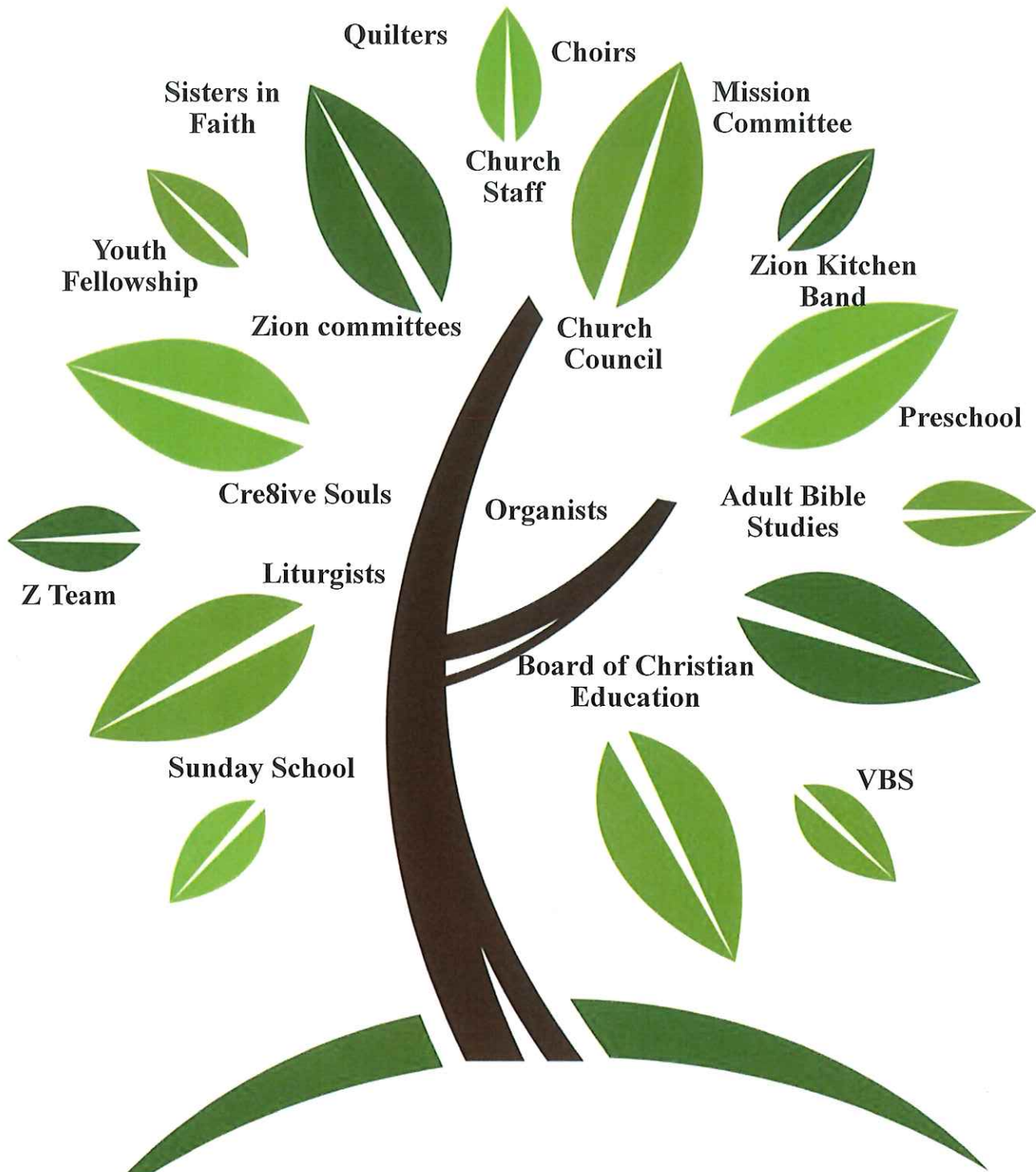


“I am the vine, you are the branches”

John 15:5



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2018 Annual Report**

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Mission Statement

As servants of Jesus Christ
commissioned by His grace,
we the persons in Community at Zion Church,
live so as to
advance God's Kingdom,
with God's power,
for God's Glory.



AGENDA FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
January 20th, 2019

1. Opening Prayer
2. Review and Approval of Minutes from 2018
3. Audit Committee Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. In-Loving-Trust Window Fund
Interest is \$2,197.76
Council recommendation is *to Refurbish / Repaint the Pie Room*
6. New Business
 - a) All Church Family Night
 - b)
7. Closing Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Pastor's Report

Dear Members of Zion:

January 20th, 2019

The following is really a “*State of our Church*,” address. The theme verse for Zion is “*Blessed to be a Blessing*,” (from Genesis 12:2-3). Our congregation was Blessed in many ways this past year:

