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 Zion Evangelical Church
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From the Desk of Pastor Darrell

March 2024

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

The Passion of CHRIST

Throughout the Lenten season we focus on the "Passion of Christ" – highlighted by his suffering and death on the cross. Many of the hymns of this season have a somber mood and tempo to draw us into the sufferings of CHRIST, such as "Were You There?" below.

These kinds of hymns are a stark reminder of the terrible price that Jesus paid for us to be reconciled to His Father – "*knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot*" (1Peter 1:18-19, ESV).

These kinds of hymns aren't designed to draw us down to despair, nor are they given to beat us over the head with our sin, faults, and guilt. Instead, they are to stir us up to devotion to the one who loved us so much that He willingly died for us – "*but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us*" (Romans 5:8, ESV).

In fact, the Scriptures declare that Jesus joyously bore the cross for us – "*who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God*" (Hebrews 12:2b, ESV).

Therefore, "*let us run with endurance the race that is set before us*" (Hebrews 12:1b ESV) - this life which includes trials, tribulations, suffering, and death. And as we do, "*looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith*" (Hebrews 12:2a ESV). That is keep your eyes on Jesus.

So throughout this Lenten season I pray these words of Ephesians 3:17-19 (ESV) over each person who reads this:

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith,"

"That you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth" of His love,

That you may "*know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,*"

And "*that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*"

Christ's blessings to you and your family;
 Pastor Darrell

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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.)

Darren Doerr	(26)	618-980-5055
Annette Hund	(25)	618-719-6306 (Vice Pres.)
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(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 March

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

March 3	Linda Hopfinger	618-406-0269	dlnshop@msn.com
March 10	Annette Hund	618-719-6306	71threnn@gmail.com
March 17	Sean Mahoney	618-977-3240	seancari@htc.net
March 24	Kay Mehrtens	618-792-3138	leskay@htc.net



“Were You There?” African American Spiritual unknown author (prior to 1899)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (2 times)
 O sometimes it causes me to tremble! tremble! tremble!
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed HIM to the tree? (2 times)
 O sometimes it causes me to tremble! tremble! tremble!
 Were you there when they nailed HIM to the tree?

Were you there when they laid HIM in the tomb? (2 times)
 O sometimes it causes me to tremble! tremble! tremble!
 Were you there when they laid HIM in the tomb?

Were you there when HE rose up from the grave? (2 times)
 O sometimes it causes me to tremble! tremble! tremble!
 Were you there when HE rose up from the grave?

The following was taken from [Taylor Brantley](https://www.hymncharts.com/2022/04/03/were-you-there/) off the internet:

<https://www.hymncharts.com/2022/04/03/were-you-there/>

Suffering is something we all must endure; the tool unwillingly used to strengthen ourselves in various areas of life. Greatest of all forms of suffering is suffering for God – that is, to use our suffering to learn how to rely on His strength rather than ours. Were You There is the product of men and women who used their suffering for just that.

Were You There is one of the most famous Spirituals: Biblical songs created by African slaves in America. Slaves could have blamed their woes on God – and surely, some did – but many chose to draw closer to Him, desperate for the hope only He can give. Men can take away many freedoms, but the freedom to seek after God is something that can never be stolen.

Spirituals were created by those slaves who longed for God, utilizing music to spread Biblical themes and stories. Indeed, storytelling and preaching are powerful methods, but music is the premier tool to weave themes and stories into the mind and soul. Through this tool, slaves of that age ended up creating two genres of music that forever changed American music. In the fields the songs were often sung in a somber and mournful way; thus began the blues style. In the church, the songs were sung in an uplifting and joyful way; thus began the gospel music style. Here lies the beauty of Spirituals: the product of a unified group that suffered together and praised God all the more for it.

Were You There falls into the blues category. The purpose of the lyrics is to recall the suffering Christ endured, which serves to remind that suffering in God’s eyes is not the lot of the cursed, but the blessed. It is a message we must hold fast to when we ourselves are called to suffer, an inevitability of the Christian walk.

“Therefore, since Christ suffered in His body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin.” – 1 Peter 4:1.

