

April 2022

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## Zion's Future is in Our Hands (Part Three)

Kathy was twelve when her mother suddenly died. I can't imagine how anxious and utterly helpless she felt. Luckily she had family for support. Being the youngest of five siblings, she had her two sisters, both in their thirties by then and wives and mothers in their own right, to provide love and support. Her two brothers were older too. With one was in college and the other in high school, her brothers provided support on the home front as Kathy navigated her new life with her father, who was now sixty-one. She needed to mature quickly, learn to cook and help run the house. In essence she lost what was left of her childhood. Kathy also received a great deal of support from her church family. Her future sister-in-law's family brought her into their home on Sundays after church for a meal and some fellowship. She also received some unexpected love and support from her sister's mother-in law. Normally a cold and distant person, she unexpectedly showed support by supplying Kathy with things she needed that her father would not have thought of to provide.

By the time I was on the scene ten years later, much of the pain and heartache surrounding her mother's death had softened and more pleasant memories were thought of and shared. Kathy's mom was remembered for her love of life and family, and for her baking. The weekend pinochle games with friends were a tradition on Forest Avenue and the sight of Kathy's mom on the front porch of their house waving a dish towel to celebrate the Pirates World Series victory has been a cherished family memory. There were always baked goods to be consumed and the neighborhood friends of Kathy's brothers couldn't wait until the pies were ready on Saturday afternoon. Kathy's mother and her best friend Lula got together to bake Christmas cookies the quantity of which filled many large containers to be shared by all.

I am sure that many of you have had to overcome some unexpected downturns in your family history. For most of us, these events bring unbearable sadness and pain, but with the love and comfort from family we emerge from those dark times stronger and more resilient. Family grounds us and serves as both support and encouragement to move forward. Our church families can also be of great comfort and aid during these periods of despair and we should never be afraid to lean on them when support is needed.



Just like our biological families, our church family experiences the same periods when our future looks uncertain and particularly bleak. Many of you who have deep generational roots at Zion can point to some time when our church family was challenged to survive some crisis or another. Thankfully, those with the deepest Zion roots have steadfastly kept us on course. They recognize the value that church membership means in guiding and supporting us through life. This guidance and support is deeply rooted in who we are as Christians. And who we are as members of this community of faith.

There are times when we forget that we are all baptized in water and sealed with the cross of Christ. We will never be lost or forgotten and we are encouraged to love and protect each other on our life's journey. That is not to say that our faith won't be challenged from time to time because it surely will. What we must remember is that God's grace is free to us. All we have to do is accept it.

Zion is entering a period of self-reflection as our administration and finance committee begins to explore a path for our future. This is scary territory because it is apparent we are no longer who we once were. This challenges the validity of our good memories and casts doubt on what our future has in store for us. But facing these things together will provide us with a brighter future and bind us together in ways that will make us stronger than we now can imagine. As we travel down this road together, we must remember that the risen Jesus appeared to his disciples while walking on the road to Emmaus. He walked and talked with them, broke bread and shared scripture. He stayed with the disciples until they recognized him as the risen Lord. We also share our journey with the risen Jesus. He may not be physically present but he is with us in scripture and when we share the Eucharist. Let us not forget that Jesus also continues to fulfill God's promise for us. Our road may not always be smooth but we can have hope when we truly live Jesus' commandment to love and care for one another as we do ourselves.



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

### **We are busy at Luther Chapel**

On 2/17/2022 we elected ....

Dale Keller—Council President and Property Committee

Gary Alsop—Vice President & Financial Secretary. Plus Worship & Music Committee and Outreach Committee.

Sarah Shaffer—Treasurer & Financial Secretary

Darlene Beatty—Secretary & Parish Education and Youth Group Leader

Kathy Keller—Assistant Secretary and Stewardship Committee

Sarah Shaffer and Gary Alsop are 3-2-1 Advisory Council Representatives

The Easter Services are as follows .....

Good Friday—April 15—7:00 PM

Easter Sunday—April 17—8:00 AM — There is a pot luck breakfast following the service

Our services are live on Radio Church at 92.1 FM each Sunday at 11:15. Please join us if you are local and cannot attend.

