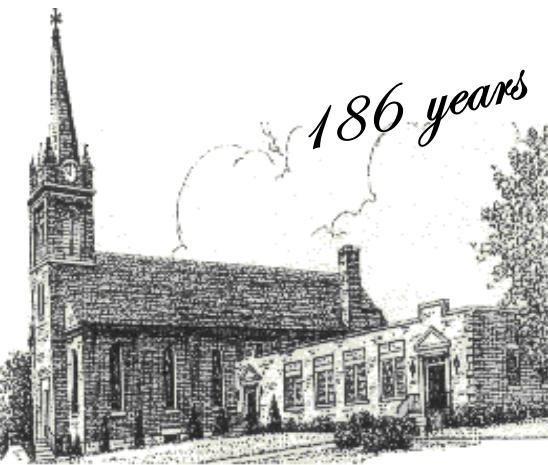


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(Every Second Monday of the Month- 7:00 p.m.)

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Kathi Trent	(23)	314-973-4207 (Vice Pres.)
Stacy Woehlke	(22)	618-719-5512 (Secretary)

(00) indicates the year that the Council Member's term expires.

#### Worship Schedule

9:00 AM - Sunday School/Conf  
10:15 AM Worship Service

#### Office Hours

Pam Gowens  
Monday through Thursday  
From 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Lunch 12:00 - 12:30  
Friday 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.



#### Pentecost Sunday, May 23

May 23<sup>rd</sup> is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost occurs 50 days after Passover. Pentecost started as the Jewish Feast of Weeks ([Ex. 34:22](#) & [Deut. 16:10](#)), which marked the conclusion of the harvest, and later commemorated God's gift of the Law (the 10 commandments) on Mt. Sinai.

Just as the Lord Jesus Christ superseded the meaning of the Passover by the events of Good Friday and Easter, so He superseded the meaning of Pentecost by giving the greater gift of the Holy Spirit, as is recorded in [Acts 2](#).

The person and work of God the Holy Spirit is summarized in our Evangelical Catechism (question and answer book) in questions #74 thru #100. Question #100 is given below.

#### Q 100. A summary of the Third Article of the Christian Faith.

1. How do you become a true Christian? I believe that I can not by my own reason or strength believe in my Lord Jesus Christ, or come to him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and preserved me in the true faith.

2. Through what institution does the Holy Spirit work? The Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and preserves the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

3. What do you receive in the Church through the Holy Spirit? In the Christian Church the Holy Spirit daily and abundantly forgives me and all believers all sins.

4. What is your hope for the future? On the last day Christ will raise up me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers everlasting life. This is most certainly true.

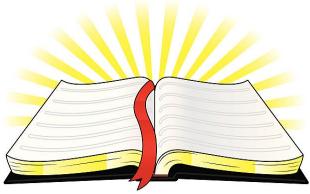
As we approach Pentecost I encourage you to pull out your Evangelical Catechism and read questions and answers 74 thru 100. Also, take the time to read the supporting Bible verses upon which these answers are based. And, if you don't have the Evangelical Catechism, then come by my office and pick up a copy.

Come to worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Come to hear more about this mysterious 3<sup>rd</sup> person of the Trinity. **And come expecting that He will show up to work in your own life.**

May you receive the blessings of God: from the Father, thru the Son, by the Spirit.  
Pastor Darrell Weber

#### May 2021

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## Lay Liturgist Schedule for May

We have 13 liturgists who read the Scriptures. They are: *David Harres, Tracy Holmes, Linda Hopfinger, Annette Hund, Sean Mahoney, Kay Mehrtens, Vicki Pellmann, Bill Savering, Tina Smith, Joyce Tastad, Richard Trent, Dave Woehlke, and Marjie Weber.*

If you are interested in reading the Scriptures during our Worship Services, please contact the Church Office (476-1778) to be signed up. The Lay Liturgist schedule is given below. To make a change, contact someone listed below.

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May 2	Sean Mahoney	618-977-3240	<a href="mailto:seancari@htc.net">seancari@htc.net</a>
May 9	Kay Mehrtens	618-792-3138	<a href="mailto:leskay@htc.net">leskay@htc.net</a>
May 16	Vicki Pellmann	618-806-8878	<a href="mailto:vicki@zionmillstadt.com">vicki@zionmillstadt.com</a>
May 23	Bill Savering	939-5881	<a href="mailto:bsavering@yahoo.com">bsavering@yahoo.com</a>
May 30	Tina Knepper-Smith	618-402-2365	<a href="mailto:tinahospital@yahoo.com">tinahospital@yahoo.com</a>

### "Breathe On Me, Breath of God" by Edwin Hatch

As we approach Pentecost, we are reminded of God's gift of the Holy Spirit to those who believe in His Son, Jesus Christ. There are some hymns that help us to think about the Holy Spirit and His work and ministry in and thru us. Some of the songs that come to my mind are, "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart," "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me," "Spirit of the Living God," and "There's a Sweet, Sweet, Spirit."

