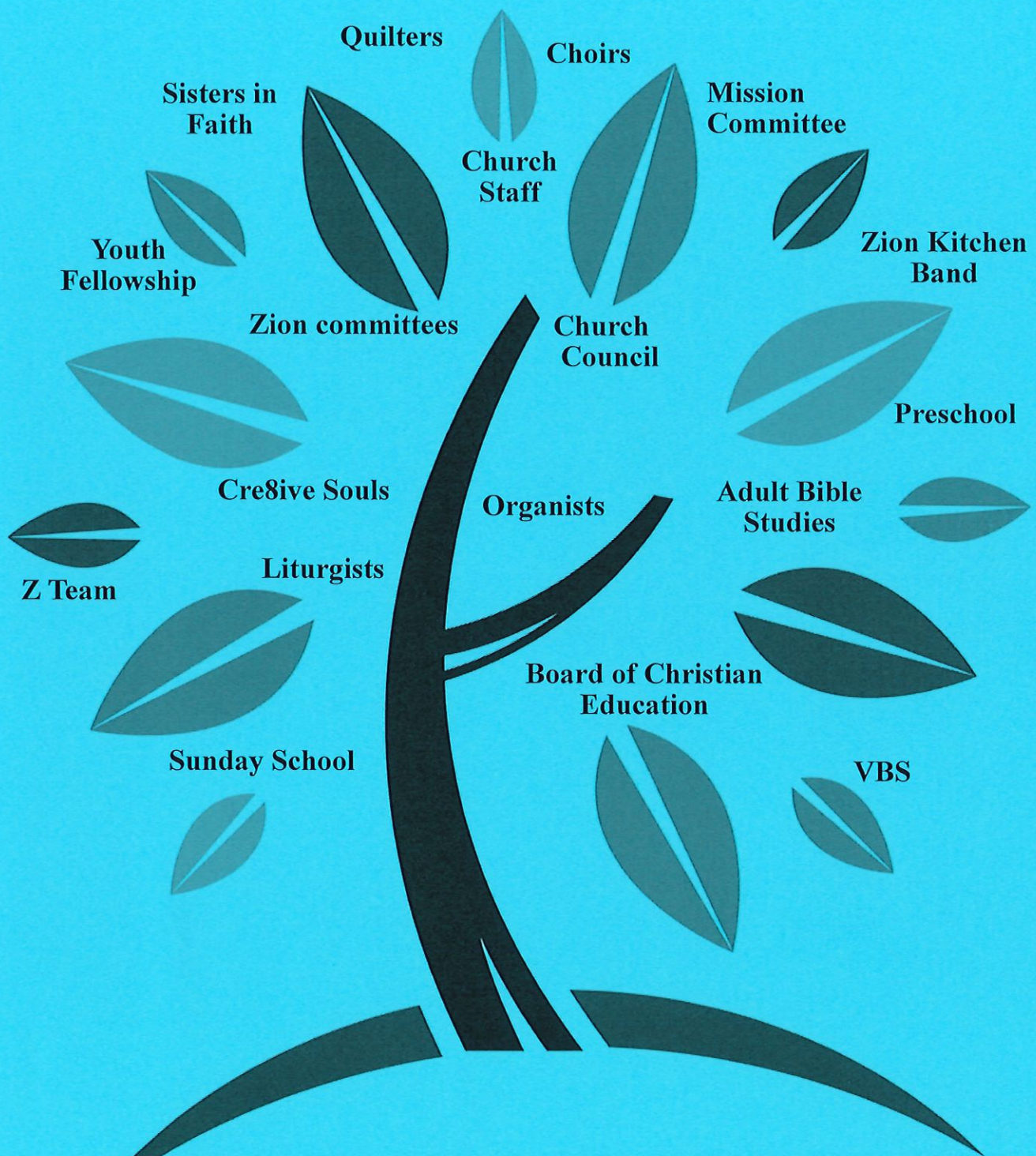


“I am the vine, you are the branches”

John 15:5



**Zion Evangelical Church
2022 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 22nd, 2023

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

Interest is TBD

Council recommendation cancel the 2021 AED Unit (Defibrillator) order (it's still on back order) and put the money in the In Loving Trust Window Fund.

The 2022 interest will be used to replace the smoke detectors throughout our facilities as is needed, and removal, sandblasting, repainting and reinstallation of the sanctuary radiators.

8. Old Business
9. New Business
 - a) New lawn Mower to maintain the Church Park. \$15,000 is in the mower fund. If the price exceeds \$15,000 then the Z-Team will pay the balance
10. Closing Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Pastor's Year End Report

January 2023

As this new year of 2023 begins, Zion is entering its 188th year of existence. This past year, on December 7, our oldest member, *Lucille Schewe*, celebrated her 100th birthday, and she still lives in her own home, which she has lived in for the past 75 years.

In 2022 our website building software, **Apple's iweb** (introduced in 2006 and discontinued in 2011) began to have operational problems. So it was replaced with **EverWeb**, and our entire web presence was rebuilt – Church, Council, Preschool, and Youth.

We at Zion are servants of the Living God – the Father, through the Son, by the Spirit. As His servants, we are to carry out His work and ministries, among us and beyond us, for His glory and purpose. So, consider the Scriptures below that refer to work.

Psalm 90:17 “*Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.*”

Proverbs 16:3 “*Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.*”

1Corinthians 15:58 “*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*”

Colossians 3:23 “*Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men.*”

As a congregation, there are areas where we are abounding, areas where we are holding our own, and areas where we are struggling.

