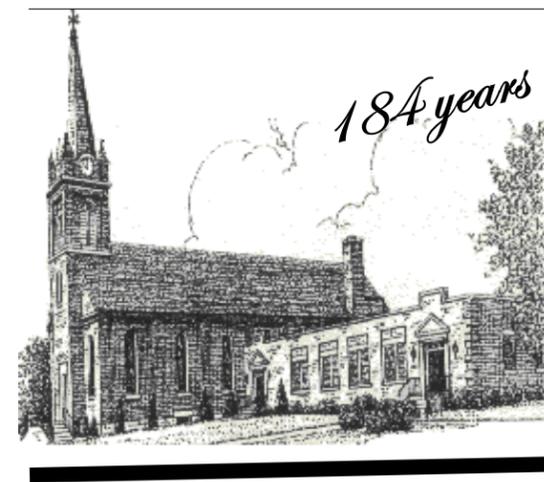


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# Zion Evangelical Church

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## From the Desk of Pastor Darrell

### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

This Advent hymn finds its origin in the medieval Roman Church of the eighth century. It began as a series of Antiphons – short statements in a Plainsong or chant form. The hauntingly catchy modal melody for this text was the earliest form of singing in the Church.

Each verse greets the Savior with one of many titles ascribed to Him in the Scriptures – Emmanuel, Lord of Might (or Lord God Almighty), Rod of Jesse (Branch), Dayspring (Morning Star), Wisdom from on High, Key of David, and Desire of Nations. Most hymnals only present 4 or at most 5 of the verses below. In our hymnal (#175) are verses 1, 4, 5 and 7.

Look over the verses to hear the anguish caused by our many sins, that brings so MANY temptations, trials, troubles and turmoil.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> Verse, we, like Israel of old, are captive to evil leaders of all kinds (here and abroad), and to Satan the chief architect of sin and death. Many are in mourning. And many are lonely. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Verse many are crying out for freedom from the tyranny of evil leaders and from the most evil leader of all, Satan himself. Many feel like they are already experiencing hell. And all of us have lost precious loved ones to death and the grave. In the 4<sup>th</sup> Verse people are in the gloomy despair of darkness and the fear of death. In the 6<sup>th</sup> Verse people are crying out to be delivered from the misery of so many things in this life – like cancer and other terrible diseases, especially for young ones and babies, as well as people trapped in addictions, and gang infested inner cities. And in the 7<sup>th</sup> Verse is the cry for an end to all divisiveness, an end to envy, strife and quarrels.

The cry is for God to send His promised Messiah, the Christ, to save us. So God the Father sent us His Son, Immanuel (Isa. 7:14, Matt. 1:23) to be God with us. He sent us His Son, the Lord of all lords and King of all kings (Ex. 6:3, Rev. 17:14). He sent us the Branch (Zec. 3:8), the Rod or Root of Jesse (Isa. 11:1, Rev. 22:16), which grew up out of the stump of David - for the kingly line of David had been cut down because of their sin. He sent us the Dayspring (Luke 1:78) and Morning Star (Rev. 22:16) to give light to those who are in darkness (Matt. 4:16). He sent us the Wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), His Son - the Way, and the Truth and the Life (John 14:6), who baptizes us with the Holy Spirit, the Counselor (John 14:26). He sent us the Key of David (Isa. 22:22, Rev. 3:7) who unlocked the gates of heaven and eternal life to those who repent and believe in Christ Jesus. And, He sent us the desire of all nations (Hag. 2:7, Luke 2:10) to give us God's own joy (John 15:11).

