

Zion Lutheran Church
Arlington, MN

January Newsletter

January 2022

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Worship Schedule

January 2—Second Sunday of Christmas

9:00am

Holy Communion

“The Magi Visits Jesus”

January 9—Baptism of Our Lord

9:00am

Holy Communion

“John Points To Who Jesus Is”

January 16—Second Sunday after Epiphany

9:00am

Contemporary Service

ANNUAL MEETING

“The Wedding At Cana ”

January 26—Third Sunday after Epiphany

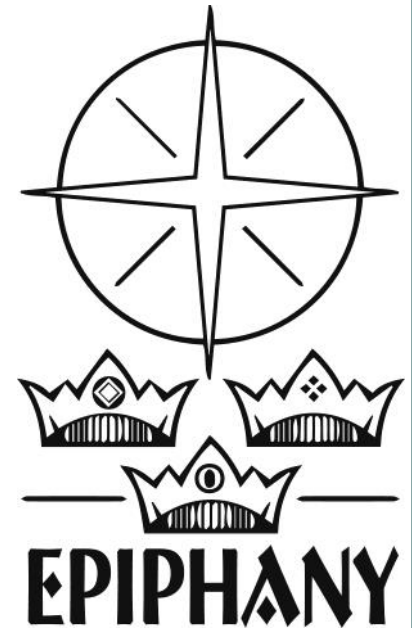
9:00am

“Jesus Identifies Himself”

January 30—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

9:00am

“Jesus’ Ministry Extends To All People”



Chattin’ It Up...

- Annual Meeting Notice
- Quilting Dates
- The New Year
by Joyce Rupp

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From the Desk of Pastor Dawson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am writing this in the final days of 2021 and I have not thought about nor am I really ready for 2022. Yet, like many of you that I have spoken with, I am so tired of playing this pandemic game, I am ready for a change and my prayer is that it happens in 2022. Where are we as a people of faith? I believe that because of our faith we have strength for today and have

hope for tomorrow. Our strength comes from knowing that in spite of anything that happens, we are known and loved by our Savior. Hope for tomorrow is knowing that God promises us something more than what we have now and we can look to the future with the assurance of our salvation.

2022 brings a new budget, a new mix of Council offers and members, a 145th anniversary

With Thankful Hearts

On behalf of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) and those we serve, thank you for your recent gift. Your support affirms our vision that all people have the opportunity to live and work in community with full and abundant lives. Once again, thank you for your gift!

Pastor Julie Wright

*Director of Church Partnerships and Volunteerism
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota*



We would like to thank you for your contribution to the Sibley County FoodShare. Your generosity continues to provide emergency assistance to the hungry of Sibley County. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Jacki Kruggel

Coordinator, Sibley County FoodShare, Inc.

From the Desk of Pastor Dawson (continued)

and the potential of new ministries for our congregation. God isn't finished with Zion yet! Our strength is our faith and the foundation of our ministry. Hope will lead us where God wants us to go. Let us enter the year confident that as servants of God, we are called to serve through our strength and hope.

In awe of the birth of Christ,
Pastor Deborah Dawson

*“For your **strength** does not depend on numbers, nor your might on the powerful. But you are the God of the lowly, helper of the oppressed, upholder of the weak, protector of the forsaken, savior of those without **hope**.”*

Judith 9:11

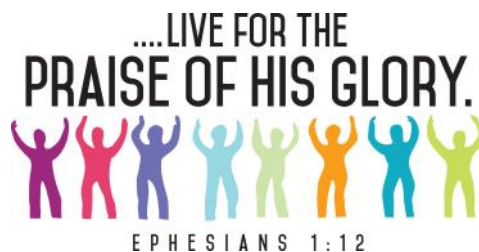
(Judith is one of the books from the Apocrypha. This is a collection of Old Testament books written in Greek included in some Jewish holy scriptures and Catholic Bibles. Our lectionary started including some readings from these books, but we have not used them).



In the Lives of our Members



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| 5 | Deb Otto | 14 | James Carlson |
| 5 | Dylan Scharpe | 14 | Keith Herd |
| 6 | Sean Drexler | 16 | Jackie Alsleben |
| 7 | Joann Beneke | 16 | Benjamin Arneson |
| 7 | Myrna Scharpe | 16 | Laurie Stern |
| 7 | Todd Warzecha | 19 | Jan Giesen |
| 8 | Dan Osborne | 26 | Blake Battcher |
| | | 28 | Dan Scharpe |



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| January 7, 1995 | Brett & Julie Beneke |
| January 22, 1966 | Lyle & Betty Rud |



Hold up in prayer....

