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Zion Evangelical Church

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From the Desk of Pastor Darrell

Resuscitation, Resurrection and Easter

Resuscitation and Resurrection are both about someone who has died being brought back to life.

Resuscitation is the work of paramedics, ambulance crews, emergency room doctors and nurses, fire fighters, police, and even everyday people like you and me. By performing CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) or by using an AED Defibrillator unit, someone who just died might be brought back to life.

CPR training is such a wonderful way to make a difference in time of an emergency. Thank God for those so trained. And maybe you could go and be trained as well, or be recertified if it has been some time.

But resuscitation isn't resurrection. Sooner or later that person will die, and no one will be able to resuscitate him or her.

Resurrection is different. Resurrection isn't simply being made alive again. Resurrection is being made eternally alive.

This is what happened to Jesus Christ on that first Easter. The women at the tomb were questioned, "*Why do you seek the living among the dead?*" in **Luke 24:5**. But Jesus wasn't merely resuscitated. He was resurrected, which Paul explains in **Romans 6:9**, "*For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.*"

The writer of Hebrews tells us about Jesus now being our eternal High Priest since death can no longer stop Him. **Hebrews 7:16** says, "*by the power of an indestructible life.*" Being resurrected from the dead he is now indestructible. It is impossible for him to perish, to be injured, to age or wear out, to die. Since this is true, **vs 17** says, "*Thou art a priest for ever.*" and **vs 24** says, "*He holds his priesthood permanently, because he lives for ever.*"

Jesus wasn't just resurrected. Instead, He, Himself, said, "*I am the Resurrection and the Life,*" as He told Martha in **John 11:25** just before bringing Lazarus back to life. Jesus, as Jehovah God, "*I Am,*" is the source of resurrection and eternal life. That's why Jesus continued telling Martha (**John 11:25-26**), "*he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.*"

The absolutely great news of Easter isn't that Jesus alone was resurrected from the dead, but he became the first of those who will be resur-

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Sisters in Faith

Meets Sept., Oct., Nov., March, April and May at 12:00 p.m.
 President - Charlotte Mehrrens - 476-1267

Z Team

Meets every Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m.
 Coordinator - Gary Shondy - 618-281-6509

CHURCH COUNCIL

(Every Second Monday of the Month- 7:00 p.m.)

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(00) indicates the year that the Council Member's term expires.

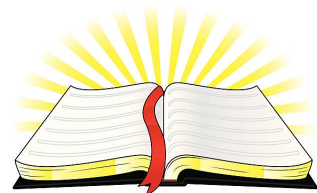
Worship Schedule

9:00 AM - Sunday School/Conf
 10:15 AM Worship Service

Office Hours

Pam Gowens
 Monday through Thursday
 From 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Lunch 12:00 - 12:30
 Friday 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Lay Liturgist Schedule for April



We have 13 liturgists who read the Scriptures. They are: *David Harres, Tracy Holmes, Linda Hopfinger, Annette Hund, Sean Mahoney, Kay Mehrrens, Vicki Pellmann, Bill Saverling, Tina Smith, Joyce Tastad, Richard Trent, Dave Woehlke, and Marjie Weber.*

If you are interested in reading the Scriptures during our Worship Services, please contact the Church Office (476-1778) to be signed up. The Lay Liturgist schedule is given below. To make a change, contact someone listed below.

April 4	Dave Harres	618-806-9567	twigsharres@hotmail.com
April 11	Tracy Holmes	618-791-5922	tlholmes1971@gmail.com
April 18	Linda Hopfinger	618-406-0269	dlimshop@msn.com
April 25	Annette Hund	618-719-6306	71threnn@gmail.com

rected from the dead – **1 Corinthians 15:20**, “*But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.*” By your faith in Jesus Christ, He will resurrect you from the dead and give you His eternal life.

So Paul concludes the resurrection chapter, **1 Corinthians 15**, with these words, “*thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*” Indeed, let us thank and praise the Lord this Easter and every day to come for the promised resurrection unto eternal life with God. For COVID-19, cancer, any other disease, accident, crime, disaster or war can’t take our eternal life from us.

