

Zion Lutheran Church

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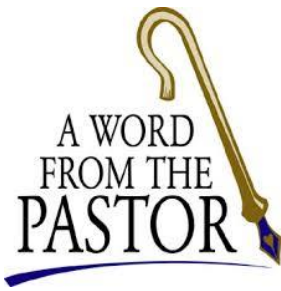
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So, the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty has come to an end with hope for Two Thousand Twenty-One bubbling up in our hearts and minds. As we recall the difficulties involved with the COVID-19 virus, fires raged, earth quaked, hurricanes came in greater ferocity, finding our favorite style of mask, the political wrangling and anger, greatly increased need for the food cupboard, racial violence and fears that marked the old year. We look with longing for a better year to come. Yet, there were amazing things that transpired in 2020. Couples met in person early in the year and virtually later, some fell in love, some married, children were conceived and born, volunteers worked to help neighbors next door and far away, we worshiped God in community both virtually and in person. We learned to bake, be alone, reach out to the lonely and to seek the face of God in all these things. Sometimes we were successful and other times we were not, yet we are reminded again and again that EMMANUEL (God is with us) has never been further than a prayer away and even closer than that, within each of us.

2021 begins with vaccines having been developed and in development, we are still worshiping God in ways with which we feel safe and wearing masks to protect each other. The world has finished its voyage around our sun and begun another trip. God is still with us and asking us to both see God in all people and to reveal God to everyone by our words deeds and attitudes. May we continue to respond positively to this call and challenge even better than we have in the past. This is my prayer for the world in the new year as it has been for every year.

We all pray for those how are housebound for whatever reasons, and reach out to them as we are able, that is the essence of community and being the Body of Christ in the world. We pray for those who protect us within our community and across the globe, police, ambulance crews, fire fighters, grocery workers, restaurant staff, doctors, nurses, housekeeping, trash collectors and all who make our lives easier than we could make them ourselves.

On a more personal note, I had a prostate biopsy in early December and was told last week that the results were positive, in a negative way. I have a slow growing type of prostate cancer. I am seeking more information on treatment options and should make the decision as soon as I can. I ask for your prayers and support during this time of decision making and pursuit of plans.

**Emmanuel!**

**God is with us!**

Always and everywhere

God Bless us, every one!

Pr. Tim

## Serving Zion this month



January 3: Debbie Muders  
January 10: Jodi Miller  
January 17: Diane Goehring  
January 24: Vicki Moyer  
January 31: Betty Miller



January 3: TO BE DETERMINED  
January 10:  
January 17:  
January 24:  
January 31:



January 3: Available  
January 10: Available  
January 17: Pflug  
January 24: Trimble  
January 31: Available

- If you are unable to serve on your Sunday, please trade with someone.
- Bulletins may be sponsored with a donation of \$15 per week, to offset the cost of the bulletins, and can be given to the glory of God, in memory of someone, or in honor of someone. Note “Bulletins” in the memo section of your check, and please call Melissa in the office if you’d like to sponsor the bulletins.
- Flowers may be given on the altar any Sunday. There are forms on the bulletin board in the hallway by the office.



Wednesday, January 6

7:00 Worship & Music Team

Thursday, January 14

7:00 Council meets

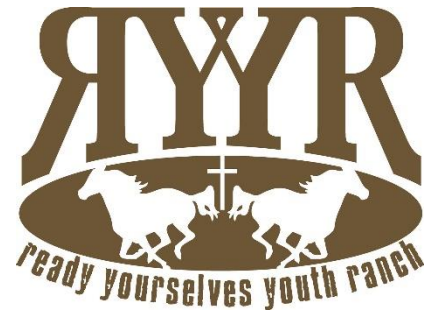
Sunday, January 24

Congregation Meeting



In lieu of the Council Retreat, this year there will simply be a Council Meeting on the second Thursday, January 14, at 7:00.

