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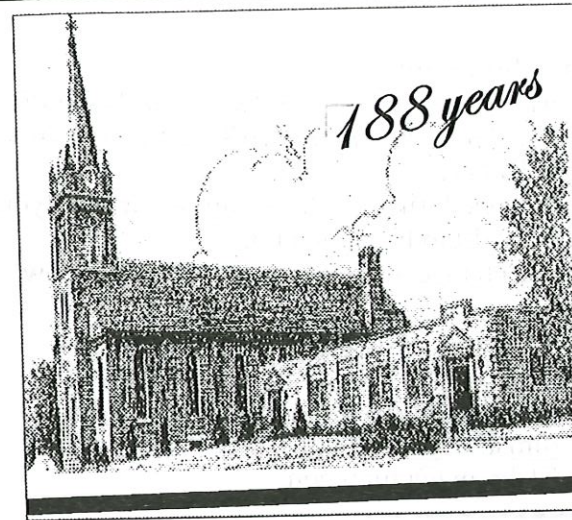
Z Team
Meets every Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m.
Coordinator - Gary Shondy - 618-281-6509

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

Office Hours
Amanda Friedrich
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.



Zion Evangelical Church
Serving in Christ's Name Since 1835

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From the Desk of Pastor Darrell

January 2023

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New Year's Blessings

For most of us everyday life is filled with anxiety. Anxiety about happiness, health, wealth, family, friends, fitting in, being accepted, job, education, making a difference and so much more. Our daily schedule, especially with our children and youth, is an ever-straining effort to reach for it all. But instead of finding lasting peace, joy and fulfillment, we are often left with an empty spot within that just can't be filled.

The answer to our dilemma is that we aren't just physical beings created to satisfy physical needs. We are spiritual beings whose empty spot can only be filled by the spiritual presence of God.

Thankfully God has provided the solution - the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ who is Emmanuel "God with us." We just celebrated anew the incarnation and birth of Christ that took place over 2000 years ago.

By Faith in and through Discipleship of Jesus the Christ you also receive another gift. The gift of the Holy Spirit, who is "God in us." The Spirit, as God in us, then becomes our comforter and counselor throughout this journey we call daily life.

So, seek God's blessings of a calm, peaceful joy for your soul by becoming spiritually renewed this New Year. Jesus answers our anxious pursuit of life in **Matthew 6:25ff** with "**Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.**" Seek Him first by reaching out to God the Father, through Jesus Christ His Son in order to receive the blessing of His indwelling Holy Spirit. For only the Spirit can produce the blessed fruit of "**love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control**" (**Galatians 5:22-23**) within you.

The call to spiritual renewal is actually a call to Faith and Discipleship. Note that Faith is living a life of trust in this three-in-one God, and Discipleship is actually following Jesus day-by-day. Faith and Discipleship are realized by participating in the life, preaching, teaching and service of a local church. For the local Church is really the gathering of God's family. By gathering together with Him and His family, you become a channel of His grace, mercy, peace, faith, hope, love, and joy to the anxious needy people around you.

As these realities grow within you, they touch those around you with God's blessings. In turn, you can invite them to become receivers and givers of these blessings as well.

So may the Grace, Mercy and Peace of God in Christ through the Holy Spirit be yours and be multiplied within you and your loved ones throughout this New Year. Even unto life that is everlasting. The Peace of Christ be with you and your spirit.

Christ's blessings to you and your family this New Year,
Pastor Darrell Weber



Lay Liturgist Schedule for January

We have 12 liturgists who read the Scriptures: *David Harres, Tracy Holmes, Linda Hopfinger, Annette Hund, Sean Mahoney, Kay Mehrtens, 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.

Jan. 01	Tracy Holmes	618-791-5922	tlholmes1971@gmail.com
Jan. 08	Dave Woehlke	618-719-3616	dlwoehlke1959@Charter.net
Jan. 15	Dave Harres	618-806-9567	twigsharres@hotmail.com
Jan. 22	Linda Hopfinger	618-406-0269	dlmshop@msn.com
Jan. 29	Annette Hund	618-719-6306	71threenn@gmail.com



"Shine, Jesus, Shine," by Graham Kendrick (1987)

Lord, the light of your love is shining
 In the midst of the darkness, shining
 Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
 Set us free by the truth you now bring us
 Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus

Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory
 Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire
 Flow, river, flow, Flood the nations with grace and mercy
 Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
 From the shadows into your radiance
 By the blood I may enter your brightness
 Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
 Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
 So our faces display your likeness
 Ever changing from glory to glory
 Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
 Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus

The following is taken from: <https://grahamkendrick.co.uk/the-story-behind-the-song-shine-jesus-shine-lord-the-light-of-your-love-is-shining/>

"Shine Jesus Shine," Graham's best known song has proved to be enduringly popular not just in the UK but all round the world. It consistently appears as one of the top songs in the CCL (Church Copyright License) chart both in the UK and USA.

