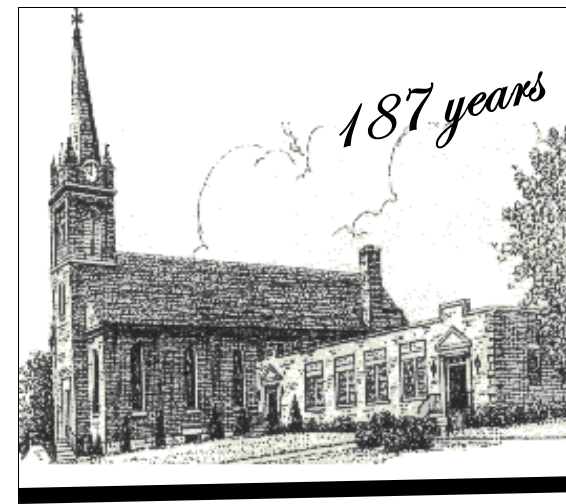


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# Zion Evangelical Church

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## From the Desk of Pastor Darrell



## December 2022

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#### Sisters in Faith

Meets Sept., Oct., Nov., March, April and May at 12:00 p.m.  
 President - Charlotte Mehrstens - 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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| Barb Scharf         | (25) | 618-973-0289              |
| Kathi Trent         | (23) | 314-973-4207 (Vice Pres.) |

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

#### Worship Schedule

10:15 AM - Worship Service  
 9:00 AM - Adult Bible Classes/SS/Conf

#### Office Hours

Amanda Frierdich  
 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.

### Christmas

In despair over the commercialism of Christmas Charlie Brown asks, "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?" Linus answers, "Sure, I can tell you what Christmas is all about." Then Linus announces the Good News the angels delivered to the shepherds - **Luke 2:10-12**, "**Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.**"

Charlie Brown takes the little Christmas tree and puts one ornament on it, but it collapses. Again, in despair, he cries out "I've killed it, everything I touch gets ruined," then he leaves. But Linus wraps his trusty blanket around it and says "maybe it just needs a little love." Then the kids decorate it and begin humming, "**Hark! the Herald Angels Sing.**"

Hearing their humming Charlie Brown returns to see the miracle of the transformation of the little tree. The show then ends with them singing, with the greatest joy, the first verse of "**Hark! the Herald Angels Sing,**" given below (written by Charles Wesley).

What man has ruined by our sin God has fixed by His Grace, mercy and love. For God has sent us His promised Savior, Christ the Lord. Therefore, you and I, like Charlie Brown, can sing with Joy from the heart, because God has stepped in to save us and make life worth the living.

The angel's message to the shepherds was made into song in 1739 by Charles Wesley in "**Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**" and made into a memorable children's story in 1965 by Charles M. Schulz in "**A Charlie Brown Christmas.**" These celebrate the Evangel, the greatest Good News of all time - the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

So, this Advent and Christmas season, bring the whole family together and watch this Christmas favorite with the heart of a child. Join us on Christmas Eve as we sing this and many other wonderful Christmas carols, hymns and songs.

Christ's blessings to you and yours this Christmas and on throughout the New Year,  
 Pastor Darrell Weber



### Lay Liturgist Schedule for December

We have 12 liturgists who read the Scriptures: *David Harres, Tracy Holmes, Linda Hopfinger, Annette Hund, Sean Mahoney, Kay Mehrstens, Vicki Pellmann, Bill Savering, Joyce Tastad, Richard Trent, Dave Woehlke, and Marjie Weber.*

We are looking for more volunteers to read the Scriptures during our Worship Services. If you are interested, 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.

|        |              |              |  |
|--------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Dec 4  | Joyce Tastad | 618-660-6259 | <a href="mailto:jtastad51@charter.net">jtastad51@charter.net</a>         |
| Dec 11 | Marjie Weber | 618-972-5532 | <a href="mailto:weber_ddw@charter.net">weber_ddw@charter.net</a>         |
| Dec 18 | Dave Woehlke | 618-719-3616 | <a href="mailto:dlwoehlke1959@Charter.net">dlwoehlke1959@Charter.net</a> |
| Dec 25 | Dave Harres  | 618-806-9567 | <a href="mailto:twigsharres@hotmail.com">twigsharres@hotmail.com</a>     |



**“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing,” by Charles Wesley (1739)**

**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”**

**Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies,  
With th’angelic host proclaim: “Christ is born in Bethlehem.”  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a Virgin's womb.**

**Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!**

**Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.**

**Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,**

**Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.**

**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

The following is taken from **101 More Hymn Stories**, by Kenneth W. Osbeck, published in 1985.