Ready Yourselfes Youth Ranch is one of the extra envelopes in your giving box to contribute to in January. The Stewardship Team added this envelope in 2019 to support this local ranch in Beaver County, founded and run by Micheline and Matthew Barkley. It is a Christian ministry that connects horses in need of rescue with local children dealing with serious challenges



and difficulties. The program is for children ages 8 to 18 where one child, one horse and one mentor are connected for 90 minutes a week, free of charge. The goal is to make sure the children feel and see God's love in all their experiences at the ranch through the help of the mentor and the horse. If you would like to donate paper towels or toilet paper, give them to Sally Measel and she will see that they get delivered to the ranch. A small donation can go a long way in allowing them to use their resources more effectively.



I would like to thank Zion for the generous Christmas present of the Visa gift card. Thank you for thinking of me.

In this issue you will find the Year End Reports, as well as the Usher/Greeter list for 2021. Please note the date you are to serve, and if you cannot serve that Sunday, please trade with someone, or let me know.

-- Melissa

GREETERS USHERS 2021

<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Lead Usher</b>		<b>Lead Usher Responsibilities</b>
1/3/21	Debbie Muders	Sally Measel		are posted on the bulletin board.
1/10/21	Jodi Miller	Jeff Miller	<b>BAPTISM OF OUR LORD</b>	
1/17/21	Diane Goehring	Earl Goehring		
1/24/21	Vicki Moyer	Linda Armstrong		
1/31/21	Betty Miller	Carl Miller		
2/7/21	Edie Brain	Tom Brain		
2/14/21	Michelle Mulbauer	Kevin Mulbauer		
2/21/21	Alice Rubright	Vicki Moyer	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	
2/28/21	Jessica Gasior	Bill Gasior		
3/7/21	Carla Wright	Dale Wright		
3/14/21	Chris Trimble	Doug Trimble		
3/21/21	Vicki Moyer	Alice Rubright		
3/28/21	Peg Kaltenbach	Oscar Domhoff	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	
4/4/21	Pat Pflug	John Pflug	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	
4/11/21	Sally Measel	Debbie Muders		If you cannot greet or usher on your appointed date, it is your responsibility to switch with someone. Please inform the office of any changes.
4/18/21	Chris Trimble	Cindy Latch		
4/25/21	Patty Cekella	Chris Cekella		
5/2/21	Joanne Porter	Frank Porter		
5/9/21	Linda Armstrong	Melinda Johns		
5/16/21	Jessica Gasior	Bill Gasior		
5/23/21	Barbara Burgh	Debbie Ridgely	<b>PENTECOST</b>	Thank you!
5/31/21	Joretta Kennedy	Dave Kennedy		
6/6/21	Don Grubbs	Rod Porter		
6/13/21	Pam Ferrainolo	Donna Hall		
6/20/21	Pat Givens	Debbie Muders		
6/27/21	Debbie Muders	Sally Measel		
7/4/21	Tom Bickert	Marsha Davis		
7/11/21	Emily Cekella	Caleb Cekella		
7/18/21	Pat Pflug	John Pflug		
7/25/21	Sally Davis	Tom Davis		
8/1/21	Lisa Shedio	Ryan Shedio		
8/8/21	Sue Kristophel	Mark Kristophel		
8/15/21	Evelyn Stephens	Shirley Fichter		
8/22/21	Loree White	Tom Bickert		
8/29/21	Pamela Bintrim	Denny Bintrim		
9/5/21	Cindy Latch	Trudy Levere		
9/12/21	Chris Trimble	Donna Hall		
9/19/21	Oscar Domhoff	Don Grubbs		
9/26/21	Peg Kaltenbach	Linda Armstrong		
10/3/21	Cindy Latch	Lisa Shedio		
10/10/21	Jessica Gasior	Bill Gasior		
10/17/21	Betty Miller	Carl Miller		
10/24/21	Chris Cekella	Patty Cekella		
10/31/21	Vicki Moyer	Alice Rubright	<b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b>	
11/7/21	Doug Trimble	Chris Trimble	<b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b>	
11/14/21	Gary Rader	Oscar Domhoff		
11/21/21	Donna Hall	Pam Ferrainolo		
11/28/21	Debbie Muders	Joanne Porter		
12/5/21	Kimberly Muntz	Renee Jackman		
12/12/21	Pat Givens	Sally Measel		
12/19/21	Frank Porter	Joanne Porter		
12/24/21	Chris Trimble	Doug Trimble	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	
12/26/21	Emily Cekella	Tom Brain		