In an interview Graham said: "This song is a prayer for revival. A songwriter can give people words to voice something which is already in their hearts but which they don't have the words or the tune to express, and I think

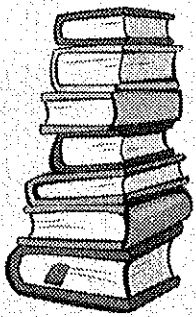
January 2023	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	New Year's Day Comunion 10:15 AM Worship	Office Closed	8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM 1 John Bible Study	9:00 AM Quilting	Epiphany 8:15 AM Preschool	
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8	9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Taking Down Greens	8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Sr Center BS 7:00 PM Council Mtg	8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM 1 John Bible Study	9:00 AM Quilting 2:00 PM G.P. Worship	8:15 AM Preschool	
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22	Food Pantry Sanctuary of Life Sunday 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship 11:20 AM Cong Mtg 12:10 PM Special Council Mtg	8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Sr Center BS	8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM 1 John Bible Study	9:00 AM Quilting	8:15 AM Preschool	
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29	Beacon's Fund 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Install Officers 10:15 AM Worship 11:00 AM Chili Dinner	8:15 AM Preschool	8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM 1 John Bible Study	9:00 AM Quilting	8:15 AM Preschool	
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happy new year

**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!

JANUARY



November 30, 2022

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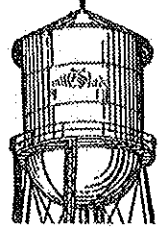
Dear Fellow Millstadt Organization:

The Millstadt Historical Society has completed its 2023 calendars, and would like to thank you very much for your support. As always, we have tried to make our latest edition not only a small Millstadt history lesson, but also a useful reference of what is happening in town.

The calendars will be available for purchase at the Weihnacht Fest on Sunday December 4, and then through the end of December, at Millstadt IGA, Millstadt Pharmacy, the Millstadt Municipal Building and the Millstadt Library. The price is \$15. If you are looking for one after that, or from a past year, please contact Kathy Albers at 618-719-1932. As always, we welcome your pictures, comments, and suggestions.

Thanks again and please pass this information on to your members!!

Millstadt Historical Society



**Trivia Night
& Silent Auction
to Help Maintain the Restored
Old Millstadt Water Tower**

**Saturday, January 28, 2023
St. James Parish Center
423 West Madison -- Millstadt, IL 62260**

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. -- Trivia starts at 7 p.m.

\$120 per Table, 6-8 Players
(Includes Survivor Round & 10 Mulligans)
Heads/Tails and 50/50 Drawing
(Player-friendly questions read by experienced announcer.)

- Bring Your Own Snacks
- Beverages Available (or Bring Your Own Beverages)

Cash Prizes Awarded to Top 3 Teams

Reservations: Call Betty at 618-476-7326 or 618-520-3623
or Marianne at 618-476-3696
or
e-mail: millstadtinman@gmail.com



December 6, 2022

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Dear Zion Evangelical Church,

Thank you for your generosity. Your gift of \$225.00 on November 18, 2022 to Feed My Starving Children is providing 937 MeandPack® meals to those around the world who need it most.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..." -- Matthew 25:35

Until all are fed.

Mark Crea
Mark Crea
Executive Director/CEO

P.S. We would be honored to be part of your legacy, including a provision for FMS in your will or trust will ensure you're right there with us as we feed kids, feed spirits and empower communities for years to come. Learn more at fmsc.org/plannedgiving

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No goods or services were exchanged for this donation.

'Shine Jesus shine' caught a moment when people were beginning to believe once again that an impact could be made on a whole nation."

Graham explains how the song came together...