Sarah Shaffer has trained in Eucharistic Ministry. She is available for home visits and Home Communion by calling 724-541-4868.

Our WELCA contacts are Linda Alsop and Sarah Shaffer.

WELCA unit is collecting personal supplies for disaster relief kits. We are collecting thin bath towels (so they dry fast), individually-wrapped toothbrushes, combs, soaps and nail clippers. We are collecting items through the Easter season. Our youth group and membership will meet and wrap the kits for shipping. Thrivent has approved our request for an Action Team card.

Our WELCA unit is busy. Each Wednesday we meet at 2:00-4:00 at Luther Chapel to create quilts for disaster relief efforts. We meet the first Saturday of the month to organize and have our bible study following the Gather magazine's bible study. All ladies are welcome to join us for our service to others and our study. We are also busy planning a TEA for Saturday, May 16, 2022, from 4:00 to 6:00 for food and fun. Come and bring a friend.

In other news, the Center Township and Homer City Borough have announced a food distribution for the community on Saturday, April 9, at the Township Building.

Please keep our churches, our families, our neighbors and our world in your prayers for PEACE.

Pastor Tedd Cogar will be celebrating his 9th Ordination anniversary on St. Patrick's Day. Congratulations, Pastor Tedd.

## **Trinity 321 Announces Services and Times**

Trinity 321 has announced times for our Lenten and Easter services for 2022:

### **Mid-Week Lenten Service – Wednesday**

April 6, 2022

Zion—7:00 PM

### **Maundy Thursday – April 14, 2022**

Zion – 7:30 PM

### **Good Friday – April 15, 2022**

Luther Chapel – 7:00 PM

### **Easter Vigil – Saturday April 16, 2022**

Zion – 7:30 PM

### **Easter Day – Sunday, April 17, 2022**

Luther Chapel – 8:00 AM

Zion – 10:30 AM — **SPECIAL TIME**

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### **Easter Vigil Returns to Zion for 2022**

Zion's Worship and Music committee has announced that Zion will again be hosting the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at 7:30 PM. This will be our first live and in-person Vigil service since 2019.

We will be incorporating our traditional seven lessons and are looking for volunteers to read the lessons at the Vigil.

If you are interested in reading one of the lessons please contact Pastor Cogar

Below, are the Lessons that will be read at the Easter Vigil:

Lesson One: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Lesson Two: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

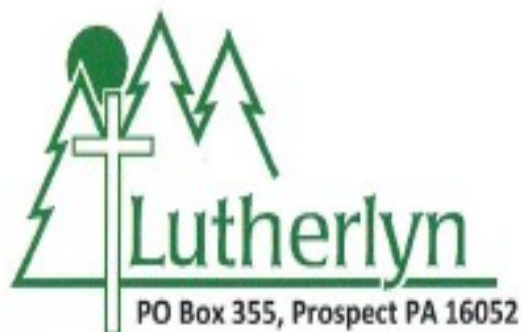
Lesson Three: Genesis 22:1-18

Fourth Lesson: Exodus 14:10-15:1a (this will be sung by a choir member)

Fifth Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sixth Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Seventh Lesson: Daniel 3:1-29



## You Are Invited to CampBlast!

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 11am-4:30pm**

Join us for a day of FUN that highlights all that Lutherlyn has to offer. Horseback riding, campfire, crafts, gaga ball, archery, zipline, bouldering room, hiking, nature activities, canoeing, hay rides, games, sports, kayaking, LEGO room, tours, great food, and MORE!

The best part.... **EVERYTHING IS FREE!**

[www.lutherlyn.com/campblast](http://www.lutherlyn.com/campblast)

## \$100 off for FIRST-TIME campers!

This coupon entitles FIRST-TIME Lutherlyn campers to \$100 off of the registration fee for Summer 2022. This applies to Lutherlyn's residential week-long programs. Young Folks half-week programs get \$50 off for FIRST-TIME campers. Does not apply to Family Camp, Confirmation Camp, Day Camps, or Small Fry Days. Must be a FIRST TIME summer camper.

