

“SHARING THE GOOD NEWS”

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Wednesday, Mar 2nd - ASH
Wednesday “Ashes to Go” at
the White Horse in Burton 7am

Wednesday worship service @
7pm

Wednesday, Mar 2nd – NO All
Committees’ meeting due to Ash
Wednesday worship service

Sunday, Mar 6th – Tracey
Brashears Schultz presiding

Tuesday, Mar 8th – 4H Club
meeting @ 7 pm

Thursday, Mar 10th – Ruth
Circle @ 11 am at On Deck

Sunday, Mar 13th – “Daylight
Saving Time Begins”/Lay
minister Clayton Faulkner, guest
pastor

Sunday, Mar 13th –
Confirmation class after worship

Wednesday, Mar 16th – Church
Council meeting @ 6 pm

Wednesday, Mar 23rd – Naomi
Circle meeting @ 6:30 pm

Sunday, Mar 27th –
Confirmation class after worship

Zion Lutheran Church

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[ZionLutheran-Brenham](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

Argent Court

Robert Jeske

Homebound

Charlie Bentke
Elverna Borchardt
Gene (JoAnn) Draehn
Laverne Ganske
Dorothy & Bradley Grimm
John & Darleen Hardin
Josephine Helm
Gertrude Krinke
Weldon & Marjorie Krinke
Veradell Lehde
Alice Macik
Marvin & Joyce Marburger
Bobby & Mary Lee Mertz
Joyce Meyer
Jerry Pederson
Jannet Rosenbaum
Glenn Schroeder
Alton & Erna Seilheimer
Nathan & Carolyn Zibilski

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 Borchardt
Sue Maass
Mary Lee Schneider



2022 Council Members

President: Marvin Spreen
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Stewardship: Matt Supak
(979) 203-4533

Monthly Meeting of Zion Lutheran Church Council

Date: February 16, 2022

Church Staff: Pastor Karen Buck (interim Pastor)

*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)*

**Current Membership
418 Baptized, 345 Confirmed**

Attendance

Church Staff: Pastor Karen

Executive Committee: Present- Marvin Spreen, Doris Redman, Liz Capan, Sandy Blum

Board Chairs: Present- Matt Supak, Jason Blum, Joyce Boeker

Absent- Chadd Neumann, Stacy Hardy

Opening Prayer-Pastor Karen Buck

Reports

- Financial Report-Sandy Blum 2022 Budget report submitted.
- Approval of minutes of previous meeting.

- **Pastor's Report-** Pastor Karen Buck
 - Future Pastor- an informational binder about what we are doing as a church has been prepared for the future Pastor
 - Discussed Pastoral Care in February
 - Worship Impact/Outreach Online-provided a worship attendance chart
 - Transitional Issues
 - Call Process –Call Committee will be interviewing two candidates.
 - Monday, February 21 a special meeting with Marvin Spreen regarding next step of transition-pulpit supply, pastors on call, Bridge Pastor, etc.
 - Tuesday, February 22 is Pastor Karen's last day in office.
 - Church Office/Pastoral Duties
 - Confirmation-Mary Keienburg will teach Sunday, February 27.
 - Confirmands will be encouraged to watch video series by Adam Hamilton- 24 Hours That Changed the World, until the Bridge Pastor picks up confirmation classes.
 - Loose Change Offering Protocols-a draft has been given to Worship Committee
 - Discussed the Newsletter Mailing List
 - Contribution Envelope List – Research was done in Shepherd's Staff (church's data base system) looking at when the member last made a contribution. Members who had not made a contribution since 2019 were identified. Zion has members that fit the criteria of members dating back as far as 2011. Pastor Karen will call member(s) questionable. Council decided names of members on the list will be moved to Inactive Status. When an offering is made by an Inactive Member, then the system changes them back to Active Status.
 - Looking Ahead

- Wednesday, March 2, Zion will host Ashes-To-Go at the White Horse, Pastor Cindy Robles from Greenvine and Pastor Alvin Luedke from Rehburg have been invited.
- Pastor Tracey will be at Zion on Ash Wednesday and Sunday, March 6.
- Holy Week-April 10-Palm Sunday, April 14 Maundy Thursday (First Communion Milestone)
- April 15 Good Friday, April 17 Easter Sunday. Confirmation-TBD
- Alvin and Ruth Free will celebrate their “72” Anniversary on March 5.
Pastor suggested everyone in church to please send an anniversary card to:
Alvin and Ruth Free
C/O Isle @Watercress, Rm# 120
4091 Eastchester Dr.
Bryan, TX 77802

➤ **Building-Grounds**-Jason Blum

- Works in progress
 - All filters have been changed with the filters on hand. There are still a few more that need to be changed however, filters are out of stock at this time.
 - Blue Cross light is still out, working on getting references to fix light.
 - Windows need to be washed
 - Shrubs will be removed on the east side of the front entrance of the building.

