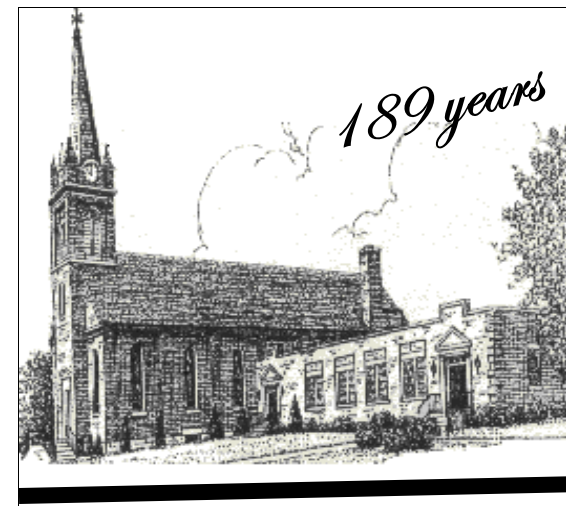


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From the Desk of Pastor Darrell

"I Will Show Wonders in the Heavens Above" (Joel 2:30, Acts 2:19)

The second Great American Solar Eclipse will happen on Monday, April 8. The first one was August 21, 2017. What makes these 2 the great ones are the X-path made over Carbondale, IL. That is the path of totality.



We, in Millstadt, are just north of each eclipse, so we won't see totality – where the sky turns dark, like at dusk, and the brighter stars become visible.

And, animal and bird life quiets down for the night, even though it is in the early afternoon.

In 2017 totality lasted for about 2 minutes and 42 seconds near Carbondale. This year it will last about 4 minutes and 20 seconds.

The eclipse begins (the Moon starts covering the Sun) around 11:57 p.m., reaches maximum (totality if you are near Carbondale) around 1:17 p.m., and ends around 2:41 p.m. To view the Sun you need a filter to protect your eyes. I have telescope fitting solar filters.

So, take advantage of this opportunity to view a wonder of nature. We will be near Willisville, IL, with my telescope, camera, and video camera focused on the Sun.

This brings me to the Scriptures. **Genesis 1:14** says, "And God said, 'Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,'" We understand "seasons," since the winter and summer solstices and the spring and fall equinoxes mark the seasons and guide the agricultural year.

But what about "signs"? **Joel 2:30-32a**, quoted by Peter in **Acts 2:19-21**, is one of these "signs" passages. These passages say, "And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The Sun shall be turned to darkness, and the Moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." These are prophetic passages. They found partial fulfillment at the crucifixion of Jesus. And will find its complete fulfillment at His return.

"The Sun shall be turned to darkness" refers to a Solar Eclipse. And "the Moon to blood" refers to a Lunar Eclipse. The Moon becomes a blood red color because the Sun's light passing through the Earth's atmosphere is refracted, like through a prism, and the red part of the light covers the Moon.

A Solar Eclipse happens when the Moon (New Moon) is between the Earth and the Sun. A Lunar Eclipse happens when the Earth is between the Moon (Full Moon) and the Sun. Generally, when there is a Solar Eclipse, then either 14 days before or after, there is a Lunar Eclipse. That is so this year, with a partial lunar eclipse on March 25. And, it was so on April 7, 2017.

Scriptural passages about the Sun and Moon being darkened and the Moon turning to blood are all prophetic passages. The bottom line is the call for human beings to repent and turn back to the Lord God Almighty. That's how the **Joel** and **Acts** passages end, "that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

So, with the world-wide chaos and confusion, and the great increase in lawlessness and violence, God's coming judgment is just around the corner. His call to repentance goes forth. Everyone who as an ear to hear, let him hear, and so be saved.

Christ's blessings to you and yours;
 Pastor Darrell

April 2024

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

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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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(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 April

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.

