

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR . . .

Gratitude

By Pastor Kelly

I've been here at Zion Lutheran for about six months now, possibly the busiest six months I've had in several years! I moved here from the Tri-Cities into an apartment in November 2023, started getting to know the Zion church family, jumped right into Advent and the Christmas season, bought a new home, finished my MDiv studies, moved from apartment to house, started unpacking and settling in at my new house, journeyed through Lent and Easter with Zion, and now in a few days (as of this writing) we will get to celebrate together my formal installation as the pastor here at Zion. Whew! That's a LOT of change in a short amount of time. I'm so grateful for all the people, new friends and old, here and in the Tri-Cities and beyond, who have so generously helped, encouraged, supported and prayed for me over these last few months.

Even so, it hasn't been all been easy. There have been times when I'm just exhausted from having to focus on so many things, and even learn how to get from one place to another in a new town. There have been times when I'm discouraged because there just doesn't seem to be enough time in a day for everything that needs to be done. There are times when I'm sad, missing my friends and my family that are back in my old "hometown." And, though I've grown a great deal in the last few years when it comes to accepting and dealing with change, it's still hard for me sometimes and I want to grind in my heels and refuse to go forward for a little while until I can come to terms with it all.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 tells us: *Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*






Almost seems impossible, doesn't it? To be joyful always? There are days when joy seems terribly far away. Plus, we're so busy, how could we possibly pray continually? And aren't there some circumstances in which gratitude is the last thing we feel? So why in the world would God's will for us be to give thanks in circumstances in which we'd rather throw a tantrum like a toddler, or hide in the dark under the covers in our beds?

Ann Voskamp, author of *1000 Gifts*, writes: Gratitude is not only a response to God in good times - it's ultimately the very will of God in hard times. Gratitude isn't only a celebration when good things happen. It's a declaration that God is good no matter what happens.

We can choose how we will respond to the change or difficult times of our lives. We can choose to be grumpy, we can choose to fuss, we can choose to become bitter...or we can choose to be grateful, remembering that God is always present, and he is always good. Our gratitude may not make our situation better or even different, but it will help us to grow closer to God, and recognize his faithfulness. So take some time today to pray and thank God for how he is at work in your life – for the people he has surrounded you with, for the love and encouragement and support you receive, and yes, even for the days that are a little harder than others.



HIGHLIGHTS

-  **Sundays May 5, 12, 19, 26** Worship - In Person (Coffee Hour follows) and Live Streamed, 9:00am
 -  **Sundays May 5, 19** "I Am a Church Member" class, 3:30pm
 -  **Sunday May 12** Mother's Day - Thank you, Moms!
 -  **Friday May 10** Family Movie Night, 6pm
 -  **Thursday May 9** Zion Roots Youth, 5pm
- Office Closed: Monday May 27 - Memorial Day**

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YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Sunday School Education for All Ages

Our last day for Sunday School Education Hour before Summer Break is May 19th. That day there will be an end-of-the-school year party for Preschool, Elementary and Confirmation.



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

We welcome all adults to come join us Sundays as we finish out our discussion around "Sermon on the Mount". Join us as we grow in our faith in God and in each other over a hot cup of coffee and tasty snack.

Next Classes: **May 5th, 19th**

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



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

Next Classes: **May 5th, 19th**



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

We are taking registration forms for our High School Bible study on Sunday mornings at 10:30am. Once we are able to get a good number, we will be starting a series on the book "The Jesus I wish I knew in High School". Until then, High Schoolers are welcome to join Adult Education (see info above). Registration forms are on zionkent.org under forms.

Middle School: Confirmation - in Hollywood 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: **May 19th**



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: **May 5th, 19th**

(Sunday Education info continues in next column)→



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.



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: **May 14th, 12:30pm**



Reminder

Reminders from Zion's Office

Please contact the office if:

- ◆ You would like a Bulletin, the Horizon Newsletter 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, 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: **May 5th, 19th**

+ 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 are looking forward to starting Season 4! Once we have a date of when it is available to stream, we will start our Bible Study back in the Fellowship Hall. Keep an eye out for our return!

Contact: Lisa Lord, llord@zionkent.org

Next Bible Study: **TBD - See you soon!!!!**

Bible Study - Acts

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

We continue our study of the Book of Acts in the New Testament. Come explore the Bible with us!

