

# Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool



February  
2022

# ECHO

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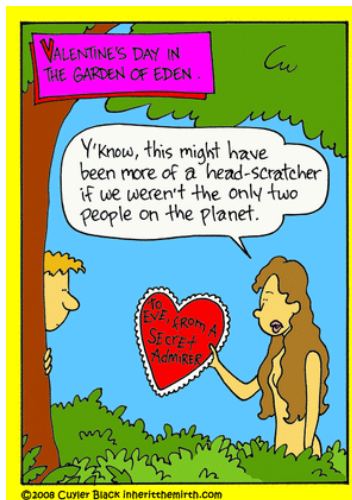
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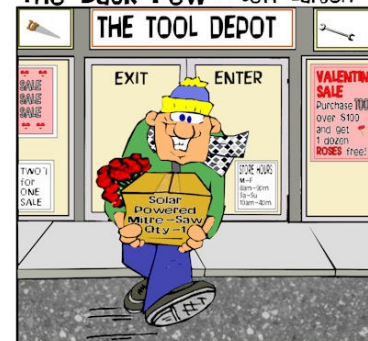
**Mission Statement: "Zion is God's  
family of faith in Christ serving our  
communities, our country, and our  
world".**

## Humor



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The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



**VALENTINE TIP:** No matter how sweet the deal, resist getting roses at the Hardware store. (inspired by an actual Sunday Paper ad)

## From the Pastor

We have three unique and special opportunities coming up at Zion in the next couple months. We will be hosting a Creation Presentation with Dr. Marcus Ross on Sunday, February 20 at 3:00 PM, we will be hosing a Hymn Festival in honor of Dr. Carl Schalk on Sunday, February 27 at 3:00 PM, and we will be offering a "Service of Lament, Service of Hope" during the regular Sunday morning worship service on Sunday, March 20 at 10:00 AM. While the Creation Presentation with Dr. Marcus Ross and the Hymn Festival are coming sooner, I am going to focus on the "Service of Lament, Service of Hope" in this Echo article.

The "Service of Lament, Service of Hope" on Sunday, March 20 seems strange at first. Lament is not something that we encounter regularly in our society anymore. We as Americans tend to focus on the fun and games, and try not to dwell on the frustrations and sorrows. After all, we are too busy chasing the "American Dream" and we don't like to acknowledge that sometimes we live more in a nightmare. We look around us and we see others who are seeming to "live the dream" and we think that if we are hurting or suffering, there must be something wrong with us. Everyone seems to be doing so well! I can't let my sorrows show, I can't let people know that I am hurting or struggling, or people will think there is something wrong with me.

*From the Pastor continued from page 1.*

This is not the way the Church has approached life, and that is not the pattern that Scripture sets for us. In the Church, we acknowledge that we live in a lost, sinful, fallen, broken, hurting, dying world. We do not buy into the popular fiction that we live in “the best of all possible worlds” and that “every day, in every way, things are getting better and better.” We, even in the church, know the pains and hurts of this sinful world much too clearly to see life with the rose-colored images seeming to show “the best of all possible worlds.”

Scripture in many places gives us words of lament rather than laughter. In fact, there is an entire book of the Old Testament called “Lamentations,” written by the prophet Jeremiah, who was known as the “Weeping Prophet.” Lament, while being foreign to the secular world, is very much a reality for God’s people. Also, consider that about 40 psalms are “Psalms of Lament” out of a total of 150 psalms, meaning that over 25% of the Book of Psalms is composed of laments.

We do not shy away from lament. In fact, Martin Luther treasured the psalms of lament. Of them, he said, “What is the greatest thing in the Psalter but this earnest speaking amid the storm winds of every kind? . . . Where do you find deeper, more sorrowful, more pitiful words of sadness than in the psalms of lamentation? There again you look into the hearts of the saints, as into death, yes, as into hell itself. . . . When they speak of fear and hope, they use such words that no painter could so depict for your fear or hope, and no Cicero or other orator has so portrayed them. And that they speak these words to God and with God, this I repeat, is the best thing of all. This gives the words double earnestness and life” (Word and Sacrament I, Luther’s Works, vol. 35, ed. E. T. Bachmann. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1960, pp. 255–56).