"Bearing in mind the worldwide popularity of this song, perhaps the most surprising thing about the writing of it is the ordinariness of the circumstances. I had been thinking for some time about the holiness of God, and how that as a community of believers and as individuals, His desire is for us to live continually in his presence. My longing for revival in the Churches and spiritual awakening in the nation was growing, but also a recognition that we cannot stand in God's presence without 'clean hands and a pure heart'. So I wrote the three verses and 'road tested' it in my home church. Though there was clearly merit to the song, it seemed incomplete, so as I was unable at the time to take it any further, I put it back in the file. Several months later I was asked to submit new songs for a conference song book, and as I reviewed this three verse song I realised that it needed a chorus. I remember standing in my music room with guitar slung round my neck trying different approaches. The line 'Shine Jesus Shine' came to mind, and within about half an hour I had finished the chorus, all but some 'polishing'. Though I felt an excitement in my spirit at the time, I had no inkling at all that it would become so widely used. There were other songs I rated more highly at the time that most people have never heard of!"

If you aren't familiar with this prayer / praise song and have access to a computer, then go to YouTube and look this song up and listen to the powerful words and upbeat music.

May Jesus ("I am the light of the world," **John 8:12a**) shine upon you and lighten and enlighten you ("he who follows Jesus will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life," **John 8:12b**). And, may Jesus' light shine through you ("You are the light of the world. ... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." **Matthew 5:14ff**) to all those around us throughout this new year. For the people in our lives and all around the world desperately need the light of Christ in order to overcome the growing darkness of human and demonic evil that is all around us now.

**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 4th of 52 weeks in the catechism. This continues The 10 Commandments (weeks 3 through 13).

Week 4 is composed of questions 9 through 10.

9 What is the Second Commandment?

You shall not make for yourself any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth below, or that is in the water under the earth: You shall not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them. For I the LORD your GOD, am a jealous GOD, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of them that hate ME, and showing mercy to thousands of them that love ME, and keep MY commandments.

10. What does GOD say in the Second Commandment?

God forbids us to worship HIM in any image; HE requires us to worship HIM as HE has taught in HIS word and revealed HIMSELF to us in HIS SON JESUS CHRIST. Isaiah 40:18; John 1:18

May you be blessed as you examine this founding statement of our Evangelical faith and heritage.

Thank You

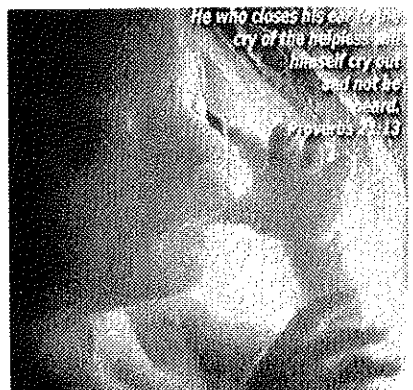
Pastor Darrell & Marjie Weber thank the many members of Zion for the Christmas greetings, cards, cookies, gifts, prayers, and well wishes. We pray that the Lord Jesus will bless all of us at Zion throughout the new year of 2023.

Weather Alerts

Church cancellations will be posted on Fox Channel 2, KMOV Channel 4, and KSDK Channel 5. In addition, those who have signed up by e-mailing or texting from their cell phone - alerts@zionmillstadt.com - will also be notified. To sign up, e-mail or text the above alerts e-mail address and include your name.

Taking Down the Greens on Sunday, Jan. 8

Following the Worship Service on Sunday, Jan. 8, we will take down the Christmas decorations and put them away until the next Advent Season begins. So join with us as we take down the decorations and prepare the sanctuary for 2023.



Sanctity of Life Sunday – Jan. 22

Sanctity of Life Sunday is a Pro-Life response to the infamous Roe vs Wade Supreme Court decision that took place on January 22, 1973.

We rejoice that the Supreme Court overturned the Roe vs Wade Federal Law. This doesn't end abortion but turns the decision over to the states. Unfortunately, we live in Illinois that not only permits but encourages abortion.

We continue to pray for the change of human hearts that choose abortion – murdering the lives of the unborn. For the unborn bear the image of God and are being formed in the womb of their mother. For listen to what God says in His Word:

Ps. 139:13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. **14** I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. **15** My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, **16** your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, Jan. 22

Zion's annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 22, following the Worship Service (around 11:20 a.m.).

In addition to the usual items - various staff and organization reports, congregational meeting minutes, budget and auditing committee reports – we will complete the business of the Fall congregational meeting that failed to meet the quorum requirement. We will be electing officers and approving the 2023 budget.

Zionettes Kitchen Band Schedule

Thursday, January 12th
Garden Place in Red Bud
Play at 2:00 p.m., leave Zion at 1:00 p.m.

