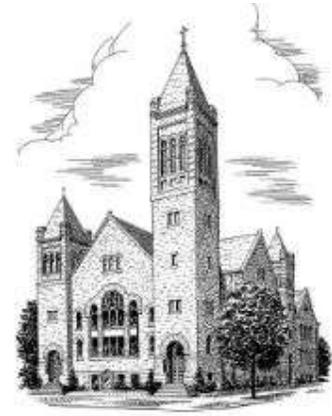


Zionews

February 2019



Greetings from the one who changes us into a community of faith!

I find communities fascinating. Everything from a household to a country can count as a community, so I'm not really limiting myself, but the way people interact with each other because of each other captures my interest. One of the most fascinating aspects of community is what happens when there is change.

In families, change can happen at the death of a matriarch or patriarch. The person people in the family looked to as the final decision maker or arbiter dies, so who takes that over now? If the death of a significant family leader happens before the birth of a new child of the same gender, is the new child given the name of the family leader? Does that name carry unspoken expectations for the new child?

For a country, change certainly happens whenever leadership changes. In the United States, we have a peaceful exchange of power from one group of leaders to the next every two years! Such change could cause violence, revolt, and military action, but we have figured out how to keep the vitriol out of the running of the country—more or less... But we also have structures for how change happens and what to do if it doesn't seem like it is happening as it should.

In congregations, change is often a four-letter word—despite having six letters—and usually because we have forgotten our own history. We're going to be experimenting with a screen in the worship space for a while as we think about a possible change, so it's worth remembering what we changed in the worship space through our history as a community of faith. I'll skip the actual changing of worship spaces that happened for the first 46 years of the community that is Zion and just look at the 120 years of change in our current worship space. Three come to mind.



A big one is hymnals. Our community of Zion has used at least seven hymnals in the past 120 years as part of our regular worship life. That's an average of just over 17 years between hymnals! Some of them were used at the same time, like the green *Songs of Praise* Sunday school hymnal, which was used in conjunction with the black hymnal, the brown hymnal, and the red hymnal. More recently, *With One Voice* was used as a supplement to *Lutheran Book of Worship*. But even so, we've changed hymnals more often than we've changed generations!

Another significant change, that I'm not even sure we think of as a change anymore, is the "new" organ. When our current organ was installed, there was significant change in windows. The windows of St. John and St. Paul were removed from above the altar to make room for the windows of Jesus the Good Shepherd and Jesus at the Door, which were in the window spaces that are now currently behind the pipes of the organ and only visible from the south parking lot.

The changes from installing the current organ are still being felt. Many of you remember installing St. John and St. Paul in the mezzanine because that wasn't done when the organ was installed. There's even a window we can't see from inside because the pipes of the organ block it. The music window is on the list of things to take care of as part of the From Generation to Generation Capital Campaign because we have forgotten about it.

Most recently, the change of the layout of the pews dramatically affected the worship life of our community. The change from having two aisles to one central aisle has impacted every worship service, funeral, and wedding we have. This change even impacted what many Lutherans consider to be sacrosanct: where people sit.

Those are the big, physical changes we've made. But there's another set of changes that's also worth remembering—the changes we've made to how people engage with the service.

Some of the hymnals I have in my office were hymnals given to members when they were confirmed. Can you imagine or remember the day when the community of this congregation was expected to bring their own hymnal? Since those days, we started printing the order of service in a leaflet that had the page numbers, adding in the readings and some of the prayers, and now—with the exception of some of the music—we print everything except for the Prayers of Intercession in the bulletin. Everything.

Why have we made these changes? The usual answer is to be more welcoming to visitors. There is some truth to this, but the more immediate effect is to make it easier for more people to participate in the service. As I look out over the congregation, I can see how this has changed how you engage with worship. Fewer and fewer people reach for the books in the pew, be it Bible or hymnal. And you're the ones who know what's going on.

Our visitors who show up for baptisms or confirmations or first communions don't use the bulletin, even with everything in it. How can we make it easier for more people to engage in the service? What would be more welcoming to visitors? Screens are another change we need to seriously consider.

As we experiment with what it might look like to have screens in the worship space as part of engaging with worship, please talk with each other about it. Right now, we're just trying it out. Before Ash Wednesday, we'll have a congregational meeting to talk about what we want to do. We need some mutual discernment about how future generations will engage in worship here at the community of Zion, and how we can start living into that engagement now.