The following is taken from "Amazing Grace, 366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions," by Kenneth W. Osbeck, about the hymn, "Breathe on me, Breath of God."

"When a person becomes a Christian, he or she receives the Holy Spirit within. Often, however, the Holy Spirit does not have control of that life even though He resides there. The Scriptures teach that we are to be filled with the Holy Spirit if we are to live overcoming lives. This is not some emotional, mystical event. To be 'filled with the Spirit of God' means in a very practical way that a believer has surrendered completely to the Lordship of Christ and sincerely desires to be directed by the Holy Spirit in order to worthily exalt Christ and be an effective representative for God. One of the most compelling evidences of a Spirit-filled life is our consistent, Christ-like, daily living."

"This prayer to the Holy Spirit, desiring a unity between our earthly will and God's divine will first appeared in 1878 . . . The hymn in its present form appeared later . . . in 1886."

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,

That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldest do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will, To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me, Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life, Of Thine eternity.



### National Day of Prayer, May 6

National Day of Prayer (<https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/>) is on the first Thursday in May - May 6.

We will have a special Prayer Service for: 1) Government (Federal, State, and Local), 2) Military, 3) Media, 4) Business, 5) Education, 6) Church, and 7) Family.

The prayer service starts at 11:30 am and will last about 30 minutes.

Please pray for our nation by joining us at Zion, as we take our concerns to God's Throne of Grace.

## Millstadt Tin Man Half Marathon and 5K Run

Sunday, May 23, 2021  
Corner of East Madison & South Breese by the Tin Man

Half Marathon and 5K  
Starting at 7:30 a.m.

Register On-line at

<https://millstattinmanhalfmarathon5krun.itsyourrace.com/register>  
For more information, call 618-719-1911 or 618-476-7326  
Or email millstattinman@gmail.com



After party at Ott's Tavern, 20 East Washington, Millstadt



All proceeds to benefit the Friends of the Old Millstadt Water Tower, and to be used for the restoration of the Old Millstadt Water Tower.



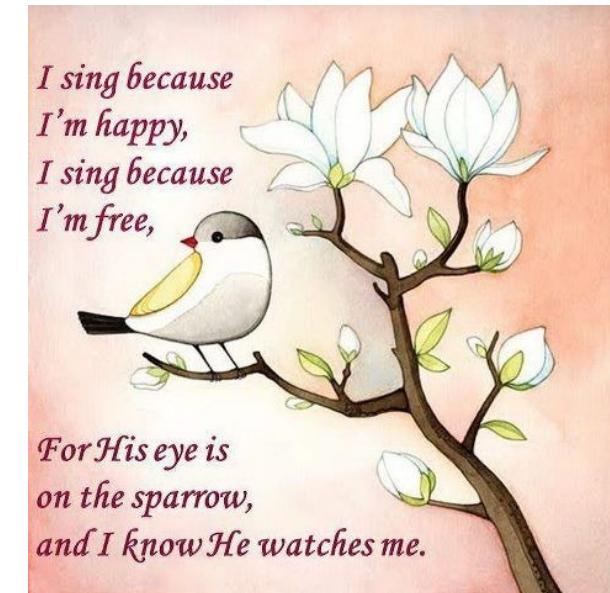
What started as an experiment, has grown into more than 60 celery plants! If anyone would like some celery plants, please call Betty Keller Timmer at 476-7326. The plants should be ready to plant outside around Mother's Day.



### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY, 5, 2021  
3:00 - 8:00 PM  
ST. JAMES

To schedule an appointment  
1-800-733-2767 or  
visit RedCrossBlood.org  
Bring Photo ID



# Z Team News

The rose bushes have been trimmed at the front of the Church and at the Park.

The grass around the Church and Park have been fertilized thanks to Earl and Darrell Doerr. This will make the grass cutters happy.

In the April Visitor we had said the restrooms at the Park were open for the summer. We have had some water breaks; the leaks have again been repaired.

The high winds we have all been experiencing have caused more limbs to fall at the park, we have busy picking them up and we trimmed some of the trees. Earl Doerr spray painted the trash barrels at the Park.

We found where vandals shot two holes in the glass block window and broke another with a rock at the Park restroom.

The Yard Sale is Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. We have started to clean the garage out and are setting up tables. This will be a good event.

If you have not noticed, the tulips at the Park entrance sign look great. Thanks to Jodi Stumpf.

It has been great to have Donnie Mehrtens and Dennis Hopfinger show up at our Tuesday morning Z Team meetings. Maybe they just come for the desserts.



Please keep the Fellowship Park and Hall in mind for your upcoming events. Call the office or stop by for a reservation form.

