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So Zion, What's Next!

A few years ago there was a popular TV series called *The West Wing*. The main character of the show was the President of the United States, Jeb Bartlett, played by Martin Sheen. He had a famous line he often used when one topic was settled and he was ready to move on to the next crisis. "What's Next".

Well, that's just how I feel today. "What's Next".

After our special congregational meeting was held on July 10, 2022, and we voted overwhelmingly to commit our legacy gift funds to three very important property projects, I have given a lot of thought to "What's Next".

We received some very thoughtful comments prior to and during the meeting that have given me pause to think that what we do next will have a major impact on our current situation as a congregation and a lasting impact on our congregation in the future.

At the July 10th meeting several of us spoke to the concerns we had with the Nave roof project. It was mentioned that slate roofs, with proper regular maintenance, should last a lot longer than the 50 years of life that our current roof has lived.

The phrase "proper maintenance" stuck with me. After years of working on Zion's budgets, line items for the proper maintenance of our nave slate roof have never appeared in or have been funded in our annual budgets. The idea that we would commit current and benevolence funds to this sort of item, to be honest, is quite foreign to our culture at Zion.

When it comes to funding special projects or emergencies, there is no area congregation more generous than Zion. But to be honest, we regularly fall short in properly funding our every day, or current and benevolence expenses. To be fair, we have made attempts at this by creating an expense line for "Kney Organ maintenance", but funding for the regular maintenance of the building has just never been appropriated in our annual budgets. We have committed money for "building repairs" but allotting money to be used for preventative purposes has eluded our thinking when budget expenses are presented annually for congregational review and approval.

It is abundantly clear that the vast majority of the congregation feels passionately committed to preserving and sustaining our historical location at Church and Sixth Streets. The three projects we voted to fund will go a long way toward the preservation of the building. It is the sustaining of our facility that must now occupy a place in the "What's Next" line of our congregational agenda. And we should make a commitment to add this as a regular budget line item and to fund it appropriately.

A second issue was raised by way of written communication to me concerning the need for Zion to fund an expanded pastoral ministry. It was suggested that we use some of the funds to attract a second pastor to assist us in developing avenues to increase our membership. This increased membership would then, hopefully, allow us to fund the building projects we have prioritized and provide increased revenue sources for future budgets. In looking at past budgets where we funded a full time Pastor, the budget contributions required to fund this exceeded \$90,000. Given our income at today's budget amounts, this would require 56% of our total giving and leave little else for other staff, utilities, insurance and mission expenses. So yes, we would need an influx of cash from our legacy gift to accomplish this, but without our own long term commitment to fund this in our budget, we could not sustain the expenditure for very long. This would make us a poor candidate for any prospective Pastor.

So, let's get back to "What's Next!"

We can start by making budget commitments in 2023 to fund these two critical programs. How can we do this given our current membership? Let's look at some numbers:

Zion currently lists 174 Families (Members with envelope numbers) on our rolls.

Of that 174, we received census data from 124 families stating that they considered themselves to be active members of the congregation.

Of those 124, 78 families are currently listed as giving to Zion's current and benevolence (budget) so far in 2022.

Of those 78, 54 families have made pledge commitments to the 2022 budget.

It's plain to see that we have the potential to do better. Do we have the will to do better? Doing so will give us hope that there is indeed a brighter more robust future for Zion.

Let's make a concerted effort to solving "What's Next!"



News from Luther Chapel - Part of the 3-2-1 Ministry—July

Hello from Luther Chapel.

Thank you to our partner church for inviting us to The Picnic on the green. We had a great time talking and meeting new people and discussing our projects.

Speaking of our projects the disaster relief blankets and disaster relief kits have been delivered to the warehouse in Md. We were told that 3 tractor trailer loads have already been shipped to Ukraine. Our delivery will either be saved for another trip or more likely saved to help with a disaster in the U.S. A. We also learned they open each load and remove any thing that has a Christmas or religious holiday design and anything associated with military like camo prints.

The new born bags have been delivered to Children and Youth Services. They will be used for new Moms who may not have a large family group to help bring their baby home in a new outfit and supplies. This is an important outreach into our community to show people in need that others do care for them.

