



Zion Lutheran Church

The Tidings January 2022

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**Fridays, January 14th & 28th
at 6:30 PM in the Upper Room**



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Invite friends and family members as we continue to experiment with ways to joyfully connect with God and each other.



Past & Future

As I'm writing this, Christmas hasn't arrived yet. The holidays are just around the corner, and it seems like Thanksgiving was just yesterday. Our family has already started the Christmas celebrations (only three more to go).

As I'm writing, in fact, today is the first day of Winter. Speaking of winter, some of us are already in the winter of our lives. And with the number of funerals these last few months, it makes me wonder *where are we in our seasons of life*, or from Zion's standpoint, *where are we in Zion's seasons of its life?*

So, as we look back and try to learn from our past, what is it that we've discovered? Because as we go forward, it's important to know how we can learn from our past so that it might help us be more successful in the future.

This last Sunday, we had a Voter's Meeting: passing a budget for 2022 and electing new council & member care members. They will be installed in early January and may well have been installed as you read this. I wonder what they are thinking about relative to the future.

What have you learned from your past as an individual and as a member of Zion? How can you take that knowledge and help make Zion's future a success?

When I wrote my report for the December Voter's Meeting, I included some of the very positive things that Zion has accomplished in the last five plus years. Without going into detail on each of them, we are using all of the assets that God has given us as best we know how.

One of the things we accomplished in the past is the Strategic Plan that was launched and are looking to the future in terms of 2022, all the way through to 2026. What is your vision of what you would like Zion to be in 2026? How do we make your vision come true?

God has been leading us and still is leading us. Sometimes, we have trouble hearing and understanding what He is asking us to do. And sometimes what he is asking us to do makes us uncomfortable.

Over the years, I've been uncomfortable understanding and doing what God has asked me to do, and I don't always succeed. One of the things that has been helpful for me is reminding myself of who we said we are. On the back of our Sunday bulletin each week is a copy of our Vision and Mission and six detailed Values ending with "By God's grace together we go into the world (our community) to love, serve, and make disciples."

God is good and full of GRACE!

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Larry



January Birthdays

3 rd	Izaiah Spotswood
4 th	Phyllis Graser Paul Oswald
7 th	Jacqueline Calhoun
8 th	Mary Roth
29 th	Andrew Tucker
31 st	Carole Herrmann

Thank You

Worship Team is so appreciative of a number of people who helped us make the sanctuary ready:

- Jay and Jason Martin for bringing all the boxes out of storage. We discovered items we didn't know we had. We will create an inventory so that future decorators know what they have to work with!
- Marvin for invaluable help with the tree
- The Negwers for bringing the greens for the windows
- Tony Harkins, Deb Balestier and Jayda Tucker for assisting in decorating
- All who loaned us their poinsettia plants to beautify the chancel
- Everyone who joined us by live-streaming or in person to Worship our Newborn King!

“Walking with Jesus” Devotional Booklet for Lent

We will produce a devotional booklet for Lent written by members and friends to be distributed on Sunday, February 27 (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday March 2nd.)

Your focus can be a Bible verse, a personal experience where you felt the presence of God, a hymn verse, or a poem (and please credit the author if it's not your work.) Let the Spirit lead you! Feel free to submit more than one because we need to cover 40 days!! Don't forget to give it a title! The devotion can be between 75 to 150 words. Please send to the church office by way of email or write it and either mail it or drop it off at the church office. Please sign the original so the team knows who submitted it, but you may indicate that the printed edition does not include your name.

- Contact Doris McCall in person or at 314-521-8349 no later than Sunday, January 16th to let us know you will participate.
- Submit your contribution to the office no later than Sunday, January 30.
- Receive your printed copy when you come to church on February 27.
- Notify Doris if you would like to receive a mailed or emailed copy.



We look forward to sharing your words of encouragement and inspiration. We are Walking with Jesus!

~ The Worship Team

A Message from the President

Dear Zion Family,


Happy New Year and God's blessings to you!

I want to highlight a new ministry that we want to embark on in the new year: Laundry Love. Laundry Love is a national initiative that fosters community participation within a neighborhood and helps organizations promote their Laundry Love ministry. It began in Ventura, California when a houseless gentleman was asked "How can we come alongside your life in a meaningful way?" His response was honest and practical, "If I had clean clothes I think people would treat me like a human being."

"Love never ends and neither does laundry." We have talked to The Laundry Basket laundromat on Florissant Road and they are very willing to partner with us to host a Laundry Love ministry. We plan to go observe another Laundry Love ministry in St. Louis on January 11th from 4PM to 7PM. We spoke with members of that ministry in November. They promote their Laundry Love ministry at a local food shelter and welcome people who show up as a result of that promotion giving them tokens to do some of their laundry. In some instances the people who show up bring linens and bed clothes that they otherwise could not afford to wash.

The Community in Unity team identified this as a ministry for Zion but we need a leader or co-leaders to take responsibility for organizing this ministry. This ministry will be an ongoing thing with its own leaders and volunteers. Please consider this ministry as you pray for how God is calling you to serve in the new year. If you have any questions about the ministry, please reach out to me, Linda Lemke, or Stacey Miller with questions.

Blessings to you!

