunately, unwise development has led to large expanses of lawn and exotic (nonnative) plants replacing natural areas. If your garden has no native plants, it becomes an ecological desert for the pollinating insects that are essential to our survival. Without insects to pollinate our crops, we would have none, or humans would need to perform the task. This is occurring in China where they use costly hand pollination for some fruit crops due to the lack of pollinating bees. Additionally, native plants are needed to support songbirds by supplying food for the insects that most baby birds require. They provide the habitat (food, cover, and places to rear their young) that wildlife needs. Without native plants, our wildlife is at risk of extinction.

Native plants are generally easier to grow and cheaper to maintain.

Native plants are well adapted to our climate and soils because they evolved here. This means they are generally easier to care for once they are established, needing little or no pruning, deadheading, watering, or fertilizing. *Large lawns and showy exotic plants demand high levels of fossil fuel use, fertilizers, pesticides, and supplemental water, making natives a less costly option.* Also native plant gardens reduces noise pollution from mowers, blowers, and trimmers.

Where to Buy Native Plants

Do not take native plants from the wild as this is a threat to their populations and a disruption of the ecosystem. Purchase from a reputable source. Your favorite nursery may stock them, or you may wish to visit one that specializes in natives.

Tips on How to Use Native Plants

Here are some suggestions on how to use native plants:

- Integrate them into your perennial borders.
- Naturalize a large area such as a meadow or woodland with more aggressive natives.
- Create a rain garden with natives; their root systems stabilize and hold the soil.
- Replace unsightly and invasive plants with natives.
- Reduce the size of your lawn by adding a bed of native plants.
- Create a butterfly garden.

Educate yourself about native plants that are native to your area. Obtain reliable, unbiased information from university or government publications and websites. Visit native plant nurseries and preserves to get ideas. Then use native plants in your garden, knowing that you are preserving biodiversity, enhancing the livability of your home, and ensuring a legacy for your children and grandchildren.

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.

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ZION TRIP TO SEE “DANIEL”

Place: Sight and Sound (Lancaster, PA)

Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Time: Will leave Walmart parking lot (near the old Rita's Ice) 8:00 AM. Arrive back at Walmart parking lot around 11:30 PM/ midnight.

Price: Price will be \$246.00 (adult) and \$177 (child). Price includes tickets to production (center section 102, rows H, J, & K). We will stop at Middlesex diner in Carlisle, PA for brunch before the show (you are on your own). Dinner after the show will be at Miller's (Smorgasbord) included in your ticket price.
*With a minimum of 45 persons price will be: (\$219.00 (adult) and \$150.00 (child).

So ask your friends, relatives and neighbors to join us for a fun day to see “Daniel”. Contact Kim Balcerak 724/388-2341, or win-now@verizon.net or Bev in the church office, 724/465-5597, Zion Lutheran @comcast.net. Let us know if interested and payment will not be due till 1st of June.

SIGN UP FOR TRIP "Daniel"
Sight and Sound (Lancaster, PA)

Number of Adult's _____ Children _____

1. _____

Phone # _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Only need a phone number for the contact person.



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11
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2024

11:00 AM
CampBlast!
continues
after
worship

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Butler, PA 16001



Thanks to your support of the *Building for the Future* Capital Campaign, Lutherlyn's beloved amphitheater has been renovated so that it may be enjoyed for decades to come! We hope you will join us for a dedication and worship service to celebrate completion of the "new" amphitheater.

(This worship service will be rain or shine)

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: Ken Adam, Susan Adam, Caroline Anderson, Ron Anderson, Tina Anderson, Holly Austin, Jessica Jessica Badowsky, Mike Bash, Rich Bush, Susan Butchkoski, Dory Campbell, Jim Carloni, Adam Chilenski, Ann Cogar, Deb Cosgrove, Jim Crawford, Jeff Davis, Paul Davis, Laura Dickson, Kalise Dugan, Jennifer Faught, Ernie Fisher, Beth Ford, Carol Forster, Jen Frick, James Gallo, 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), Christian Keppel, Russ & Janet Lippert, Bishop Michael Lozano, Prisca Maier, Richard Malacarne, Dave Malin, Mason Martin, Cheryl Mechling, Paula Miller, Jimmy Muller, Cliff Nichols, Dave Nycum, Otto Family (Jill Shively-Mason-Cole), Fred Park, Loretta Piper, Joseph Potterack, the Prinkey Family, Winifred Redinger, Bob Reifsteck, Tina Renaud, Family of Larry Rice, Jenn Rising, Georgie Sandrowicz, Shirley Schulze, Coleen Seagren, Gary Shearer, Shelby Sisco, Bethany Smith, Pastor Rob Sparr, Dan Super, 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, Paul Myers, Lois Hoffman 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 thru 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.