On July 23 Luther Chapel held an indoor picnic since it was so hot outside. Thanks to whoever mowed the church yard and weeded around the building and thank you to Dale Keller for cooking out in that 90% heat. The burgers and hotdogs were delicious. Thank you all for attending and for the delicious covered dishes.

Darlene Beatty is planning a youth group activity at the church on 8/20/2022. She has everything needed for tie dyeing T-shirts . On 9/24 she is planning rock painting and on 10/22/22 she has Halloween scheduled. These are fun events for children of all ages . Parents are welcome to attend and participate also.

Women of the ELCA will meet on Wednesdays to begin our next batch of quilts. Our bible study will be on August 6th at 10:00. We are trying to have it in Blairsville at the Underground Railroad Exhibit. If we can't get in there we will be at the church and try that again the next month.

Please add Mary Jane Mehringer to your prayer list and keep Levi in your prayers getting his wisdom teeth removed,

Remember Jesus said Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

Seek Peace. K Keller

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, July 10, 2022

The meeting called to order at 10:45 AM

32 voting members from the congregation were present for the meeting.

A prayer for guidance was offered by member Darla Mechling

Gary Ellenberger and Jim Slade were appointed as tellers by the chair.

A brief background was presented detailing the property committee's work on addressing the three projects.

A motion was made (Dave Keith/Dirk Grafton) to accept the property committee's recommendation to proceed with the bid proposal from Willet Hauser for providing replacement windows for 58 of the church's windows located in the office/pre-school area. These windows, due to their location, are the most seriously deficient.

Discussion was held offering opinion on whether the frosted glass was preferable to clear glass.

The chair offered to have discussion with the contractor on having some of the replacement windows around the pre-school area be changed to clear glass.

A question was raised as to the disposition of the removed stained glass.

The chair stated that the removed stained glass would be saved and could be offered to members of the congregation or sold as architectural salvage.

Comment was made asking if any of the windows would be working (sashed) windows.

Comment was made as to whether the lower windows should be eliminated and replaced by matching masonry.

The question was called and the vote was cast. The motion passed 29-3.

A motion was made ((Don Seagren/ Kim Balcerak) to accept the property committee's recommendation to proceed with the bid from TMR Roofing on replacing the slate roof on the nave with a look-a-like composite roofing material with a 50 year life guarantee. It was stated that the nave's existing roof was installed in 1972.

Comment was made that slate roofing should last much longer with proper maintenance.

Discussion was held making comment of the lack of proper maintenance to extend the life of the slate roof as a factor in the deteriorating condition of the roof.

Samples of the proposed roofing material were presented for inspection by those attending

A comment was raised as to the new material's ability to withstand a high wind storm.

The chair offered to discuss this concern with the contractor and obtain wind durability information.

The question was called and the vote was cast. The motion passed 27-4 with one abstention.

A motion was made (Kathy Gaylor/Kim Balcerak) to accept the property committee's recommendation to proceed with the bid from Pennington Construction on upgrading the kitchen's ceiling, floor, and electrical system.

After limited discussion, the question was called and the vote was cast. The motion passed 29-3.

With no other business permitted to be addressed at this meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Zion's Second Quarter Budget Report

In reviewing of Zion's current and benevolence giving through June 30, 2022, Zion's income is running ahead of anticipated pledge amounts by 16%. So far, 13 who made pledges to Zion's 2022 budget have successfully reached 100% of their commitments and 20 others are on target through June 2022 at 50% of pledge goal.

Our current and benevolence giving through June 30, 2022 was \$101,420. Zion received current and benevolence giving from 78 of our current giving envelope list during the second quarter. That list consists of 174 envelope numbers. In 2021 we received current and benevolence contributions from 101 envelope numbers.

Total budget income from all sources through June 30, 2022 was \$106,661.71.

Total expenses ending June 30, 2022 was \$75,004.16, giving us a second quarter surplus of \$31,657.52.

Total monies in Zion's various dedicated accounts are: \$137,697.04.

Zion's endowment funds stand at: \$105,845.37

Zion has received income from our Endowment Fund investments of \$2,147.88 in 2022.

Zion's capital improvement fund has a balance of: \$21,913.27

This leaves Zion with operating cash of: \$129,391.17.

We can all rejoice that we are meeting the needs of our 2022 budget plan. However, we must remember that future growth of our ministries will require a greater commitment from the congregation to be achieved.

