

“SHARING THE GOOD NEWS”

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Wednesday, Aug 3rd -All Committees' meetings @ 7 pm
Sunday, Aug 7th – “Youth Sunday” w/anniversary blessings and home steward blessings
Monday, Aug 8th – Monday w/MayDell 10am – 12 noon
Tuesday, Aug 9th – 4H Club meeting @ 7 pm
Thursday, Aug 11th – Ruth Circle meeting @ 11 am
Sunday, Aug 14th – “Around the World in Song” worship @ 9 am w/anniversary blessings and back pack blessing and presentation of Bibles to third graders
Wednesday, Aug 17th – Church Council meeting @ 6 pm
Sunday, Aug 21st – “Give Me that Old Time Religion” worship
Wednesday, Aug 24th – Naomi Circle meeting @ 6:30 pm

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Argent Court
Robert Jeske

Homebound
Charlie Bentke
Elverna Borchartd
Gene (JoAnn) Draehn
Laverne Ganske
Dorothy & Bradley Grimm
John & Darleen Hardin
Josephine Helm
Gertrude Krinke
Weldon & Marjorie Krinke
Veradell Lehde
Alice Macik
Joyce Marburger
Bobby & Mary Lee Mertz
Joyce Meyer
LaVerna Schiller
Glenn Schroeder
Erna Seilheimer
Nathan & Carolyn Zibilski

Brenham Nursing & Rehab
Jannet Rosenbaum

Encompass Health & Rehab
Glenn Schroeder

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
Bernice Vaughn (Industry)

Silver Sage Assisted Living
Florence Borchartd
Mary Lee Schneider



2022 Council Members
President: Marvin Spreen
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Worship: Joyce Boeker
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Stewardship: Matt Supak
(979) 203-4533

Monthly Meeting of Zion Lutheran Church Council

Date: July 20, 2022

Current Membership
418 Baptized, 345 Confirmed

Church staff: n/a

*Executive Committee: Marvin Spreen (President), Doris Redman (Vice President),
Liz Capan (Sec), Sandy Blum (Tres),*

*Board Chairs: Chadd Neumann (Witness), Matt Supak (Stewardship), Jason Blum (Bldg/Grounds),
Stacy Hardy (Parish Ed), Joyce Boeker (Worship)*

Attendance

Church Staff: Pastor Glenn Hohlt

Executive Committee: Present: Marvin Spreen, Liz Capan, Sandy Blum

Board Chairs: Present: Chadd Neuman, Matt Supak, Jason Blum, Joyce Boeker

Absent: Stacy Hardy

Opening Prayer: Marvin Spreen

Reports

- Financial Report –Sandy will have Donnie to write a check from benevolence fund to Lutherhill, Burton Bridge and Faith Mission. Balance sheet is on budget.
- Approval of minutes of previous meeting with two corrections: Date of last year Semi-Annual Meeting was July 25, 2021. Also change Closing prayer to Marvin Spreen. Gave corrections to Donnie.

Committee reports

- Pastor's Report –Pastor Glenn
 - Worship Service: June 26, July 03 (Patriotic Sunday) played trumpet, July 10 and July 17.
 - Attended VBS July 10-14. Co-leading music with Allison Crowson.
 - Baptism: June 26, Hayson Rhett Mantey
 - Newsletter article
 - Hospital Visit-Brenham Scott and White Hospital
 - Funeral home visitation- Seilheimer
 - Marvin Marburger
 - July 13, Hospital visit communion with Marburger family.
 - July 15, Home visit, Marvin Marburger passed away
 - July 19, Funeral Home visitation
 - July 20, Funeral services for Marvin Marburger
 - Pastor Glenn has had a very busy month.
 - VBS planning
 - Updating church sign-VBS info (quick cleaning; sign needs to be power washed).