April 7	Joyce Tastad	618-660-6259	jtastad51@charter.net
April 14	Richard Trent	618-939-8765	trentech@htc.net
April 21	Marjie Weber	618-972-5532	weber_ddw@charter.net
April 28	Dave Woehlke	618-719-3616	dlwoehlke1959@Charter.net



"The King is Coming" by Bill & Gloria Gaither (1970)

The marketplace is empty, No more traffic in the streets
 All the builders' tools are silent, No more time to harvest wheat
 Busy housewives cease their labors, In the courtroom no debate
 Work on earth is all suspended, As the King comes thro' the gate

Chorus

O the King is coming, The King is coming
 I just heard the trumpets sounding, And now His face I see
 O the King is coming, The King is coming, Praise God, He's coming for me

Happy faces line the hallways, Those whose lives have been redeemed
 Broken homes that He has mended, Those from prison He has freed
 Little children and the aged, Hand in hand stand all aglow
 Who were crippled, broken, ruined, Clad in garments white as snow

Chorus

I can hear the chariots rumble, I can see the marching throng
 The flurry of God's trumpets, Spells the end of sin and wrong
 Regal robes are now unfolding, Heaven's grandstand's all in place
 Heaven's choir now assembled, Start to sing "Amazing Grace"

Chorus

I chose this song to match the opening message about the "signs." Unfortunately, our Hymnal has only the Chorus, #291. But it is the verses which carry the powerful message.

The following was taken from Diana Leigh Matthews off the internet:

<https://dianaleghmatthews.com/the-king-is-coming/>

I began to wonder what prompted Bill and Gloria Gaither to write this song. I was thrilled to find that Gloria had written the story in their book, Something Beautiful.

Gloria shares that it was the early 1970s and they were busy with family and life. The second coming was not on their mind. One evening their friends Chuck Millhuff and Jim Bohi came over for dinner. During the meal, the two evangelists shared about a recent sermon they'd heard from Jim Crabtree.

Crabtree pointed out that Jesus is coming back, but we often forget that with the busyness of life. He ended the service walking through the congregation shouting "The King is Coming! The King is Coming!"

The quartet at dinner that evening began to brainstorm and word images began to form. After the men left, Gloria and Bill continued to talk. They knew they wanted the song to have a "musical setting that would ... be something simple and yet grand — like a coronation procession."

Bill sat at the piano and the music and melody in his heart began to flow through his fingers to the keyboard. Gloria pondered the conversation and eventually set aside her housework to sit down and write the lyrics of the song. Once again the words flowed from her, and she even incorporated some of the word images pondered by their friends when they visited.

When she finished with the words, she took them to Bill at the piano. Gloria explains in the book, "when the lyric was written, I felt spent, yet shaky with excitement. I took the words to Bill and he immediately played and sang them fitting them like a glove to the music he'd been hearing. His chorus finished the piece with simplicity and power."


The song has been recorded by numerous artists and sung in countless concerts over the years. However, the message remains unchanged. One day, when we least expect it, "The King is Coming! The King is Coming! Praise God, He's coming for me!"

Zion Evangelical Church

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:15AM NO Preschool 3:00PM FH - Patti French	2 8:30AM Z-Team 1:00PM G.P. Bible Study	3 8:15AM Preschool 11:00AM Bible Study	4 9:00AM Quilting 12:00PM Sisters of Faith	5 8:15AM Preschool 10:00AM FH - Chair Yoga	6 11:00AM FH - Paula Muskopf	
7 Communion 9:00AM SS / Conf 10:15AM Worship	8 8:15AM Preschool 7:00PM Council Mtg	9 8:30AM Z-Team 1:00PM G.P. Bible Study	10 8:15AM Preschool 11:00AM Bible Study	11 9:00AM Quilting 2:00PM G.P. Worship	12 8:15AM Preschool 10:00AM FH - Chair Yoga	13 9:30AM EA Regional
14 9:00AM SS / Conf 10:15AM Worship	15 8:15AM Preschool	16 8:30AM Z-Team 1:00PM G.P. Bible Study	17 8:15AM Preschool 11:00AM Bible Study	18 9:00AM Quilting	19 8:15AM Preschool 10:00AM FH - Chair Yoga	20
21 9:00AM SS / Conf 10:15AM Worship	22 8:15AM Preschool	23 8:30AM Z-Team 1:00PM G.P. Bible Study	24 Secretary Day 8:15AM Preschool 11:00AM Bible Study	25 9:00AM Quilting	26 8:15AM Preschool 10:00AM FH - Chair Yoga	27
28 Food Pantry 9:00AM SS / Conf 10:15AM Worship	29 8:15AM Preschool	30 8:30AM Z-Team 1:00PM G.P. Bible Study				

