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Parish House Demolition Begins as ZARP Enters Final Phase

If you haven't been by Church and South Sixth streets lately, you may want to take a drive. Our former Parish House has been raised as we enter the final phase of our ZARP project.

Phase one was completed with the installation of the elevator and the new traffic flow areas. The parking lot and building access next to Zion Pre-School was the first item completed. With the elevator installation other floor access points were constructed on the third floor and the kitchen/social hall level. The sacristy was relocated across the hall behind the vestment storage and robing area allowing for a mid-floor elevator stop with access to the nave. Chair lifts were installed providing access to the choir loft.

Phase two was brought to completion with the renovation to the social hall. New lighting and flooring was installed, additional closet and storage space was added and a new movie screen and additional electrical outlets were installed on the wall adjoining the kitchen. Council, while meeting in the social hall, has used the new screen for viewing those who attend via "Zoom". This provides an improved virtual communication environment.

Finally, phase three is fully underway. Utilities were turned off at the Parish House in late 2019. Opportunity for those in the congregation to remove architectural items from the Parish House was provided and several folks took advantage of the modest price requests, taking home a keepsake from the building. Our demolition contractor then began to recover additional architectural salvage items from the building in preparation for the final demolition. In 2020, delays due to the pandemic pushed final demolition work for the building until mid-April 2021. It began with the manual tear down of the brick chimneys and the building was leveled on April 16, 2021.

Debris remove and site clean-up are the next step. With this completed, we will then begin to meet and decide how best to beautify the new green space. Several council members have expressed interest in working on this through a committee. If anyone from the congregation wishes to be a part of this, please notify the church office. There are still some funds available from the original ZARP contributions for this purpose and Zion received an additional bequest from the estate of Rossman Shaffer that was earmarked for the new green space. We look forward to seeing the final result

Zion ZARP and Property Committees



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

Worship services continue to be in person (masks & social distancing) at 11:15 AM each Sunday. Hope you can join us.

Work has been done on updating our Congregational Constitution. There will be a **Congregation Meeting to ratify this new document on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 12:15 PM**. Check with Pastor Tedd or Gary Alsop for a copy of this document. Also, if you'd like to join the meeting on Zoom, contact Pastor Tedd for the link.

There is a committee planning the **175th Anniversary of Luther Chapel**. If you'd like to join please contact Gary Alsop, Council President. No date has been firmly picked as of now, but it is expected to be in the fall of 2021. Watch for more details.

WELCA ladies continue to meet the first Saturday of the month at 10 AM for Bible Study and a business meeting. All are welcome.

With the help of the congregation and a grant from Thrivent, we have completed 18 baby kits for Children and Youth Services. Thanks for all your donations and time!

Each Wednesday afternoon (1-3 PM) the ladies are working on quilts. Any sheets, material, or cotton yarn will gladly be accepted. Come look at the "beauties" we have made from your donations!

Please remember these folks on our **PRAYER LIST**: Bishop Mike Lozano, Herb, William, Justin, Enzo, Gary, Ava, Laremm, Teresa, Noah, Bob, Sharon, Ann, Tedd, Randy, Janet, Bob, Mike, Judy, Brooke, Betty, Fred, Ralph, Joshua, Judah, Robert, Julie, Michael, Pat, Trish, Lois, Jay, Chuck, Jamie, Christine, Logan, Myles, Denise, Leora, Richard, Lisa, Monica, Arlene, Dennis & Family, Sebastian, Trentyn, Cindy, Ellie, Rick, Kaylee, Peg, Lillian, Ron, Ken, Denise and Ella.

(please contact Linda Alsop (724-388-1269) if you want to add someone or have them taken off our list.)

MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP

From: NWPA Synod, ELCA
Sent: Saturday, April 24, 2021

Subject: Health Update from Bp. Lozano

Dear Synod,

We are an Easter people!

This is the third update regarding my health. In my last letter I used the word benign in describing my cancer. Today, after further testing, my cancer is confirmed as multiple myeloma with a plasmacytoma. Treatment begins with a short course of radiation therapy on Monday, 26 April. This course of radiation is designed to reduce the plasmacytoma on my chest. An aggressive chemotherapy treatment will immediately follow to address the multiple myeloma found within my bone marrow. I will be meeting with an oncologist at the Cleveland Clinic in the weeks ahead to begin the testing for a stem-cell transplant.

