

January 2024

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Horizon



### A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR . . .

#### A Church that Prays Together

*"...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14*

A few years ago, I was on a short-term mission trip in Eastern Europe, serving at an English Bible camp for adults. We were talking with our group about the state of things and life in general in that country, which had become a largely unchurched country over the last several decades. One of our discussion questions was about why so many people only came to church on Christmas and Easter, and what could change that. One of the ladies sat quietly for a moment, and then looked up and said, "There's a Bible verse that starts '...if my people, who are called by my name...'" Prayer can change so much – me, you, the way we each react to different things, even the world around us. Yet, how often do we pray *before* considering any other action? If we are being honest, it's sometimes the last thing we think to do.

Prayer is an essential part of living a Christian life of faith. Prayer is an essential part of doing life together as a Christian congregation. Prayer is not only how we communicate with God, but also how He communicates with us. It should never be the last resort in a difficult or any other situation, but always the first thing we do.

Yet, there are some who might be asking, "What exactly is prayer?" or "How do I pray?" or "Why is prayer really so important?" Those are all

good questions and I'd like to take some time in 2024 to really dig into the necessity of prayer in our lives together as we follow Jesus.

The LCMC is once again hosting the annual *Three Days of Prayer* on January 2-4, 2024. I invite you to join in this intentional time of prayer, using the Lord's Prayer as your guide. Day One is focused on our Congregations and leaders; Day Two we will pray for all those who do not yet know Jesus, and for those who have turned away; Day Three will be focused on our international partners in the ministry of the Gospel of Christ around the world. You can find more information on the LCMC website at: <https://www.lcmc.net/three-days-of-prayer>, and we will make available the prayer guides from LCMC. You may pray individually, or even in small groups if you wish, at your own time and pace on these three days. Our prayer room here at Zion will be available to you during regular office hours, and we invite you to come and spend some time in prayer here at the church.

Additionally, I will be leading a class, *The Prayer Course*, on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 PM, beginning January 7. We will begin with the basics of prayer – why and how we do it - and look at a variety of topics related to prayer. I hope you will plan to join me for this video and discussion-based class.

Let's be a church that humbly seeks the face of God in prayer, together.



Looking forward to praying for and with you, the Zion Lutheran Church family, in 2024,  
~Pastor Kelly

## January HIGHLIGHTS

- 🌲 **Sundays January 7, 14, 21, 28** Worship - In Person (Coffee Hour follows) and Live Streamed, 9:00am
- 🌲 **Friday January 5** The Prayer Course, 3pm
- 🌲 **Friday January 5** Family Movie Night, 6pm
- 🌲 **Saturday Jan 13** Pastor Kelly's Installation, 1pm
- 🌲 **Thursday Jan 18** Zion Roots Youth Ministry begins, 5pm
- 🌲 **Sunday Jan 28** Annual Congregational Meeting, 10:30am

**Office Closed Jan. 1 & 15 for New Year's & MLKing Jr. Day**

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## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

### Sunday School Education for All Ages

Sunday January 7 ++ Sunday School (for ALL ages)  
will be Zion's All Church Birthday Bash.

Everyone who has a birthday during the year is invited!



#### Adult Education - in Faith Cafe Sunday Mornings, 10:15am

For all adults of any age to gather, share, and grow our faith in God and in each other. Each week there will be a short video on a various topic followed by discussion!

Next Classes: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>

#### Music with Margaret - in Choir Room Sunday Mornings, 10:15am

Elementary, Confirmation and High School students meet with Margaret before their Sunday School class until 10:30am. They will learn new songs that will be shared with the congregation, along with hand chimes and triangles.

Next Classes: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>



#### High School - in Faith Café Sunday Mornings, 10:30

After music with Margaret, High Schoolers are welcome to join in Adult Education. Keep an eye out for a special Bible study that is just for High Schoolers! More details to come.

Next Classes: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>

#### Middle School: Confirmation - in Holywood Sunday Mornings, 10:30am

After Music with Margaret, Middle School students will gather to follow the Confirmation Series. They will dive into Luther's catechism and learn what it means to be a Lutheran.