We need to take time to lament. For the last two years, our whole world has been shaken, partially by disease, but more so by the divisions of every imaginable kind that the responses to this disease have caused. We have lost loved ones to Covid, and for that we lament. More frequently, we have lost time with loved ones, because of quarantine and fear. We have lost friends because of disagreements about how best to deal with Covid. At Zion we have lost members through these two years of disruptions, which is an ache that I as pastor mourn acutely every day.

We need a time to lament. We need a time as a congregation to weep and mourn the hurts, the sorrows, the losses, the separation we have endured for these last two years. We invite you to share your laments so that all of us, as the whole congregation, can process our grief, present our sorrows before God, and petition Him for healing and wholeness. We would like to invite any and all members of the congregation to write down and share memories about the last two years of the lockdowns, both in terms of what we mourn, and where we find hope in the Lord. While we will not be able to share all of these memories and thoughts during the service, we hope to publish and provide a booklet of these collected thoughts from our members so we can share in each other’s sorrows, carry each other’s burdens, and live together in hope. Please send written recollections to Pastor Clayton by email at [pastor@zionmascoutah.org](mailto:pastor@zionmascoutah.org) or submit them in writing to the church office.

Of course, the service is not only a “Service of Lament.” It also points us to hope. We will be able to hear the wonderful message that God has entered into our fallen, sinful, lost, broken, hurting, dying world and He has walked every painful step with us. He has walked the way of sorrow all the way to His cross on Calvary, and there even in death, He triumphed. Darkness does not remain forever. New light and new hope come in the morning. As we read in Psalm 30:4-5, “Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.”

We pray that our night is almost over, and that God will bring His joy rising upon us soon. Perhaps we can turn that corner at the “Service of Lament, Service of Hope” on Sunday, March 20.

# Look for 80<sup>th</sup> Goals

What is that??? The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this year, with the theme, "80 Years of God's Grace". In celebration, Zion's Ladies Aid is doing a special collection every two months and invite **YOU** to participate. **(WE HOPE TO COLLECT AT LEAST 80 OF EACH OF THESE ITEMS!)**

<u>Jan/Feb:</u>	We will be collecting kids' socks, mittens, scarves, and hats.
<u>Mar/Apr:</u>	We will collect any baby items to donate. These can be baby foods, wipes, diapers, clothing, etc.
<u>May/Jun:</u>	The collection will be for bottles of water to donate to our First Responders (police, firemen, EMT workers)
<u>Jul/Aug:</u>	This collection will be for school supplies.
<u>Sep/Oct:</u>	We will collect items for the Seminary Food Pantry. (Classes will be starting.)
<u>Nov/Dec:</u>	We plan to write notes to our local Nursing Home and Assisted Living residents ("cards for those 80 and up", although there may well be some younger ones we will also reach.)



The choir is busy preparing for a special event: A hymn festival celebrating the life and music of Carl Schalk (1929-2021). This concert will be held at Zion on Sunday, February 27th at 3:00 PM and will feature commentary by Mark Bender, special anthems and stanzas sung by the choir, and congregational singing accompanied by organ and Zion's brass ensemble. Additional singers are more than welcome to join the choir to prepare for this event, and we hope to see everyone at the concert on the 27th!

## Membership Changes

**Baptisms:**

**Transfer In:**

**Jerry & Marleen Purdin (C)**

# President's Page

Greetings to my Zion Family,

I don't know about you, but what a beginning we have had to 2022! The Omicron variant of Covid has really taken over these last few weeks along with flu and yearly sinus infections. I know I am on pins and needles everyday wondering who's going down next and will I be able to fully staff my hotel that day, and will I be able to stay healthy myself. A lot of you I'm sure, have the same concerns. We have already had several of our January events or meetings at Zion postponed or conducted on Zoom in order to keep everyone healthy and safe. I'm sure a lot of you are just tired and fed up with the whole thing just like I am. I try to remember what Jeremiah 29:11 says; "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, and plans to give you hope and a future."