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

Next Bible Study: **May 1st & 15th, 9:30am**

Lifelight Bible Study

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

We continue our study of the book of Ephesians. We look forward to gathering as a group, making new friends, and returning to our study of the Bible. New to Zion or to Bible study? We'd love to have you join us.

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

Next Bible Study: **May 2nd & 16th, 9:30am**

Thirsty Theologians

3rd Wednesday of month, 5:30pm

Location: TBD

All are welcome to join us as we go into chapter 11: the Tabernacle in Exodus. We look forward to seeing you there!

Contacts: Debora or Church office, 253-631-0100.

Next Bible Study: **May 15th, 5:30pm**



NEW CLASS - "I Am a Church Member"
Sunday afternoons, 3:30pm
May 5th and 19th

Join Pastor Kelly and Lisa Lord as we talk through Chapters 5 and 6 in "I am a Church Member". We discuss what it means to be a church member and how we can best serve others! All are welcome. You can get a book in the office or ask Lisa Lord or Pastor Kelly.

Family Movie Night

Friday May 10th, 6pm - Fellowship Hall

Bring the whole family to our May FMN as we watch "Emperor's New Groove" rated G. Join us as we follow a young and self-centered Emperor Kuzco as he gets transformed into a llama and tries to get back to the palace before the devious diva Yzma takes the throne. Bring kids, grandkids, or yourself!



TAKE NOTE - about Church building Access:

If you need access to the main building for a meeting or activity outside of office hours, please call the church office in advance to make arrangements. We hope to have the door fixed soon. When having a meeting or activity at the church please make sure that all doors are locked or monitored during your time here.



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.



****NEW Zion Roots Youth Ministry NEW****

Thursday May 9th, 5pm-7 in Fellowship Hall

We will be doing our last Youth Group until the start of the new School year. We begin with a meal, followed by grade level Bible study. We will then do a fun Mother's Day project with Jill! You don't want to miss it! All 2nd-12th graders are welcome. Please register at zionkent.org

Next Zion Roots: **May 9th, 5pm - 7pm**

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS (CONTINUED)

Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars



Garden tour and Art Show—June 1 & 2

Keep watch for more details, coming soon!



Zion Summer Camp
June 24th - June 27th
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

It's that time of year where we start planning our

annual Summer Camp! This takes a lot of volunteers to run. If you are available to help, please reach out to Lisa Lord!

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 (**except Entry and Hallway lights), and all doors are secured. 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.

*****PLEASE NOTE:** Entry and Hallway lights are to be left on at night from now on for security reasons.

>Church building access: You may have noticed that the door code pad on the hallway door into the main building is currently not working. If you need access to the main building for a meeting or activity outside of office hours, please contact the office ahead of time to make arrangements. Otherwise, please plan to come during office hours for any errands you may have here. We hope to have the door code pad fixed soon.

>Zion has contracted with a local towing company to help with towing vehicles that may be left or abandoned in our parking lot for extended periods of time. Towing will be at the owner's expense. If for any reason you need to leave your car here overnight or longer, please be sure to contact the church office so that it will not be towed.

>If you have any questions, please contact the office. *Ever in His grip, Pastor Kelly (on > items)*

Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE: Bulk mailing of the Horizon monthly newsletter was discontinued as of February 1, 2024.

So, how does one view the Horizon monthly newsletter: The Horizon is available to be received by Email or can be viewed on Zion's Website. Should these options not work for you, there will be some printed copies available in the church narthex for you to pick up. Please contact the church office for more help.







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.)



Please go to www.zionkent.org to see Zion's improved web site and up-to-date calendar of events!



+ REACH OUT TO SERVE OTHERS . . .

Vine Maple Place ‘Meals-in-a-bag’ supplies are very low. There is no need for you to cook! 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 or 425-432-2119 x104



Backpack Buddies: We are happy to announce our partnership with Covington Storehouse in helping local elementary schools. We will be helping Jenkins Creek Elementary in Covington. Every Thursday, a volunteer will pack up all the food for the kids to take home on Friday who do not have enough food at home. The school is currently helping 27 kids with the goal of 30 kids each week! These kids will have enough food for the weekend because of your support! If you would like to donate, please scan this QR code or email Lisa at JCBackpackbuddies@gmail.com



Zion’s Mission Quilting



On Sunday April 28th, Mission Quilting dedicated to God’s glory the 200 quilts on display in Zion’s Sanctuary along with an additional 40 baby quilts. We thank all whose hard work and dedication have made these beautiful quilts a reality. We appreciate the continued financial support of Zion’s undesignated benevolence fund for shipping costs, individual donors and ZLCW for gifts of money and/or supplies. A big thank you to those who showed up every Monday morning from January to April as well as those who sewed at home. Also, health kits were assembled by the Ruth Rachel circle and 192 of these Health kits will be shipped along with the quilts.