Next Classes: January 21<sup>st</sup>



Elementary  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL

#### Elementary - in Creation Sunday Mornings, 10:30am

After Music with Margaret, elementary students will join with their teacher and shepherd to discuss the gospel of the day! The lessons follow the gospel readings each Sunday.

Next Classes: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>



### Adult Small Group Options

Small groups are a great way for people to connect with one another in Zion's church family. Call the church office if you would like to learn more about any of the following small groups.

#### Mission Quilting

Mondays - 9:30am

Come quilt with us!

Contact: Sonya or Church office, 253-631-0100.

Next Mission Quilting: January 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9:30am



#### Ruth Rachel Circle

2nd Tuesdays (Sept - May)

12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Please plan to join us for an afternoon of women gathering for Christian fellowship, Bible Study and Service (LWR Health Kits, Holiday Cards to shut-ins).

Contact: Pat or Church office, 253-631-0100.

Next Ruth Rachel: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 12:30pm

### Reminder

#### Reminders from Zion's Office

Please contact the office if:

- ◆ You would like a Bulletin and/or the Announcements Emailed to you
- ◆ You have information to be added to the Church calendar about dates, times and method of meeting

For up-to-date calendar information: go to Zion's website, [www.zionkent.org](http://www.zionkent.org), then click on Calendar to see Church Events

Office Manager's work hours are

Monday - Thursday :: 8:30am to 3:30pm

Please continue to respect these office hours.

Thank You!

### MORE SUNDAY SCHOOL EDUCATION (CON'T)



#### Preschool - The Beginning Sunday Mornings, 10:15am

Preschoolers will meet in the nursery at 10:15am for playtime! After playtime, they will then follow "Hal and his Friends" on a fun adventure of what the Bible says and various age appropriate stories that they explore.

Next Classes: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>

(Sunday Education info continues in next column)→

## + RENEW THROUGH GOD'S WORD . . .

## EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS



Interested in helping start up or attending a **BIBLE STUDY**? Please contact the church office.

### "The Chosen" Series Bible Study

We have completed Season 3! Keep watch for information on our next Bible Study set to begin after the New Year!

**Contact:** Lisa Lord, llord@zionkent.org

Next Bible Study: **See you in the New Year!!!!**

### Bible Study - Acts

**1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 9:30am - Library**

We continue with a study of the Book of Acts in the New Testament.

**Contact:** Mary or Church office, 253-631-0100.

Next Bible Study: **January 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 2024, 9:30am**

### Lifelight Bible Study

**1st and 3rd Thursdays, 9:30am - Sanctuary**

We continue with our study of the book of Proverbs. We are looking forward to gathering as a group again, making new friends, and returning to our study of the Bible. New to Zion or to Bible study? We would love to have you join us.

**Contacts:** Sonja, Karen or Church office, 253-631-0100.

Next Bible Study: **January 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 2024, 9:30am**

**Thirsty Theologians**  
**2nd Wednesday of month, 5:30pm**  
**- at Farelli's in Maple Valley**

After taking December off, we will return January 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm at Farellis and continue with Chapter 8 of our Exodus Study Guide. We look forward to seeing you there!

Next Bible Study: **January 10<sup>th</sup> 2024, 5:30pm**



### Family Movie Night

**Friday January 5th, 6pm - Fellowship Hall**

Bring the whole family to our January FMN as we watch "Luck" rated G! There will be popcorn, snacks and drinks! Just bring something comfy to sit on or snuggle with while we watch a cute movie. Everyone is invited to join us!



### Three days of Prayer

**Tuesday - Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**(on your own schedule)**

Please join us as we focus on prayer along with LCMC. This event is something you can do anytime and with anyone you like! We will be offering the Prayer Room in the education building for anyone to use during Office Hours (M-Th, 8:30am-3:30pm). This is an opportunity for us to follow the Lord's example and to come together as one across the association with a shared purpose: to pray. There are handouts available in the Narthex that can be used during these three days and a sign up sheet for the Prayer Room. We encourage you to take these three days to focus on how prayer can impact your life and how you can use prayer to further your relationship with God. Email llord@zionkent.org for all questions.

### The Prayer Course - Sunday afternoons

**January 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 3pm - Fellowship Hall**

Pastor Kelly is excited to teach a new class on Prayer.