## Church Yard Sale

Saturday, June 5th  
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

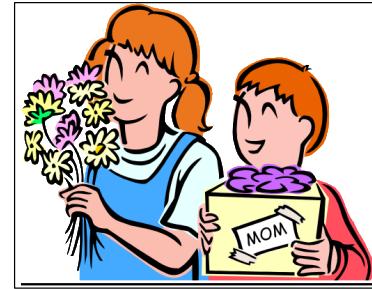
Looking to declutter your home?

Send unwanted items our way.

Drop off on Tuesday mornings or call the Church office (476-1778) to schedule a pickup for bigger items.

Zion Church is located at:  
117 West White Street, Millstadt.

If you would be interested in helping Saturday, please meet at the Church Garage at 6:00 a.m. for set-up or 1:00-2:00 p.m. for cleanup. Thanks!!



### Mother's Day, May 9

**Mother's Day (May 9<sup>th</sup>)** is a special day to honor our MOTHERS, which is in accord with the fifth commandment (**Exodus 20:12**, “*Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you*”). We will lift up our mothers as well as our women of faith in Worship and give each of them a gift of love to show our appreciation.

I encourage you open your Bible to **Proverbs 31:10-31**, and read it. Listed below are just 2 of the verses (28-29) listed above:

**“Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:  
‘Many women do noble things, but you surpass.’”**



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### Evangelical Association Pastor's Gathering at Zion Church Park, May 12

Evangelical Association (EA) Pastor's from Southern Illinois and Missouri will be gathering at Zion's Church Park on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Bill (an EA licensed Pastor) and Barb Savering are hosting a meal for us.



### Pastor's Vacations

Pastor Darrell and Marjie are going camping at Lake Carlyle, following Worship on May 16<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be our second camping trip of the year.



### Memorial Sunday, May 30

Come to worship on Memorial Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> as we honor the Veterans of our congregation who served to preserve our Nation's Freedom.

### Worship in the Park – Sunday, June 6

On Sunday, June 6, we will Worship in the Church Park (note the time - *at 11:00 a.m.* - and the location – *at the Church Park*, just south of town at 840 S Jefferson St.). Note: Bring your lawn chairs to worship.

We will have our church picnic following the Worship Service. We are still planning out the event so stay tuned.



### Summer Worship in the Park Starting June 13

Worship in the Park was so successful last year that Zion's Council has decided to return to the Park for this summer, starting June 13 at 9:00 am.



### Vacation Bible School – July 12-16

Summer Vacation Bible School (VBS) plans are in the works. Our theme this year is Group's "**Rocky Railway**." VBS is scheduled for July 12-16. More details coming soon.



**Zion Evangelical Church  
Council Meeting  
April 19, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 7.02pm by President Dale Gruenewald. Those in attendance were Mary Lou Peter, Kim Mueller, Charlotte Mehrtens, Rich Hoffelmeyer, Earl Doerr, Bob Timmer, Dale Gruenewald, Kathi Trent, Stacy Woehlke, Pastor Weber and Pam Gowens. Pastor opened with a prayer.

**BCE report:** No official report was submitted but Pastor presented information from the BCE meeting.

Discussions are still ongoing for planning an outdoor activity for the youth during the summer, perhaps at the park to take advantage of the park's size so multiple age groups can get involved.

Vacation Bible School plans are underway, including what accommodations may need to be made depending on how prevalent Covid may be in July and the different restrictions that may still be in place.

The Books of the Bible cards for the Sunday School students have been ordered but are backordered.

**Treasurer's report:** Pam and Rich continue to work on getting all financials squared away, including catching up payments on credit cards and making corrections with how the Marilyn Fischer donation was being accounted for, and getting some account names changed to clarify their purpose. Additionally, Rich discovered the preschool teachers have been underpaid this year, both due to an additional student necessitating a pay increase for them as well as not matching the actual rate specified in their contracts. Makeup checks have been issued to bring their pay up-to-date and their rate going forward has been corrected.

Dale and Pam have gotten to the different banks and Edward Jones to check on accounts and get names/signatures updated. Pam raised the issue of 4 Edward Jones CDs coming due, one from February and an additional 3 in the summer months. Council discussed the possibility of pursuing longer terms but it was decided not to lock the funds in with the currently very low interest rates. Kim motioned to roll those 4 CDs for an additional year in expectations that the interest rates will improve in that time and council can revisit them next year; Charlotte seconded. Motion carried.

Pam noted that the new AED machine has been installed, then asked how the new cash deposit process was going on Sunday mornings. Council answered favorably and Charlotte and Earl pointed out that drop keys are no longer required.

Pam brought up the dividend checks we receive from FNB Waterloo and asked for direction on what to do with them. After discussion, Stacy motioned to reinvest the dividends for the account that would allow it and do the same with the dividends from the other account on the date of maturity; Kathi seconded. Motion carried.