As I have said in past letters I know I will have good days and bad days. There are some “interesting” side effects to the chemotherapy treatments I am not looking forward to experiencing. I have had many ask what they can do to help me during this time of diagnosis and now treatment. I continue to ask you to bear with me in patience. But also to be kind to our synod staff as they continue to adjust and adapt their schedules, in the midst of this already stressful synod assembly planning time, to mine.

I have found what brings me joy is the news of the work of our synod. The gospel is proclaimed, sins are forgiven, the needs of the least, the lost, the lonely, the littlest, the last are addressed, new disciples are formed and washed into the community of believers, we are strengthened by the Sacrament of the Altar. The Spirit, most amazingly, blows creatively in our midst and we respond in faith to the new ventures placed before us. We are given new eyes by which to see, even in the midst of illness, change, frustrations and pain, God continues to work in our individual and communal lives.

I know I am but one in need of healing in our synod. The process of awareness of illness, diagnosis, treatment, recovering or wrestling with the acceptance of death continues among our rostered leaders and their families and among our communities of believers (in-person or on-line) and their families. And I am aware, and becoming more so, of the weight of the role of the caregiver. And so we pray:

God, our refuge and strength, we thank you for the compassion you infuse in your people, especially those who care for the physical and emotional needs of friends, family and strangers. Strengthen all caregivers in body and spirit. Refresh them when weary; console them when anxious; comfort them in grief; and hearten them in discouragement. Giver of peace, enlarge our patience and enable us to embrace all those who live with difficulties we may one day share; in Jesus' name. Amen

(All Creation Sings, 54)

Called to Serve,

Bp. Lozano

Rev. Michael L. Lozano, Bishop

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Worship Changes at Zion Beginning in May 2021

After launching our in-person worship on Easter Sunday, Zion's worship and music committee is announcing the re-start of our in-person Saturday night spoken liturgy. Our first Saturday evening service will be held on Saturday May 1, 2021 starting at 5:30 PM. The Saturday evening service follows the same format as our Sunday service without the Organ.

On April 26, 2021 the worship and music committee met to discuss the feed-back that was received concerning the re-start of the Sunday in-person service. Live streaming on Facebook has resulted in several issues. The sound system has not been picked up by the streaming microphone. Our at home viewers have not heard the organ, lectors, pastor or assisting minister at various times during the service. Solutions are being tried each week and we need to hear from you at home when things work well and when they do not.

At our April council meeting, discussion was held concerning expanding the Sunday in-person worship experience to include choir and/or congregational singing. Given the increased infection rate and the slow vaccination rate within the county, council felt it was prudent to keep the service status quo (No singing) through the end of May. Attendance at the in-person services has been as follows:

Easter Sunday April 4, 2012 – 40

2nd Sunday in Easter April 11, 2021 – 25

3rd Sunday in Easter April 18, 2021 – 29

4th Sunday in Easter April 25, 2021 – 29

Congratulations Zion!

The final numbers are in for the Zion Congregation Budget Challenge. As of the pledge closing on April 15, 2021, Zion received pledges totaling \$ 18,013.00. This **EXCEEDS** our pledge goal by \$13.00.

Great Job Everyone!

Administration and Finance Committee

Response Positive for Membership Information Request

The initial response has been very good from the "Membership Information Update" mailing that was sent out last month. So far, we have received over 70% response. We appreciate the congregation's interest in updating our membership records through this effort. Those who have yet to respond can still send in those cards. We will follow up with a reminder mailing in May to those we have missed. Plans are in the works for publishing a non-pictorial congregational directory and your responses will go a long way toward making the directory accurate and useful.

Evangelism Committee

We Need Worship Service Volunteers

As we expand our in person worship, we need volunteers for the following important worship aides:

Readers – Beginning in May we will need to restart our very talented lay readers to provide leadership for the lessons and psalms at both Saturday 5:30 PM and Sunday 9:30 AM.

We also need someone to organize and coordinate the reader's schedule.

Please contact Kevin Huston 724-349-4208 if you are interested in servicing in this position.

Zion to Hold Audit Workshop

Zion will be holding an Audit Workshop on **Saturday June 19, 2021** starting at **10:00 AM**. The workshop will be led by Gary Ellenberger. Gary will give instruction and then provide guidance as we work to complete audits of Zion's finances. We have three years of financial records to audit (2018, 2019, 2020)

We need **Nine (9) audit volunteers**, three for each year to properly complete the audits. After the initial instruction, we will split into three groups of three. Gary will be available to guide and advice throughout the process. The audits should be completed by the afternoon.

