



Zion Lutheran Church

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The Warming Tree



Look for the warming tree in front of Zion Lutheran Church on Carson Road. The tree will be filled with scarves, gloves, and hats that are offered for anyone in the neighborhood who is in need of a bit of warmth this winter. We will be collecting through the month of February, so if you have any items you would like to donate, please contact Dorothy Kaiser and the Community Outreach Team.



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Our Ministry Together

God is good and full of GRACE! I'm going to open and close my message to you with that time honored (at least for me) phrase coined by my pastor of years ago and still is, Pastor Sam Roth. As I'm preparing to head to Wartburg Theological Seminary (WTS) on Sunday, January 27th, I was inundated today with so much stuff that it got me to thinking about my past, present, and future – kind of what we did when we prepared the Ministry Site Profile and the future we've been preparing for with our focus on Worship, Community Outreach, and Service.

It turns out that one of the things that we've got to accomplish as a TEEM Candidate and as a congregation is see what we think would help us as we go forward in the next six months or so with our major focus.

The ELCA has some “Essential Competencies for Pastoral Leadership in the ELCA” that we together might focus on. They are:

1. **Leadership.** Consider your leadership in serving God's mission in the world (for example: through the congregation, in partnership with the ELCA – including synods and church-wide – and with ecumenical partners)
2. **Theological Articulation.** Consider your ability to speak clearly and with insight about the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective.
3. **Leading Worship.** Consider your poise and presence, voice and language as you read scripture, lead prayer and conduct liturgy.
4. **Preaching.** Consider biblical interpretation, connection to the congregation/community, use of illustrations and organizational clarity, as well as delivery of sermons.
5. **Teaching Adults.** Consider teaching methods including the ability to facilitate discussion and create a comfortable learning environment as well as the quality, depth and presentation of concepts.
6. **Teaching Youth and Children.** Consider both material and presentation for various age groups.
7. **Evangelism.** Consider the ability to welcome and interact with strangers as well as offering a witness to Jesus Christ.
8. **Pastoral Care.** Consider the ability to develop trusting relationships, listen empathetically, respond to crisis and grief situations, discern the needs of people and respect confidential information.
9. **Administration.** Consider your ability to work with committees, deal with change and conflict, respond constructively to criticism and accomplish tasks in a timely manner.
10. **Stewardship Leader.** Consider your ability to articulate and model Christian

stewardship of life, talents, and money in pastoral leadership and personal life.

11. ***Leadership of Social Ministry.*** Consider your sensitivity to issues of need and justice in the community and your ability to empower others to respond out of their faith commitment.

I've been with you now for almost 2½ years. The first 18 months we focused on the past, the present, and wondered and dreamed what the future might look like. For the past year we've focused on those three areas of Community Outreach, Worship, and Service (COWS), and we intend to continue that focus. But using the eleven areas described above, what might we pick out as a couple of things that might help us with improving our success of the three major COWS's.

One of my Seminary requirements is to be a learner and you be evaluators. I need a team of six people who will work with me, we'll choose a couple of those eleven areas, and we'll see how we might use/apply them to our COWS focus areas.

An example might be #7, Evangelism. Last evening I was visiting Erma Miller and her dedicated family in the hospital. We listened to the medical team tell us how Erma was doing, had a short Communion service, and then left. I got on the elevator with two other folks and then got off. Had to make a quick phone call and then went on my way. One of my previous elevator riders started following me and said the other rider had asked her if I was a chaplain. I said no, I was the pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Ferguson. She said oh, I live not too far from the church. I said, "Please come visit us," and I gave her my card with a "God bless you." She responded with "God bless you too." Will we ever see her again? I don't know, but she now knows that someone cares about her.

Let's make some Zion Cards for you, with either your name on them or mine. What do ya' think?

That is just an example of how we might do something that we haven't done yet that would help us with COWS.

What kind of ideas do you have that might show folks that we come in contact with that we Love God and Love our Neighbor?

God is good and full of GRACE!

Blessings,
Larry



CDC News



January was a cold month! We've been studying animals that live in the cold weather. Thank God we don't have too! Since we cannot go outside, Ms. Amber has begun having "PE with our preschool children every day." We are thankful to have an indoor place to play and exercise.

February is right around the corner and we are looking forward to all the great things we have happening. This is Black History Month and our children will be reading books and learning about some of the wonderful people who have helped shape our country. February is also Dental Hygiene Month and we are planning to take the children in the restrooms after lunch to teach them how to brush their teeth. February 13th, the families and staff of the CDC have been invited to a Chili Dinner provided by the Zion Service Team. On February 14th, our children will be having a Valentine Dance! We are really looking forward to all the fun.

