

Through Zion's Window

March 2024

Dear friends in Christ,

As we journey together through this sacred season of Lent, I encourage you to consider the opportunity it presents for each of us to embark on a personal journey of introspection and spiritual renewal. Lent, derived from the Anglo-Saxon word "lencten," meaning springtime, heralds a time of new beginnings, growth, and transformation.

In the rhythm of our liturgical calendar, Lent serves as a period of forty days, mirroring the time Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness, grappling with temptation and preparing for his ministry. It is a season characterized by prayer, fasting, and acts of service—a time to deepen our relationship with God and to realign our lives with the teachings of Christ.

In the hustle and bustle of our modern world, Lent beckons us to pause, to step back from the noise and distractions that often cloud our hearts and minds and to linger in the presence of God. It is an invitation to embrace simplicity, to strip away the excess, and to focus on what truly matters. Like pruning a vine to encourage new growth, Lent calls us to examine our lives honestly, to identify those areas in need of transformation, and to cultivate the fruits of the Spirit within us.

Yet, Lent is not merely a season of solemnity and self-denial; it is also a season of hope and anticipation. As we journey through the wilderness (and, if we're honest with ourselves, the chaos and uncertainty) of our own lives, we are reminded of the promise of Easter—the promise of resurrection, of new life emerging from the ashes of the old. Even in our moments of darkness and despair, we are called to remember that the light of Christ shines ever brightly, illuminating our path and guiding us toward redemption.

As we journey on this pilgrimage together, let us embrace the Lenten season with open hearts and minds. Let us continue to commit ourselves to prayerful reflection, to acts of compassion and justice, and to walking ever closer in the footsteps of our Savior. May this season be a time of deep spiritual renewal and transformation for each of us, and may we emerge from it strengthened, inspired, and ever more fully alive in Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Doug





Zion Parsh Council Meeting Minutes January 14, 2023-REVISED

Meeting called to order at 9:44 AM by President Jerry Liesener.

Members present: Jerry Liesener, Pastor Andersen, Frank Wolter, Chris Siedschlag, Natalie Siedschlag, Deanna Braunschweig, Carrie Wendorf, Sally Schoenike and Debbie Guenther

Devotions were led by Jerry. There will be none in February as that is the Annual Meeting. The March devotions to be led by Pastor.

The secretary's report was approved on motions by Frank and Chris.

The treasurer's report was approved on motions by Deanna and Debbie. Carrie noted that when council members counted the monies collected on Sunday's that just the cash is to be counted and the envelopes are not to be opened.

Pastor stated that the Christmas services went well. Also, there will again be the round robin during lent on Wednesdays with the first of 2/21 at Cross and 2/28 will be Holy Name/Zion. The future Wednesdays to be decided. If St. Catherines does not have a service, Zion will pick up that week. Also, for future services, the Baptist church in Ixonia is interested in participating. Sunday school will continue at Cross on the 3rd Sunday. Also the adult education series "It's a Wonderful Life" will finish in January.

The worship committee will meet to work on the services for Lent and the Easter season.

Sally noted that the Little Library could use some children's books. It was decided that there will be a drive during lent for items for the Hope Center. The craft nights will be starting again and Sally mentioned how the shut ins are grateful for the gifts they receive from the items made at these.

Carrie will be in charge of getting the items needed for "Super Bowl Sunday" 2/11 and the monies collected will go to the Ashippun Food Pantry. There will be a dinner of Gyros and hotdogs for a Goat Drive for international relief on 1/28 headed up by Natalie and Chris. The Ashippun Blood Drive will be on 3/11 and Zion is in charge of the refreshments. Sign up sheets will be posted for bars, cookies and help. Zion will be helping with Bread and Roses again but Chris is waiting for the schedule as they have a new leader and dates have not been determined yet.

Frank reported that the lights are now working.

Old business: Chris reported the profit for Oktoberfest and the council agreed that 10/6/24 will be the next Oktoberfest.

After some discussion, it was decided by the council that there will be a printed ballot at the annual meeting for the nominations for council and all will be voted at the same time.

The proposed 2024 budget was approved on motions by Chris and Deanna.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 on motions by Frank and Jerry. Closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully, Debbie Guenther

March

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 04 - Christine Siedschlag
06 - Matt Michalowski
06 - Brenda Schuett Lau
07 - Karen Wolter
17 - Carrie Wendorf
18 - Carly Christopherson
19 - Doreen Schultz
24 - Brooks Michalowski
27 - Carissa Brittenham
30 - David Schwartz

Altar Guild

- Lynn C.
Deanna B.
Cindy W.
Allison J.

Reader

Mike J.

Ass't Minister

- 03 - Starr A.
10 - Carrie W.
17 - Jerry L.
24 - Anna G.
28 - Starr A.
29 - Carrie W.
31 - Jerry L.

Ushers

- Neal W.
Cindy W.
Shari F.

Projector System

- 03 - Carrie W.
10 - Jerry L.
17 - Heidi T.
24 - Cindy W.
28 - Carrie W.
29 - Starr A.
31 - Cindy W.

Greeters

- 03 - Terry and Lynn C.
10 - Millie M.
17 - Ruth P.
24 - Wes and Deanna B.
28 - Carrie W.
29 - Altreuter Family
31 - Cindy W.



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January Income: \$12, 804.72
January Expenses: - \$13,099.75
January Overall Total: - \$295.03

Full financial reports are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please feel free to make a copy if you would like one for your own records.

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Class will be every 1-4th Wednesday from 10:00-11:30AM. All are welcome, Join us!

We are back at Zion for text study. All are welcome to attend! Readings are available each week in the narthex.

Adult
Education



Pastor will be at fellowship on Tuesdays from 12-2pm at Whelan's. Join him for fellowship and conversation. All are welcome!

We will be providing coffee each week after worship. If you would like to bring in treats, please do.



We are in need of some more photos for the Website. If you take photos when you are at church or at fellowship activities, please send them to the church office as an attachment. Thank you!

Please
Pray
for...



Ellen Braunschweig
Peyton Wolter
Donna Meotke
Ross & Jacob Kopfer
Shirley Koeppl
Marlee Smith
Carol Schuett
Lester (Shorty) Schuett
Kathy Hetzel
Sean Stein
Rachel Zwieg
Family of Debbie Kasisky
Chris (family of Carrie Wendorf)
Kim (family of Carrie Wendorf)
Bonnie Katzfey
Allen Peterson

Fellowship Breakfast
Day at the Derby



We will be holding a Friendship Breakfast on Saturday April 13th at 8:00am in the church basement. Everyone is invited to attend! Please let us know if you are able to join us.

Wear your Derby best: Hats and fascinators and join us for a Kentucky themed breakfast and learn about America's greatest horse race!

Please RSVP to Natalie at 920-285-4503 or Christine at 920-545-8439 if you plan to attend.
Thank you!

We will be serving at Bread and Roses on April 25th and September 19th. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for volunteer info as we get closer.



Ashippun Blood Mobile will be hosting a drive on Monday, March 11, 2024 at Ashippun Town Hall.

GIVE
Blood

Sign-ups are posted in the narthex for volunteers to work the canteen or for donations of bars and cookies. Please see poster for more details.

Please consider donating blood that day as well.

Questions- Natalie @ 920-285-4503 or Christine @ 920-545-8439

We will be participating in a round robin for Wednesday Night Lenten services. Services will be held at 7:00pm each week at the following locations...

Holy Name February 28th
St. Catherine's March 6th
St. Paul's March 13th
St. Olaf's March 20th