Pam shared a template of the new missions report in order to receive feedback. Mary Lou suggested an end-of-year summary when the time comes and otherwise really appreciated the detail Pam is going to provide.

Rich brought up some questions around payroll, including whether Pastor should be paid 2 weeks in advance, like the preschool teachers, or two weeks behind like Pam. Pastor affirmed he was okay with staying 2 weeks behind. Rich also pointed out that Pastor has been getting his supplemental payment at the end of the month instead of at the beginning like he should be. As Pam will be getting a supplemental payment as well, the issue of end of month versus start of month should be agreed upon. Since his contract says it should be the beginning of the month, it was decided that the schedule should be rectified to match the contract and Pam's payment should follow the same schedule.

Rich called attention to the general need to more closely examine how we're currently handling our money, specifically are we investing it the way we should be and do we really need so many different accounts and CDs, as well as just a general need for simplifying things. This is a larger discussion that will need a lot of careful thought and we should be prepared to invest some time in one of the next council meetings. Stacy motioned to accept the treasurer's report; Kim seconded. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** Minutes for the March council meeting had previously been emailed for review. Upon receipt, Earl had requested an amendment which was made, re emailed and the fixed minutes were included in the April visitor. Earl motioned to accept the minutes; Kim seconded. Motion carried.

**Pastor's report:** Pastor was pleased with the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday turnouts, a sign that Church life is slowly getting back to normal. Other signs include Sisters-in-Faith having their meeting on April 1st and the quilters starting to meet again on Thursdays.

Of note for the greater community, the village-wide yard sale will be held on Saturday, June 5th and the ZTeam is more than ready to sell the generous donations currently filling the Irma Hecke shed.

As for his ministry to the residents of Garden Place, as of April 6th, Pastor has resumed holding weekly Bible studies and as of April 8th he is providing monthly Worship ship services.

Pastor has not yet been called to Memorial Hospital as part of his On-Call Chaplain duties but has been providing wedding counseling for weddings in the coming year. He will also be focusing on VBS recruitment.

Bill Savering will be preaching Sunday, April 25th while Pastor and Marjie are away for a camping weekend. Charlotte motioned to accept Pastor's report; Mary Lou seconded. Motion carried.

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*2021 Vacation Bible School*

*July 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>*

*Monday: 8:45 - noon*

*Tues-Fri: 8:50 - noon*

*Closing Program at noon on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>*

*at the Church Park (840 S. Jefferson St.)*

*(more details to follow)*



3 years of age (must be toilet trained) thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Cost: \$15 first child; \$10 second child; \$5 for third child

New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games • Super-fun snacks • Surprising adventures • Incredible music

It would be very helpful to have this form returned to us as soon as possible to aid us in planning for VBS and to expedite registration on the first day. We're looking forward to having your child join us!

Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Contact Person, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone of second contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Church affiliation, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tee Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

My child would like to be with his/her friend: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/pertinent medical issues: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tee Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