**Memorial Hospital Auxiliary
2024 BOOK BAZAAR**



Wednesday, April 3 9am-7pm
\$16.00 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



**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

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



Association Regional Gathering, April 13
On April 13th I and others from Zion will attend the Evangelical Association (EA) Gateway Regional Event, which will be held at the Femme Osage Church (4360 Cap-peln Osage Rd, Augusta, MO 63332). It goes from 9:30 am till 2:30 pm. Flyers are on the Church Bulletin Board.
Marjie and I are going along with Council Member, Josh Seidlitz. We are inviting our Council and Congregation to join with us and people from EA Churches in Missouri, Southern Illinois and Southern Indiana. We will be carpooling from the Church Parking Lot at 7:00 am. So give me a call (618-972-6010) if you would like to join us.

Recent Scam Attempt
On March 25th many members of Zion received a text message on their phone that read like:
Hi 'their first name, please return my text when you get it, I have a favor to ask. -Rev. Darrell Weber.
This is a scam. Note: I always text or e-mail someone from the church and end it with "Blessings and Thanks; Pastor Darrell" Plus the phone number was incorrect - +1 (908) 398-1442, whereas mine is (618) 972-6010. In addition, I will always state what the request is – like can you help with VBS, read the Scriptures, etc. – rather than a vague request.
Fortunately, many of our members who received this text, called or texted me to find out if it was actually me sending this text – which it wasn't.
So be on the alert for any scams. Even if it is a phone call, hang up – since AI can perfectly reproduce someone's voice. Then call the number that you actually know – like my phone number or the Church's phone number, or your banks phone number, or your credit card number (which is found on the back of your credit card).
So be on the guard for scams!



Zion's Spring Luncheon
It's a Kaleidoscope World
Wednesday, May 8, 2024
12:00 noon
Zion Evangelical Church
117 West White Street - Millstadt
618-334-3266 (Carol H.)
Price: \$15

As always you will be treated to a delicious lunch, dessert and drink; attendance prizes; entertainment (provided by Laura Schaefer-butterfly ecology); a raffle basket boutique; an opportunity to win a beautiful queen size quilt; table trinkets; fun and fellowship!

WE ARE ENCOURAGING GUESTS TO PAY \$15 IN ADVANCE
Please send this form to Sisters in Faith · 117 West White Street · Millstadt, IL · 62260

NAME: _____

SEAT WITH: _____
(NAME OF CHURCH OR INDIV.)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____
(MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SISTERS IN FAITH)

Please reply by Friday, May 3rd

Trivia Night Thank You
Our Trivia Night and Silent Auction was a success with 23 tables of players and 48 Silent Auction items (made up of many more donations) that were bid upon and purchased. We raised over \$4,700 in the process.
So, on behalf of Zion, we thank the many individuals and businesses that donated items for the Silent Auction portion of our Trivia night. We have been able to thank our businesses and the individuals that we know gave. And we thank the anonymous individuals for their gifts as well.
You can continue to thank our businesses by doing business with them. To our knowledge these are the following. *Please correct us where we have made an oversight.*