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### December

Peter Adult Bible Study	1, 8, 15
Sisters in Faith - Christmas Lunch	2
GP Bible Study	7, 14, 21
GP Worship	9
Sr. Center Bible Study	13
Council Meeting	13
No Preschool	20-Jan 5
Christmas - Office Closed	24,27

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#### Sisters in Faith

Meets Sept., Oct., Nov., March, April and May at 12:00 p.m.  
 President - Charlotte Mehrrens - 476-1267

#### Z Team

Meets every Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m.  
 Coordinator - Gary Shondy - 618-281-6509

### CHURCH COUNCIL

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

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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 at the Church  
 10:15 AM - Worship Service at the Church

### 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.

At Christmas we remember and celebrate the First Advent of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. For the Word of God, the Son of God became incarnate by the Holy Spirit through the virgin Mary and became one of us and one with us (Immanuel). He lived the perfect life, completely fulfilling the righteous requirements of God's Law - love for God and love for our neighbor. This enabled Him to become the atoning sacrifice for our sins, which He paid for in full upon the cross. Then He rose again from the dead, providing for our future resurrection as well. He is seated at the right hand of our Heavenly Father, where He is now interceding on our behalf. These have already been fulfilled

And He will return as King of kings and Lord of lords to rule over creation – judging the living and the dead and removing all sources of sin and evil from His creation. And we, who by repentance and faith in Him, shall rule with Him.

Thus we await His Second Advent, the return of Christ. **Heb. 9:28** puts it this way, “*so Christ ... will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.*” So as we gather to remember and celebrate Jesus' First Advent, let us focus our attention on His upcoming Second Advent. And, while we wait, let us faithfully witness to Him with both our words and deeds. For when He returns, we who live by repentance and faith in Jesus the Christ will be led out of temptation and delivered from evil and the evil one, forevermore.

And throughout this Advent season, sing anew the words to that ancient Advent hymn, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.”

Christ Jesus' Blessing;  
Pastor Darrell Weber

**1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.**

**Refrain**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**2. O come! O come! Thou Lord of Might! Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the law, In cloud, and majesty, and awe. Refrain**

**3. O come! Thou Rod of Jesse! Free, Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save, And give them victory o'er the grave. Refrain**

**4. O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer, Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain**

**5. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go. Refrain**

**6. O come! Thou Key of David! come, And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Refrain**

**7. O come, desire of nations, bind, All peoples in one heart and mind.  
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Refrain**



**Operation Christmas Child Update**

This year we (Zion members and friends) collected **124** boxes. Thank you to all who contributed either money, items, or complete boxes and to those who sorted and filled boxes. The shoeboxes were delivered to St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Belleville on Wednesday, Nov. 18, and are on their way to children around the world.

Pastors Calendar

Zion Evangelical Church		December 2021						
		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4								
5	Comunion Advent #2 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship	8:15 AM Preschool 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 616	8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM Peter Adult Bible Study	9:00 AM Quilting 12:00 PM Sisters of Faith - Christmas Party	8:15 AM Preschool 11:45 AM Staff Christmas Luncheon	8:15 AM Preschool	1:00 PM Wedding - Ryan Kochmann & Mallori Roberts
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12	Advent #3 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship 6:00 PM Youth Christmas @ Weber's	8:15 AM Preschool 10:00 AM Sr Center BS 7:00 PM Council Mtg	8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study	8:15 AM Preschool 11:00 AM Peter Adult Bible Study Christmas Party	9:00 AM Quilting	8:15 AM Preschool		9:00 AM MCC Re-hearsal
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19	Advent #4 SundaySchoolChristmasPlay 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship 7:00 PM MCC Christmas Concert	6:00 PM Girl Scouts 616	8:30 AM Z-Team 1:00 PM G.P. Bible Study					Christmas Day
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26	Food Pantry 9:00 AM SS / Conf 10:15 AM Worship							
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# December Birthdays

Trey Conrod	1	Peggy Hubbs	11	Eric Wilson	16
Andrew Lang	1	Carson Rolland	11	Julia Acker	18
Cindy Green	4	Colby Jones	13	Carter Jones	19
Janet Mueller	4	Myrtle Metter	13	Paul Weible	19
James Gardner	6	Ava Stumpf	14	Kim Gibson	20
Daniel Haas	6	Emma Stumpf	14	Megan Glaeser	23
Lucille Schewe	7	Chelsea Vogel	14	Jerrid Hartman	23
Donna Gaulrapp	8	Pamela Wirth	14	Lukas Pellmann	23
Kristofer Muskopf	8	Shelby DeRousse	15	Mariella Pellmann	23
Logan Scharf	8	Shirley Glass	15	Helen Vigna	23
Verena Wade	9	Chantelle Guenther	15	Kathleen Trent	24
Diane Germann	11	Allana Campbell	16	Sadie Notter	31