Also, we are looking for donations. Items we need are empty toilet paper and paper towel tubes and egg cartons. We are also in need of more crayons and markers if you would like to donate those items.

Thank you for all your support!

Blessings,

Courtney Chandler,
CDC Director





February Birthdays

- 10th Larry Lemke
15th Carol Linhorst
18th Wanda Devenport
Paul Herrmann
20th Talisha Robinson

Dining to Donate



McAlisters on 2180 N. Lindbergh Blvd. is hosting a FMSC event on Wednesday, February 13th from 5pm-9pm. 10% of all sales that night will go towards FMSC, and there will also be additional donation buckets/jars around the restaurant and tips will go towards this cause. So make sure to mark it on your calendar and don't miss this opportunity to help out!

Food Pantry

Our new goal is collecting 100 bottles of lotion, any brand (please no travel size). We are off and running with 8 lotion donations already!

Voter's Meeting

The next Voter's Meeting will be on March 31st so mark your calendars and please plan to attend. We will also be having our healing service and fellowship that day. And as always, voter's packets will be available for pick up 2 weeks prior to the meeting so keep an eye out for those in mid March.

Chili Dinner for CDC Families and Staff

We are planning to serve CDC families and staff hot dogs and chili on Wednesday, February 13th from 4PM to 6:30PM. We need your help! Please think about helping us with setup, serving, or cleanup that day. By the time this newsletter is published we hope we have the chili and food covered but if we do not, you will be hearing more about it during Sunday announcements. Come help us let the CDC families and staff know how much we appreciate them!

Internet & Computer Safety

Bill Budenholzer has graciously agreed to hold a workshop on internet and computer safety on the last Sunday in February (24th) during our fellowship hour. It'll be free to attend. He has planned a half hour presentation, followed by as many Q&A's as you can think of, so please plan to join us!

“Love Thy Neighbor” Project



We continue to work on this project. The church office received a call from a neighbor that needed help with snow removal and Justin Kinney was kind enough to help. Keep thinking about your relatives and neighbors. Do they need assistance? Are you able to help someone? There are slips of paper next to a box beneath a poster in the Coat Room. Please use the slip of paper to tell us help that is needed (either for you or a friend) or things you would like to do to help – or talk to a Service Team member.

Holiday Hangout

The Holiday Hangout held on December 22nd was very fun and festive. We toasted marshmallows, made S’mores, drank hot chocolate, and ate delicious cookies all while sitting by the fire pits outside on a beautiful evening. It was nice to relax and take a break before the Christmas celebrations began in earnest. A CDC parent, grandparent, and child came to join us and friends from another ELCA congregation as well. A neighbor walking by stopped and greeted us, too. We listened to Christmas music and shared Christmas trivia. What a great time! Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen, especially Justin Kinney who did all the setup outside. It looked amazing!



POSSIBLE MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Since I began as the organist for Zion Lutheran in December I have been welcomed by everyone. I am even getting somewhat comfortable with the liturgy and the flow of your worship services. Thank you for being patient with me and I welcome any feedback, both positive and negative.

Now to address the title of my article: Several people have spoken to me regarding the possibility of starting a choral ensemble (just a small choir) and/or a handbell choir. Both are in my professional background and I think they can add to the worship experience for everyone. Before moving forward, though, I would like to hear from those who might be interested in being a part of either group. I have thoughts of how this could work with a minimal number of rehearsals which could take place after worship on Sunday mornings. **You don't have to read music to sing or play handbells. I will show you how!**

Please send me an email at organist@zionferguson.com or call the church office if you might be interested in either of these opportunities. I hope to hear from you, soon!

~Carolyn Rock, Zion Organist

Meeting Our Neighbors

The Ecumenical & Inter-religious Affairs invites everyone to join them on Sunday, February 10th at 9am at Fo Guang Shan St. Louis Buddhist Center at 3109 Smiley Rd., Bridgeton, MO 63044 for a short presentation and opportunity to witness a meditation in the Chinese Buddhist tradition.

