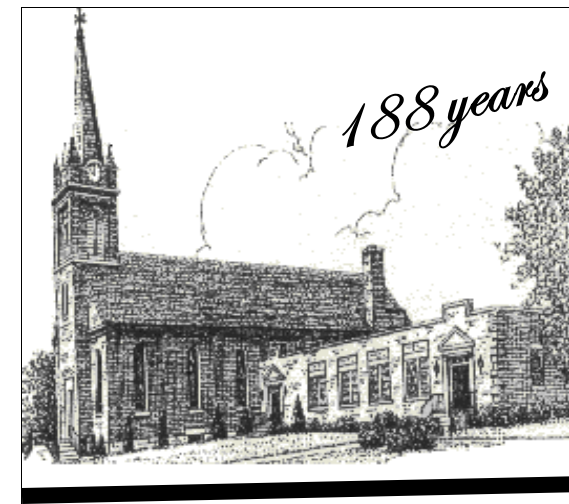


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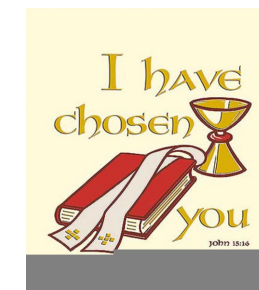
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From the Desk of Pastor Darrell

January 2024

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We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19



Bill Saverig Ordination Service on Sunday, Jan. 14

Bill Saverig has been a Licensed Pastor of Zion and the Evangelical Association (EA). On Wednesday, Dec. 13, an Ecclesiastical Council was held by members of Zion's Council and pastors of the EA to determine Bill's fitness for ordained ministry. Upon their recommendation and approval, Zion will ordain Bill to Christian Ministry, which will be recognized by the EA.

An Ordination Service for Bill will take place on Sunday, Jan. 14, at 3:00 p.m. This will include pastors and guests from EA Churches in Missouri, Illinois, and possibly Southern Indiana. This will be followed by a luncheon and desserts in Fellowship Hall, hosted by our Sisters in Faith.

On Jan. 21, Bill will begin as the Interim Pastor of two churches near Owensville, MO: St. Paul - Cooper Hill and St. James - Charlotte.

Bill will be living in the Owensville area four days a week and three back at his home outside of Waterloo. Barb will join him there every other week, and she and her mom, Lorraine, will be with us on the other Sundays.

So, join us as we ordain Bill to Christian ministry. And keep Bill & Barb in your thoughts and prayers as the Lord Jesus leads them onward.

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

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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.)

Darren Doerr	(26)	618-980-5055
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Kurt Tegtmeier	(27)	
Betty Keller Timmer	(26)	618-520-3623
Sherry Wynn	(26)	618-615-7915

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

Worship Schedule

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

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.



Lay Liturgist Schedule for January

We have 12 liturgists who read the Scriptures: *David Harres, Tracy Holmes, Linda Hopfinger, Annette Hund, Sean Mahoney, Kay Mehrstens, Vicki Pellmann, Bill Saverling, 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. 7	Bill Saverling	618-920-9236	bsavering@yahoo.com
Jan. 14	Joyce Tastad	618-660-6259	jtastad51@charter.net
Jan. 21	Richard Trent	618-939-8765	trentech@htc.net
Jan. 28	Marjie Weber	618-972-5532	weber_ddw@charter.net



"Make Me a Blessing (Out in the Highways and Byways of Life)," by Ira B. Wilson (1909)

**Out in the highways and byways of life, Many are weary and sad;
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife, Making the sorrowing glad.**

Refrain:

**Make me a blessing, Make me a blessing. Out of my life may Jesus shine;
Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray. Make me a blessing to someone today.**

**Tell the sweet story of Christ and his love, Tell of his pow'r to forgive;
Others will trust him if only you prove, True, ev'ry moment you live.
[Refrain]**

**Give as 'twas given to you in your need, Love as the Master loved you;
Be to the helpless a helper indeed, Unto your mission be true.
[Refrain]**

I chose this song to honor Bill Saverling's upcoming ordination. I also chose it as a call for each of us to begin, live out, and end this New Year as a blessing to others for Christ's sake.

