

Through Zion's Window

March 2019



Dear friends in Christ,

It's been a month since I began calling Cross and Zion home.

Like any move it takes some time to settle in to new spaces and new routines. I'm still in that process – the differences between Zion and Cross and my previous parish are immense. Of course, when settling into a new place, the neighbors can make or break the joy. You folks are awesome. You've welcomed me with open arms, are bearing with patience my struggle with remembering names☺, and possibly most importantly, you bring the food! I want to thank all of you for the opportunities for fellowship we've had and will have. My son, visiting from La Crosse a couple of weeks ago, felt the sense of welcome. Again, thank you.

Despite the differences between my "homes" there are some similarities. Most important is the reason for the presence of both spaces – bearing God's love and Christ's redeeming work to a hurting world. As I settle in it is a blessing to see so many people here intentionally and actively going about that work. I look forward to working alongside you as we seek to connect with God, each other, and our community, grow in our faith and understanding of God, and serve God through serving one another, our community, and all of God's children.

Over the next few months I will be working with councils to look at more ways we can continue to grow together in our understanding of the love of God for each of us and bearing that love into the world. As the weather warms (I'm an optimist) I'm hoping to begin adult bible studies during the week, small groups, and youth activities. If you have suggestions please let me, our gracious and hardworking secretaries – Terri and Danielle, or council members know them.

May our time together be blessed, thank you.

Pastor Doug



February 3, 2018 Council Minutes –

The meeting was brought to order by President Jerry Liesener at 9:52 am. Devotions were led by Christine Siedschlag. Devotions for next month's meeting will be led by Carrie Wendorf. A motion was made by Christine, seconded by Franklin Wolter, to approve the minutes from December as printed, motion carried.

Carrie reviewed the treasurer's report. Motion by Christine, seconded by John Siedschlag to file for audit. All in favor, motion carried.

Worship – will be setting up a time to meet with Pastor Doug and the worship committee members. Any announcements that need to be included in the service projection can be given to John Siedschlag or emailed to him at kb9utu@charter.net. Watch the newsletter and emails for updates on the Lenten service times and locations.

Evangelism – a card making workshop was held after service on January 27th. Over 55 cards were made! Watch for information on additional workshop dates.

Missions – Zion served Bread and Roses on January 17th. Zion is hosting the Blood Drive on Monday, March 11th at the Ashippun Town Hall. Chris will be looking for volunteers to make bars and cookies. The residents of Ashippun housing will be provided with meal tickets to attend the Chili Lunch. This will take the place of the February meal the council would have normally hosted for them.

Building and Grounds – the worship time for Zion will be changed to 8:30 am on the new sign in the lower parking lot.

Old Business – New carpeting will be installed in the next few weeks.

New Business – The annual meeting will be held on February 10th after worship. Anna Gramling will again be the chair for the annual chili lunch and pie auction will be on February 24th. A \$250.00 Thrivent Action Team will be used to purchase supplies for the event. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex for volunteers to sign up for helping on Saturday and Sunday and for donating pies. Proceeds will go towards the new carpeting.

The next Council meeting will be on March 10th. Motion was made by Franklin, seconded by Jeanine Heinrich to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 am, motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Tunak



Zion Lutheran Church, ELCA

Chili Lunch and Pie Auction

Sunday, February 24

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Zion Lutheran Church will host their Annual Chili Lunch and Pie Auction in

ZION'S FELLOWSHIP HALL ~ N557 MAIN STREET, ASHIPGUN

Join us for Fun & Fellowship ~ Everyone is Welcome!

LENTEN *Schedule*

March 6 --- Ash Wednesday – Zion/Holy Name Joint Worship

March 13 --- Zion Lutheran/Holy Name of Jesus

March 20 --- St. Catherine's of Alexandria - Mapleton

March 27 --- St. Paul's Episcopal Church – Hwy P/Ashippun

April 3 --- Cross Lutheran Church – Ixonia

April 10 -- St. Olaf's Lutheran Church - Alderly

All Services are Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

Evangelism News...



We're celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday at coffee hour on March 3.
Bring a new or used book to donate to the Little Free Library.



Coffee Hour

You are invited to bring a treat to share any Sunday.



If you would like to reserve a coffee hour for a special occasion, please let Doreen know.
(A calendar is not posted on the bulletin board.)

LakeWalk for Cancer - Zion Spirit

It's time to think about registering to join the annual LakeWalk for Cancer. The walk begins at 10 a.m. from Fowler Park on Saturday, May 4.

The route around Fowler Lake is just about two miles. There is also an optional route extension should you want to walk longer.

Take advantage of early registration and on-line savings. \$25 if you register by March 20. If you register on-line, the fee is \$20. You save \$5!

Visit their secure website at
ProHealthCare.org/WalksforCancer

Join our team **Zion Spirit!**

Need additional information?
Contact Doreen

Card Workshop

Many hands made quick work making cards on January 27. A total of 50 cards were completed in 1 ½ hours. In addition, 24 bags were decorated of which 12 were stuffed with goodies and ready for delivery. Another 20 cards were finished after the workshop for a grand total of **70!**

Thank you for your time!



Doreen Schultz
Evangelism Chair



American Red Cross

Blood Services

Zion will be serving at the Ashippun Blood Mobile on Monday March 11, 2019 ~ Volunteer sign-ups for shifts 12-3p or 3-6p ~ Bar or Cookie Donations ~ Sign-up sheet in Narthex or contact Christine Siedschlag- csiedschlag@att.~

Or if you can donate...