FMSC Texas Hold'em Event

The Men's Club at Atonement is inviting everyone over the age of 18 to join them for a Texas Hold'em Tournament to raise funds for the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Food Pack in July. The event will take place on Saturday, February 9th at Riverwood Place Clubhouse, 2267 Riverwood Trails Dr., Florissant, MO 63031. The doors open at 6:30pm and the games will start around 7pm. It's \$25 to join, you get 100 poker chips and there will be drawings for more chips; there will also be additional games at \$10. Food and some drinks will be available, but you can also bring your favorite "adult beverage". If you're not sure of the rules, there will be players there who will be happy to help you out. If you're interested in attending, please email Greg Viehman at gtviehman@gmail.com.





Directions

- 1.) Visit mommysdesignfarm.com
- 2.) Select "Sign Gallery" from the menu
- 3.) In the gallery, you will find the signs in categories. You can also filter them by size. If shopping on a phone, click the + by party sign gallery to see the categories
- 4.) Once you've decided on a design you want, click "View"; you will be able to pick the colors you want the day of the party
- 5.) There will be a drop-down box to select your party listed as "Fundraiser, Chris Garrison" and party date "March 23rd, 2019". This will be the only way we know which party your sign belongs to. You can then decide if you want it framed and add to the cart. Porch signs can be made reversible.
- 6.) Signs \$17 are intended for kids or as an additional sign to paint. They do not count towards the party minimum unless a guest purchases 2. Any guest can paint up to 2 signs. Keep in mind That the 4ft porch signs are like 2 signs.

Because this is a fundraiser, **an additional \$10 will be added to the cost of the sign and goes directly to Feed My Staring Children. Orders must be in by March 10th.**

Any questions, please call Chris at (314) 346-0399 or email chris.garrison1332@gmail.com

Council Meeting

January 8th, 2019

In attendance: Jayce Tucker, Johnnie Tucker, Fannie Cole, Pam Statler, Janet Schaper, Dorothy Kaiser, Ara Tess, Jason Martin, Larry Lemke, Kristen Kinney

- Opening Welcome and Devotion
 - Baptism of Jesus from book of Luke
 - Focus on “and a voice came from Heaven...”
- Confirm Approval Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2018 Meeting
 - Motion made, seconded, and approved
- Review of Minutes from Voters meeting on December 2, 2018
 - Reviewed – nothing noted
- Member Care Ministry – Dorothy Kaiser
 - Dorothy Kaiser was elected president
 - Chuck G mentioned and he is doing well and getting ready to go home
- CDC Report – Kristen
 - Held annual Christmas Program on December 7th
 - New York Life came and fingerprinted the children and took pictures and made CD’s with the children’s information on them to be used in an emergency
 - Letters went out to families informing them about changes to their balances
- Finance Report – Pam
 - Nothing to report due to last minute December incoming funds
- Stewardship – Pam
 - Nothing new to report
 - Working on year long stewardship (Personal finances, putting a Will together, etc.)
- Worship – Larry / Janet
 - Working on enhancing the services
 - Request for funds to refurbish bells for bell choir
 - Motion made to approve funds as long as we have commitment from members to make the commitment to play; seconded, and approved
 - 3 Baptisms, 3 first communions, and 3 confirmations to look forward to
- Community – Dorothy
 - Agreed to help service team with the chili supper for CDC families on February 13
 - 16 items placed on bush Sunday afternoon for the “warming tree” and several were gone
 - In need of underwear, hats, gloves, socks, and scarves
 - Want to invite other churches to Lenten Services
 - Want to look into setting up a table at the Twilight run and the farmers market
- Service – Pam
 - CDC Parent Chili Dinner on February 13th
 - Will need help setting up, cleaning up, and serving the food

- Reviewed email from Larry regarding reviewing the ministry site profile and other challenges regarding our different teams and committees
- Education
 - Nothing to report
- Property Committee
 - Justin Kinney stepped up as property manager
 - Elevator is broken and a contract has been sent to fix it – Parts have been ordered
 - American Flag has been replaced
 - Fire Walker was here to change the tags on the fire extinguisher
 - If anyone sees anything that needs attention, email him (jmkkinney2006@yahoo.com), put a note in the property mailbox, or text him (or call) at 636-669-4226
- Pastor's Report
 - Catherine Shaw came to FMA Meeting and reviewed for the group about how things are going for All Among Us; discussed requirements, volunteer opportunities, and mentioned they are working with other homeless individuals who will not make it into the care center
 - The FMA spent some time putting together vision, mission, and discussed who they are and what they want to do -want to focus on something – finding resources to address important needs in the community – how can FMA and the churches support those needs and find resources?
- Update on All Among Us – Janet
 - Storage shed has been moved
 - 2 people currently residing in the building
- Update on Boundary adjustment issues with City of Ferguson
 - Composed and email to explain that Zion wants to get a correction done – been using the property with a fence on it, maintaining the property, etc.
 - Heather Robinet told Janet that this isn't brought up during a closed session of city council – Janet went to the open council meeting – came up with a plan for a \$1 month lease – protection for us if we put money into it – called the city manager to talk to the city attorney and will call back on Friday about what we need to do in regards to a lease- for the city to give land away, there has to be a compelling reason for them to give up the land
- Update on Fish Fry opportunities and challenges
 - Sue has been in negotiation with the fire department – have backed down on requiring the hood for the fish fry to continue – they will allow Zion to somehow block the windows between the kitchen and the stairwell – may have to upgrade piping – have been talking to Phil Lum about that
- Set date for Saturday Council work session in January or February
 - Saturday, February 16th at 9am
- New Business
 - Next Council Meeting will be February 12, 2019
- Closing Prayer