I encourage you to read all of **Romans 8**, and especially **vs 35-39**, each day between now and Easter. “*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, ‘For thy sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.’*”

Christ’s resurrection and eternal life blessings to you and your family,
Pastor Darrell Weber

“**He Is Lord**” by **Rev. Marvin Frey**
We often sing the Scripture song, “**He Is Lord**,” #277 in our hymnal, during the Lenten and Easter season. The words to the complete song are below.

The following is taken from <https://hymnary.org/text/he-is-lord-he-is-lord>.

“*One of numerous anonymous Scripture songs arising out of the charismatic movement during the 1960s and following, this popular song is drawn from the well-known confession of faith recorded in **Philippians 2:10-11**. There Paul appears to be quoting from an early Christian hymn that was used as a profession of faith.*”

In addition to the verse we always sing are additional stanzas. “*These additional stanzas use phrases from John’s gospels to extol Christ as the king who draws all nations to Him (**John 12:32**), as the source and model of love (**1 John 3:16**), and as the surety for eternal life (**1 John 5:11**).*”

So this Easter, sing this simple Scripture song that exalts Jesus Christ as Lord, King, Love and Life.

HE is Lord, HE is Lord! HE is risen from the dead, And HE is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, Every tongue confess, That JESUS CHRIST is Lord.

He is King, He is King! He will draw all nations to Him, He is King;
And the time shall be, When the world shall sing, That Jesus Christ is King!

He is Love, He is Love! He has shown us by His life, That He is Love.
All His people sing, With one voice of joy, That Jesus Christ is Love!

Zion Evangelical Church

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday Communion 8:00 AM Sunrise Service 9:00 AM Egg Hunt 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:00 AM Worship	2 Easter Monday 8:15 AM NO Preschool	3 8:30 AM Z-Team 6:00 PM Cub Scout 6:22	4 8:15 AM Preschool 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:16 7:00 PM Council Mtg	5 Maunder Thursday 12:00 PM Sisters of Faith 7:00 PM Maunder Thursday Service	6 Good Friday Office Closed 8:15 AM NO Preschool 12:00 PM NO Cross Walk	7 9:00 AM Park - Saverings
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Treasurer's Report

2021

GENERAL FUND - Updated

	2021	2021	difference	BUDGET	2020	2020
	INCOME	EXPENSE		2021	INCOME	EXPENSE
January	\$ 22,601.22	\$ 19,838.53	\$ 2,762.69	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 14,895.24	\$ 21,140.59
February	\$ 19,854.14	\$ 18,216.56	\$ 1,637.58	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 24,005.84	\$ 20,248.38
March	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 21,607.63	\$ 22,512.95
April	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 16,025.90	\$ 18,690.58
May	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 44,070.09	\$ 18,210.52
June	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ (9,942.48)	\$ 16,916.00
July	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 12,467.85	\$ 15,384.34
August	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 16,395.81	\$ 12,863.48
September	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 17,515.98	\$ 64,439.12
October	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 17,394.66	\$ 50,584.73
November	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 23,576.69	\$ 21,443.43
December	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.37	\$ 259,263.77	\$ 13,149.97
TOTALS	\$ 42,455.36	\$ 38,055.09	\$ 4,400.27	\$ 205,288.00	\$ 457,276.98	\$ 295,584.09

Darlene Gansmann - Retirement



When I started this job in 2011, I planned on working for about 5 years and then calling it quits. Little did I know what the future held for me!

To take you back in time, I was at my previous job for 19 years – enjoying all the benefits of longevity. I liked the work I was doing but always felt restless and anxious – like this job wasn't my end all. I prayed that God would point me in the right direction. Time was slipping away and I wondered what I was going to do when I grew up (mind you, I was in my late 50's)! God made the decision for me!

Due to downsizing I was released. Ken Harres advised me of the secretarial opening at Zion and the rest is history! I found what I had been searching for. Zion was the answer to my prayers.

I had the opportunity to meet people, establish life-long friendships, have little kiddos right down the hallway, serve the Church and community, and use my creative talents! What a deal! I couldn't have asked for a better position to end my working career.