Zion Evangelical Church

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	8:15AM Preschool	8:30AM Z-Team 1:00PM G.P. Bible Study	8:15AM Preschool 7:00PM Lenten Service	9:00AM Quilting 12:00PM Sisters of Faith	8:15AM Preschool 10:00AM FH - Chair Yoga	9:00AM Baptism Mallori & Brock Kochmann 7:00PM Trivia Night Fund Raiser
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Saturday, March 9th
TRIVIA NIGHT

Father Freund Parish Center
423 West Madison
Millstadt, IL

Silent Auction 
Doors open 6:30 p.m.
Play starts at 7:00 p.m.
\$15 per person (includes 10 mulligans)
6 - 8 people per table
Bring your own snacks & beverages
Soda available for purchase (popcorn provided)
50/50 Drawing 

For reservations or information
Contact: Stacy Woehlke
Call/text 618-719-5512
e-mail: trivia@zionmillstadt.com



Proceeds benefit
Zion Evangelical Church

Donations are still needed for the Silent Auction!

Spaghetti Dinner!

Trinity Lutheran Church
503 East Washington
Millstadt, Illinois
(all you can eat spaghetti)

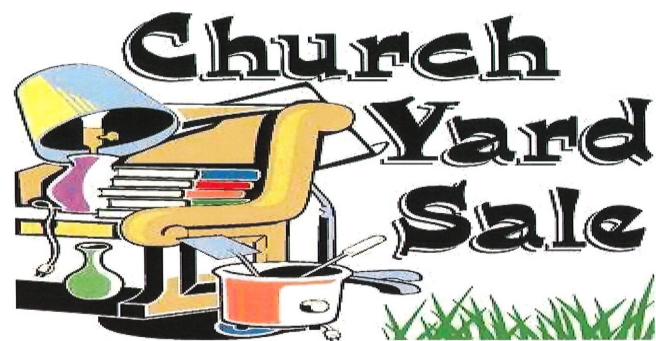
Sunday, March 10, 2024
10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Includes spaghetti, salad (featuring Papa Vito's salad dressing), breadsticks, desserts and beverages.

Adults \$13.00
Children (4-10) \$5.00
Children 3 and under FREE

Carry-out Available

For more information, call 618-476-3101.



Church Yard Sale
Saturday, May 4th
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

St. James CCW
presents
Born in the USA
(A Noon Luncheon Experience)

★ **THURSDAY, April 11, 2024**
St. James Parish Center
405 West Madison, Millstadt
\$15 Per Person
12:00-2:30 pm with doors open at 10:00 am

Menu:
Patriotic Pulled Pork
Uncle Sam's Vegetable Blend
Old Glory Hash Brown Casserole
Abe's Favorite Slaw
Eagle Soaring Jello Salads
All American Apple Pie

Featuring:
Fireworks Sweet Shoppe
Quilt/Cash Raffle
Basket Raffle
Bingo
Attendance Prizes

Paid reservations are required in advance and are available by calling Jane Kuester (618) 476-1395. (Purchased tickets will not be held at door.)



It's time to order lilies for Easter! If you would like a lily, please have your order in by **March 24th**. The cost will be **\$9.00** per plant.

From: _____

DESIGNATE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

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

Lilies will be ready for pick up after the 10:00 a.m. Easter Service

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 17th 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 17 is composed of questions 48 and 49.

48. What is the meaning of: God is omnipotent?
All things are made and sustained by God; He can do and create whatsoever He will. Isaiah 40:26; Ps. 115:3; Luke 1:37; Ps. 33:8-9; Gen. 17:1
49. What is the meaning of: God is just?
God is just in all His ways; He deals with every one according to his needs; He rewards the good and punishes the evil. Ps. 145:17; Rom. 2:6-8; Ps. 103:6; Isaiah 41:10; Ps. 37:25; Matt. 5:12; Ps. 5:4; 1 John 2:29
May you be blessed as you examine this founding statement of our Evangelical faith and heritage.



Continuing Lenten Schedule

We are in the final month of the Lenten Season, which finishes up with Easter on March 31. We are continuing with Jesus' "I Am" statements in the Gospel of John. Through these bold statements, we will come to know Jesus (who He is and what He has done) more fully. The remaining Lenten schedule is listed below:

DATE	JOHN I AM	
3/06	10:11-18	the Good Shepherd
3/13	10:01-10	the Gate
3/20	09:01-41	the Light of the World

During Lent, we are vividly reminded of Jesus' Sacrificial death. As **Phil. 2:5-8**, states, "*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross!*"

Through Jesus' sacrificial death, our (that is everyone who places their faith in Jesus) sins are forgiven, and we are made right with God, as **Eph. 1:7** says, "*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.*"

We make this special point to lift up Jesus' Sacrifice for three reasons. **First**, to call all people, Christians and non-Christians, to face their sins (*Confess them*) and to change their ways from wrong to right (*Repent of their sins*). **Second**, to call those who have never invited Jesus Christ into their lives to do so now (*by Faith, trusting in Jesus to truly forgive their sins*). And **Third**, to call us to actively follow Jesus (*live a good life for Him by the power of the Holy Spirit*) and serve Jesus (*build His Church by the power of the Holy Spirit, using our abilities to bring others to Christ and meet their needs*).