- Issues from storm damages, making calls to Sunday school/VBS group after storm.
- Inspection of Sanctuary and Parlor- found ceiling tiles wet in the parlor.
- Technical issues with internet service being disrupted.
- Graduates-connect to college campus ministry.
- Pastor Glen also spends many hours in
 - Scripture Study/Sermon Prep
 - Prayer and devotion time
 - Time study (last week was a 39-hour week-VBS)
 - Miscellaneous items include making/receiving phone calls, office responsibilities and doing research of various projects. Also, working on learning names of church members.
- Building-Grounds-Jason Blum
 - Air Conditioner is out in the Sunday school rooms. Needs to be replaced,
 - Trees around church are trimmed, the ones along the highway need to be professionally trimmed. Jason is getting bids for service.
 - Limbs still need to be removed that were fallen during the storm.
 - Due to drought mowing has been stopped-no need.
 - Rodney and Jason will get together and change the lights in the parlor.
 - Front door lock needs to be checked out as the door doesn't always lock when first engaged.
Jason has had an offer to fix the lock he is looking into it.
- Parish Education-Stacy Hardy submitted report.
 - Discussed VBS preparation. Expecting 13 children and preparing meals for all in attendance including staff, parents and grandparents; preparing meals for 25 to 30 in all.
 - August 14th –During church service the following will be presented to the youth.
 - Backpack Blessing Tags
 - Third grade Bibles
 - Recognizing children who will begin Sunday school this year.
 - Discussed Christmas plans for the youth and whether a traditional Christmas Program or if the Drive Thru Nativity would be best. It was decided to continue with the Drive Thru Nativity like we have done the past few years.
- Stewardship-Matt Supak- Discussed if we would like to do a Fall Fund Raiser again this year.
Last year's Fall Fund Raiser was a big success and everyone seemed to enjoy it. Matt is considering doing it again this year since everyone that participated had positive feedback.

- Worship-Chadd Neumann
 - Birthday cards for June and July have been sent out to Homebound members.
 - Placed an Ad in the Banner Press.

- Witness-Joyce Boeker
 - Communion
 - Communion will continue to be served at the altar. Serving an average of 75-80 people per Sunday.
 - Bake bread will be served at the altar, Homebound will continue using wafer.
 - Landscaping- Joyce Boeker and Janice Rau
 - Flower bed beautification
 - Sprinklers need to be fixed in the front flower beds.
 - Joyce is working with Jason. (Building and grounds)
 - Trees need to be trimmed in the front along highway.
 - She has one bid. The council requested a second bid for comparison.

- President-Marvin Spreen
 - Cemetery Marker has been installed and accepted.
 - Call Process- Lori Wittner has not received any names of candidates for Pastor position in the past few months.
 - Discussed agenda items for the Semi-Annual Congregational meeting following church service on July 24th.
 - Discussed new A/C unit for the Sunday school rooms. Marvin has received one bid for the replacement of the A/C. Council requested a second for comparison.
 - Doris Redman submitted letter of resignation as Vice President. Resignation was accepted by council.
- Closing prayer: Lord's prayer led by Marvin.

*Respectfully submitted,
Liz Capan*

**Zion Lutheran Church
Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
July 24, 2022**

Meeting was called to order by Council President, Marvin Spreen.

Opening prayer: Pastor Glenn Hohlt

After the opening prayer Pastor Hohlt told the congregation what a joy and privilege it has been to serve the people here at Zion as their Pastor.

Marvin thanked Pastor Glenn for his presence at Zion.

Review and approval of minutes of previous congregational meeting.

- The congregation approved the Minutes of Previous Congregational Meetings for January 23, 2022.

Review of Financials: Balance sheet, attached for June 2022. Marvin asked if there were any concerns or questions about the balance sheet-there were none.

• Other Business

- a. Cemetery committee update:
 - The marker for unmarked graves that was approved last year has been installed.
 - He suggested if you have time please view it, you may see someone's name you recognize on the marker.
- b. Call process update-Lori Wittner
 - Call process begin in Fall of 2020 with the completion of Ministry Site Profile, MSP.
 - First interviews were held in April 2021 with the last interview held was May, 2022.
 - Fifteen candidates have been interviewed to date.
 - Synod was contacted in mid-July, 2022. Their response was that the summer is a slow time.
 - We are waiting for the name(s) of additional candidates.
 - Marvin thanked Lori and everyone on the call committee.
- c. A/C replacement
 - Air conditioner in Sunday school rooms is not working which is the oldest unit in church building.
 - Marvin has received one bid for a ten ton unit from Brenham Heating and Air Conditioning for \$29,300.
 - Marvin told congregation that council has requested a second bid for comparison.
 - He asked for approval of council to go forward with the best bid since we have over \$120,000 in the building fund. A motion of authority was made and second. Congregation approved. Marvin also stated that work may not start for two to eight weeks after the bid is accepted due to availability.
- d. Roof repair update
 - Last year's bid was \$170K to replace the roof. It was decided at the time not to replace but to fix the roof. Stan Ford got bids to fix the roof. During the recent storm there were water leaks in the parlor.
 - Marvin stated he is not requesting approval today to replace the roof only informing the congregation that at some point down the road we will be facing a big expense since today's price would be approximately \$250,000; we have not received any actual bids at this time.
- e. Other business-none

Closing prayer: Lord's Prayer led by Marvin.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Capan



Created in the image of God!