No additional discounts may be combined with this offer.

Enter coupon code: **FIRST**

Register at **WWW.LUTHERLYN.COM**.

(Please share this code with friends!)

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

<u>Service Dates</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>On-Line Viewing</u>
February 26 and 27	12	30	129
March 5 and 6	17	27	78
March 12 and 13	8	19	0
March 19 and 20	15	24	0
March 26 and 27	15	26	77

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Members of Zion's Family,

As you may, or may not have heard, our sexton, Jerry Ruffner, plans to retire at the end of the year. The work that Jerry has done and continues to do is indispensable to our church family. Due to Jerry's fastidious organizational skills, he has compiled a journal of his many duties. This journal will be a valuable resource for his successor.

If there is anyone in our church family who would like to be considered for the position, starting in 2023, please contact Rik Wissinger@ 724-840-2335.

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### **Zion Council to hold a Workshop on Our Constitution**

On Saturday April 2, 2022, Zion council will gather for a workshop on Zion's new constitution.

Council will review all the ELCA mandated portions of the Constitution as well as those chapters specific to Zion.

Council's goal is to educate new members and re-refresh the hold over members on the Constitution's provisions to make sure there is compliance in the operation of the congregation's business.

This workshop is open to any members of the congregation who wish to join in.

The meeting will convene at 8:30 AM on Saturday April 2, 2022

## Ongoing Zion Project Update

### Windows

The Property Committee is awaiting new bids for the window restoration/replacement project. It was decided to divide Zion's 118 windows into several segments and address each as an individual project. This would allow us to make progress on the windows that are in need of immediate restoration/replacement. The project has been subdivided into seven sections:

- Windows along the parking lot side of the annex wing – those facing Greystone

- Windows on the south side of the annex wing – those primarily facing the parish house site and Preschool playground

- Windows on the south side of the annex wing and the lower windows along the south side of the Nave

- Windows on the lower north side of the Nave (along Church street)

- Windows on the South side of the Nave

- Windows on the North side of the Nave

- The "Jesus" Window

Since this project will consume several years, parceling out the windows as detailed above will allow for a more financially manageable process.

### Roof

TMR is currently in the process of completing the previously contracted repairs on our roof. In addition, TMR performed a complete re-caulk/seal of the outside ridge of the "Jesus" window as we attempt to continue to search for solutions to stop the ongoing water leak issue on the east side of the Nave. During their inspection of both our Nave roof and our annex wing roof, it was determined that our annex wing roof is in solid shape. Our Nave roof, however has about two years of life left and in some locations is in serious need of replacement. We asked TMR to provide bids on replacing the roof on the Nave and those will be forthcoming soon.

### On-Line Upgrade

Dobil has ordered all the equipment necessary for our on-line service offering upgrade to proceed. Representatives have met with Zion to review the installation process. Work will begin as soon as the necessary equipment and material is received. We are confident that this upgraded equipment will greatly enhance the worship experience of those who tune in to Zion on-line.

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: Tom Hollern, Christian Santos, Akou Ester, Dan Howard, Chris Howard, Tamie Blank, Linda Malin, Jeff Davis, Paula Miller, Shawn Otto, Tom & Jane Williams, Sheelagh McAtee, Scott Potterack, Jim Carloni, Tom Krapsho, Chris Howard, Tom Williams, Deb Cosgrove, Pam Laney & Family, Hannah Rising, Rylan Rummel, Donald Dustin, Sharon Twaddle, Paul Davis, Loretta Piper, Jenn Rising, Bishop Lozano, Jessica (Chapman) Badowski, Prisca Maier, Jim Chapman, Sande Shotts, Ruth, Cliff, Karen Holland, Laurie Pate, B. Tamski, David Kunkle, Allison Miller, Adam Chilenski, Dennis Turner, Kristine Anderson Volpatti, 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, Martha Chapman, Paolo Schianchi, Ron Anderson, Billie Kurtz-King, Bill Johnston, Liesl Andrie, Peter Broad, Bob Reifsteck, Bob Butchkoski, Nancy, Abby Bowser, Jim Muller, Royce Walters, Rochelle Calvetti, Jacqueline Davis, Judy Matsko, Kim Walls, Katrina Albright, Quinn Santini, Heidi Good, 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, Geraldine Shatzer, Marietta (Mo) Foltz, Marie Campbell, Royce Walters, John Carloni, Bea Ruth.*