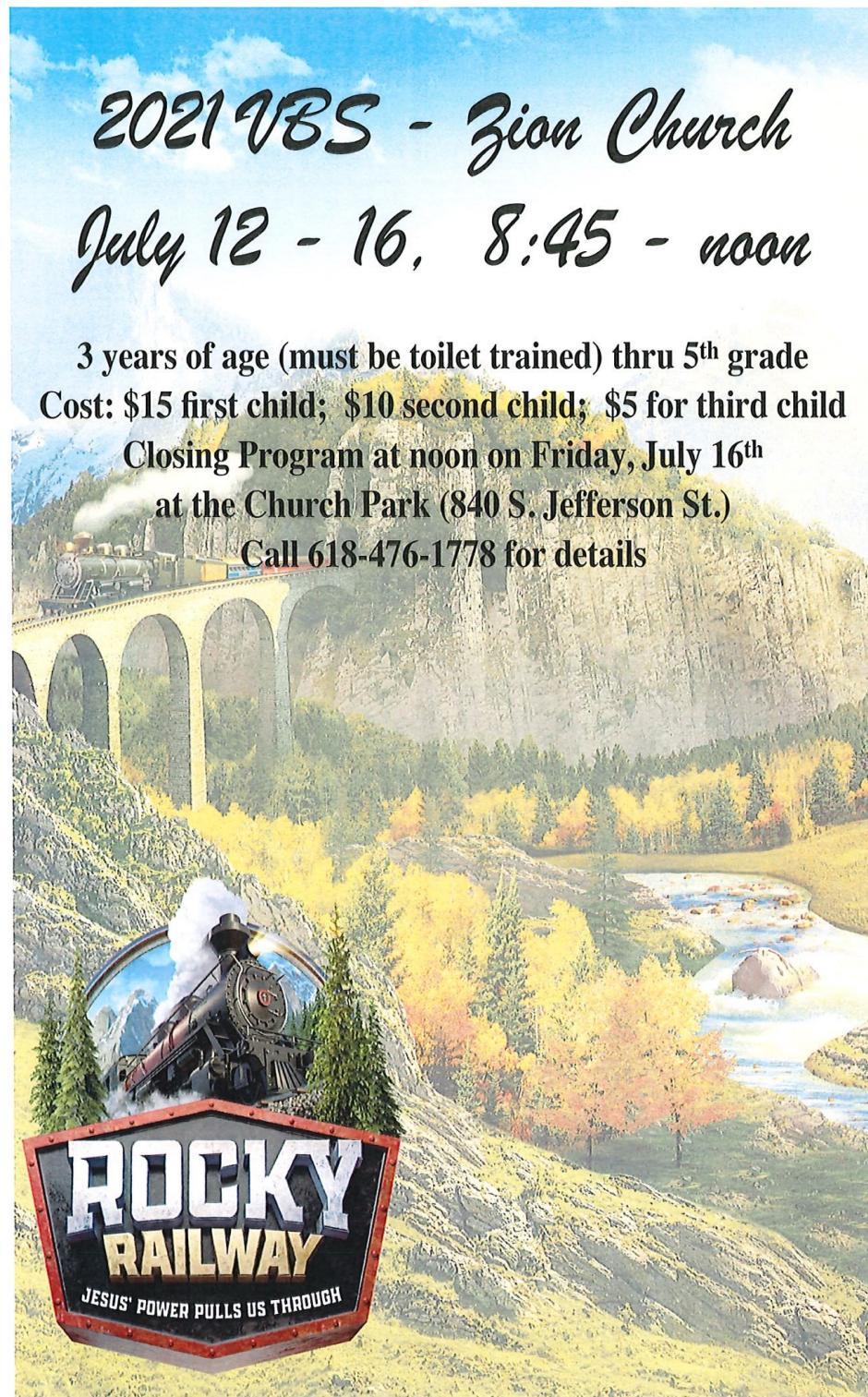
My child would like to be with his/her friend: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/pertinent medical issues: \_\_\_\_\_

Available Shirt Sizes: YXS, YS, YM, YL, YXL, AS, AM, AL, AXL, A2X, A3X

Put additional children on back





#### Committee Reports:

**Audit & Budget:** Since so much has already been addressed in the past couple months, the audit review notes have already been amended. Rich suggested waiting another month for the next council meeting and we'll talk through things as they stand at that time. He also pointed out that the previously suggested quarterly audit, though still desired, would in this case be better foregone this one time until things have been further settled and an audit in the summer months should definitely go on as planned.

**Long Range Ministry:** Stacy brought up the church picnic planned for the first Sunday of June on the 6th. Council is responsible for preparing the meat and bringing all the supplies and all the details should be finalized during the May council meeting. After a short discussion, Council decided not to order the water slide for this year's picnic due to declining youth attendance but suggested the water slide would better serve as a fun activity for the Vacation Bible School Friday picnic.

**Mission & Outreach:** Mary Lou reiterated her appreciation for Pam's work on the new Mission Report.

**Staff/Parish Relations:** Kim mentioned that Pam's three month evaluation will be coming up and that she will need to coordinate with Dale and Rich to carry out that process.

**Property:** Earl reported on the vandalism at the park which included damage to the glass block on the restroom. The whole glass block unit will have to be replaced and Mark German is going to be handling that work for us.

A contractor was hired to cut down two large trees on the Irma Hecke property. One of the trees fell across a neighbor's fence and damaged it. The contractor is taking responsibility to get the fence repaired at his cost.

**Volunteer Ministries:** Kathi had nothing to report.

**Worship & Music:** Dale had nothing to report.

**Cemetery Board:** Charlotte has been going over details of the Freivogel Cemetery. 19 plots are marked and available. She has also been making inquiries into rates of other local cemeteries.

Earl noted that the previously suggested additional rock-ing on the cemetery drive is on the radar of the ZTeam and shared that Darrel Doerr reports that Baltz Cemetery is well tended.

**Old Business:** Council examined the Church rental agreement. It was determined that the previously requested amendments haven't yet been made and Earl made note so they could be added. Council will revisit the agreement once it is updated.

Pastor, Dale, Rich and Les Mertens met to go through the contents of the safe deposit box. Pictures were taken, documents scanned and an inventory list was made describing all the contents. Going forward, as items are added to or removed from the safe deposit box, the inventory will be updated. The smaller box was cancelled and a larger box at the rate of \$23 per year was rented in the name of the Church with Pam, Dale and Pastor listed for access. Changing access rights to the new Council President will become part of the yearly change procedures for Council President. One of the safe deposit box keys will be kept locked in the Church office. Since Rich does not have access rights to the safe deposit box, the other key, along with backup keys for the locking file cabinets for the Church office, will be kept off premises in Rich's safe.