As I wrote about last month, our Southern Illinois District Convention will be held February 3-5 this year. Pastor Clayton and Zion have also been asked to do the opening service. We need volunteers for various duties to aid in the service. What a great opportunity for us to use the talents and gifts God has given us at here at Zion to praise Him along with the other churches in our district. If you are interested, please contact Pastor, an Elder, or any of your Board members and we will point you in the right direction.

Our first Council of the year went well. We were able to discuss a lot of exciting things coming to Zion this year. The biggest thing we are working on right now, is Council approval of our By-Law amendments that the Constitution Committee has been working on, so we can get it to Synod for their approval, so then we can hopefully bring it to Voters in April.

In closing, I pray that God keeps us all healthy and safe, and we are able to continue to come to His house and receive His blessings each week. My biggest fear is lock-down again and not being able to worship with you in person each week. Nothing compares to being able worship with my church family in person and the fellowship and love that is felt every time we gather together in His house.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." Colossians 3:15

In His service,  
Benjamin Eatherton, Chairman



*How great is the love  
the Father has lavished on us,  
that we should be called children of God!  
1 John 3:1*

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# Elders Corner

## Resolution to Rest

Yes, there's a lot to do in the new year, and your social media feed is loaded with plenty of hacks and proud people relaying their New Year resolutions. But will most be talking about taking some post-Christmas time to rest?

There's something about this time of year. I find it's good for body, mind, not to mention the soul, to just take a break. One of the things I like to remind myself of, is you can't rush a season. Right now, the short days and long nights are part of a regular annual cycle that helps us to slow down. Now that Christmas is over, we don't necessarily need to rush into the next big project. We can allow our minds and spirits time to pause. It's ok to give ourselves permission to put down the TV remote and smartphone and take time to rest and reflect.

Psalm 127:2 says, "In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves". That's right, God gives sleep and rest as a gift (and you thought Christmas was over!) to the people he loves.

Yes, this is a new year, a fresh year. It's a time to plan and prepare for life's challenges that will inevitably come. My dear church family, as you make those plans, mark off on your calendar a time to rest. As Jesus's says: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Christ's peace be with you all, in this season and the rest of the new year.

Joe Bloomquist, Elder

## Preschool

Hello from Zion Preschool! 2022 is off to a great start!

During February we will talk about God's love for us and how we share that love with others as we exchange Valentines.

Jesus Time lessons with Pastor Clayton will focus on the following... "Jesus Blesses the Children", "Jesus Stops the Storm", and "Jesus Feeds 5,000".

We will also start Priority Registration for the 2022-2023 school year on Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Priority registration is open to all current and past Zion Preschool families as well as all Zion Church families. Open registration for the public will begin on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have a preschooler, you can contact me at [zionpreschooldirector2020@gmail.com](mailto:zionpreschooldirector2020@gmail.com) for more questions or check out our Facebook page!

God Bless, Vikki Harms, Zion Preschool Director



## Blessings from Sunday School!

This time of year is when our new Assistant Superintendent begins learning the ins and outs of our program in order to be ready for the transition to Superintendent. Unfortunately, we have yet to secure a volunteer for the position. My term of service will be ending after this year and in order to keep our program operating, we need your help. Please contact me, any member of the Board of Education, an Elder, Pastor, or a member of Council.

In Christ's Service, Alicia Suedmeyer





# *Prom Dress Sale & Consignment*

Hosted by Zion Lutheran Youth Group

*What*

- Bring your dresses to consign\*/donate or shop for a prom dress

*When*

- Friday February 11: 6pm-9pm to drop off consignments\*/donations
- Saturday February 12: 10am-2pm to shop the sale

*Where*

Zion Lutheran Church Gymnasium  
101 S Railway St, Mascoutah IL

*Why*

- Score a great deal on a prom dress and help support the community!



