

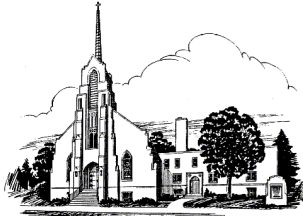


The Messenger



Experience God's Grace at Zion!

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Mission Statement of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

TO PUT THE LOVE OF JESUS INTO ACTION BY:
-
WORSHIPPING TOGETHER
-
TEACHING ALL GENERATIONS
-
WELCOMING DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS
-
AND
-
BUILDING COMMUNITY IN THE LYNDALE NEIGHBORHOOD.

FROM PASTOR META ...

February is almost here! I've spent much time the last few months reading this newsletter, talking to your partners in ministry, learning from former contextual education students, scouring the website and wandering through the call process documents. All of these things provide a window into your ministry and have given me good reason to be excited about February.

I am in awe of your scrappy joyfulness and your devotion to the Lyndale Neighborhood. I, too, am passionate about partnerships and working together for the greater good. You articulate your congregational vision best with the work of your hands, by reaching out beyond your walls and trusting God to lead the way. What a witness!

Soon I will be living among you asking for directions, learning your name, watching curiously and listening closely. I am already grateful to God for the many ways we will celebrate and be challenged, give thanks and grieve, doubt and believe while being held together in Christ.

Matt, Jasper and I are planning to attend the congregational meeting on Sunday, January 29 and my first day is Wednesday, February 1. It sounds like Wednesday is a great way to begin—I'll hit the ground running with the Lyndale Community Dinner and Recovery Worship.

I look forward to serving with you at Zion!

Peace and Joy, Meta Carlson

Important Upcoming Dates:

Pastor Carlson starts	February 1
Ash Wednesday	February 22
Daylight Saving time begins.....	March 11
ZOOM Gala	March 24
Palm Sunday	April 1
Maundy Thursday	April 5
Good Friday	April 6
Easter Sunday	April 8

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FROM PASTOR JOHN

Thank you and God bless.

Thank you for the opportunity to share in your life and mission these past fourteen months.

Thank you for your care, hospitality and openness to me and my family. Thank you for entrusting to me the opportunity to be your pastor. Thank you for your partnership in ministry.

Thank you for your farewell and sendoff.

God bless, as you continue together with Pastor Meta to carry out God's plans for ministry in and through Zion.

Pastor John

LUTHER SEMINARY NOTESby Patricia Kane, Zion Liaison

Upcoming events for the public:

- Lay school of Theology
Winter Session January 30—February 27; Spring Session March 19—April 16
Refer to the brochure on the Education bulletin board for course and registration information
- Seminar: "Walking Wet" — Saturday, February 11, 2012
Registration due February 8; \$30.00 per person. Brochure is posted on the Education bulletin board.
- Friends Spring Luncheon—April 14, 2012 Cost: \$25.00
- "Singing the Faith" - Reformation Sunday, October 28, 2012

For information about these offerings or for other seminary information, call 651-641-3419 or enter www.luthersem.edu.

Online Resources of Interest: [God Pause](http://www.luthersem.edu/godpause) daily e-mail devotions - www.luthersem.edu/godpause
[Bible Study—www.EnterThe Bible.org](http://www.EnterTheBible.org) [Preaching resource—WorkingPreacher.org](http://WorkingPreacher.org)

The Prayer Angel Corner Be an Angel. Light a candle. Say a prayer.

In each monthly Messenger we print a new set of prayers. We are grateful to Nancy Rogness and Cherish our Children for these prayers. I invite all of you to use these prayers for children this month.

Ages Birth—2 Years: Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that his/her parents will realize that through baptism they are all bonded together as one with Christ. May they ever feel Christ’s presence in their home. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Ages 3-5 Years: Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn to be a good friend, to share with others, and to enjoy his/her time with buddies. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Kindergarten—Grade 2: Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find support, love, and nurturing at the end of each day. Show this family, Lord, your love and how to love each others. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Grades 3-5: Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be in a school with good teachers, a good principal, and access to the best educational environment. Please provide the tools he/she needs to academically thrive. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Middle School years: Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find joy in reading. Lead him/her to good books that will inspire a hunger for knowledge. Much that is available for kids to watch can rob them of their identity as your children, so please guard him/her from negative influences. In Jesus’ name, amen.

High School Years: Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will defy peer pressure and stand up to injustices done to others, even if it makes them appear less “cool.” In Jesus’ name, amen.