Therefore, these Lenten services are really a Crusade for Christ, kind of like a Billy-Graham Crusade. So, I encourage you, young and old, to come. And I encourage you to invite your relatives, neighbors, school friends, and coworkers to come. For **(Rev. 22 :17)**, "*The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.*"

Lenten Meals

Note: We will not have any Lenten meals on March 6, 13, or 20. Our final Lenten meal will be served by the Sisters in Faith on Maundy Thursday, March 28.



Trivia Night & Silent Auction – Saturday, March 9

Our annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the Father Freund Parish Center at St. James Catholic Church (405 W. Madison in Millstadt).

We are looking for donations for the silent auction. Please bring them to the church office during business hours (M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). See the flyer in the Visitor for more details about the Trivia Night and Silent Auction.



Daylight Savings Time Change – March 10

Spring Forward Daylight Savings Time change is on the second Sunday in March, March 10. As a reminder – set your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed following the Trivia night on March 9.



Confirmation Schedule

Our confirmation schedule is listed below. Please keep *Katelyn Allen, Wesley Hale, Josephina Riemann* and *Ella Weaver* in your prayers.

- On Sunday, March 17 (Presentation Sunday), the Confirmands will make a presentation of their faith and faith project during the Worship Service (10:15 a.m.).
- On Palm Sunday, March 24 (Confirmation Sunday), the Confirmands will be confirmed during the Worship Service (10:15 a.m.). Photos will be taken at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.
- On Easter Sunday, March 31, the Confirmands will partake of first communion (with their family), using a commemorative olive wood cup from Israel, during the 10:00 a.m. Easter Service (*note time change on Easter*).

Good Friday Community Cross Walk, March 29

Come and join fellow Christians as we carry a cross through the streets of Millstadt on Good Friday, March 29, starting at noon. This is our common witness to the atoning sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, upon the Cross. At each stop, we will hear one of the words that Christ spoke from the Cross.



Noon - Millstadt Community Cross Walk starts at Garden Place (208 S. Kossuth St.).

The route is listed below as well as the map of the Cross Walk route on the Church bulletin boards.

- 1st) Garden Place – led by Rev. Joan Mier, from Concordia UCC
- 2nd) Millstadt Senior Center – led by Deacon Bill Mueller, from St. James
- 3rd) Leesman Funeral Home - led by Mr. Jim Jarvis who works for Leesman's
- 4th) Zion Evangelical Church - led by Pastor Darrell Weber
- 5th) Hoffen Funeral Home - led by Mrs. Elle Heiligenstein
- 6th) St. James Catholic Church - led by Father Marvin Volk
- 7th) Mt. Evergreen Cemetery – led by Pastor Matt Friz, from St. Paul UCC in Floraville

Come and join us for Easter. The schedule is below:

- 7:00 a.m. - SON-Rise worship and communion
- 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School with an Easter Egg Hunt for the children, and Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. - Resurrection service with first communion for our Confirmands

Please donate candy for the Easter Egg Hunt by bringing it to the Church Office.

So come and bring the whole family as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection victory over death, which He gives to all who repent and place their faith in Him. **1 Corinthians 15:57**, "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Vacation Bible School – June 10-14

Summer Vacation Bible School (VBS) plans are in the works. Our theme this year is Group's "Scuba." We will be "diving into friendship with God." We will learn that "God is a friend who's real," "God is a friend who loves," "God is a friend we can trust," "God is a friend forever," and "God is a friend for everyone." VBS is scheduled for June 10-14.

We are recruiting youth and adult helpers. Please contact the Church office to volunteer to help. And please keep our VBS and its needs and outreach efforts in your thoughts and prayers. More details to come.