- A Positive Solution Day Spa (Carol Schaeffer)
- Beloman
- Bredeaux Pizza
- Circle K
- Country Financial (Ashley Reeder)
- Custom Marble Inc.
- First National Bank of Waterloo
- Happy Days
- Josie's Cookie Jar (Jessi Doerr)
- Lee's Home Center
- Live Oak Wine Décor
- Mike's Automotive
- Millstadt IGA
- Millstadt Pharmacy
- Otts Tavern
- Schubert's Smokehouse
- Sunrise Family Restaurant
- Tax Solutions Inc. (Rick Holmes)
- 476 Showroom (now permanently closed)

We also thank the many workers who handled all the preparations for the Trivia Night. To the best of our recall are: Darrell & Debbie Doerr, Caleb Doerr, Micah Doerr, Darren Doerr, Randy & Donna Eckert, Marlou Eckert, Michael & Patti French, Donna Gaulrapp, Mike & Diane Germann, Nancy Glaeser, Kathy Gomric, Michael Hall, Gary & Mary Hammel, Gary & Debbie Helfrich, Ray & Barb Hohlt, Linda Hopfinger, Annette Hund, Charlotte Mehrtens, Les & Kay Mehrtens, Michael & Jodi Notter, Kathy Pellmann, Paige and Tessa Pellmann, Mary Lou Peter, Mark, Kelly, Josephina & Alessandra Riemann, Barb Scharf, Bob Seidlitz, Josh Seidlitz, Gary Shondy, Marv Skaer, Andrew Taake, Bob & Betty Keller Timmer, Helen Vigna, Dave Woehlke, Stacy Woehlke, Art & Sherry Wynn.

In particular we thank them for the gifts of time to organize, advertise, drop off trivia night flyers to area businesses and area trivia nights, ask for and collect silent auction items, giving of silent auction items, preparing the items, taking the items to the Father Freund Parish Center, setting up, running the Trivia Night (registration, auction, soda & popcorn, sale of quilt raffle tickets, running the 50-50 and heads and tails, picking up the score sheets, grading them, running the laptop and projector) and tearing down afterward.

Thank you to Rob Comstock for setting up the question-and-answer portion of our Trivia Night and calling them out. And thank you to all who participated in the night to make it a success.

I realize that with so many people and gifts, some of which were dropped off at Church without us knowing who brought them, that we are overlooking people and even businesses. Please let us know whom we have missed so that we may properly thank them.

**The Evangelical Catechism
Traditional Orthodox Edition of 1896**

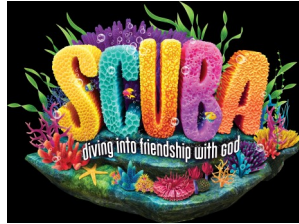
I am continuing the series of articles on the 1896 edition of the Evangelical Catechism, republished in modern English by the Evangelical Association in 2018. This article covers the 18th of 52 weeks in the catechism. This continues the section on the Christian Faith. Weeks 14 through 19 focus on describing God's character and nature.
Week 18 is composed of questions 50 through 52.

50. What is the meaning of: God is blessed?
God has complete peace in Himself, and is eternally self-sufficient. 1Tim. 6:15-16; Acts 17:24-25.
51. What is the meaning of: God is good?
God does only good to all His creatures. Ps. 145:9; Ps. 107:1; Ps. 36:5
52. What is the meaning of: God is gracious and merciful?
God in His mercy and compassion condescends to forgive us all our sins for Jesus' sake; to bear with us in patience and long-suffering, although we daily sin greatly, and He is always willing to hear us when we come to Him with believing heart. Ps. 103:8-10; Ps. 103:17-18; Lam. 3:22-23; Ps. 103:13; 2Peter 3:9; 2Peter 3:15; Rom. 2:4



Pastor's Vacation, April 5-8

Pastor Darrell and Marjie will be on vacation Friday through Monday, April 5-8. We plan to be camping at Camp-A-Lot near Willisville, Illinois. We will be back in time for Sunday School and Worship on Sunday, April 7. Then we will return to Camp-A-Lot in order to view the Solar Eclipse on Monday.



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.

Thank you!

Dear Zion Church,
Thank you for the amazing \$1,247 donation! Your compassion and caring for the less fortunate is astounding! Your church has been supporting The Pantry since its inception and we are very grateful. Blessings to you as you bless others.