Lunch will be provided for the volunteers.

Please contact **Becky Slade (724-463-7888)** to volunteer for this important process for Zion's financial health.

HOSPITAL INFO

IRMC has indicated that non-Covid ward admissions to the hospital are able to have pastoral visitations. To arrange, please notify the church office (724-465-5597) for non-emergency visits. For emergency visitation, please contact Pastor Tedd directly.

LOOKING FOR: Assisting Ministers

Purpose: To assist the pastor during worship services. Responsibilities include:

- Reciting or singing the Kyrie and Hymn of Praise
- Leading the Prayers of the People
- Setting altar table to prepare for the Eucharist
- Leading Offertory Prayer
- Assisting with Communion
- Reciting or singing the Post-Communion Prayer
- Reciting or singing the dismissal

Skills: Any baptized member can become an Assisting Minister. A desire to serve Zion, both the congregation and the pastor.

Time required: about once a month. Our Saturday service is at 5:30 PM and our Sunday service is at 9:30 AM. As an Assisting Minister you should arrive about 20 minutes before the start of the service. You also have the opportunity to select dates that might be suitable for you. Schedules are prepared and distributed of actual assisting dates to your email and published in our monthly newsletter.

Contact: Kim Balcerak, 349-3866 or winnow@verizon.net

Note: Please prayerfully consider serving as an Assisting Minister. The more we have on the schedule, the less often any one of us is scheduled. If you are worried that you will make mistakes, be advised that we all make mistakes and our pastor is very helpful.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry will resume operations next month with a few changes. We will distribute food on the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM through Noon, beginning May 15th. Clients will drive through our parking lot, and volunteers will hand the food through their windows. Clients will not have to get out of their cars. Bags will be prepared by volunteers on the Fridays before distributions. Anyone interested in helping can call Kathy or Bob at 724-422-6761 or 724-331-2189.

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: Bishop Lozano, Jessica (Chapman) Badowski, Prisca Maier, Jim Chapman, Sherman Lockard, Shirley Horner, Sande Shotts, Kevin Widdowson, Ruth, Cliff, Karen Holland, Laurie Pate, Loretta Piper, B. Tamski, Beth Grafton, Ken Vinton, David Kunkle, Allison Miller, Adam Chilenski, Dennis Turner, Kristine Anderson Volpatti, Kathy Yerep, Ken Campbell, Gene Shotts, Tom Bush (Becky Slade's brother), Dominic Yensi, Dave Malin, Tom Brown, Dave Nycum, Karen Davis, Susan Butchkoski, Lonnie Cogar, Jeannine, Petras Family, George Schulze, Denny Swanson, Jr, Jeannie Park, Martha Chapman, Paolo Schianchi, Ron Anderson, Billie Kurtz-King, Bill Johnston, Liesl Andrie, Peter Broad, Bob Reifsteck, Fred Schrock, Bob Butchkoski, Dirk Grafton, Nancy, Abby Bowser, Jim Muller, Royce Walters, Rochelle Calvetti, Jacqueline Davis, Judy Matsko, Kim Walls, Katrina Albright, Quinn Santini, Heidi Good, Bill Mechling, Lisa Vavro, Elaine Park Davis, Leonard Black, Noelle Battick, Ronda Leasure, Janice & Rich Olsen, Linda Kanyan, Annah Hill, Gene Hartzell, Guella Family, Betty Nicolette.

For all those serving in the Military and those who have served, especially: Zachery Horner ((grandson of Shirley Horner), Maria Dinuzio, Mark Collins, Stephen Davis, 1st Lt. Chad Beighley (nephew of Dory & Ken Campbell), Matthew McEldowney (grandson of Richard & Shirley Bush), Corey Feretti, Franklin Feretti.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE HOME-BOUND AND MEMBERS IN NURSING HOMES, KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Roberta Buchanan, Ruth Nelson, Geraldine Shatzer, Marietta (Mo) Foltz, Marie Campbell, Royce Walters, John Carloni, Bea Ruth.

We grieve with the Gene Jones family. Gene's father, Joseph Jones, passed away on Wednesday, March 31, 2021. Joseph was 101 years old and one of Indiana County's oldest WWII veterans. Services will be private.