- Our new Director, *Kerry Burnette*, is learning more and more about our church, children, youth and families. He is actively working on activities for our youth as well as coming up with boys nights and girls nights. And he is working closely with our PreSchool.
- Our Christian Education – our teachers, youth helpers, and children, youth and adults in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and Youth Group.
- Growing of our ROC choir under the leadership of sisters, Kelly Riemann and Stacy Woehlke. As well as another excellent Sunday School Christmas Program under their leadership.
- The men and women of our Z-Team, their active involvement in our church and all the work they spearhead.
- Major renovations of our Kitchen and Fellowship Hall, with new flooring and dividers. Remodeling the downstairs Men's Restroom and Confirmation Room. And the new side walk on the East side of our block. And much more.
- All of our Fund Raising efforts - the Trivia Night, Garage Sale, Homecoming Stand and Wurstmarkt.
- Continued active presence in our community and beyond by our members serving, supporting and participating in the Millstadt Food Pantry, Senior Center, Garden Place, Community Choir, New Athens Home for the Aged, Memorial Hospital and more.
- Guest musicians, like Doris Roach and Bill Guthrie. More members singing and playing music for our Christmas Eve Prelude service.
- Continued strong support for our Maundy Thursday drama service. And positive changes in our Christmas Eve dramatic readings of Scripture and the lighting of the candles for the candle light closing.
- Another year of strong Missions Giving, as can be seen in the enclosed Missions Committee Year End Report.
- Generous Memorial Gifts from the Doerr and Kuester families in 2018.

We also have challenges ahead, which need our prayers and participation. These include:

- Continued decline in our attendance since 2016 (*year – average Sunday attendance*):
2013 – 110, 2014 – 104, 2015 – 105, 2016 – 108, 2017 – 95, 2018 - 93
- Continued decline of our Sunday School (grades Pre-K thru 12th), including the loss of many youth after being confirmed (*SS year – average attendance / total kids*):
2013-14 – 29.1/48, 2014-15 – 32.7/50, 2015-16 – 30.9/48, 2016-17 – 30.0/43
2017-18 – 29.5/41, 2018-19 – 26.6/34
- Another year without a Chancel choir, a Bell choir, and any special groups – like the ZQ.
- General Fund was about \$5,000 under budget, but giving was about \$17,000 under budget, which gave us a deficit of about \$12,000.

Therefore, I am asking Zion's active supporting members to spread Christ's Blessing by inviting your uninvolved family and friends to join us in the areas that the Lord is Blessing us in, and to help us in areas that we are struggling in.

So may the Lord enable us and our congregation to successfully spread the Good News of His Blessings available to us thru Jesus Christ all throughout Millstadt and beyond.

Yours in, thru and for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ;
Pastor Darrell Weber

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS FOR 2018

Active membership January 1, 2018	368
Confirmed	2
New Members - Profession of Faith	1
New Members - Transfer	0
Total	371
Deaths	8
Transfer	2
Removed by request	0
Made Inactive	0
Total	10
Total Active membership December 31, 2018	361
Inactive Members	201
Total Membership	562
Baptisms in 2018	2
Weddings in 2018	2
1 (non-member)	
Funerals in 2018	13
(8 members; 5 non-member)	

Christian Education Report

Our Board of Christian Education consisted of *Krista Gruenewald, Lori Mercurio* and *Connie Kinder*. They along with other volunteers helped to make it a great year. Sean Mahoney has replaced Lori as the newest member of the BCE.

Sunday School

In May we concluded the 2017-2018 Sunday School year with the theme “**The Fruit of the Spirit**,” based on **Galatians 5:22**. We have had a fruit of the month (Strawberries for Love in September, Oranges for Joy in October, Pears for Peace in November and Pineapples for Patience in December) along with songs and other activities.

We had 41 children and youth show up more than 3 times, with an average Sunday attendance of 29.5 for the year (compared to 43 children and an average of 30.0 for the previous year). And, we had 22 with faithful attendance (the same from last year).

This September (2018) we kicked off the new Sunday School year with the theme “**Superheroes**,” based on **Philippians 4:13**. We’ve related the lessons to topics related to superheroes. September was “Origin stories” (beginning a relationship with Jesus), October was “Secret Identities” (identity in Christ), November was Super Powers (spiritual gifts), Dec was Unusual Heroes (God using unusual people for his glory), January’s topic has been “villains” (the characteristics of Satan and how Christ is greater), February will be “Weaknesses” (sins), March will be “when they lose” (overcoming failure), April will be “the people they save” (an attitude of gratitude towards God who saves us), May will be “Everyday Heroes” (God calls ordinary people to serve).

We have 34 children and youth with an average of 26.6 for September thru November (compared to 37 children and an average of 26.6 for the previous Fall). So far we have 20 with faithful attendance.

Special thanks to our Sunday School teachers and substitutes: Pre-K & Kindergarten - *Ginger Bourn & Hannah Seidlitz*; 1st & 2nd Grades - *Marcia Twellman & Tina Maeder*; 3rd & 4th Grades - *Stacy Woehlke & Debbie Doerr*; 5th & 6th Grades - *Sherri Vogt & Jonathan Arnold*; Confirmation - *Pastor Darrell Weber & Janice Seidlitz*; High School - *Kerry Burnette*; Adult Classes - *Bill Savering, Jim Meppiel & Marjie Weber*; Substitutes - *Kim Mueller & Dottie Rickard*. Also a special thanks to the many who are providing donuts, cookies, and other snacks for the children and youth after the SS hour is finished.

And a special thanks to *Kelly Riemann* and *Stacy Woehlke* and our Sunday School children and for all of their time and effort in doing such a wonderful Sunday School Christmas program “Happy Birthday” (on Dec. 9th).