What does that mean? "If you want to know who God is, look at Jesus." (N.T. Wright) We have two creation stories in the book of Genesis. (Gen. 1-2:4a and Gen. 2:4b-3:24). There are some striking differences between the two. Jesus seems to focus on the first creation story when it comes to God's creation of humankind: "So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

You see Jesus seems to treat male and female as equals, including breaking the law in order to listen to women, heal women, teach women, refer to women as disciples/apostles, and care for women in a way that would have been seen as un-masculine in his time.

Paul went so far as to say "...there is no longer male or female, slave or free, Jew or Greek, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 2:28. Paul is writing to a newly formed group of Jesus' followers who are committed to divisions, labels, individualism, separation, insiders/outside, focusing inward rather than focusing outward.

"If you want to know who God is, look at Jesus." We seem to be drifting away from the image of God that we see in Jesus. We focus on the Ten Commandments that Jesus spoke of very seldom, instead of focusing on the summary of Jesus' ministry that we get straight from Jesus himself: The Beatitudes. "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets." (Matthew 7:12 or Mark 12: 31; Luke 10: 27-Love your neighbor as yourself.)

Jesus' message, in word and deed, was about breaking down barriers, male/female, Jew/non-Jew, etc. What barriers are we engaged in tearing down? Are we more about constructing and maintaining walls and barriers? The church is in the midst of a reformation, a re-form-ing and re-define-ing of what it means to be the body of Christ. It's more important than ever for us to be clear about our image of God. "If you want to know who God is, look at Jesus."

The pandemic has been a world-wide event affecting every continent. Our image of God may just determine how we interpret this latest event: God's punishment or God's glory? Our faith informs us that God's intent is to bring about good, in and through everything, even death on a cross! God is in our midst. Luther says "The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also. May the kingdom of God come to all of us and may we respond with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength!

Pastor Glenn



Updates from the Church Office:



Personal Care Kits

Zion is still collecting items for Lutheran World Relief to make Personal Care Kits. We will be collecting and assembling the following items:

- +ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" X 40" and 52" X 27"), dark color recommended
- +TWO bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- +ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- +ONE sturdy comb
- +ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

ALL items must be NEW!

Please bring items in and place in the boxes outside the Church Office windows. For more information go to Lutheran World Relief at lwr.org. Thank you!

➤ No new candidate names have been submitted to the worship committee for their consideration!



*Cross Trails Ministry Fall Festival Quilt Show & Auction
Online & in person, September 17, 2022
Fredericksburg Marketplatz*

If you or someone you know would like to donate quilts to the auction, please contact Jessica Pina, outreach director, by email for more information at Jessica@crosstrails.org



Upcoming!

On August 7 during worship, we will hear from our youth who attended Lutherhill this summer.

On August 14, during worship is the Blessing of the Backpacks before school starts and Bibles will be presented to the 3rd graders.

Also, during the month of August we will begin our fall project of collecting school supplies. You may place them on the table in front of the office.



Come for SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL!

This year, we are using *God's Wonder Lab*.

Children will learn that Jesus does the impossible!

They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible stories where Jesus does marvelous things.

They will get to learn about the vast and amazing love that God has for each of us!

Continuing through August



A Great “Maker Fun Factory” VBS

For five days in July, youth and young-at-heart volunteers gathered at Zion for Vacation Bible School to learn about God, our Maker! A large robot greeted everyone! A contest was held naming it “Gizmo”; a name submitted by Jill Rosenbaum. Each evening began with a meal, and then everyone gathered for music, and an introduction to the night’s Bible story. Students rotated through Bible storytelling, music, Imagination Station, and games & science sessions. The night wrapped up with Pastor Glenn and Allison C. in the FLC. On the last night, everyone enjoyed a splash night!