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Zion Team Updates

Financial Sustainability

Financial Sustainability Meeting - Sunday, January 9th after Worship - Upper Room

Come to an informational meeting with Stephen Phelps, ELCA Gift Planner. Stephen will provide options to create a gift plan that benefits the ministries that mean the most to you and maximizes your financial and estate-planning goals. No matter how young or old you are or how much or little financial resources you have, you can learn about how you can plan ahead and ensure the continuation of God's work in the years to come. There is no cost or obligation for this service. Come learn more!

2021 Contributions

All contributions to Zion for 2021 must be dated 2021 and be received at the church office by Wednesday January 5, 2022.

Alternative Worship

A big thank you to everyone who attended our abbreviated Holiday Hangout on December 10th, and to the Education and Faith Formation Team and Community in Unity Team for making it a great event. Praise God that everyone made it home safely and remained safe through the storms!








Join us January 14 and 28, 6:30 p.m., in the Upper Room. Invite friends and family members as we continue to experiment with ways to joyfully connect with God and each other. What a great way to start the new year by sharing Friday evenings with others praising God, sharing your faith story, serving, and enjoying fellowship. Come and see what we are doing!

Community in Unity

During the month of December, the Community in Unity (CIU) team and other volunteers delivered holiday cards and tins of cookies to our neighbors at Oak Knoll, Woke Bridge Community Church, the Ferguson Police Department, and the Ferguson Fire Department. We also provided dinner and breakfast for the Ferguson Warming Center. In January, we will provide more meals for the warming center and plan to observe a local Laundry Love ministry. The team is seeking volunteers to donate their time and talents to continue our work in the community. Please contact a CIU team member if you have any questions or need additional information about volunteer opportunities.

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January Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:30am-Worship	3 Office Closed  I Spotswood	4  P Graser  P Oswald	5 6:30pm-Bible Discussion	6 10am-Member Care	7  J Calhoun	8  M Roth
9 9:30am-Worship	10 2pm-Worship Team	11 6:30pm-Council	12 6:30pm-Bible Discussion	13 6:30pm-CIU	14 6:30pm-Alternative Worship	15
16 9:30am-Worship	17 MLK Jr. Day Office Closed	18	19 6:30pm-Bible Discussion	20	21	22
23 9:30am-Worship	24 Tidings Deadline	25	26 6:30pm-Bible Discussion	27	28 6:30pm-Alternative Worship	29  A Tucker
30 9:30am-Worship	31  C Herrmann	1	2 6:30pm-Bible Discussion	3	4	5

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Serving on Sundays in January

	Jan 2	Jan 9	Jan 16	Jan 23	Jan 30
Pastor	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke	L Lemke
Music Accompanist	C Rock	A Mayhew	C Rock	A Mayhew	A Mayhew
Assisting Minister	P Herrmann	J Martin	N Wolz	P Statler	R Schademann
Lector	S Miller	A Martin	R Schademann	P Herrmann	N Wolz
Children's Message	G Voss	N Wolz	L Lemke	G Voss	N Wolz
Ushers	Li Lemke J Tucker	G Voss J Roevekamp	D Kaiser L Wolk	Li Lemke J Tucker	G Voss J Roevekamp
Altar Guild	G Voss A Martin	G Voss A Martin	G Voss A Martin	G Voss A Martin	G Voss A Martin
Video Streaming	N Wolz	P Statler	B Budenholzer	N Wolz	P Statler

* 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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**Celebrating
God's Grace**

January 2022

Zion Leaders

Congregation Council

Pastor	Larry Lemke
President	Pam Statler
Vice President:	Stacey Miller
Secretary:	Kristen Kinney
Treasurer:	Bill Budenholzer
Member At-Large:	Jan Roevekamp
Member At-Large:	Johnnie Tucker
Member At-Large:	Jason Martin
Member At-Large:	Fannie Cole
Member At-Large:	-

Member Care Ministry

Doris McCall*
Carole Herrmann
Dorothy Kaiser
Richard Schademann
Deborah Balestier
Carol Tillmann

Committee Chairs

Finance	Pam Statler
Property	Johnnie Tucker
Stewardship:	Pam Statler
Personnel	Ara Tess
Nominating	-

Organizations

Fellowship:	Robert Negwer
Altar Guild:	-
Hospitality	Doris McCall

Team Leaders

Worship	Gail Voss
Service & Community	Stacey Miller
Education	Jason Martin
Alt. Worship	Deb Murrish

Team Members:

Worship Team

Gail Voss*
Kristina Oswald
Nyokia Robinson
Norma Wolz
Doris McCall
Bill Budenholzer

Community in Unity Team

Stacey Miller*
Pam Statler
Bill Budenholzer
Linn Moore
Doris McCall
Sue Dunham
Deb Murrish
Kristen Kinney
Nikki Tucker
Annis Tucker
Dorothy Kaiser
Justin Kinney
Richard Schademann
Linda Lemke
Ara Tess

Education Team

Jason Martin*
Norma Wolz
Stacey Miller
Linda Lemke
Andi Martin

Financial Sustainability Team

Pam Statler*
Bill Budenholzer
Paul Herrmann

Alternative Worship Team

Deb Murrish*
Andi Martin*
Jason Martin
Kristen Kinney
Christine Walters
Bill Budenholzer
Pam Statler
Gail Voss