**EQUUS RESCUE AND THERAPY'S COUNTRY BREAKFAST**  
**BLUFF GRANGE**  
 8567 Route 163 Millstadt, IL  
**8am - 11am** **11 DECEMBER**  
 Adults - \$12 / Kids - \$6  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES, SCRAMBLED EGGS, BACON, SAUSAGE, BISCUITS AND GRAVY, MILK, JUICE, AND COFFEE!**  
 All proceeds benefit Equus Rescue and Therapy, a 501(c)(3) non-profit home to over 50 rescued and retired horses!  
 www.EquusRescue.org  
 Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram!  
 EQUUS RESCUE

**QUILT-A-RAMA**  
 St. James Ladies CCW Millstadt, IL is sponsoring a Quilt-A-Rama  
 Tickets are \$25.00 each.  
 One Queen Quilt each month in 2022 will be given away. Drawing to be held the 1st Monday of each month. Winning ticket is returned to barrel!  
 For Tickets Contact:  
 Kathy Gass - CCW Pres./St. James Parish  
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 (618) 971-6208

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**  
 NEXT ONE IS  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022**  
 VFW  
 To schedule an appointment  
 1-800-733-2767 or  
 visit RedCrossBlood.org  
 Bring Photo ID

**SANTA'S MANE EVENT**  
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, NOON - 3PM  
 INCLUDED WITH YOUR DONATION:  
 - PHOTO BOOTH WITH SANTA & HIS HORSE  
 - DOODIE BAGS FOR THE LITTLE ONES  
 - YUMMY TREATS AND HOT DRINKS  
 - SOON FREE OPTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE!  
 THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD INDOORS, SNOW OR SHINE. WE WILL HAVE HEATING STATIONS FOR YOUR FAMILY'S COMFORT AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC FOR THEIR ENJOYMENT!  
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## Christmas at Zion

The following events at Zion are sure to get you into the Christ(mas) Spirit. You can read more about each of these in other articles throughout this newsletter.

**Tuesday, Nov. 23**, Hanging of the Greens. In the morning, the Z-Team will bring decorations up from storage in the basement. In the afternoon (1:00 p.m.), retirees (both women and men) and anyone else free to help will decorate the Sanctuary except for the tree. We can put the tree base (big box) in place, move the piano, hang garland, etc. And in the evening (7:00 p.m.), we will put up the tree.

**Thursday, Dec. 2**, starting at noon, the Women's Fellowship Christmas Luncheon.

**Friday, Dec 10**, at 11:45 a.m. at Washy's Saloon in Waterloo we will have the Zion Staff Christmas Luncheon

**Sunday, Dec. 12**, at 6:00 p.m., Youth Christmas Party at Pastor Darrell & Marjie Weber's home (137 Benham Dr., Millstadt, IL 62260). Bring a \$5 gift to be exchanged, a snack to share, and your friends.

**Wednesday, Dec. 15**, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Millstadt VFW, will be the Z-Team Christmas party.

**Sunday, Dec. 19**, at 10:15 a.m., the Children's Christmas program via video recordings.

**Sunday, Dec. 19**, at 7:00 p.m., the musical "Sounds of our Village - Christmas Concert."

**Friday, Dec. 24**, at 6:00 p.m., our Christmas Eve & Candlelight Service.



## Lay Liturgist Schedule for December

We have 12 liturgists who read the Scriptures: *David Harres, Tracy Holmes, Linda Hopfinger, Annette Hund, Sean Mahoney, Kay Mehrtens, Vicki Pellmann, Bill Savering, Joyce Tastad, Richard Trent, Dave Woehlke, and Marjie Weber.*

We are looking for more volunteers to read the Scriptures during our Worship Services. If you are interested, 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.

