

“SHARING THE GOOD NEWS”

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



FEBRUARY
2023



Homebound

Charlie Bentke
Elverna Borchart
Gene & JoAnn Draehn
Dorothy & Bradley
Grimm
John & Darleen Hardin
Josephine Helm
Aubert & Cleo Jaeger
Gertrude Krinke
Weldon & Marjorie
Krinke
Veradell Lehde
Alice Macik
Joyce Marburger
Joyce Meyer
Jannet Rosenbaum
Glenn Schroeder
Nathan & Carolyn
Zibilski

Brenham Nursing & Rehab

LaVerna Schiller

Isle @ Watercrest (in C/S)

Alvin & Ruth Free

Kruse Village

LaVerne Blum
Gracy Lange
Evelyn Plueckhahn

Magnolia Assisted Living

Cn'tr/Bellville, Tx

Doris Blum
Leroy Hodde

Oak Haven Assisted Living

(Industry)

Bernice Vaughn

Silver Sage Assisted Living

Mary Lee Schneider



2023 Council Members

President: Marvin Spreen
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Vice President: Charles Hahn
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Secretary: Melisa Bosse
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Treasurer: Sandy Blum
(979) 830-3839

Witness: Chadd Neumann
(979) 277-5382

Bldg/Grounds: Matt Supak
(979) 421-8445

Parish Ed: Sandra Lange
(979) 251-2201

Worship: Cindy Buck
(979) 830-7791

Stewardship: Liz Capan
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Monthly Meeting for Zion Lutheran Church Council

Date: January 18, 2023

Attendance:

Staff: Pastor Glenn Hohlt

Executive Committee: Marvin Spreen-President, Vice President Charles Hahn,
Secretaru Melisa Bosse, Treasurer Sandy Blum

Committee Chairs: Matt Supak-Bldg. & Grounds, Cindy Buck-Worship, Liz Capan-
Stewardship

Absent: Sandra Lange-Parish Ed, Chad Neumann-Witness

Opening Prayer: Pastor Glenn

Reports:

- Financial Report – Motion to approve by Matt; seconded by Melisa. All approved.
 - Reflects year end 2022
 - Report for Jan. Congregational Meeting will be prepared.
- Previous Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve by Sandy; seconded by Matt. All approved.

Committee Reports:

- Pastor's Report – Dec. 2022 and Jan. 2023
 - Worship Services:
 - Nov. 20, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, Dec. 11 (anniversary), Dec. 18, Dec. 24 (4 pm and 7 pm), Dec. 25, Jan. 8, Jan. 15
 - Confirmation:
 - Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Jan. 4
 - Activities:
 - Shut-in visit Kruse Village, Isle @ Watercress
 - Hospital visit – Baylor Scott and White, College Station
 - Follow up with injured/hospitalized/recovering
 - Office Visits

- Christmas Parade
- Nativity Setup and Drive Thru
- Advent Luncheon – server
- Outdoor Sunday School Trip – Road Side Park
- Volunteer Burton Bridge Ministry Saturday Food Pantry
- All Committees meeting
- Council Christmas Dinner
- Newsletter Article
- Trumpet Playing with Worship Team
- Marilyn Raffo Memorial Service
- Request from Boy Scouts of America to find a place for a charter
- Building/Grounds – Matt Supak
 - Cross is leaning. The company is being contacted to fix it.
 - Lawnmowers are being serviced for the Spring.
 - Kitchen door needs repair to the bottom weather stripping.
- Parish Education – Sandra Lange (absent)
- Stewardship – Liz Capan
 - Jan. 1 – 31 – Coat drive for Burton Bridge Ministry. Contact the Stewardship Committee with the name of anyone who may be in need of warm coats.
 - Helping Worship Committee with Fat Tuesday. This will also be a service project for the confirmation class.
 - Zion will participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring this year.
 - Will ask Donnie for Time and Talent sheets, update them and send in bulletin and have available in Church.
- Witness – Chadd Neumann (absent)

- Worship – Cindy Buck
 - Fat Tuesday Pancake supper
 - Took down Christmas decorations

New Business:

- Marvin welcomed new council members.
- Council agreed to donate towards Berlin-Mill Creek-Zionsville VFD. Contribution increased to \$200 for 2022. Motion made by Matt; seconded by Charles. All approved.
- New member Lanette Pledger – Motion made by Melisa; seconded by Matt. All approved.
 - Marvin mentioned Lanette is interested in cleaning the roadside sign and taking care of posting messages.
- Reviewed request to replace fence between church and Lehde property. Currently chain link needs to be replaced. Bid received from Bolcerek Fencing for barbed wire fence from Allan Niemeyer, who is interested in paying one-half of the cost. Total is \$6,300 for 1,130 feet. Council approved cost sharing on fence and submitting request for funds through Thrivent choice dollars.
- Bulletin article – Need volunteers to cook for Easter breakfast. Anyone interested should contact Charles Hahn or the church office.
- Request to shift \$10,000 from salary to housing allowance for Pastor Glenn. Sandy will make the financial code changes. Motion made by Matt; seconded by Liz. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Melisa Bosse, Secretary

Annual Congregational Meeting January 22, 2023

1. Meeting was called to order by Council President-Marvin Spreen
2. Opening Prayer-Marvin Spreen
3. **Review and approval of Previous minutes** (January, July, December 2022) – motion to approve was made by Michael Bentke, congregation approved.