We are the Hands of Christ

Mission Article for January 2023

Thank you for your generosity during December, as many of you took ornaments from the Giving

Tree and purchased items for the LifeNetwork of Southern Illinois as well as Christmas gifts for selected children from our Millstadt Community Schools. Your gifts provide women with the items they need to raise their babies as well as bring joy to children.

Your gifts to the Food Pantry are always appreciated, and we thank you for helping to keep the shelves at the Food Pantry full. On Christmas Eve special offerings for the Salvation Army Shelters help the homeless and needy.

In January our mission is LifeNetwork. During the month many churches and other pro-life organizations recognize the "sanctity of human life." LifeNetwork provides free and confidential services to men, women and their families in our area who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. Baby Bottles will be distributed in January, and they can be filled with donations for LifeNetwork. This mission ultimately exists to share the greatest Truth of all – the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

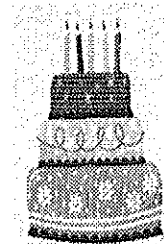
In addition, January has a fifth Sunday, and please consider a contribution to the Deacon's Fund, which means that offerings designated for the Deacon's Fund will be used for special needs that come to the attention of the Stewardship-Mission Committee. Please feel free to contact Pastor Darrell if you hear of individuals or families in Millstadt or our area that need help.

Thank you for your generous support of Zion's missions.

January Anniversaries
(50+ years)

Roger & Kathleen Keim
53 years on the 3rd

As for me and my HOUSE we shall serve the LORD
Joshua 24:15



January Birthdays



Jerry Tastad	01/01	Jodi Notter	01/14	Trey Launius III	01/21
Doug Scharf	01/03	Julie Laing	01/15	Klayton Skacr	01/22
Jake Tastad III	01/04	Maggie Muskopf	01/15	Laura Tastad	01/22
Keirsten Probst	01/04	Pamela Forbeck	01/17	Sylvia Korte	01/22
Ella Morris	01/06	Darrell Muskopf Jr	01/18	Lori Gaulrapp	01/23
Alexander Weidner	01/07	Braydon Skacr	01/18	Noah Kuester	01/24
Marjorie Weber	01/09	Sharon Holloway	01/19	Samantha Kreher	01/25
Maxwell Holmes	01/10	Joseph Morris	01/20	Mary Beth Pellmann	01/26
Amber Kaminski	01/14	Tony Caponi	01/20	Steven Hascall	01/27
Alayna Wirth	01/14	Patricia French	01/20	Graham Conrod	01/27
Betty Baltz	01/14	Zachary Laing	01/21	Jackson Muskopf	01/28
				Angie Green	01/28


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

 **AMERICAN RED CROSS**
BLOOD DRIVE
2023 SCHEDULE
WEDNESDAYS

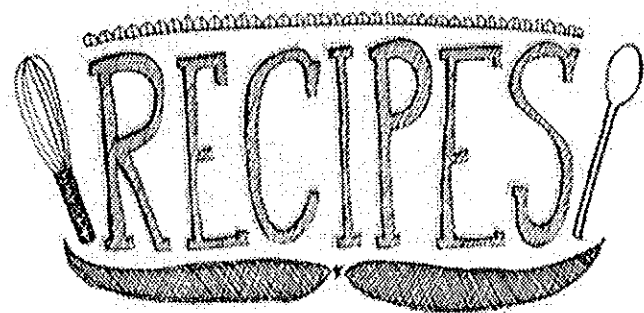
ST. JAMES
JANUARY 11, 2023
MARCH 15, 2023
MAY 10, 2023
JULY 12, 2023
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

VFW
NOVEMBER 29, 2023

To schedule an appointment
1-800-733-2767 or
visit RedCrossBlood.org
Bring Photo ID

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	\$ 20,625.21	\$ 46,594.67	\$ (25,969.46)	\$ 19,653.50	\$ 18,770.63	\$ 17,812.09
December			\$ -	\$ 19,653.50	\$ 40,556.51	\$ 32,988.21
TOTALS	\$ 199,819.65	\$ 252,420.08	\$ (52,600.43)	\$ 235,842.00	\$ 249,255.58	\$ 237,182.64



Easy Chicken Pot Pie

- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup frozen peas and carrots
- 1 cup chopped cooked chicken
- 1 can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup Bisquick mix
- 1/3 cup milk
- Paprika, if desired

In 3-quart saucepan, place 1 1/2 cups milk, frozen peas and carrots, chicken, and soup. Heat to boiling, stirring frequently. Reduce to simmer. In medium bowl, mix Bisquick and 1/3 cup milk until soft dough forms. Gently drop dough by 8 spoonfuls onto chicken mixture. Do not submerge dumplings in liquid. Sprinkle with paprika. Simmer over low heat 10 minutes. Cover; cook 8-12 minutes longer or until dumplings are cooked through. Enjoy!