*For More Information Please Contact*

- Abby McDaniel
- [eyesewmom16@gmail.com](mailto:eyesewmom16@gmail.com)

\*there is a \$5 consignment fee per dress

# Hymn Festival

in Honor of Carl Schalk

(1929-2021)



Featuring Commentaries from Dr. Mark Bender

**Sunday, February 27, 2022 3:00 PM**  
**Zion Lutheran Church**

101 S. Railway Mascoutah IL, 62258

No tickets needed, a freewill offering will be received





## God in Man Made Manifest

The season of Epiphany focuses on how God was made manifest in the flesh of Jesus. The church spends time hearing of the miracles, signs, and wonders of Jesus in the world. And this made plain to all that Jesus really is who He said He was. He is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the only begotten Son of the Father, in the flesh. For “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14).

It is revealed for all the world to see that Jesus is God in the flesh. It is made manifest by His words and His work, by what He said and by what He did. And these belong together, for “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” Jesus is the Word and will of God in the flesh, that is, He is the walking, talking enactment of God’s Word.

It is no different for us. We are called not just to believe in God in hearts but also to trust in God in word and deed. As James wrote: “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22), and again, “What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? ... So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ... Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ... For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead” (James 2:14, 17–18, 26).

Our faith is lived out in works for our neighbor. Our trust in the Word and will of God is lived out not in word only but also in deed and in truth. In other words, the Epiphany of the Lord creates in us an epiphany of our faith in our works of obedience to God who commanded them. By this, our faith is made manifest to the world. It is, as Luther wrote of faith:

Faith is a divine work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God (John 1). It kills the old Adam and makes altogether different people, in heart and spirit and mind and powers, and it brings with it the Holy Spirit.

Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly. It does not ask whether there are good works to do, but before the question rises, it has already done them, and is always at the doing of them.

He who does not these works is a faithless man. He gropes and looks about after faith and good works and knows neither what faith is nor what good works are, though he talks and talks, with many words about faith and good works.

Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that a man would stake his life on it a thousand times. This confidence in God’s grace and knowledge of it makes men glad and bold and happy in dealing with God and all His creatures. And this is the work of the Holy Spirit in faith. Hence a man is ready and glad, without compulsion, to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything, in love and praise to God, who has shown him this grace.

And thus it is impossible to separate works from faith, quite as impossible as to separate burning and shining from fire. Beware, therefore, of your own false notions and of the idle talkers, who would be wise enough to make decisions about faith and good works, and yet are the greatest fools. (*Preface to the Book of Romans*)

So, then, let our faith be active by God’s power in the Word through the Holy Spirit. And let then our faith be made manifest to the world by what this faith does: serving our neighbor – in church, in the family, and society – with the works of faith in time, talents, and treasures.



# ??? Who Do I Contact ???

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## **PRAYER CHAIN**

Prayer requests - Contact Church Office

To be added to prayer chain please

contact Pastor Clayton at

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**February 6**

**"How Christians Can Admire the Jewish Sabbath"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Dr. Michael Zeigler says the Jewish practice of observing the Sabbath is sort of like being in a long-distance relationship.

(Luke 6:1-11)

**February 13**

**"The Unexpected"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Roland Syens

Jesus said those who are poor in spirit are blessed. Pastor Roland Syens says poverty is not a problem in God's economy.

(Luke 6: 17-20)

**February 20**

**"TBD"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

**February 27**

**"Greatness"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Luke 9:1-48)

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THAT  
YOU DO  
BE DONE  
WITH  
**LOVE.**

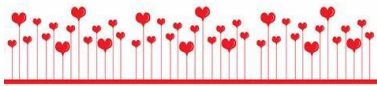
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**Mascoutah**  
**Food Pantry**  
**items needed**  
**for February**

Laundry  
Detergent  
Canned  
Mushrooms  
Vegetable Oil  
Flour  
BBQ Sauce  
Taco Shells  
Fettuccine Sauce  
(jar)  
Fettuccine  
Noodles  
Graham Crackers  
Salad Dressing:  
Ranch, Italian,  
and French





