



Zionews

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January 2020

The new year means we move on to the next part of our mission statement! For those who don't remember, or vision statement, which is still the same is:

From generation to generation, we live as friends following Jesus.

In 2019, we were working on the first part of our mission statement:

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sandusky, Ohio,
helps families and friends communicate their faith.

In 2020, we're going to add the second part:

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sandusky, Ohio,
worships and works together across generations.

This year's focus will be on what we do across generations. I have said it before, but on an average weekend, we have members of every living generation present in worship.

From the Silent Generation to what is being called Generation Alpha, we do worship together across generations. With the Senior Choir, the Junior Choir, and our congregational hymns, people of any age can raise their voices together in praise to God. But outside of Saturday night and Sunday morning, do we make an effort to include people from other generations?

Our Bible studies and circles, Christian education classes and faith formation events, even our intentionally inter-generational events are often age segregated. There are many reasons for this, and some of them are good reasons, but scripture is clear that as the older generations intentionally reach out to and make room for younger generations, everyone will be blessed.¹ The next time you gather to do Bible study—which for Lutherans is a form of worship—as yourselves some questions:

- Which generations are not present?
- Why aren't they here?
- What could we do to invite them?



We do a lot in the community and in the congregation. Sometimes we're quite good about the generations involved, sometimes we could use some work. The next time your ministry team, committee, or group meets, ask yourselves some questions:

- Which generations are not present?
- Why aren't they here?
- What could we do to invite them?
- How can we join them in what they're doing?

¹ Exodus 12:24-27, Deuteronomy 4:9-14, Deuteronomy 6, Deuteronomy 11, Deuteronomy 12:28, Psalm 37:25-27, Psalm 128:5-6, Isaiah 59:21, Jeremiah 31:12-14, Joel 2:28-29, Acts 2:38-39, Ephesians 6:4, Colossians 3:21, 1 Timothy 5:1-2.

It may seem like a small step, but asking the questions about generational involvement is the first step to involving more generations in everything we do. And we want more generations involved in everything we do.

From our weekend worship to the Thanksgiving Day Community Meal, we want to keep families together. We want the hum of portable oxygen tanks and the whistle of hearing aids turned up too high together with unexpected screeches of excitement and heartfelt cries of hunger. We want wheelchairs and crutches and walkers and carriers. We want the deep memory and the history with the new ideas and Spirit-led dreams. We worship and work together across generations because we know that is how God will bless us and the world.

Happy New Year!
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Nickels and Noses for November

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

Worship Attendance (5 Saturdays 4 Sundays)		Offering	
6pm	211	Monthly Giving	\$35,230.30
8am	322	Monthly Budget	\$34,673.00
10:30am	399	Year-to-Date Giving	\$398,361.22
Total	932	Year-to-Date Budget	\$381,403.33
Weekly Average	222		

Tithe.ly Introduction

Over the next few months, we'll be making a big change. We've started using Tithe.ly as our online giving provider. In addition to the online giving through our website, you can use the Tithe.ly app or text-to-give. Coming in late February, we also plan to have a Zion app through which you will also be able to give.



The Tithe.ly app works for all smartphones. Just search the App Store or Google Play. The logo is part of this column. You can use the app to set up your account, offer one time or recurring offerings, and designate where you want the offering to go.

As you might have seen at Christmas, we also have a text to give number. On your smartphone, you can text "give" to 844-683-7315 and get set up. Once your account is ready to go, all you have to do is text Give (and the amount) to the number. For example, after setting up your account, if you want to give \$100 you would text "Give100" and you have made a one time \$100 offering to the general fund!

Look for more information about Tithe.ly and how we're going to use other services from them to aid or ministry as a congregation!

Zion Foundation Update

At the December meeting of your Zion Foundation, we awarded grants to:

- Care & Share,
- the Care & Share Ham Project,
- Bridge of Hope Ministry in Fremont,
- OHgo (<https://www.ohgoreach.org/>),
- Faith Collaborative of Erie County, and
- Church Innovations, Inc (<https://www.churchinnovations.org/>).

With these grants, your Foundation has given out \$50,357 in grants in 2019! With the changes to the Foundation Resolution approved at our November congregational meeting and the change in investment agencies, we will be able to offer even more support!

Year of Scripture

Hooray! We made it! We read through the Bible together in one year!

Come and celebrate this feat together on Sunday, January 12, at 3:00 p.m. at Zion. We'll rejoice, talk about any unanswered questions, and kick off the next part for those who want to continue—the Half-Year of Apocrypha!