The following is taken from:

<https://www.staugustine.com/story/lifestyle/faith/2016/04/15/story-behind-song-make-me-blessing/16311771007/>

"I don't remember writing the lyrics to that song." Those were the startling words of Ira B. Wilson to his friends. He held that position until his death, yet his song, "Make Me a Blessing," lives on in the hearts of millions of Christians in many lands.

In 1924 George Shuler and Ira Wilson were roommates at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois. They combined their efforts in giving to the world the wonderful Christian song, "Make Me a Blessing." Wilson wrote the lyrics and Shuler the musical setting.

At first, the song was rejected by musical publishers. Not to be stopped, Shuler had 1,000 copies printed to distribute on his own. One copy fell into the hands of George Dibble, an outstanding singer who was the music director for the International Sunday School Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Dibble asked permission to use the song, and it was granted. Soon people everywhere were singing it and publishers were wanting to distribute copies.

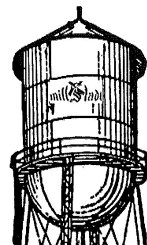
The popularity of the song has grown to the extent that Christians in many locations can sing it even by memory.

This song has become the heart cry of Christians everywhere. It should be the desire of every person to be a blessing and help to others. There are many ways we can bring this to pass, one notable way is to provide for the poor.

Zion Evangelical Church

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sanctity of Life Sunday 9:00AM SS / Conf 10:15AM Worship 11:20AM Cong Mtg	2 New Year's Day Office Closed	3 8:30AM Z-Team 1:00PM G.P. Bible Study	4 8:15AM Preschool 8:15AM Preschool 11:00AM Bible Study	5 8:15AM Preschool 10:00AM FH - Chair Yoga	6 8:15AM Preschool 10:00AM FH - Chair Yoga	7 Epiphany
8 Communion 9:00AM SS / Conf 10:15AM Worship 11:30AM Taking Down Greens	9 8:15AM Preschool 7:00PM Council Mtg	10 8:30AM Z-Team 1:00PM G.P. Bible Study	11 8:15AM Preschool 11:00AM Bible Study	12 8:15AM Preschool 10:00AM FH - Chair Yoga	13 8:15AM Preschool 10:00AM FH - Chair Yoga	14 9:00AM SS / Conf 10:15AM Worship - Ord. Service 4:00PM Saverling - Ord. Luncheon
15 8:15AM NO Preschool	16 8:30AM Z-Team 1:00PM G.P. Bible Study	17 8:15AM Preschool 11:00AM Bible Study	18 8:15AM Preschool 11:00AM Bible Study	19 8:15AM Preschool 10:00AM FH - Chair Yoga	20 9:00AM Cabin Fever Retreat	21 Sanctity of Life Sunday 9:00AM SS / Conf 10:15AM Worship 11:20AM Cong Mtg
22 8:15AM Preschool	23 8:30AM Z-Team 1:00PM G.P. Bible Study	24 8:15AM Preschool 11:00AM Bible Study	25 8:15AM Preschool 11:00AM Bible Study	26 8:15AM Preschool 10:00AM FH - Chair Yoga	27 12:00PM FH - French	28 Deacon's Fund Food Pantry 9:00AM SS / Conf 10:15AM Worship 11:00AM Chili Dinner
29 8:15AM Preschool	30 8:30AM Z-Team 1:00PM G.P. Bible Study	31 8:15AM Preschool 11:00AM Bible Study				



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

Saturday, January 27, 2024
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 618-520-3623 or Marianne at 618-719-1911
or
e-mail: millstadtinman@gmail.com



CUSTODIAN NEEDED

We are looking for a custodian to clean the church. If you know anyone interested, please contact Darren Doerr (618-980-5055). Thank you!



Dear Zion Evangelical Church,

November 22, 2023

Thank you very much for your \$520 donation on 11/20/2023. Your generosity helps us help others and we truly appreciate it. Through your donation we can take care of our seniors and put smiles on their faces.