So it is with a bit of sadness that I leave Zion. I am going to miss being around people and sharing personal stories. And the kids...there are no replacing them! But, you will still see me, along with my brother, outside working in the landscaping. It's time for me to relinquish my office chair and 'get down and dirty'.

Thank you all for the support you have given me throughout the years. May "the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you." *Numbers 6:24 -25*

Sincerely,
~ Darlene Gansmann



He is Life, He is Life! He has died to set us free,
And He is Life;
And He calls us all, To live evermore, For Jesus Christ is Life!



Maundy Thursday / Good Friday

Our final Lenten service will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 1. There will not be a Lenten meal before due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Maundy Thursday service will be at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Darrell preaching on John 6:25-29, where Jesus said, "I Am the Bread of Life." Holy Communion will be served at the close of the service. Please join us for this final Lenten service.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Millstadt Community Cross Walk at noon on Good Friday, April 2, has been canceled.

Confirmation Schedule

On Easter Sunday, April 4, our confirmands – from 2020, *Aubrey Weaver*, and 2021, *Lukas Pellmann*, *Ava Stumpf* and *Emma Stumpf* - will partake of their first communion (with their family), using the commemorative olive wood cups from Israel, during the 10:00 a.m. Easter Service (*note time change on Easter*).



Easter Schedule

Our Easter (April 4) schedule is listed below.

8:00 a.m. ** - Sunrise service with Holy Communion

No Breakfast this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School with Easter egg hunt

10:00 a.m. - Resurrection service with communion & first communion for our 4 confirmands and their families

** - Please note new time for Sunrise Service



Pastor Vacation

Pastor Darrell and Marjie are planning to go camping at Washington County State Park, just south of Nashville, IL, on the weekend of April 23 -25. It will be their first camping trip of the year.

Bill Savering, our Evangelical Association licensed pastor, will lead the worship service on Sunday, April 25.



Since last month's update, we have replaced light bulbs in the chandelier in the church. We were thankful for the younger guys who lowered the chandelier from the attic!!

With some warmer weather days in March, we have been busy picking up tree branches in the park. We have the restroom open for summer. We will be ready for mowing as the mower has been serviced for the season.

Once the decision is made on whether or not there will be a community wide yard sale, we will discuss the option to have one on our own later if they choose not to.

To ensure the Cemetery remains in good shape, we have cleaned the grounds and planted grass seed.



Charlotte Mehrtens is no longer accepting used greeting cards. Thanks to all who previously contributed.



Zion Evangelical Church
Council Meeting
March 08, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by President Dale Gruenewald. Those in attendance were Mary Lou Peter, Kim Mueller, Charlotte Mehrtens, Rich Hoffelmeyer, Earl Doerr, Bob Timmer, Dale Gruenewald, Kathi Trent, Stacy Woehlke, Pastor Weber and Pam Gowens. Pastor opened with a prayer.

BCE report: Pastor presented the report as provided by Kimberly Gibson.

Post-confirmation class is finding the series by Ray Vander Laan to be interesting and will continue with it until the end of the year. For lower grades, the board is still investigating some supplemental materials that may be useful in conjunction with the current curriculum and is considering the purchase of Book of the Bible cards for each of the Sunday School students.

Discussions still underway for planning an outdoor activity for the youth during the summer. Vacation Bible School is currently being planned for July. Rich motioned to accept the BCE report; Charlotte seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Rich has been working closely with Pam to get her onboarded and familiar with the financial side of her job duties. They are working on getting corrected reports for January - October of 2020 run for Pastor to post to the council site.

Rich wanted to bring attention to the higher than normal insurance premiums in the Treasurer's report; this is due to some past due payments needing to be made to bring the account back to current. He also presented several issues being worked through with Pastor's pay/withholdings not being correct, including Social Security, housing and medical. Although Pastor's Social Security withholdings now need corrected, Dale reported that all other individuals previously experiencing issues had had their issues resolved.

Rich asked about a special Sunday School fund, which Charlotte was able to explain was from memorials having been earmarked for Sunday School. Rich also questioned why piano tunings are attributed to the Music and Choirs fund when properly tuned pianos benefit the congregation as a whole, especially as it pertains to worship services.