GIVING REPORT: MONTH OF APRIL

Needed for April operating budget:	\$ 15,833.33
Received in April:	<u>\$ 10,228.20</u>
Amount Still Due for April:	\$ 5,605.13

Does not include the end of the month giving

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Alicia Akers
Candace Adamson
Cole Otto
Coleen Seagren
Dana Piper
Daniel Piper
Dave Keith
Dave Woodall
David Malin
David Piper
Gage Hess
James Slade
Larry Ditch
Martha Wunz
Michael Widdowson
Nancy Weaver
Roman Carloni
Stephen Wunz
Susan Belford
Susan Dickson

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@comcast.net) Bev at the Zion office and alert her of the member's name and birth date so we can correct our error. Thank you!

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

March 11, 2024

Call to order: 6:30 pm

Present: Becky Slade, Shirley Horner, Kim Balcerak, Rik Wissinger, Pastor Tedd Cogar, Dory Campbell, Sue Dickson, Jerry Ruffner, Gail Sechrist, Barry Widdowson.

Absent: Sheri Bowersox, Pernel Bowersox, Vicar Jane Miller

Devotions: Sue read a daily devotion from Luther Seminary.

Feb Minutes: February minutes were reviewed and approved. (Shirley/Kim)

Communications: None

Pastor's Report

Facebook/Web site – Sheri was not present, but it was noted that information for both the Lenten Services and for the upcoming concert on March 24 was listed in the Saturday paper.

Review of February Financial Report – February financials were reviewed. Rik did note that Zion has received the last of the Mardel Fish estate. \$3,000 was deposited into the Estate Memorial Fund. A motion was made to send the February financials for audit. (Kim/Shirley)

Committee Reports:

Administration and Finance- Review of Feb financials

Staff Support – Rik Wissinger -reported things are going well.

Nominating Committee – Don Seagren. No report

Evangelism – Dory Campbell

Dory has put together some gift bags for new visitors. The bags contain a printout of our Book of Faith to help tell the visitor about the Lutheran Church. Dory also put together some activity packets for young worshipers.

Stewardship – Kevin Huston

It was noted that the pledge campaign will end at the end of March. There was some discussion on whether we should have a yearly pledge campaign next year, or not as frequent.

Parish Education – Gail Sechrist

Sunday school is still meeting. Recently they met 2 weeks in a row and will adjust some for Easter.

Property – Becky Slade and Jerry Ruffner

Projects recently completed:

Toilet has been repaired in the Chapman Room level Ladies' room.

Walls were painted in the Men's room thanks to Jim.

Pennington Construction repaired an area of flooring in the Social Hall, and Randy George is working on building a protective cover for the new flood light at the new sign. Pennington will also be looking at repairing the gutter above the ADA entrance door.

Terminex will be coming back to seal more areas to prevent the bats from coming in.

Work is planned for repairing the downspout and drain along the side of the church. The repairs should help prevent moisture from coming through the wall of the kitchen storage room. It can then be waterproofed and painted.

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL—cont

Recreation and Fellowship – Shirley Horner

Shirley has ordered “He is Risen!” candy bars as gifts for the congregation at Easter.

Becky spoke about the dinner fundraiser planned for April 19. Notices will be placed in the bulletins.

Social Ministry – Sue Dickson

The collection of items for the Family Promise Store is going very well. Sue took a large trunk full of items over to Family Promise today. The collection will continue till Easter.

The collection of plastics is coming along very well with 250 lbs so far collected towards our bench.

Trinity 3-2-1 – Rik and Barry

There will be a Lay Internship Committee meeting on April 3.

Vicar Jane will have her first evaluation on April 14.

Trinity 3-2-1 is looking at plans for shared events during the summer.

The luncheon celebrating Pastor Tedd’s 11 yr ordination anniversary will be on Sunday March 17.

Worship & Music – Pastor Tedd Cogar

Pastor Tedd said that he has applied for a grant that will be announced in April.

The Bible Study on Daniel will start on April 10 and continue biweekly till June.

There are plans for some Sat evening outdoor services during the summer.

Plans for a combined worship service and picnic on Sunday July 7th.

Old Business – The audit will be planned for April.

New Business – none

Meeting adjourned: 8 pm.