Millstadt Food Pantry

Zion Evangelical Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of diapers and baby items. All of it will be greatly appreciated by our Moms and their little ones. Thank you for your dedication to our ministries.

The Board of Directors and Staff of Life Network

Sisters in Faith Meeting March 7, 2024
Sharing our love for God and each other.
There were eighteen ladies in attendance at the meeting. Pastor Darrell arrived late, so Marjie blessed the meal. We had sandwiches and sides for our meal.
Charlotte had a doctor's appointment, so Debbie opened the meeting.
Kay was ill so Pastor offered a devotion about the Holy Spirit and the Lord's Prayer.
Pastor gave his report. Charlotte is seeing a doctor who may be able to do reverse surgery to finally ease her shoulder pain. Tony Caponi was in the hospital for the flu. Continuing to pray for Adalyn Harres. Barb Saverling's aunt is not well and is not eating.
Linda Hopfinger read the minutes from the November 2023 meeting, and they were approved. Carol Harres gave the Treasurer's report. The balance in our checking account is \$6,866.25. Our 7-month CD will mature soon. A motion was made and seconded to rollover the CD for another 6 months. The report was approved.
Committee Reports:
* **Quilting** - No report
* **Kitchen** - Ginger said all is going well.
* **Food Pantry** - No report
* **Cre8tive Souls** - Barb said they are continuing to send cards.
* **Ushers** - No report
* **Old Business**
* Cabin Fever was a success. Thanks to all who attended and those who helped to make it happen. Thanks also to those who assisted at Bill Saverling's Ordination luncheon. At the last meeting we approved the purchase of some new padded folding chairs for Fellowship Hall. That purchase has not been made yet.
* **New Business**
* Sisters in Faith will oversee the Maundy Thursday meal before church service. After discussion we decided to serve soups and salads. The St. James Spring Luncheon is April 11, 2024. Debbie Doerr and Helen Vigna have tickets for sale. We asked for volunteers to plan and prepare our lunches for the April and May meetings. Marjie and Susie will serve the April meal and Debbie will ask someone to help her with May.
* Spring Luncheon - Linda and Debbie announced that our theme for Spring Luncheon will be Life is a Kaleidoscope. We discussed decorations and menu options. The final decision is fried chicken, cheesy potatoes, green beans, roll and Jello salad. Jessie Doerr will make butterfly cookies for each attendee and our dessert will be rainbow sherbert and wafer cookies. Mary Agnes said she will provide chocolates for each plate. We will need empty baskets for the Boutique. Also, any donations of filled baskets and/or monetary donations are appreciated. Our speaker, Laura Schaefer, will discuss butterfly ecology.
* Birthdays were announced and we sang "Happy Birthday."
* The attendance prize winners were Myrt Metter and Ginger Bourn.
* Meeting adjourned with our closing song.
* Respectfully submitted,
* Linda Hopfinger, Secretary



April Birthdays



Richard Holmes II	04/01	Sarah Glaeser	04/08	Don Pellmann	04/19
Derek Morris	04/02	David Saverling	04/08	Abby Kern	04/20
Joshua Seidlitz	04/02	Judith Sutter	04/08	Trevor Hubbs	04/20
Dorothy Germann	04/02	Earl Doerr	04/13	Nicholas Demetrulias	04/20
Morgan Parkhurst	04/04	Tracy Holmes	04/13	Jeff Kern	04/24
Hillary Hubbs	04/06	Vicki Pellmann	04/14	Lindsey Scharf	04/24
Joyce Tastad	04/06	Aaron Mehrtens	04/14	Steve Smith	04/25
Jeannine Kochmann	04/06	Charlotte Mehrtens	04/14	Darlene Gansmann	04/28
Madison Lane	04/06	Kirk Caponi	04/17	William Saverling	04/28
Annette Hund	04/07	Katherine Davis	04/18	Betty Keller Timmer	04/29