**New Business:** Dale called attention to something found in the safe deposit box: a \$10,000 CD at FNB Waterloo in Doris Steiger's name. The name on the CD cannot be changed so it's a matter that will have to be addressed on June 12, 2022 when it matures.

Dale asked about how paychecks are signed in the eventuality he, as President, is unavailable. Stacy pointed out that she should be able to sign them since she had also redone her signature at Central Bank.

Rich brought up the matter of the In Loving Trust Window and the possibility that Irma Hecke and Marilyn Fischer still need to have their names added. Stacy would confirm after the meeting adjourned so proper action could be taken.

Rich made motion to adjourn; Kim seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

President - Dale Gruenewald  
Secretary - Stacy Woehlke



## **Mission Article for May 2021**

Thank you for your generous support of our April missions.

The mission for April was for Youth Ministries. Thank you for supporting the work of the youth. The confirmation class gave a wonderful example of our youth with their collection of items for people in need, as well as animals.

Of course we also want to thank those members who never fail to bring food and household items for the Food Pantry. Bless you for helping the less fortunate with their needs.

The mission for May is the Evangelical Association. Please consider a gift for the work of the Evangelical Association, which works with congregations who are looking for a better fit in their worship.

May is one of the months this year that has a fifth Sunday, and that means that May 30 will be an opportunity to contribute to members of Zion and the greater Millstadt Community in times of need. If you know of someone who might need the help of the Deacon's Fund, contact Pastor Darrell and he will communicate that information to the Stewardship-Mission team.

May 30 is also the date when the Savering family and other volunteers serve at Sunshine Mission in St. Louis. Let Bill know if you are interested in helping.

Thank you for your generous support of Zion's missions.



Thank you for your prayers,  
cards and good wishes during my  
radiation treatments. As of now,  
everything is going well. God be  
with you all.

Les Mehrtens

Care Center Now?

## Oak Hill Nursing Home

Pearl Griebel  
Jack Purdy

## **Our Lady of the Snows**

## Betty Baltz

## **Garden Place at Millstadt**

Marianne Baltz  
Shirley Brandenburger  
Delores Lang

**Cambridge House**

Shirley Glass  
Wilbur Miller

## **Cedarhurst Care Center**

Joan Godsy

# **Brightly Assisted Living**

Arlene Dohrman

## **The Woodlands; of Arnold**

Nancy Caponi

## **Garden View Care Center of Dougherty Ferry**

Tom Mueth

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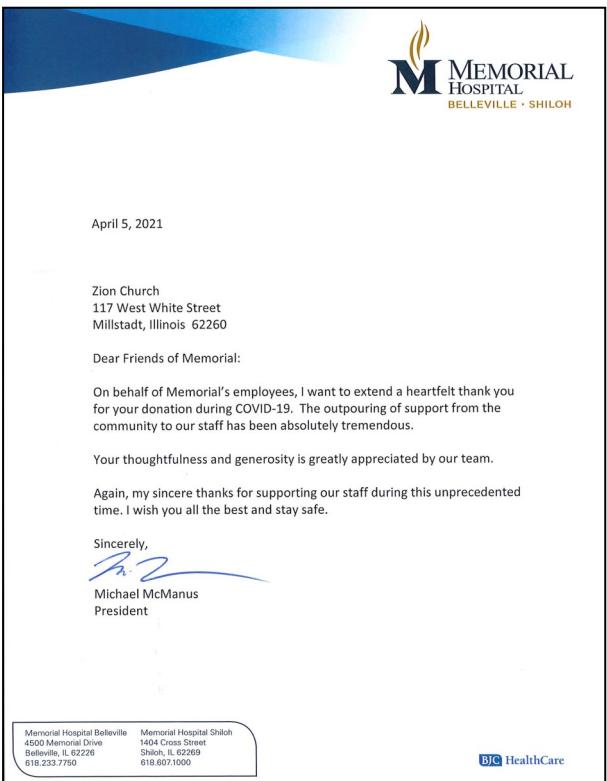
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# Treasurer's Report

2021

## GENERAL FUND

	2021 INCOME	2021 EXPENSE	BUDGET difference	2020 2021	INCOME	2020 EXPENSE
January	\$ 22,601.22	\$ 19,838.53	\$ 2,762.69	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 14,895.24	\$ 21,140.59
February	\$ 19,854.14	\$ 18,216.56	\$ 1,637.58	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 24,005.84	\$ 20,248.38
March	\$ 21,052.20	\$ 27,802.85	\$ (6,750.65)	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 21,607.63	\$ 22,512.95
April	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 16,025.90	\$ 18,690.58
May	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 44,070.09	\$ 18,210.52
June	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ (9,942.48)	\$ 16,916.00
July	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 12,467.85	\$ 15,384.34
August	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 16,395.81	\$ 12,863.48
September	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 17,515.98	\$ 64,439.12
October	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 17,394.66	\$ 50,584.73
November	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.33	\$ 23,576.69	\$ 21,443.43
December	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,107.37	\$ 59,263.77	\$ 13,149.97
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 63,507.56</b>	<b>\$ 65,857.94</b>	<b>\$ (2,350.38)</b>	<b>\$ 205,288.00</b>	<b>\$ 257,276.98</b>	<b>\$ 295,584.09</b>



### Thank you from Darlene Gansmann

Dear Zion Church Family,

"Thank you" for the gift certificates to Top Golf and the Twisted Tree.