Dec. 5	Tracy Holmes	618-791-5922	<a href="mailto:tlholmes1971@gmail.com">tlholmes1971@gmail.com</a>
Dec. 12	Linda Hopfinger	618-406-0269	<a href="mailto:dlmshop@msn.com">dlmshop@msn.com</a>
Dec. 19	Annette Hund	618-719-6306	<a href="mailto:71threan@gmail.com">71threan@gmail.com</a>
Dec. 26	Sean Mahoney	618-977-3240	<a href="mailto:seancari@htc.net">seancari@htc.net</a>



## Advent Candles

The Lighting of the Advent Candles is a meaningful part of Zion's traditional preparation for the coming of Christmas. This year the following families will be lighting our Advent Candles.

Nov. 28	10:15 a.m. - Zachary & Mallory Timmermann family
Dec. 5	10:15 a.m. - Christopher & Stephanie French family
Dec. 12	10:15 a.m. - Justin & Kimberly Gibson family
Dec. 19	10:15 a.m. - Dale & Krista Gruenewald family
Dec. 24	6:00 p.m. - Mark & Kelly Riemann family



# Zion's Bulletin Board

## Zion Evangelical Church Council Meeting continued.

**Volunteer Ministries:** Kathi reports all three positions on the council have been filled for the 2022-2024 term. The nominations are Annette Hund, Barbara Scharf and Kurt Pellman.

**Worship & Music:** The MCC Christmas Concert presented by Parry French will be on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion about the possibility of purchasing a new power mixer board before we begin church in the park next summer.

**Cemetery Board:** Charlotte had nothing to report.

**Old Business:** Rich talked about the investments we currently have with Edward Jones and some changes we may want research for the future.

**New Business:** Kathi was approached by a member of the congregation that the church resume communion as it was in the past prior to COVID. Beginning the first Sunday in December we will resume our prior communion practice.

Earl motioned to adjourn; Kim seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.  
President - Dale Gruenewald

Secretary - Stacy Woehlke

Vice President - Kathi Trent - Took notes

### Zionettes Kitchen Band Schedule

We are back!

#### New Engagements:

Friday, December 10  
Grand Manor - 1:00 p.m.  
Leave Zion at 1:15 p.m.



Thursday, December 23  
Millstadt Senior Center - 9:00 a.m.  
Eat at 10:00, need reservations  
Prizes at 11:15

### Care Center News



#### Oak Hill Nursing Home

Pearl Griebel

#### Our Lady of the Snow

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 Atrium of Belleville

John Kalbfleisch

#### The Woodlands of Arnold

Nancy Caponi

#### Garden View Care Center of

#### Dougherty Ferry

Tom Mueth



*I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to members of our Zion Evangelical Church family, for all your prayers and support during the last few months. The outpouring of love and acts of kindness have been such a comfort to me and our family during this challenging time. Dennis loved being a member of the Z-Team and made so many good friends in the process. Being a part of this fellowship was a blessing to us both. Thanks and praise to God.*

Linda Hopfinger and family

# Treasurer's Report

2021	GENERAL FUND - Updated		
	2021 INCOME	2021 EXPENSE	BUDGET 2021
			difference
January	\$ 22,601.22	\$ 19,838.53	\$ 2,762.69
February	\$ 19,854.14	\$ 18,513.90	\$ 1,340.24
March	\$ 21,052.20	\$ 27,802.85	\$ (6,750.65)
April	\$ 17,674.69	\$ 19,580.17	\$ (1,905.48)
May	\$ 17,447.80	\$ 14,326.46	\$ 3,121.34
June	\$ 13,869.48	\$ 14,433.51	\$ (564.03)
July	\$ 19,945.55	\$ 17,389.06	\$ 2,556.49
August	\$ 17,137.75	\$ 13,969.56	\$ 3,168.19
September	\$ 17,260.35	\$ 18,420.48	\$ (1,160.13)
October	\$ 22,675.26	\$ 22,107.82	\$ 567.44
November	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
December	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 189,518.44</b>	<b>\$ 186,382.34</b>	<b>\$ 3,136.10</b>



It's time to Thank the lawn mowers and trimmers. **Church Grounds:** Bill Bourn, Les Mehrstens and Dennis Hopfinger. **Park:** Jim Bereitschaft. **Cemetery:** Andrew Taake. **Hecke Property:** Richard Sutter. **Trimmers at a number of the ground:** Bill Albert, Bill Bourn, Les Mehrstens, Andrew Taake, Dave Harres and many others have helped out.