Confirmation

We continue to use **The Journey** confirmation material from the Evangelical Covenant Church (<http://www.covchurch.org>). It is a 2-year study of the Bible. The first year covers the Old Testament and the second year covers the New Testament.

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In 2018 we confirmed 2 youth – *Maddie Kinder & Mari Pellmann*. The 2019/2020 Confirmation Class consists of: *Logan Fox (8th Grade), Evan Arnold (8th Grade), Max Holmes (8th Grade), and Aubrey Weaver (7th Grade)*.

Vacation Bible School

Our Shipwrecked VBS (June 4th thru 8th) was a great success. We had 50 children, 24 youth, and 19 adults. We raised \$271.18 for seeds in Haiti to help with growing crops with “Operation Kid 2 Kid.”

Our adult helpers were: *Ken Allen, Ginger Bourn, Kerry Burnette, Debbie Doerr, Eileen Doerr, Jessi Doerr, Darlene Gansmann, Nancy Glaeser, Barb Hohlt, Linda Hopfinger, Tina Maeder, Charlotte Mehrrens, Elaine Morris, Vicki Pellmann, Marsha Teliczan*, Helen Vigna, Darrell Weber, Marjie Weber & Marge Wolfmeier.*

Our youth helpers were: *Brady Arnold, Evan Arnold, Ayla Christian*, Ryan Connolly*, Elle Doerr, Hailey Dunn*, Sarah Glaeser, Darren Gruenewald, Erica Gruenewald, Gabby Holmes, Ben Hopfinger*, Kasey Launius, Cece Maeder, Jace Mayberry*, Lukas Pellmann, Anna Prost*, Agne Savickaite, Alena Schaltenbrand*, Nora Scott*, Jessica Seidlitz, Joshua Seidlitz, Kennedi Thorn*, Aubrey Weaver, Casey Wildermann*.*

*Note, * indicates a non-member or someone not actively involved in Zion.*

A very special thanks to our adult and youth helpers who made this year’s VBS possible, and to the families who brought us their children.

Attendance the last few years is listed below.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>C+Y</u>	<u>Adults</u>
2012	82	18	101	21
2013	75	25	100	24
2014	79	23	102	21
2015	86	21	107	25
2016	75	19	94	26
2017	54	27	81	23
2018	50	24	74	19

Youth Group

Our youth leaders are *Dave Maeder, Dale Gruenewald, Krista Gruenewald, Bob Seidlitz, Janice Seidlitz, Hannah Seidlitz, Jonathan Arnold, & Jeri Arnold*

Youth and children participated in the following:

- Jan 5th-6th the Youth had their annual lock-in. They made blankets for the Shriners hospital and heard a series of messages from Pastor Darrell and played games such as “hide-n-seek” in the dark and the “haha game.”
- February 18th was a bowling trip. Youth carpoled to the bowling alley.
- February 25th Sunday Community Youth Nights began and continued each Sunday of the year aside from holidays or during inclement weather.
- March 29th Youth helped prepare the Maundy Thursday fried chicken dinner.

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- April 1st Youth helped hide eggs for the children and had their own hunt as well.
- April 10th Youth attended a Hillsong concert in Maryland Heights and heard a message from Hillsong's pastor.
- May 14th & 16th was the 6th Grade Tour of the church. Information was passed about our youth nights and a few teens at it have attended since then.
- June 4th – June 8th Youth helped with VBS
- July 20th- The Police Academy closing celebration happened and information about our youth nights was given out at it. A few kids have visited from it as well.
- September 16th Youth had a Nerf War in Fellowship Hall and had an ice cream intermission.
- October 14th Youth had a Guys Night Paintball outing (adult guardians and youth were invited) for bonding with other guys, to attempt to bring families into our group, and show youth in the community examples of Christian adult fellowship.
- October 31st We had our Halloween Party for the children in our community. More than 250 children stopped by. They were given candy and Christian literature. Some stayed and played games for a while.
- November 10th Youth helped with serving and cleaning up at Wurstmarkt.
- November 18th Youth had a work night to fix up the Charlie Brown float for the Christmas Parade (although we weren't able to actually use it because of inclement weather on the day of the parade).
- December 9th Youth had their annual Christmas Party at Pastor Darrell's house.
- December 10th The children's choir performed in their play led by Kelly Riemann and Stacey Woehlke

Thank you everyone at Zion for supporting our youth and children!

Pre-School Report

Zion's Christian preschool is in its 16th year of existence, as of the 2018-2019 school year. We meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:15 to 11:15 am.

For this school year we have 17 preschoolers consisting of: nine 3 year olds, seven 4 year olds, and one 5 year old.

Sheila Peters is our preschool teacher and has been with us for a number of years. She is a certified teacher and has many years of experience that she brings to our program. Also, she is very active in her church, First Baptist of Columbia, where her husband is the senior pastor, and she is able to communicate her Christian faith and knowledge to our children in a way that they understand. In addition, she is a substitute teacher at MCS. Our aide is *Tina Maeder*, who has been doing a wonderful job with the children. She is a valued part of our program.