We urge you all to continue to provide your support for Zion and our ministries as you are able to do so. Zion's council and its committees will continue to stay committed to our budget plan as we progress through 2022.

In-Person Worship Attendance and On-line Viewing Last Month

<u>Service Dates</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>On-Line Viewing</u>
July 2 and 3	12	23	80
July 9 and 10	17	33	82
July 16 and 17	16	28	73
July 23 and 24	11	28	63

Members of Zion’s Family,

As you may, or may not have heard, our sexton, Jerry Ruffner, plans to retire at the end of the year. The work that Jerry has done and continues to do is indispensable to our church family. Due to Jerry’s fastidious organizational skills, he has compiled a journal of his many duties. This journal will be a valuable resource for his successor.

If there is anyone in our church family who would like to be considered for the position, starting in 2023, please contact Rik Wissinger @ 724-840-2335.

GRADUATION OOPS

Someone was missed on our graduation list last month and we are apologizing for this. Here is the missing name

Alyssa McCormick—2022 graduate from Apollo-Ridge High School. Best of luck!!!!!!

SAVE THE DATE!! BOSCOV'S.... Once again will have "Friends Helping Friends" on Wednesday, October 19th, from 8 AM to 11 PM. Shop at the Johnstown, Altoona, Butler or Beaver stores and receive 25% off most merchandise and 10% off small appliances. All you need is a \$5.00 donation (and Zion gets to keep 100% of this donation) and in return you get this 25% Shopping Pass. So tell your friends, family and neighbors to save that day for a fun shopping day. It's a great way to start your Christmas shopping.

To purchase your pass contact:

Kim Balcerak	724/388-2341	winnow@verizon.net	or
Bev	724/465-5597	Zion Lutheran Church office	

VBS

This year's VBS has been set for Saturday, August 13, 2022, at Blue Spruce Park. Registration will begin at 9:00 AM, and activities will be held from 9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. The theme is "Parable Family Fun Day". This is a family event for parents to participate in completing crafts and activities with their children as they learn the parables. Registration forms can be found at the back of the church, or you can contact the Parish Ed Committee at ParishEd.zion@comcast.net for a registration form to be sent to you. Registration forms will be accepted until August 1.

PRAY for those who suffer oppression, death, and tragedy. Please pray for those who travel. Please pray for those who serve in the armed forces and for their families. Pray for peace for all peoples.

Remember all those requesting prayer: Leo Ambrisco, Brett Tyger, Beth Ford, Harry Ford, Carrie Ankeny, Ernie Fisher, Alexis Chapman, Tamie Blank, Dale Ebner, Marvin McClure, Tracey McEldowney, Michael Kowchuck, Carl, Heather, Karl Martini, Dorrina Martini, Bob Tierney, Tom Hollern, Christian Santos, Akou Ester, Dan Howard, Chris Howard, Jeff Davis, Paula Miller, Shawn Otto, Tom & Jane Williams, Scott Potterack, Tom Krapsho, Deb Cosgrove, Pam Laney & Family, Rylan Rummel, Donald Dustin, Paul Davis, Loretta Piper, Bishop Lozano, Jessica (Chapman) Badowski, Prisca Maier, Jim Chapman, Sande Shotts, Ruth, Cliff, B. Tamski, Adam Chilenski, Dennis Turner, Kristine Anderson Volpatti, Gene Shotts, Tom Bush (Becky Slade's brother), Dominic Yensi, Tom Brown, Dave Nycum, Karen Davis, Susan Butchkoski, Lonnie Cogar, Jeannine, Petras Family, George Schulze, Denny Swanson, Jr, Paolo Schianchi, Ron Anderson, Billie Kurtz-King, Bill Johnston, Liesl Andrie, Peter Broad, Bob Reifsteck, Bob Butchkoski, Nancy, Abby Bowser, Jim Muller, Royce Walters, Rochelle Calvetti, Jacqueline Davis, Judy Matsko, Kim Walls, Katrina Albright, Quinn Santini, Heidi Good, Lisa Vavro, Elaine Park Davis, Leonard Black, Noelle Battick, Ronda Leasure, Janice & Rich Olsen, Linda Kanyan, Annah Hill, Gene Hartzell, Guella Family, Betty Nicolette.