2023 has been a very successful year at the Millstadt Senior Center. It only takes a quick visit to see amazing things going on here. All this is possible thanks to the support of the Millstadt community and our wonderful financial donors. Through your generosity and support we can continue these programs and services.

I look forward to many years ahead of serving the needs of Millstadt seniors. Thank you,

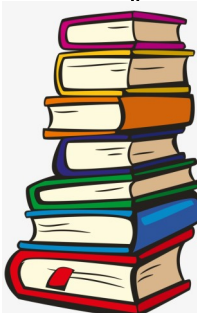
Patty Evansco

Patty Evansco, Director
Millstadt Township Senior Center

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOOK BAZAAR 2024

Collection of books began Tuesday, August 15th and will continue to December 16th. It will start back up on Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 9th through March 16th, 2024.

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

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 15th of 52 weeks in the catechism. This continues the section on the Christian Faith. Weeks 14 through 19 focus on describing God's character and nature.

Week 15 is composed of question 46.

46. What is the meaning of: God is all-wise?

God ordains and directs all things to His own glory and to the salvation of man. Rom. 11:33-34; Isaiah 55:8-9; Ps. 104:24; Rom. 8:28; 1Peter 5:7; James 1:5.

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 2024.

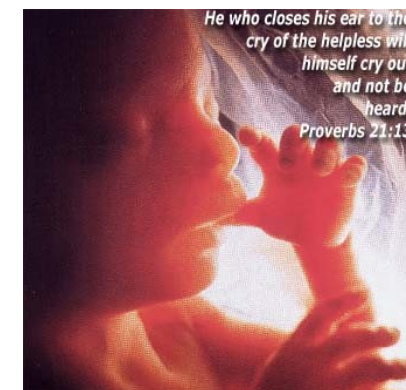


Weather Alerts

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. 7

Following the Worship Service on Sunday, Jan. 7, 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 2024.



Sanctity of Life Sunday – Jan. 21

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. 21

Zion's annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 21, following the Worship Service (around 11:20 a.m.).

The usual items - various staff and organization reports, congregational meeting minutes, budget and auditing committee reports - will be on the agenda. In addition, the Council recommends that the In Loving Trust Window Fund interest go to **TBA**

Hopefully, the Annual Report will be available in the sanctuary by Jan. 14.



We cleaned up the leaves and cut the grass in front of the Church, then set up the Manger Scene.

The guys brought up the Christmas decorations from the basement. They then helped Debbie Doerr and other ladies put up the decorations.

Other guys scrubbed parts of the basement floor tile. We scrubbed the light tan. To some it is the walking trail. It looks good after being cleaned.

The boiler room was cleaned up and things not good were thrown out.

We changed light bulbs that were out in the Church chandeliers. We changed two bulbs in one light on Tuesday. Came in on the following Sunday and another bulb is out. Can't win!

Hope for Ray Hohlt to get well. We miss you!

Gary Shondy

We are the Hands of Christ



Missions Article for January

Thank you for your generosity during December as many of you took ornaments from the Giving Tree and purchased items for the Life Network of Southern Illinois. Your gifts provide women with the items they need to keep and raise their babies.

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.

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



January Birthdays



Brayden James	01/01	Maxwell Holmes	01/10	Joseph Morris	01/20
Jerry Tastad	01/01	Betty Baltz	01/14	Trey Launius III	01/21
Keirsten Probst	01/04	Jodi Notter	01/14	Sylvia Korte	01/22
Jake Tastad III	01/04	Maggie Muskopf	01/15	Lori Gaulrapp	01/23
Geoffrey Grootenboer	01/05	Pamela Forbeck	01/17	Noah Kuester	01/24
Ella Morris	01/06	Sharon Holloway	01/19	Samantha Kreher	01/25
Alexander Weidner	01/07	Tony Caponi	01/20	Mary Beth Pellmann	01/26
Marjorie Weber	01/09	Patricia French	01/20	Angie Green	01/28
				Jackson Muskopf	01/28