We are abounding in the involvement of our older members. In particular, the men and women of our Z-Team and Sisters-in Faith (formerly called the Women's Fellowship). These men and women are truly the life blood of our congregation. They are actively involved in the fellowships and works of our congregation – from repairs, to fund-raising, to teaching some of the Sunday School classes and leading our Vacation Bible School, to participating in the Prayer Team, to supporting the missions of the church (including serving at the Millstadt Food Pantry and Senior Center), to attending and participating in Worship.

We welcomed *Amanda Frierdich* as our new Office Administrator (Secretary and Treasurer). With the help of our former Secretary, *Darlene Gansmann*, and especially Council member, *Rich Hoffelmeyer*, *Amanda* has picked up on all the work her office requires. She does so with a friendly welcome and smile to all who call or visit our church office.

Our Prayer Team has been more active than ever. A multitude of requests are being made, especially for non-members, and even by non-members.

Zion – our Church, Freivogel Cemetery and Z-Team – has received wonderful gifts from the *Jim & Mary Eckert* estate. These gifts will be wisely used for the future generations of our congregation and for buildings and grounds.

We are holding our own in Worship attendance. In 2022 our average Sunday attendance was 77 (67 in person / 10 online), which was amazingly the same as in 2021, 77 (67 in person / 10 online). Our Christmas Eve attendance actually improved, from 204 (180 in person / 24 online) in 2021, to 229 (204 in person / 25 online) in 2022.

Our General Fund Giving was close to expenses this year, when we factor out the cost of building the New Church Park Shed (which was covered by the sale of the Irma Hecke property).

Our Missions Giving was up slightly, about \$14,167 for 2022 as compared to \$13,800 for 2021. This represents about 6.8% of our General Fund Budget, once the Preschool amount is removed. Some years ago we achieved the goal of 10%.

Our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox giving: In 2022 we collected 127 boxes and in 2021 we collected 124. Way to go!!!

We are struggling in participation and involvement of our younger families. Our Fall (September through December) Sunday School (Pre-K through 12th grade) total attendance fell from 289 in 2021 to 228 in 2022.

We continue to lose our Youth once they are confirmed. This year only *Evan Arnold*, *Caleb Gruenewald* and *Theodore Muskopf* have attended our High School Sunday School class. Since the Spring of 2022 our Youth Group is essentially non-existent. However, we did have several of our Youth work at our Wurstmarkt dinner (Nov. 12) as well as several young families participated in the Lighted Parade (Nov. 25).

We are striving to make our Worship Services more appealing to our younger families. This Fall we started up the Children's Messages. And, with the help of *Mark & Kelly Riemann* and others, we have been working on the Contemporary opening of our Worship Services. We have been using Contemporary Worship music videos based on a list of songs obtained from 99.1 JoyFM radio.

We are especially struggling in having our younger families with their children attend our Worship services. We have a few families that faithfully attend our Worship services, but by and large, most of our younger families and their children are completely absent.

Attendance and involvement in our monthly Friday Game and Movie nights has fallen to the point that they have been discontinued.

What we are struggling at are cuts to the very core of the future of our congregation. Can we, Zion, still have a living and vital future, or is it too late for us? Can we turn things around, or are we simply going to wait for the last person to turn out the lights, so to speak?

So, this 2022 year-end report ends the same way as my 2021 year-end report.

Let us "*seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness*" (Matthew 6:33). Let us "*consider how to stir up one another to love and good works*" (Hebrews 10:24). Let us "*not neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near*" (Hebrews 10:25). Let us "*Draw near to God and He will draw near to us*" (James 4:8). Let us "*Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. ... making supplication for all the saints*" (Ephesians 6:18). And, let us "*be doers of the Word, and not hearers only*" (James 1:22).

This report is an appeal to the hearts, minds and souls of each person reading this.

O Lord Jesus, I pray that you would give more and more of us eyes to see You, ears to hear You, and hearts to respond to You, so that we may speak of You and share You with all whom we come into contact with. Enable these efforts to become effective and fruitful, for your glory, by the indwelling power of Your Holy Spirit. Make this sure to be, so that we, Zion and its members, may have a future and a hope. Amen!

A blessed New Year of Abundant and Eternal Life in Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord.

Pastor Darrell Weber

Membership Statistics for 2022

January 2023

Active membership as of January 1 st , 2022	345
Confirmed	3
New Members – Profession of Faith	0
New Members – Transfer	1
Sub Total	4
Deaths	5
Transfer	1
Removal by Request	2
Made Inactive	0
Sub Total	8
Active membership as of December 31 st , 2022	341
Inactive Members	195
Total Membership	536
Baptisms in 2022	2
Weddings in 2022	1
Funerals in 2022	12
(5 active members; 2 former/inactive members; 5 non-members)	

Christian Education Year End Report

January 2023

Our 2022 Board of Christian Education (BCE) was *Jeri Arnold, Kimberly Gibson* and *Jodi Notter*. *Kimberly Gibson* leaves the BCE and *Debbie Doerr* joins in 2023

Sunday School

In 2021-2022 Sunday School year we had 29 out of our 38 children and youth active (attended more than once). This 2022-2023 year we have 24 out of 31 active. The number of children and youth has decreased by 7 (2 graduated High School, 1 moved, 3 were non-members who quit coming, and 1 member is going to a different church). Our active attendance has decreased by 5. See the average monthly attendance listed below – in particular for the Fall.