*We grieve with the family of Bill Mechling. Bill passed away on February 24. His funeral was February 28 at Zion.*

**GIVING REPORT: MONTH OF MARCH**

Needed for March operating budget:	\$ 13,106.25
Received in March:	<u>\$ 8,520.80</u>
Amount Still Due for March	\$ 4,585.45

Does not include the end of the month giving



## **BILL MECHLING**

As many may be aware, Bill Mechling was a poem writer. The following poem he wrote is one that was a family favorite and they thought it might be put in the newsletter.

I woke up this morning and guess what I found  
Billions & billions of snowflakes had covered the ground.  
Mother Nature had put on a new coat of white  
With buttons that sparkled and shone with delight.  
A necklace of crystal her sweet neck around  
Now what of this terrible storm we'd been warned?  
Oh, why do we always just dwell on the bad  
When there is so much pleasure and joy to be had?

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

(First Name in Alphabetical Order)

Dave Nycum

Dirk Grafton

Gianna Krznaric

Hannah Rethi

Jeffrey McCullough

Kathy Gibbons

Kay Thorell

Kristianna Shearer

Liliana Woomer

Linda Malin

Lois Hoffman

Mason Otto

Nancy Malacarne

Pernell Bowersox

Rebecca Gibbons

Robert Gaylor

Sally Calvetti

## MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

February 14, 2022

### Call to Order

- A. Opening Prayer**
- B. Attendance** K. Huston, K. Balcerak, Sue Dickson, B. Slade, B. Mehus, Pr. Tedd, S. Horner, K. McCullough, G. Sechrist, R. Wissinger, D. Keith. Absent- S. Bowersox
- II. Devotions** – R. Wissinger- March- S. Dickson
- III. Approval of January minutes-** Motion to approve R. Wissinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Balcerak.
- IV. Communications:** Pr. Tedd- MS. Hartman- Harris thanking us for a nice service for Cleve Hartman's funeral along with a generous offering.  
Pr. Tedd- There is a Zoom meeting with three Pastors on Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at noon to discuss ideas to help congregations without pastors.  
K. Huston-Sent in a letter to the PA Dept. of State to make sure incorporated documents on file with them were correct. They could not find anything on file. K. McCullough stated that it was not necessary to register with Dept. of State if we have an EIN number.  
K. Huston- There are two estates where we are beneficiaries that are in the process of being settled. Working with John Barbor to work through the process which should take 2-3 months. There is a process where an Inheritance tax report is sent which goes to the State, then the beneficiary gets notification.  
Census from last year 527 baptized members that is on file with the Synod has on file we have 219 actually baptized.  
Pastors' Report- First grief and loss support group meeting has been moved to March. Also had 5 people for game night. Try again when it's warmer weather. Pr. Tedd thanked people who covered for him who covered and who will cover while he is away.
- V. Review of Financial Report (January 2022).** Motion to send for audit. Income \$12,800 O2 special focus account transferred to 2022 income. Transfer to cash reserve. Nothing out of the ordinary for expenses. Elevator expense 2x per year, Plus the two chair lifts. There is a budget surplus so far. R. Wissinger made a motion to send for audit, 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Balcerak
- VI. Committee Reports**
- A. Standing Committees**
- Administration and Finance** – Kevin Huston- Strategic planning. Continue discussions in Adfin committee. Look at long term financial health of congregation. Talk of the most efficient way to use the building, as it's large and the amount of members who utilize it isn't as large. Long term ministry 30 years down the road. We will have to ask difficult questions to look for long term answers for the long-term sustainability of the congregation. ELCA Foundation- Ryan Ebner will come to April's meeting to help set up program for legacy money.
- Staff Support** – Rik Wissinger  
Looking for a replacement for Jerry. There are two people outside of congregation who may be interested.
- Nominating Committee** – S. Horner- Contacted a few people who are interested in being on the committee and also a chairperson is in place, so it is taken care of.
- Audit Committee** – B. Slade Meeting set for Feb. 18th

## MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL—cont

### **Evangelism /Stewardship –**

K. Balcerak. Planning things for Mother's/ Father's Day. K. Huston- Pledge donation cards have been received. Pr. Tedd- Should we start thinking about 2023 Pledge donation cards? Some people were caught off guard by it, but it is a good way to plan for the budget for the upcoming year. We need to be upfront with budgetary situation. R. Wis-singer

**Parish Education –** Gail Sechrist- The kids are practicing singing. Hope to have kids sing in church in the near future.

Youth- Adult ministries- no report.

**Property –** Dave Keith- New timer installed on Jesus window for \$148. A window leak has been repaired for \$1400; this should also fix the leak in the alcove. Roof repairs have been delayed due to weather. Roof may need replaced in a few years. The contractor will be coming back this week to talk about an estimate. A full replacement of the slate roof may be too expensive; may go to more traditional roof. The existing slate would be able to be sold to recoup money towards roof repair. A 2<sup>nd</sup> estimate for the stained window repair/ replacement from company in New York was \$829,000 after an extensive examination. The building is aging and is large and needs to be talked about. The organ is a good thing for ministry outreach. Try to think of ways to generate sustainable income. G. Sechrist- The left outside light is not working on 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Building Use –** Nothing

**Recreation and Fellowship –** S. Horner. Nothing new; there was a funeral meal which served 84 people. They were happy.

**Social Ministry –** S. Dickson- None

**Trinity 3-2-1 -** Rik Wissinger- Tomorrow night is the quarterly meeting- Ideas for Lenten, holy week services, and a 5pm Ash Wednesday service will be discussed.

**Worship and Music –** Pastor Tedd- Working on rotation for people to visit members who wish to commune. There was an extravagant initial estimate for online ministries, it was pared down, and add on options later as necessary. Q tips have been discussed to use to dispense ashes on Ash Wednesday. One and done. Real ashes, not toner from copier. Palms will be ordered for Palm Sunday.

**VIII. Old Business –** B. Slade- Constitution amendment modification meeting will be held on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> 8:30am meeting along with the bylaws. The parts that don't have an asterisk can be changed to suit our needs. Things can be changed that don't fit anymore to suit our needs. An example would be to change the nominating committee from 6 people to 3 people. Auditors need to change from year to year.

**IX. New Business-** None

**X. Closing Prayers and Adjournment** M/ K. Huston 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Balcerak

Submitted by Brian Mehus 2/16/2022.

## ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 9, 2022

Attendance: K. Huston, B. Mehus, Pr. Tedd, R. Wissinger, Don Seagren, K. Balcerak, P. Bow-  
ersox, S. Dickson,

**I. Call to Order - 6:01pm**

**A. February Minutes-** Motion to approve - D. Seagren, K. Balcerak

**II. Financial Report** - We received a call on Monday call from John Barbor, and the  
Mardell Fish estate is in the process of being settled. It will initially be deposited into  
the savings account.

**A. February Financials** - Move some of the cash in the bank (\$252,324.03) into an-  
other account to generate some income. Think about reallocating Special Focus  
Envelope (\$28,645.40) for projected budget deficit from 2021. Phone and internet  
are running slightly ahead of where we budgeted. Need to keep an eye on it. Mo-  
tion to send for audit. M/ R. Wissinger- 2<sup>nd</sup>/K. Balcerak

**III. 2022 Initiatives**

**A. Managing 2022 pledges** (Stewardship) - 55 pledges from families for the year.

**B. Membership Outreach** (Worship and Music)

- i. Home communion - Rest of people are trained and have the list to go out  
to commune homebound partitioners.
- ii. On-Line Church- Audio was not very good for the last week. Don Rosen-  
berger will be contacted to move forward with upgrading our electronics.  
The updated quote was a little over \$5000. Will move forward with the up-  
grade. This Saturday is a Constitutional review at 8:30am. Bev took the initi-  
ative to learn how to program the door locks and programed them for ser-  
vices.