“**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**” is another of the more than 6,500 hymns from the pen of Charles Wesley that has enriched Christian hymnody. It is thought to have been written approximately one year after his dramatic, Aldersgate conversion experience of 1738. This text is generally considered to be one of Wesley’s finest. According to John Julian, noted hymnologist, this is one of the 4 most popular hymns in the English language. It certainly has become one of the classic Christmas carol hymns.

In its original version, the text consisted of 10 four-line stanzas. Like so many of Wesley’s hymns, this text is really a condensed course in Biblical doctrine in poetic form. Following the re-telling of the angelic visit to the shepherds in the initial stanza, the succeeding verses teach such spiritual truths as the virgin birth, Christ’s deity, the immortality of the soul, the second or new birth, and a concern for Christ-like living. Wesley’s hymns were composed in order that men and women might sing their way, not only into experience, but also into knowledge; that the cultured might have their culture baptized and the ignorant might be led into truth by the gentle hand of melody and rhyme.

So join us in singing this and so many other wonderful Christmas psalms, hymns and spiritual songs all throughout this Advent and Christmas season.

# Zion Evangelical Church

## December 2022

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|---|
| 1<br>Advent #2<br>Communion<br>9:00 AM SS / Conf<br>10:00 AM MCC @ Zion<br>10:15 AM Worship Service   | 2<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>6:00 PM Girl Scouts 616                                   | 3<br>8:30 AM Z-Team<br>1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study  | 4<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM Prayer Walk<br>11:00 AM 1 John Adult Bible Study<br>7:00 PM BCE | 5<br>9:00 AM Quilting<br>12:00 PM Sisters of Faith - Christmas Party | 6<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM FH - Chair<br>Yoga<br>4:00 PM FH - MCC                   | 7<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM FH - Chair<br>Yoga<br>11:45 AM Staff Christmas Luncheon  |
| 8<br>Advent #3<br>9:00 AM SS / Conf<br>10:15 AM Worship<br>11:15 AM Contemporary Worship Plan-<br>11:30 AM FH - Peggy<br>6:00 PM Youth Xmas | 9<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM Sr Center BS<br>7:00 PM Council Mtg              | 10<br>8:30 AM Z-Team<br>1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study | 11<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM Prayer Walk<br>11:00 AM 1 John Adult Bible Study               | 12<br>9:00 AM Quilting<br>2:00 PM G.P. Worship                       | 13<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM FH - Chair<br>Yoga<br>11:45 AM Staff Christmas Luncheon | 14<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM FH - Chair<br>Yoga<br>11:45 AM Staff Christmas Luncheon |
| 15<br>Advent #4<br>SS Christmas Play<br>9:00 AM SS Christmas Party<br>10:15 AM Worship Service<br>7:00 PM MCC Christ-                       | 16<br>8:15 AM Preschool - Christmas Program<br>6:00 PM Girl Scouts 616              | 17<br>8:30 AM Z-Team<br>1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study | 18<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM Prayer Walk<br>11:00 AM 1 John Adult Bible Study               | 19<br>9:00 AM Quilting<br>9:00 AM Quilting                           | 20<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM FH - Chair<br>Yoga<br>11:45 AM Staff Christmas Luncheon | 21<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM FH - Chair<br>Yoga<br>11:45 AM Staff Christmas Luncheon |
| 22<br>Food Pantry<br>Christmas Day<br>10:15 AM Worship Service  | 23<br>8:15 AM Preschool - Christmas Program<br>6:00 PM Girl Scouts 616              | 24<br>8:30 AM Z-Team<br>1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study | 25<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM Prayer Walk<br>11:00 AM 1 John Adult Bible Study               | 26<br>9:00 AM Quilting<br>9:00 AM Quilting                           | 27<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM FH - Chair<br>Yoga<br>11:45 AM Staff Christmas Luncheon | 28<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM FH - Chair<br>Yoga<br>11:45 AM Staff Christmas Luncheon |
| 29<br>Christmas Eve<br>6:00 PM Christmas Eve Service  | 30<br>8:15 AM Preschool - Christmas Program<br>6:00 PM Girl Scouts 616              | 31<br>8:30 AM Z-Team<br>1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study | 1<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM Prayer Walk<br>11:00 AM 1 John Adult Bible Study                | 2<br>9:00 AM Quilting<br>9:00 AM Quilting                            | 3<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM FH - Chair<br>Yoga<br>4:00 PM FH - MCC                   | 4<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM FH - Chair<br>Yoga<br>11:45 AM Staff Christmas Luncheon  |
| 2<br>New Year's Eve   | 3<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM Prayer Walk<br>11:00 AM 1 John Adult Bible Study | 4<br>8:30 AM Z-Team<br>1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study  | 5<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM Prayer Walk<br>11:00 AM 1 John Adult Bible Study                | 6<br>9:00 AM Quilting<br>9:00 AM Quilting                            | 7<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM FH - Chair<br>Yoga<br>4:00 PM FH - MCC                   | 8<br>8:15 AM Preschool<br>10:00 AM FH - Chair<br>Yoga<br>11:45 AM Staff Christmas Luncheon  |





**MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOOK BAZAAR  
2023**

Collection of books will begin Tuesday, August 16 through December 13. And then start back up for Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 10 through March 16.

Please drop off books at the Hospital Warehouse or you may bring them to church and arrangements will be made for pickup. Please, NO encyclopedias.



Thank you!



Please consider sending a Christmas card to a Veteran this Christmas!

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Dear Friend,

Jean, a Mengaka farmer in Cameroon, toiled in the field daily to support his family but attending church seemed like great labor to him. That changed when Jean experienced translated Scripture in his language. "I understood that when you work for God, the harvest is abundant," Jean said. Since then, Jean has committed his life to Jesus, and his family has followed his example. The Mengaka team is working to translate more of God's Word because the discipleship opportunities are abundant in Cameroon. We're so grateful for your recent gift of \$242.00 to Bible translation. Thank you for bringing the Good News of Jesus to life for more people around the world!

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Until all nations worship,  
*John Cochran*  
Dr. John Cochran  
President/CEO  
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Dear Zion Church,

*Thank you very much*

Thank you all so much for the phone calls, cards, visits, food, and most of all the prayers. I'm doing great!

Sincerely,  
Bob Wolfmeier

**COOKIE WALK**  
Saturday, December 10, 2022  
9:00 am – Noon  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
503 East Washington, Millstadt, IL 62260

Delicious HOMEMADE Christmas Cookies  
Sold by the pound  
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**The Evangelical Catechism  
Traditional Orthodox Edition of 1896**

I am continuing the series of articles on the 1896 edition of the Evangelical Catechism, republished in modern English by the Evangelical Association in 2018. This article covers the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 52 weeks in the catechism. This moves us from the Introduction (weeks 1 and 2) to The 10 Commandments (weeks 3 through 13).

Week 3 is composed of questions 6 through 8.

6. What is the First Commandment?

*I am the Lord your God, who has brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me.*

7. What does God require in the First Commandment?

*God requires that we fear and love Him, and trust in Him above all things. Eccles. 12:13; 1 John 5:3; Ps. 37:5; Prov. 3:5*

8. What does God forbid in this Commandment?

*God forbids having any other gods besides Him. Matt. 4:10; Isaiah 42:8; 1 John 2:15; Matt. 10:37; Jer. 17:5*

May you be blessed as you examine one of the founding statements of our Evangelical faith and heritage.