4. Pastoral and Committee Reports

Pastoral report- Interim Pastor Glenn Hohlt

- a. Pastor Glenn –Thanked the church for allowing him to be our Interim Pastor during these last seven months and does not want anyone to feel anxious about what his plans are at the end of the next six months.
- b. He stated he has bought a house and it is not his desire to leave and he plans on staying. The congregation applauded.

Committee reports- motion to approve was made by Craig Blum, congregation approved.

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business:

- a. Reviewed the financial statements-Marvin explained to the congregation under the title of Care of Property- Grounds/Lawn Maintenance was exceeded this year and the difference was taken from the general fund.
- b. Election of three members to serve on nominating committee-Craig Conner, Allison Crowson, and Gary Wagner were approved by the congregation to serve with outgoing council members Stacy Hardy, Jason Blum, and Joyce Boeker.

7. Closing Prayer-Pastor Glenn

8. Meeting was adjourned by Marvin.

*Submitted by
Liz Capan*



From The Interim Pastor's Desk

Pray Without Ceasing

When we think of prayer it is likely that our mind goes to the Sunday morning prayers during worship or the prayers we say before a meal or the ones we say at night before bed. Many times, those prayers are rote, scripted, habitual prayers that we have memorized and often don't have to really pay much attention to what we are saying. Habits are good. But it's not a good thing to mindlessly reach out to God and simply let God figure it all out. We are in a relationship with God and it's not a hierarchical one, it's mutual. God became human in the person of Jesus so that we may have a different kind of relationship with God. Jesus says to his disciples, I no longer call you servants, I call you friends. John 15:15. Jesus wants us to relate to God as a friend, not a boss. Sometimes God is bossy but sometimes God is also passive, waiting for us to collaborate with God.

For the season of Lent I would like to focus on Prayer; specifically, our relationship with God. How we relate to God informs our prayer life. The resource I would primarily like to use is one written by our very own Gulf Coast Synod Bishop Michael Rinehart titled "Learning to Pray Again." Here is an excerpt from the introduction:

"Everybody prays. If you've ever hoped that a date would say yes that you would get a good grade on the paper, get the job offer, dodge a diagnosis, then you have prayed. The yearning of the heart is prayer. If you have ever stood at a mountaintop, overwhelmed by the beauty, or at the ocean, struck by its majesty, or laid in your backyard staring at the stars, millions of miles away, you have prayed. If you have sat or walked in silence, allowing your spirit to become calm and receptive, if you have listened to your soul, discerning an important decision, or if you have felt a tug within you to do something benevolent, bigger than yourself, then you have prayed. You have experienced what people throughout the ages have called the Holy Spirit. You have communed with God. Even if you feel far from God right now, God is closer than you think, closer than a brother, closer than your own skin. God is in you and around you, and every breath you take. Prayer is multifaceted. There are many different ways to pray. Some of these ways are more conducive to your personality than others. There have been many times in my life that I have been stuck in my prayer life. For one reason or another I felt I couldn't even pray.

Most often, it was discovering a new way of praying that helped me break through to a new place of deeper peace, greater awareness and more acute introspection.” (Rinehart, Michael. Learning to Pray Again: Peace and Joy Through an Ancient Practice. Teleos. Kindle Edition.)

Paul says that everything we do is prayer. My hope is that together we can expand our understanding and practice of prayer. Perhaps we can all agree that regardless of our gifts and abilities to physically or monetarily help others out, everyone can pray. May this Lenten journey be one toward a more prayerful community!

Pastor Glenn



Questions:

1. For how many pieces of silver did Judas betray Christ?
2. Who did Abram marry?
3. What did Jesus say he would leave with the disciples?
4. What did Paul ask Philemon to have ready for him?
5. In Egypt, what did Joseph accuse his brothers of at their first meeting?