ZLC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 9, 2024 (con’t)

Council Report from Trust Cm as of: **March 31, 2024 - CASH ON HAND**

	Non-Spendable	Available	Fund
	Principal	Interest	Total
Endowment Funds- Cash			
Zion Endowment	181,033.90	52,190.02	233,223.92
N. Matson Endowment	43,492.31	26,883.71	70,376.02
Schack Endowment	2,731.38	466.27	3,197.65
Wivag Endowment	17,099.09	1,300.84	18,399.93
Zgolinski Endowment	100,316.93	521.37	100,838.30
Subtotal	344,673.61	81,362.21	426,035.82
Other Individual Trust Funds			
General Fund Holding Account			2.08
Pastor Housing Equity Account			-
Memorial Fund			35,318.55
Good Samaritan Fund			5,639.14
Organ/Piano Fund			2,434.62
Subtotal			43,394.39
Trust Funds Total Cash and Certificates of Deposit			469,430.21
Note Receivable (loaned to General Fund)			
Zion Endowment			83,744.10
N. Matson Endowment			24,632.56
Wivag Endowment			1,115.87
Zgolinski Endowment			10,229.07
Subtotal			119,721.60
Total Trust Fund Assets			589,151.81
All P & I payments are current.			
Interest due for April is \$399.07 and Principal of \$772.25= \$1,171.32.			
Additional principal received in March was \$813.00.			

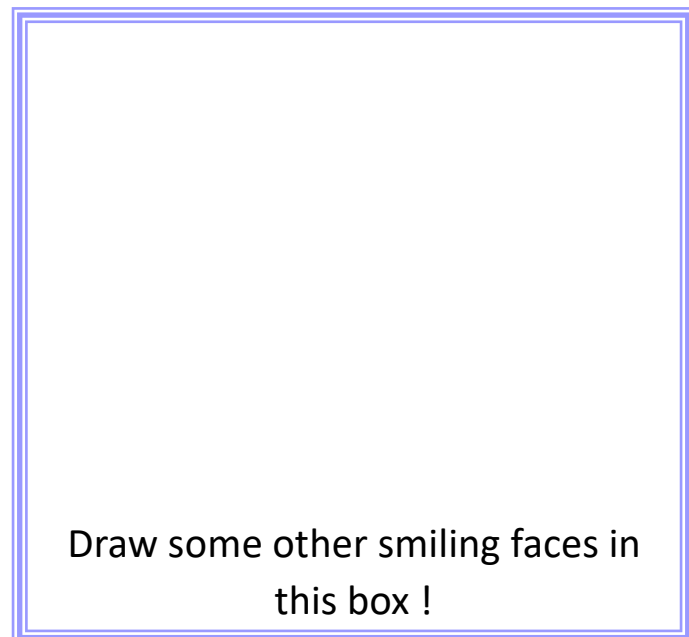


WITH JOY AND THANKSGIVING WE OFFER OUR TIME AND OUR TREASURES . . .

Week Ending	3/31/2024	4/7/2024	4/14/2024	4/21/2024	4/28/2024	Year to Date
General Fund	\$6,252.50	\$8,530.75	\$4,480.50	\$8,574.00	\$4,622.00	\$110,668.98
Required for Budget	\$8,329.88	\$8,329.88	\$8,329.88	\$8,329.88	\$8,329.88	\$141,608.04
Excess/(Shortfall)	(2077.38)	200.87	(3849.38)	244.12	(3707.88)	(30939.06)
Designated Offerings:						
Building Fund	\$250.50	\$269.00	\$100.50	\$3.00	\$218.00	
Gifts	\$516.50	\$198.00	\$864.00	\$28.00	\$273.00	\$5,482.44
Rent				\$690.00		\$4,170.00
Facility Use, Utilities		\$500.00				\$2,500.00
Holiday, Special						\$0.00
Reimbursements	\$36.00	\$11.70			\$1,503.21	\$3,246.62
Total Designated	\$803.00	\$978.70	\$964.50	\$721.00	\$1,994.21	\$15,399.06
Total Deposits:	\$7,055.50	\$9,509.45	\$5,445.00	\$9,295.00	\$6,616.21	\$126,068.04
Trust Fund Income						
Memorials	\$100.00					\$150.00
Loan interest				\$399.07		\$1,647.23
Good Samaritan						\$0.00
Other Trust			\$688.50	\$772.25		\$107,662.99
Total Trust Income:	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$688.50	\$1,171.32		\$109,460.22
Bank Interest Income:						\$411.67