GIVING REPORT: MONTH OF APRIL

Needed for April operating budget:	\$ 13,470.83
Received in April:	<u>\$ 12,238.00</u>
Amount Still Due for April:	\$ 1,232.83

Does not include the end of the month giving

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Alicia Akers

Larry Ditch

Daniel Piper

Martha Wunz

Mandy Gilbertti

Brayden Stile

Gage Hess

Nancy Weaver

David Piper

James Slade

Stephen Wunz

Jacque Jacobs

Cole Otto

Candace Adamson

Arline Calhoun

Dave Keith

Dave Woodall

Roman Carloni

Michael Widdowson

Dana Piper

David Malin

Susan Dickson

Coleen Seagren

Susan Belford

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

March 8, 2021

Attendance: Pr. Tedd, K. Huston, S. Horner, K. Balcerak, G. Sechrist, B. Slade, K. McCullough, D. Keith, VIA ZOOM: B. Mehus, K. Gaylor; **Guest/ New member** R. Wissinger

Devotions: Led B. Slade- Living light – April- K. Huston

Minutes for February were approved. M/ Kathy Gaylor; 2nd K. Balcerak

Communications: K. Huston nominated Rik Wissinger to fill B. Gaylor's unexpired 1 year term. Approved by acclimation

A- (a)- ELCA Foundation- Review of gift policy- Change wording on the top of pages. It says Zion Evangelical Lutheran church; change the form to reflect proper name. Page 6- B use of unrestricted gifts- review gift policy and talk about it next month.

(b)- Anderson gift- 2020 stock- Kevin spoke w/ Ryan Ebner about a good way to start a lasting legacy. Ron said whatever is best for Zion.

B- Pastor's report- Christoph is going to take over recording services, pr Tedd is going to take over Catechism.

C- Discussion on future of ministry at Zion- It will be at least a 2-3 year process to see the fruits of labor of getting a new pastor in place. Rik Wissinger- Trinity 321- Will make himself available. Trinity 321 had a special meeting on March 3- after he got a comprehensive pastoral list from Pr. Tedd and Sarah. Quantified specific information about what goes on a weekly, monthly daily basis. A suggestion was made for all entities in 321 to have an honest discussion with their members to define our strengths and to open a continuous dialog and encourage support between 321 members and have members define hopes for each entity moving forward which will make it easier. The other entities have boards; we have council to define what we need. We need to strengthen our layperson leadership to take the burden off of Pastor Tedd and the members on the pastoral care list. We appointed a committee to lead discussion w/ pr Tedd to see what support pr. Tedd needs. Kim, Kim and Becky volunteered. A proposal was made to take the money from Pastor Sarah's budgeted salary to increase Pr. Tedd's salary by 3% by all members.

A proposal was made to host "Beer church"- have a service mid week. No charge to possibly attract people who normally wouldn't come. Think outside of the box.

Financial Report: The financial report for February was reviewed. It will be forwarded to Audit Send for Audit: D. Keith 2nd K. Balcerak

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL—cont**March 8, 2021****Reports:**

Administration & Finance: K. Huston- We somehow missed paying the fee for the church website. The website domain was cancelled. It's usually an easy process; however, the company who runs it needs an account # which we had, and also a PIN which was missing. Where we are now: we need to buy it back. Hopefully within a week it will be up and running. There is a lack of continuity, we need to create manuals and policies so information is readily accessible.

Budget Challenge follow up. We sent out around 110 envelopes; 32 have responded and the numbers are encouraging. A follow up letter should be sent out.

A letter will be send out to current members of the church to update contact information (mailing address, phone numbers and email addresses. errors. Including all members of the family's names on it to get an accurate number of active members.

Parish ED: G. Sechrist- In the process of getting estimates to update the original Sunday school rooms (painting). Bob Shively knows of a contractor to get an estimate. K. Gaylor- Sunday school internet booster is needed for the large gathering space. Catechism will still be held in the current room.

Property: D. Keith- Still waiting on demolition of parsonage by Marsh Contracting. Working on getting an estimate from multiple window replacement companies to get an estimate on replacing non-stained-glass windows. Some of them are beyond repair. Dave we may look into contacting our insurance company. They may offer a free of charge active shooter alarm. It calls the police when pushed; but you only get one alarm Where to put it? The building is used for more than just Sundays, a good place for it may be near the preschool.

Evangelism/Stewardship: No report.