# february



## Birthdays

02/02 Viviana Jeffries  
 02/06 Liam Hatcher  
 02/07 Brenda Ogden  
 02/08 Mia Tubbs  
 02/09 Jenna Dunn  
 02/09 Carolyn Overmyer  
 02/09 Lola Simon  
 02/12 Nancy Peterson  
 02/13 Aileen Malcharek  
 02/13 Luke Morra  
 02/14 Marleen Purdin  
 02/16 Marianne McDaniel  
 02/17 Amy Kolweier  
 02/20 Rick Meredith  
 02/20 Norman Rowold  
 02/21 Barbara Bretz  
 02/22 Jean Kemezys  
 02/22 Doug Sax  
 02/25 Samuel Clayton  
 02/25 Jennalee Matthews  
 02/29 Paul Bretz  
 02/29 Tom Sax



## Wedding Anniversaries

02/22 Bob & Angie Walter



## FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

6  
13  
20  
27

# Flowers needed!



## Baptismal Anniversaries

02/04 Mark Krausz  
 02/05 Adam Ahner  
 02/05 Brad Lockwood  
 02/06 Deb Heck  
 02/06 Alicia Suedmeyer  
 02/07 Sarah Linn  
 02/07 Ami Linnertz  
 02/07 Jeremy Linnertz  
 02/07 Nicholas Linnertz  
 02/09 Jenna Dunn  
 02/09 Torri Suedmeyer  
 02/10 Lydia Schorfheide  
 02/10 Ellie Tubbs  
 02/11 Abigail McDaniel  
 02/14 Nora Bigley  
 02/14 Amber Schanz  
 02/16 Makena Suedmeyer  
 02/16 Cole Wambold  
 02/22 Lindsay Murphy  
 02/23 Mark Manera  
 02/24 Makenna Gryga



## LWML Meeting ~ February 17th, 7 PM

Hymn LSB 566, "By Grace, I'm Saved"  
*Pinky Ahner*

80th Goal for Jan/Feb:  
 Collection of kids socks, mittens, scarves, & hats

Activities:  
 Baby Bottle return, Feb. 6th

Hostesses:  
 Pinky Ahner & Lesley Eads

## Altar Guild Schedule for February

13 Joyce Hendrix & Lesley Eads  
 27 Sharon Weier



**Council Meeting Minutes  
Zion Lutheran Church  
December 2, 2021**

**Call to order.**

**Opening prayer/devotion:** Pastor Clayton.

**Roll call:** Present – Pastor Clayton, Ben Eatherton, Jeff Fick, Laurie Fournie, Jeannette Schorfheide, Randy Schorfheide, Lionel Timmerman, Mike Twenhafel, and Dale Wehmeyer; Absent – Rachel Bretz.

**Music Director/Lead Organist/Choir Director Proposal:** Jeff presented a proposed 5-year contract for positions (Atch 1). Minor modifications were suggested during discussion. MMSP to present modified proposal to voters (after council approves modified contract via email).

**November council meeting minutes:** Approved via email.

**Pastor's report:**

- Official Acts:
  - Visits: 38 (34 members and 4 non-members)
  - Congregational Meetings and Activities: 23
  - Circuit/District/Synod Events: 14
  - Community Contacts: 6
- Pastor provided a list of “Ideas for Zion Mascoutah,” with the following categories (Atch 2):
  - Spiritual Growth and Development
  - Internal to Congregation
  - External to Community/District
  - External to World/Synod
- Pastor asked council members to pray for his strength during the hectic Advent and Christmas seasons.

**Treasurer's report:**

- Laurie reported that she received \$34,437.00 from Busey Bank for the forgiven PPP loan. Following discussion, council divided the funds, with 67% to the church (general fund) and 33% to preschool. MMSP to accept Treasurer's report.
- Laurie presented the proposed 2022 budget. Following extended discussion and modification, MMSP to present modified proposal to voters.

**Board of Finance Report:**

- 2021 Budget YTD – \$277,461.00
- 2021 Actual YTD – \$233,807.00 (-\$43,654.00)

**Board of Elders Report:**

- Joe Bloomquist has replaced Tony Lara for the remainder of the year and has agreed to be a candidate for election for a full 3-year term.
- Christmas services: Christmas Eve (6 p.m.) and Christmas Day (10 a.m.); watching COVID trends to determine if seating restrictions can be eased/eliminated.