ATTENDANCE - SUNDAYS

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	8	69
December		
Year-to-Date	8	64



Council Meeting
December 12, 2022

Council meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. with President Dale Gruenewald, Kathi Trent, Annette Hund, Earl Doerr, Charlotte Mehrtens, Mary Lou Peter, Rich Hoffelmeyer, Kurt Pellmann, Barb Scharf, Pastor Darrell, Sherri Wynn, and Betty Keller-Timmer present. Meeting was opened by Pastor Darrell with prayer.

Office Administrator Amanda Friedrich gave the treasurers report stating that the Annual Wurstmarkt had a profit of \$2100.83. Council wishes to thank everyone who helped with preparing and serving the meals, your help is always appreciated. There being no other treasurer's discussion Barb Scharf made the motion and was seconded by Kurt Pellmann to accept, motion carried.

BCE Report Pastor reported that they had not met but were busy working on the Christmas program for Sunday December 18th.

Minutes were approved as corrected Rich Hoffelmeyer motioned to accept and Annette Hund seconded the motion and motion was approved.

Pastor Report The 127 Christmas Child Shoeboxes were delivered to Belleville St. Matthews's church on November 13th. The Congregational meeting was to be held on November 20th but because we did not have a quorum we could not have it. There were no new Council members elected, no new budget was approved and other items that could not be taken care of at that time. The Hanging of the Greens was set November 22. The Lighted Christmas Parade had 25 members taking part which was great and we thank you for taking part. The Advent candles are being lit by different families on Sunday morning and we deeply appreciate families helping.

Pastor has been busy with Bible studies at church, senior center and Garden place. He was Chaplain on call at Memorial Hospital. Mary Lou made a motion to accept Pastor's report and Barb Scharf seconded, motion was approved.

Discussion was held on In Loving Trust Window interest since we have not received the new AED that was ordered last winter and still on back order, it was decided to finish the radiator in the church or upgrade the fire and smoke detectors. It will be voted on at Annual Meeting on January 22, 2023.

Long Range Ministry Charlotte reported that after the New Year we will be working on Welcome Bags to new residents to show what we are doing at church and

around town.

Mission Mary Lou reported on the mission giving this past year members were very supportive to mission giving and we thank you.

Property Earl Doerr reported that the carpets in Reiss Hall and the offices were being cleaned on Wednesday December 14th. Cost will be \$ 380.00 for the cleaning. Volunteer Ministries Kathi Trent reported that the new council members were present and would be elected at the Annual Meeting in January.

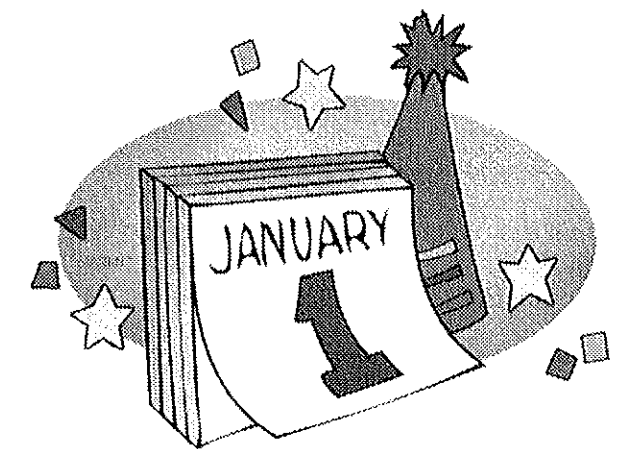
It was recommended to put a one way only sign in the alley, Earl checked with the Village and was told that we can place the sign. It will be installed as soon as possible.

Council members held discussion on financial Investments which Rich Hoffelmeyer has been working on the past few months.

New Business Since the new budget has not been approved at this time the pay rate will be prorated though Annual meeting.

Barb Scharf motioned and Kurt Pellmann seconded to close the meeting at 9:05 p.m.. Lead by the Lord's Prayers with Pastor Darrell.