For those continuing with the Apocrypha, the readings will still be published in the Zionews each month, they will be posted in the Year of Scripture Group Page that's part of Zion's Facebook page, and the full schedule of readings is available on the usher tables and in the media racks in the office hallway.

There will be two groups continuing this study starting January 14th. Pastor Eric's group will meet Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. and Deacon Carolyn's group will meet Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. both at Zion in room 201.

If you want Zion to order you a copy of the Apocrypha but you haven't contacted the office, please do so as soon as possible. They will cost \$15 each, so we're not ordering extras. Do shop around. You can find many versions of the Bible with the Apocrypha included for less than \$15. We will be using the NRSV if you want the translation to match.

Year of Scripture 2:

The Apocrypha and Deuterocanonical Books of the Old Testament

January 13	Tobit 1	January 23	Tobit 11
January 14	Tobit 2	January 24	Tobit 12
January 15	Tobit 3	January 25	Tobit 13
January 16	Tobit 4	January 26	Tobit 14
January 17	Tobit 5	January 27	Judith 1
January 18	Tobit 6	January 28	Judith 2
January 19	Tobit 7	January 29	Judith 3
January 20	Tobit 8	January 30	Judith 4
January 21	Tobit 9	January 31	Judith 5
January 22	Tobit 10		



Capital Campaign Thermometer Note



Hopefully you will have noticed the From Generation to Generation thermometer in the Gathering Room. It went up the weekend before Christmas and will now generally be in the Gathering Room. Our accounts are reconciled once a month. The Thermometer will only be updated after that reconciliation.

As a reminder, when we kicked off the public portion of our capital campaign, we had raised 54% of our goal. When the Thermometer was placed out before Christmas, we were at 61%!



Carolyn's Corner . . .

Christmas is past and we are now in the season of Epiphany. Did you ever wonder what this is? The dictionary meaning of the word epiphany is: "A sudden intuitive leap of understanding, especially through an ordinary but striking appearance."

The Gospel of Matthew tells us that after Jesus was born, wise men from the East arrived in Jerusalem asking where the child who was born king of the Jews could be found. Herod sent the wise men to find this baby who threatened his kingdom, instructing them to return and let him know where the baby was. They followed the star until it stopped and "they were overwhelmed with joy." Their epiphany was that this baby Jesus was special. They knelt before him and honored him, giving him precious gifts. The wise men were warned in their dreams not to return to Herod.

Matthew tells us that the wise men were from the East; meaning they were gentiles. The Epiphany we celebrate is the recognition that at this time in history, God appeared to the whole world, not just the Jewish community. The Jesus we celebrate belongs to everyone. His birth, death and resurrection are for all people! God used nature—a star in the sky—to bring the wise men to the understanding of the manger; God came to us all through the birth of a baby.

May you too experience the Epiphany of the manger.

*Blessed Epiphany!
Carolyn*

Children of Zion



Children's Sunday School will be back January 5th, 9:15 a.m. in Zion's basement. All children are welcome. Parents are also always welcome to join us in this time when we experience the Bible stories in new and multisensory ways. Questions? Call Carolyn at 419-625-2112.

Deadline for February Zionews is Tuesday, January 21st. Please email submissions to Lori Harris (loriharris@zionsandusky.org)



January 2020 Worship Leaders



	1/05/20	1/12/20	1/19/20	1/26/20
8:00am Wine	Dick & Marlene Long	Carol Albert & Lyle Marquardt	Tom & Cindy Patterson	Kris Stradtman & Andrew Castello
10:30am	Chet Leser & Ron Dahs	Earl & Bea Rosen	John & Judy Mears	Carla Mitchell & Dan Willey
8:00am Lectors	Dean Meyers	Judy Mears	Mark Stuckey	Jarrood Todi
10:30am	Cole Burger	Kay Thompson	Martha Thompson	Vicki Boesch
8:00am Prayers	Judy Burrows	Carla Mitchell	Betty Bickley	Judy Mears
10:30am			Marjorie Burton	
Children's Message	Dale Cerny	Laurie Mears	Pastor Eric or Deacon Carolyn	Jon Carver
8:00am Soundboard	Andrew Castello	Andy Gundlach	Dean Meyers	Janet Stradtman
10:30am	Tim Kostel	Dan Willey	Tim Kostel	John Nejedly
Greeters	Greg & Tami Schultz	Earl & Bea Rosen	Faye Gast	George & Betty Bickley



Ushers:

8:00am Darlene Lowery, Tom Wieber, John Chapman, Janet Stradtman, Sharon Lavey, and Dawn McKillips

10:30am TBA

1/6/2020	1/13/2020	1/27/2020
Hope & Mike Bailey and Roger & Barb Newton	Karen & Dean Slater, Vicki Boesch, and Dick Long	Carol & Ron Albert and Roger & Barb Newton



Care & Share is closed on Monday, January 20th



First Communion Exploration

For anyone who is ready to explore the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Meeting dates/times for child and parent(s) are Wednesdays, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1 from 6 - 6:45 p.m. To register or for more information, call Carolyn at 419-625-2112.