For all those serving in the Military and those who have served, especially: Zachery Horner ((grandson of Shirley Horner), Maria Dinuzio, Mark Collins, Stephen Davis, 1st Lt. Chad Beighley (nephew of Dory & Ken Campbell), Matthew McEldowney (grandson of Richard & Shirley Bush), Corey Feretti, Franklin Feretti.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE HOME-BOUND AND MEMBERS IN NURSING HOMES, KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Geraldine Shatzer, Marietta (Mo) Foltz, Marie Campbell, Royce Walters, John Carloni, Bea Ruth.

We grieve with the family of Roberta Buchanan. Roberta passed away on July 17, 2022. Her funeral was held on July 20, 2022.

GIVING REPORT: MONTH OF JULY

Needed for July operating budget:	\$ 13,106.25
Received in July:	<u>\$ 11,607.60</u>
Amount Still Due for July:	\$ 1,498.65

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

(Alphabetical order)

Anna Nycum

Ashli Mumau

Brian Miller

Chase Cardelli

Christine Clark

Darla Mechling

Deb Lindenberg

Floyd Casaday

Jaidyn McCullough

Jenn Rising

Jerry Ruffner

Karen Budris

Kathy Gaylor

Katie Sechrist

Logan Hess

Loretta Piper

Marie Campbell

Mary Black

Mary Nycum

Pastor Russ Crouthamel

Peggy Widdowson

Piper Lundberg

Prisca Maier

Richard Bush

Robert Shively

Shawn Houck

Shirley Hoover

Thomas Buckshaw

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

June 13, 2022

Call to Order

- A. Opening Prayer**
- B. Attendance** K. Huston, B. Slade, B. Mehus, S. Horner, K. McCullough, G. Sechrist, R. Wissinger, D. Keith. K. Balcerak, Pr. Tedd, S. Dickson, S. Bowersox.
- II. Devotions** –B. Slade- July- G. Sechrist, August- S. Horner
- III. Approval of May minutes-** Approved with edits that were suggested. M/ R. Wissinger- 2nd/ K. Balcerak
- IV. Communications-**
- Pastors' Report- Synod meeting addressed several issues, such as the reorganization of the ELCA, it's position on guns. There was a speaker who was a Chaplain. "Chaplain of Chaplains", they are in charge of all ELCA Chaplains. The Synod budget was approved. The Constitution was updated. There was a wedding on Saturday. Experiment with worshipping outside at next Saturday's service. Synod meeting- B. Slade- Flyer for ways to give to Ukrainian who is affiliated with Lutherlyn- will be posted in the bulletin. Zion received a mission support certificate from 2021.
- V. Review of Financial Report (May 2022).** May giving exceeded expectations. We missed a payment to Synod, will send it next month with July's payment. There was an unexpected elevator repair bill. The doors weren't closing properly. A company came and cleaned out the track. The bill was \$897. Will remember to check the track if there is a problem in the future. The Coke machine is not being used and will be advertised to be sold. Send for Audit M/ B. Slade 2nd/ K. Balcerak
- VI. Committee Reports**
- A. Standing Committees**
- Administration and Finance** – Short meeting, not much to report.
- Staff Support** – Rik Wissinger – Interviewed only applicant for Jerry's position. They wanted to set own hours and also designate the work that he would do. His availability during normal hours was a question. Signs are posted on the church doors to advertise Jerry's position. If things don't work out, will explore the possibility of getting a cleaning service and looking into other options.
- Nominating Committee** – Sharon O'Keiff- Next month- Calling people next month to recruit for open positions.
- Constitution Review-** B. Slade- Changes will made at annual meeting
- Audit Committee** – B. Slade- None
- Evangelism /Stewardship** – K. Balcerak October 19th Boscov's days fundraiser. 25% off of everything. The tickets cost \$5. There are more visitors coming to church. Looking for ideas for things to present to them to welcome them. We used to give out mugs and informational fliers. We decided to make 5 bags to give out to visitors. Mother's Day- Passed out pens. Pens will also be given out for Father's Day.