Christy Hebeisen in her battle with cancer

Lowell Tritabaugh brother-in-law of Janet Rowe

Jenna Dobner family friend of Kamps family. Battling a rare lung disease

Glen Lueders brother of Ginny Parrow, battling cancer

Gale Ribar recovering at home

Dilshad Perani—family friend of Kamps family. Battling rare chronic disease.



Remember Our Homebound Members

<u>Harmony River Living Ctr</u>	<u>At home in Arlington</u>
Ginny Parrow	Gale & Jean Ribar

<u>Good Samaritan/Arlington</u>	<u>Fairview Assisted Living</u>
Ramona Evenson	Lyle Woehler
Gary Revier	

At home in Silver Lake
Luverne Bergs



Zion Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2021

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by President, Larry Schiroo. Also, in attendance were Pastor Dawson, Larry Gieseke, Nancy Mathwig, Cindy Hebeisen, Bruce Kallhoff, Joe Prasad, Peggy Kamps, Kevin Bierman, and Darrell Alsleben.

Absent: None

Devotions were given by Pastor Dawson.

Secretary's Report – Minutes from the October council meeting were emailed to all members as well as available to all members at the meeting. Motion by K. Bierman, second by P. Kamps to accept the meeting minutes with the addition of the motion regarding Templo Maranatha and the carpet cleaning as noted by Pastor Dawson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Profit and loss report for October was reviewed as well as the year-to-date profit and loss. Treasurer Joe pointed out that \$19,770.00 has been received for the Sanctuary Technology Fund. Motion by P. Kamps, second by L. Gieseke to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Pastor reported on the following:

- Pastor noted the actual date for our 145 years as a congregation is September 18th of 2022. That date does fall on a Sunday. Pastor has contacted the Bishop and received a tentative yes for the day. She has spoken with Stewardship and plans to speak with ZCW. She suggested forming a committee composed of at least one rep from each board to be part of the planning for the day. Could we request volunteers at the annual meeting? She also suggested we look at having a cabinet built to display some the church archives. Motion by P. Kamps, second by J. Prasad to hold a 145th anniversary celebration on September 18, 2022. Motion carried.
- Pastor requested the hunger jar for December be designated to World Hunger. Motion by L. Gieseke, second by K. Bierman to have proceeds in December go to World Hunger. Motion carried.
- Pastor asked if Zion would be having an Arlidazzle float. Council agreed to have a float if there were volunteers for it.
- She asked if she could place ads for the Christmas services. Motion by C. Hebeisen, second by K. Bierman to have a paid ad in the Arlington Enterprise for the Christmas services. Motion carried.

Board of Deacons – Larry Gieseke reported Deacons will be decorating the church for Christmas on November 27 at 10 a.m. It should take approximately 2 hours.

Board of Stewardship – Bruce Kallhoff reported the Time and Talent sheets have been handed out. They will be reviewed by the board on November 23.

- A formal Stewardship campaign will begin in January.

Board of Trustees: Nothing new to report by the Trustees. Darrel did not hear back from Mueller's regarding our delayed decision on the parking lot.

Board of Worship and Music – Peggy reported that they have music planned through January Their next meeting will be January 26th to plan February, March and April.

- Christmas Eve service will be at 6p.m. with a Children's Service at 3p.m.

Board of Education – Cindy reported they haven't met.

Facilities Committee: No report.

Décor Committee: Larry Gieseke reported they will be meeting on 11/18/2021. They will be looking at samples of flooring for the Narthex floor.

- They plan to begin removing the wallpaper, mailboxes in January.
- The committee held discussion only on removing the first tier under the alter and railing.
- Council agreed to have the extra, old piano in the basement removed. Pastor noted she would check with Templo Maranatha since they at one time expressed interest in it. Larry Schiroo will take care of removing it from the church.
- They have discussed making the smaller classroom in the basement a storeroom and moving the file cabinet from the back hallway closet to that room.

Old Business – Pastor suggested moving the pictorial directory to the 145th anniversary committee.