**C. Strategic Planning** (Administration and Finance)

i. Financial Plan for Zion's long-term health - Make a list of assets and liabil-  
ities. Financial, structural, spiritual. Discussion- K. Huston. Assets - The organ presents an op-  
portunity if we expand its use beyond. We have had a relationship with the music department at  
IUP for a long period of time and has been fruitful as it brings musicians into the congregation. It  
would be good to coordinate with IUP to continue the relationship long term. The Organ, choir,  
and musical nature of the congregation is an asset; we have a historic music background.

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES—cont**

Liability - Not having an organ maintenance fund, there is wear and tear on it; some things are more expensive to repair than others. There was a suggestion made previously of turning the Steinway Piano Repair fund into a musical instrument repair fund. We will explore possibility of insurance policy for the organ. Asset - Downstairs social hall is an asset. Possibility of renting the area more frequently. Easy access to the building as well as parking is a liability. Liability - Lack of showers for church to be used as an emergency site. Do we need a sprinkler system in the social hall if we rent it out to the public? An asset - History of congregation and building; there have been numerous generations who have passed through the church. Building itself is an asset. Size of the building is beyond the size that we need right now which is a liability. Intangible assets/liabilities - Lack of younger members & activities for younger people to participate in non-church activities (food pantry, Sunday school). Think of ways to attract people, no longer doing mini recitals, advent luncheons. Christine is talking about starting a mini-series of concerts which would be nice. New opportunities for congregation to participate. Who are we trying to attract? Look for times and dates to plan things so that younger people can participate and make it more accessible. Preschool - Asset or liability? Amount of kids, outreach to community. Should we have a preschool Sunday? And invite the kids and families to a service. Do we make it a benefit for people who are members of the church to enroll in the preschool? Is it a benefit for the spiritual life of the church? Really think about assets and liabilities.

IV. Motion to adjourn - Don Seagren, K. Balcerak.

Submitted- Brian Mehus 3/12/22.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**March 29, 2022**

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

Topics Discussed:

1. The committee finalized the service planning for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, The Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday.
2. The committee selected hymns for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4th Sunday of Easter.

Date of NEXT Meeting: Monday April 25, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

Formal recommendations to council:

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Huston

## **PARISH ED COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**February 23, 2022**

Present: Pastor Tedd Cogar, Jess Baum Mehus, Jenn Rising, Gail Sechrist

Absent: Beth Wheeler

### **CATECHISM:**

Jenn contacted children on the list for 2022-2023 catechism class, and she has not heard back from anyone at this time.

Curriculum: Pastor Tedd has information on options from Augsburg Press to use as updated resources for the curriculum.

We will need a number of children for the class prior to ordering materials.

We will place an announcement in the bulletin to announce we are reaching out to anyone with children that will be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2022-2023 school year to begin catechism. [rising95@live.com](mailto:rising95@live.com) (724)465-7520

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

Sunday School Teachers/Volunteers:

No new volunteers.

Sunday School Calendar:

Continue Sunday School weekly at 10:30.

Sunday School Curriculum:

No change.

Sunday School COVID Plan:

Continuing plan.

Song for New Year

Set date: Last day of Sunday School is 5/22/22. Plan to sing at that date.

Songs: "This Little Light", "Jesus Loves Me," and the "B-I-B-L-E."

Easter Event:

Scavenger hunt – find different pieces that would be in the resurrection eggs. Different groups with different colored clues. Saturday before Palm Sunday (4/9/22).

Budget:

No new information.

Sunday School Space:

Possibly purchase a floor cleaner for the rooms. Reach out to Jerry to see what he would like to do.