## 2020 YEAR END REPORTS

*Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Harmony, Pennsylvania*

**Staff: Mrs. Rosemarie Zebell, Music Director; Mrs. Vicki Moyer, Sexton; Mrs. Melissa Painter, Secretary/Bookkeeper**

### **Zion's Church Council for 2020**

Al Stephens, Property ( <i>resigned</i> )	Shirley Fichter, Christian Ed.	Marsha Davis, Fellowship
Bill Gasior, President/Meeting Human Needs	Linda Armstrong, EMI	Chris Trimble, Stewardship
Debbie Muders, Secretary	Pat Pflug, Worship & Music	

### **Worship Assistants for 2020**

Pam Ferrainolo, Marsha Davis, Tom Bickert, Joanne Porter, Doug Trimble

Zion Lutheran Church Treasurer – Shirley Fichter  
President of our WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) – Cindy Latch

### *Church Statistics for 2020*

**Baptisms: 1 (Ethan Rearick)**

**First Communions: 0**

**Confirmations: 0**

**Weddings: 0**

**Members' Deaths: George Measel, Clyde Rice, Doris Miller, Mary Lou Kristophel, Thomas Meyer, Thomas McCaffrey**

**New Members Received: 2 (Don Grubbs, Sthela Gun Holly Hanitrinirina)**

**Letters of Transfer: 2 (Eric & Melissa Painter; removed per request)**

**2020 Membership Records: Baptized Members 271, Confirmed Members 202**

**Average Worship Attendance –**

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Zion Lutheran Church Treasurer – Joanne Porter

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PLEASE NOTE: The Treasurer's Year End Report will be in the February newsletter and available at the January Congregation Meeting.

## TEAM REPORTS

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### Pastor's Report to the Parish 2020

#### "May you live in interesting times"

The above quote is reported to be a Chinese curse. It is not. It is, however, often quoted in irony. Implicating that times of chaos or trouble are more interesting than times of peace and quiet. This has not been a quiet and peaceful year. Starting in January things seemed tense but relatively normal until March. The world shut down for several months and we had to discover new ways of doing worship, ministry and deepen our spirituality in time of trouble. We remember Emanuel (God is with us) in every sort of triumph and trial. For the first few weeks almost everything stopped and people worked remotely and children were also out of the normal routines of pre-school and school. During Holy Week we began virtual worship services with Ross Cummings, Chris Trimble, Linda Flora, Marsha Davis and Nancy Williamson taking roles to assure that all with access to internet could worship virtually until we resumed in person worship. Without their support we would have been bereft of even virtual community worship.