March Birthdays

Ella Weaver	03/08	Marvin Skaer	03/17	Jacob Kreher	03/23
Coleman Cromwell	03/10	Loraine Obst	03/17	Bradley Rolland	03/23
Dale Gruenewald	03/11	Samuel Rosenkranz	03/18	Drake Terveer	03/24
William Meyerchak	03/13	Mason Reid	03/18	Stephanie Seibert	03/25
Shirley Brandenburger	03/13	Alexander Rosenkranz	03/18	Lauren Acker	03/27
Lucy Caponi	03/13	Calahan McCollum	03/18	David Kuester	03/28
Judith Jones	03/15	Katelyn Schmeder	03/20	Michael Germann	03/30
Kenneth Harres	03/15	Eleanora Johnston	03/22	Mark Germann	03/30
Cody Funk	03/16	Kaeli Bueckman	03/22	Kathryn Caponi	03/30
Jacob Gruenewald	03/16	Eric Caponi	03/22		

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

March Anniversaries
(50+ years)
Les & Kay Mehrtens
55 years on the 29th

 **AMERICAN RED CROSS**
BLOOD DRIVE
2024 SCHEDULE
WEDNESDAYS

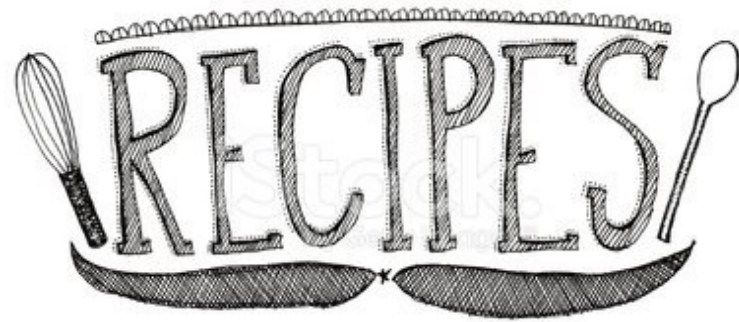
ST. JAMES
MARCH 20, 2024
MAY 29, 2024
JULY 24, 2024
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

VFW
NOVEMBER 13, 2024

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

Treasurer's Report

2024	GENERAL FUND - Updated Version					
	2024 INCOME	2024 EXPENSE	difference	BUDGET 2024	2023 INCOME	2023 EXPENSE
January	39247.55	26950	\$ 12,297.55	\$ 22,006.00	\$19,575.07	\$27,228.77
February			\$ -	\$ 22,006.00	\$19,135.11	\$29,700.64
March			\$ -	\$ 22,006.00	\$17,094.66	\$19,708.48
April			\$ -	\$ 22,006.00	\$30,417.21	\$28,239.45
May			\$ -	\$ 22,006.00	\$15,956.14	\$34,598.97
June			\$ -	\$ 22,006.00	\$9,208.61	\$16,591.59
July			\$ -	\$ 22,006.00	\$23,961.75	\$36,382.84
August			\$ -	\$ 22,006.00	\$18,685.51	\$15,040.61
September			\$ -	\$ 22,006.00	\$17,977.92	\$21,911.42
October			\$ -	\$ 22,006.00	\$22,409.09	\$24,934.93
November			\$ -	\$ 22,006.00	\$28,167.36	\$24,257.77
December			\$ -	\$ 22,006.00	\$53,732.24	\$23,060.70
TOTALS	\$ 39,247.55	\$ 26,950.00	\$ 12,297.55	\$ 264,072.00	\$ 276,320.67	\$ 301,656.17



Easter Ham and Pea Salad

- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- 3 T sour cream
- 2 T chopped mint
- 2 T chopped chives
- 1 1/2 T fresh lemon juice
- 8 oz dried penne pasta
- 1 1/2 cups frozen peas, thawed
- 1 cup diced ham

Bring large pot of water to a boil. Whisk together mayonnaise, parsley, chives, mint, lemon juice and sour cream. Cook pasta; 3 minutes before pasta is done, add peas. Drain and rinse under cold water. Add to bowl with dressing. Add ham and toss to combine. Season with salt and pepper. Enjoy!