New business:

- Proposed budget for 2022 will be worked on by the Council at the December meeting.
- Kevin Bierman, as the Council member on the Nomination committee, will bring a draft nomination report to the December meeting.
- Joe Prasad requested we purchase another computer for technology. He requested up to \$1100.00 to include a monitor and desktop computer. Motion by C. Hebeisen, second by P. Kamps. Motion carried.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by:
Council Secretary, Nancy Mathwig

Sanctuary Technology

Our congregation had approved a budget of \$26,136 for the Sanctuary Technology project. A total of \$21,540 has been raised. The church continues to accept donations for the technology project. Please mark all donations as "Sanctuary Technology" so it may be placed in the special fund which will be used to off-set the proposed costs. Thank you for your support!



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12/03/2021
Accrual Basis

**Zion Lutheran Church
Profit & Loss
November 2021**

Income

40000 · General	9,016.00
40100 · Loose Plate Offering-Gen Fund	90.00
41000 · Benevolence	
41100 · ELCA Mission Support	252.00
41300 · World Hunger - Designated	62.00
41400 · Sibley Food Shelf - Hunger Jar	82.00
41450 · Sibley Food Shelf - Designated	12.00
41550 · Lutheran Social Services	300.00
Total 41000 · Benevolence	708.00
45000 · Special Funds	
45550 · Parking Lot Fund	60.00
45950 · Sanctuary Technology Fund	100.00
Total 45000 · Special Funds	160.00
47000 · Miscellaneous Income	
47300 · Church Rental	100.00
Total 47000 · Miscellaneous Income	100.00
Total Income	10,074.00

Expense

51000 · Pastoral Ministry	
51100 · Pastor's Salary	4,277.34
51200 · Pastor's Housing Allowance	1,283.16
51300 · ELCA Pension & Benefits	1,645.38
51950 · Pastoral Mileage Reimbursement	87.12
Total 51000 · Pastoral Ministry	7,293.00
52000 · Worship and Service	
52100 · Office	932.92
52200 · Board of Education	93.47
52450 · Organist	300.00
52500 · Secretary	708.34
52700 · Board of Stewardship	79.95
52800 · Board of Worship & Music	124.02
Total 52000 · Worship and Service	2,238.70

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12/03/2021
Accrual Basis

Zion Lutheran Church
Profit & Loss
November 2021

53000 · Church Home	
53100 · Fuel	26.31
53200 · Utilities	268.42
53300 · Telephone	248.51
53400 · Insurance	642.98
53600 · Lawn Care	599.00
53700 · Church Cleaning	262.12
Total 53000 · Church Home	2,047.34
61000 · Benevolence Sent	
61100 · ELCA Mission Support	201.60
61200 · Global Missions	10.08
61300 · World Hunger	62.00
61450 · Sibley County Food Shelf	94.00
61550 · Lutheran Social Services	340.32
Total 61000 · Benevolence Sent	708.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	10.37
Total Expense	12,297.41
Net Income	-2,223.41

11/30/21 Ending Balances

Checking/Savings

General Checking	\$14,792.78
Men's Group	\$3,961.50
10000 · General Checking	\$10,831.28
1200 · General Fund Savings	
1250 · Memorial Fund	\$17,731.24
1275 · Parking Lot Fund	\$4,663.00
Total 1200 · General Fund Savings	\$22,394.24
Total Checking/Savings	\$33,225.52
 Choir Fund	 \$1,499.69

November Giving

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Hunger Jar</u>	<u>Technology</u>	<u>World Hunger</u>	<u>LSS</u>	<u>Parking Lot</u>	<u>Food Shelf</u>
11/7/2021	51	\$10.00		\$12.00	\$300.00		\$12.00
11/14/2021	54	\$21.00	\$100.00			\$50.00	
11/21/2021	47	\$20.00				\$10.00	
11/24 & 11/28/21	18/56	\$31.00		\$50.00			

- 11/14/2021 Memorial Fund - \$50 - in Honor of Maxine Richards (Technology)
- 11/14/2021 Memorial Fund - \$50 - in Honor of Elaine Nagel (Technology)
- 11/21/2021 Memorial Fund - \$10 - in Memory of Warren Luehrs (Parking Lot)



Zion Lutheran Church services can be viewed on:

Facebook at
Zion Lutheran Church

YouTube at
www.youtube.com

Search: Zion ELCA Arlington MN
www.zionarlington.org

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zion.elca.814@gmail.com



When you are ill or need or want a pastoral visit.....