Confirmation Mentors

There will be a meeting for all continuing and new Confirmation students and their parents on Wednesday, January 15 at 6 p.m. Please join us for supper as we discuss the upcoming year. Questions, please call Pastor Eric or Carolyn at 419-625-2112.

Memorials November 16 - December 15, 2019

In Memory of:

Norma Jean Gast: Terry Gast
Edward & Genevieve Gast: Terry Gast
Earl VanBarg: Joe & Kathy Loris, Mike & Hope Bailey
Shirley T. Keller: family

Baptisms:

None

Weddings:

None

Funerals:

Marguerite E. Minier (date of service 11/25/19)
Shirley T. Keller (date of service 12/5/19)
Lydia J. Sudbrink (date of service 12/7/19)

Member Action (New Members, Confirmands, Transfers)

Jan Tunnell (letter of transfer to Zion) 11/24/19 service
Victoria & Ron Zartman (transfer out) 12/9/19



Stellhorn Library Adult Forum Schedule

Our schedule for the next few months is quite complicated. Below is the plan for when the Stellhorn Library Adult Forum will be meeting and what we'll be talking about. We're starting a series on Luther's *Small Catechism*. New copies of the *Small Catechism* will be available as part of this class. If you have a smart phone, check the App Store or Google Play for Luther's Small Catechism App. The icon should look like the picture on the right.



Date	Plan
January 5	The Apostles' Creed
January 12	Lord's Prayer Introduction-4
January 19	Lord's Prayer 5-Conclusion
January 26	Baptism
February 2	No Class.
February 9	Confession
February 16	Communion
February 23	Conclusion



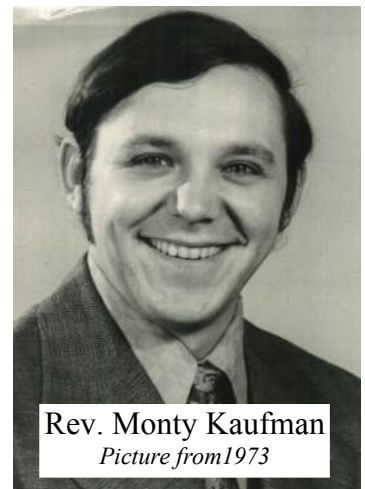
The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be on **Sunday, February 2, 2020** following the 10:30 am Worship service. A light lunch will be provided prior to the start of the meeting.

As We Were. . .

From the Sandusky Register in June 1973:

3 area men to be ordained Sunday—Monty Kaufman at Zion, Terry Parker at St. Paul's and Jerry Wagenknecht at Grace Lutheran Castalia.

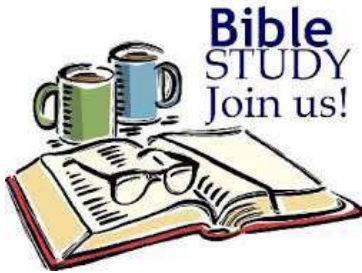
Rev. Monty Kaufman was our 29th Son of the congregation at Zion Church. Zion also is distinct in that it is the only congregation in the American Lutheran Church (ALC) that has produced such a great number of pastors. Included in this remarkable number are 3 sons ordained by their fathers: the Rev. Jacob Dornbirer ordained his oldest son, August who became pastor at Zion in 1891; Rev. Theodore T. Stellhorn, Jr. was ordained by his father, The Rev. JC Stellhorn in 1928 and Pastor Stellhorn, Jr. (who ordained 21 Zion sons during his 20 yr. pastorate), ordained his son, Ted III in 1959. Our most recently ordained son is Rev. Michael Hanck who is currently serving as the pastor at Salem Lutheran in Toledo. We have been blessed.



Rev. Monty Kaufman
Picture from 1973

Submitted by: Judy Mears

New Start for the New Year?



Try the Adult Study Forum in the library at 9:15 on Sunday mornings. From Pastor John, to Pastor Ralph and Pastor Monty, and now with Pastor Eric, always enlightening, thought provoking, and yes, even an enjoyable means to grow one's Christian faith. An excellent complement to the worship service.