A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who made VBS possible and a great experience for all:

Imagination Station- Beverly Roehling & Lauren Pepper

Music- Allison Crowson & Pastor Glenn Hohlt

Bible Storytelling- Bobbi Jo Supak & Allison Marburger & Allison Bentke

Games & Science- Linda Wagner & Shannon Hetzel

Crew Leaders- Jill Rosenbaum, Avery Maass, Sandy Blum & Leah Hardy

Kitchen Coordinator- Lisa Conner

Kitchen Helpers- Jon Little, Cindy Lyles, Charlene & Charles Hahn, Penny Spreen, Ruth Maass, Theresa Rodenbeck, Sandra Lange & Marvin Spreen

Director- Mary Keienburg

A BIG THANK YOU to all the parents and grandparents who brought their children to VBS!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated items for the dinners, arts & crafts, or games & science!

A BIG THANK YOU to Theresa Rodenbeck for donating prizes for the kiddos!

A BIG THANK YOU to Zionsville 4-H and Pam Zibilski for inviting us to join them for a presentation by EMS and a tour of their ambulance!

A BIG THANK YOU to the decorating crew- Beverly, Linda, Shannon & Mary



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

Family & friends of Alton Seilheimer
Family & friends of Marvin Marburger
Lanie Blum
Marjorie Krinke
Chadd Neumann
Jerry Pederson
Jannet Rosenbaum
LaVerna Schiller
Mary Lee Schneider
Dean Winkelmann
Nathan & Carolyn Zibilski
Stephen Broussard
Wayne Fuchs
Jimmy Eickhoff
Linlee Kocurek
Mark Marburger
Rocksann Marburger
Darrell Meyer
Inell Partin
Lorilai Schultz
Tommy Supak
Sandra Zettle

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.



We are pleased to let you know that a deposit has been made to Zion thru Thrivent Choice Dollars on behalf of:
Don Lee Studhalter



Alton Seilheimer

M/M E.F. Marburger
M/M David Buck
M/M Leroy Hodde
M/M Mark Buck
M/M Rodney Maurer
Marvin Spreen
M/M Robert Jeske
M/M Keith Kuhlmann
Elvera Drews
M/M Lloyd Schwarze
Sylvia Gaskamp
M/M George Lorenz
M/M Jimmie Maurer
M/M Milton Green
M/M Gary Lehde
M/M Robert Ziese
M/M Charles Hahn
Rene Dornier family
Dorothy & Bradley Grimm
M/M Stuart Markwardt
M/M Wayne Fuchs
Joyce Boeker
M/M Philip Ellis
Shirley Ganske

M/M Rickey Gaskamp
Diana Glenz
Miguel Mora-Zacarias, Diane Boellstorff & Elena Mora-Boellstorff
Ruth Maass
M/M David Sommer
M/M Fred Winkelmann
M/M Mitchell Hall
M/M Allan Niemeyer
M/M Lanny Strong

Marvin Marburger

Natalie Bell
M/M David Blum
Gayle Bednar
Jason Blum
M/M Larry Blum
Kathryn Boyd
Keith & Katie Brinkman
M/M Michael Brister
Elvera Drews
M/M Wayne Ganske
M/M Rickey Gaskamp
M/M Gary Goessler
Carolyn Heidemann
M/M Robert Jeske
Dawn Konieczny
M/M David Lange
M/M Elroy Maass
M/M E.F. Marburger
M/M Waldemar Schramm
Emma Schulz
M/M Rodney Wittner
Marvin Spreen
M/M Robert Ziese
Harold Tappe, Jr.
Ronnie Hohlt family
M/M Jose Duran
M/M Willaim Kuretich
Nina Runge
M/M Gene Draehn
M/M George Lorenz
M/M Michael Marburger
M/M Larry Henske
M/M Lee Koehler
Jo Ann Beckermann
M/M Mark Buck

Offerings

Date	Regular	Memorials
07/03	5290.00	0
07/10	2912.36	955.00
07/17	2862.36	1640.00
07/24	3368.68	65.00

Attendance

Date	Worship in-house	Worship Mail-out	Sunday School
07/03	100	32	0
07/10	81	32	13
07/17	72	32	9
07/24	85	32	10