Rich and Pam are working on creating a Mission Report that will be presented with the Treasurer's report in the future. They are currently working through what this report will look like, and with all the reports, welcome suggestions for improvements. Kim initially had a question about Life Network offerings brought in versus payments made that council was able to resolve; this new Mission

Report is intended to bring greater clarity around the missions donations to help alleviate concerns going forward.

In trying to get a firm grasp on all the different access requirements for Pam to do her job, Rich and Pam have realized a review and audit of our online accounts is needed. Dale will reach out to Vicki Pellmann about getting however much information she can provide; Pam will set up a spreadsheet as information is learned.

Dale and Pam are coordinating a time to get to the banks and Edward Jones to get accounts switched over; Pam as Financial Treasurer and Dale as Council President will be signatories on the accounts. Dale suggested that it should become part of regular duties for an incoming Council President to go to the banks and Edward Jones to get their name switched in for the outgoing president. When Dale and Pam go in to get the accounts switched over to their names, they are going to inquire about the possibility of requiring both signatures on the accounts (excluding the general fund) when making transactions.

Kathi gave thanks to Rich for all his extra time in reviewing the financials and helping Pam get onboarded in her Financial Treasurer duties.

Kim motioned to accept the January 2020 - October 2020 corrected treasurer reports; Mary Lou seconded. Motion carried.

Stacy moved to approve the November 2020 - February 2021 treasurer reports; Charlotte seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes for February regular council meeting had previously been emailed for review. Earl requested a slight change for clarification: "AED" needed to be specifically included in the Old Business section discussing the possible purchase of units (AED units) from a Belleville company. Rich motioned to accept February regular council meeting minutes with the AED clarification; Kim seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes for the February 28 special council meeting were reviewed. Charlotte motioned to accept the February 28 special meeting minutes; Kathi seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's report: Pastor and Bill Saverig have been alternating weeks during lent to provide the message during Lenten services, and Maundy Thursday will once again have a message in lieu of the dramatic presentation. There are no plans for a CrossWalk this year.

Lukas Pellmann, Ava Stumpf and Emma Stumpf are preparing for their March 21 presentations for March 28 Confirmation and First Communion on Easter Sunday, April 4th. As previously mentioned, Aubrey Weaver will be joining them for Confirmation Sunday and First Communion on Easter.

Welcome Pam Gowens



Zion Church welcomes Pam Gowens as our Office Administrator / Financial Treasurer. This new position combines the Treasurer position, held by Vicki Pellmann, and the Secretary position held by retiring Darlene Gansmann, into one position.

Pam was one of four candidates. She was chosen by the Search Committee – Les Mehrtens, Kim Mueller, Joyce Tastad and Rich Trent. The Church

Council extended a call to her on February 28th, which she accepted. And she started on March 4th.

Pam and her husband Mike live in the New Hanover area near Waterloo, IL. They have 2 daughters, Kelly Gowens, and Jamie (Cory) Vogt. Mike is self employed as a wholesale car dealer. Kelly is a Nurse Practitioner at a Doctor's Office in St. Louis and Jamie works in the IT Department at St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis.

Pam and Mike also have pets – Zoey a hissy feral cat that they love and the newest, a puppy named Jude after both Mike and Pam's mothers.

Pam and Mike love to be with family, cook, play games and entertain.

Pam's office hours are Monday thru Thursday, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, and Friday, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. So stop by the office and welcome her, or give her a call at the office – 476-1778.



Join us on Facebook!
Operation Christmas Child Southwest Illinois Area

Rev. Darrell ~

We want to thank you and the people of Zion Evangelical Church for participating in the Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry. Because of your faithfulness, churches around the world will provide God's love in a tangible way and share the Good News of Jesus Christ! We look forward to a continued partnership with Zion Evangelical. Please let us know how we can encourage and assist you.