There have been several minor incidents over the last few months during the Saturday night service that are causing a concern. A suggestion was made to adjust the times that the doors are open from ½ hour until the start of service. It was also discussed to keep the doors locked at all times except for the 6th Street doors. P. Bowersox attended a seminar at Blue Spruce to look into ideas of security. July 1st will try locking the doors. The red doors on Church Street and 6th Street door will be unlocked. After 15 minutes those doors will be locked.

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL—cont

If there are announcements that need to be made, send them to the office, and someone will reach out.

Parish Education – Gail Sechrist- VBS is Aug 13th-parables in the park at Blue Spruce; make it a family event. Various activities. Painting stones, Beth Wheeler will coordinate art projects. Invite other Lutheran Churches in the county. Sunday school will start up again on 9/11. A decision was made to meet every other week at first and see how it goes. There will be two lessons every week as to not lose out on content. On 5/31 a Lutherlyn scholarship was due. A motion was made to split up equally those scholarships between all applicants equally. Rec & Fell- Collecting names on High School/ College graduates to post in newsletter? K. Balcerak volunteered to compile list to post in the newsletter. M/K. Huston 2nd/ R. Wis-singer.

Property – Dave Keith- Roofing company came back and made repairs. Gerry hasn't seen any leaks so far above the problem area.

Building Use – A group requested to use the church 6/27 for White's Woods meeting. There was also a request made to use the social hall on Friday nights for square dancing. There were no objections after a brief discussion on if there could possibly be damage to the social hall floor. The flooring is very durable.

Recreation and Fellowship – S. Horner- June 26th 1pm- Picnic family fun. Octoberfest gathering planned for 10/2/22. Patriot Day service for police and first responders. Refreshments on the lawn after the service at 3pm, refreshments after.

Social Ministry – S. Dickson- Post something in the newsletter for July collection for back to school bash. Aug 13th asking churches for school supplies to be donated. Bob Gaylor sent a letter. It stated that food pantry is averaging less than 19 families; he suggested permanently closing the pantry unless there is an uptick in demand. With the remaining money be sent to the congregation to decide what to do with it.

Trinity 3-2-1 - Rik Wissinger- Quarterly meeting May 17. Pr. Tedd compiled a list of suggestions for calling a second pastor which put things in proper procedural order; and also suggested having a list of things that pastors do. Mission for 321- Strengthen relationships with each congregation. Collective ministry can benefit from 2nd pastor. We need a long-term financial plan to sustain pastoral care. Communicated w/ synod to keep apprised with people who would be available from Seminary. Luther chapel is having picnic 8/6 12-4pm, all are invited. Pr. Tedd. Stated that a Ministry intern could be a possibility; this takes a little over 1 year to get an intern. There is a cost involved. Next month's agenda will include this to discuss further.

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL—cont

Worship and Music –Pastor Tedd-

Dr. Clewell Sabbatical- 7/1/22-12/1/22. She has been working w/ other organists to have coverage. There could be the possibility that 2 Sundays a month we will have music, 2 Sundays wont. Beth Grafton is a possible fill in as she is getting back into playing the organ. Patriot Day event 9/11/22. S. Bowersox asked about increasing the Facebook posts for things that are going on with Zion. She volunteered to post things on the Zion Facebook if given access. Check w/ Pastor Tedd about dates for events to clear them with other entities of 321 so there isn't a conflict.

VIII. Old Business – None

IX. New Business-

Property committee recommendation- Adfin wants to proceed. D. Keith M/ to call congregational meeting for 3 large building projects 2nd/ S. Horner. Motion passed.
Date for meeting: July 10th after the Sunday service.

Exploring the change to another synod- all other synods are having other similar problems.

Exploring program for Seminary intern- discussed earlier.

X. Closing Prayers and Adjournment M/ K. Huston 2nd R. Wissinger.

Submitted by Brian Mehus 6/18/2022.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 6, 2022

I. Call to Order 7:01pm

Attendance - S. Dickson, G. Sechrist, P. Bowersox, B. Mehus, K. Huston. Absent- R. Wis-singer, K. Balcerak, D. Seagren

A. June Minutes Motion to approve- S. Dickson, 2nd /G. Seachrist

II. Financial Report

June Financials—Income is up 17.82% above projection. Expenses are up due to electricity usage and building repairs. Motion to send for audit- B. Mehus/ 2nd S. Dickson

III. Old Business - Congregational Meeting Sunday July 10th- Will vote on each individual project separately. Tellers will count the vote. K. Gaylor, D. Keith and D. Seagren will each be present to answer questions members may have.