She uses resources from prayercourse.org in this 8 week course! We will meet each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at 3pm starting January 7th. You can get a sneak preview on the website prayercourse.org. We hope you can attend!!



### Annual Congregational Meeting

**Sunday January 28am**  
**immediately following the**  
**9am Worship Service**



**Sunshine Mountain Christian Preschool and Kindergarten**  
**invites you to an Open House**  
**for Preschool & Kindergarten families**

**Saturday, January 27th from 10:00am-12:00pm**  
**Please stop by to tour the school and meet our teachers.**

**25125 132nd Ave SE-Kent, WA 98042**  
**253-630-6072**

**Invite your friends and neighbors!**

### **\*\*NEW** Zion Roots Youth Ministry **NEW\*\***

**3rd Thursday of month, 5pm - Fellowship Hall**

Come join us for our **new** Youth Ministry! We will meet every third Thursday of the month from 5pm-8, starting off with a meal and followed by Bible study, games, and learning a new skill! All second graders through 12th graders are welcome to join!

Next Zion Roots: **January 18<sup>th</sup> 2024, 5pm**



## EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS (CONTINUED)

**Choir Practice is happening on Wednesday afternoons, 4pm-5pm**  
Come join us in the choir room!



**Join us for coffee after Sunday Worship**

Evangelism & Fellowship Committee sponsors a coffee hour following Worship. All are welcome !!! If you would like to provide treats for a Sunday, contact Pat or Church office, 253-631-0100 and you will be put on the schedule.

### Puzzle & Book exchange!

Evangelism & Fellowship Committee is hosting a jigsaw puzzle and book exchange after worship. Bring a puzzle or book to drop off and leave with a new one! It's a great way to get puzzles and books into the hands of people who want them, and out of the homes of those who have already finished their own. Puzzles & books of all types are welcome.



**2024 Master Flower Chart** is up on the bulletin board & ready for sign-ups. Please remember to complete a card in the flower box located below the chart after you sign-up to provide flowers for the Altar.



**The Ruth Rachel Circle** is looking for names to add to their list of people that would love holiday and birthday cards sent to them! Do you have a family member who would enjoy receiving fun mail? Please contact me! Sonya or Church office, 253-631-0100 for information.



**To best prepare yourself for worship:**  
**Before** the Service, talk to God;  
**during** the service let God talk to you;  
**after** the service talk to one another.

### Even YOU can help with communication at Zion !

- ✍ Please submit items for the Bulletin, Announcements, Horizon and the master church calendar to **Lori, our Office Manager**, in a timely manner (on time or even early!). Include meeting or event names, dates, times, locations, contact person and any other important information.
- ✍ **All** meetings and events (for and/or at Zion) should be on the master calendar. This allows the office to prevent double booking of rooms and other possible inconveniences.
- ✍ Should there be any changes to previously submitted information, please get those changes to the office as soon as you can.
- ✍ If someone else also needs this information, Lori will be sure to get it to them. (Example—Custodian, the Horizon, Pastor, Musicians, etc.)

### Zion's Safety and Security items

**Please remember to:**



**Sign the Sign-In sheet**, if you enter the church building after normal office hours.

**Check, secure and set:** If you are the last one to leave the building, make sure all lights are off, all doors are secured, and the alarm is set. Also, always lock your car and be aware of the surroundings as you come and go. Walk to and from your car with a buddy after dusk.

**Thank you!**



Please go to [www.zionkent.org](http://www.zionkent.org) to see Zion's improved web site and up-to-date calendar of events!



## + REACH OUT TO SERVE OTHERS . . .



### Corner of Love

Corner of Love is a Christian mission organization that started in Maple Valley WA, to serve the refugees in Latin America who are escaping danger and persecution in their home country. Through the refugee relief center in Costa Rica, Corner of Love provides food, clothing, medicine and other aid to thousands of families. Each winter, a team from Zion serves for a week at the relief center, and we have the opportunity to provide much-needed supplies for them to take with them (in addition to what was donated from the giving tree in December!). If you are able to help out, for the month of January our mission emphasis is to provide:


- ◆ adult multi-vitamins (no gummies because they melt in the warm temperatures there)
- ◆ children's multivitamins (again, no gummies)
- ◆ iron tablets
- ◆ new or gently used T-shirts (clean)
- ◆ new or gently used comfortable shoes

Please place any donations in the container set up in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in going to Costa Rica yourself to serve on the mission team, please speak with Bob, Melanie, or Laurie for more information.