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	Year
2022-23	16.33	15.2	15.4	13.67						
2021-22	21.33	19.8	19.4	13.75	16.4	19.25	16.25	19.75	9.4	18.4

To counter this, *Jeri Arnold* and *Jodi Notter* began special Sunday School events - a Sunday School Thanksgiving and Christmas Party. Each with stories, activities, crafts and treats. They will continue this effort into the 2023 Sunday School year.

Special thanks to our Sunday School teachers:

Pre-K & Kindergarten - *Ginger Bourn*

1st & 2nd Grades - *Marcia Twellman*

3rd & 4th Grades – *Stacy Woehlke & Debbie Doerr*

5th & 6th Grades – *Sherri Vogt*

7th & 8th Grades (Confirmation) – *Pastor Darrell Weber*

High School – *Joshua Seidlitz and Jessica Seidlitz*

Adult Classes – *Sean Mahoney and Bill Savering*

A special thanks to *Kelly Riemann* and *Stacy Woehlke* and our Sunday School children and families for their time and effort in doing such a wonderful Sunday School Christmas program “**The Jesse Tree**” (on Dec. 18).

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.

In 2022 we confirmed 3 youth – *Carson Allen, Landon Kinder* and *Caleb Gruenewald*. The classes for 2023 is – *Jacob Doerr*, and 2024 is – *Katelyn Allen, Wesley Hale, Lucy Mehrtens, Josephina Riemann* and *Ella Weaver*.

We also use the 1896 edition of the **Evangelical Catechism** from our Evangelical Association (<http://www.evangelicalassociation.org>).

Vacation Bible School

We held **Group’s Monumental** VBS from June 13 through 17. St. James Catholic Church held the same VBS theme the week before us, so our numbers were down from 54 children in 2021 to 37 in 2022. Note: Many of the children who previously attended our VBS came from St. James. See the table below for a comparison of the last 2 years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Children/from Zion</u>	<u>Youth/from Zion</u>	<u>Adults/from Zion</u>
2021	54 / 6	19 / 7	18 / 3
2022	37 / 8	19 / 3	16 / 2

Our Youth Helpers were: *Bree Alpin**, *Annabelle Brown**, *Alya Christian**, *Maddie Collins**, *Ryan Connolly**, *Caleb Doerr*, *Jacob Doerr*, *Clara Frierdich**, *Jordan Hazzard**, *Cailyn Kaemmerer**, *Chance O'Sabean**, *Alyvia Petryshyn**, *Chloe Reuter**, *Josephina Riemann*, *Mylie Robertson**, *Alena Schaltenbrand**, *Aubrey Schaltenbrand**, *Austin Smith** and *Madeline Ticknor*.

Our Adult Helpers were: *Ginger Bourn*, *Debbie Doerr*, *Eileen Doerr*, *Jessica Doerr*, *Amanda Frierdich**, *Sue Hoffmeyer*, *Linda Hopfinger*, *Mallory Huebner**, *Kay Mehrstens*, *Elaine Morris*, *Lorraine Obst*, *Vicki Pellmann*, *Barb Savering*, *Darrell Weber*, *Marjie Weber* and *Marge Wolfmeier*.

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

The theme was the desert Southwest, and we had the heat to go with it. But we were cooled off on Friday, the 17th, with a big inflatable water slide.

We learned that “*God loves you no matter what*” (Psalm 89:2), “*God is with you everywhere*” (Joshua 1:9), “*God is in charge*” (Psalm 147:5), “*God is stronger than anything*” (Romans 8:38), and “*God is surprising*” (Psalm 66:5). Interwoven in each day’s theme was the account of Joseph’s life from the book of Genesis.

Youth Group

Our youth leaders are *Darren & Jessica Doerr*, *Kimberly Gibson*, *Dale & Krista Gruenewald*, and *Mark & Kelly Riemann*. We did the following:

Jan. 7 & 8 - This was the annual lock-in. Our lessons covered the “Golden Rule”, and our mission put that into action by stocking shelves and filling bags at the Millstadt Food Pantry. We had 6 youth and 3 adults involved.

Feb. 18 - We started by serving again at the Millstadt Food Pantry, then had supper at Bredeaux Pizza, and ended up at the Kirkwood Ice Rink in Kirkwood, MO. We had 8 youth and 4 adults involved.

March 27 - We went bowling at West Park Bowl in Columbia, IL. We had 15 youth and 6 adults involved.

April 29 - We went to Zion Church Park for a glow Easter Egg Hunt, then to Skyzone in Fenton, MO.

Nov. 12 - 8 youth helped with Zion’s Wurstmarkt.

Nov. 25 - 4 families with 3 youth and 7 kids participated in Millstadt’s Annual Lighted Parade. Our entry was a Charlie Brown Christmas Float – thanks to *Dale*, *Darren* and *Caleb Gruenewald*, *Darrell & Debbie Doerr* and *Earl & Eileen Doerr*.

Dec. 11 - We had 4 youth and 2 adults at the youth Christmas Party, held at Pastor Darrell & Marjie’s home.

We started off the year great following being shut down by covid over the previous 2 years.

Zion Preschool

Our Monday, Wednesday, Friday Preschool saw a big change last year. *Tina Maeder*, our beloved preschool aide for many years, retired over the summer. *Marcia Twellman* accepted the call and began this Fall, serving along with our Preschool Teacher, *Sheila Peters*.

We had 18 3 and 4 year-old preschoolers (our facilities’ limit) for the 2021-2022 school year (which follows the MCS schedule). But we dropped down to 13 for the 2022-2023 school year. In January 2023 an additional preschooler was added.