The guys have winterized the park for the winter. The park was reserved for 20 occasions/dates, 2 cancels due to weather. There also was the Church picnic, Z-Team BBQ and Church in the Park on several occasions.

The Z-Team also cut down the trees as we get ready to remove the stumps. *Sorry Nancy.*

The guys set up for the Wurstmarkt and cleaned up after. They put out the Pig signs and put them away. The guys didn't say anything until I walked up and they were repairing one. "OH, we lost it off the back of the truck and landed on the street. It happened to me when they were new, first time out, middle of route 158.

It was good to see Bob Stumpf out and around, but not at the Z-Team meeting on Tuesday.

Gary Shondy



### ATTENDANCE - SUNDAYS

MONTH	2021
January	293
February	279
March	362
April	339
May	332
June	276
July	212
August	312
September	238
October	410
November	295
December	
Monthly Average	282
Year-to-Date	3110

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 NOVEMBER

#### CURRENT PRAYER LIST

*Pray for strength and healing for the following:*

Katelyn Allen, Jim Barnes, Wanda Basse, Marilyn Beil, Roberta Billhartz, Brock Bomleny, Lindsay Bourn and family, Baby Levi Boyle, Shirley Brandenburger, Susie Browe, Tracy Brubeck, Marlene Bruehl, Pat Burns, Nancy Caponi, Jesse Cook, Ellen Daniels, Kathy Davis, Roger Davis, Ron Dennis, Sharon Dill, Susan Dill, Dorene (Janice Seidlitz's Sister-In-Law), Annie Dulle, Flash Farley, Carol French, Willard French, Mary (Boerke) Graham, Pearl Griebel, David Gruenewald, Steve Gualdoni, Kendra Haas, Matt Haas, Winnie Hambleton, Baby Adalyn Harres, John Harries, Mary Harries, Connie Hendricks, Derek Hoppe, Michelle Hucke, Pat Illert, Family of Karen Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Wayne Jones, Melanie Keck, RJ Keim, John Kistner, Lori Klotz, Ricky Kochmann, Mary & Sonny Koehler, Jim Kostelac, Tom Krauter, Brian Kreher, Delores Lang, Andi Lanning, Brett Laxton (Jan's son), Jo Ann Martz, Monique Masengale, Marion Mertz, Kenny Middendorf, Norman Mills, Jennifer Missey, Helen Morgan, Brad (Elaine Morris' Son-In-Law), Pat Morris, Don Mueller, Jim Mueller, Helen Mueller, Mike Mueller, Ronnie Mueller, Darrell Muskopf, Paula Muskopf, Dean Norrenbem, Baby Ariela Oliver, Jon Orelt, Era Osborn, Alexis Papavassilion, Bob & Debbie Pellmann, Janice Pellman, Linda Pistor, Layla Post, Family of Jonathan Powels, Matt Preston, Jaylynn Proctor, Jim Reinheimer, Rich Riemann, Mark Roach, Stella Savering, Dick Saxton, Bob, Scharf, Janice Seidlitz, Jean Seymour, Nancy Smith, Shelly Smith, Nicky Smith, Steve Smith, Sharon Stallmann, Chris Stander, Bob Stumpf, Joann Talent, Jerry Tastad, Ray Teliczan, Angie Thomason, Rich Trent, Elizabeth Tubbs, Marcia Twellmann, Lacey Grace Valentine, Mark Vandermyde, Bill & Donna Ward, Josh Weber, Mary Welderle, Loretta Werhan, Doug Whelan, Beth Windeknecht, Roy Winkle, 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 and Derek Ferguson in the Middle East; Jesse Eimer, Jason Parrish, Chris Lewis, Sharon Wirth, Al Wirth, Jimmy Combs, Joe Morris, Cameron Ahrens, Kasey Launius, Samantha Glaeser, 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.