**Operation Christmas Child Update**

This year we (Zion members and friends) collected **126** boxes. Thank you to all who contributed either money, items, or complete boxes and to those who sorted and filled boxes. The shoeboxes were delivered to St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Belleville on November 22 and are on their way to children around the world.



**Christmas at Zion**

The following events at Zion are sure to get you into the Christmas Spirit. You can read more about each of these in other articles throughout this newsletter.

**Tuesday, Nov. 22**, Hanging of the Greens. In the morning, the Z-Team will bring decorations up from storage in the basement. At 10:00 a.m. retirees (both women and men) and anyone else free to help will decorate the sanctuary except for the tree. We can put the tree base (big box) in place, move the piano, hang garland, etc. And in the evening (7:00 p.m.), we will put up the tree.

**Thursday, Dec. 1**, starting at noon, the Women's Fellowship Christmas Luncheon.

**Sunday, Dec. 11**, at 6:00 p.m., Youth Christmas Party at Pastor Darrell & Marjie Weber's home (137 Benham Dr., Millstadt, IL 62260). Bring a \$5 gift to be exchanged, a snack to share, and your friends.

**Friday, Dec. 16**, starting at 11:45 a.m., at Joe Boccardi's Ristorante in Columbia, IL, the Zion Staff Christmas Party.

**Sunday, Dec. 18**, at 9:00 a.m., Sunday School Christmas Party.

**Sunday, Dec. 18**, at 10:15 a.m., the Children's Christmas program via video recordings.

**Sunday, Dec. 18**, at 7:00 p.m., the musical "Sounds of our Village – Christmas Concert."

**Wednesday, Dec. 21**, starting at 6:30 p.m., at the Millstadt VFW, the Z-Team Christmas Party.

**Friday, Dec. 24**, at 6:00 p.m., our Christmas Eve & Candlelight Service.



**Advent Candles**

The Lighting of the Advent Candles is a meaningful part of Zion's traditional preparation for the coming of Christmas. This year the following families will be lighting our Advent Candles.

- |         |  |
|---------|--|
| Nov. 27 | 10:15 a.m. – Alex & Paige Pellmann family        |
| Dec. 4  | 10:15 a.m. – Michael & Jodi Notter family        |
| Dec. 11 | 10:15 a.m. – Phil & Heather Kish family          |
| Dec. 18 | 10:15 a.m. – Geoffrey & Stacy Grootenboer family |
| Dec. 24 | 6:00 p.m. – Darren & Jessica Doerr family        |

**Christmas Angels Preaching Series**

Advent is a season to prepare for the appearing of JESUS CHRIST, the SON of GOD. This Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Season, we will focus on how the birth of Christ is told through various Christmas hymns. See the schedule below:

- |         |                  |                                     |
|---------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Nov. 27 | Matt 1:18-25     | <i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>     |
| Dec. 4  | Luke 2:08-14     | <i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i> |
| Dec. 11 | Luke 2:08-14     | <i>While Shepherds Watched</i>      |
| Dec. 18 | "The Jesse Tree" | Children's Christmas Program        |
| Dec. 24 | Luke 2:01-07     | <i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>     |
| Dec. 25 | Psalm 98         | <i>Joy to the World</i>             |
| Jan. 1  | Matt 2:01-12     | <i>We Three Kings</i>               |
| Jan. 8  | John 1:09-13     | <i>Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne</i>  |

So come and join us each Sunday of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany and lift up your voices in praise to our Triune Lord God the Almighty—The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—for the incarnate birth of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S DAY NOTE:**

With Christmas Day and New Year's Day both being on Sunday, Zion's Council and Board of Christian Education have decided to cancel Sunday School and Confirmation on those days. Worship Service will still be held on those days at 10:15 am.

Have a blessed Christmas and New Year's





**Christmas Eve Service**

Join us for our Christ-centered family Christmas Eve service at 6:00 p.m. This will be a service of Scriptures and Songs celebrating the birth of Christ Jesus.

So come and bring your children to see and hear and to praise and sing, celebrating anew the birth of Jesus Christ.