The drop in preschoolers is due to families wanting all-day daycare in addition to our morning preschool. Since we don’t offer that, a number of families went elsewhere to meet their needs. Our Council has determined that the changes needed to enable us to add daycare is beyond what we are able to do.

Zion's Missions Committee Year End Report

"The Hands and Feet of Christ"

January 2023

The purpose of Zion's Mission Committee 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 2022 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 continued future involvement in missions at Zion.

Zion participates in several great missions. Watch the Visitor for the Mission's Team 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 2022 are summarized here with the amount of Zion's financial gifts to each of these missions:

Month	Mission	Total Given
January	Life Network of Southern Illinois	\$837.89
February	African Vision of Hope	\$792.12
February	Church World Service Blanket Sunday	\$540.00
March	Kids for Christ – Millstadt School	\$507.25
April	Confirmation Projects	\$150.00
May	Evangelical Association	\$500.00
June	Gideon's International	\$1,306.00
July	Wycliffe Bible Translators - Jon & Carol Shaneyfelt	\$242.00
August	Millstadt Senior Center	\$507.00
September	Feed My Starving Children	\$225.00
September	99.1 Joy FM	\$205.00
October	Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes - Postage	\$797.00
October	Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes - 127	\$3,175.00
November	Millstadt Food Pantry	\$245.00
December	Salvation Army - Area Shelters	\$795.00
All Year	Salvation Army - Ukraine	\$1,731.00
All Year	Deacon's Fund	\$700.00
All Year	Sunday School Compassion Kids	\$912.00
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		\$14,167.26

The Deacon's Fund issued checks to 4 different individuals in 2022 for a total distribution of \$700.

This report does not include the monthly donation of food and supplies for the Millstadt Food Pantry nor for the 'Giving Tree' in December which is 'Life Network' and MCC /MCS children (9 children from 5 families) Christmas gifts.

In addition, several families in our congregation also sponsor children through Compassion International.

Zion Evangelical Church Missions Calendar 2023

Month	Date	Mission of the Month	Other
Jan.	1 8 15 22 29	LifeNetwork of Southern Illinois	Baby Bottle project Food Pantry 5th Sunday - Deacon's Fund / Sunshine Mission
Feb.	5 12 19 26	African Vision of Hope	Blanket Sunday Food Pantry
March	5 12 19 26	Kids for Christ - Millstadt	 Food Pantry
April	2 9 16 23 30	Zion Youth Ministries	Youth Mnistries Food Pantry 5th Sunday - Deacon's Fund / Sunshine Mission
May	7 14 21 28	Evangelical Association (EA)	 Food Pantry
June	4 11 18 25	Gideon International	 Food Pantry
July	2 9 16 23 30	Jon & Carol Shaneyfelt with JAARS part of Wycliffe Bible Translators	 Food Pantry 5th Sunday - Deacon's Fund / Sunshine Mission
Aug.	6 13 20 27	Millstadt Senior Center	 Food Pantry
Sept.	3 10 17 24	Feed My Starving Children and JoyFM 95.5 & 99.1	 Food Pantry
Oct.	1 8 15 22 29	Operation Christmas Child (OCC)	 Food Pantry 5th Sunday - Deacon's Fund / Sunshine Mission
Nov.	5 12 19 26	Millstadt Food Panty	OCC In-Gathering Food Pantry
Dec.	3 10 17 24 Su - 24 31	Salvation Army (SA) Area Shelters	Giving Tree Food Pantry SA - Shelters SA - Shelters 5th Sunday - Deacon's Fund / Sunshine Mission

New Life Evangelistic Center	Occasionally supported
Salvation Army - Disaster Relief	Occasionally supported

Zion Evangelical Church Missions Description

Mission Name	Location	Description	Website or Address
African Vision of Hope - EA Eden Church in Edwardsville, IL	Zambia, Africa	Ministry to homeless children	https://africanvisionofhope.org
Blanket Sunday - Church World Service (CWS)	World Wide	Humanitarian aid	https://cwsblankets.org
Compassion International	World Wide	Sunday School sponsors children	https://www.compassion.com
Deacon's Fund	Millstadt, IL & Regional	Financial & other aid	Zion
Evangelical Association (EA)	United States	Networking Evangelical Churches	https://www.evangelicalassociation.org
Feed My Starving Children	World Wide	Food aid	https://www.fmsc.org
Gideon's International	World Wide	Bibles	https://www.gideons.org
Giving Tree	Millstadt, IL & Regional	Christmas gifts for MCS children & LifeNetwork supplies	https://www.mylifenet.org
Jon & Carol Shaneyfelt - supports Wycliffe Bible Translators	World Wide	Bible Translation	https://www.jaars.org
JoyFM	Regional	Christian Radio	https://www.joyfmonline.org
Kids for Christ @ MCS	Millstadt, IL	MCS after school program	https://www.kidsforchristkchs.com
LifeNetwork - Baby Bottle Project	Regional	Pro-Life, Sanctity of Life	https://www.mylifenet.org
LifeNetwork of Southern Illinois	Regional	Pro-Life, Sanctity of Life	https://www.mylifenet.org
Millstadt Food Pantry	Millstadt, IL	Food aid	111 W Laurel, Millstadt, IL 62260
Millstadt Senior Center	Millstadt, IL	Ministry to Millstadt seniors	102 S Jefferson St, Millstadt, IL 62260
New Life Evangelistic Center	St. Louis, MO	Ministry to homeless - as is needed	https://newlifeevangelisticcenter.org
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes (OCC)	World Wide	Christmas gifts for children around the world	https://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ
Salvation Army - Disaster Relief	World Wide	Minismission to disaster victims - as is needed	https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/
Salvation Army - Shelters	Regional	Ministry to area homeless and needy	https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/midland/stclaircounty/
Sunshine Mission	St. Louis, MO	Ministry to homeless	https://www.sunshineministries.org
Zion Youth Ministries	Zion	Youth Group Mission Trips	Zion