Recreation & Fellowship: K. Gaylor- There is a plan to resume soups for Advent. Social ministry, how to reopen for the food pantry. R. Wissinger- Asked if there is any interest in having another fishing outing this summer. We can gauge interest.

Social Ministry: In the process of thinking of ways to reopen the food pantry.

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL—cont**March 8, 2021**

Worship& Music: Pr. Tedd- Opening Easter Sunday. Thinking of ways of having communion. Possibly having plastic glasses put wafer on top and set up a table for each person to get their own for communion. There are different ways that are possible during the pandemic. The service will be different, but it will still be meaningful. Season of Easter and beyond. Everyone is excited for Christmas in July (25th) Sunday. K. Huston- We don't want to open up too early; want to protect our congregation. Want to protect our staff to ensure that they have a safe work environment. The situation is frustrating; everyone wants to get back to normal. We need to be together without endangering ourselves. Some degree of fellowship, then expand the services as the pandemic dissipates

Old Business: Becky Slade- Constitution on Bishops desk. She then brought up a provision in our Constitution for auditing our financial records. A lengthy discussion ensued and it was determined that many people had never completed a Financial Audit. Pr. Tedd has helped in the past with Luther chapel. 20,18, 19, 20, fiscal years need completed. B. Slade previously spoke with Gary Ellenberger has volunteered to host a workshop at his availability for interested members to complete the audits. We still need to work within the Constitution. A proposal was made to have an Audit committee- 3 members elected. Appoint them at a January meeting 1 member from council, 2 from congregation. We can't have a conflict of interest; people who are involved with the finances of the church shouldn't be involved. It was asked if we need to do an annual Audit? We still do. There can still be problems. It's a tedious process, but not difficult when you have multiple people working on it. A proposal was made to change the Constitution, at the moment, it would be too difficult and time consuming.

New Business: No new business.

A motion was made to adjourn by K. Huston 2nd by Balcerak

Submitted B. Mehus 3/10/2021

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 7, 2021

Present: K. Huston, Pr. Tedd, Don & Dawn Seagren, S. Dickson, G. Sechrist. Excused: B. Swatsworth. Absent- R. Wissinger, K. Balcerak.

I-Financial Report - Giving exceeded expected expectations by \$3500 for March.

Don Seagren made motion to send financials for audit, Gail Sechrist seconded motion

II- ELCA Foundation - Set up a meeting w/ Ryan Ebner next month for next steps. Then present package to council. 1.9-2.8% return on investment now. As current CD's reach maturity, move it to ELCA accounts. Initial investment of \$25000, slide Steinway repair fund over, etc for better return rate. Explore council having a meeting w/ Ryan if necessary.

III- On Going Congregational Issues-

a.Constitution - Pr. Tedd - The Bishop may be waiting on other entities to update their Constitutions, then approve them in a few months after a Synod meeting.

At the last Council meeting, Becky Slade made brought up that we need to do an Audit for the previous 3 years. She organized a workshop w/Gary Ellenberger for audits. Workshop in one day; split into 3 groups to learn how to conduct an Audit.

b. Property projects- i - Sunday school painting, waiting on bids from contractors. **ii**-Found a couple of vendors for window painting and repairing outside windows. Monday, Thursday next week meeting w/vendors. The project may be a little more complicated than originally thought due to the design of the windows.

c. Easter worship feedback - positive from everyone. It was brought up that some people may want the time of the services to be changed. Pr. Tedd - Have to work with Luther Chapel. 40 people came to Easter worship. There were a few audio problems. As of now, it's broadcast from a Laptop on the alter, until something else can be done.

d. Zion budget challenge update: So far \$15,863 has been committed.

e. Shaffer Gift - A \$10,000 donation was made to reclaim property, K. Huston made a suggestion to deposit into ZARP.

f. Updating Congregation contact information - K. Huston is going to work with Shepherd's Staff to create a spreadsheet.

Old business - Don Seagren asked for an update on the parsonage demolition. K. Huston - A call to the gas company has to be made to make sure the gas shut off.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES—cont

April 7, 2021

Demolition should be completed within the next couple of weeks. The demolition should be completed in a couple of days after it begins.

New business - Midweek services through easter season. Pr. Tedd - Stated it will be difficult - maybe organize a group bible study through Parish Ed. Sunday school update - Jen Rising and Jess Mehus are teaching, Dory Campbell is teaching catechism.