*We are asking Zion's children and youth to share their musical talents on Christmas Eve with Prelude music, starting before 6:00 p.m., based on the number of pieces to be played. Please contact Pastor Darrell (618-972-6010) to sign up to do this.*

*December Anniversaries*  
(50+ years)

**Kenneth & Dara Allen**  
60 years on the 27th

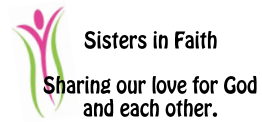
**Zionettes Kitchen Band Schedule**

Tuesday, December 6th  
Grand Manor at 12:45 p.m.  
Leave Zion at Noon

Friday, December 23rd  
Senior Center Millstadt at 9:00 a.m.  
Arrive at 8:45 a.m., Brunch at 10:00a.m.

*Upcoming Events*

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| MCC Christmas Concert | December 18 |
| Christmas Eve Service | December 24 |
| Christmas Day Service | December 25 |



**Sisters in Faith Meeting  
November 3, 2022**

There were 15 ladies in attendance plus Pastor Darrell. After enjoying a potluck soup and dessert luncheon, Helen Vigna opened the meeting with a devotional on Veterans.

In the absence of President, Charlotte Mehrtens, Ginger Bourn conducted the meeting.

**Pastor Darrell Report:**

He thanked everyone who helped with the Halloween Party. There were about 200 trick- or- treaters that attended.

As of today, there were 138 preorders for the Wurstmarkt with many more expected this week. Mary Lou Peter reminded us to bring either a homemade pumpkin or apple pie.

Veterans day will be celebrated at Zion on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Also, on the 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a dedication of the OCC shoeboxes.

Totenfest will be on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and at 7:00 PM there will be a Thanksgiving service.

On Tuesday, November 22 the Z Team will haul Christmas decorations up from downstairs and volunteers are asked to be at Church at 10:00 AM to start decorating.

November 27<sup>th</sup> is the first Sunday of Advent and Pastor will be contacting families to participate in the lighting of the Advent candles.

Pastor then gave an update on people on the prayer list.

**Committee Reports:**

Kitchen: Ginger reported that she cleaned and organized the supply room

No other committee chairpersons were in attendance.

**Old Business:**

The Spring Luncheon date originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> was changed to Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. St James decided to reinstate their Spring Luncheon on the same day in April we had scheduled.

Mary Lou Peter reported that the sanitary pads she made and the underwear Sisters in Faith purchased have been delivered.

**New Business:**

Betty Keller Timmer gave an update on the Millstadt Water Tower. After dealing with some minor obstacles, the renovation crew anticipates having the Tin Man completed by Thanksgiving.

Our next gathering will be on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. This is our annual Christmas Party. All members of the kitchen band, quilting club and staff are invited to attend. IGA will provide the fried chicken with committee members bringing the side dishes/desserts.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and blessings for the New Year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darlene Gansmann, Secretary



# December Birthdays



|       |                   |       |                    |       |                   |
|-------|-------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 12/01 | Trey Conrod       | 12/11 | Peggy Hubbs        | 12/16 | Eric Wilson       |
| 12/01 | Andrew Lang       | 12/11 | Carson Rolland     | 12/18 | Julia Acker       |
| 12/04 | Cindy Green       | 12/13 | Colby Jones        | 12/19 | Carter Jones      |
| 12/04 | Janet Mueller     | 12/13 | Myrtle Metter      | 12/19 | Paul Weible       |
| 12/06 | James Gardner     | 12/14 | Ava Stumpf         | 12/20 | Kim Gibson        |
| 12/06 | Daniel Haas       | 12/14 | Emma Stumpf        | 12/23 | Megan Glaeser     |
| 12/07 | Lucille Schewe    | 12/14 | Chelsea Vogel      | 12/23 | Jerrid Hartman    |
| 12/08 | Donna Gaulrapp    | 12/14 | Pamela Wirth       | 12/23 | Lukas Pellmann    |
| 12/08 | Kristofer Muskopf | 12/15 | Shelby DeRousse    | 12/23 | Mariella Pellmann |
| 12/08 | Logan Scharf      | 12/15 | Chantelle Guenther | 12/23 | Helen Vigna       |
| 12/09 | Verena Wade       | 12/16 | Allana Campbell    | 12/24 | Kathleen Trent    |
| 12/11 | Diane Germann     |       |                    | 12/31 | Sadie Notter      |