Previous Missions Supported by Zion

Mission Name	Location	Description	Website or Address
Angel Tree	Metro St. Louis, MO	Christmas gifts for children of convicts & LifeNetwork supplies	https://www.prisonfellowship.org/about/angel-tree/
Cecilia Por Cristo - Former Zion Member Brenda Meyer	Mexico	Building homes and churches	https://cws.org/usa/usa-projects/angel-tree/
Christ for India (CFI) - EA Pastor Rick Mortimer	India	India mission	https://www.christforindia.org
Christar - EA Missionary Le Miller	France	Mission to Muslims in France	https://www.christar.org
Church Camp	Regional	Youth Church Camp	
Covenant House	St. Louis, MO	Teen runaways and homeless	https://www.covenanthousemo.org
CROP Walk - Church World Service (CWS)	World Wide	Humanitarian aid	https://events.crophungerwalk.org
Dr. Mark & Angie Byler - Relatives of former Zion Member Loren Long	Zimbabwe, Africa	Medical mission	https://zimbabweevangelicalmission.blogspot.com/2015/08/farwell-to-mark-angie-and-loren-byler.html
George "The Shoeman" Water for Kenya	Kenya, Africa	Used Shoes provide water in Kenya	https://tho.plog.org/shoemanwaterproject/50003786-george-water.html
Give A Book - Pastor's daughter and former Peace Corps worker Melissa Weber	Costa Rica	Building 2 Libraries in Costa Rica	https://rainforestevangelical.org/2014/07/11/give-a-book-project-we-need-your-help/
Housing for Haiti	Haiti	Homeless	https://gosevangelical.org/haiti/
Life Chain - Thru St. James Catholic Church	United States	Pro-Life, Sanctity of Life	https://www.lifechain.net
New Athens Home for the Aged	New Athens, IL	Nursing Home	No Longer in Operation
New Life Ranch - Former Zion Member Bethany Mitchell	Celcebr, OK	Youth Outreach	https://newliferanch.com
Thanksgiving Day Dinner - Zion member Timette Hund & Family	Millstadt, IL	Meal & fellowship	Zion
Transport for Christ	East St. Louis, IL	Ministry to truck drivers	https://mfglobal.org

Sisters in Faith
Annual Report 2022

Sisters in Faith began our year by having to cancel our annual Cabin Fever, again, due to the upswing in COVID worries. We served a Lenten meal and were able to hold our regular Spring meetings.

Sisters in Faith helped with pricing of items and worked the day at the Community Yard Sale. We also hosted our annual Spring Luncheon in May. We worked to set up and help out at Vacation Bible School in June. We assisted in funeral luncheons when requested. Always a big thank you to our guys who do all the heavy lifting!

Our Fall meetings began in September. With the generous help of the ladies in the church we had many delicious pies to serve for the Wurstmarkt and helped with the meal packing process. We did enjoy being able to host our Annual Christmas Luncheon in December to honor the quilters and staff.

Sisters in Faith are always happy to welcome fresh faces to our meetings and activities.

We would like to thank each of you for your support and assistance in serving our church and the community.

Yours in Christ,

Charlotte Mehrtens

President

Zion Evangelical Congregational Meeting

January 30, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Dale Gruenewald at 11:20 a.m. with 47 members in attendance. Pastor Darrell Weber gave the opening prayer.

Minutes from the January 31, 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting was reviewed with one change being to change the name to Kelly Woehlke to Kelly Riemann. David Woehlke made a motion and seconded by Bill Savering to accept the minutes as changed. Motion carried.

Audit Report: The audit committee of Bob Stumpf, Ray Hohlt and Dan Haas reported the books in order. President Dale Gruenewald thanked the committee for their time in doing the books.

Treasurer's Report: President Dale Gruenewald acknowledge Rich Hoffelmeyer for all his work as acting treasurer since the sudden passing of Pam Gowens on January 4, 2021. Barbra Scharf made a motion to accept the treasurer report and seconded by Stacy Woehlke, motion carried.

In Loving Trust Window: The council recommendation that the In Loving Trust Window of \$2,149.05 be used to purchase a second AED Unit for the basement dining room. Linda Hopfinger made a motion and Ginger Bourn seconded the motion, motion carried.

Old Business: Earl Doerr presented the plan to sell the Hecke Property on Albert Lane which is 3 acres plus with a shed on it and use the money to build a new shed at the church park which would be close to town. The new shed would be 40 x 60 to store the mowers and other equipment and yard sale items. David Woehlke made a motion to sell the property before the new shed would be built at the church park. Asking price of the property is \$125,000.00. Council will try to sell property if not after 60 to 90 days we will give it to a realtor to sell. Darren Gruenewald seconded the motion, motion carried.

Search Committee for a new office administrator/Financial Treasurer consist of Barbara Scharf, Kim Mueller and Les Mehrtens. They are interviewing applicants and hope to have someone interviewed for the position soon. Job is 30 hours per week.

There being no other business Krista Gruenewald made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Linda Hopfinger, motion carried at 11:40 a.m.

Meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

President – Dale Gruenewald

Secretary – Charlotte Mehrtens

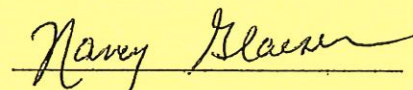
2022 Mid-year Audit Committee Report

30 August 2022

At the direction of the Zion Evangelical Church Council President, Mr. Dale Gruenewald, I scheduled a mid-year audit of the 2022 Church financials on Tuesday, the 30th of August 2022. The audit was performed by Ms. Nancy Glaeser, Mr. Robert Timmer, and Ms. Stacy Woehlke.

The mid-year audit for 2022 was completed and all was found to be satisfactory. The committee would like to thank the Office Administrator/Treasurer, Ms. Amanda Friedrich for being available and providing all of the necessary records for review.

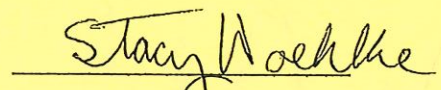
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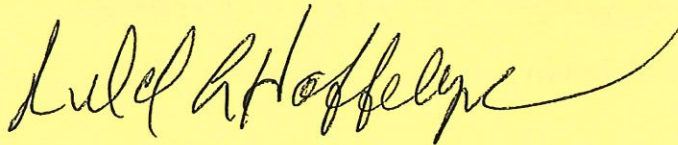
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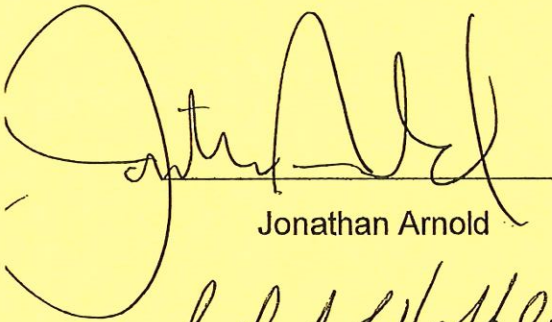
2022 Year-End Audit Committee Report

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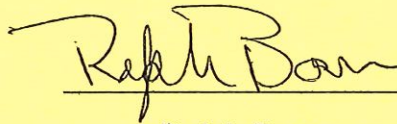
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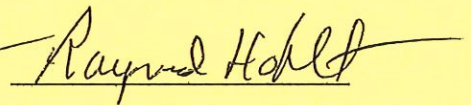
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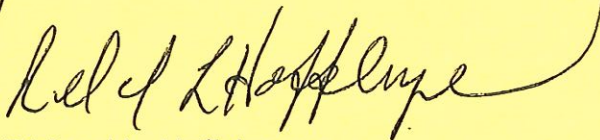
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ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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

FUND NAMES	BALANCE	INCOME	TRANSFER/ DONATION	EXPENSE	TRANSFER	BALANCE
	as of 12/31/21					as of 12/31/22
Freivogel Cemetery	\$ 20,165.01	\$ (2,813.73)	\$ 175,000.00			\$ 192,351.28
ILTW Fund	\$ 118,340.58	\$ (1,028.59)	\$ 2,149.05		\$ -	\$ 119,461.04
ILTW Fund Interest for 2021--(GF Checking)	\$ 2,149.05		\$ -		\$ 2,149.05	\$ -
Memorial	\$ 37,386.82	\$ 2,294.31	\$ 17,194.32			\$ 56,875.45
Music	\$ 6,329.64					\$ 6,329.64
Organ Repair	\$ 313.59				\$ 313.59	\$ -
Special Sunday School	\$ 976.14				\$ 976.14	\$ -
Stained Glass Window	\$ 4,000.00					\$ 4,000.00
Park Gazebo	\$ 214.50				\$ 214.50	\$ -
MFischer Gift Fund	\$ 305,008.32	\$ 1,551.62	\$ 31,767.96	\$ 8,539.50	\$ 31,767.96	\$ 329,788.40
MFischer Gift Fund Balance-xfr to Fund	\$ 31,767.96					\$ -
J&M Eckert Gift Fund	\$ -	\$ 777.36	\$ 186,953.35			\$ 187,730.71
Deacon	\$ 2,088.75	\$ 995.00		\$ 700.00		\$ 2,383.75
Elevator	\$ 14,150.00	\$ 591.00				\$ 14,741.00
IH Investment	\$ 13,325.73	\$ (155.92)			\$ 13,169.81	\$ -
IH Property Sale Proceeds	\$ -	\$ 84,637.67			\$ 32,369.80	\$ 52,267.87
EJ Money Market Stock (was SW Bancorp)	\$ 3,513.64	\$ (993.36)			\$ 2,520.28	\$ (0.00)
Future Park Projects	\$ 14,194.66	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 32,369.80	\$ 44,564.46	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (0.00)
Mower Fund	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 5,000.00			\$ 15,000.00
General Fund Checking--Less '21 ILTW INT	\$ 84,066.06			\$ 8,252.03		\$ 75,814.03
TOTAL	\$ 667,990.45	\$ 88,855.36	\$ 450,434.48	\$ 62,055.99	\$ 88,481.13	\$ 1,056,743.17