1. Thirty [Matt 26:15] **2.** Sarai [Gen 11:29] **3.** Peace [John 14:27] **4.** A room [Phm 1:22]
5. Being spies [Gen 42:9]



News & Notes

Lenten Schedule

Lenten Worship services will be held on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd and on Maundy Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 PM with Holy Communion. Weekday services during Lent will be held at 11:30 AM on Wednesdays starting March 1st. A lunch will be held following the services around noon provided someone will sign up to provide the food. We will put out a signup sheet where members can volunteer to do this. On Wednesday evenings, we will be trying something new. Allison Crowson will be hosting a Time of Lenten Devotion and Meditation from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. This will be a come and go event. Members can spend any amount of time in devotion and prayer that they so choose. Since this is something new, we will see how everything goes and changes may be made along the way. We have not yet set the schedule for Easter, but would like to see a return to the traditional Easter breakfast if we can get enough help. Charles Hahn has volunteered to help with this. If anyone would like to help with this breakfast please contact Charles or the church office as soon as possible. We would love to be able to do this but it will take a lot of volunteers to help. If anyone has helped before and would like to again, or if you would like to help for the first time, please see Charles. This is open to men and women. Finally, don't forget to get your tickets for the pancake supper on February 21st.

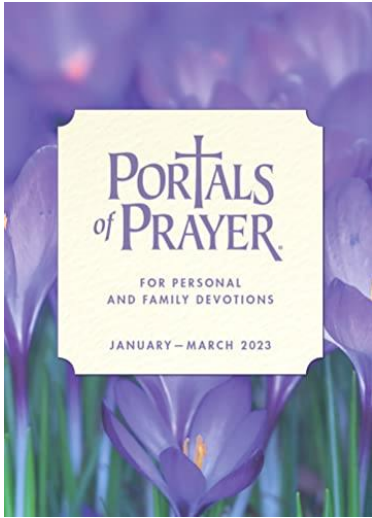


SHROVE TUESDAY

Zion Lutheran Church -Pancake Supper
"Fat Tuesday", February 21st

5 - 7 pm

Age 6 to Adult - \$7.00 donation



Please Note:

The new 2023 Portals of Prayer are now available.

If you have not already done so, please submit your payment of \$10 for the next year to the church office.

Thank You!



There are still some 2023 Contribution Envelopes ready for pick-up. Please do not use your old 2022 envelopes. Thank You!

Donnie

**FUN & FELLOWSHIP
@ MONDAYS
WITH MAY DELL**



*Come join our group and enjoy food, fun
and fellowship
every 2nd Monday from 10 am - 12 noon*



Youth Ministry

The logo for Youth Ministry features the text "Youth Ministry" in a blue, sans-serif font. Below the text is a stylized graphic consisting of four colorful, rounded shapes (yellow, blue, red, and green) that resemble human figures or abstract forms. A large, dark blue cross is positioned to the right of the text, partially overlapping the graphic.

Country walk @ Mill Creek Rest Area
An outdoor Sunday school session



*Back row: Tyson Ramirez, Allison Crowson, Madison Maass,
Sandy Supak and Pr. Glenn Hohlt*

*Front row: Tyler Ramirez, Brazos Supak, Emily Pohorelsky and
Julie Maass*

DATES TO REMEMBER:

**CONFIRMATION ON FEBRUARY 1ST AND
FEBRUARY 15TH AT 4:30 PM**



Mardi Gras celebration Sunday, February 19th
during Sunday school time.



Don't Forget!

Souper Bowl of Caring

BBM is collecting cans of soup during the month of February; favorites include chicken noodle as well as any of the cream-based varieties.

Also needed are new socks for men, women, boys, girls and infants.



Milton Drews
Elvera Drews & family

Lloyd Pieper
M/M Gary Dannhaus

Rebecca Marshall
Elvera Drews
M/M Gary Dannhaus



Prayers thru the last month of January have gone out to:

- Carolyn Heidemann
- Kurt, Lisa & Baby, Dawson Jaskiski
- Marjorie Krinke
- Sandra Lange
- Holly Lehde
- Larissa Maass & baby, MacKenzie
- Alice Macik
- Jannet Rosenbaum
- Nina Runge
- LaVerna Schiller
- Mary Lee Schneider
- James Vaughn
- Dean Winkelmann

- Nathan & Carolyn Zibilski
- Don Allphin
- Stephen Broussard
- Charlotte Chavez
- Wayne Fuchs
- Keith Kitty
- Lynlee Kocurek
- Ben Marek
- Darrell Meyer
- Lorilai Schultz
- Diana Williams

And continue to hold in your prayers:

*Zion's Call Committee;
Shane Bentke, Melisa Bosse, Trey Hardy, Melonie Rau, Gary Wagner, and Lori Wittner.

*The Future Called Pastor of Zion and his/her family.



Articles for the March newsletter must be submitted by February 20th. Thank You

Attendance

Date	Worship in-house	Worship Mail-out	Sunday school	On-line
01/01	0	0	0	0
01/08	106	31	6	33
01/15	88	31	0	41
01/22	65	31	11	13

Offerings

Date	Regular	Memorials
01/01	0	0
01/08	6255.68	100.00
01/15	4164.68	110.00
01/22	1848.68	0



THANK YOU FOR THE TOYS FOR TOTS. WE'VE MADE SEVERAL FAMILIES VERY HAPPY THIS WEEK. IT REALLY MADE A DIFFERENCE.