Submitted by Sue Dickson 3/14/24

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 16, 2024

Members Present: Becky Slade, Jim Laughlin, Kevin Huston, Kathy Huston, Jerry Ruffner, Rik Wis-singer, Barry Widdowson, Don Seagren

Current Projects

1. Cove base in new men's room is loose and pulling wall paint away. Jim will address this and repair
2. Earthcraft provided yearly maintenance of the property's landscaping.
3. The rain gutter above the south side nave needs repaired. Jim will find a vendor
4. The storm drain from the south corner of the nave to the street is clogged and needs to be cleared. Miller Plumbing will perform the work for \$660.00
5. After the above two repairs are complete the committee will evaluate if we need to proceed with the water proofing of the basement storage room wall.
6. The rain gutter above the ADA door on the west side of the building needs repaired. Jim will find a vendor for the repair.
7. Randy George is also working on installation of cover for new flood light on our new marque sign
8. Items formerly stored in the furnace room (kneelers, old choir robes) need to be donated or thrown out. Awaiting decision from choir and pastor

Current and Potential Projects for 2024

1. Window replacement project continues with final window measurements being taken in July. Installation schedule appears to be in early spring. A schedule is pending
2. Kney Organ refurbishment has been completed.
3. The railing going up the Sixth Street entrance needs to be scraped and re-painted.
4. 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. The committee will ask council to approve this work to proceed.
5. 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)
6. 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: \$97,587.35

Kney Organ Refurbishment Pledges - \$48,320.00

Thrivent Building Maintenance Fund - \$23,247.79

ZARP Account Balance: \$0.00

Recommendation for action by Council

The Committee's next meeting will be Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 26, 2024

Members Present: Kathy Huston, Kevin Huston, Pastor Tedd Cogar, Vicar Jane Miller, Jan Cikowski, Rik Wissinger, Dr. Christine Clewell,

Topics Discussed:

1. The committee received and update on the Kney refurbishment:
 - a. On **May 20, 2024** at 3:30 PM Zion will host an AGO event to discuss the refurbishment
1. The committee reviewed choices for purchase of a new Paschal Candle.
2. Zion will be hosting a Trinity 321 joint service on **Sunday, July 7, 2024**. There will be no Saturday service at Zion that weekend. The Sunday service will be at 10:30 AM followed by a picnic to lunch.
3. Luther Chapel will be hosting a Trinity 321 joint service on **Sunday, August 4, 2024**. There will be no Saturday service at Zion that weekend. The Sunday service will be at 10:30 AM followed by a picnic to lunch.
4. We have an opportunity to host the MLK event in January 2025. The committee will ask council to approve the use of Zion for the community service which would be held on **Saturday, January 18, 2025**.
5. The committee wishes to remind the congregation that our outdoor services will begin on **Saturday, June 1, 2024** and will continue every other week through the summer.
6. Zion is planning to host a hymn festival featuring Tom Trenney an organist, hymn writer and influencer in church music nationwide. The event will take place on **Sunday, September 22, 2024**.
7. The committee selected hymns for Pentecost, Holy Trinity, and the Sundays after Pentecost.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday May 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Huston

May 2024

Date	Lay Reader	Altar Guild	Ushers	Assist. Min.	Tellers
May 4/5	5:30-Claudia Ditch 9:30-Gail Sechrist	Sat-AM Jan Cikowski, PM- Bev Wissinger Sun-Sheri Bowersox	5:30-Shirley Horner, Chuck Rodnicki 9:30-Jim Slade	5:30-Claudia Ditch 9:30-Stephanie Brady	Kim Balcerak
May 11/12	5:30-Kami Dugan 9:30-Beth Grafton	Sat AM Kathy Huston, PM -Shirley Horner Sun-Becky Slade	5:30-Rik & Bev Wissin- gers 9:30-Gary Ellenberger	5:30-Rik Wissinger 9:30-Beth Grafton	Kim Balcerak
May 18/19	5:30-Kalise Dugan 9:30-Josh Widdowson	Sat-AM & PM Sharon O'Keiff Sun-Sue Dickson	5:30-Shirley Horner, Chuck Rodnicki 9:30-Tyson Ellenberger	5:30-Kim Balcerak 9:30-Rob Wilt	Kim Balcerak
May 25/26	5:30-Jenn Rising 25-Tyson Ellenberger	Sat-AM Kathy Huston PM Ruth Houser Sun-Sheri Bowersox	5:30-Dave & Linda Malin 9:30-Penell Bowersox	5:30-Sue Dickson 9:30-Jenn Rising	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 Zion office closed	4 5:30 Liturgy
5 9:30 Liturgy 8:30 & 10:45 Choir Rehearsal Sunday School	6	7	8 7 Adm/Fin Mtg 6 Daniel Study	9	10 Zion office closed	11 5:30 Liturgy
12 9:30 Liturgy 8:30 & 10:45 Choir Rehearsal	13 6:30 Council Mtg	14	15	16	17 Zion office closed	28 5:30 Liturgy
19 9:30 Liturgy 8:30 & 10:45 Choir Rehearsal Sunday School	20	21 7 Property Mtg	22 6 Daniel Study	23 Newsletter Mailed	24 Zion office closed	25 5:30 Liturgy
26	27 Office Closed/Jim Off 	28 7 Worship & Music Mtg	29	30	31 Zion office closed	



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