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Times Square holiday party hat cheers clock
noise maker midnight party celebrate



Oak Hill Nursing Home

Shirley Brandenburger
Pearl Griebel

Our Lady of the Snows

Betty Baltz

Garden Place at Millstadt

Marianne Baltz
Marilyn Beil
Dianne (Muskopf) Mehrmann
Dottie Rickard

The Atrium of Belleville

John Kalbfleisch

The Villas of Holly Brook

Don Mueller

Freeburg Care Center

Arlene Dohrmann

January Anniversaries
(50+ years)

Roger & Kathleen Keim
54 years on the 3rd



**For we walk by faith,
not by sight.**

2 Corinthians 5:7

Treasurer's Report

2023	GENERAL FUND - Updated Version					
	2023 INCOME	2023 EXPENSE	difference	BUDGET 2023	2022 INCOME	2022 EXPENSE
January	\$19,575.07	\$27,228.77	\$ (7,653.70)	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 17,103.09	\$ 21,309.34
February	\$19,135.11	\$29,700.64	\$ (10,565.53)	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 17,135.69	\$ 18,881.14
March	\$17,094.66	\$19,876.48	\$ (2,781.82)	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 26,484.04	\$ 20,985.79
April	\$30,417.21	\$28,239.45	\$ 2,177.76	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 18,035.02	\$ 23,939.45
May	\$15,956.14	\$34,598.97	\$ (18,642.83)	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 19,504.14	\$ 17,124.96
June	\$9,208.61	\$16,591.59	\$ (7,382.98)	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 10,515.28	\$ 28,671.99
July	\$23,961.75	\$36,382.84	\$ (12,421.09)	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 19,274.63	\$ 16,962.38
August	\$18,685.51	\$15,040.61	\$ 3,644.90	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 13,571.24	\$ 17,480.61
September	\$17,977.92	\$21,953.02	\$ (3,975.10)	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 18,093.74	\$ 18,977.58
October	\$22,409.09	\$24,934.93	\$ (2,525.84)	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 19,747.35	\$ 21,492.17
November	\$28,167.36	\$24,257.77	\$ 3,909.59	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 20,625.21	\$ 46,594.67
December			\$ -	\$ 20,442.00	\$ 33,857.51	\$ 38,777.17
TOTALS	\$ 222,588.43	\$ 278,805.07	\$ (56,216.64)	\$ 245,304.00	\$ 233,946.94	\$ 291,197.25

Please note: The high 2023 Expense amount is due to the new park building and landscaping (\$16,328.48), new lawn mower (\$11,175.75), fence at the cemetery (\$21,214.73), new sound system (\$1,174.67) and new lights for the tower (\$2,420.00), all of which were purchased with designated funds.



Ravioli Lasagna

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 jar (28 oz.) spaghetti sauce
- 1 package (25 oz.) frozen sausage or cheese ravioli
- 1 1/2 cuts shredded mozzarella cheese
- Fresh basil

In a large skillet, cook and crumble the beef over medium heat, drain. In a greased 2 1/2 quart baking dish, layer a third of the spaghetti sauce, half of the ravioli, half the beef and 1/2 cup cheese; repeat layers. Top with remaining sauce and cheese. Cover and bake at 400 degrees for 40-45 minutes or until heated through. If desired, sprinkle with fresh basil. Enjoy!



ATTENDANCE - SUNDAYS

MONTH	ONLINE AVE. 2023	IN PERSON AVE. 2023
January	10	68
February	8	69
March	5	70
April	9	91
May	7	64
June	7	68
July	2	56
August	4	61
September	6	61
October	6	64
November	6	85
December		
Christmas Eve		
Year-to-Date	6	69



Council Meeting
December 11, 2023

Council members present were President Kurt Pellmann, Sherry Wynn, Barb Scharf, Rich Hoffelmeyer, Annette Hund, Betty Ann Keller Timmer, Darren Doerr, Pastor Darrell Weber, Office Administrator Amanda Friedrich, and incoming Council member Andrew Taake. Kurt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Darrell gave an opening prayer.