Submitted 4/9/21 Brian Mehus

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 16, 2021

Members Present: Jerry Ruffner, Kevin Huston, Don Seagren, Dave Keith

Committee issues discussed:

Completed Projects

1. February 3, 2021 – Eastern Elevator performed semi-annual elevator service
2. February 11, 2021 – Snow blower repaired at cost of \$188.90
3. February 26, 2021 – Handy Man for Hire lowered the Church Street Key Box as required by the Fire Department
4. February 26, 2021 – Third floor bathroom floor was repaired at cost of \$ 83.90
5. March 4, 2021 - Fire Department installed key in the key box and replaced the lock cover
6. March 16, 2021 – Advanced Fire checked the Ansol System in the kitchen (Above the stove) Several items need addressed – see below

On Going Projects:

7. December 29th: Broken plexi-glass was discovered on one of the outside windows and will be addressed.
8. Final demolition of the Parish house is scheduled to be completed in mid-**APRIL**. The contractor is currently removing materials that will be re-claimed for use in future construction.
9. The utility companies need to be notified of the demolition date so that final physical disconnect can be completed. **(Peoples Gas was contacted on January 19th).**
10. With the demolition of the Parish House, the committee approved having electricity installed to the garage. This will be done by Pardee at a cost of \$700.00
11. **Bids for wall work and painting the third floor Sunday School area are being obtained**
12. The committee will be addressing the cleaning, re-sealing and painting of the church windows in Spring 2021. **Bids for this work are being secured.**
13. **Three outlets in third floor Sunday School area need to be updated.**
14. **Replacing the flooring in third floor Sunday School area needs to be addressed.**
15. Plaster repair in the pulpit side stairwell was discussed. The committee will revisit this in 2021.

Available Funds for Projects

16. Capital Improvement Account Balance: \$37,846.47
17. ZARP Account Balance: \$ 31,712.73

The Committee's next meeting will be Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Formal recommendations to council: None

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 20, 2021

Members Present: Jerry Ruffner, Kevin Huston, Dave Keith

Committee issues discussed:

Completed Projects

1. March 30, 2021 – Boiler inspection was performed. Inspection reviewed issues with several valves and a toggle switch.
2. April 7, 2021 - Eagle Air repaired the boiler issues detailed in the inspection report. The inspector will be returning on April 28 to approve repairs.
3. April 12, 2021 – Council approved a bid from Western PA Service Company for \$6,933.00 to repair, prep and paint the third floor Sunday School rooms.
4. April 13, 2021 – Advanced Fire made necessary repairs to the Ansol fire suppression system in the kitchen (Above the stove) Repair cost \$ 576.25
5. April 17, 2021 Demolition of the Parish House began. Marsh Construction is the contractor on the project.

On Going Projects

1. December 29th: Broken plexi-glass was discovered on one of the outside windows and will be addressed.
2. With the demolition of the Parish House, the committee approved having electricity installed to the garage. This will be done by Pardee at a cost of \$700.00
3. March 19, 2021 – Heavy rain exposed a continuing leak problem at the sixth street entrance to the church. Several contractors have addressed this in the past but no permanent solution has been obtained. The committee will address this with Elias at their April 22nd meeting to see if a solution can be secured.
4. April 12, 2021 – Council approved a bid from Western PA Service Company for \$6,933.00 to repair, prep and paint the third floor Sunday School rooms.
5. Three outlets in third floor Sunday school area need to be updated.
6. Bathroom faucet on third floor needs to be repaired.
7. Replacing the flooring in third floor Sunday school area needs to be addressed.
8. April 15, 2021 - The committee met with Elias Painting Contractors (the company specializes in church repair and restoration) to begin the process of obtaining a bid for repair and painting the outside church windows. A follow up meeting with the contractor is scheduled for April 22, 2021. More information on this will be forthcoming.

Available Funds for Projects

1. Capital Improvement Account Balance: \$37,856.47
2. ZARP Account Balance: \$ 31,727.59

The Committee's next meeting will be Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM

**Recreation & Fellowship Committee Report
April 12, 2021**

Although the committee did not meet, we have kept in touch with each other via e-mail and conversation. We have tentatively planned several events, contingent upon health and safety factors.

The first order of business is to clean up the kitchen, take inventory of the store room, dispose of outdated items, and get organized. Volunteers are always welcome.