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY:

Connect the dots. Then color the picture. Who is smiling at you?



+ REJOICE IN GOD'S GRACE . . .



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

From: Street Youth Ministries.....	\$495.57
From: Seattle's Union Gospel Mission (KentHope)	\$495.57
From: Pacific Lutheran University.....	\$102.35
From: Vine Maple Place	\$358.21
From: World Mission Prayer League.....	\$255.87

Dear Pastor,

Thank you for your gift of frozen food given on Jan. 3, Feb. 5, and March 5 (KentHope). We are so fortunate and grateful to have friends like you, who give of their own resources to help others. I'm truly grateful to know you are standing with us. I can't thank you enough!

Standing together,
Scott Chin, President - Union Gospel Mission

Dear Sunday School Students and helpers,

Thank you so much for leading Zion in Worship on April 21 with your choir. It was so wonderful seeing and hearing you worship our God in joyful song! What a lovely addition to our Sunday Worship Service. Thanks again!



Congratulations!

Congratulations on your Baptism, Cooper, son of Jared and Stephanie on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. (Sponsors: Lauren and Chase)

Congratulations, Pastor Kelly Westlund upon your installation as lead pastor of Zion Lutheran Church. Thanks be to God!

Congrats to Zion: Thank you for being such an important organization in our community. From January 1 to March 31, 2024 you have had 20 households participate in the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program and earn for us \$28.21 in total donations for our church. ~Community Rewards Staff Way to go, Zion!

If you have a family member that could be recognized for something special, please submit a ready to publish brief article to: office@zionkent.org by the Horizon deadline, which is the 15th of each month. As space permits, these articles will be published in the Horizon's "Congratulations" Section!

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.

Help us keep our Free Pantry (next to Education building) filled by bringing in quick shelf stable items (boxed dinners, snacks items, rice, pasta, boxed juices, etc.) for people to take as they need. (no canned items at this time)

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 you see doing that job to learn more!



Volunteers needed for upcoming Youth and Family activities: Contact - llord@zionkent.org

† **Summer Camp Volunteers**

† **Zion Roots Youth Ministry (helpers)**

YOU Can Help!

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 9, 2024

Council Members for 2024

Mark Sally	President Treasurer; Flsp/Evan	Linda Steve	VP/Personnel Secretary
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Melanie Karen Joan Jill	Worship & Music Stewardship Fellowship & Evangelism Worship & Music	Lynn Brian Nancy George	TBD Youth & Family Property/Tech Technology
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Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm by President Mark.

Present: Jill, Mark, Karen, Linda, Joan, Sally, Nancy, George, Steven, Pastor Kelly Westlund **Excused Absences:** Melanie, Brian

Guests: Richard, Tim

Devotions provided by Joan. (Devotions in May: Jill)

MSP to approve March 2024 minutes

Treasurer's report for March 2024:

	For the month	Year-to-date
Operating Income	\$ 39,026.45	\$ 88,638.26
Operating Expenses	\$ 34,507.06	\$ 100,785.31
Excess (shortfall)	\$ 4,519.39	(\$ 12,147.05)