Thank you for your faithful support of these, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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### NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY :: Can you help?

**Vine Maple Place 'Meals-in-a-bag'** supplies are very low. There is no need for you to cook! **VINE**  Vine Maple Place provides the instructions and recipes - you just need to provide the ingredients! (Instructions and recipes are available in Zion's office) **And** mom has what she needs to make a home cooked meal for her family!

**Questions?** Contact Lisa O'Leary, [lisao@vinemapleplace.org](mailto:lisao@vinemapleplace.org) or 425-432-2119 x104

#### PLEASE NOTE: Bulk Mailings to be Discontinued

Due to increasing costs and new requirements for bulk mailings, Zion will no longer be mailing the Horizon to all members, **effective February 1st**. If you receive your Horizon in the mail, we would prefer that you switch to email, but you do have the option to pick it up at the church.

If you receive your Horizon via email, you do not have to do anything, you will continue to receive it via email.

If you live out of state, please let the office know (call or email) your preference for either email or U.S. mail. Be sure to give us your email or mailing address.

If you currently have your Horizon mailed to your home and cannot have it emailed, please let the office know. There will be a list in the narthex on the table outside the sanctuary doors to write your name and preference for email or U.S. mail. If you are unable to come in, please call or email the office.

#### OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP AND SERVE



**Shopping Cart Sunday is every Sunday!** Your donation of non-perishable food items for the Kent Food Bank, placed in the shopping cart in the narthex, helps during these times of great need.

**YOU Can Help**

**Volunteers** are needed on Sunday mornings. If you think you would like to help usher, greet people, provide goodies for coffee hour, be a Scripture reader or part of the choir, just ask someone who you see doing that job to learn more!



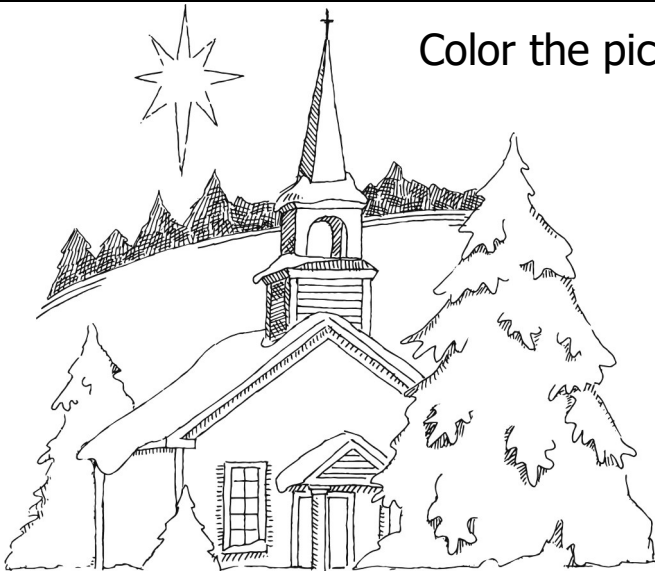
**Volunteers needed for upcoming Youth and Family activities:** Contact - [llord@zionkent.org](mailto:llord@zionkent.org)

† Sunday School Preschool Shepherd (assistant)

# WITH JOY AND THANKSGIVING WE OFFER OUR TIME AND OUR TREASURES . . .

Week Ending	12/3/2023	12/10/2023	12/17/2023	12/24/2023	Year to Date
Worship Income	\$6,273.00	\$11,125.30	\$8,443.00	\$3,221.00	\$337,008.19
Required for Budget	\$7,465.17	\$7,465.17	\$7,465.17	\$7,465.17	\$388,189.00
Excess/(Shortfall)	(1192.17)	3660.13	977.83	(4244.17)	(51180.81)
Other Income (Designated)					
Building Fund	\$183.00	\$68.00	\$58.00	\$3.00	\$6,631.00
Designated Gifts	\$518.00	\$198.00	\$343.00	\$1,718.00	\$29,367.75
Rent			\$600.00	\$809.00	\$13,759.00
Special Offerings					\$0.00
Holiday Offerings					\$0.00
Reimbursements	\$75.00	\$624.50			\$10,584.38
					\$0.00
Total Other Income	\$776.00	\$890.50	\$1,001.00	\$2,530.00	\$60,342.13
Total General Fund	\$7,049.00	\$12,015.80	\$9,444.00	\$5,751.00	\$397,350.32
Trust Fund Income					
Memorials					
Loan interest			423.73		
Good Samaritan					
Other Trust			\$1,179.59		
Total Trust Income:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,603.32	\$0.00	