It has been a privilege serving as your Church Secretary the past 10 years. I have met many wonderful people and have made many wonderful friends. This has been my greatest benefit working at Zion!

I will miss you and God Bless you all!

Darlene

Thank you from Debbie, Darrell Doerr and family



Thank you to all of our church family for your thoughts, prayers and cards for my dad and our family. A special thank you to Pastor Darrell for his words of comfort and a beautiful service.

Debbie, Darrell and family

# May Birthdays



Lucy Mehrdens	1	Wayne Muskopf	12	Christopher French	20
Larry Muskopf	2	Alex Pellmann	13	Kurt Tegtmeier	20
Amy Germann	4	Debbie Gibson	14	Patricia Dillon	22
Alexandra Watson	5	Roger Keim	14	Robert Yagge	22
Darren Gruenewald	6	Paula Scharf	14	Charlene Faulbaum	24
Eric Wolfmeier	7	Brian Smallwood	14	Brayden Vogel	24
Stephen French	8	Dominic Caponi	15	Logan Weaver	24
Mya Wirth	8	Paige Mundy	15	Logan Fox	26
Lester French	10	Jodi Stumpf	15	Emily Fulton	26
David Harres	10	Jeri Arnold	16	Adam Hubbbs	26
Joan Lang	10	Angela Dickerson	16	Rachel Little	28
		Regena Pauketat	19	Carli Tastad	31

### Congratulations Graduates:

Preschool, kindergarten, grade school, high school and college! In lieu of listing names (and possibly omitting someone) we are just giving a BIG SHOUTOUT to all graduates!



Congratulations on a job well done!

**SUCCESSFUL  
MOTHERS**

ARE NOT THE ONES THAT HAVE NEVER STRUGGLED  
THEY ARE THE ONES THAT NEVER GIVE UP,



### For Whom the Bells Toll

**Ray Grossmann**  
Who departed this life on Saturday, April 8, 2021

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her, Oh Lord!



In case of hospitalization or surgery, please notify our church office. When being admitted to a hospital, be sure to mention that you are affiliated with this congregation. This will help us keep you in our prayers and assist you in our ministry of care.



### IN THE HOSPITAL IN LATE MARCH/APRIL

Carol Albert, Dennis Hopfinger, Mike Mueller, Arlene Dohrman

### **CURRENT PRAYER LIST**

*Pray for strength and healing for the following:*

Marv and Patti Albert, Carol Albert, Carson Allen, Katelyn Allen, Allyson, Wanda Basse, Dylan Billhartz, William Billiter, Tommy Blatz, Brock Bomleny, Darwin Bretsch, Carol Bueckmann, Pat Burns, Nancy Caponi, Jesse Cook, Cindy Cooney, Bob Cotter, Ellen Daniels, Roger Davis, Sharon Dill, Angel Forsha, Annie Dulle, Doug Elden, Sue Flora, Carol French, Willard French, Fritz Fritzinger, Pastor Matt Friz, Tracy Gilmore, Pearl Griebel, Sharon Gruenewald, Steve Gualdoni, Kendra Haas, Matt Haas, Winnie Hambleton, John Harries, Mary Harries, Barb Hohlt, Dennis Hopfinger, Adam Hubbs, Pat Illert, Tom Jenkins, Sarah Johnson, Wayne Jones, Julie and her husband, Melanie Keck, RJ Keim, Luann Kenrickstein, John Kistner, Jerry Klotz, Mary & Sonny Koehler, Tom Krauter, Delores Lang, Family of Tiffany Kurkjian, Reese Kasper, David Maeder Jr., Jo Ann Martz, Monique Masengale, Allen Mattingly, Armin Mehrtens, Don Mehrtens, Kay Mehrtens, Les Mehrtens, Landon Meppiel, Myrt Metter, Kenny Middendorf, Wilbur Miller, Norman Mills, Jennifer Missey, Helen Mueller, Jim Mueller, Mike Mueller, Ronnie Mueller, Paula Muskopf, Jodi Notter, Michael Notter, Dr. Pat and Norma Novak, Doris Obernagel, Ron Odell, Jon Orelt, Era Osborn, Alexis Papavassilion, Annie PellmannLinda Pistor, Layla Post, Lois Potter, Matt Preston, Jim Reinheimer, Rich Riemann, Mrs. Savering, Dan Schneider, Peter Schrader, Jean Seymour, Shelly Smith, Nicky Smith, Steve Smith, Barb Sparkman, Sharon Stallmann, Chris Stander, Debbie Steppig, Joann Talent, Jerry Tastad, Angie Thomason, Rich Trent, Elizabeth Tubbs, Marcia Twellmann, Darrell Vogt, Freda Warriner, Melissa Weber, Neal Weber, Lauretta Werhan, Doug Whelan, Reese Wild, Joan Wilkens, Rev. Jeffrey Willey, Beth Windeknecht, Herb Woehlke, Marge Woehlke, Bart & Kelley