1. Direct pastoral ministry
  - Two festival worship services each weekend (until March and beginning again in July) and our first 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday unified worship service. Special services of other kinds and needs. Midweek Lenten, Holy Week and Christmas liturgies.
  - Pastoral acts which include funeral home visits, funeral services, home visits with communion and anointing. (until March and Covid-19 restrictions).
  - Participate in and support SW Butler Food Cupboard distributions.
2. Teaching ministry
  - Weekly Bible studies at each congregation, Confirmation class (coordinated with Pr. Jack Delk and Sr. Mildred McCracken)
  - Encouraging participation in Sunday school (until March and Covid-19 restrictions)
3. Administrative ministry
  - Participating in regular monthly council meetings for both congregations and Zelienville Harmony Lutheran Ministries meetings
  - We pray before and after each meeting and explore together the leadings of the Holy Spirit in our leadership, membership, and communities.
  - Participation in virtual Synod Assembly and Conference meetings.
4. Ministry in the larger church
  - Participate in Camp Agape board, Synod Ministry and Ecumenical/Interfaith Relations Committees.
  - Participate in weekly pastors Bible studies/fellowship & support, monthly Harmony Zelienville Ministerium and Zelienville monthly Lutheran Pastor meetings.
  - Participated in and supported the Gathering "scattered" and Miracle on Main St. in Zelienville.
  - Make known to the congregations the work of the larger church of Synod & ELCA (Lutheran World Relief, Disaster Response and World Hunger)
5. Fellowship and social support ministries
  - Support, participation in and encouragement of WELCA and Willing Workers
  - Lead St. Paul Bicentennial events planning
6. Eye toward the future

- St. Paul Bicentennial events each month of 2021
- Group Studies of ELCA Social Statements and Messages
- Continued exploration of larger community needs and involvement
- Continued exploration of full communion partnership interactions in the area.

I remain hopeful that our sense of community and spirituality deepen as we follow the path of Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Timothy M.P. Dawes 724-709-0475

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### Stewardship Report 2020

Here we are nine months after we first shut down. I'm sure that none of us thought we'd still be dealing with this problem. While we have dealt with many problems here at the church, I am proud to say that everyone has stepped up to help keep the church going. Even though we might not have met the budget we set forth last year we have paid our bills without using any of our savings. We have tried to reduce our expenses by lowering the temperatures in the hall, shutting off the three refrigerators, freezer and small hot water tank upstairs in the sacristy. We have reduced the number of bulletins we receive each week and the number of envelopes being sent to our members. With these savings and with your continued financial support our church family will be able to continue to be there for each of us when we need them. While many have felt that they are not comfortable coming into the church during these trying times we have been able to tape the church service each Sunday. If you are one of these people remember to watch the service by going to [www.zioninharmony.com](http://www.zioninharmony.com) and click on sermons. There are many there if you wish to watch them. Thank you again for faithfully supporting this church family during these trying times. If you need anything please call the church office, Pastor Tim, Bill Gasior or me, Chris Trimble. We will gladly help in any way that we are able to. God bless you all till we see each other again.

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### Cemetery Association Report 2020

For the year 2020, we had two conventional burials and four interments of ashes. The association had planned on doing some maintenance of the grounds this past summer, but many circumstances including the weather, Covid-19, and personal time restraints prevented their completion. We hired a lawn care service to mow and trim both cemeteries and were well pleased with their work. In late summer / early fall, we had some issues with unauthorized dumping by neighbors in the woods along the English cemetery; some signage may be installed in the spring and any further incidents will be handled accordingly. Our hope is that 2021 will be much better and that we can continue our work to preserve the cemeteries and serve the church and community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Trimble

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### Fellowship Team Report 2020

What a year this has been! As council's fellowship chair I had great hopes for the year. I have a great group of ladies willing to help and ready to go. Unfortunately, there was nowhere to go. We had a celebration of Sthela and Don joining our Zion family, Sthela and Jess Wright had a special meal to celebrate International women, and Bill and Jess Gasior provided a yummy breakfast. But then COVID-19 hit and we were done. As we have tried to be as careful as possible in our worship practices, it was impossible to do that with fellowship. Our hope for 2021 is that we will see an end to isolation and the beginning of our "NEW NORMAL" that will include being able to shake hands during the sharing of the peace, conversations without masks, a hug!  
We will trust that God will see us through this as he has seen us through every other difficult time in our lives.