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY:



Color the picture. Now draw some more things that you see on a snowy day

I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY SAID TO ME,  
**"Let us go to the  
house of the LORD!"**

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## + REJOICE IN GOD'S GRACE . . .



Thank you **Zion Lutheran Church** for your donations & gifts:

From: Auburn Food Bank ..... \$ 250.00

From: Compass Housing Alliance ..... \$ 385.93

A huge thank you to everyone who donated gifts and gift cards for Zion's Giving Tree for HOPE, Union Gospel Mission, Vine Maple Place, and Corner of Love. Your generosity is a blessing to many people.

~ The Stewardship Committee

Dear friends of our Zion Lutheran Church family,

A simple 'thank you' seems so inadequate, but not knowing how else to express our appreciation - THANK YOU! All your thoughts and prayers, kind and encouraging words, gifts and gift cards were so very uplifting not only to Doria and Paul, but to Bill and me also. We are thankful to God for you, and for His hand in finding a house and jobs for them closer to us here in W. WA.

~Bill and Jenise

### Thank you, December Horizon Helpers !

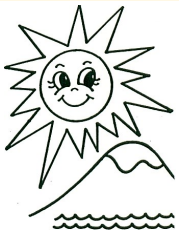
Nancy, Sonya,  
Nancy and Karen

For Zion's wonderful giving tree donations for KentHOPE and Union Gospel Mission, THANK YOU! And for providing Advent Calendars and emergency supplies last month, then graciously planning and hosting a Christmas party for the families and support staff of the LINK program at KentHOPE, THANK YOU! Your thoughtfulness in sharing and showing the love of Christ means so much.



Thanks to all for the gifts and cards and smiles and help and joy you shared with us this Christmas.

May God bless you all in 2024 !



Sunshine Mountain Christian Preschool & Kindergarten  
25125 - 132<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE Kent, WA 98042  
253-630-6072

2024-2025 Registration Information

**Registration Opens: January 27, 2024**

**10:00 am church members,**

**10:15 am students of alumni, 10:30am community**

Submit the **completed registration form** and **nonrefundable registration fee** of \$100 in cash, check or money order to secure class placement.

Current students please submit your registration form and fee before January 27, 2024.

#### Preschool Class Options:

(16 students per class and 2 teachers per class)

3-4 yr. old	Mon. & Wed.	9:00 am - 11:00 am	3's tuition
3-4 yr. old	Tues. & Thurs.	9:00 am - 11:00 am	\$160 a month
3-4 yr. old	Tues. & Thurs.	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	

(22 students per class and 2 teachers per class)

4-5 yr. old	Mon. & Wed.	9:00 am - 11:30 am	4's tuition
4-5 yr. old	Mon. & Wed.	12:30 pm - 3:00 pm	
4-5 yr. old	Tues. & Thurs.	9:00 am - 11:30 am	\$180 a month
4-5 yr. old	Tues. & Thurs.	12:30 pm - 3:00 pm	
4-5 yr. old	Friday-optional	9:00 am - 11:30 am	\$240 a month
4-5 yr. old	Friday-optional	12:30 pm - 3:00 pm	(with Friday)

#### Kindergarten Class Options:

(14 students, 1 teacher per class)

AM Kindergarten	8:30 am - 11:30 am Monday - Friday	K tuition
PM Kindergarten	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm Monday - Friday	\$360 a month

**\*Student MUST be 3, 4 or 5 years of age by August 31, 2024\***

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Sunshine Mountain at [sunshinemountaintent@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinemountaintent@gmail.com) or 253-630-6072.