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



The new building at the park is erected. Big thanks to Danny Doerr for getting us some dirt, Bob Wolfmeier for hauling it, and Darrell Doerr for spreading it around the building before the rain. We now have to pour the concrete floor, weather permitting, and install electric service.

The two trees that were cut down have now been cleaned up. It was a big job.

We have received three new replacement beams for free. We will use them to replace the existing beams that are rotten. Thanks to Mary at Lee's for her effort in getting them replaced for free.

The bridge will have to be taken apart.

We set up the outside manger scene.

Big thanks to the ladies who make the desserts for us. Thanks!

Gary Shondy



Please plan to attend the Congregational Meeting on **January 22nd** around 11:20 a.m. We need at least 40 members to make a quorum! Thank you!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Countdown	Celebration	New Year	Party Poppers
Confetti	Fireworks	Clock	Noisemaker
Midnight	January	Cheers	Resolution
Balloons	Happy	Goals	Sparklers



Dear Zion Church,
 Thank you for all the birthday cards and wishes.
 Sincerely,
 Lucille Schewe

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 JANUARY

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 Savering's Family (Bill Savering's 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 Vandermide, 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, Al Wirth, Joshua Trent, and Tristen & Stefan Cashwell serving in the States; Samantha Glaeser serving in Vietnam; 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.

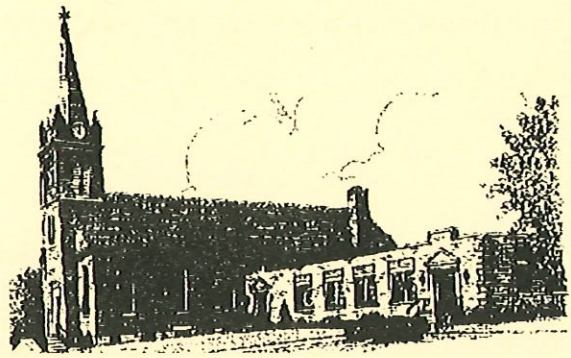
January
 Cake Mixes/Frosting
 Canned Meat
 Jello or Pudding
 Laundry Supplies

February
 Pasta Side Dishes
 Peanut Butter
 Canned Fruit
 Cleaning 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.

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Dear Zion Evangelical Church Members:

December 22nd, 2022

Announcing our annual January Congregational meeting, on Sunday, January 22

We will gather together for our January Congregational meeting, following the Worship Service on Sunday, January 22nd, at about 11:20 a.m.

Our Fall Congregational meeting didn't meet our quorum of 40, so we were unable to carry out the business of the Church. We need to elect officers and to approve the budget for 2023.

Therefore, *we need your presence!!!*


The agenda is below.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Election of Church Leaders for 2023-2025 Term
 - a) Church Council: *Darren Doerr, Betty Keller-Timmer, Sherry Wynn*
 - b) Board of Christian Education: *Debbie Doerr*
3. Review and Approval of 2023 Budget - Attached
4. Review and Approval of Minutes from 2022
5. Audit Committee Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. In-Loving-Trust Window Fund

Interest is TBD
Council recommendation cancel the 2021 AED Unit (Defibrillator) order (it's still on back order) and put the money in the In Loving Trust Window Fund.
The 2022 interest will be used to replace the smoke detectors throughout our facilities as is needed, and removal, sandblasting, repainting and reinstallation of the sanctuary radiators.
8. Old Business
9. New Business
 - a) New lawn Mower to maintain the Church Park. \$15,000 is in the mower fund. If the price exceeds \$15,000 then the Z-Team will pay the balance
10. Closing Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Please look this over and plan on participating in this meeting, which will set the future direction of Christ's ministry in and thru our Church.

Blessings to you and your family, in, thru and for our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ;