IV. New Business—D. Seagren- Birthday list needs to be updated.

A. Paperwork is being prepared for engaging with seminary for intern.

B. Prayer and Sympathy notes/ contact - Kathy Gaylor is working on updating the list. When people recover from an illness, they can be removed.

C. S. Dickson - Back to school bash registration next week Mon-Fri 10-2pm. They got bumped out of their old location and are going to use the office in the old financial office. She also added that the greenspace is going to be updated with some shrubs. They will be planted along the wall to create a border. A proposal was made to plan on setting time aside after a Sunday service to provide time for mem-bers who are in need of a door FOB to obtain them. It will be brought up at the next Council meeting.

Motion to adjourn - P. Bowersox - 2nd- B. Mehus.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 19, 2022

Members Present: Jerry Ruffner, Kevin Huston, Dave Keith

Committee issues discussed:

Completed Projects

- 1.7/6/2022 – Lukehart Home Specialists completed the painting of the Red outside doors (1,850.00).
- 2.7/7/2022 – Semi-annual elevator inspection was performed
- 3.7/14/2022 - Tony Brock completed some landscaping along the railing between the church and our new green space (funded by ZARP project monies)

The committee held a follow up discussion on the special congregational meeting that was convened on July 10, 2022. There was disappointment among the committee on the lack of attendance at the meeting. Only 13% of Zion's registered voting members attended the meeting.

On Going Projects:

- 1.7/18/2022 – Having received all the equipment for the new on line ministry cameras and audio, an installation plan was mapped out and the installation process will begin within the next week.
- 2.7/20/2022 – the committee was notified by Jerry Ruffner that the unused refrigerator has been unplugged
- 3.7/20/2022 – The committee was informed that the on-going water leaks that have been plaguing the Sixth Street Nave entrance, seem to be fixed. Several heavy rains have occurred without additional inside water damage, providing hope to the committee that this long standing problem has been resolved. Jerry was instructed to contact Russ Crane to secure a bid for repairing the plater that has been damaged by the leaks. Ron Lukehart will be asked to replace the damaged ceiling tiles.

Other 2022 Projects

- 1.The committee is researching for a vendor to address our ongoing bat infestation problem.

Available Funds for Projects

Capital Improvement Account Balance: \$ 21,963.27

ZARP Account Balance: \$ 10,550.04

\$ 10,000 earmarked for Parish house site reclamation

The Committee's next meeting will be Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Formal recommendations to council: NONE

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 26, 2022

Members Present: Kathy Huston, Kevin Huston, Rik Wissinger, Pastor Tedd Cogar, Sue Dickson

Topics Discussed:

The committee discussed Zion's new initiative with prayer writing. Comments from the congregation addressed the prayer length. The committee was also concerned with the accuracy of the prayer list that is currently published. Effort should be made by the prayer writers to work with the church office of keeping the prayer list updated. The committee asked that the prayer list be read by the AM's so that the names can be heard through the sound system.

The committee discussed having the Saturday evening service outdoors in our new green space when weather permits. The committee feels that this requires more study and discussion so that communication and logistics can be worked out to make this an enjoyable experience for all.

The committee discussed our home communion outreach program. We are pleased that several members who have been receiving communion at home have now returned to church. If there is anyone who is unable to attend church and would like home communion, they should contact Kevin Huston at 724-349-4208.

The committee discussed an opportunity to hold a worship service at Saint Andrews on one Sunday a month in the afternoon. Since this commitment falls mostly on Pastor Tedd, the committee offered support to proceed with exploring this opportunity. The committee promised to lend AM and congregational support, including asking Luther Chapel to help, by way of attendance at these services if we proceed with this opportunity to share worship.

The committee reviewed the order of service for Reformation Sunday – October 30, 2022. The committee will use the 2021 order of service as a guide.

The committee discussed having the remembrance candles for All Saints Sunday on Sunday November 6, 2022. The committee recommended that we return to this practice for this year.

Planning is underway for the Patriot Service on Sunday, September 11, 2022, at 3:00 PM. Final details will be forthcoming.

The committee will decorate The Nave for Christmas on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 10:00AM.