Sincerely,
Dempie Anderson

On behalf of the
Operation Christmas Child Southwest Illinois Area Team



**Millstadt Tin Man
Half Marathon and
5K Run**

**Sunday, May 23, 2021
Corner of East Madison &
South Breese by the Tin Man**

**Half Marathon and 5K
Starting at 7:30 a.m.**

Register On-line at

<https://millstadttinmanhalfmarathonand5krun.itourrace.com/register>
For more information, call 618-719-1911 or 618-476-7326
Or email millstadttinman@gmail.com



**After party at Ott's
Tavern, 20 East
Washington, Millstadt**

**All proceeds to benefit
the Friends of the Old
Millstadt Water Tower,
and to be used for the
restoration of the Old
Millstadt Water Tower.**



In case of hospitalization or surgery, please notify our church office. When being admitted to a hospital, be sure to mention that you are affiliated with this congregation. This will help us keep you in our prayers and assist you in our ministry of care.



IN THE HOSPITAL IN MARCH

Carol Albert

CURRENT PRAYER LIST

Pray for strength and healing for the following:

Marv and Patti Albert, Carol Albert, Carson Allen, Katelyn Allen, Allyson, Wanda Basse, Dylan Billhartz, William Billiter, Tommy Blatz, Brock Bomleny, Darwin Bretsch, Pat Burns, Nancy Caponi, Jesse Cook, Cindy Cooney, Bob Cotter, Ellen Daniels, Roger Davis, Sharon Dill, Angel Forsha, Annie Dulle, Doug Elden, Sue Flora, Carol French, Willard French, Fritz Fritzingler, Pastor Matt Friz, Tracy Gilmore, Pearl Griebel, Sharon Gruenewald, Steve Gualdoni, Kendra Haas, Matt Haas, Winnie Hambleton, John Harries, Mary Harries, Barb Hohlt, Dennis Hopfinger, Adam Hubbs, Pat Illert, Tom Jenkins, Sarah Johnson, Wayne Jones, Julie and her husband, Melanie Keck, RJ Keim, Luann Kenrickstein, John Kistner, Jerry Klotz, Mary & Sonny Koehler, Tom Krauter, Family of Tiffany Kurkjian, Reese Kasper, Jo Ann Martz, Monique Masengale, Allen Mattingly, Armin Mehrtens, Don Mehrtens, Kay Mehrtens, Les Mehrtens, Landon Meppiel, Myrt Metter, Kenny Middendorf, Wilbur Miller, Norman Mills, Jennifer Missey, Helen Mueller, Jim Mueller, Ronnie Mueller, Paula Muskopf, Jodi Notter, Michael Notter, Dr. Pat and Norma Novak, Doris Obernagel, Ron Odell, Jon Orelt, Era Osborn, Alexis Papavassilion, Linda Pistor, Layla Post, Lois Potter, Matt Preston, Jim Reinheimer, Rich Riemann, Mrs. Savering, Dan Schneider, Peter Schrader, Jean Seymour, Shelly Smith, Nicky Smith, Steve Smith, Sharon Stallmann, Chris Stander, Debbie Steppig, Joann Talent, Jerry Tastad, Angie Thomason, Rich Trent, Elizabeth Tubbs, Marcia Twellmann, Darrell Vogt, Freda Warriner, Melissa Weber, Neal Weber, Loretta Werhan, Doug Whelan, Reese Wild, Joan Wilkens, Rev. Jeffrey Willey, Beth Windeknecht, Herb Woehlke, Marge Woehlke, Bart & Kelley

SERVING OUR COUNTRY Sgt. Anthony Hanson, Jr., Brandon Lester, Kory Klein and Michael Barnes serving overseas; Alec Winter, Erin Green, Adam Stern, Andrew Haag, Brendan Caswell and Derek Ferguson in the Middle East; Jesse Eimer, Jason Parrish, Chris Lewis, Sharon Wirth, Al Wirth, Jimmy Combs, Joe Morris, Stefan Caswell, Cameron Ahrens, Kasey Launius, Samantha Glaeser and Joshua Trent serving in the States; Austin Stumpf serving in Korea

To add a name to our prayer list, please locate a communication card in the pews. Provide the name, address, phone, and reason for the prayer request— place the card in the offering plate or give it to an usher. You may also contact the church office between 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. weekdays or by leaving a message on our answering machine. Members of our prayer team will pray daily for everyone on our list. (Contact Barbara Hohlt for more information (476-1750). **Names will be left on the list for one month unless you contact Barbara Hohlt or the church office.**

If you would like to receive prayer chain information via e-mail, contact Barb Hohlt at barbhohlt@aol.com

Meal-a-Month Schedule

Let us not forget those who are less fortunate. There never seems to be an end to those who are in dire need. Your help is appreciated.