Old Business – approved motions in **bold-face type**

1. Welcome Lynn to council!
2. Contract and Salary Updates
 - a. Contracts were completed by April 2
 - b. Paul is going to contact Andrew about his future plans. Paul also said he will get signatures on the new contracts.
 - c. Performance reviews will follow signatures on new contracts.
 - d. Mark will follow-up with Paul regarding getting the contracts signed so reviews can move forward.
 - e. A member from Property Committee will need to meet with Pat to review her contract; it has been a long time since her contract has been updated.
3. The LCMC NW District Board meets on April 11th for Zion's acceptance into the local district.
4. Door lock update
 - a. New lock has been ordered; will look the same as previous lock
 - b. New codes will be issued once installed
 - c. Marion and Paul will install lock, and then alarm system will be turned back on.
5. Rental property
 - a. The Property Committee is working with a property rental and management company to administer the rental of Zion's "small house". The management company would take care of advertising, rent collection, maintenance fees on rental property, vetting applicants, background checks, etc.
 - b. The plan is to have the house ready to rent by May 1.
 - c. **MSP to hire a property management company (Windemere Property Management) to oversee the management of our rental properties.**
6. Ideas for supporting the Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia– Stewardship has decided to add Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia to Zion's undesignated benevolence each quarter supporting Home of Hope program. (See motion below in New Business.)

New Business & Action Items - approved motions in **bold-face type**

1. Quarterly Report from Budget and Finance Committee (Tim and Dick) (See notes below)
2. **MSP to approve that a portion of the pastor's overall salary be used as a housing allowance.**
3. Information regarding Pastor Kelly's upcoming installation.
 - a. Mark sent out invitations and over 80 have RSVP'd so far
 - b. A regular worship service with some extra components: guest pastors will process in, choir will sing, a rite of installation, Jill will serve as liturgist
4. Reminder regarding keeping church facilities (ex: kitchen) clean and organized after use- Any committee or group that uses the kitchen should leave clean and organized. (for example: all dishes need to be washed; counters should be wiped down, items put away where they belong, etc.)

5. MSP to Approve recipients for 1st Quarter undesignated benevolence:

- a. **LWR Quilt Shipping Fund 40%**
- b. **Lutheran Bible Translators 15%**
- c. **Lutherhaven 30%**
- d. **Tartu Academy of Theology Home of Hope (via Charity Lutheran Church in North Dakota) 15%**

Security Incident Reports: No incidents to report

Staff Reports

Pastor's Report (Kelly Westlund)

Items of interest – March 2024 Activities

- Pastoral Acts: Memorial service for Richard 4/23/24; Baptism of Cooper on 4/31/24.
- Visitation: It was a slow month for visitation – one in hospital, one in office. Now that Lent and Holy Week are over, I will look forward to making more visits in April.
- Worship: Sunshine Mountain Sunday, on March 17, turned out to be such a wonderful service. Many thanks to everyone for your heartfelt welcoming of the families and children from SSM. It was fun to hear the children sing and fun to have so many families worship with us that morning.
- Lent/Holy Week/ Easter Worship: We had fairly consistent attendance over the five weeks of Lent Worship, and it was just a joy to use the Holden Evening Prayer service each week.
 - Likewise, Holy Week and Easter services went very well. It was wonderful to have so many friends and family join us throughout the week, and especially for the Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, and at both services on Easter morning.
- Confirmation: Steve, Patti, Lisa L., and I met with the students on March 17 to train them as acolytes. It will be exciting to have our students serve at worship services in this way in the future! I'm thankful for their willingness to participate.
- I'm looking forward to joining Lisa in facilitating a discussion of the book, "I Am A Church Member" beginning on April 7 on Sunday afternoons. We are also discussing adding another group time for this study on a weekday morning very soon.
- I finished my MDiv studies at Fuller Theological Seminary this month, and I'm excited to participate in Commencement in June. I'm working on setting up the last two classes required by the LCMC for certification and hope to have those finished in the next couple of months.
- I'm happily anticipating celebrating with Zion at my upcoming Installation service at the end of April!

Church Musicians (Debora Mackey)

- Hymns have been selected and liturgy changes have been made through Trinity Sunday 5/26.
- Pastor Kelly's Installation service will be the April 27th. Special music is being planned and the service is pretty well planned.
- The Sunday School kids will be singing at service on April 21st.
- Sundays and Seasons license has been renewed.
- I am out of town April 9-16. Margaret will be covering for me on Sunday 3/14 service and also choir rehearsal on 4/10.