Submitted by:  
Marsha Davis

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### Executive Committee Report 2020—No report

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## Every Member Involvement/Meeting Human Needs Report 2020--No Report

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### Property Team Report 2020

The property committee this year has changed a lot. Al Stephens had been the head of this committee for several years. He accomplished quite a few major projects during that time. Unfortunately, health problems forced Al to step down from the committee. Frank Porter and Tom Davis stepped up to try and fill Al's shoes. Thankfully most of the major renovations were already done. This year the trim around the windows was finished by Mr. Byler. This finishes the major outside projects. The food cupboard was expanded to help the with increase in numbers being served. Jim Muders retired the pavilion so that the lights now work better. We did have a water leak in the social hall which had everyone scrambling to clean up the water in the carpet and replacing ceiling tiles. Our former tenants purchased a house and moved to Prospect leaving us to find new tenants. We were very fortunate to once again find a nice couple, Victoria and Joe, to move in. They have joined us for services on Sundays so if you see them welcome them. We hired a new lawn service to keep the church and cemetery mowed and trimmed. They have done a great job and now they will be plowing the snow for us. The snows this year have kept Frank and Tom busy keeping the sidewalks clear of snow. Frank says the snowblower has really come in handy. We do have a riding mower for sale. It is a Kubota and will be available as soon as the spring cutting season starts. If you are interested feel free to call Doug Trimble or Jeff Miller for information about it. Thank you everyone that has stepped up to keep our church in good shape. Hopefully the new year will bring us better able to gather together as the church family that we all miss.

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### Worship Team Report 2020

2020 has been a challenging year for most of us. Beginning in March during the Lenten season, we had to adjust to the COVID 19 virus and trying to stay safe even at our church. Pastor taped his sermons for viewing on our web page and called our members and our shut-ins to check on them. Next, we worked with the organist and worship assistants at ST. Paul's Lutheran to tape the entire service for viewing. I would like to personally thank everyone involved in this effort, including those behind the scenes. We know not everyone has access to the internet, but we also know that the services are reaching some members and are appreciated. Special thanks to Pastor Dawes, Rosemarie, and our worship assistants: Pam Ferrainolo, Tom Bickert, Marsha Davis, Doug Trimble, and Joanne Porter for their dedication to our services and doing their best to keep our church open and safe during COVID 19 restrictions. Thank you to chime choir for playing in November and to all the church members who come out on Sundays for in person services. We pray that everyone stays safe from the virus. We need everyone's support to continue into 2021.

--Submitted by Pat Pflug

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### Christian Education Year-End Report 2020

Normally I would be telling you about what we did in Christian Education in 2020. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic Sunday School and Bible School were canceled.

After many years of faithful service, Tom Davis stepped down from teaching the adult Sunday School class. Thank you for your service and dedication to Zion! We are currently looking for someone to replace him. If you are interested, please contact any council member. Sunday School remains on hiatus until further notice.

Every year we look forward to Bible School. We usually had between 30 to 45 students and many young adults that helped. Hopefully, next year we will be able to have Bible School. I would like to thank everyone who donated not only their time but also money and food donations over the past three years. I want to thank St. Paul and English for their continued participation in the program and for the donations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Fichter

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### WELCA Report 2020

The year 2020 has certainly been a challenging year for us all. Welca was able to provide a luncheon for Ash Wednesday service and to a very limited degree provide refreshments and help for five funerals for our members. We provided supplies for VOICE at Easter. Our soup sale was a big success and we were able to give gift cards to the church employees and distributions to charities for Christmas. (see list) Unfortunately, our Welca group was only able to meet six times this year due to the virus. Since our numbers have decreased to a mere handful, we may be unable to provide funeral luncheons in the future. However, we will be willing to help serve catered food if desired. We all pray for a happier and healthier 2021.

Respectfully submitted--Cindy Latch

Contributions for 2020:

- VOICE
- City Rescue Mission
- Food Cupboard
- Salvation Army
- Habitat for Humanity
- World Hunger
- Domestic Disaster Relief
- Global Disaster Relief
- Good Gifts
- Harmony Fire Department
- St. Jude's
- Grace Youth and Family Foundation
- Ready Yourselves Youth Ranch
- Love offering to Blessed Bundles

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