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Serving on Sundays in February

	Feb 3	Feb 10	Feb 17	Feb 24	Mar 3
Pastor	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke
Music Accompanist	C Rock	A Mayhew	C Rock	A Mayhew	C Rock
Assistant Minister	P Herrmann	N Wolz	J Martin	R Schademann	P Herrmann
Reader	S Miller	N Robinson	P Martin	D Balestier	K Kinney
Children's Message	N Wolz	L Lemke	G Voss	N Wolz	L Lemke
Communion Servers	N Wolz	W Devenport	A Martin	G Voss	K Malin
Ushers	R Taylor S Taylor G Voss	K Malin J Martin	G Voss B Negwer	F Cole J Tucker J Schaper	R Taylor S Taylor D Kaiser
Altar Guild	A Martin	P Martin	L Moore	G Voss	J Stoverink

* Scheduled servers are subject to change at the discretion of organization leaders.
If you have a schedule conflict, please inform the Church office of any changes or schedule swaps.

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February Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9:30am-Worship & Noisy Change 11am-Fellowship	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 9:30am-Worship 11am-Bible Class	4 9:00am-Facility Use (UR)	5	6	7 6pm-Service Team	8	9 3pm-Via de Cristo (UR)
10 9:30am-Worship 11am-Bible Class  Pr. Lemke	11 5:30pm-CDC Support Team	12 1:30pm-Worship Team 4:30pm-Member Care 6pm-Finance 6:30pm-Council	13 4pm-CDC Chili Dinner 6:30pm-Comm. Outreach Team	14	15  C Linhorst	16 9am-Council Workshop
17 9:30am-Worship 11am-Bible Class	18 Tidings Deadline  W Devenport  P Herrmann	19 12pm-Pokeno	20  T Robinson	21 7pm-Facility Use (MP)	22	23 9:00am-Facility Use (UR)
24 9:30am-Worship & Noisy Change 11am-Fellowship Hour	25	26	27	28	1	2

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**Celebrating
God's Grace**

February 2019

Zion Leaders

Congregation Council

Pastor	Larry Lemke
President	Janet Schaper
Vice President:	Ara Tess
Secretary:	Kristen Kinney
Treasurer:	Pam Statler
Member At-Large:	Fannie Cole
Member At-Large:	Johnnie Tucker
Member At-Large:	Jason Martin
Member At-Large:	Jayce Tucker

Member Care Ministry

Dorothy Kaiser
Linn Moore
Richard Schademann
Doris McCall
Deborah Balestier
Pat Martin

Committee Chairs

Finance	Pam Statler
Property	Justin Kinney
CDC Support:	Kim Malin
Stewardship:	Pam Statler/Gail Voss
Worship	Gail Voss
Education	Norma Wolz
Personnel	Ara Tess
Nominating	-

Organizations

Fellowship:	Robert Negwer
Altar Guild:	-
Hospitality	Faith Tucker

Team Leaders

Worship	Gail Voss
Community Outreach	Dott Kaiser/ Doris McCall
Service	Pam Statler/Stacey Miller

Team Members:

Worship Team

Gail Voss*
Kristina Oswald
Nyokia Robinson
Norma Wolz
Doris McCall

Community Outreach Team

Dorothy Kaiser*
Doris McCall*
Bill Budenholzer
Linda Lemke
Bob Oliver
Richard Schademann
Janet Schaper
Ara Tess
Faith Tucker
Johnnie Tucker
Deborah Balestier
Deb Murrish

Service Team

Pam Statler*
Stacey Miller*
Sue Dunham
Justin Kinney
Kristen Kinney
Linn Moore
Annis Tucker
Dawn Tucker