Committee Reports

Personnel Committee (Linda)

Committee Members: Steve, Paul, Susan, Marion, Sonya

(Linda Council VP)

Members Present: all present

Items of interest

- Contracts were corrected and are ready for signatures
- Checking with Andrew to see if he will be staying on as streaming tech

Action items for Council

- Make sure that contracts are signed by all employees



Stewardship Committee: (Cheryl)

Committee Members: Cheryl, Karen, Kris, Johanna, George & Laurie
 Members Present: Cheryl, George, Kris & Laurie

Items of interest

- Discussed Undesignated Benevolence
- Decided to add Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia to our undesignated benevolence each quarter supporting Home of Hope program

Action items for Council

- Approve recipients of undesignated benevolence
 - LWR Quilt Shipping Fund 40%
 - Lutheran Bible Translators 15%
 - LutherHaven 30%
 - Tartu Academy of Theology Home of Hope 15%

Fellowship/Evangelism Committee (Pat)

Committee Members: Evelyn, Joan (President), Brian, Lisa, Pat (Secretary), Pat, Carl, Sally, George, Bob
 Members Present: All but Brian, Lisa Lord & Pat

Item of Interest:

The committee met briefly to finalize plans for the Easter breakfast. Donations will be used for Lutherhaven. Some of the youth will assist with the serving.

Action Items for Council: None

Worship and Music Committee: (Melanie)

Committee Members: Melanie, Evelyn, Jill, Margaret, Carl, Pat, Debora Mackey, Sonya, Joanne, Pastor Kelly Westlund
 Members Present: All the above except Sonya

Guest: Mark

Items of interest

- Communion Assistants, Ushers, Readers and hymns are all taken care of through May.
- It was discussed that communion would take place during Pastor Kelly's installation. Margaret will take care of getting servers and she would ask Richard to make sure he had enough ushers for the event.
- Mark asked Pat about the reception and they agreed to "shake it up" (meaning to make it special!)
- Reservations are necessary for the installation to have enough food. Mark was going to make sure his email regarding this got to everyone intended. (It can be done on the church website.)
- The personnel committee has drawn up new contracts reflecting the raises received at the annual meeting.

Action items for Council: None

Property Management and Technology Committees:

Technology: In attendance: Don, Jenise, Carl, Brian, George, Kent, and Andrew.

- The Ted Brown Music bid was submitted to the Trust Committee and was waiting for word back from them. Next meeting to discuss with Trust will be April 10th
- Don will confirm with Sally how much money is in the Tech savings account for the purpose of microphone adjustment.
- Lori's office computer and email back up were discussed. It was decided that Don and Brian would check that out. We also discussed the possible need to hire someone to maintain our computers, now that Richard is no longer with us, and whether to turn our email over to New Tech Web. It was decided to wait and see if that is necessary. We may be able to handle most issues with our present committee members.
- No new progress on the Ed building phone or LED sign.
- Next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday April 18th, 2024.

Property: In attendance: Marion, Mark, Don, Mike, Dave, Nancy

Items of interest

- Hot Water above computer closet has been disconnected
- Door into Faith Café sagging
- Doors and locks still in progress
- Education Building need to remove drinking fountain - plugged
- Rental House – Painting and replace appliances. Looking into possible using a property manage company for rentals
- Possible mic replacement

Action items for Council: None



Youth and Family Ministries Committee: (Steven)

Committee Members: Lisa Lord, Mrs. Marion, Brian (chair), Beth, Jenise, Steven (Sec)

Members Present: Lisa Lord, Brian, Beth, Jenise, Steven, Pastor Kelly Westlund

Items of interest

- Family Movie Night – it's growing! 18 kids: 3 Zion families, 3 families from community, 4 families from SSM
- Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza (3/24/24): 20+ kids. Possibly on a Saturday next year? Could do it the Saturday before Easter?
- Easter - Lutherhaven attendees served during Easter Breakfast (collected \$416 to support students for Lutherhaven)
- Confirmation: 3 in attendance
- Adult Education: 10-12 attendance; Continuing series of Sermon on the Mount
- Sunday School Elementary: 4-6 attendance; Preschool: 2 attendance
- Music With Margaret: Preparing to sing during service on 4/21
- Zion Roots Youth Group (3/21/24): 6 kids
- Upcoming Zion Roots Sessions
 - April 18, 5pm-7pm: Theresa will do an art project
 - May 9, 5pm-730pm: Jill will do a Mother's Day project
 - No sessions in June, July, and August
- The Chosen - Will start in Fall 2024 with Season 4.
- "I Am a Church Member" class starts 4/7 with Lisa L and Pastor Kelly. 6 week series on book. Chapter each Sunday
- Zion Summer Camp (formerly known as VBS) - Changing name to Summer Camp to reduce confusion on what VBS means. Starting to recruit volunteers; June 24-27, 5pm-8pm
- Brian Lord will bring idea of bringing back attendance cards to Evangelism and Fellowship. Now that we are having more visitors, we need a way to gather contact info.