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

Luther Chapel Spring Tea – May?; Getting more information



**PARISH ED COMMITTEE MINUTES—cont**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

Date: August 13, 2022 at Blue Spruce Park

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:**

September 12, 2021 (Rally Day): 2 children

September 19, 2021: 5 children

September 29, 2021: 6 children

October 3, 2021: 4 children

October 10, 2021: 2 children

October 17, 2021: 7 children (two guests included)

October 24, 2021: 2 children

October 31, 2021: 8 children (1 guest included)

November 7, 2021: 3 children

November 14, 2021: 9 children (two guests included)

November 21, 2021:

November 28, 2021:

December 5, 2021: Cancelled

December 12, 2021: 5 children

December 19, 2021: 5 children

December 26, 2021: No Sunday School

January 2, 2022: No Sunday School

January 9, 2022: 2 Children

January 16, 2022: Cancelled

January 23, 2022: 8 children (1 guest included)

January 30, 2022: 4 children

February 6, 2022: 4 children

February 13, 2022 4 children

February 20, 2022: 7 children



February 27, 2022: 2 children

March 6, 2022: 7 children

March 13, 2022: 4 children

## April 2022

Date	Lay Reader	Altar Guild	Ushers	Assist. Min.	Tellers
Apr 2/3	5:30-Jim Chapman 9:30-Tyson Ellenberger	5:30-AM&PM-Sharon O'Keiff Sun-Sue Dickson	5:30-Dave & Linda Malin 9:30-Don & Dawn Seagren	5:30-Kim Balcerak 9:30-Jenn Rising	Kim Balcerak
Apr 9/10	5:30-Dante Adamson 9:30-Don Seagren	Sat-AM&PM-Louise Buchanan Sun-Becky Slade	5:30-Rik & Bev Wissinger 9:30-Gary Ellenberger	5:30-Jenn Rising 9:30-Rik Wissinger	Kim Balcerak
Ap 14 Maundy Thursday Ap 16 Vigil	7:30-Jenn Rising 7:30-	7:30-Kathy Huston 7:30-Kathy Huston	7:30-Don & Dawn Seagren 7:30-Pernell Bowersox, Gary Ellenberger	7:30-Jenn Rising 7:30-Kevin Huston	
April 17 <b>Easter-Special Time 10:30</b>	10:30-Gail Sechrist	10:30-Jan Cikowski	10:30-Pernell Bowersox 9:30-Tyson Ellenberger	10:30-Kevin Huston	Kim Balcerak
Apr 23/24	5:30-Karen Gresh 9:30-Dawn Seagren	Sat-AM-Kathy Huston; PM-Shirley Horner Sun-Sue Dickson	5:30-Shirley Horner, Chuck Rodnicki 9:30-Pernell Bowersox	5:30-Kim Balcerak 9:30-Rik Wissinger	Kim Balcerak
Apr 30/May 1	5:30-Jerry Ruffner 9:30-Bob Shively	5:30-AM&PM Sharon O'Keiff Sun-Sue Dickson	5:30-Rik & Bev Wissinger 9:30-Jim Slade	5:30-Kim Balcerak	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Narcotics Anonymous meetings Sunday evenings	Alcoholics Anonymous meetings Wednesday evenings				1	2 8:30 Constitution Workshop 5:30 Liturgy
3 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Liturgy Sunday School	4	5	6 6 Adm/Finance 7 Mid-Week Service	7	8 Zion office closed	9 5:30 Liturgy
10 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Liturgy 10:45 Choir Practice Sunday School- Easter Egg/ Scavenger Hunt PALM SUNDAY 	11 6:30 Council	12	13	14 7:30 MAUNDY THURSDAY AT ZION	15 Zion office closed 7 GOOD FRIDAY AT LUTHER CHAPEL	16 10-12 Food Pantry 7:30 VIGIL AT ZION
17 8:30 Choir Practice 10:30 EASTER LITURGY— <u>Special Time</u> 	18	19 7 Property	20	21	22 Zion office closed	23 5:30 Liturgy
24 8:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Liturgy 10:45 Choir Practice Sunday School	25	26 7:30 Worship & Music	27 Newsletter Mailed 7 Parish Ed	28	29 4:30 Wedding Rehearsal	30 2:30 Wisneski Wedding 5:30 Liturgy



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