Pastor Darrell Weber

2023 Budget Proposal - Council Approved

Account #	Account Name	2021			2022			2023		
		Rate	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Rate	YTD Aug-22	2022 Budget	2023 Rate Proposal	2023 Budget Proposal	% from 2022
5.401.555	Park Gazebo Expenses									
5.410.111	Pastor-Salary	54,000.00	53,937.50	54,000.00	55,350.00	36,900.00	58,650.00	58,650.00	0.00	5.96%
5.410.112	Pastor-Mileage Allow @ .625		332.64	1,200.00		542.30	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00%
5.410.113	Pastor-Social Security	5,370.00	5,363.80	5,370.00	5,504.56	3,669.76	5,832.74	5,833.00	5.98%	5.98%
5.410.114	Pastor-Housing	16,200.00	16,200.00	16,200.00	16,605.00	11,070.00	17,595.00	17,595.00	6,000.00	5.96%
5.410.115	Pastor-Health/Dental	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00		4,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	500.00	
5.410.116	Pastor-Continuing Education			300.00		0.00			500.00	
5.410.117	Pastor-Books		82.90	300.00		0.00			500.00	
5.410.118	Pastor-Annuity	10,881.00	10,881.00	10,881.00	11,153.03	8,364.78	11,817.98	11,818.00	1,100.00	5.96%
5.410.130	Parsonage utilities		998.84	1,200.00		839.35			0.00	10.00%
5.410.133	Staff Mileage								0.00	
5.410.134	Salary-V. Pellmann		4,072.26	12,476.00		0.00			0.00	
5.410.135	Salary-D. Gansmann		4,880.95	14,560.00		0.00			0.00	
5.410.136	Organist-C. Ferry	88.00	1,144.00	2,574.00	90.00	810.00	93.00	2,100.00	0.00	3.33%
5.410.137	Organist-ML Bretsch	88.00	2,299.10	2,574.00	90.00	1,440.00	93.00	2,100.00	0.00	3.33%
5.410.139	Organist-P. French	88.00	264.00	572.00	90.00	450.00	93.00	280.00	0.00	3.33%
5.410.142	Parish/Cemetery-Custodian (2023)	10.25	735.44	615.00	15.00	697.50	NEW	1,400.00	2,500.00	6.67%
5.410.143	Park Custodian		17,059.85	0.00	72%	11,664.00	67%	20,690.00	0.00	-2.65%
5.410.144	Pre-School Teacher	54/30	54.00	0.00	55/31	172.00	57/32	445.00	445.00	3.49%
5.410.145	Pre-School Aides	17%	4,020.54	0.00	17%	2,754.00	23%	7,120.00	0.00	41.89%
5.410.146	Custodian-Maeder	11.25	2,092.93	8,775.00	15.00	1,829.69	16.00	4,000.00	0.00	6.67%
5.410.147	Salary-Office Admin/Treasurer	16.00	20,176.00		17.00	11,025.00	18.00	28,512.00	0.00	5.88%
5.410.148	Office Admin-Health	300.00	2,400.00		300.00	0.00	0.00	5,290.00	0.00	9.07%
5.410.230	Employer FICA		4,382.65	3,241.00		2,531.29		1,000.00	0.00	
5.410.231	Workers' comp Insurance		0.00	1,300.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	
5.410.232	Tax Penalty and Interest		6,692.21			40.65		0.00	0.00	
5.410.233	Bank Charges and Fees					9.90	NEW	20.00	0.00	
5.410.234	Tax Filing Fee-On Line							3,000.00	0.00	
5.420.101	C-E Church School		2,857.11	3,200.00		2,206.00		1,800.00	0.00	28.57%
5.420.102	Vacation Bible School Exp.		1,094.41	1,400.00		1,876.47		500.00	0.00	
5.420.103	C-E Adult Groups		728.13	500.00		0.00		500.00	0.00	
5.420.104	C-E Youth Groups		160.96	1,000.00		171.96		500.00	0.00	
5.420.105	C-E Confirmation		176.63	300.00		272.42		300.00	0.00	
5.420.107	Pre-school Expense		205.14	0.00		0.00		300.00	0.00	
5.420.108	Altar Supplies		297.74	200.00		121.33		200.00	0.00	
5.420.109	Bulletins		547.11	1,000.00		495.47		700.00	0.00	
5.420.111	Music & Choirs		164.72	100.00		0.00		100.00	0.00	
5.420.112	Music Copyright		214.00	200.00		226.00		250.00	0.00	
5.420.113	Organ & Piano Tuning		760.00			160.00		400.00	0.00	
5.420.114	Guest Minister/Speaker		250.00	500.00		200.00		500.00	0.00	
5.420.115	Guest Musicians					250.00	NEW	400.00	0.00	
5.430.114	Worship Miscellaneous		955.28	900.00		695.50		900.00	0.00	
5.430.115	Stewardship/Mission (All)		660.00	200.00		0.00		200.00	0.00	
5.430.116	Fellowship Events		2,405.81	1,500.00		1,376.66		5,000.00	0.00	
5.430.117	Parish & Pastor Relations		0.00	200.00		0.00		100.00	0.00	
5.430.118	Evangelical Dues		500.00	500.00		579.44		500.00	0.00	
5.430.211	Meetings/Registrations		0.00	300.00		0.00		100.00	0.00	
5.430.212	On Line Donations Fees-Vanco		103.48	0.00		80.00		0.00	0.00	
5.430.213	Office Supplies & Expenses		3,897.64	4,000.00		1,790.01		3,000.00	0.00	-25.00%