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - DECEMBER 12, 2023

## Council Members for 2023

Mark	President	Paul	VP/Personnel
Sally	Treasurer; Flsp/Evan	Pat	Secretary
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Melanie	Worship & Music	Richard	Property/Tech
Karen	Stewardship	Beth	Youth & Family
Joan	Fellowship & Evangelism	Brian	Property/Tech
Mr. Marion	Property, Flsp & Evan	Sara	TBD

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**Meeting** called to order at 6:34 pm by President Mark

**Present:** Melanie, Marion, Mark, Paul, Pat, Karen, Joan, Brian, Sally, Pastor Kelly Westlund, Beth

**Excused Absences:** Richard, Sara     **Guests:** Richard, Tim, Johanna

**Devotions** given by Mark. Next month: Beth

**Motion to accept** November minutes **MSP**

**Treasurer's report for November 2023:**

	month of Nov	Year-to-date
Operating Income	30,256.37	313,482.44
Operating Expenses	37,468.62	318,885.86
Excess ( <b>shortfall</b> )	<b>(7,212.25)</b>	<b>(5,403.42)</b>

## Old Business

- Update on moving excess funds from our BECU accounts: Per the motion from last month, we've moved funds into other banks. Several CDs have been purchased at staggered term lengths. \$60,000 invested in CDs at WAFD. \$60,000 will be invested in CDs at BECU in order to generate more interest income.

**Motion to approve** the investment of \$100,000 in Certificates of Deposit at Home Street Bank. **MSP**

**Motion to authorize** the following 4 individuals to be the designated signees for Zion Lutheran Church at Home Street Bank: Mark – Council President, Paul – Vice President, Pat. **MSP**

## New Business & Action Items:

- Tim & other members of the Budget Committee presented the **Budget to review/approve** for presentation at Annual Meeting (Bylaws Part VII.B.4). **Motion to accept** the proposed 2024 budget for presentation at the annual congregational meeting. **MSP**
- Motion for Council Retreat** with new Council members Saturday, January 27 at 9:30 a.m. to noon. **MSP**
- Motion to approve** Stewardship's recommendation for Christmas Eve loose offering to Kent Food Bank. **MSP**
- Motion to approve** 4th quarter Undesignated Benevolences: Corner of Love – 60%, Street Youth Ministries – 20%, Washington State University Lutheran Campus Ministry – 20%. **MSP**
- Worship & Music and Youth & Family Ministries committees each submit at least two **Personnel Committee candidates** to the Pastor (or President) who will also submit additional names for Council consideration to fill the at-large vacancies for Personnel Committee appointments by the end of the month (Bylaws Part VII.E).
- Pastor Kelly's installation** will be held 1:00 pm Saturday January 13.
- President to **invite new Council members to January Council meeting**.

## Security Incident Reports

- On Sunday morning Dec 3 & Monday morning Dec 4, the exterior door to Fellowship Hall was found unlocked.

## Staff Reports

### **Pastor**

Since starting on November 15, I have been settling in to the daily life at Zion Lutheran. I'm grateful for the warm welcome I've received, the many gifts of food and encouragement, and I'm looking forward to the various cottage meetings coming up.

I've visited Betty and her friend, Dot, and Gail along with Pastor Barden; Sally, at her request; and Blanche and Otto with Linda. I'm looking forward to receiving a list from Pastor Barden regarding the people he's been visiting and those he recommends being on a regular visitation list. I will, of course, make hospital visits as necessary, and begin to set up regular visits with other members in the next few weeks.

I've had the opportunity to attend or at least visit for a few minutes with various groups in the church, and will continue to do so for a while. It's been very helpful for me to see people – and I'm happy to say I've started picking up some names – and how they are involved in the various activities and ministries.

I was invited to attend the all-staff meeting at Sunshine Mountain on Sunday afternoon, November 26. It was a great opportunity to meet all the teachers & hear about what they are doing to prepare for their Christmas programs. I've attended the Thursday chapel times for the kindergartners and, wow, is that a fun time! I'm hoping to build a relationship with the staff and families at Sunshine Mountain by being visible and available to them.

I'm very much looking forward to our partnership in ministry here at Zion, and I know God has many good plans for our future together!

Blessings and peace,  
Pastor Kelly

### **Church Musicians (Debora Mackey)**

Hymns for Jan. 2024 through Transfiguration Sunday Feb. 11 are tentatively selected.