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

April Anniversaries
(50+ years)

Leonard & Carol Bueckman
58 years on the 10th

 **AMERICAN RED CROSS**
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2024 SCHEDULE
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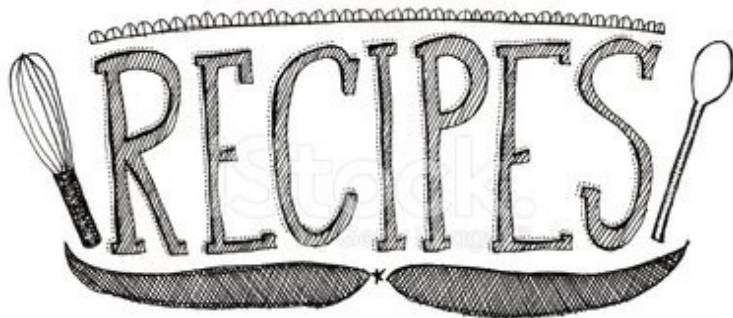
ST. JAMES
MAY 29, 2024
JULY 24, 2024
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

VFW
NOVEMBER 13, 2024

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Bring Photo ID

Treasurer's Report

2024	GENERAL FUND - Updated Version					
	2024 INCOME	2024 EXPENSE	difference	BUDGET 2024	2023 INCOME	2023 EXPENSE
January	\$39,247.55	\$26,950.00	\$ 12,297.55	\$ 22,006.00	\$19,575.07	\$27,228.77
February	\$60,341.26	\$19,664.53	\$ 40,676.73	\$ 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	\$ 99,588.81	\$ 46,614.53	\$ 52,974.28	\$ 264,072.00	\$ 276,320.67	\$ 301,656.17



Cracker Barrel Baby Carrots

- 1 (2 lb.) bag baby carrots
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 sprig fresh thyme or rosemary for garnish



Wash the carrots well and place them in a 2-quart saucepan. Pour water over the top until it covers the carrots completely. Cover the saucepan with a lid and allow water to boil over high heat. Cook the carrots for about 6 to 7 minutes. Discard half of the water from the saucepan. Add the butter, sugar and salt. Stir until well combined. Cover the pan and cook until the carrots are tender, but not mushy, about 6 to 7 minutes. Adjust taste as necessary by adding more brown sugar and/or salt. Serve with a sprinkle of thyme or rosemary, if desired. 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	9	65



Council Meeting March 11, 2024

ATTENDANCE: Council members present were Vice-President Annette Hund, Sherry Wynn, Treasurer Barb Scharf, Secretary Betty Ann Keller Timmer, Darren Doerr, Joshua Seidlitz, Andrew Taake, Kurt Tegmeier, Office Administrator Amanda Frierdich and Pastor Darrell Weber. Annette called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Amanda noted that we had received the \$40,000 proceeds from the sale of one acre of the Church Park to Scharf Building Services on February 22; the money was deposited into the Future Park Projects Fund. Barb commented that she would look at potential certificate of deposit rates for some of the funds currently in the Elevator Fund, Future Park Projects Fund, I Hecke Property Sale Funds, and the Memorial Fund. A motion was made by Sherry to approve the Treasurer's Report, and seconded by Darren; motion carried. Council members discussed the trivia night, which was held on March 9. Net profit was \$4737.65, which was comparable to previous years. Amanda suggested that we have one person to be the coordinator/point of contact for next year. We did not pay to have the St. James Hall cleaned this year – we had lots of volunteers who stayed after the trivia was finished to help with the clean-up. Amanda also reported that the pre-school room had been used over the weekend, and required some clean-up on Monday morning; the room will now be locked after class on Fridays. We had received donations totaling \$150 in honor of Kenny Harres' 97th birthday – Pastor Darrell will check with Kenny to see if he has a preference for how the money will be used.