Ashippun Town Hall

W1266 Hwy O

Ashippun, WI 53003

03/11/2019 | 12:00 PM - 06:00 PM

Note: Appointments preferred; walk-ins welcome!



On behalf of Missions, I would like to thank Zion members for their generosity in volunteer time and food donations for the January 24th Bread and Roses Meal. The community participants enjoyed a delicious Taco Dinner along with our donations of rolls, salad-with fresh veggies and homemade croutons, milk and the traditional homemade

Zion desserts which are always a favorite. Please view the church website for a photo of Zion's Volunteer Helpers. Thank-you Pastor Doug for joining us

Blessings to all of you,
Christine
Zion Missions Committee



Sincere and heartfelt thanks to our "Zion family" for your kindness and generosity. I was humbled by the ways in which you shared your affection for Dave and the ways in which his life touched yours. Your contribution of time in preparing for the service and meal and its clean up, your cordiality at the service, hours spent both in your kitchen and the church kitchen in food preparation, in serving both the food and Dave's "special," in sharing your memories, stories, beautiful cards and notes as well as your financial memorial gifts, and all the thoughtful things you did that helped my family and me grieve less and celebrate more will be cherished forever. *Thank you* hardly seems adequate but know all of us cherish each of those gestures.

Sandy Jaeger and Family

**Zion Lutheran Church, ELCA – Annual Meeting
February 10, 2019**

The 2018 annual meeting was called to order President Jerry Liesener at 9:55 am with 43 voting members present. Devotions were led by Pastor Doug.

A motion was made by Bill Jaeger, seconded by Bill Mack to accept the February 11, 2018 annual meeting minutes and the November 18, 2018 special congregational meeting minutes as printed in the annual report. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Carrie Wendorf explained the 2018 treasurer's report as printed in the annual report. A motion was made by Wendy Egholm, seconded by Linda Braunschweig to accept the treasurer's report as printed. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Carrie Wendorf presented the 2019 budget. A motion was made by Paul Egholm, seconded by Franklin Wolter, to accept the 2019 budget as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

The Endowment Fund report was presented by Jerry Liesener. A motion was made by Erla Newbecker, seconded by Mike Johnson, to accept the endowment fund report as printed. All in favor, motion carried.

President Jerry Liesener appointed Paul Egholm and Mike Johnson as ballot clerks.

Jerry Liesener was brought forth by the nominating committee for the position of President. A motion was made by Allen Petersen, seconded by Sandy Jaeger, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to accept Jerry Liesener as President for a 1-year term. All in favor, motion carried.

Wendy Egholm was brought forth by the nominating committee for the position of Worship. A motion was made by Sandy Jaeger, seconded by Paul Egholm, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to accept Wendy Egholm for Worship for a 3-year term to end in 2022. All in favor, motion carried.

Christine Siedschlag was brought forth by the nominating committee for the position of Missions. Christine currently holds the position and would stay on the Council for another 3-year term. A motion was made by Jim Franke, seconded by Wendy Egholm, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to accept Christine Siedschlag for Missions for a 3-year term to end in 2022. All in favor, motion carried.

John Siedschlag was brought forth by the nominating committee for the position of Building and Grounds. A motion was made by Jim Franke, seconded by Mike Johnson, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to accept John Siedschlag for Building and Grounds for a 3-year term to end in 2022. All in favor, motion carried.

President Jerry Liesener appointed Terry Clemans and Erla Newbecker to the Endowment Committee for a 3-year term ending in 2022. Other members of the committee are:
Wendy Egholm term ends 2020, and Barth Liesener and Ryan Altreuter term ending in 2021.

President Jerry Liesener appointed the Brian Schlieve to the Audit Committee for a 3-year term thru 2022. Other members of the committee are: Lester Schuett term ends in 2020 and Debbie Guenther term ends in 2021.

Heidi Tunak (Parish Ed), Jeanine Heinrich (Stewardship), Doreen Schultz (Evangelism) and Shari Franke were appointed to the Nominating Committee.

Linda Braunschweig volunteered to be a delegate at the 2019 Synod Convention on May 31-June 1 which will be held at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee. She encouraged other congregation members to attend with her.

Committee Reports – Jerry noted that several reports thanked congregation members that said “yes” when asked to volunteer and help around the church and community. Sandy Jaeger commented that Zion is a little church with a BIG heart.

Old Business – Jerry recognized the MET and call committee members for their time and effort on the committees. The committees consisted of Lynn Clemans, Allen Petersen, Annette Christopherson, Jeanine Heinrich, Sandy Jaeger and Franklin Wolter. Carpeting installation will begin on Monday February 11th.

New Business – a new laptop will be purchased for the treasurer this year. One of the projectors needed to be replaced in 2018, money has been placed in the budget in case the other projector would need to be replaced. Some of the building and grounds projects for 2019 will include: new lighting for the steeple; removal and replacement of the shrubs around the church; new sign for the bell tower; stripping and re-waxing the basement floor; solving the moisture issue in the northeast corner of the basement.

A motion was made by Jeanine Heinrich, seconded by Bill Mack, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Tunak
2018 Council Secretary



On January 20, 2019, we installed our new pastor, Pastor Doug Andersen.

Pastor Doug has office hours at Zion on Tuesdays from 1:00-3:30 pm and Wednesdays from 8:30 – 3:00 pm and he is always available by appointment. His contact information is below if you wish to schedule something with him.

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