ATTENDANCE - SUNDAYS

MONTH	ONLINE AVE. 2024	IN PERSON AVE. 2024
January	9	66
February	10	63
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Christmas Eve		
Year-to-Date	10	65



Council Meeting
February 12, 2024

Council members present were Vice-President Annette Hund, Sherry Wynn, Betty Ann Keller Timmer, Darren Doerr, Joshua Seidlitz, Andrew Taake, Kurt Tegtmeier, and Office Administrator Amanda Frierdich. Pastor Darrell Weber joined the meeting at 8:30. Annette called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Amanda had emailed copies of the Treasurer's Report and Missions Report to members prior to the meeting, and copies of both were also available at the meeting. Treasurer Barb Scharf had asked Amanda a question prior to the meeting concerning the budgeted amounts by accounts. Amanda explained that the Church Windows program divides the budgeted numbers evenly over 12 months, even though some months may actually have expenses for the quarter. Maintenance expenses were higher than budgeted in January because the fire extinguishers had been inspected, some light bulbs in the exit signs had been replaced, and the quarterly boiler maintenance had been done. A motion was made by Andrew to approve the Treasurer's Report, and seconded by Sherry; motion carried. Amanda suggested setting-up direct deposit for employee payroll. Before leaving the meeting, Amanda stated that she had taken the Baby Bottles to the bank today, and she'll have the total for Life Network available next month.

BCE Report: Pastor Darrell reported that the BCE did not meet in January.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The December 11, 2023 and January 8, 2024 minutes were reviewed by Council. A motion was made by Sherry and seconded by Josh 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 thanked Zion's Council and Sisters-in-Faith, Clark Ferry, Patti French, and Dave Woehlke for their help with Bill Saverling's ordination on January 14. Six Evangelical Association pastors and two EA licensed pastors attended. The annual congregation meeting on January 21 tasked the Council with exploring the additional option for a floor scrubber for the Fellowship Hall. Lenten meals will be on February 14 (Council), February 21 (Z-Team) and March 28 (Sisters-in-Faith). Lenten services will remain at 7:00 p.m. Pastor has worked on scheduling the Community Cross Walk for Good Friday (March 29), with the Rev. Joan Meier, Deacon Bill Mueller, Mr. Jim Jarvis, Mrs. Elle Heiligenstein, Father Marvin Volk and Pastor Matt Friz joining him as the cross is carried through Millstadt. Our four confirmands are working on a joint Confirmation Project and their presentation, which will take place on March 17. The Rite of Confirmation will take place on Palm Sunday (March 24) and their First Communion will be during the 10:00 a.m. Easter service on March 31. Pastor has given us a date for his last Sunday prior to retirement of June 8, 2025. A motion was made by Andrew, and seconded by Darren, to accept Pastor Darrell's report; motion carried.

RENEWING ZION CHURCH: No report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit & Budget. (Barb Scharf). No report at this time.
Long Range Ministry (Andrew Taake). Andrew has been brainstorming for ideas on what can be done as a church. He is looking at a corn hole tournament in the Church Park. He is checking if there is interest in such an event. He suggests that at least one person per team be a Zion member.

Missions & Outreach. (Betty Keller Timmer). Amanda had distributed the 2024 mission report, which showed that we had a balance of \$3,554. Donations for missions in January totaled \$985.

Staff/Parish Relations. (Darren Doerr). Darren reported that he had met with a potential custodian, who showed interest in the job; this person is currently cleaning three other churches. Darren is waiting to meet with two other potential candidates.

Property & Long Range. (Josh Seidlitz). Josh has been checking with Pastor Darrell on any problems with the building. The Z-Team had found a faucet leak outside on the east side of the Educational Building. In another issue, water has been accumulating on the roof, and the Z-Team will take care of this later by tarring the crack.

Annette had tried to contact Mike Germann, who had done research on getting a floor scrubber, but had been unable to reach him. Sherry called Kurt Pellmann, who explained that he had spoken to Mike about the scrubber. Mike had not received the information from Kurt Tegtmeier on the smaller machine, and was going to order the original scrubber for \$5,999.

Volunteer Ministries. (Sherry Wynn). Sherry will be contacting past Council members to be ushers at Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday.

Worship & Music. (Annette Hund). No report at this time.

Cemetery Board. (Kurt Tegtmeier). No report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lenten Meals. Council reviewed plans for the Ash Wednesday meal.

Trivia Night Preparation: Council members will be distributing flyers for the Zion trivia night at other area trivia's.

NEW BUSINESS:

Usher Duties. Council reviewed duties: Prior to the start of worship, the head usher is to make sure programs/bulletins are at both entrances and are distributed, and that the candles are lit. During the service, the head usher is to count the attendance. Following the service, the head usher checks that all doors are locked, and makes sure the cash offering is taken to the bank.

Meeting Adjourned: There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Andrew, and seconded by Sherry to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried. Everyone joined hands to close with the Lord's Prayer.