Pat Hajek & Harris Walenta
M/M Jeff Maitland
Leroy Hodde family
M/M Matt Miller
M/M Aubert Jaeger
Washington Co. Go Texan
Joyce Meyer family
M/M Donald Ahrens
M/M Jerry Vaughn
M/M Martin Schulz, Jr.
M/M James Vaughn
Doyle & Vicky Reeves &
Monica
M/M Terry Wunderlich
M/M Allan Niemeyer
M/M James McGee
M/M Ricky Wellbrock

Eddie Hugo

M/M James Vaughnb

Vernon Lehde

Natalie Bell
M/M Allan Niemeyer

Ruth Loesch

M/M Aubert Jaeger



Questions:

1. When he was approached by Jesus, who said “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.”?
2. What was the reason that Jacob and his family began a new life in Egypt?
3. How was Isaac’s wife chosen?
4. Whose father was so pleased to see him that he gave him the best robe and killed the fatted calf?
5. What was the name of Solomon’s son who succeeded him as king?

1. Legion [Mark 5:7] 2. Famine in Canaan [Gen 47:4] 3. His father sent a servant back to Mesopotamia to choose a wife from his own family [Gen 24] 4. Prodigal son [Luke 15:23-24] 5. Rehoboam [1 Ki 11:43]

Happy Birthday

Scot Dannhaus	1-Aug
Janet Dannhaus	2-Aug
Marian Helfrich	2-Aug
Shannon Hetzel	2-Aug
Alvin Free	5-Aug
Ruth Free	6-Aug
Brandon Muske	7-Aug
Gunther Niemeyer	8-Aug
Carol Ann Spreen	8-Aug
Rickey Gaskamp	9-Aug
Rachel Parker	9-Aug
Erna Seilheimer	11-Aug
Trey Hardy	12-Aug
Billy Lehde	12-Aug
Bobby Lehde	12-Aug
Kayden Pieper	13-Aug
Jannet Rosenbaum	13-Aug
Elverna Borchardt	14-Aug
Theresa Rodenbeck	14-Aug
Andrew Cmajdalka	17-Aug
Jill Keller	17-Aug
Karley Lorenz	17-Aug
Herbert Glaesmann, Jr.	18-Aug
Gertrude Krinke	18-Aug
Craig Conner	19-Aug
Kaci Neumann	19-Aug
Hadley Cmajdalka	22-Aug
Marina Seilheimer	22-Aug
Betty Pelkemeyer	24-Aug
Ryan Raley	24-Aug
Ricky Buro	26-Aug
Katelyn Wittner	26-Aug
Erin Keller	27-Aug
Karina Engeling	29-Aug
Ricky Seilheimer	30-Aug
Alice Studhalter	30-Aug
Brian Lorenz	31-Aug

Baptisms

Natalie Bell	19-Aug
Justin Blum	8-Aug
LaVerne Blum	5-Aug
Janet Dannhaus	29-Aug
Mike Davis	22-Aug
Elvera Drews	4-Aug
Joy Fuchs	23-Aug
Charlene Hahn	24-Aug
John Hardin	31-Aug
Jill Keller	27-Aug
Kinsley King	5-Aug
Addison Lehde	19-Aug
Gary Lehde	21-Aug
Melania Lehde	17-Aug
Larissa Maass	23-Aug
Madison Maass	7-Aug
Brianna Maitland	31-Aug
Jeff Maitland	22-Aug
Shelby Mantey	15-Aug
Allison Marburger	14-Aug
Kaci Neumann	19-Aug
Adrie Niemeyer	14-Aug
David Reynolds	13-Aug
Cullen Roberts	11-Aug
Dennis Roehling	17-Aug
Tristan Smith	29-Aug
Cody Supak	5-Aug
Jerry Joe Vaughn	25-Aug
Phyllis Vaughn	5-Aug
Belinda Vincent	14-Aug
Dean Winkelmann	10-Aug

HAPPY Anniversary!

Rickey and Carol Gaskamp	1-Aug
Terry and Nancy Wunderlich	8-Aug
Rod and Belinda Vincent	13-Aug
Dean and Sandra Winkelmann	15-Aug
Mark and Cindy Buck	18-Aug
George and Walline Lorenz	23-Aug
Don and Alice Studhalter	23-Aug
David and Evelyn Buck	26-Aug
Trey and Stacy Hardy	28-Aug



Articles for the September newsletter must be submitted by Aug 23rd. Thank You



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