**Board of Education Report:**

- Jordan Rehfeldt is candidate for board; no candidates for Assistant Sunday School Superintendent.
- Preschool – trustees and Vikki are working to reduce lead in kitchen/restroom water by replacing faucets; trustees to install 3-basin sink in kitchen to meet state requirements for before/after child care.
- Confirmation Policy – see Atch 3.

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**Board of Trustees Report:**

- Paint Sanctuary – completed.
- Sanctuary Lighting – Bill at ACE Hardware has energy efficient bulbs in stock, is resubmitting grant paperwork.
- HVAC Repair – Weeke may finish work next week.
- Meditation Garden – sinkhole repaired; need more rocks around air conditioners.
- New Property – individual has suitable lot, seeking waivers from city to construct garage.
- Preschool restroom and kitchen sinks tested a bit high on lead; faucets need replacing.
- 2022 Projects:
  - Parking lot sealing – \$.25/sf = \$6,000.00
  - New stops for parking lot – 20 @ \$35.00 = \$700.00
  - Sanctuary ceiling fan
    - Big A – 18 ft = \$8000.00 (Unverfehrt at cost)
    - 2 x 7½ ft = \$3000.00 (Lite Brite)
- New sump pump in basement.
- LED lights
  - ACE grant for basement lights; may need \$500 for supplies.
  - Sanctuary wall sconces = \$1,200.00
- Preschool 3-basin sink, new faucets = \$700.00
- Closet cleanout – Mike to help Ray clean shelves in janitor's closet, relocate all janitor supplies there.

**President's report:**

- Evangelism Committee – Pastor noted need for about \$1000.00 for guest speaker.
- Strategic Planning Committee:
  - CADS survey scheduled for Jan 2022; Serving God's Mission (strategic planning process) to begin next spring.
  - Dale will begin socializing new preschool at voters meeting, noting this is a long, expensive process.

**Old Business:**

- Constitution Committee – Dale will ask Alan to provide “red line” copy for Council approval in January, forward for Synod coordination; hope to have for April voter's meeting.

**New Business:**

- Elections next week at voter's meeting; potential slate:
  - VP – Mike Twenhafel
  - Secretary – Jon Robinson
  - Elders – Joe Bloomquist
  - Finance – Karen Eldridge
  - Education – Jordan Rehfeldt
  - Asst S/S Super – no candidate
  - Trustee – Dan Eads, Greg Hoskins

**Next Meeting** – Thursday, January 6, 2022 @ 7 pm.

**Adjournment** – MMSP to adjourn.

**Closed with Luther's Evening Prayer.**

Lionel E. Timmerman, Acting Secretary

**Council Meeting Minutes  
Zion Lutheran Church  
January 6, 2022**

**Call to order.**

**Opening prayer/devotion:** Pastor Clayton.

**Confidentiality:** Pastor

**Roll call:** Present – Pastor Clayton, Ben Eatherton, Amanda Ganey, Mike Twenhafel, Laurie Fournie, Jon Robinson, Alex Tubbs, Randy Schorfheide, and Debbie Heck

**December council meeting minutes:** Approved via email.

**Pastor's report:**

- Official Acts:
  - Funeral: Noel Benner-December 15
  - Visits: 71 (50 members and 21 non-members)
  - Congregational Meetings and Activities: 25
  - Circuit/District/Synod Events: 7
  - Community Contacts: 3

**Treasurer's report:**

- Bank balance is at \$183,400
- General funds started year at \$40k and ended at \$56k; deferred mx fund will end at \$60k; memorial fund will end at \$21k; preschool ended the yr with a \$3k balance; Zion property purchase fund is at \$6,500
- Laurie requested the choir director-signed contract and needs to know how the payments will be made NLT 10 Jan; Randy mentioned he would reach out to Jeff Fick, Worship Elder, to request that information.  
MMSP - to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented

**Board of Finance Report:**

- 2021 Budget YTD – \$300,582.88
- 2021 Actual YTD – \$2278,535.80 (-\$22,047.08)
- New offering envelopes are available
- No memorial money statistics are available at this time

**Board of Elders Report:**

- Randy mentioned 20 gift baskets were collected and distributed to members in need.