➤ **Parish Education**-Stacy Hardy -report submitted

- Thrivent mini grant for the Drive Thru Nativity was used to purchase eight costumes, extension cord, three backdrops and a heavy-duty step stool.
- Summer Sunday school curriculum will be God’s Wonder Lab which we already have on hand.
- VBS dates are tentatively set for the week of July 10th.
- Upcoming special events during Sunday School
 - Valentine treat bags-February 13th
 - Mardi Gras activities and snacks- February 27th
- First Communion classes will begin in March.

➤ **Stewardship**-Matt Supak

- Nothing to report

➤ **Worship**-Joyce Boeker

- No pancake supper
- Discussed Ash Wednesday service

➤ **Witness**-Chadd Neumann-Absent

➤ **Council President:** Marvin Spreen

- Request that the Executive Members meet the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm to be here when all committee meetings meet.
- Discussions
 - New Bridge Pastor- Marvin will check on getting a Zoom meeting setup. Until then each member is asked to be thinking of questions of concern.
- Pastor Karen’s last Sunday is February 20 we will have coffee and donuts after worship service. Discussed other ways to show our appreciation for her devoted service to Zion congregation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Liz Capan*



February 21, 2022

On February 16, the Call Committee interviewed two candidates whose profiles were received from the Synod for this round of interviews. The Call Committee released one of the candidates from the selection process after the initial interview but would like to continue conversations with the other candidate. The Committee is coordinating the 2nd interview based upon the candidate's availability, and it is expected that this interview will be conducted by mid-March.

We appreciate everyone's continued support, patience, and prayers during this time.

Zion Call Committee

*Shane Bentke, Melisa Bosse, Trey Hardy, Melonie Rau, Gary Wagner
and Lori Wittner*



From the Interim Pastor

The In-Between Times...

If I am being honest with you, when I first learned in 2020 that my name was being given to your Church Council as the person being recommended by the Synod Office to be your Intentional Interim Pastor, my first reaction was this: “Noooooo! Not there! It’s too close! I have family roots there! My best friends from high school worship there!”

And...if I am being honest with you **now**, as I leave having served at Zion for two years, my reaction is this - “We did that! We did so much together in two years! Some of it was tough. Not everyone was happy with everything. But we hung in there together in spite of so much.”

I am a better pastor because of you, Zion. Because of the way we shaped ministry to those without technology, I was “forced” to write my sermon mid-week. (Which means that for the first time in over 25 years, I could spend Saturday nights doing what I wanted...and not writing a sermon!). Because I already knew so much about your families (and you knew so much about mine), our pastoral conversations were deeper, more connective, and more “family-lar”. Because of the very real need to pay more attention to self-care & self-health during the pandemic, I learned how to better balance work & family & self-care. And...because the pandemic challenged and changed everything we once “always did” here at Zion *and* forced us to *constantly* think outside of the box, I learned how to *do* things differently and more creatively as a pastor as well...from home communion visits, to learning how to preach with cameras, to learning about other styles of worship and ways for churches to **be** in community with each other and the neighborhoods they serve.

Thank you...to ALL of you who in any form or fashion...served on committees or church council, joined us for worship online/in person/by mail, sent notes/texts of encouragement, made an offering of time/talent/treasure, or kept your faith community in prayer during this time. It has been an honor to have served you, Zion. My prayers are with you as you move forward in the Call Process!

*Blessings -
Pr. Karen*

Lent

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Cancelled this year due to lack of volunteers able to make it happen.

Wednesday, March 2 - Ash Wednesday

7:00am - Ashes to Go at the White Horse in Burton

Zion is hosting this event. Pr. Cindy Robels from Emmanuel Greenvine will be administrating ashes. Come early and get ashed!

7:00pm - Worship Service here at Zion

Pr. Tracey Brashears Schultz will be leading worship with us. Ashes will be placed on your foreheads as you enter worship.

Sunday, March 6 - Pr. Tracey Brashears Schultz will be leading worship.

Sunday, March 13 - TBD – Clayton Faulkner, guest pastor. Service of the Word only.

Sunday, March 20 - TBD - Pr. Karen still working on this!

Personal Care Kits

During March and April, Zion will be 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!