Peace,
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Nickels and Noses from December

Please note that these numbers are two months behind due to the newsletter publication schedule.

Worship Attendance
(5 Saturdays, 5 Sundays)

6pm	228
8am	340
10:30am	539
Total	1,107
Weekly Average	221.4



You read that right. Your financial support of Zion gave us a *surplus* in Offering & Gifts! Thank you!

Offering

Monthly Giving	\$47,146.19
Monthly Budget	\$34,681.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$425,592.28
Year-to-Date Budget	\$416,150.00

Not included in the calculation for Average Weekly Attendance, but worth noting: the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship had 182 people; the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship had 174 people; and the 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day worship had 28 people. That brings our total Christmas worship attendance to 384!

Pastoral Acts
December 16, 2018 – January 15, 2019

IN MEMORY OF:

John Stewart: Gisela Ohly, Richard & Marlene Long, Ken Fultz, Lila Bertsch, Dale & Ann Cerny, Tom Mapus, Pauline Druckenmiller, Dean & Karen Slater, Joan Mears, Sharon & Jeffrey Dubois, Steven & Kathryn Smith, Sandy Kieffer, Jim & Judy Smith, Roger & Deb Gundlach, Alan & Kaye Kuzell, Devlin & Susan Lansbury, Carol Steuk, Len & Susan Klohn

Elizabeth Surratt: Elaine Conley

Delbert Agsten: David, Michael, Paul, Thomas & James Agsten

Virginia Lippert: Ike, Wayne & Audrey Lippert, American Legion Auxiliary, Joan Kiser

Joyce Leimbach: Carla Mitchell, Jim & Jeannie Johnson, Carol Steuk, Richard Brunow, Les Ardner, Gloria Helfrich, Jim & Jeanette Toft, Patty Pascoe, Connie Mellein, Mary Foland

Laura Stellhorn: Bill & Jean Bossetti

Ron Borchardt: Bill & Jean Bossetti

Theodate Francis: Bill & Barb Biehl, Dave & Janice Langanbach

BAPTISMS:

Asher Michael Ebert son of Michael & Alexis (Sarrica) Ebert

FUNERALS:

Paul F. Ruess (date of service 12/18/18)

Gary M. Thompson (date of service 12/21/18)

Joyce M. Leimbach (date of service 1/12/19)

WEDDINGS:

None

Year of Scripture Readings for February

February 1 Leviticus 1-4

February 2 Leviticus 5-7

February 3 Leviticus 8-10

February 4 Leviticus 11-13

February 5 Leviticus 14-15

February 6 Leviticus 16-18

February 7 Leviticus 19-21

February 8 Leviticus 22-23

February 9 Leviticus 24-25

February 10 Leviticus 26-27

February 11 Numbers 1-2

February 12 Numbers 3-4

February 13 Numbers 5-6

February 14 Numbers 7

February 15 Numbers 8-10

February 16 Numbers 11-13

February 17 Numbers 14-15

February 18 Numbers 16-17

February 19 Numbers 18-20

February 20 Numbers 21-22

February 21 Numbers 23-25

February 22 Numbers 26-27

February 23 Numbers 28-30

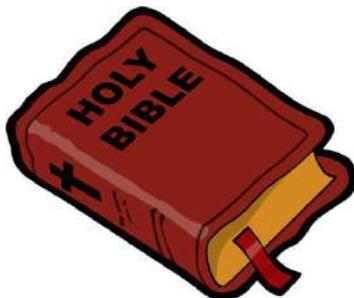
February 24 Numbers 31-32

February 25 Numbers 33-34

February 26 Numbers 35-36

February 27 Deuteronomy 1-2

February 28 Deuteronomy 3-4



Deadline for March Zionews is Friday, Feb. 22.
Email submissions to loriharris@zionsandusky.org

Carolyn's Corner . . .

People brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:13-14

The disciples thought it was their job to protect Jesus as they intervened. But Jesus said, no, let them come, don't stop them. Apparently Jesus thought the children were an important part of the community. And, so do we.

Not only are children the future of the Church, they are a significant part of our ministry today. Children learn from us as they see us model behavior, but we can learn from them as well. We welcome them into the community through baptism. We support the parents in their child's faith formation, through Children of Zion (Sunday school), presentation of Bibles, Confirmation, and a variety of other opportunities. We learn from them how to interact generationally and they make us smile as they explore their world and have new experiences.