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		Rate	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Rate	YTD Aug-22	2022 Budget	2023 Rate Proposal	2023 Budget Proposal	% from 2022
5.430.214	Postage		1,197.26	1,200.00		1,193.00	1,200.00	1,400.00	16.67%	
5.430.215	Printed Material		262.20	200.00		40.00	200.00	200.00		
5.430.216	Office Equipment/Conier Lease		4,868.55	5,000.00		3,516.97	5,500.00	5,500.00		
5.430.217	Internet Service		3,143.16	1,800.00		2,271.19	2,500.00	2,800.00	12.00%	
5.430.218	Information Technology &		75.33	600.00		92.65	500.00	500.00	0.00%	
5.430.219	Miscellaneous		743.05	850.00		365.24	900.00	600.00	-33.33%	
5.430.220	Computer Software and					300.13	0.00	700.00		
5.430.221	Employee Recruiting Expenses					177.64	0.00	0.00		
5.440.101	Church Utilities		9,733.17	12,000.00		6,946.01	12,000.00	14,000.00	16.67%	
5.440.103	Insurance Premiums		16,639.21	13,200.00		9,276.08	13,500.00	14,000.00	3.70%	
5.440.104	Custodial Supplies		285.36	300.00		192.37	200.00	200.00		
5.440.105	Maintenance & Repair		3,803.87	8,000.00		4,905.10	5,500.00	6,000.00	9.09%	
5.440.106	Park & Cemetery Expense-Fuel		808.57	600.00		529.29	700.00	700.00		
5.440.107	Park Expenses-General		2,763.38	2,600.00		2,033.69	2,600.00	800.00	-69.23%	
5.440.108	Parsonage Maintenance			500.00		0.00	500.00	500.00		
5.440.109	Cemetery Expenses-General		278.17	300.00			0.00	0.00		
5.440.110	ILTW Interest Expense		1,074.97				0.00	0.00		
5.460.107	Food Pantry Expense		0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00		
5.460.108	Offering to Church World Service		875.00	0.00		540.00	0.00	0.00		
5.460.111	Offering for Blankets			0.00			0.00	0.00		
5.460.112	Offering To Mission projects		6,877.91	0.00		6,322.26	0.00	0.00		
5.460.113	Z-Team Donations Disbursements		250.00	0.00		200.00	0.00	0.00		
5.470.000	IN & OUT expense		1,064.56	0.00		365.50	0.00	0.00		
5.470.101	Transferred monies Expense			0.00			0.00	0.00		
5.500.101	Cemetery Expense MM		57.59				0.00	0.00		
5.500.102	In Loving Trust Window Expense						0.00	0.00		
5.500.103	Memorial Expense						0.00	0.00		
5.500.104	Music expense		5.97				0.00	0.00		
5.500.105	Organ Repair Expense						0.00	0.00		
5.500.106	Asphalt Fund Expense						0.00	0.00		
5.500.114	Special Preschool Expense						0.00	0.00		
5.500.316	Deacon Fund Paid Out		1,600.00			700.00	0.00	0.00		
5.500.401	ITHecke Expense		39.09				0.00	0.00		
5.500.403	Future Park Project Expenses		687.50			13,593.01	0.00	0.00		
5.550.213	West Door Repair						0.00	0.00		
5.550.215	FH Floor Expense						0.00	0.00		
5.550.217	Mower Fund Expenses						0.00	0.00		
5.550.218	Pie Room Expenses						0.00	0.00		
5.550.219	Hail Damage Expenses						0.00	0.00		
5.550.220	MF Gift Expenses						0.00	0.00		
	Total Expense		237,182.64	205,288.00		165,355.66	235,842.00	245,303.00	4.01%	
						Increase	30,554.00	9,461.00		
			Over/Under Budg			Over/Under Budg				
			31,894.64			150,765.66	208,840.00	214,586.49	2.75%	
						Increase	3,552.00	5,746.49		
			W/O preschool			W/O preschool				
						Increase				