- Kurt Pellmann – President
- Annette Hund – Vice-president
- Barb Scharf – Assistant Treasurer
- Betty Ann Keller Timmer – Secretary



KIDS for CHRIST

kids community bible study

Missions Article for March

Thank you for your generous support of our February missions: **African Vision of Hope**, which helps the many homeless and street children of Zambia, and Blanket Sunday, which helps Church World Service to provide blankets to people suffering from natural disasters and to refugees from war-torn countries.

Our mission for March will be **Kids for Christ. Kids for Christ** was founded 27 years ago in Freeburg and is now in 53 schools, including Millstadt. **Kids for Christ** is a community Bible study for Kindergarten through Grade 4. Grades 5 through 8 are welcome to be helpers. Millstadt Primary Center is the location for **Kids for Christ** in Millstadt. There is no charge for children who wish to attend **Kids for Christ**, but of course there are expenses to the organization. The Stewardship Mission Team has selected this group to be our mission for March, and we hope you will support the mission with your contributions. We would also welcome volunteers to serve our Millstadt students as teachers. Contact Pastor Darrell if you are interested.

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

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



There is no update at this time.

See you next month!
Gary Shondy

Save the Date!
June 7th & 8th
Cake Stand at The Fireman's Picnic
Goal - 150 cakes
More details to come...



For Whom the Bells Toll

Robert "Bob" Stumpf
February 1, 2024

Lucille Schewe
February 16, 2024

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



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

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

IN THE HOSPITAL IN MARCH

CURRENT PRAYER LIST

Pray for strength and healing for the following:

Steve & Gerry Albert, Bruce Alberter, Emily Alberter, Donna Altemeier, Arik Barnes, Linda Barth, Wanda Basse, Marilyn Beil, Roche Beine, Trish Bell, Cindy Bertelsmann, Roberta Billhartz, Lindsay Bourn and Family, Baby Levi Boyle, Joyce Brand, Shirley Brandenburger, Steve Crook, Colsen Davinroy, Roger Davis, Sheila Davis (Jessi Dorr's Mother), Ann Dietrich, Melissa Dietrich, Bill Ditch, Annie Dulle, Brad Dye, Mark Eckman, Mark Emring, Linda Eurgil, Mike French, Fritz Fritzing, Lynn Gass, Mary (Boerke) Graham, Pearl Griebel, Baby Adalyn Harres, Rich Heitz, Jack Higgins, Willie Holdener, Charlotte Hooch, Mary Hund, Gary & Sharon Jones, Steve Jones, Joyce Kasper, Jeff Kistner, Billy Klopmeier, Scott (Barbara Knoth's Son), Jim Kostelac, Elizabeth Koval, Tom & Renee Kreher, Kathy Kuehner, Family of Jessica LaDuke, Lucille Lang, Richard Madden, Erin Mahoney, Charlotte Mehrtens, Jan Morrin, Lance Morris, Anna Belle Muskopf, Dean Norrenbern, Andrea Nunnally, Karen O'Donnell, Jim O'Saben, Baby Ariela Oliver, Pat Parrish (Wayne Jones's Sister), Janet Pauketat, Stephanie Poletti, Lois Potter, Diane Pulcher, Bruce Reese, Lucille Reece, Dottie Rickard, Rich Riemann, Donna Ritson, Jim Savering's Family (Bill Savering's Cousin), Jan & Cindy Schneider, Jim Scott, Mitch Scott, Janice Seidlitz, Nancy Smith, Shelly Smith, Mike Speichinger, Sharon & Edgar Stallmann, Mary Stevenson, Lisa Taake, Steve Tade, Ray Teliczan, Mike Toenjes, Rich Trent, Elizabeth Tubbs, Baby Ty, Lacey Grace Valentine, Mark Vandermyde, Bill & Donna Ward, Joan Wilkins, Jeffrey Willey, Jim Wilshire, Crue Wilson, Marge Woehlke, 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.

March
instant potatoes
jelly
Hamburger Helper
Jello or pudding

April
cake mixes/frosting
cereal
jelly
mac and cheese

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.

Memorial Hospital Auxiliary 2024 BOOK BAZAAR



Wednesday, April 3 9am-7pm
\$10.00 Admission

Thursday, April 4 9am-7pm
Free Admission

Friday, April 5 9am-7pm
Free Admission, 1/2 price books

Saturday, April 6 9am-1pm
Free Admission, Bag Day
\$5.00 per bag

Belle-Clair Fairgrounds
200 S. Belt East
Belleville, IL 62220

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOOK BAZAAR 2024

Collection of books will start back up on Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 9th through March 10th, 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!