"My Sunday's not complete without it." - Randy Koch

End of Year of Scripture

If you took part in the Year of Scripture discussions during 2019 you are invited to an End of Year Party on Sunday, January 12th at 3:00 pm. Keep watching the bulletin for more details.



DRAFT

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting
December 11, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Carla Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Rev. Bodenstab, Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt, Carol Albert, Marjorie Burton, Karen Dehn, Tom Kinsel, Stephen Lippert, Carla Mitchell, and Lori Harris, Recording Secretary

Guest: Don Hanck

Absent/excused: Darlene Lowery, Chris Antel, Andrew Castello, Savannah Castello

OPENING DEVOTION & PRAYER:

Pastor Eric led the Council in a devotion followed with a prayer.

AGENDA:

The amended agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The amended minutes of November 13, 2019 were approved.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

Don Hanck updated the Council on the progress of the Capital Campaign.

PROPOSED 2020 BUDGET:

The 2020 Proposed Budget was discussed and questions were answered.

CLERGY REPORTS:

Pastor Eric – written report submitted.

Deacon Carolyn – written report submitted.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President, Carla Mitchell – Upcoming Council members will be invited to attend the January Council meeting. Council retreat is tentatively planned for February.

Secretary/Treasurer, Marjorie Burton – The Treasurer's report and financial reports were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made to accept the ELCA recommended *2020 Housing Allowance Resolution* for Pastor Eric and Deacon Carolyn. The motion was seconded and carried; the document will be on file.

MINISTRY TEAMS REPORTS:

Worship & Music – Carol Albert – Written report submitted.

Faith Formation – Chris Antel – Absent, written report submitted.

Stewardship & Administration – Andy Castello – Absent, written report submitted

Youth & Young Adult – Karen Dehn – A motion was made to compensate Vicki Boesch beginning in January 2020 for the position of Youth worker. She has been doing this on a volunteer basis for almost two years. The motion was seconded and carried.

Property & Facilities – Faye Gast (acting pro-tem) Next meeting will be 12/16/19.

Parish Life – Darlene Lowery – Absent.

Mission & Outreach – Martha Thompson & Tom Kinsel – written report submitted, next meeting is January 22, 2020.

FLAMe – written report submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Capital Campaign** updated earlier in the meeting by Don Hanck.
- **2020 Proposed Budget** – A motion was made to present the Proposed 2020 Budget to the congregation at the February 2, 2020 Annual meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.
- **Constitution Revision report** – changes were reviewed. A motion was made to present the changes to the congregation at the February 2, 2020 Annual meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Reimbursable Expense Account** – A motion was made to approve a Reimbursable Expense Account for Rev. Dr. Eric L. Bodenstab for 2020 in the amount of \$300. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Harris, Recording Secretary



If you are experiencing static or a weak radio signal,
remember our 10:30 a.m. Sunday service is now broadcast on
93.5FM and 1450AM.








January 2020



- ◆ All calendar activities will take place at Zion unless otherwise specified.
- ◆ Calendar events/meetings reported as of 12/16/2019. Please check with your Team Leader and check the weekly bulletin calendar for any additions/changes.

*Tis the Season
To be Freezin!*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 9:30 am Priscilla 6:15 pm Bell Choir	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 6:00 pm Worship
5 8/10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Adult Forums 9:15 am COZ	6 4:30 pm Concert Assoc. Meeting 5:30 pm Temple Caretakers 6:30 pm Quilters 7:00 pm Troop 8 Scouts 7:00 pm Firelands Chorus	7 9:00 am Quilters 1:00 pm Lectionary Study—Mr. Smith's 2:00 pm Executive Council 5:30 pm Junior Choir 7:00 pm Circle of Friends—4404 Woodridge	8 7:30 am Lectionary Study 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Agape—Library 7:00 pm Council	9 6:00 pm JOY Time at St. Paul 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Senior Choir	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11  6:00 pm Worship
12 8/10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Adult Forum 9:15 am COZ 3:00 pm Year of Scripture Party	13 10:00 am Saturday Worship Planning 1:00 pm Mutual Ministry Team Mtg. 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	14 Rostered Leaders Eastern Conference 9:00 am Quilters 11:00 am Apocrypha Study with Pastor 1:00 pm Lectionary Study—Mr. Smith's 5:30 pm Junior Choir 6:00 pm Apocrypha Study with Carolyn	15 7:30 am Lectionary Study 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am Worship/Music Planning 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Confirmation Parents Mtg.	16  6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Senior Choir	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 6:00 pm Worship
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