Resume soup luncheons during Advent, 2021.

Drive-Through turkey dinner on a Sunday in November.

Brown-Bag Take-Out Picnic Lunch during the summer.

Drive-Through Soup Sale. Two varieties made and frozen in quart containers. No pre-orders, sell until we run out.

Drive-through Rigatoni Dinner. No advance orders, distribute until we run out.

Bake sale of some sort.

Pot Luck Dinner in the Social Hall, as soon as it is safe to do so.

No expenditures are requested at this time.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Gaylor

**Zion Community Food Pantry Report
April 12, 2021**

Plans have been made and logistics are being worked out to begin a once-a-month distribution of food in May, 2021. Distribution will be "drive through", dispensing bags of food from the handicap entrance on the third Saturday of each month. This day change will eliminate issues with food pantry and pre-school using the same door at the same time. Clients will remain in their cars. Volunteers are being gathered, and opening day is set for Saturday, May 15, from 10:00 AM through Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Gaylor

PARISH ED COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 31, 2021

Sunday School Rooms – renovation is planned to start on June 14

May 23 – This date was planned as a celebration day on the original curriculum for Sunday School. We are looking for alternate ideas of what to do for this date since we are not meeting in person. Parables? Jenn asked to have our ideas to her by April 19 in order to get the activities/lessons to the teachers.

VBS – Beth gave an update on VBS. The large pavilion at Blue Spruce is reserved for August 28. The rental is \$150 for the day. She has ideas for booths (balloon animals to give to nursing homes, community garden, rock painting). If anyone has ideas of additional booth/activity options, please let her know. She is also looking into people to perform music during the day.

Catechism – no update

New Business:

Gail was given information on NAEIR by Pastor Tedd. This organization provides supplies to churches, charities, and other organizations. The first year is free, but there would be a membership fee after that. There is not a charge for the supplies, only the membership fee. Gail is going to forward the information to us to review. Website address is www.naeir.org

Time change: Beth has another meeting the goes until 6:30p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month. For meeting options, would we want to change the time to 6:30 or 7 p.m., or do we want to change the Wednesday date to the second or third Wednesday of the month? Please let me know your preference, and I will adjust the meeting link.

I think that is everything. Only two task items for us to work on: May 23 activity and meeting time/date.

Sincerely,

Jess

May 2021

Date	Lay Reader	Altar Guild	Ushers	Assist. Min.	Tellers
May 1/2			5:30-Walt & Jan Cikowski 9:30-Richard Smith, Jim Slade	5:30-Kim Balcerak 9:30-Jenn Rising	
May 8/9			5:30-Dave & Linda Malin 9:30-Don & Dawn Seagren	5:30-Kevn Huston 9:30-Beth Grafton	
May 15/16			5:30-Shirley Horner, Chuck Rodnicki 9:30-Tyson Ellenberger, Pernell Bowersox	5:30-Kim Balcerak 9:30-Kevin Huston	
May 22/23			5:30-Dave & Linda Malin 9:30-Richard Smith, Jim Slade	5:30-Kevin Huston 9:30-Rik Wissinger	
May 29/30			5:30-Rik & Bev Wissinger 9:30-Don & Dawn Seagren	5:30-Rik Wissinger 9:30-Jenn Rising	
		Kathy Huston 724-349-4208	5:30 Dave Malin 724-349-3996 10:00 Dave Keith 349-4583 Pernell Boxwersox 349-5639	Kim Balcerak 724-388-2341	

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

						1 5:30 Liturgy
2 9:30 Liturgy Sunday School—On-Line Only 10:45 Choir Practice	3	4	5 7-Adm/Finance	6	7 Zion office closed	8 5:30 Liturgy
9 9:30 Liturgy Sunday School—On-Line Only 10:45 Choir Practice <u>MOTHER'S DAY</u>	10 6:30-Council	11	12	13	14 Zion office closed	15 5:30 Liturgy
16 9:30 Liturgy Sunday School—On-Line Only 10:45 Choir Practice	17	18 7-Property	19	20	21 Zion office closed	22 5:30 Liturgy
23 9:30 Liturgy Sunday School—On-Line Only (last one until fall) 10:45 Choir Practice	24	25	26 Newsletter Mailed 7-Parish Ed	27	28 Zion office closed	29 5:30 Liturgy
30 9:30 Liturgy 10:45 Choir Practice	31 MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed—Jerry off					



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