**Oak Hill Nursing Home**  
Pearl Griebel

**Our Lady of the Snows**  
Betty Baltz

**Garden Place at Millstadt**  
Marianne Baltz  
Shirley Brandenburger  
Delores Lang  
Diane (Muskopf) Mehrmann

**The Atrium of Belleville**  
John Kalbfleisch

**The Villas of Holly Brook**  
Don Mueller



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2023 SCHEDULE  
WEDNESDAYS

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JULY 12, 2023  
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# Treasurer's Report

| 2022          | GENERAL FUND - Updated Version |                      |                       |                      |                      |                      |
|---------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|               | 2022 INCOME                    | 2022 EXPENSE         | difference            | BUDGET 2022          | 2021 INCOME          | 2021 EXPENSE         |
| January       | \$ 17,103.09                   | \$ 21,309.34         | \$ (4,206.25)         | \$ 19,653.50         | \$ 22,601.22         | \$ 19,838.53         |
| February      | \$ 17,135.69                   | \$ 18,881.14         | \$ (1,745.45)         | \$ 19,653.50         | \$ 19,854.14         | \$ 18,513.90         |
| March         | \$ 26,484.04                   | \$ 20,985.79         | \$ 5,498.25           | \$ 19,653.50         | \$ 21,052.20         | \$ 27,802.85         |
| April         | \$ 18,035.02                   | \$ 23,939.45         | \$ (5,904.43)         | \$ 19,653.50         | \$ 17,674.69         | \$ 19,580.17         |
| May           | \$ 19,504.14                   | \$ 17,124.96         | \$ 2,379.18           | \$ 19,653.50         | \$ 17,447.80         | \$ 14,326.46         |
| June          | \$ 10,515.28                   | \$ 28,671.99         | \$ (18,156.71)        | \$ 19,653.50         | \$ 13,869.48         | \$ 14,433.51         |
| July          | \$ 19,274.63                   | \$ 16,962.38         | \$ 2,312.25           | \$ 19,653.50         | \$ 19,945.55         | \$ 17,389.06         |
| August        | \$ 13,571.24                   | \$ 17,480.61         | \$ (3,909.37)         | \$ 19,653.50         | \$ 17,137.75         | \$ 13,969.56         |
| September     | \$ 17,823.96                   | \$ 18,977.58         | \$ (1,153.62)         | \$ 19,653.50         | \$ 17,260.35         | \$ 18,420.48         |
| October       | \$ 19,747.35                   | \$ 21,492.17         | \$ (1,744.82)         | \$ 19,653.50         | \$ 23,085.26         | \$ 22,107.82         |
| November      |                                |                      | \$ -                  | \$ 19,653.50         | \$ 18,770.63         | \$ 17,812.09         |
| December      |                                |                      | \$ -                  | \$ 19,653.50         | \$ 40,556.51         | \$ 32,988.21         |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>\$ 179,194.44</b>           | <b>\$ 205,825.41</b> | <b>\$ (26,630.97)</b> | <b>\$ 235,842.00</b> | <b>\$ 249,255.58</b> | <b>\$ 237,182.64</b> |



Council Meeting  
November 14, 2022

Meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Darrell, President Dale Gruenewald called the meeting to order at 7 P.M. with Kathi Trent, Annette Hund, Earl Doerr, Charlotte Mehrrens, Mary Lou Peter, Rich Hoffelmeyer, Kurt Pellmann, Barb Scharf Pastor Darrell and Amanda Frierdich present.

Amanda presented her **Treasurer's Report**, after some discussion Kurt Pellmann made a motion to accept and seconded by Barb Scharf motion carried.

Pastor Darrell gave the **BCE** report that they would be meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday November 20 they will have a Thanksgiving Festival during Sunday School. On December 18<sup>th</sup> there will be another special activity during Sunday School, we need to start getting children and parents to come to church so we can strengthen and made our church stronger. Barb Scharf made a motion to accept the report and Earl Doerr seconded, motion carried.