In the article, **101 Ways to Praise a Child**, author unknown, we hear a list of ways to let children know they are special to us. Some of those are, "I'm glad God gave me you!" "You're fun," "Wow!" "Now you've got it!" "You're exactly what God wanted," "Terrific!" "You're important," "God is pleased, and so am I!" "Fantastic try," "I trust you," and many others simple expressions that say, "I care."

Who are the children in your life? Who can you encourage? Who do you learn from? I would guess these same affirmations also work with adults!

Blessings,
Carolyn

Youth and Family Happenings for February

These meetings are on Sundays at Zion

February 3 and 17 we will have EPIC at 5:00 followed by
Pathfinders at 6:30

Food and fellowship with both groups will happen from 6-6:30.

EPIC will start at the book *Wise Up* by Kevin Johnson

Pathfinders will continue watching *13 Reasons Why*

February 10 is Family night dinner and worship at St. Paul
6:30 pm

February 18 we will be going off campus to do something that is voted on Feb 3 so join us and share your voice as we make this decision!

We are moving to Sundays in anticipation of Lent so we do not interfere with midweek worship.

Blessings ,
Jennifer





February 2019 Worship Leaders



	Feb 3, 2019	Feb. 10, 2019	Feb. 17, 2019	Feb. 24, 2019
8:00am Wine	Tom & Cindy Patterson	Andrew Castello & Judy Burrows	Dick & Marlene Long	Kris Stradtman Randy Koch
10:30am	Dan Willey Chet Leser	Earl & Bea Rosen	Ron Dahs Lyle Marquart	Suzanne Jeffrey & Carla Mitchell
8:00am Lectors	Mark Stuckey	Dick Long	Roger Gundlach	Addison Stradtman
10:30am	Suella Davis	Vicki Boesch	Jean Bossetti	Alaina Keegan
8:00am Prayers	Betty Bickley	Judy Mears	Karen Slater	Marj Burton
10:30am	Ann Cerny			
Children's Message	Marj Burton	Laurie Mears	Nancy Kinsel	Dale Cerny
8:00am Soundboard	Andy Gundlach	Andrew Castello	Dean Meyers	Janet Stradtman
10:30am	Tim Kostel	John Nejedly	Dan Willey	John Nejedly
Greeters	Beth Busdicker	Ron Dahs	Tom Kinsel	Joanne Hosey

Women's Groups' Meetings for February:



Agape: Wed., Feb. 6th at 6:00 pm at Zion in the Stellhorn Library

Circle of Friends: Wed. Feb 6th at 7:00 pm in the Peggy Nejedly Chapel

Priscilla: Thurs., Feb. 7th at 9:30 am

Book Connection: Wed., Feb 27th at 2:30 pm at Zion in the Stellhorn Library

Care & Share:

Feb. 4, 2019	Feb. 11, 2019	Feb. 25, 2019
Vicki Boesch, Dick Long, and Dean & Karen Slater	Virginia Neuman, Chris Hamilton and Tom & Nancy Kinsel	Ron & Carol Albert and Roger & Barb Newton
<i>Care & Share is closed on Monday, February 18</i>		



Capital Campaign Update

The Fund Raising Committee is gearing up to launch the capital campaign which has been on hold while the Property and Facilities Committee completed their final cost analysis. The project encompasses an extensive renovation, more complicated and time consuming than the Property and Facilities Committee originally anticipated. We appreciate the time they spent in completing their plans, and can now go forward with confidence in their due diligence on behalf of the Zion congregation.

Pastor Eric suggested that we explain the basics of a capital campaign so that members of the congregation can be informed of our plans.

Zion's capital campaign, "Generation to Generation" is:

- **An effective strategy for raising significant dollars** for a building renovation, often referred to as a campaign for "bricks and mortar." Zion's campaign will focus on raising dollars needed for immediate building improvements. The Zion Foundation has established a \$1 million endowment fund to address long term financial building needs.
- **The purpose of this capital campaign** is to create a welcoming and well-maintained church space for current and future Zion generations to come together, share and celebrate their faith.
- **The campaign goal is \$785,000.** The renovation encompasses restoration of the building exterior, landscaping, interior painting, a new sound system, and upgrading the lower level gathering spaces and four restrooms. Huge thanks to the Zion Foundation for their matching gifts challenge of up to \$150,000 to kick off the campaign.
- **A volunteer committee will conduct the capital campaign.** Mike and Hope Bailey, Roger Gundlach, Barb and Don Hanck, Carla Mitchell, Carol Steuk and Pastor Eric Bodenstab serve on the Fund Raising Committee. We will all be contacting as many members of the congregation as possible over the course of the campaign.
- **A capital campaign has a specific time frame** that may range from 12-14 months to solicit donations, with a five-year pledge payment schedule. Pledges may be paid weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually, as the donor prefers. The pledge schedule allows individuals to make a commitment that is meaningful, affordable and achievable for donors of all levels.
- **A capital campaign has two phases. The first is called the Quiet Phase.** The goal of the Quiet Phase is to raise approximately 50% of the campaign goal, which will come from about one third of donors. **The second phase is called the Public Phase,** which begins with an announcement of the dollars raised during the Quiet Phase. Fund raising continues with the remaining two thirds of donors until the remaining 50% of the financial goal is met.

If you have any questions about the capital campaign, please call Barb at 419-433-3173 (it's tax season so Don is pretty busy). Thank you in advance for your support of the Generation to Generation Campaign for the Zion Lutheran Church Building Renovation.

Best regards,

Don and Barb Hanck
Fundraising Committee

Zion's Winter Weather Cancellation Policy



The church office will do its best to notify you of cancellations.

For activities and meetings, please check your email or Zion's Facebook page (@ZionELCSandusky). If you are unsure if your activity or meeting is canceled or not, please contact the leader of that activity or meeting.

For worship, please check your email, Zion's Facebook page, or WLEC. Should all three services be canceled on a weekend, check Zion's Facebook page at 10:30am on Sunday for a Facebook Live worship.

We use Constant Contact to keep our members informed about unexpected events, including cancellations **To sign up for Zion's Constant Contact list, text ZIONLUTHERAN to 22828 or send your request to the office.**

It is sometimes necessary to cancel congregational activities, meetings, and worship. Zion will follow the advice of the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the Sandusky City Schools in determining when to cancel.

The Erie County Sheriff's Office posts their Advisories on their website (www.eriecounty.oh.gov) and Facebook page.

Sandusky City Schools post cancellations on their website (hwww.scs-k12.net) and Facebook page (@SanduskyCitySchools).

When the following happens:

- **Sandusky City Schools Have Canceled School**
All children and youth activities and meetings are also canceled.
- **Level 1 Winter Road Condition Advisory Level**
No automatic cancellations, but please use your common sense in determining attendance.
- **Level 2 Winter Road Condition Advisory Level**
All congregational meetings and activities are canceled.
If a Level 2 advisory is in effect two hours before a worship service, that service is canceled.
- **Level 3 Winter Road Condition Advisory Level**
Everything is canceled.

Lieutenant Danny Lewis

Lieutenant Lewis started his career with the Sandusky Police Department as a reserve in June of 1996 before being appointed full time on July 12, 1998. He was assigned to the Erie County Drug Task from 2003 until 2008. In 2008 he was promoted to Sergeant and re-assigned to the Patrol Division. In 2012 he was promoted to Lieutenant and is currently the Patrol Division Commander. Lt. Lewis is married to his high school sweet heart, Jessica, and they have three children, Kimberly, Nicholas and Mallory. He also has two grandchildren, Gabriel and Kerrigan.



CHAPERONE REQUEST!

EASY AND FUN! OSBORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TRIP TO TOLEDO'S



Friday, March 22, 2019

CARPOOL WITH OTHER CHAPERONES (no bus riding)

Leave School at 8:30

Leave Museum 12:45

**Call/email Linda Kerst for Details
419.357.2897 or Lkerst98@gmail.com**

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting
January 9, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.**

DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER:

President Carla Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Rev. Bodenstab, Carolyn Steinfeldt, Carol Albert, Chris Antel, Marjorie Burton, Andy Castello, Savannah Castello, Karen Dehn, Tim Kostel, Stephen Lippert, Darlene Lowery, Carla Mitchell, Wendy Schonhardt and Lori Harris, Recording Secretary. Guest: Lyle Marquardt
Not Present: Jennifer Parkison, Judy McEowen (absent, excused)

OPENING DEVOTION & PRAYER:

Pastor Eric led the Council in a devotion written by Kent Wilson. The meeting was opened in prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Karen Dehn made a motion to approve the agenda. Darlene Lowery seconded the motion, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was read.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Wendy Schonhardt made a motion to accept the minutes of December 11, 2018. Chris Antel seconded the motion, motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

- Pastor Eric** – written report submitted. Pastor Eric asked for names of volunteers to be submitted for recognition at the Annual Meeting.
- Carolyn Steinfeldt** – written report submitted. Carolyn asked for volunteers to help with the upcoming Confirmation suppers.
- Jennifer Parkison** – not present, no report submitted.