Themes are used to reinforce teaching methods such as using visual aids to help the children understand each theme better. The children continue to use their listening center to follow along with the books. This helps them learn letter and word recognition. The children also learn rhymes that help with memorization. They have also enjoyed participation in Show and Tell. This helps them become comfortable explaining things and speaking in front of others. The children continue to study the alphabet weekly and continue to develop their fine and gross motor skills as well as their social skills. The children also enjoy sanctuary time, which includes music as well as a Bible lesson and prayer every time they meet.

The 2018-2019 preschoolers enjoyed field trips to the Fire Station during Fire Safety week in October and their annual Fall Harvest Party at the end of October, our Thanksgiving feast with all the trimmings in November and in December the children participated in a Christmas program with a special visitor from the North Pole. The 2018-2019 class enjoyed their Valentine's party sharing valentines with the classmates and of course the special treats, an Easter egg hunt, the Graduation Ceremony, and a year-end Luau party outside which included crafts, digging for treasures and treats!

Our prayer is that this program helps each child to grow strong in their knowledge of the Jesus from an early age. Our program truly is an ongoing outreach and witness to our community.

Kerry Burnette, Director of Christian Education

2018 Music Report

We sing praise to our God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

ROC Choir:

Under the direction of Kelly Riemann and Stacy Woehlke, the ROC Choir meets on Sunday mornings after the Children's sermon. Our schedule runs January through May and September through November. In May 2018, ROC performed the song "Old Church Choir" with a slide show of choir photos from the past. ROC grew to 13 singers at the start of the new Sunday School year in September.

In December, we took a break from ROC to prepare for the annual Sunday School Christmas Program for 2018 titled "Happy Birthday Jesus. The children worked very hard and did a great job!

We would love to have additional children in both ROC and the 2019 Sunday School Christmas Program. Contact Kelly, Stacy, or the church office if you have any questions.

Special Music:

A big thank you to those who arrange special music throughout the year, including Mary Lu Bretsch, Patti French, and Nancy Glaeser, as well as to the performers, including the Polka Sunday band members and all the musicians for the pre-service on Christmas Eve. You all help bring such a joy to the congregation with your musical talents.

Zion's Mission Committee Year End Report
"The Hands and Feet of Christ"
January, 2019

The purpose of the Mission Committee at Zion is to identify opportunities for us, as a local church, to reach out to others in our local community, our region, and even beyond our American borders with the love of Christ in tangible ways. This report recaps our 2018 giving so that all can see the progress we are making as a church. We encourage you to review our mission giving and pray about your involvement in missions at Zion in the future.

Zion is involved in a number of great missions. Watch the Visitor for the Mission Team's monthly report for more detailed descriptions of each mission that we are supporting. In addition to the monthly missions, other mission giving opportunities often arise during the year. The missions we have supported during 2018 are summarized here, with the amount of Zion's financial gifts to each of these missions:

MISSION	GIVING
Adopt a Child for Christmas	300
Blanket Sunday	390
Casas Por Cristo – Brendan Noerper	368.34
Compassion Kids (Zion's Sunday School)	912
Covenant House	873
Evangelical Association	500
Gideons International	1,000.00
Kids for Christ	629.69
LifeNetwork of Southern Illinois	1,134.54
Millstadt Food Pantry	1,759.00
Millstadt Senior Center	679.59
New Athens Home	647.5
Operation Christmas Child	4,060.00
Pro-Life March in Washington, D.C.	300
Salvation Army, Disaster Relief	1,324.50
Sunshine Ministries	200
VBS – Seeds for Haiti	271.18
Wycliffe Bible Translators – Jon and Carol Shaneyfelt	693.15
TOTAL	\$16,042.49

* Youth Missions was the mission of the month for June. A mission trip is planned for 2019, and the offerings from 2018 will go toward the trip this year.

** Housing for Haiti has several donations from a friend of Pastor Darrell, so the total is not just from Zion giving. This project is pending obtaining volunteers to assemble the housing onsite. At this time the fund has \$7,030.25.

This report does not include the monthly collection of food and supplies for the Food Pantry.

Shown above is money collected from the students in Sunday School for sponsored children through Compassion International. In addition, some families in our congregation also sponsor children.

Sisters In Faith
Sharing Our Love for God and Each Other

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Wow, what an AWESOME year we have had! We had lots of fellowship and laughter – all the while, working for the good of our Church.

Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month in March, April, May, September, October, and November. In December we have our Christmas Appreciation Party; May is our annual Ladies' Spring Luncheon.

2018 Officers were:

President – Charlotte Mehrtens
Vice President – Ginger Bourn
Secretary- Darlene Gansmann
Treasurer- Linda Hopfinger
Prayer Leader- Helen Vigna

During the 2018 year, members donated their time and talents to the following:

- Served as ushers on the fourth Sunday of the month
- Cared for the altar flowers and cleaned the Christmas candles
- Our quilting ladies made 7 queen size quilts and 3 baby quilts
- Helped with bingo and provided prizes at New Athens Home for the Aged
- Supported Memorial Hospital Book Bazaar
- Served several bereavement luncheons at the V.F.W and Fellowship Hall
- Prepared one Wednesday evening Lenten meal
- Supported Zion Sunday School
- Supported and helped with Vacation Bible School
- Provided desserts and help at Zion Wurstmarkt
- Held the Ladies' Spring Luncheon with 137 in attendance and sold raffle tickets for the quilt and other prizes
- Donated to Operation Christmas Child to help cover the cost of postage
- Helped at the Community Christmas Concert December 16th by providing cookies and kitchen help
- Made a monetary donation to Zion for utilities
- Held our Cabin Fever Retreat with 37 ladies attending on January 20th
- Made several donations to the Millstadt Area Food Pantry, Millstadt Senior Center and New Athens Home
- Our Zionette Kitchen Band entertained at 12 area nursing/assisted living homes and the Millstadt Senior Center