**Minutes** were reviewed and Barb Scharf motioned and Mary Lou Peter seconded to accept motion carried.

**Mission and Outreach** Mary Lou Peter reported that church members packed 118 shoe boxes to be sent overseas for Christmas. Thank you to those who donated this year.

**Property** Earl Doerr reported that two trees at the park had been removed. There are three beams on the bridge at the park that needs to be replaced the team will be working on that as soon as they arrive. The carpets in Reiss Hall need to be cleaned Earl will get bids for this project. The West Wing roof has been replaced, Earl will contact the Village for a one way sign for the ally behind the church. The new shed will be delivered on Wednesday November 24.

**Volunteer Ministries** Kathi Trent that new council members have agreed to serve are Darren Doerr, Betty Keller Timmer and Sherri Wynn. Debbie Doerr will serve on the BCE Board. Thank you to these members for sharing their time for the Lord.

**Worship and Music** The special music committee has been meeting the second Sunday of the month anyone is welcome to come with ideas and songs if they want. If

you have songs that you would like for Church please contact a committee member or Pastor Darrell.

**Cemetery** Kurt Pellmann reported that the cemetery has been surveyed for the rod iron fence that the Eckert Estate has left money for.

**Old Business** Wurstmart committee thanked all of those who came and helped make it a success this year. Fifty people helped from the fry shed to the kitchen, to those who donated and cut pies, and filling the orders to those who took the meals to the drive thru lane in the parking lot, THANK YOU.

It was noted that the wireless mike needs to be replaced, Dale will check into replacing it.

Rich Hoffelmeyer made a motion to adjourn Kathi Trent seconded motion carried meeting closed at 9:10 P.M. with Lord Prayer.

President - Dale Gruenewald  
Vice President - Kathi Trent  
Secretary - Charlotte Mehrrens



| MONTH        | ONLINE AVE. 2022 | IN PERSON AVE. 2022 |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------|
| January      | 14               | 65                  |
| February     | 10               | 63                  |
| March        | 7                | 71                  |
| April        | 9                | 62                  |
| May          | 8                | 62                  |
| June         | 7                | 64                  |
| July         | 4                | 54                  |
| August       | 3                | 65                  |
| September    | 6                | 65                  |
| October      | 14               | 68                  |
| November     |                  |                     |
| December     |                  |                     |
| Year-to-Date | 8                | 64                  |

**Spiced German Cookies**

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tsp. lemon extract
- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. each cardamom, coriander, cinnamon, clove
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3/4 cup slivered almonds

In large bowl, cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Beat in eggs and extracts. Whisk flour, baking powder, spices and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture. Divide dough in half, shape into a disk, wrap in plastic, refrigerate 1 hour. Preheat oven to 350. Roll each dough to 1/8 inch thickness. Cut with cookie cutter. Decorate top with almonds. Bake 9-11 minutes or until light brown. Enjoy!

**CHRISTMAS**  
WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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JOY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS SANTA  
GREETINGS TREE DECEMBER GINGERBREAD  
FAMILY NUTCRACKER CANDY CANE SNOW  
WREATH CAROLS YULETIDE ORNAMENT





Thank you to everyone who contributed to the October-November Operation Christmas Child, Shoe Boxes, which culminated in the Ingathering on Sunday, November 13. Our gift boxes will be on their way soon to brighten the faces of children around the world for Christmas.

Thanks also for the Food Pantry offerings in November. Those cash offerings will go a long way in filling the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets of neighbors in need at this time of the year. Your generosity all during the year by bringing food and household items to our Food Pantry collection box is a blessing!

December's Mission of the month is The Salvation Army. With all of the disasters, storms and general need because of the Pandemic, the Salvation Army will provide much needed assistance. Please consider making a contribution in December.

Also, in December, we will have a Giving Tree in Riess Hall. LifeNetwork will have ornaments on the tree to provide women with the items they need to raise their babies. The ornaments will indicate the items needed. In addition, we have ornaments for area families that need clothes and Christmas gifts for their children.