Liturgy will change to Reclaim Setting 1 (Ylvisaker) on Dec. 31st, last used in late 2021. That will be used until Lent.

Lessons and Carols service for 12/24 morning is complete. Strings will play for offering and choir will sing 2 anthems. PowerPoint and bulletin are essentially done.

Sunday School children's Christmas program will be at 12/17 service. Margaret & Lisa are planning details for that.

The 2 evening Christmas Eve services will essentially be the same as last year. I will play at 5 and Carl at 7:30. The K. Family Ringers will do O Holy Night at the 7:30 service. I am looking for some special music for the 5pm service.

Carl is playing 12/10 and Margaret is playing 12/31 and 1/14. Carl is also tentatively scheduled for Feb. 18, first Sunday in Lent as I am out of town.

### **Fellowship/Evangelism Committee**

No meeting in November.



**Property Management and Technology Cm: (Marion)**

Report for Thursday, December 7, 2023

**Members Present:** Mike, Dave, Don, Marion**Items of interest**

- Discussion on needed tree removal for the SW part of our property that borders on a housing area. Need an arborist to identify the trees that need to be taken down.
- Reviewed the property annual report that Mike wrote up, thanks Mike.
- Another look needs to be taken to repair the leak in the narthex.
- Having problems with the response from AAA Pest control. If it doesn't improve, we will be looking at hiring a new contractor.
- Will install a new door lock for education building through the Faith Café.
- Batteries will need to be replaced in the combination door lock for the main building every two weeks for the time being.

**Stewardship Committee: (Karen)**

Report for Thursday, November 16, 2023

**Committee Members:** Cheryl, Kristin, Karen, Johanna, Laurie**Members Present:** All present**Items of interest**

- 4th Quarter Benevolences: Corner of Love – 60%, Street Youth Ministries – 20% Washington State University, Lutheran Campus Ministry – 20%
- Giving Tree is up in the narthex. Donations need to be returned, unwrapped, by December 17.
- Committee worked on changes to the list of Designated Benevolences for 2024 Budget, which were forwarded to the Budget Committee.

**Action items for Council**

- Approve 4th quarter Undesignated Benevolences.

**Worship and Music Committee: (Melanie)**

Report for Tuesday, December 5, 2023

**Committee Members:** Melanie, Evelyn, Margaret, Carl, Pat, Debora, Sonya, Joanne, Pastor Kelly Westlund**Members Present:** All except Carl. Guest = Mark**Items of interest**

- We discussed Pastor Kelly's Installation. It is slated for January 13th at 1pm.
- Mark will contact LCMC officials and those pastors who served us in the interim. Others from Pastor Kelly's church and local pastors will also be invited.
- When asked about her installation, she wanted to include the hymn "In Christ Alone". Debora, Sonya, and Pat will put the program together consulting Pastor Kelly, of course!
- Carl is arranging the Bells to be played and Debora is arranging other special music for Sundays through the installation on January 13th, 2024.
- Hymns for January 2024 through Transfiguration Sunday February 11th are tentatively selected.
- The Children's Christmas Program will be 12/17/23 with dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 16, 2023.
- Liturgy will change to Reclaim Setting 1 (Ylvisaker) on December 31st last used in late 2021. That will be used until Lent.
- The new projector/screen is on back order. This was funded by an anonymous donor.

**Youth and Family Ministries Committee: (Steve)**

Report for Wednesday, December 6, 2023

**Committee Members:** Beth, Mrs. Marion, Jenise, Lisa, Brian, Steven. Guest: Pastor Kelly Westlund**Members Present:** All of the above**Items of interest**

- Brian has joined Youth and Family Ministries Committee and will serve as chair in 2024.
- Weekly attendance at Sunday School has been more variable from week to week than previous month.
- Advent Celebration and Lutherhaven Fundraiser on Dec. 2 was successful and received positive comments.
- Music With Margaret: Working on songs and hand chimes for Christmas program
- Christmas Program Rehearsal with costumes: December 16: 10:00 – 11:30
- Pastor Kelly, Brian, Lisa and Steve in discussion about redesigning Confirmation program to make it more relevant to students & Zion. More to come.
- Pastor Kelly will be assuming greater role in confirmation in 2024, allowing Brian more opportunities with Adult Ed.
- NEW Zion Roots Youth Ministry Starting in January, Grades 2 – 12, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., including dinner, Bible games, Bible study, and learning a new skill
- Lutherhaven Gift Wrapping Fundraiser: December 16th: 12:00 – 2:00
- No Sunday School 12/24, 12/31, and 1/7. We will return on 1/14.
- Family Movie Nights – first Friday of each month; Fellowship Hall @ 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