- o The 2021 ILTW Interest (\$2149.05) was transferred in December 2021 to the general fund to spend. In December 2022 it was transferred back to the ILTW Fund. Was not able to procure the AED as recommended by the Council and approved at the January 2022 Congregation Mtg.
- o For 2022, the ILTW Fund interest was \$1671.94. This remains in the ILTW Fund account.
- o During 2022 we received two very generous gifts from the Jim and Mary Eckert Estate.
 - We received \$186,953.35 with no designation. These funds have been placed in an investment (Jan 2023) in the name of J&M Eckert Gift Fund
 - We received \$175,000 designated for the Cemetery. These funds have been added to our Cemetery Fund
- o In December 2022, the Council approved closing out some of our smaller funds and transferring the monies to the Memorial Fund
 - We closed out the Organ Repair, Special Sunday School, Park Gazebo, SW Bancorp, and the IHecke Investment Funds and transferred to the Memorial Fund
 - The majority of the Memorial Fund has been invested at Central Investments rather than setting in the Central Bank Money Market Acct
- o During 2022 Funds from the MFischer Gift fund were used to pay for West Wing Roof repairs and part of the tree removal at the Park
- o In 2022, the 3 acre property East of town that was donated by Irma Hecke was sold for \$84,637.67 As of 31 December 2022, \$32,369.80 was used to construct a new shed at the church park. These funds will continue to be used during 2023 to complete the new shed at the park.

2022 Money Market and Checking Accounts			Total Fund	Less
	MMA	CKG	Balance	Investment
31 December 2022 Closing	\$347,424.61	\$78,902.99		
MFisher Fund-MMA Balance	\$23,228.46		\$329,788.40	\$306,559.94
ILTWF-MMA Balance	\$6,734.90		\$119,461.04	\$112,726.14
Cemetary Fund-MMA Balance	\$32,497.14		\$192,351.28	\$159,854.14
Memorial Fund-MMA Balance	\$2,511.14		\$56,875.45	\$54,364.31
J&M Eckert Fund-MMA Balance	\$187,730.71		\$187,730.71	\$0.00
IHeckie Prop Sale-MMA Balance	\$52,267.87			
Stain Glass Window Fund	\$4,000.00			
Mower Fund	\$15,000.00			
Future Park Projects Fund	\$0.00			
Elevator Fund	\$14,741.00			
Music Fund	\$6,329.64			
Organ Repair Fund	\$0.00			
Park Gazebo Fund	\$0.00			
Spec Sunday School Fund	\$0.00			
Deacons Fund	\$2,383.75			
IRS Liability		\$2,606.18		
IL Dept of Revenue Liability		\$482.80		
General Fund		\$75,814.01		
Total Funds Balance	\$347,424.61	\$78,902.99		
Account Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00		
		\$0.00		

**Zion Evangelical Church
2022 Treasurer's Report
GENERAL FUND**

INCOME	2022 Budget	2022 12/31/2022	2023 Budget
Offerings		\$ 176,712.77	
Offerings-On Line		\$ -	
Lent		\$ 2,816.00	
Sunday School		\$ 75.00	
Food Pantry		\$ 548.00	
Youth		\$ 809.00	
Senior Center		\$ 477.00	
KFC Kids for Christ		\$ 507.25	
SA Salvation Army		\$ 585.00	
Salvation Army Disaster Relieve--Ukraine		\$ 2,206.00	
Life Network		\$ 857.89	
Blanket Sunday		\$ 540.00	
Music Offering		\$ 50.00	
Vacation Bible School		\$ 510.00	
Wycliffe Bible		\$ 242.00	
Gideon International		\$ 1,256.00	
Z-Team Projects Offering		\$ 200.00	
Cemetary Memorials/Income		\$ 1,800.00	
Memorial Donations		\$ 2,935.00	
Operation Christmas Child		\$ 897.00	
Missions Projects/Stewardship		\$ 325.00	
Joy 99.1 FM		\$ 205.00	
Feed my Starving Children		\$ 225.00	
African Vision of Hope		\$ 792.12	
Preschool Income		\$ 26,180.00	
Zion Church Use		\$ 300.00	
Fellowship Hall Use		\$ 315.00	
Zion Park Use		\$ 995.00	
Future Park Projects		\$ 3,593.01	
Donations Misc.		\$ 70.00	
Soda Machine		\$ 47.80	
IN & OUT		\$ 613.99	
Flowers In & Out		\$ 365.00	
Fellowship Projects & Events-family night, games, etc.		\$ 462.75	
Zion Trivia Night		\$ 4,186.00	
Investment Income/Loss & Interest		\$ (3,669.64)	
Wurstmarkt		\$ 3,331.00	
Homecoming		\$ -	
Deacons Fund Income/Donations		\$ 995.00	
Elevator Fund		\$ 591.00	
INCOME GRAND TOTAL		\$ 233,946.94	

preschool income	\$ 26,180.00
missions income	\$ 10,472.26
General Fund Total	<u>\$ 197,294.68</u>

EXPENSES	2022 Budget	2022 12/31/2022	2023 Budget
Christian Education			
Church School	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 4,280.42	\$ 3,000.00
Vacation Bible School	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,876.47	\$ 1,800.00
Adult Groups	\$ 500.00	\$ 205.98	\$ 500.00
Youth Groups	\$ 500.00	\$ 171.96	\$ 500.00
Confirmation	\$ 300.00	\$ 329.22	\$ 300.00
Worship			
Altar Supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ 242.32	\$ 200.00
Worship Bulletins	\$ 800.00	\$ 541.78	\$ 700.00
Music & Choir	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Music Copyright	\$ 250.00	\$ 226.00	\$ 250.00
Guest Musicians	\$ -	\$ 450.00	\$ 400.00
Guest Ministers/Speakers	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
Committee Ministries			
Worship (Miscellaneous)	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,012.45	\$ 900.00
Stewardship-Mission (All)	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Fellowship Events	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,818.34	\$ 5,000.00
Parish & Pastor Relations	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Evangelical Dues & Offering	\$ 500.00	\$ 579.44	\$ 500.00
1. Equipping and Serving the Congregation	\$ 14,450.00	\$ 14,034.38	\$ 14,950.00