Action items for Council: None

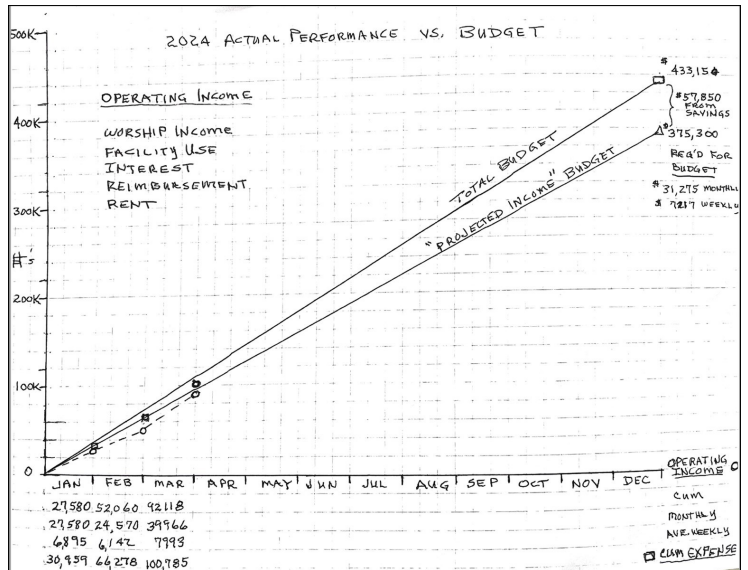
Finance and Budget Committee (Special Quarterly Report)

Presentation by Tim on 2024 Actual Performance vs. Budget. (See diagram included.)

Upshot: Our income is not meeting our expenses so far in 2024. If this continues, we will need to address the discrepancy.

Richard explained our various sources of income for the church for 1st quarter 2024.

Both Richard and Tim fielded questions about the budget, giving, rental income, etc.



Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:06 p.m.
 Respectfully Submitted, April 8, 2024
 Steven, Secretary

Trust Committee (report for March 31, 2024 submitted by Charlene) will be found on Pg 5.

+ RENEW THROUGH GOD'S WORD . . .

Worship Service Notes for May 2024				
Service of the Word	Sunday	Sunday	Day of Pentecost Sunday	Holy Trinity Sunday
<i>Easter</i>	May 5, 9am	May 12, 9am	May 19, 9am	May 26, 9am
Confession of Sins				
Absolution				
Opening Hymn	WOV 742 "Come, We That Love the Lord"	LBW 157 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"	LBW 161 "O Day Full of Grace"	LBW 522 "Come, Thou Almighty King"
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	Acts 10:44-48	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Acts 2:1-21	Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm	Psalm 98	Psalm 1	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Psalm 29
Second Lesson	1 John 5:1-6	1 John 5:9-13	Romans 8:22-27	Romans 8:12-17
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia	Alleluia	Alleluia	Alleluia
Gospel	John 15:9-17	John 17:6-19	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	John 3:1-17
Sermon				
Sermon Hymn	LBW 492 "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"	LBW 364 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"	WOV 680 "O Spirit of Life"	LBW 535 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"
Prayers of the Church				
Apostles' Creed				
Offering / Response	LBW 409 vs. 1, 2	LBW 409 vs. 1, 2	LBW 409 vs. 1, 2	WOV 760 vs. 1
Service of the Sacrament				
Communion Hymn	LBW 518 "Beautiful Savior"	LBW 200 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"	WOV 684 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"	LBW 400 "God, Whose Almighty Word"
Thanksgiving / Benediction				
Closing Hymn	LBW 551 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"	WOV 801 "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"	"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"	LBW 165 "Holy, Holy, Holy"
Dismissal				
Church Services at Zion: In Person, Live Streamed and Recordings on YouTube				
Sunday Worship Services at 9am are live streamed on YouTube and held in-person. Please check our web page www.zionkent.org for any updates and links. You may Subscribe to our Youtube channel and/or join our Facebook group "Zion Lutheran Church Kent".				

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Sunday Morning Schedule

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**June Horizon Deadline:
Wednesday, May 15th**

To submit articles for the Horizon:
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REACH OUT to serve others,
... all to the Glory of God!**

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