Confirmation

Will meet on Sundays, March 13 and 27 after worship!!!

Naomi Circle

This women's circle is reading Adam Hamilton's 24 Hours That Changed the World. Not only are they reading (and discussing) it, but they are also watching the video! This group meets on Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30pm in the Church Parlor.

Ruth Circle

This women's circle is now meeting at 11:00am on the second Thursday of the month at On Deck restaurant in Brenham. Monthly studies/discussions currently are from the Women of the ELCA's *Gather Magazine*. Join them and be fed spiritually and physically!!!

Food Pantry Information

If you or someone you know are caught in the midst of a rock and a hard place and cannot afford to purchase food, here is a list of places available to help during these tough times:

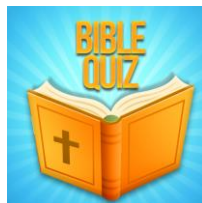
Burton Bridge Ministry - Drive thru food pantry behind St. John's UCC in Burton. To find out how to sign up or volunteer - Call 979-337-3370.

Next monthly pantry - Friday, March 18

Bread Partners of Washington County - Drive thru food pantry at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Every Tuesday morning at 8:00 - 8:30am.

Faith Mission - Call to ask about services and to set-up an intake appointment. 830-1488.

**You will need to bring your driver's license with you AND fill out paperwork at each pantry.*



Questions:

1. Who wrote the line: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want"?
2. Which prisoners experienced an earthquake after their prayer?
3. What was the name of Joseph's youngest brother?
4. Who did Jesus pray for that his faith failed not?
5. What was the new name given to Daniel while in captivity?

1. David [Ps 23:1] 2. Paul & Silas [Acts 16:26] 3. Benjamin [Gen 44:12] 4. (Simon) Peter [Luke 22:32] 5. Belteshazzar [Dan 1:7]



Zion -

Thank you for such a wonderful reception last Sunday. I so appreciated your words of gratitude whether they were spoken or written. I will treasure them always! Thank you also for the beautiful market basket, orchid, and gardening tools. ALL of those things fit me perfectly! And while the donuts, cookies, and coffee were the draw for us to stay and gather after worship, what was most amazing about that time were the number of you who lingered and visited and shared and laughed and truly enjoyed that time together. It was amazing to feel what was so familiar about Zion pre-pandemic once again. My hope for you, Zion, as you move forward, are more moments of community like that...with or without donuts. YOU are the church's greatest assets. The way that you connect with each other is what makes this faith community...feel so much like home. May you continue to find strength in each other as Zion welcomes another "temporary" pastor...and then a called pastor who will settle in and make Zion their faith home as well. Thank you for welcoming me into your faith home. It has been an honor to be a part of your faith family.

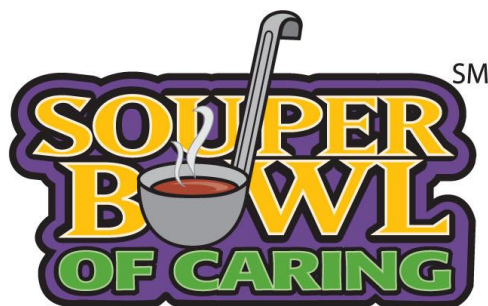
Much love - Pr. Karen



A Note to Zion's Homebound Members -

We ask for your patience as the supply pastors and the bridge pastor learn the ropes of doing church in person, online, **and** "in the mail". Your weekly bulletins/sermons may start coming AFTER worship on Sundays...hitting the post office on Mondays. And there may or may not be a sermon in them. If there is not, spend time looking up and reading the scriptures and meditating on them. Imagine yourself as the pastor and think, "What Good News would these words offer 'my congregation'?" Those are probably also the very same words you might need to hear. Fancy that. And whoops! have I just shared a "pastor trick" with you? Maybe. May God bless your reading of the Word. And may God bless the meditations of your hearts!

TACKLE



HUNGER



Our Souper Bowl Sunday was a success. Zion collected 186 cans for the Cream Team! Pictured are: BBM Board Member Carol Gaskamp and Pr. Karen Buck delivering the Cream Team offering to BBM office.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Prayers thru the last month of February have gone out to

Sue Maass
Bobby Mertz
Jerry Pederson
Jannet Rosenbaum
LaVerna Schiller
Dean Winkelmann
Carolyn Zibilski
Stephen Broussard
Jimmy Eickhoff
Doug Lehrer
Mark Marburger
Darrell Meyer
Lorilai Schulz
Sandra Zettel

Families and friends of: Barry Blum, Scott Brauer and Darrell Matthies

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:

Shirley Ann Ganske

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Barry Blum

Natalie Bell
Marvin Spreen
Carolyn Heidemann

Darrell Matthies

M/M James Vaughn

Mary Kelm

M/M Richard McCord
M/M Robert Jeske
Wayne Sunderhuse
M/M Ronnie Kelm
M/M George Lorenz
M/M Jeff Maitland
M/M Ricky Gaskamp
M/M Paul Cmajdalka
Birdie Sommerfeld
Elvera Drews
Women of Zion
Gertrude Krinke
Marvin Spreen
M/M Charles Hahn
Bobbie Ising

Mildred Richter

M/M James Vaughn

Wilbert Richter

M/M James Vaughn



Articles for the April newsletter must be submitted by March 22nd. Thank You

Attendance

Date	Worship in-house	Worship Mail-out	Sunday School
01/30	56	35	8
02/06	24	35	9
02/13	72	35	17
02/20	89	35	14

Offerings

Date	Regular	Memorials
01/30	1848.00	190.00
02/06	2703.00	65.00
02/13	5385.00	105.00
02/20	2590.00	30.00



Thrivent members are reminded to designate any remaining choice dollars credited to their name before the end of March. Undesignated amounts from 2021 will expire at that time. They can be designated by going online, calling the home office at (800) 847-4836 and saying "Choice Dollars" when prompted or by calling the local Thrivent office for assistance.

Marvin Spreen
Financial Associate
Five Star Financial Group



Tyson Ramirez	1-Mar
Brazos Supak	3-Mar
Leroy Hodde	4-Mar
Charlie Bentke	5-Mar
Nina Runge	8-Mar
Christine Cmajdalka	9-Mar
David Raffo	9-Mar
Linda Wagner	11-Mar
Kimber Bender	13-Mar
John Hardin	14-Mar
Connie Klausmeyer	14-Mar
Laurie Gurka	17-Mar
Robyn Bentke	19-Mar
Julie Maass	21-Mar
Dinah Niemeyer	21-Mar
Mark Buck	22-Mar
Charles Hahn	23-Mar
Haylie Niemeyer	23-Mar
Leslie Little	25-Mar
Beth Kunkel	26-Mar
Ronnie Kelm	29-Mar
Melonie Rau	30-Mar
Matt Supak	30-Mar
Deanna Zwilling	31-Mar

Charlie Bentke	26-Mar
David Blum	12-Mar
Jason Blum	17-Mar
David Buck	8-Mar
Alli Crowson	8-Mar
Aubrey Crowson	25-Mar
D. Wiley Crowson	29-Mar
Elroy Dannhaus	26-Mar
Gene Draehn	11-Mar
Wayne Fuchs	20-Mar
Bobbie Ising	9-Mar
James Keienburg	15-Mar
William Klingsporn	23-Mar
Carson Lehde	21-Mar
Emily Lehde	27-Mar
Jon Little	1-Mar
George Lorenz	17-Mar
Avery Maass	29-Mar
Dorine Marburger	16-Mar
Kara Meyer	27-Mar
Curtis Orts	17-Mar
Kristy Pieper	16-Mar
Justin Redman	14-Mar
Donnie Reynolds	15-Mar
Braden Roehling	17-Mar
Tyler Smith	8-Mar
Marvin Spreen	6-Mar
Hayes Weirich	17-Mar
Dayne Wunderlich	26-Mar
Nathan Zibilski	14-Mar

Alvin and Ruth Free	5-Mar
Dane and Melonie Rau	8-Mar
Tim and Erin Pepper	11-Mar
Weldon and Marjorie Krinke	12-Mar
Warren and Jacy Niemeyer	15-Mar
Bruce and Sheila Muske	21-Mar



2022 First Communion

First Communion classes for Zion's fifth graders will begin soon. Students will meet with Mrs. Mary on March 12th, 20th, 27th and April 3rd during the Sunday school hour.

They will receive First Communion on April 14th – Maundy Thursday.

We ask that you keep these students in your prayers as their faith journey leads them to this milestone.



We would like to congratulate Carol Gaskamp for becoming one of the newest board of directors of the Bridge Ministry of Burton. Carol is an active volunteer with the BBM Senior Meals program as well as the Manna mobile food pantry. Carol was born and raised in Brenham and is board certified as a Respiratory Care Practitioner. She has more than 37 years of experience as a Respiratory Therapist and is currently the Marketing Director and a founding member of NozeSeal, LLC. Carol and her husband, Rick, reside in Brenham and love spending time with their grandchildren.



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