		2022 Budget	2022 12/31/2022	2023 Budget	
Pastor Darrell Weber	Salary	\$ 55,350.00	\$ 55,350.00	\$ 58,650.00	
	\$0.585 (1st half) for 2022	Mileage Allowance @.56/mi	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 957.92	\$ 1,200.00
	\$0.625 (2nd half) for 2022	Social Security	\$ 5,504.56	\$ 5,504.64	\$ 5,833.00
		Housing	\$ 16,605.00	\$ 16,605.00	\$ 17,595.00
		Health & Dental Insurance	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
		Continuing Education	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
		Books	\$ 500.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 500.00
		Annuity	\$ 11,153.02	\$ 11,153.04	\$ 11,818.00
Treasurer		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Secretary 2022 Darlene Fill in)	\$15.00/16.00	\$ -	\$ 2,332.50	\$ -	
Office Administrator/Treasurer	\$16.00/17.00/18.00	\$ 25,977.60	\$ 19,848.00	\$ 28,512.00	
Health Ins Allowance-Office Admin		\$ 3,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Organists	\$90.00/93.00	\$ 4,470.00	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 4,480.00	
Cemetery Custodian	\$15.00/16.00	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 945.00	\$ 1,400.00	
Park Custodian		\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	
Church Custodian	\$15.00/16.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,598.44	\$ 4,000.00	
Employer FICA		\$ 4,850.00	\$ 4,112.66	\$ 5,290.00	
Workman's Comp Insurance		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 853.00	\$ 1,000.00	
2. Staff Expense		\$ 142,970.18	\$ 132,401.20	\$ 149,278.00	

Meetings & Registration		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Office Supplies & Expenses		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,916.26	\$ 3,000.00
Postage		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,453.00	\$ 1,400.00
Printed Materials & Devotionals		\$ 200.00	\$ 87.60	\$ 200.00
Office Equipment/Copier Lease		\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,064.69	\$ 5,500.00
Internet/Phone Services		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,199.07	\$ 2,800.00
Information Technology		\$ 500.00	\$ 92.65	\$ 500.00
Computer Software and Subscriptions		\$ -	\$ 819.13	\$ 700.00
Employee Recruiting Expense		\$ -	\$ 177.64	\$ -
Miscellaneous		\$ 900.00	\$ 365.24	\$ 600.00
Bank Charges and Fees		\$ -	\$ 40.65	\$ -
Tax Filing Fee--On line		\$ -	\$ 14.85	\$ 20.00
Tax Penalty and Interest		\$ -	\$ 151.55	\$ -
On-Line Payment Charges		\$ 120.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
3. Administration Expense		\$ 15,020.00	\$ 15,482.33	\$ 14,820.00

Church Utilities		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,541.89	\$ 14,000.00
Insurance Premiums		\$ 13,500.00	\$ 14,918.48	\$ 14,000.00
Custodial Supplies		\$ 200.00	\$ 192.37	\$ 200.00
Maintenance & Repair		\$ 5,500.00	\$ 7,404.47	\$ 6,000.00
Park & Cemetery Expenses (fuel)		\$ 700.00	\$ 893.48	\$ 700.00
Organ and Piano Tuning		\$ 400.00	\$ 610.00	\$ 400.00
Park Expense		\$ 2,600.00	\$ 3,425.51	\$ 800.00
Parsonage Utilities		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,157.44	\$ 1,100.00
Future Parks Projects		\$ -	\$ 44,564.46	\$ -
Parsonage Maintenance		\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Cemetery Expenses (general)		\$ -	\$ 1,353.99	\$ -
Mfischer Expense			\$ 8,539.50	
ILTWf Interest Expenditure--2021 Interest		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4. Building & Grounds Expense		\$ 36,400.00	\$ 93,601.59	\$ 37,700.00
SUBTOTAL for GENERAL FUND ONLY		\$ 208,840.18	\$ 255,519.50	\$ 216,748.00

FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

Food Pantry		\$ -		
Church World Services		\$ 540.00		
Designated Offerings to Missions Projects		\$ 9,166.46		
Deacons Fund Paid Out		\$ 700.00		
IN & OUT Expense		\$ 1,000.29		
Preschool Teacher	\$ 21,254.40	\$ 18,632.00	\$ 20,690.00	
Preschool Teacher (SUB)	\$ 430.00	\$ 293.00	\$ 445.00	
Preschool Aides	\$ 5,018.40	\$ 5,146.00	\$ 7,120.00	
Pre School Expenses	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	
Z-Team Donations Disbursements		\$ 200.00		
5. Total Investments for Ministry	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 235,842.98	\$ 291,197.25	\$ 245,303.00

6. 2021 Income Less Expenses		\$ (57,250.31)		
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Extraordinary Expenses in 2022:

- o New Park Shed: \$44,564.46
- o W Wing Roof Repair \$7392
- o Cemetery Survey: \$1307
- o Tree (3) removal at park: \$3895
- o Total: \$57,158.46

	Income	Expense	under/over
Preschool	\$ 26,180.00	\$ 25,912.43	\$267.57
Fellowship Events	\$ 7,979.75	\$ 3,818.34	\$4,161.41
Missions	\$ 10,472.26	\$ 9,706.46	\$765.80