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MINUTES—cont

The committee is planning to again have our mid-week Advent services on each Wednesday of Advent starting on Wednesday November 30, 2022 through Wednesday December 21, 2022.

The committee discussed times for Christmas Eve (Saturday December 24, 2022). The committee is requesting that council weigh in on a time. (Luther chapel will hold their Christmas Eve service at 9:00 PM)

The committee plans to have a Christmas Day service on Sunday December 25, 2022 at our regular time of 9:30 AM. Plans at this time are for a curated Christmas Hymn sing.

The committee will ask council to decide on services for Saturday December 31, 2022 (New Year's Eve).

The committee is planning to have our regular Sunday service on January 1, 2023 at our normal time of 9:30 AM.

The committee selected hymns for Sundays after Pentecost beginning with August 21, 2022.

Organist Schedule for August:

August 7	Beth Grafton
August 14	Sarah Hosterman-Kirsch.
August 21	Beth Grafton
August 28	Marissa Bruno

Date of NEXT Meeting: Monday, August 29, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Huston

PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 29, 2022

Present: Jess Baum, Jenn Rising, Beth Wheeler, Gail Sechrist

Absent: Pastor Tedd Cogar

CATECHISM: Revisit interest after the first of the year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday School Teachers/Volunteers:

Update on VBS volunteers – Kami and Kalise Dugan volunteered to help at “Parable Family Fun Day.”

Sunday School Calendar:

Sunday School will be held on alternating weeks beginning September 16, 2022.

Sunday school classes will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School Curriculum:

We will use Whirl Gold Year Curriculum.

Sunday school lesson calendar is complete.

Sunday School COVID Plan:

Update as needed.

Intergenerational/Trinity 3-2-1/Special Events:

No update.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Date: August 13, 2022 AT Blue Spruce Park

Beth – update – “Parable Family Fun Day” 9 a.m. to noon

Continuing to recruit volunteers.

Pre-registration information will be put in the bulletin and newsletter.

We will look into advertising in the newspaper, radio, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

July meeting will be held on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: On recess for the summer.

August 2022

Date	Lay Reader	Altar Guild	Ushers	Assist. Min.	Tellers
Aug 6/7	5:30-Kalise Dugan 9:30-Jenn Rising	Sat-AM Jan Cikowski, PM- Bev Wissinger Sun-Kathy Huston	5:30-Rik & Bev Wissinger 9:30-Tyson Ellenberger	5:30-Kim Balcerak 9:30-Kevin Huston	Kim Balcerak
Aug 13/14	5:30-Kami Dugan 9:30-Jim Chapman	Sat-AM-Kathy Huston, PM-Shirley Horner Sun-Sue Dickson	5:30-Dave & Linda Ma- lin 9:30-Pernell Bowersox	5:30-Kevin Huston 9:30-Rik Wissinger	Kim Balcerak
Aug 20/21	5:30-Dante Adamson 9:30-Sue Dickson	Sat AM&PM-Sharon O'Keiff Sun-Sue Dickson	5:30-Shirley Horner, Chuck Rodnicki 9:30-Jim Slade	5:30-Rik Wissinger 9:30-Jenn Rising	Kim Balcerak
Aug 27/28	5:30-Jerry Ruffner 9:30-Beth Grafton	Sat AM&PM-Louise Bu- chanan Sun-Becky Slade	5:30-Dave & Linda Ma- lin 9:30-Don & Dawn Seagren	5:30-Kim Balcerak 9:30-Beth Grafton	Kim Balcerak

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Narcotics Anonymous meetings Sunday evenings	1 <u>Jerry—Vacation</u>	2	3 7 Adm/Finance	4	5 Zion office closed	6 5:30 Liturgy
7 9:30 Liturgy	8 6:30 Council	9	10	11	12 Zion office closed	13 5:30 Liturgy
14 9:30 Liturgy	15	16	17	18	19 Zion office closed	20 10-12 Food Pantry 5:30 Liturgy
21 9:30 Liturgy	22	23	24	25	26 Zion office closed	27 5:30 Liturgy
28 9:30 Liturgy	29 6 Worship & Music	30	31 Newsletter Mailed 7 Parish Ed			Narcotics Anonymous meetings Sunday evenings





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