#### December

Canned Meat  
Pasta Side Dishes  
Pickles  
Peanut Butter

#### January

Cake mixes/frosting  
Canned meat  
Jello or Pudding  
Laundry Supplies

The Food Pantry is always looking for volunteers. Please consider donating your time to this worthy cause. Call Charlotte Mehtens at 618-978-2655 to sign up.

### **Zion Evangelical Church Council Meeting**

November 8, 2021

The meeting was call to order at 7:05 pm by President Dale Gruenewald. Those in attendance were Charlotte Mehtens, Rich Hoffelmeyer, Earl Doerr, Bob Timmer, Dale Gruenewald, Mary Lou Peter, Kathi Trent, Pam Gowen and Pastor Weber. Charlotte opened with a prayer.

**Treasurer's report:** Pam presented a corrected September Treasurer report, the correction was noted. Kim Mueller made a motion to accept the corrected report and it was seconded by Mary Lou Peters. Motion carried.

Pam brought to the council attention that the church had received the renewal of our current insurance policies from Church Mutual. The cost of the umbrella policy had remained the same cost, that being \$1,000.00, but the commercial policy had increased from \$12,500.00 to \$13,926.00. Pam is going to research the reason for the increase and report back to council in our December meeting.

Kim motioned to accept the Treasurer's report for October; Charlotte seconded. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** Minutes for the October Council meeting had previously been emailed for review. Charlotte motioned to accept the minutes; Mary Lou seconded. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Letters are being mailed tomorrow to the families for the Totenfest service which will take place on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Pastor sent letters to the high school youth from our church in hopes to get more participation from the older youth of our church. To date he has not received any response.

On Thursday October 28, a Sunday School appreciation dinner was held at Joe Boccardi's in Columbia, pastor was unable to attend as he had been asked to do a funeral.

The Halloween party held on October 31<sup>st</sup> was a success. The trick or treaters were able to participate in crafts, play several games and enjoy cookies, candy and cupcakes. Thanks to everyone who made this event possible.

On Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> the veteran's service was held which included the posting of the flags and recognition of Kenny Harris 75 years with the American Legion.

The shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child will be presented on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

We will do red and white poinsettia for the Christmas season, order forms will be the bulletin on Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup>, the cost will be \$8.00 and the last day to place your order will be December 13<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to pick up your poinsettia on December 24<sup>th</sup> or December 26<sup>th</sup>.

It was reported that we currently have 205 meals pre-ordered for the Wurstmarkt. Earl motioned to accept the Pastor's report; Kathi seconded. Motion carried.

**BCE:** The BCE did not meet last month. Paster has sent a letter to the youth of our church asking for volunteers for the Wurstmarkt. Once he is able to get a count of the number volunteers, he will reach out to the BADA Club for any additional help we may need.

The current enrollment in our Sunday school is 37, with an average of 20 on a weekly bases.

Stacy and Kelly are working with the children and their families preparing for the Zion Youth Christmas Program, the program is scheduled for the third Sunday in December.

Jodi Notter has accepted the open seat on the Board of Christian Education.

Dale and Earl will be coordinating the construction of a float for the lighted parade. They will be meeting at Dale's house on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm this project will be a requirement for the confirmation class. The theme of the float will be Charlie Brown.

**Committee Reports:**

**Audit & Budget:** Rich had nothing to report  
**Long Range Ministry:** Stacy was not present; nothing addressed in her absence.

**Mission & Outreach:** Mary Lou reported that we have received \$420.00 in donations for Operation Christmas Child.

**Staff/Parish Relations:** Kim had nothing to report

**Property:** Earl reported that we were having issues with someone dumping trash in our park, he has talked to the Chief of Police and they are going to patrol the park. Since his conversation with the Chief the problem appears to have been take care of. Earl also presented a presentation on the possibility of building a new building at the park. A larger building will allow more room for storage and make the storage of yard sell items more convenient.