*Much appreciated,
Susie Tommaney
Burton Bridge Ministry*



Baptism

Anniversaries

William Klingsporn	2-Feb
Emily Lehde	2-Feb
David Buck	3-Feb
Allyne Emshoff	3-Feb
Carson Lehde	4-Feb
Mandy Petersen	4-Feb
Chase Neumann	7-Feb
Alisa Niemeyer	8-Feb
David Blum	9-Feb
Jason Blum	9-Feb
Jon Little	9-Feb
Warren Niemeyer	9-Feb
Linda Lehde	12-Feb
Bobbie Ising	13-Feb
Melania Lehde	14-Feb
Mary Ann Meals	14-Feb
Leonora Blum	15-Feb
Steven Capan	15-Feb
Kristy Pieper	15-Feb
Erwin Emshoff	16-Feb
Cynthia Koehler	16-Feb
Paul Wunderlich	20-Feb
Charles Rauch	21-Feb
Braden Roehling	21-Feb
George Lorenz	22-Feb
Shawnda Saunders	22-Feb
Larry Henske	23-Feb
Curtis Orts	25-Feb
Nancy Wunderlich	25-Feb
Ryan Blum	27-Feb
Bradley Grimm	27-Feb
Mark Hahn	27-Feb
Cindy Lyles	27-Feb
Nathan Zibilski	27-Feb
Margaret Melton	28-Feb
Lori Wittner	28-Feb

Jeanette Ford	1-Feb
Elmer Marburger	2-Feb
Linda Boehnemann	5-Feb
Alvin Free	5-Feb
Bernice Vaughn	5-Feb
Sheila Muske	6-Feb
Tyler Ramirez	6-Feb
Russell Heidemann	7-Feb
Delfred Gaskamp	8-Feb
Kristie McKee	8-Feb
Ella Pieper	8-Feb
Shirley Ganske	10-Feb
Tim Pepper	12-Feb
Chadd Neumann	13-Feb
Carmen Niemeyer	13-Feb
Bobbi Jo Supak	13-Feb
Emily Maass	14-Feb
Shane Bentke	15-Feb
Dotsy Luhn	15-Feb
Tracy Lehde	16-Feb
Wrenley Pieper	16-Feb
Aubert Jaeger	17-Feb
Kelly Pohorelsky	19-Feb
Cooper Raley	19-Feb
Mary Keienburg	22-Feb
Lisa Conner	24-Feb
Bradley Grimm	27-Feb
Mark Hahn	27-Feb

Bobby and Mary Lee Mertz	15-Feb
Curtis and Jessica Meyer	23-Feb
Fred and Janice Rau	26-Feb
Jason and Emily Maass	16-Feb
Jerry Joe and Bernice Vaughn	19-Feb
Ricky and Marina Seilheimer	2-Feb





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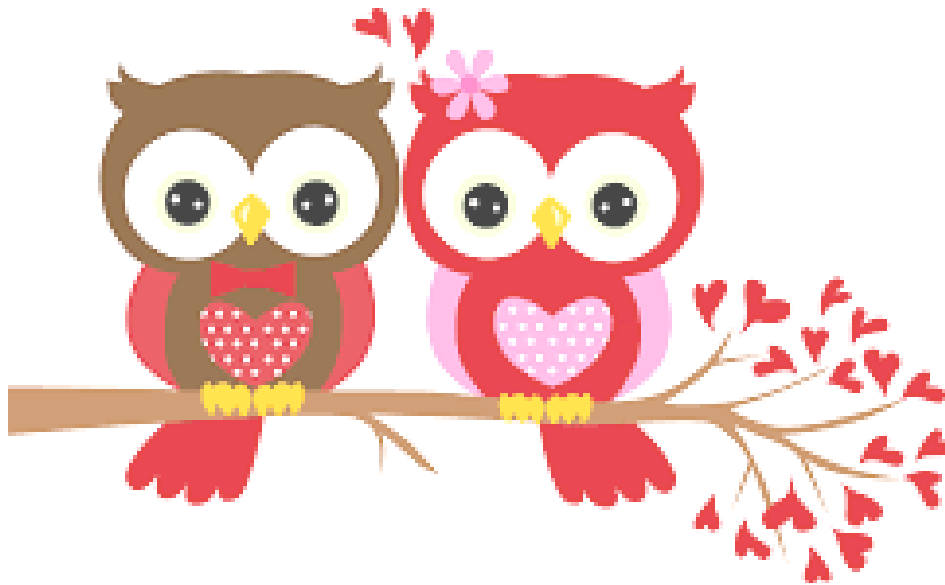
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