BCE Report: The BCE will have a meeting after Church on March 17 to discuss plans for Vacation Bible School, which will be held June 10-14. We currently have all of the adult help needed for VBS, but are still needing some youth helpers. We will start focusing on advertising. We are wanting to get pre-registrations.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The February 12, 2024 minutes were reviewed by Council. A motion was made by Sherry and seconded by Andrew 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. The schedule for the confirmands, Katelyn Allen, Wesley Hale, Josephina Riemann and Ella Weaver, is Presentation Sunday – March 17th, Confirmation Photos and the Rite of Confirmation – March 24th, and First Communion at 10:00 on March 31st. The Millstadt Community Good Friday Cross Walk is scheduled for March 29th at noon. Easter plans start with 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service with Communion, 8:00 a.m. Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Easter Egg Hunt, and 10:00 a.m. Resurrection Service with Confirmand's First Communion. Vacation Bible School will be June 10-14, using Group's SCUBA theme. A motion was made by Barb, and seconded by Andrew, to accept Pastor Darrell's report; motion carried.

RENEWING ZION CHURCH: Charlotte Mehrtens had suggested last year that we do some kind of "welcome" for new families to the Millstadt area. Betty will check with Welcome Wagon as a way of contacting newcomers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit & Budget. (Barb Scharf). No report at this time.

Long Range Ministry (Andrew Taake). Andrew has checked with several Zion members to get their feedback on a corn hole tournament – he has received positive comments. After discussion, Council decided to host a corn hole tournament on Sunday May 19 at 1:00 in the Church Park. At this time, we are thinking of a \$5/person entry fee, with the top three two-person teams receiving prize money, based on the number of entrants. We will have the information added to the Church Facebook page.

Missions & Outreach. (Betty Keller Timmer). Amanda had distributed the 2024 mission report, which showed that we had received

\$3839.79 in mission donations during February.

Staff/Parish Relations. (Darren Doerr). Darren reported that Dean Johnson had cleaned at Church on March 5. The first month is being treated as a trial period. After that, Dean will have a better idea of the amount of time he will need on a weekly basis.

Property & Long Range. (Josh Seidlitz). Josh explained that the Educational Building has a tuck pointing problem on the north wall. Pastor Darrell will check with the Z-Team into getting this repaired.

Volunteer Ministries. (Sherry Wynn). Sherry has recruited Bob Timmer, Dave Woehleke, Joan Launius and Jeannine Kochmann to be ushers for the Sunrise Service on March 31.

Worship & Music. (Annette Hund). Pastor Darrell suggested that since Mark and Kelly Riemann are picking the songs for the contemporary portion of the weekly service, and they are running the sound equipment, that the budget for 2025 should include a salary for them.

Cemetery Board. (Kurt Tegmeier). Kurt T., Randy Eckert and Darrell Doerr have spread straw on a newly seeded area of the Freivogel Cemetery. The man who had been mowing the Baltz Cemetery no longer wants to mow there. Andrew, who mows the Freivogel Cemetery, said that he is willing to mow both cemeteries. A motion was made by Barb, and seconded by Sherry, to have Andrew Taake mow both cemeteries; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Scrubber Update. Mike Germann had told Barb that he thought the new floor scrubber would be in March 16. He would like to set-up a Saturday for people to come and learn how to use it. Regarding some of the issues that had arisen with the purchase of the scrubber, Pastor suggested that we have better communication in the future.

Easter Breakfast: Last year's breakfast had 54 people attending – we'll need at least nine tables, plus three parallel to the stage for the buffet line. We need to start the water boiling for the eggs by 5:30. Jonathon Arnold has been donating the sausages for the breakfast – someone will need to check if he will do this again. Annette will order supplies from Switzers, and make sure that someone is here on Thursday for the delivery. She will also get the orange juice and milk. Betty will set out two bags of the eggs from the freezer to the refrigerator on Saturday. Andrew will get the fruit, and Betty will donate some homemade jelly.