~Pat, Council Secretary

**Trust Committee (report submitted by Charlene)**Council Report from Trust Cm as of: **November 2023 - CASH ON HAND**

	Non-Spendable	Available	Fund
	Principal	Interest	Total
<b>Endowment Funds- Cash</b>			
Zion Endowment	176,757.73	52,372.53	229,130.26
N. Matson Endowment	41,448.78	26,278.05	67,726.83
Wivag Endowment	1,815.17	1,273.87	3,089.04
Zgolinski Endowment	17,108.90	415.14	17,524.04
Subtotal	237,130.58	80,339.59	317,470.17
<b>Other Individual Trust Funds</b>			
General Fund Holding Account			2.08
Pastor Housing Equity Account			-
Memorial Fund			34,789.70
Good Samaritan Fund			6,083.01
Organ/Piano Fund			2,409.98
Subtotal			43,284.77
<b>Trust Funds Total Cash and Certificates of Deposit</b>			<b>360,754.94</b>
<b>Note Receivable (loaned to General Fund)</b>			
Zion Endowment			88,918.44
N. Matson Endowment			26,154.54
Wivag Endowment			1,184.83
Zgolinski Endowment			10,861.08
Subtotal			127,118.89
<b>Total Trust Fund Assets</b>			<b>487,873.83</b>
All P & I payments are current.			
Interest received in current month was \$428.30 and Principal \$1,371.02 (including extra prin. of \$628.00)			
Interest due for December is \$423.73 and Principal of \$747.59. Total \$1,171.32			

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## Worship Service Notes for January 2024

Service of the Word	Baptism of Our Lord Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
<i>Epiphany</i>	January 7, 9am	January 14, 9am	January 21, 9am	January 28, 9am
Confession of Sins				
Absolution				
Opening Hymn	WOV 690 "Shall We Gather at the River"	LBW 494 "Jesus Calls Us; O're the Tumult"	ELW 661 "I Love to Tell the Story"	LBW 84 "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" vs. 1, 3, 5
Kyrie / Hymn of Praise	Lord Have Mercy	Lord Have Mercy	Lord Have Mercy	Lord Have Mercy
Salutation; Prayer of Day	Gloria in Excelsis	Gloria in Excelsis	Gloria in Excelsis	Gloria in Excelsis
First Lesson	Genesis 1:1-5	1 Samuel 3:1-20	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalms	Psalms 29	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18	Psalms 62:5-12	Psalms 111
Second Lesson	Acts 19:1-7	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia	Alleluia	Alleluia	Alleluia
Gospel	Mark 1:4-11	John 1:43-51	Mark 1:14-20	Mark 1:21-28
Sermon				
Sermon Hymn	WOV 693 "Baptized in Water"	LBW 503 "Oh Jesus, I Have Promised"	WOV 649 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"	LBW 90 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"
Prayers of the Church				
Apostles' Creed				
Offering / Response	LBW 82 vs. 1, 3	LBW 82 vs. 1, 3	LBW 82 vs. 1, 3	LBW 82 vs. 1, 3
Service of the Sacrament				
Communion Hymn	LBW 75 "Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"	LBW 406 "Take My Life, that I May Be"	LBW 203 "Now We Join in Celebration"	WOV 706 "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"
Thanksgiving / Benediction				
Closing Hymn	ELW 677 "This Little Light of Mine"	LBW 403 "Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak"	WOV 650 "We Are Marching in the Light of God"	LBW 242 "Let the Whole Creation Cry"
Dismissal				

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**Sunday Morning Schedule**

All Church Worship - 9:00 am  
*(also continues to be Live Streamed)*

**In Jesus Christ we ...  
REJOICE in God's Grace,  
RENEW through God's Word and  
REACH OUT to serve others,  
... all to the Glory of God!**

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**February Horizon Deadline:  
Monday, January 15th**

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