Because Council Secretary Charlotte Mehrtens was not in attendance, Betty volunteered to take the minutes for the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Amanda distributed copies of the Treasurer's report. After a discussion on what account should have been charged for the new tower lights, Rich suggested adding a new expense account for bills that are to be paid from the Jim & Mary Eckert Fund. The two new vacuum cleaners will be charged to this account. Rich also asked a question concerning "loose offerings" – these are included with the "Mission of the Month", and Pastor will begin including this information in the weekly bulletin. Barb made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Sherry seconded; motion carried.

BCE Report: Pastor Darrell reported that Kelly Riemann and Stacy Woehlke have been working with the Sunday School families on a video Christmas program that will be shown during worship on December 17. The Sunday School Christmas party at Pastor Darrell and Marjie's home on December 10 had eleven attendees, who went Christmas caroling through the Alpine Trails subdivision, and then back to the Weber's for refreshments and games.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The November 13, 2023 minutes were reviewed by Council. A correction to the number of dinners for the Wurstmart was noted – should have been 111 dine-in, and 131 carry-outs for a total of 242 dinners sold. Also, Bill Saverling had attended the last Council meeting as a guest. A motion was made by Rich and seconded by Barb to approve the minutes; motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Darrell had sent his Pastor's Report of his activities for the previous month to Council members. Pastor Darrell delivered 97 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to St. Matthew's Methodist Church last month. He has been working with the Evangelical Association for the ordination of Bill Saverling. Bill has submitted all of his paperwork for his ordination. The Ecclesiastical Council, consisting of nine pastors, plus several Zion Council members, will be at Zion on December 13 to conduct his examination. Upon approval of the Ecclesiastical Council, the tentative date for Bill's ordination has been set for January 21, 2024. Pastor Darrell listed a schedule of Christmas season events at Zion, and also named five families with children who will light the Advent candles. He led four Bible Studies at Garden Place in November, and also held a worship/communion service there on November 14. Pastor and Marjie will be on vacation from February 4-11; he has arranged for two Evangelical Association pastors to cover Zion in his absence. A motion was made by Barb, and seconded by Annette, to accept Pastor Darrell's report; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit & Budget. (Betty Keller Timmer). Tentative date for the annual audit/review is January 18. Betty will be contacting Zion members to conduct the audit/review after Christmas.

Long Range Ministry. No report at this time.

Missions & Outreach. (Mary Lou Peter). Amanda had distributed a year-to-date missions report, which showed over \$14,056.72 in missions donations through November.

Staff/Parish Relations. (Darren Doerr). Darren reported that the custodian who had been hired has since declined the position. We will put an item in the monthly *Visitor* to see if anyone in the congregation knows someone who would be interested in the job.

Property & Long Range. (Rich Hoffelmeyer). Rich reported that Les Mehrtens is working to get the annual elevator inspection scheduled.

Volunteer Ministries. (Sherry Wynn). Sherry thanked Andrew for accepting a seat on Council, and also thanked the retiring Council members for their service.

Worship & Music. (Annette Hund). Annette is continuing to work to get members to participate in the pre-Christmas Eve service.

Cemetery Board. (Kurt Pellmann). Rich presented policy proposals stating the sources and uses for the General Fund, Money Market Fund, In Loving Trust Fund, as well as the Freivogel Cemetery Fund and Baltz Cemetery Fund. A motion was made by Barb Scharf, and seconded by Sherry Wynn, to accept the proposals as presented. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Property Sale. Kurt and Charlotte have signed the Sales Agreement between Zion and SBS for the one-acre of park land that was approved at the November Church meeting. Kurt will contact AJ Scharf for his signature, and then AJ will take the agreement to the Columbia Title Company, along with the \$500 earnest money, to get the closing scheduled. Rich suggested that Council advise Amanda where the sale proceeds should be deposited – Barb suggested "Future Park Fund Projects", which currently has a zero balance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Floor Cleaning Machine. Several Z Team members had been working to clean the Fellowship Hall floor, without much success. Mike Germann has been checking into getting a machine designed specifically for this type of floor. Payment for this machine could come from the General Fund, and also partly funded from some Zion organizations.