- Our Cre8ive Souls made and sent birthday, anniversary, get-well and sympathy cards

We are so blessed to serve our Lord with all the women of Zion coming together donating their time and talents. So many new friendships have been made. Why not come and join us? We would love to have you.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Mehrrens, President

Zion Evangelical Church Annual Congregational Meeting

January 21, 2018

Zion Evangelical Church held its Annual Meeting on 1/21/18 after church service. Council President, Sean Mahoney called the meeting to order with 62 members present. Pastor Darrell Weber opened with a prayer. All members present received the Annual Report for reference.

Dale Gruenewald moved, and Bill Saverling seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2017 Annual Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Dave Woehlke moved, and Kathi Trent seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2017 Fall Congregational Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

An audit committee, consisting of Kathi Trent, Bob Timmer and Barb Hohlt, did an audit of the books from August through December 2107. There were no issues found. Jonathon Arnold moved, and Darlene Gansmann seconded the motion to accept the audit report. Motion carried.

Members were given the opportunity to review the Treasurer's Report. Bill Saverling moved, and Ray Hohlt seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

President, Sean Mahoney noted that there is \$2,656.46 in interest earned from the In Living Trust Window Fund. The church organ is in much need of repairs. Council approved the creation of an Organ Fund in their last meeting and recommends that the In Loving Trust Window Fund interest be placed in the Organ Fund. Rich Trent stated that the plexiglass protecting the windows of the church will probably be replaced in 2018 and asked if the money could go to that use. Pastor Darrell said he has spoken to Hatter's Organ Company in Freeburg and we may be looking at over \$20,000 in major repairs down the road. They are suggesting some immediate work to prevent this. Gary Shondy wondered if the Music Fund could cover the organ repair since we no longer have a choir that requires the purchase of sheet music. Earl Doerr asked if the money for the plexiglass replacement could come from the Stain Glass Window Fund since all windows have now been repaired/replaced. Nancy Glaeser said she would like for the Music Fund money to be retained for future use in obtaining guest performers and future Zion music groups. Patti French said that the Music Fund not only paid for sheet music but that it also covers guest performers and bell maintenance. Bob Seidlitz said he thought we could solicit donations for the Organ Fund. Dale Gruenewald moved, and Janice Seidlitz seconded the motion to accept Council's recommendation to use the In Living Trust Window Fund interest of \$2,656.46 to establish the Organ Fund. Motion carried. Earl Doerr moved, and Darlene seconded the motion to use the money in the Stain Glass Window Fund to go toward replacing the plexiglass around the church. Motion carried.

New Business:

President, Sean Mahoney gave the congregation two items to consider for the Fall Meeting. The first suggestion is regarding the number of members we need to constitute a quorum. The current number is 50. We have the same number of members on the books but, attendance has been declining for some time. We are looking for feedback from members to possibly reduce the quorum number.

The second suggestion regards the number of Council Members and Terms of Office. We currently have 9 members, which represents approximately 10% of our weekly attendance. It is suggested that we may want to reduce the number of Council members to 7 or even 6. Also, since it has been difficult to recruit new council members each year, it is suggested that we reduce term of service from 3 years to 2. Again, we would like to have input from the congregation on these items.

Rich Trent moved, and Bob Seidlitz seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Pastor Darrell Weber closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sean Mahoney, President

Linda Hopfinger, Secretary

President, Sean Mahoney, opened the meeting at 11:20 with 65 church members in attendance. Pastor Darrell Weber lead with a prayer.

Sean introduced the members of the Property Committee - Earl Doerr, Darlene Gansmann and Don Mehrtens. Earl informed the membership about the committee’s search for new flooring in Fellowship Hall. The carpet there has been well used and is in poor condition. The concrete floor was installed in 1935 with underdrains beneath to avoid any moisture problems. The kitchen has had its moisture issues in the past. Inspectors were invited in to check for any moisture problems before undertaking this project. Everything looks good.

Suggestions for the replacement flooring would be to install a glue-down vinyl flooring that has the appearance of a wood grain. We could have also selected a snap-together “floating floor”, but our floor is not all even and could have posed potential repair issues.

Four companies were asked to bid on the flooring. The committee composed a list of requirements we had for each company to do the job which would include removal and disposal of old materials, all necessary prep work and installation of new flooring.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Warranty</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>
Collins & Sons	\$19,367	20 Years	\$9,683.50
Flooring Interiors	\$21,117	20 Years	\$10,588.50
Millstadt Carpet	\$22,437	?	\$7,479.17
Carpet Direct	\$19,070.97	15 Years	

The committee elected not to consider the bid from Carpet Direct because they priced only the floating floor and we didn’t want to deal with any potential issues with the existing uneven floor.

The committee is recommending that we accept Collins and Sons’ bid. A sample of the color selected with an inset to frame the room was shown to the congregation. As soon as a decision is made by the congregation, the vendor would be able to begin work immediately.