**SERVING OUR COUNTRY** Sgt. Anthony Hanson, Jr., Brandon Lester, Kory Klein and Michael Barnes serving overseas; Erin Green, Adam Stern, Andrew Haag, Brendan Caswell and Derek Ferguson in the Middle East; Jesse Eimer, Jason Parrish, Chris Lewis, Sharon Wirth, Al Wirth, Jimmy Combs, Joe Morris, Stefan Caswell, Cameron Ahrens, Kasey Launius, Samantha Glaeser and Joshua Trent serving in the States; Austin Stumpf serving in Korea

To add a name to our prayer list, please locate a communication card in the pews. Provide the name, address, phone, and reason for the prayer request— place the card in the offering plate or give it to an usher. You may also contact the church office between 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. weekdays or by leaving a message on our answering machine. Members of our prayer team will pray daily for everyone on our list. (Contact Barbara Hohlt for more information (476-1750). **Names will be left on the list for one month unless you contact Barbara Hohlt or the church office.**

If you would like to receive prayer chain information via e-mail, contact Barb Hohlt at [barbhohlt@aol.com](mailto:barbhohlt@aol.com)

### **Meal-a-Month Schedule**

Let us not forget those who are less fortunate. There never seems to be an end to those who are in dire need. Your help is appreciated.

May  
Cornbread Mix  
Canned Vegetables  
Paper Towels  
Jello or Pudding  
*...Inasmuch as you have done it for one of these you have done it for me...*

June  
Laundry Supplies  
Cake Mixes/Frosting  
Hamburger Helper

The Food Pantry is always looking for volunteers. Please consider donating your time to this worthy cause. Call Patti French at 618-660-4255 to sign up.



### **Sisters in Faith** April 1, 2021 Meeting

There were 12 ladies plus Pastor Darrell in attendance. Smokin K's provided the meat for the luncheon with sides and desserts prepared by members.

Helen Vigna opened the meeting with a short story relating to April Fools' Day and then passed out handouts on 'God's Yellow Pages'.

Pastor Darrell gave his report. He gave an update on Carol Albert's recent knee surgery and Dennis Hopfinger's hospital stay. He also said that he will be resuming his Bible Study and monthly worship at Garden Place in Millstadt. He briefed us on our new confirmands: Ava and Emma Stumpf, Lukas Pellmann and Aubrey Weaver. He also noted that despite low attendance at Church due to COVID, donations to our monthly missions have been above normal.

The minutes from the previous meeting in November 2020 were read and approved as well as the Treasurer's report.

Charlotte Mehrtens welcomed new members that were in attendance: Debbie Helfrich, Carol Harres, Vicki Pellmann and our new Office Administrator, Pam Gowens.

Vicki Pellmann said that her son, Lukas, decided to help the homeless in St. Louis for his Confirmation project. She and Lukas helped distribute collected items to them and said that it was an eye-opening experience. She plans on going monthly to help deliver items to them and that new socks, new underwear, masks, wipes, and toiletries (placed in a Zip Lock bag) were items in great demand. If you would like to donate, please place your items by the Food Pantry box in the sanctuary.

We received a thank you note from Dignity Period for the donation we had made. We also purchased girls' underwear (in the amount of \$150) to be used with about 400 reusable sanitary pads that ladies had made. Mary Lou Peter's neighbor delivered these items at the end of January.

The committee reports are as follows:

Quilters: They will resume quilting on April 8

Kitchen: Ginger said that supplies are in good shape

New Business:

We received a 'Thank You' note from the nurses on the COVID floor at Memorial Hospital. They greatly appreciated the dinners Zion provided in February. The funds that were left from the donations (\$181.86) were used towards the purchase of a new defibrillator for the Church.

Charlotte said that Patty Berath will be a presenter at our next meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>. She will be bringing a plastic mat made from all the plastic bags we have been saving for her. So, make plans to attend the last meeting of the year. Lunch will consist of sloppy joes and any side or dessert you would like to bring.

Darlene Gansmann  
Secretary