OFFICER REPORTS:

- President, Carla Mitchell** – Ministry Team monthly reports should be submitted so they can be included in the Council Packet.
- Vice President, Stephen Lippert** – FLAME will focus on being active in the community in 2019.
- Secretary/Treasurer, Marjorie Burton** – The Treasurer's report and financial reports were reviewed and discussed.

MINISTRY TEAMS REPORTS:

- Worship & Music** – **Carol Albert** – Service for Christian Unity will be January 23, 2019 with participants from other congregations. Carol requested of review of Christmas services. Vicki Boesch has stepped down from coordinating Ushers for Sunday 10:30 worship services.
- Faith Formation** – **Chris Antel** – Ministry team did not meet in December. The Christmas program went

well.

- Finance & Administration** – **Andy Castello** – Nothing to report.
- Youth & Young Adult** – **Karen Dehn** – Nothing to report.
- Property & Facilities** – **Tim Kostel** – Ministry Team will meet on January 23. The video demonstration will be set up next week and be reviewed for thirty days. There have been minor changes with Usher stands and seating in the Sanctuary.
- Parish Life** – **Darlene Lowery** – Greeter and Gathering Host names submitted shortly. Zion will host the service on January 23, serving refreshments following the service. There will be a sign up sheet for food.
- Outreach** – **Judy McEowen** – absent. There will be a Prayer Vigil on February 2.
- Mission & Stewardship** – **Wendy Schonhardt** – gave a brief overview of current activities.
- FLAME** – Report will be submitted following the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Capital Campaign** – An update was presented, Committee members have met and made pledges. Council will be contacted next.
- **Ministry Team Reorganization** – The realignment of the Ministry Teams was discussed; Wendy Schonhardt made a motion that the changes presented in Continuing Resolution C13.06B18 be implemented and be effective with the new Council February 13, 2019. Darlene Lowery seconded the motion, motion carried.
- **2019 Budget** – There was discussion regarding the 2019 Budget. Carol Albert made a motion to recommend (version B) the Proposed 2019 Budget to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on February 3, 2019 for approval. Darlene Lowery seconded the motion, motion carried.
- **Constitution Ratification** – Marjorie Burton made a motion that the Congregation Council of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church recommends that the proposed changes to the Constitution be ratified by the congregation, the effective date to be immediate upon the ratification. Savannah Castello seconded the motion, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Thank you to all the Council members, especially those who are going off Council.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m. with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Harris, Recording Secretary

February 2019

Youth Activities/Events as of 1/23/2019 All Youth Meetings for February will take place at Zion unless specified. Please contact Jenn Parkison for more information on these activities. Jenn will contact youth regarding any changes to schedule. Jenn: 419-656-8859 or Jennparkison@gmail.com

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 6 am—6 pm Prayer Vigil 6 pm Worship
3 8/10:30 am Worship Services 9:15 am Children Of Zion Annual Meeting following the 10:30 Worship Service. 5:00 Epic 6:00 Meal for Youth 6:30 Pathfinders	4 5:30 pm Temple Caretakers 6:30 pm Quilters 7:00 pm Troop 8 Scouts 7:00 pm Firelands Chorus 7:30 pm Dartball at Zion	5 9:00 am Quilters 12:00 pm Year of Scripture Small Group Study with Pastor Eric at Mr. Smith's 1:00 pm Lectionary Study—Mr. Smith's 5:00 pm Faith Formation—Library 7:00 pm Year of Scripture Small Group Study with Elaine Conley at Zion	6 7:30 am Lectionary Study 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am Shared Youth Ministry Mtg. Pastor's Office 12:00 pm Shared Ministry Board Mtg. at St. Paul 6:00 pm Confirmation-Zion 6:00 pm Agape—Library 7:00 pm Circle of Friends—Peggy Nejedly Chapel	7 9:30 am Priscilla—Zion 5:30 pm Cherub Choir 6:00 pm Year of Scripture Small Group with Carolyn—Library 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Senior Choir	8 	9 6 pm Worship
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