NEW BUSINESS:

EA Meeting in Augusta, MO. The Evangelical Association will be having the first ever Gateway Regional Gathering on Saturday April 13 at Femme Osage UCC (an EA congregation). So far, Josh, Pastor Darrell and Marjie Weber will be attending, but others are encouraged to join them. They will be leaving Zion at 7:30 a.m.

National EA Meeting in Edwardsville, IL. Eden Evangelical Church in Edwardsville will be hosting the national meeting the second week-end of September.

Millstadt Library Request. Nichole Lauko, Millstadt Library director, contacted the Church to see if the Library could use the stage in the Fellowship Hall for two plays during the summer. After discussion, a motion was made by Barb, and seconded by Josh, to allow the Library to use our stage for two plays; motion carried.

Ring of the Bells. Andrew volunteered to show the confirmands how to ring the bells at the start of the worship service. He will be ringing the bells for the next three Sundays.

Meeting with Pastor Jim Barnes. Because several Council members will not be able to attend the EA meeting at Femme Osage UCC in April, Council decided to invite Pastor Jim Barnes to attend a future Council meeting to guide us through the search process for the next Zion pastor.

Meeting Adjourned: There being no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Barb, and seconded by Sherry to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried. Everyone joined hands to close with the Lord's Prayer.

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



Derick (age 7) Johayris (age 8)
Missions Article for April

Our April mission is 2 Compassion International children. Derick is a 7 year-old (born November 9, 2016) from Guatemala. Johayris is an 8 year-old (born February 26, 2015) from the Dominican Republic. To support these 2 children we need to raise the \$86 per month, or \$1,032 per year.

Our support of Compassion children as a church and by many of our families began when Tracy Gilmore was Zion's Christian Education Director, back in the early 2000s, and continues today. So please give generously. And if you are not already a sponsor, consider becoming a sponsor by checking out their website below.

The following is taken from their website: <https://www.compassion.com>

What is Sponsorship?

When you sponsor a child, you care for and encourage them through prayer, letter writing and financial support. That support empowers a local church to individually and holistically meet their needs in a loving, safe community where they can learn, grow, play and dream.

When you become a sponsor, you are personally connected with a child who will know your name and treasure the thought that you care about them.

Your support gives a child life-changing opportunity to develop spiritually, emotionally, physically and economically. It's a relationship more powerful than poverty — changing their life and yours!

Thank you for your generous support of our March mission, **Kids for Christ**. **Kids for Christ** was founded 28 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.

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.



We would like to thank all who came to our Chili Dinner. Thanks! Big thanks to the ladies who made desserts for the Chili Dinner and Lenten Dinner.

We have a dripping water hydrant on the east side of the Education Building. We have ordered parts two times and they have not worked. Come spring we will have to replace it with a new one.

Also we repaired a dripping urinal in the upstairs restroom.

Then the boiler started acting up. After checking the system out, it was decided that we needed a new check valve. We ordered one, and the next morning it was changed, which fixed the problem.

We have been asked if we would like to have the tools and help clean out Bob Stumpf's garage. So after the family went through, we have been cleaning out the garage. We have a number of tools. If anyone would like to see the tools before the Yard Sale, call the Church Office.

We have been collecting other items for the Yard Sale. Call the Church Office if you need a pick-up. The sale is May 4th.

The Z Team is planning a water line in the Park to run from the restrooms to the new shed, which is being paid for by the Z Team.

We have had to patch a roof scupper because water was getting into the wall.

Our thought and prayers to the Bob Stumpf Family. He will be missed. He was a good friend of mine.

Gary Shondy



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 APRIL

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, Mark Eckman, Mark Emring, Linda Eurgil, Fritz Fritzing, Lynn Gass, Mary (Boerke) Graham, Pearl Griebel, Adalyn Harres, Rich Heitz, Jack Higgins, Willie Holdener, Charlotte Hoock, 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, Richard Madden, Erin Mahoney, Charlotte Mehrrens, 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, Kathi 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.

April
cake mixes/frosting
cereal
jelly
mac and cheese

May
cornbread mix
canned vegetables
paper towels
Jello or pudding

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.