

# Through Zion's Window

April 2022



Dear friends in Christ,

As our journey through Lent nears its end and we approach Holy Week I would like to share a poem with you. I like this poem because it speaks of the *truth* of the cross. Whereas, too often, the cross is glorified this poem speaks of pain and hurt that is often more the truth of our lives. However, it also speaks to the hope of the cross that was revealed at the empty tomb. May you find it meaningful as well.

## **At the Foot of the Cross**

At the foot of the cross, I lay it all down  
Everything in my life, that's hidden deep inside  
I give it away, for my Savior to heal  
These fears that I have, that I've buried for years  
At the feet of Jesus, my heart pours out tears  
As I kneel and pray, my thoughts become clear  
And I finally see what's so very dear

At the foot of the cross, I cry out in pain  
Anguishing thoughts pour out like rain  
But, amidst these tears, I find a peace so calm  
As Jesus scurries in, the darkness fades away  
My heart is freed, my mind once again sane  
And the past torments I've had are forever washed away  
My life burns brighter, like the dawning of a new day

At the foot of the cross, I'm loved and not lost  
Where the Holy drops of blood, have paid off sin's costs  
And the Savior was taken, now risen once more  
Through the grace of God, the veil was torn

And the world was cast a new rope of hope  
Dangling freely from Heaven, climbable by faith alone  
To an eternal place, where sin and death are dead

At the foot of the cross, life can be found  
On your knees draped in blood, on Calvary's sacred ground.

by Steven

## “Who’s on First?”

Dear friends in Christ,

Over the last few months there have been many changes in the various roles here at Zion. Three of them stand out to me because they have resulted in changing expectations. So I think it is a good time to review them and ensure that we are all on the same page.

1. The greatest change happened in the office last November. Danielle, who had been our secretary for many, many years moved on to a new job. The council hired Adeline Schultz, who was (and still is) the secretary at Cross. Addy was hired for 5 hours a week on Wednesday morning to early afternoon (normally about 8:30 – 1:30). This schedule has resulted in the greatest confusion over the expectations of what she would be doing.

When Danielle was doing the job she was available to answer emails and phone calls nearly every day (and she was paid accordingly). This is **not** Addy’s schedule nor the expectations for her role. Addy will check emails and voicemails on **Wednesday** and respond to requests/needs. This means that you (the members and volunteers here at Zion) will need to plan accordingly; anticipating what you will need from her earlier.

In the event something comes up that requires a more immediate response please contact me (Pastor Doug). If needed, I will then contact Addy outside her normal hours and work with her to get any tasks completed. Please remember that Addy has a young family and, when not at the office on her scheduled times, is spending time with the family.

2. At the same time that Danielle was our secretary she was also our custodian. On her departure the council sought out a replacement for that position also. Franklin Wolter stepped up and, officially beginning in January, became our new custodian. We have a large space, especially when we consider the lower level. Like Addy, Franklin was hired with the anticipation of his spending about 5 hours a week cleaning the church. For anyone who has done custodial work you probably realize that it is impossible to clean every space in our building every week within 5 hours. So, Franklin will clean our common spaces upstairs (Church and Sanctuary, Sacristy, Narthex, offices and bathrooms) on a weekly basis. As time permits he will also attend to the remaining spaces. It is much easier to keep a space this large clean if there are many eyes looking it over. Franklin has asked for *polite* feedback. If you see something that needs attention, please leave a note in his mailbox at church or let him know if you see him during the week. I would like to ask you to not talk to him about custodial issues on Sunday morning. Sunday morning is a time for him to join us in worship with his beautiful wife Karen! It is not a time to be thinking about work!
3. Finally, just a couple of weeks ago John Siedschlag decided it was a good opportunity to move on from his role of preparing our weekly worship slides. This position is still open. It is a paid position so if you know anyone who would like to pick up a few dollars every week please let someone on the council or myself know. At the moment, I am preparing the slides and I would be happy to talk with anyone who is interested in the position about what it entails. Again, feedback is helpful.

If you notice errors or find slides unreadable (due to font size, color, and so on) please let me know. Sunday mornings are not such a great time as I am often focused on other aspects of worship. Both notes left on my desk (or in my mailbox) or emails ([danderse@luthersem.edu](mailto:danderse@luthersem.edu)) work very well 😊

Of course there are so many others who work hard to keep our church active every week and who plan our many extra activities; even starting new ones up like "Crafts and Snacks Night". The first one of these is Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – I hope you can attend!