As we have in past years, a special collection for the Salvation Army shelter will be taken on Christmas Eve.

There are many ways to share your blessings to help people who are in need at this blessed time of the year. Thank you and God bless you for help with our mission projects!

The boiler was inspected. We are good for another two years.

We cleaned the roof and scuppers of the Education Building of leaves (8 bags were removed).

We have had two trees cut down at the Park and the branches are cleaned up. We had a lot of firewood to clean up, mostly big firewood pieces. We also winterized the restrooms at the Park.

We replanted plants in front of the Church and Education Building.

We set up for Wurstmart.

Big thanks to the guys that cut and trim the grass! Church - Bill Bourn and Les Mehrrens; Cemetery - Andrew Taake; Park - Jim Bereitschaft, Bill Albert, and Bill Bourn when Jim was out. Les Mehrrens and Dave Harres did the grass trimming at the Park and Cemetery, and Darrell Doerr took week control.

Thanks to all the guys who picked up branches and watered trees and flowers at the Church and Park!

Gary Shondy

**IN THE HOSPITAL IN DECEMBER**

**CURRENT PRAYER LIST**

*Pray for strength and healing for the following:*


Donna Altemeier, Wanda Basse, Marilyn Beil, Cindy Bertelsmann, Roberta Billhartz, Lindsay Bourn and Family, Baby Levi Boyle, Joyce Brand, Shirley Brandenburger, Bob Cotter, Roger Davis, Sheila Davis (Jessi Doerr's Mother), Andrea Dill, Bill Ditch, Dorene (Janice Seidlitz's Sister-In-Law), Mark Eckman, Gary Franke, Fritz Fritzing, Lynn Gass, Mary (Boerke) Graham, Greg, Pearl Griebel, Baby Adalyn Harres, Bart Hood, Scott Hopfinger, Judy Jones, Joyce Kasper, Billy Klopmeier, Jerry Klotz, Scott (Barbara Knoth's Son), Jim Kostelac, Elizabeth Koval, Brian Kreher, Tom & Renee Kreher, Delores Lang, Kristen Luchash, Charlotte Mehrtens, Don Mehrtens, Lindsay Mueller, Ronnie Mueller, Dean Norrenbern, Doris Obernagel, Baby Ariela Oliver, Pat Parrish (Wayne Jones's Sister), Bruce Reese, Cole Robinson & Family, Jim Saverings Family (Bill Saverings Cousin), Bob Seidlitz, Nancy Smith, Shelly Smith, Sharon Stallmann, Kesia Sutton, Pat Sweet, Ray Teliczan, Mike Toenjes, Rich Trent, Elizabeth Tubbs, Baby Ty, Lacey Grace Valentine, Mark Vandermyde, Helen Vigna, Bill & Donna Ward, Milton Weber, Scott & Julie Weber, Mary Weldele, Matt Westrich, Jeffrey Willey, Bart & Kelley.

**SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

Sgt. Anthony Hanson, Jr., Kenny Wolf, Brandon Lester, Kory Klein and Michael Barnes serving overseas; Erin Green, Adam Stern, and Derek Ferguson in the Middle East; Jesse Eimer, Jason Parrish, Chris Lewis, Sharon Wirth, Jimmy Combs, Joe Morris, Kasey Launius, Samantha Glaeser, Al Wirth, Joshua Trent, and Tristen & Stefan Cashwell 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](mailto:barbhohlt@aol.com)

 Once again it's time to order poinsettias for Christmas! If you would like a poinsettia, please have your order in by **December 12th**. The cost will be **\$8.00** per plant.

**PLEASE CIRCLE RED OR WHITE POINSETTA**

Order Your Poinsettias From: \_\_\_\_\_

**DESIGNATE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please turn your order into the church office with payment. Make checks payable to Zion Church.

**Poinsettias will be ready for pick up on December 24th and 25th.**

**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.

**December**

- Canned Meat
- Pasta Side Dishes
- Pickles
- Peanut Butter

**January**

- Cake Mixes/Frosting
- Canned Meat
- Jello or Pudding
- Laundry Supplies

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.