**Board of Education Report:**

- Amanda has not yet met with her board, to include her new member, Jordan Rehfeldt, and will talk more about goals with her board when they meet later this month.

**Board of Trustees Report:**

- Alex showed the list of 21 projects completed this past year as well as the remaining projects for 2022.
- New Property – Individual is interested in purchasing the house but needs a suitable lot, Garage is being removed by another individual
- Preschool restroom and kitchen sinks tested a bit high on lead; faucets need replacing.

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●2022 Projects:

- Parking lot sealing – \$.25/sf = \$6,000.00.
- New stops for parking lot – 20 @ \$35.00 = \$700.00.
- Sanctuary ceiling fan.
  - ▶ Big A – 18 ft = \$8000.00 (Unverfehrt at cost)
  - ▶ 2 x 7½ ft = \$3000.00 (Lite Brite)
  - ▶ Pastor expressed concern over whether or not the middle mounted fan would obstruct the camera view or cause sound problems with the microphones.

●New sump pump in basement.

●LED lights

- ACE grant for basement lights; may need \$500 for supplies.
- Sanctuary wall sconces = \$1,200.00.

●Preschool 3-basin sink, new faucets = \$700.00.

**President's report:**

- The Church Pictorial Directory: Ben requested we move this subject for discussion next month and discuss further.
- This Saturday's Strategic Planning meeting business will be discussed in Old Business.
- Council and Voter's meeting minute's completion procedures were emphasized by the pastor at President's request. Typically, draft minutes should be provided to the council by the secretary within two days after the meeting with the goal of approval by the council within one week after the meeting. After approval is provided, the minutes should then be sent to Robin, church secretary, for inserting into the Echo.
- Constitution Committee – Dale and Alan to provide "red line" copy for Council approval in February, so it can be forwarded to Synod for their approval; We hope to present it to the Voters at April's voter's meeting

**Old Business:**

- Planning meeting this Saturday in the face of COVID; recommended cancelling for this Saturday and allow the various boards to strategize together and submit their goals by 31 Jan and then discuss at February's council meeting.

**New Business:**

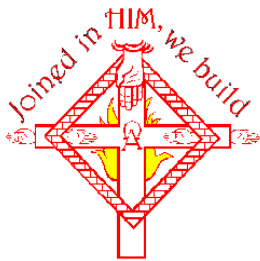
- MMSP to place a donation jar out at the back of the church in the future to support the SWIC University Christian Fellowship group headed up by Meghan Coates, daughter of Harry Bailey. The pastor will request information from Meghan Coates to include in the bulletin and better inform church members of her cause.
- April schedule is tight with Easter; Request from Pastor to look at April Council on March 31<sup>st</sup> and then have Voters Mtg April 7. After discussion, it was decided to hold Council on 04/07/22 and Voters on 04/28/22.
- Mascoutah Business Directory Ad - MMSP to continue advertising in the Mascoutah Herald for the cost of \$159.50.
- Ladies Aid - Approval for Luncheon/Brunch fundraiser for Adopt a Student and Lenten Meals. The council will revisit Lenten Meals in February due to current virus concerns.
- Recommendation was made to organize a Christmas decoration removal group this Sunday.

**Next Meeting** – Thursday, February 10, 2022 @ 7 pm.

**Adjournment** – MMSP to adjourn.

**Closed with The Lord's Prayer.**

Jon T. Robinson, Secretary



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**BIBLE STUDY**

Sunday 8:45 to 9:30 AM In-Person  
and on Zoom

**SUNDAY SCHOOL &  
YOUTH BIBLE CLASS**

Sunday 8:45 AM

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sunday 10:00 AM In-Person  
and on FaceBook

**Address Service Requested**

**Worship Topics This Month**

**February 6 — The Transfiguration of the Lord — Matthew 17:1-9**

**— “Logical Fallacies”**

**February 13 — Septuagesima — Matthew 20:1-16**

**— “Hearing and Holding”**

**February 20 — Sexagesima — Luke 8:4-15**

**— “Becoming Blind to See”**

**February 27 — Quinquagesima — Luke 18:31-43**

**— “When Do We Rejoice?”**

**Please join us in worship to hear more about the Good News!**