To all of you who work behind the scenes and donate so many hours to the life and work of this church and congregation – Thank You!

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Doug*



**Church Council Meeting March 13, 2021**, The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Liesner at 9:42 AM.

A motion was made to nominate Christine Siedschlag to the Position of Vice President and Mike Johnson to the position of Secretary. The motion was acted on and approved.

### **Reports:**

**Pastor's Report:** Since COVID is declining, Pastor Doug recommended we drop the current restrictions as of Easter Sunday. The motion was made and approved.

**Worship:** The congregation is looking to obtain some red hymnals from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lebanon. The Council approved giving Immanuel \$250.00 as compensation.

**Old Business:** Various Ministries will be shared from now on by the entire council.

**New business:** The fee to use the fellowship hall was discussed. It was decided that \$100.00 refundable deposit would be assessed to Zion members, and a \$100.00 fee would be charged to non-members. This means that if the members clean adequately after use, they would not pay anything. The non-members would pay regardless.

The Council needs to get together with Addy, our new church secretary to discuss her various duties and pay. As such, the council needs to draft a job description, review that items are commonly understood, and define our expectations. We should draft these before our next council meeting.

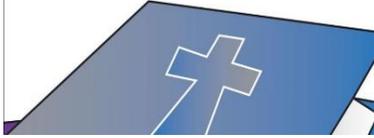
The meeting was adjourned at 10:11AM We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Johnson, Council Secretary.



## Adult Education



Adult Education will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. For April this will be Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at Zion.

We finished our book study and are now transitioning to a text study format. We will be looking at the next week's readings at each gathering. All are Welcome!

**Easter Plants:** Anyone who has Easter Lilies they would like to share for Easter Sunday, please have them to the church by 9am on Saturday, April 16. Thank you! - Cindy Wagner



Dear Zion Members,

On Behalf of the Ashippun Blood Mobile, I Would like to thank you for the preparation of barbeque, the volunteering in the canteen, and for the baking and donating of delicious bars and cookies. They were so enjoyed by the donors and workers. 82 folks donated blood that day.

Blessings to all of you,  
Christine – Zion Missions Committee

Please mark your calendars for **Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>**. Zion will be hosting Bread and Roses. Currently they are serving take out only so I will be waiting to hear how the event will be run as it gets closer to our date. Please watch the Narthex bulletin board for a sign-up sheet.

Thank-you,  
Christine - Zion Missions Committee



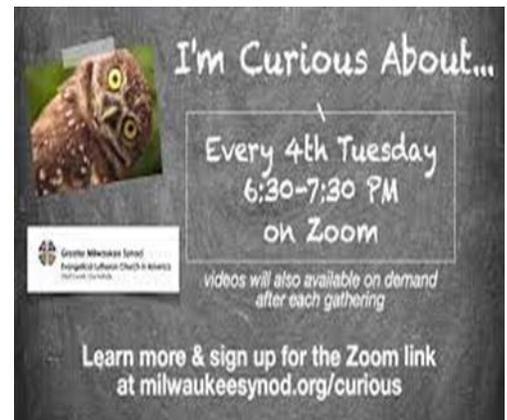
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Ellen Braunschweig  
Shirley Chatfield  
Carly Ostrom  
Peyton Wolter  
Tom & Donna Meotke  
Wilber Pieper  
Ross & Jacob Kopfer  
Patrick Jones  
Art Hall  
The Family of Virginia Siedschlag

Our synod's Mission Table will host an hour-long, monthly gathering on Zoom for Christians who want to dream together about where God is leading the Church.

New topics each month, every 4th Tuesday from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, via Zoom. Come, hear inspiring reflections from others. No experience is needed. All voices are welcome.



Contact Rev. Matthew Short at [matt@milwaukeesynod.org](mailto:matt@milwaukeesynod.org) with questions.



There will not be coffee time on Friday's during the Lenten Season. Pastor will resume coffee shop visits after Easter.

Palm Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> 8:30am at Zion and 10:00am at Cross  
Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm at Cross  
Good Friday Service 7:00pm at Zion  
Easter Sunday Worship: April 17<sup>th</sup> 8:30am at Zion and 10:00am at Cross