Questions from the congregation were entertained:

Jerri Arnold wondered if we would be putting the same flooring in the hall as well as the kitchen. Yes

Helen Vigna wondered about the sound absorption. Earl said we do have the sound reducing tiles in the ceiling in the hall but there might be a little more noise than the carpeting.

Dale Gruenewald said that the glue down flooring would be quieter than the floating wood floor.

Les Mehrtens wondered about the maintenance of the flooring. Earl said the it is an easy-care product.

Kelly Reimann said that this product is like the flooring at Schnuck’s in Columbia if anyone would like to see that.

Photos of the flooring were shown to the congregation on the projection screen.

Dave Woehlke wondered if the kitchen islands would need to be removed for the installation of the new flooring. Earl was not sure. He said he knows they are hard-wired into the conduit. May require a little extra work to complete.

Tracy Holmes asked if this expense was coming out of the church general fund? No, as stated in the letter mailed to congregation earlier, there was a generous donation of \$25,000 from the family of Ruth Kuester that would cover the work.

Helen Vigna wondered if there would be money left over to possibly replace the divider doors in Fellowship Hall. Sean said there would be approximately \$4,933 remaining that we could possibly put to that use if needed.

Sean asked for a motion to accept the bid for Collins & Sons. Dale Gruenewald moved to accept the bid and Dave Woehlke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Helen Vigna moved to create a fund to use any remaining money from the flooring project to go toward the purchase of room dividers.

Sean then used the projection screen to show photos of the existing dividers. They are in poor shape. Dale Gruenewald mentioned that while having the flooring replaced we may run into other repairs that would use up the remaining funds. Helen agreed that her motion is proposed only if we had money left over.

Krista Gruenewald seconded Helen's motion to create a fund for the dividers if money was left over from the flooring project. Motion carried.

Dale Gruenewald asked if we had any information on the cost of the room dividers. Earl said he only looked at one company and the cost would be about \$8,000 to replace the two dividers. Other vendors will be explored.

Tracy Holmes asked if we really needed the dividers. She thought there were extra Sunday School rooms that could be utilized. Sean indicated that Council would research this project.

Ginger Bourn asked if the dividers had to be removed for the flooring installation. Yes, they will.

Earl Doerr then showed photos on the screen of the newly renovated men's room in Fellowship Hall. The Z-Team really did an excellent job. In addition, new lighting was installed over the wall near the men's room. It really brightens up that area! Earl also reminded everyone that the Village Yard sale is coming soon. Please start bringing your items to the garage on Tuesday mornings.

Dave Woehlke moved and Rich Trent seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Pastor ended with a prayer.

The annual Fall Congregational Meeting opened at 11:20 a.m. with an attendance of 64 members. Pastor Darrell led with a prayer.

Council President, Sean Mahoney, introduced Gary Shondy, who reported on the Z-Team. Gary went over the team's financial report and discussed the accomplishments they have made to date in 2018. Regarding All Church Activities, Gary praised the work of the team members and their wives for playing a major role in events such as the chili dinner, trivia night, yard sale, Homecoming stand, BBQ and Wurstmart. There are currently 21 team members including a few who do not attend Zion but just want to help and enjoy the fellowship. Not only do the men work in and around the church, they also do maintenance at the church park and the cemetery. Gary thanked the team and invited any other men in the congregation to join them on Tuesday mornings at 8:30.

Sean then announced the nominations of members for the Church Council for the 2019 – 2021 term:

Kim Mueller, Robert Timmer and Stacy Woehlke

Sean asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. Dale Gruenewald moved, and Bill Saverling seconded to accept the nominations. Motion carried.

Next, Sean announced the nomination of himself as a member of the Board of Christian Education for the 2019 – 2021 term.

Sean asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. Bill Bourn moved, and Bob Seidlitz seconded to accept the nomination. Motion carried.

Reports of the proposed budget for 2019 were mailed to members in advance of the meeting. They were also included in today's meeting agenda. The budget committee was comprised of Sean Mahoney, Earl Doerr and Rick Holmes. Les Mehrtens also served as consultant for the committee. Overall there was an increase of about 1% in the budget for next year. A brief description of each area was discussed. Our expenses increase will be approximately \$11,000. Sean opened the floor for questions. Les Mehrtens had 2 questions.

1. This report reflects our current numbers as of 9/30/18. He wanted to know how our numbers at this time compare to the budget numbers. Sean replied that the numbers are very close.
2. Les asked how much more income is anticipated to the General Fund to meet the budget needs by 12/31/18. There is a deficit of about \$21,000. Sean stated that the 4th quarter is typically a very good quarter, especially with the holidays. Sean also said that even though our attendance has been down, our offering has not suffered very much. Sean then asked Vicki to take point in handling this question for Les. Vicki said she had not balanced the month of October statements yet. She will contact Les with additional information as the General Fund is reconciled for October.

There were no additional questions. Dale Gruenewald moved, and Don Mehrtens seconded to approve the budget as stated. Motion carried.

Sean opened the floor for any old business. There was none.

Sean opened the floor for any new business. There was none.

Linda Hopfinger moved, and Bill Saverling seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 11:40.

