

**Zion Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2025**

Call to order at 7:02 pm (Randy Thomsen)

Roll call: Laurie Fournie, Debbie Heck, Pastor Hemmer, Ray Kemezys, Cary Robinson, Jon Robinson, Randy Thomsen, Lionel Timmerman, Jean Kemezys

March Council meeting minutes approved by email.

Opening devotion and prayer (Pastor Hemmer)

Pastor's report: (Pastor Hemmer)

●February & March Pastoral activities:

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| ○Divine services – 6 | ○Prayer office - 3 |
| ○Lenten vespers – 3 | ○Catechesis - 7 |
| ○Council meetings – 2 | ○Elders meeting |
| ○Worship planning meeting | ○Multiple member visits & calls |
| ○Brightly services – 2 | ○Shut-in visits - 4 |
| ○Hospital visits – 3 | |
| ○Baptism of Peyton Seering 2/9 | |
| ○Baptism of Clara Kansal 3/16 | |

●Upcoming:

- Lent, Holy Week, Easter:
 - Lenten Wednesdays – 6 p.m. midweek prayer office
 - Maundy Thursday Divine Service – 6 p.m.
 - Good Friday Vespers – 6 p.m.
 - Easter Vigil (jointly with Bethany at Bethany) 7:30 p.m.
 - Easter Day – 11 a.m. Divine Service
- Confirmation – April 27, examination April 26 – 3 p.m.
- Pastor and Laura (and Henry) in Taiwan to teach for OIM April 28 – May 5

Board of Finance report: (Debbie Heck)

- Budget YTD: \$78,845.00
- Actual YTD: \$66,189.85

Treasurer's report: (Laurie Fournie)

- First Federal Savings Bank: \$177,868.46
- First Federal Savings Bank – Money Market: \$40,251.37
- Edward Jones account: \$75,140.22
- General Fund: \$90,772.40

MMSP to accept Treasurer's report.

Board of Education report: (Cary Robinson)

- Preschool:
 - 8 students in 3-year-old class, may need to adjust the days offered, will wait until April registration to make determination.
 - 15 students in 4-year-old class – the free public pre-school program is affecting

enrollment, even in other local programs. Continuing to try to get the word out, and would like to request congregational help getting the word out as well.

- Current balance: \$56,750.79
- PMO has been wonderful this year with 16 students attending, and a few 2-year-olds have registered for the three-year-old class next year.
- Lunch Bunch Program also a success, with 12 students joining for Tuesday afternoon lunch and fun.
- Upcoming: Walking Field Trip to the library on April 23rd.
- We'll host a Parents, Pastries, and the Park day on May 8th.
- End of Year program scheduled for May 13th. Board of Ed members to distribute refreshments after the program.
- No Summer Pre-School camps this year due to bathroom construction.

●Sunday School:

- March attendance 248. March offering \$219.

●Youth Group:

- Held meeting on March 23rd. Held a devotional on Easter. Members were asked to help with the Easter Egg Hunt on April 12th.
- Next meeting scheduled for May 4th, pizza and bowling at Mascoutah Community Lanes. Officers will be elected at this meeting.
- 6 youth and 3 adults are excitedly planning to attend the National Youth Gathering in July. Tickets are purchased and hotel assignments received.

●Board News:

- East Egg Hunt scheduled for April 12th in Maple Park. Ladies Aid serving breakfast. Youth Group helping.
- VBS scheduled for 16-20 June. The Hinton family has volunteered to lead it.

●Annual schedule of Events:

- East Egg Hunt – April 12
- Spring College mailing – mid-April
- Pre-School End of Year Program – May 13
- Vacation Bible School – June 16-20
- Rally Sunday
- Fall Festival - October
- Mid-term College mailing – December

Board of Elder's report: (Ray Kemezys)

- Lenten Benevolences – Preschool bathroom renovation project.
- Will start asking members 7th grade on up, male & female to collect offering during our church services.
- Memorial Day service will be here at Zion

Board of Trustees report: (Lionel Timmerman)

- Routine Maintenance:
 - Replaced several light bulbs in preschool, church.
 - Replaced light fixture preschool director's office.
 - Run basement grinder pump weekly prior to Sunday School.
 - Reset timers for parking lot/entrance lights for Daylight Savings Time.
 - Changed furnace filters (Church/Preschool/Parsonage).

- Backflow preventer (basement) annual check, Haier Plumbing (03/10/25).
- Insurance inspection (03/11/25).
- Annual fire alarm inspection completed (03/20/25).
- Signed contract for elevator inspections with ATIS (03/21/25); awaiting inspection and maintenance by Kone Elevator.
- Misc:
 - Assisted Pastor Dietrich move books (03/28/25).
- Upcoming Projects:
 - Update Preschool Restrooms.
 - Reseal parking lots (need ~ 3 years; last done 2021).

President's report: (Jon Robinson)

- Coordinated communication of Pastor Dietrich's Call Acceptance and Letter with Council and congregation.
- Vice President and I met with the Board of Elders March 31st to get to know their team and learn more about their roles and responsibilities. We also offered any assistance we can provide to them in caring for the spiritual welfare of the congregation.
- Delegated placing upcoming Easter Service advertisements in Mascoutah Herald to Robin, our church secretary.

Old Business:

- No update on property removal.
- Renovation of Preschool restrooms – Proposals from RMK (plumbing) and Chandler (carpentry/electrical) were discussed. Will present to Voters next week.
- Church insurance update – still working on contacting and comparing rates.

New Business:

- Pastor Dietrich Installation June 8. Installation in afternoon with meal to follow. Will appoint a committee to plan and coordinate with caterer, etc.
- Reviewed Voter's meeting agenda.

Next Voter's meeting April 10, 2025.

Next Council meeting May 1, 2025.

●MMSP to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

In His Service,
Jean Kemezys