Trivia Night. Betty suggested getting flyers ready for the March 9, 2024 Trivia Night so that we can start promoting the event.

Rich's Comments. Rich reminded Council members that they will need to make a suggestion for the use of the In-Loving Trust Window interest for the January Annual meeting. Last year's interest was not used, and remains in the ILTW Fund. Rich had been keeping the second key to the Church safe deposit box, and he passed that on to Barb. Because Rich has been serving as the "Assistant Treasurer" during his three-year term, Barb asked if he would be continuing in that position. He didn't think he could since he would no longer be a Council member. Pastor Darrell suggested that Council adds the "Assistant Treasurer" position to the Council offices.

Meeting Adjourned: There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Rich, and seconded by Barb to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried. Everyone joined hands to close with the Lord's Prayer.

Kurt Pellmann - President
Barb Scharf - Vice President
Betty Keller Timmer - Secretary Pro-Tem
Richard Hoffelmeyer - Assistant Treasurer

Cabin Fever Retreat

Open to all Ladies of the Community

Saturday, January 20, 2024

9:00 - 2:00 PM

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117 W White St

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\$ 15 - includes breakfast, lunch, and activities



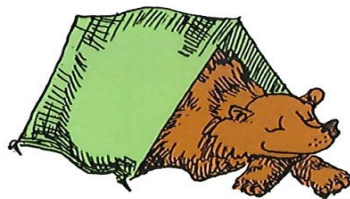
Start the New Year treating yourself to a day just for you!

- Winter Themed Inspiration
- Old Hags Doing New Hacks
 - Health Tips
 - Make & Take

Casual attire. Join us for a relaxing day of fun and fellowship!

Call Amanda in the Church Office to RSVP by January 15, 2024

Pay in advance or at the door



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Reservations due by January 15th

Please send check (payable to Sisters in Faith) to:

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618-476-1778 • amanda@zionmillstadt.com

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:

Bruce Alberter, Donna Altemeier, Arik Barnes, Wanda Basse, David Becherer. Marilyn Beil, Roche Beine, Cindy Bertelsmann, Roberta Billhartz, Lindsay Bourn and Family, Baby Levi Boyle, Joyce Brand, Shirley Brandenburger, Roger Davis, Sheila Davis (Jessi Doerr's Mother), Bill Ditch, Mark Eckman, Fritz Fritzinger, Lynn Gass, Mary (Boerke) Graham, Greg, Pearl Griebel, Baby Adalyn Harres, Mary Hund, Joyce Kasper, Billy Klopmeier, Scott (Barbara Knoth's Son), Jim Kostelac, Elizabeth Koval, Tom & Renee Kreher, Family of Jessica LaDuke, Lucille Lang, Richard Madden, Erin Mahoney, Charlotte Mehrrens, Anna Belle Muskopf, Dean Norrenbern, Doris Obernagel, Baby Ariela Oliver, Pat Parrish (Wayne Jones's Sister), Janet Pauketat, Bruce Reese, Dottie Rickard, Rich Riemann, Jim Savering's Family (Bill Savering's Cousin), Janice Seidlitz, Nancy Smith, Shelly Smith, Mike Speichinger, Sharon Stallmann, Ray Teliczan, Mike Toenjes, Rich Trent, Elizabeth Tubbs, Baby Ty, Lacey Grace Valentine, Mark Vandermyde, Bill & Donna Ward, Mary Weldele, Joan Wilkins, Jeffrey Willey, Bart & Kelley.

SERVING OUR COUNTRY Sgt. Anthony Hanson, Jr., Kenny Wolf, Brandon Lester, Kasey Davis, Joe Morris, Kory Klein and Michael Barnes, Erin Green, Adam Stern, and Derek Ferguson serving overseas; Samantha Glaeser, Jesse Eimer, Jason Parrish, Chris Lewis, Sharon Wirth, Al Wirth, Joshua Trent, and Tristen & Stefan Caswell serving in the States.

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.- 3:30 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.