Pastor Darrell led the congregation in the Lord's Prayer.

Sean Mahoney, President

Linda Hopfinger, Secretary

Zion Evangelical Church
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Millstadt IL 62260
2018 Treasurer's Report & 2019 Budget Report
GENERAL FUND end of year annual report

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INCOME

	2018 Budget	2018 12/31/18	2019 Budget
Offerings		\$ 180,716.59	
Initial, Lenten, Christmas, Loose Offerings		\$ 3,487.51	
Building Offerings			
Sunday School		\$ 532.46	
Vacation Bible School		\$ 1,721.84	
Special Gifts			
Confirmation		\$ 40.00	
Bible Studies			
Youth		\$ 586.09	
Use of Facilities		\$ 710.00	
Fellowship Projects		\$ 9,891.00	
Miscellaneous & Donations		\$ 1,090.37	
Interest: NOW, Ebates		\$ 415.52	
Food Pantry		\$ 944.00	
Missions Offerings		\$ 8,874.81	
IN & OUT		\$ 1,311.00	
Pre-School		\$ 21,700.00	
Transfers from Money Market			
INCOME GRAND TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 232,021.19	\$ -

preschool income	\$ 21,700.00
missions income	\$ 9,818.81
General Fund Total	\$ 200,502.38

EXPENSES

Christian Education					
Church School	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,640.62	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 559.38	
Vacation Bible School	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,926.53	\$ 1,400.00	\$ (1,426.53)	
Adult Groups	\$ 500.00	\$ 681.13	\$ 500.00	\$ (181.13)	
Youth Groups	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,630.13	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (630.13)	
Confirmation	\$ 300.00	\$ 591.57	\$ 300.00	\$ (291.57)	
Worship					
Altar Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	
Worship Bulletins	\$ 800.00	\$ 551.91	\$ 800.00	\$ 248.09	
Music & Choir	\$ 400.00	\$ 31.48	\$ 100.00	\$ 368.52	
Music Copyright	\$ 200.00	\$ 129.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 71.00	
Organ & Piano Tuning	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
Guest Ministers/Speakers	\$ 250.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (200.00)	
Committee Ministries					
Evangelical Dues	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	
Worship Miscellaneous	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 442.62	\$ 700.00	\$ 757.38	
Stewardship-Mission (All)	\$ 200.00	\$ 247.56	\$ 200.00	\$ (47.56)	
Fellowship Events	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 6,582.98	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (5,082.98)	
Parish & Pastor Relations	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
1. Equipping and Serving the Congregation	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 17,405.53	\$ 11,900.00	\$ (4,655.53)	

		2018 Budget	2018 12/31/18	2019 Budget	
Pastor Weber	Salary	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 52,500.00	\$ -
	Mileage Allowance @.54.5	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 930.36	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 269.64
	Social Security	\$ 5,221.00	\$ 5,208.76	\$ 5,221.00	\$ 12.24
	Housing	\$ 15,750.00	\$ 15,750.00	\$ 15,750.00	\$ -
	Continuing Education	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Books	\$ 500.00	\$ 13.08	\$ 500.00	\$ 486.92
	Annuity	\$ 10,578.00	\$ 10,578.00	\$ 10,578.00	\$ -
	Health & Dental Insurance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,773.96	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 226.04
Director of Christian Education	\$ 15.30	\$ 15,600.00	\$ 14,250.00	\$ 15,912.00	\$ 1,350.00
	Utilities	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 3,266.91	\$ 3,750.00	\$ (1,466.91)
	Continuing Education	\$ 250.00	\$ 206.40	\$ 250.00	\$ 43.60
	Books	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
	Mileage Allowance @.54.5		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Music-Organist	\$ 88.00	\$ 5,720.00	\$ 4,928.00	\$ 5,720.00	\$ 792.00
Secretary	\$ 13.66	\$ 13,790.00	\$ 13,392.63	\$ 14,204.00	\$ 397.37
Treasurer	\$ 13.00	\$ 12,172.00	\$ 13,598.00	\$ 12,172.00	\$ (1,426.00)
Custodian	\$ 11.00	\$ 8,580.00	\$ 4,475.90	\$ 8,580.00	\$ 4,104.10
Park/Cemetery Custodian	\$ 10.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 345.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 255.00
Employer FICA		\$ 4,300.00	\$ 3,900.83	\$ 4,515.00	\$ 399.17
Workman's Comp Insurance		\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,289.94	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 110.06
Staff Mileage	Mileage Allowance @.54.5		\$ -		
2. Staff Expense		\$ 155,711.00	\$ 149,407.78	\$ 158,702.00	\$ 6,303.22
Meetings & Registration		\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Office Supplies & Expenses		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,084.44	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (84.44)
Postage		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,333.56	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 166.44
Printed Materials & Devotionals		\$ 300.00	\$ 87.60	\$ 200.00	\$ 212.40
Office Equipment/Copier Lease		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,455.52	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 544.48
Miscellaneous		\$ 750.00	\$ 1,379.37	\$ 750.00	\$ (629.37)
Internet Services		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,333.61	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 166.39
Information Technology		\$ 500.00	\$ 177.07	\$ 500.00	\$ 322.93
3. Administration Expense		\$ 14,050.00	\$ 12,851.17	\$ 13,650.00	\$ 1,198.83
Church Utilites		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,608.03	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,391.97
Insurance		\$ 11,000.00	\$ 9,994.29	\$ 10,600.00	\$ 1,005.71
Custodial Supplies		\$ 600.00	\$ 170.29	\$ 500.00	\$ 429.71
Maintenance & Repair		\$ 6,500.00	\$ 5,202.66	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 1,297.34
Park & Cemetery Expenses (fuel)		\$ 700.00	\$ 586.19	\$ 600.00	\$ 113.81
Park Expense		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,534.73	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (34.73)
Cemetery Expense		\$ 500.00	\$ 615.63	\$ 500.00	\$ (115.63)
Parsonage Maintenance		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,660.07	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (660.07)
4. Building & Grounds Expense		\$ 34,800.00	\$ 31,371.89	\$ 34,200.00	\$ 3,428.11
SUBTOTAL for GENERAL FUND ONLY		\$ 217,311.00	\$ 211,036.37	\$ 218,452.00	\$ 6,274.63

FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

Serving the Community/Food Pantry		\$ 1,356.00	
Designated Offerings to Missions		\$ 8,874.81	
IN & OUT Expense		\$ 1,569.01	
Preschool Teachers/Sub		\$ 21,204.77	
Preschool Aides		\$ 4,799.55	
Pre School Expenses		\$ 441.84	
TRANSFERRED/Money Market		\$ -	
5. Total Investments for Ministry	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 249,282.35	

	Income	Expense	under/over
Preschool	\$ 21,700.00	\$ 26,446.16	\$ (4,746.16)
Fellowship Events	\$ 9,891.00	\$ 6,582.98	\$ 3,308.02
Mission	\$ 9,818.81	\$ 10,230.81	\$ (412.00)

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Money Market, Certificate of Deposits and Notes in the listed Funds

FUND NAMES	BALANCE	INCOME	TRANSFER	EXPENSE	TRANSFER	BALANCE
	as of 12/31/17					as of 12/31/18
Freivogel Cemetery	\$ 14,235.15	\$ 771.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,006.15
In Loving Trust Window	\$ 112,618.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 112,618.38
Memorial	\$ 50,440.24	\$ 3,959.15	\$ 161.85	\$ -	\$ (25,000.00)	\$ 29,561.24
Music	\$ 6,298.32	\$ 1,160.00	\$ -	\$ 344.00	\$ -	\$ 7,114.32
Organ Repair	\$ -	\$ 9,571.91	\$ -	\$ 358.85	\$ -	\$ 9,213.06
ROOF	\$ 145.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145.87
Sound System	\$ (481.81)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (481.81)
Fellowship Hall Floor	\$ -	\$ 20,500.00		\$ 20,338.15	\$ (161.85)	\$ -
Special-Sunday School	\$ 976.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 976.14
Special-Preschool	\$ 824.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 824.57
Stained Glass Window	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
Park Gazebo	\$ 805.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 805.00
Asphalt	\$ 1,429.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,429.79
Deacon	\$ 3,255.75	\$ 972.00	\$ -	\$ 1,550.00	\$ -	\$ 2,677.75
Elevator	\$ 3,885.00	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,585.00
West Door	\$ 2,146.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,146.79	\$ -	\$ -
Future Park Projects	\$ 5,518.62	\$ 3,521.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,040.12
Curtain Divider	\$ -	\$ 467.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 467.72
Mower Fund	\$ -	\$ 3,758.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,758.40
TOTAL	\$ 206,097.81	\$ 45,381.68	\$ 161.85	\$ 24,737.79	\$ (25,161.85)	\$ 201,741.70

In Loving Trust Window:

\$2917.76 was accrued in interest from the ILTW money market account and CDs. Council recommendation is to refurbish and repaint the pie room.

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH - MILLSTADT IL
 Summary of Cash Activity for 01/01/2018 thru 12/31/2018

Saturday, January 19, 2019

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Asset Account: 1.101.101 - First National now Central Bank of St. Louis

Cash Balance as of 01/01/2018(at the beginning of the day)

Add Transactions From:

Income	\$27,614.43
Donations	\$219,573.69
Transfers (debit)	\$0.00
Journal Entries (debit)	\$152.12
AR Collections (debit)	\$0.00

Total Additions

\$247,340.24

Subtract Transactions From:

Payments	\$162,587.18
Payroll	\$101,539.07
Transfers (credit)	\$0.00
Journal Entries (credit)	\$700.00

Total Subtractions

\$264,826.25

Cash Balance as of 12/31/2018(at the end of the day)

\$87,559.71

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH - MILLSTADT IL
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Asset Account: 1.101.201 - Money Market at Central Bank of St. Louis

Cash Balance as of 01/01/2018(at the beginning of the day)

Add Transactions From:

Income	\$8,439.43
Donations	\$17,379.91
Transfers (debit)	\$0.00
Journal Entries (debit)	\$300.00
AR Collections (debit)	\$0.00

Total Additions

\$26,119.34

Subtract Transactions From:

Payments	\$32,159.34
Payroll	\$0.00
Transfers (credit)	\$0.00
Journal Entries (credit)	\$25.00

Total Subtractions

\$32,184.34

Cash Balance as of 12/31/2018(at the end of the day)

\$73,865.68