April

- Cake mixes/frosting
- Cereal
- Jelly
- Mac and Cheese

May

- Cornbread Mix
- Canned Vegetables
- Paper Towels
- Jello or Pudding

...Inasmuch as you have done it for one of these you have done it for me...

The Food Pantry is always looking for volunteers. Please consider donating your time to this worthy cause. Call Patti French at 618-660-4255 to sign up.

Pastor detailed his vacation schedule for the upcoming camping and boating season. He has already reached out to Bill Savering and a couple other local pastors to cover any Sunday morning absences. Kathi motioned to accept Pastor's report; Kim seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Audit & Budget: Council tabled the audit review notes for further discussion next month.

Long Range Ministry: Stacy had nothing to report.

Mission & Outreach: Mary Lou expressed support for the previously discussed Mission Report which will provide a clearer vision for the administration of Mission giving.

Staff/Parish Relations: Kim mentioned that it was Pam's first council meeting; Kathi expressed council's excitement for having Pam join the team and Pam reflected on her own excitement.

Property: Earl relayed some information from Les Mehrtens: Jim Bereitschaft will continue mowing the park, Andrew Taake will continue mowing the cemetery and Dick Sutter will mow the Irma Hecke property. Bill Bourn, Les Mehrtens and Dennis Hopfinger will share mowing responsibilities of the Church. Council wishes to express a note of gratitude to Mark Germann for plowing the parking lot this past winter.

If the historical society decides to hold the village wide yard sale, there is interest in participating since we now have roughly two years worth of donations to sell.

Volunteer Ministries: Kathi had nothing to report.

Worship & Music: Pastor discussed some of the particulars of the music survey: 15 survey submissions, with 118 songs, 10% of which haven't been heard in a while. There is general interest in having some of the congregation's talented singers or musicians to present special music. Earl said Jam at the Park is a possibility this summer.

Cemetery Board: Charlotte is currently gathering details of how many plots are left and if there is anything council needs to address for the benefit of the cemetery. It was suggested that more rock needs to be added to the drive and Rich brought up an issue with the title that needs squared away. Charlotte also mentioned the possibility of a cemetery walk this fall.

Old Business: Council examined the new rental agreements and it was decided that the deposit/donation wording for the Church rental needed updating and that it would be better to have separate agreements for Church members versus non-members. Earl will ask Les Mehrtens to coordinate the wording change with Otto Faulbaum, specifying the \$50 deposit for anyone, \$25

donation for members, and \$100 donation for non-members with an extra \$15 for use of the kitchen. Approval of the Church building agreement tabled until changes can be made. Bob motioned to approve the Church park rental agreement; Rich seconded. Motion carried.

Dale brought up the new proposal for the AED units. The pricing was for 2 used units, and although would have been a cost savings, concerns were raised about them being used with no warranty. A new unit, although more expensive, would come with an 8 year warranty. Rich motioned to purchase 1 new AED unit, with appropriate pads, masks, etc, for \$1492.95, paying for most of it with the In Living Trust interest from year 2020 and unused funds from the Nurses Appreciation Meal, with the remaining balance being paid from the general fund; Kathi seconded. Motion carried.

Dale suggested revisiting the safe deposit box and the need for it to be cleaned out once things have settled down.

New Business: Darlene Gansmann, Church Secretary, is retiring in just under a month and after 10 years of devoted service, a gift of appreciation is in order. Council agreed on the price; Kathi will take care of the purchase. Bob motioned to approve the purchase of Darlene's gift using funds from the Miscellaneous account; Kim seconded. Motion carried.

Council discussed a return to Church at the Park. It was a big success in 2020 and it was agreed that it is nice to be able to get some more use of the property. As a nod to tradition, it was agreed that we would remain in the Sanctuary through the end of May and have the first Sunday of June, June 6th, start the summer Church season with our service at 11:00 AM followed by the picnic. Subsequent Sunday services would be at the park for 9:00 AM service, weather permitting, and we would keep services at the park for the remainder of the year until the weather turns too cold.