Please call the office or the pastor's cell phone directly. Leave a message if I am not there. Likely I am with someone else and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Hospitals and nursing homes do not call churches any longer. The church is not part of a party line. Sometimes people think I already know something that I really don't know. The truth is I don't know if you don't tell me. Even on Sunday mornings, sometimes, I need to write it down or I will forget because so much is happening. Help me help you and we all can be better servants of our Lord. I respond to needs as fast as I can. Third-party requests, or rumors, after the fact, aren't fair to you and they aren't fair to me. So just call, just ask, it is ok. If I know, I will come, it is just that simple.

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 Pastor Dawson does not have a landline anymore

*Ask, and it will be given you;
 search, and you will find;
 knock, and the door will be opened for you.
 Matthew 7:7*

Zion Church Women

January Bible Study Group

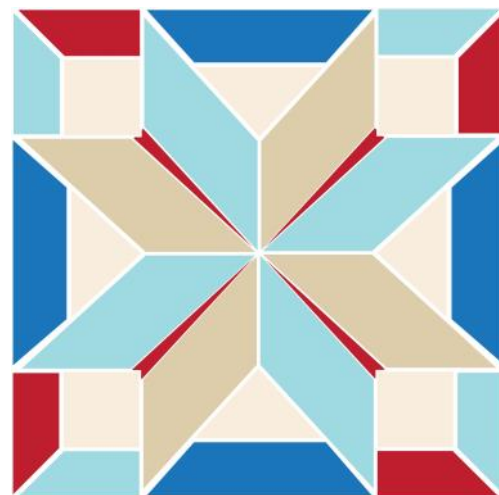
Tuesday Circle

Wednesday Circle

Thursday Circle

*January 12 at 7:00pm—ZCW General Meeting. There will **not** be a potluck, but we will still have a Bible Study and business meeting along with the installation of officers.*

Quilters—All are welcome to quilt in January. The dates are: January 18 and 20 ; January 25 and 27. Start now by assembling tops 60x80 and a few 45x60. Lutheran World Relief only takes 60x80. Don't forget we give quilts to our Graduates too!



Zion Lutheran Church
 Annual Meeting
 January 16, 2022
 Following Worship



The New Year*

Faithful God, my companion,
In this new year I pray

to live deeply, with purpose,
to live freely with detachment,
to live wisely, with humility,
to live justly, with compassion,
to live lovingly, with fidelity,
to live mindfully, with awareness,
to live gratefully, with generosity,
to live fully, with enthusiasm.

Help me to hold this vision
and to daily renew it in my heart,
becoming ever more one with you,
my truest self. Amen

By Joyce Rupp, from *Out of the Ordinary*, Prayers, Poems and reflections for Every Season,
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Bible Readings

January 2 – Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14 - *Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

Psalms 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14 - *The will of God made known in Christ*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 - *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

January 9 – Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7 - *When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you*

Psalms 29

Acts 8:14-17 - *Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - *The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit*

January 16 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 - *As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you*

Psalms 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

John 2:1-11 - *The wedding at Cana*

January 23 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - *Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - *You are the body of Christ*

Luke 4:14-21 - *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

January 30 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10 - *I appointed you a prophet to the nations*

Psalms 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 - *If I speak without love, I am a noisy gong*

Luke 4:21-30 - *Jesus says a prophet is not accepted in his hometown*

CONFIRMATION CORNER



Class Dates

January 5	4-6:15pm
January 19	4-6:15p
February 2	4-6:15pm

9th Grade

Kate Arneson
Dylan Scharpe

Morgan Haggenmiller
Gracie Straub

Evan Pautsch
Peyton Wilson

8th Grade

Hannah Bartlette

Adyson Beneke

Mausten Krueger

7th Grade

Nathan Schauer

Confirmation

The 9th grade class will be finishing up the study on the Church year, Symbols and colors in January and starting their study on Prayer. In addition, we will begin to plan our final projects and look towards confirmation on May 1.