Council agreed the Church would hold our BBQ in September.

Bob made motion to adjourn; Rich seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

President - Dale Gruenewald
Secretary - Stacy Woehlke



Mission Article for April 2021

Thank you for your generous support of our March missions. Kids for Christ - Millstadt was our mission for March. The organization was founded 27 years ago in Freeburg, Illinois, and is now in 53 schools, including Millstadt Primary. Kids for Christ is a community bible study for Kindergarten through Grade 4. Grades 5 through 8 are welcome to be helpers. Millstadt Primary Center is the location for Kids in Christ in Millstadt, and we have several volunteers to help this ministry. Because there is no charge to the students who attend Kids for Christ, we thank you for helping the organization to meet its financial needs through your contributions.

The Salvation Army is the mission for April. The Salvation Army helps to provide food and shelter to people who are experiencing serious difficulties in their lives, which might include homelessness, hunger, addictions and joblessness. In addition, the Salvation Army provides emergency services to those who are impacted by disasters, such as floods, severe weather and fires. Please consider making a contribution to this mission.

Of course we also want to thank those members who never fail to bring food and household items for the Food Pantry. Bless you for helping the less fortunate with their needs. Be sure to bring your food and household items to church and place them in the collection box.



Please keep the Fellowship Park and Hall in mind for your upcoming events. Call the office or stop by for a reservation form.

Reminder:
Easter Egg Hunt is on Sunday, April 4th at 9:00 a.m.



- Oak Hill Nursing Home**
Pearl Griebel
Jack Purdy
- Our Lady of the Snows**
Betty Baltz
- Garden Place at Millstadt**
Marianne Baltz
Shirley Brandenburger
Delores Lang
- Cambridge House**
Shirley Glass
Wilbur Miller
- Cedarhurst Care Center**
Joan Godsy
- Brightly Assisted Living**
Arlene Dohrman
- The Woodlands of Arnold**
Nancy Caponi
- Garden View Care Center of Dougherty Ferry**
Tom Mueth



Sisters in Faith

Sharing our love for God and each other.

We WILL be meeting Thursday, April 1st at noon. Lunch will be provided by Smokin K's. Anyone wanting to bring a salad or dessert is welcome to do so! Can't wait to see you all.

Make plans now to attend our last meeting of the year on May 6th. A lady from Shiloh Valley Grange will be our guest and she will bring a finished mat made from all of those plastic bags we have been saving. As usual, social distancing will be observed and masks worn at your own discretion.

April Birthdays



Richard Holmes II	1	Sarah Glaeser	8	Don Pellmann	19
Dorothy Germann	2	David Savering	8	Abby Kern	20
Joshua Seidlitz	2	Judith Sutter	8	Ashley Buecher	23
William Wirth	3	Earl Doerr	13	Karen Gardner	24
Morgan Parkhurst	4	Tracy Holmes	13	Jeff Kern	24
Joseph Barnes	6	Aaron Mehrtens	14	Lindsey Scharf	24
Hillary Hubbs	6	Charlotte Mehrtens	14	Steve Smith	25
Jeannine Kochmann	6	Vicki Pellmann	14	Darlene Gansmann	28
Joyce Tastad	6	Abigail Otten	15	William Savering	28
Annette Hund	7	Kirk Caponi	17	Betty Keller Timmer	29

Nurses at Memorial Hospital in Belleville sent a Thank You card for providing the chicken dinner that was delivered to them on Thursday and Friday, February 11th and 12th. Many nurses signed the card and all very much appreciated the thoughtfulness that Zion displayed. A big THANKS to all who contributed to this effort!

Church Yard Sale
Saturday, June 5th
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Looking to declutter your home? Send unwanted items our way. Drop off on Tuesday mornings or call the Church office (476-1778) to schedule a pickup for bigger items. Zion Church is located at: 117 West White Street, Millstadt.

April Anniversaries
Leonard & Carol Bueckman -
55 years on 4/10/1966



Congratulations to our newest Confirmands.
Ava Stumpf, Lucas Pellmann, Emma Stumpf, Audrey Weaver (not pictured)