Change in programming: We had scheduled a retreat for the weekend of Jan 28-30 and have decided with the support of Council and the uncertainty of Covid to cancel the retreat. Instead, we will have two separate days to replace the retreat. One will be a day of service and the other a day of fellowship. Likely both of these will be on a Saturday in January or February and the service day is a requirement for participation in the social day. At this point in preparing the newsletter, these activities have not been finalized. The youth will receive more information in class and will be part of the planning process.

January Newsletter Notes

Pastor has a new phone number: Tim and I were informed of a security breach at T-phone and were given new phone numbers on the weekend on August 22. We are trying to get the word out and update our files and contact areas. Please change your phones **to Pastor: 507-581-7601 and Tim to 507-581-7602.** If you tried to reach us the first couple of days, the service was a little ‘sketchy,’ I believe the bugs are worked out now and everything is fixed. Apparently, millions of T-mobile people were affected.



Covid Update: We returning to wearing masks during worship and when in small spaces with close contact. Communion Assistants will also wear masks and gloves when distributing Holy Communion. Disposable masks and hand sanitizer are at both entrances of the church. Please use social distancing and stay home if you have any signs of Covid infection: general weakness, cough, fever or nausea.



Greeting Cards Available—Greeting Cards from the Good Samaritan Society are for sale on the bookshelf outside of the Pastor’s office. These are hand-made recycled greeting cards that support the Activities Fundraiser for the residents of Good Samaritan. There are cards and envelopes for all occasions and the suggested donation is \$0.50 a card! That is less than the dollar store! Check them out! They are quite nice and there are no lines and gas needed to pick them up! Stop by the upstairs Fellowship Hall.



Thank you:

- To the Deacons for beautifully decorating our church and for making the Christmas gift bags for the children.
- To the Mary Seeman and Birdine Batcher for their faithful work on the Living Nativity.
- To Tina Schauer for her hard work and beautiful outcome on Zion’s Arli-dazzle float, to the Vazquez family for their support on preparing the float, to the Warner’s for use of the farm trailer and hitch.
- To the Maranatha Church for steam cleaning the ramp and sanctuary carpet before Christmas.



January 2022

January 2
 Usher: Ross Bergs, Ryan Bergs
 Greeter: Scott Bergs, Jill Weitzenkamp
 Acolyte: Mark & Bekah Lundstrom
 Lector: Dylan Scharpe
 Altar Guild: Pam Wendlandt
 Birdine Battcher
 Bread Maker: Jan Geisen
 Paraments: Tim & Stacy Haggemiller

January 9
 Usher: Diane Wink, Francis Rowe
 Greeter: Tim Dawson, Deb Stenzel
 Acolyte: Michael & Mary Christeson
 Lector: Gracie Straub
 Altar Guild: Gordon & Barb Bergs
 Bread Maker: Jan Geisen
 Paraments: Tim & Stacy Haggemiller

January 16
 Usher: Brad & Brenda Danielson
 Greeter: Dale & Laurie Stern
 Acolyte: Jan Wark
 Lector: Payton Wilson
 Paraments: Roseann Nagel
 Paraments: Tim & Stacy Haggemiller

January 23
 Usher: Ed & Julie Warweg
 Greeter: Lyle Rud, Deb Otto
 Acolyte: Mark & Lisa Strabet
 Lector: Hannah Bartlette
 Paraments: Laurie Stern
 Paraments: Tim & Stacy Haggemiller

January 30
 Usher: Starla Schilling, Cindy Vazquez
 Greeter: Larry Gieseke, Jon Hazelwood
 Acolyte: Larry & Pam Schiron
 Lector: Adyson Beneke
 Paraments: Mark Lundstrom
 Paraments: Tim & Stacy Haggemiller

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	2 Second Sunday of Christmas 9a—Worship w/Holy Communion			4-6:15p—Confirmation Classes			7a—Men's Prayer Breakfast
	9 Baptism of Our Lord 9a—Worship w/Holy Communion 10a—Sunday School	10	11 7p—Church Council	12 6p—ZCW General Meeting	13	14	15
	16 Second Sunday after Epiphany 9a—Worship 10a—Annual Meeting	17	18	19 4-6:15p—Confirmation Classes	20	21	22
	23 Third Sunday after Epiphany 9a—Worship 10a—Sunday School	24	25 Quilting	26 6p—Board of Worship & Music	27 Quilting	28	29
	30 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 9a—Worship 10a—Sunday School	31	Quilting		Quilting		