Zion’s Church Council Members

- President/Congregational Life _____ Anne Ingvoldstad
 - Vice President/Outreach/Finance Gary Larsen
 - Secretary/Worship Tammy Fuentes
 - Worship Marilyn Nyberg
 - Worship Marge Cluckey
 - Learning _____
 - Property Roger Dokken
 - ZOOM House Liaison _____ Pastor Meta Carlson
 - Treasurer/Finance/Stewardship Carl Hendrickson
- (New Council members to be elected Jan 29, 2012, new officers to be elected 2/21)

Zion’s Staff

- Pastor Meta Carlson
- Interim Organist/Pianist Diane West/Beth Ringer
- Administrative Volunteer/Financial Secretary Deana Miller
- Lyndale Community Dinner Dietician and Chef Karen Blanchard
- Jan Pro Custodial Services Dwight Stewart

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The church office is open

10:00am –2:00pm

The Church office is closed on holidays.

Monday through Friday

In case of a pastoral emergency , please call Church office 612.824-1017 during office hours or contact

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FOLKS ARE TALKING ABOUT THE CARS IN ZION'S PARKING LOT.

They are talking specifically on how the cars are parked on Sundays, event times—including Wednesday dinners, etc.

The North parking lot is “designed” for two rows of cars ... the first car pulls up to the south edge of the parking lot—close to the old alley. That leaves room for a second row of cars behind them—with room to drive between the second row of cars and the cars parked in the Permit spots on the north border of the lot.

It seems some folks drive in and “plop” their car right smack dab in the middle of the lot—with no room in front of, or behind, for a second car.

We know the yellow lines have worn off—but we can't repaint them until it's warmer!

So ... for now ... let's all remember to park better—and make it more convenient for others to park.

Think about our visitors ... as well as the folks who come to Little Flock's service—they need space to park also.

Thanks!

DID YOU SEE THE SOUTHWEST JOURNAL? The December 26, 2011-January 8, 2012 issue featured the new ESL classes at Zion—on the front page even! If you look closely at the picture, you will recognize the Fireside Room. This class meets at 5:30pm every Tuesday and Thursday. The teacher is Erica Fulton, a new staff person for Lyndale Neighborhood Association. These classes are funded by a \$10,000 grant from University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs. Lots of volunteers help with the classes. They also provide child care for children 2 years to 6th grade. Zion's building is really hopping on these nights!

DO YOU READ THE LYNDALE NEIGHBORHOOD newspaper? Most months there is an article about Zion's activities.

CODFATHER T-SHIRTS! Get yours before they are gone!! They are navy blue, bright yellow letters that pronounce: KEEP YOUR FRIENDS CLOSE AND YOUR LUTEFISK CLOSER... A variety of sizes are available ... The price has been reduced for quick sale!

LYNDALE COMMUNITY DINNER in 2012 will increase community building events and educational opportunities. Watch for announcements of the events and workshops and participate! We will announce them as soon as details are available.

USHERS!

An important job during our Sunday morning worship services. Each Sunday an Usher Team assists with the flow of worship. There are four teams who work every fourth month. Team I, who served in January is short a few people. Can you help? May and September are their next assigned months. Let the office know if you can help. The 2012 Ushers Schedule will be mailed before February 1st to all ushers on the list. Thanks for ushering ... and thanks to those who have been “tapped on the shoulder” on a Sunday morning to help.

Were you at worship on Sunday, January 22nd? Did you notice the new banner? Did you recognize Zion's Mission Statement? It is hanging on the west wall in the Sanctuary....made by our own quilters—specifically Marilyn Nyberg and LuAnn Giles. Tell them THANKS!

HELP WITH THE COMMUNITY DINNER!

Our grant from LNA (Lyndale Neighborhood Association) has been reduced for 2012. Your help is needed! We are seeking financial gifts to help cover the costs. In 2011, special gifts from members & friends of Zion totaled about \$1300 (this is not the donations at the dinner!) which is almost half of what we should have raised. **In 2012 we must raise the full \$3,000 to cover costs!** This is an important outreach!

AUGUSTANA HEALTH CARE CENTER AUXILIARY MEETING AND PROGRAM—MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012

1:00pm Coffee and treats

1:30pm Music by Grace Notes Trio

Their music and humor will tickle your funny bone and touch your heart!

Everyone is Welcome!

Augustana Health Care Center

1007 East 14th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404

THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME FOR “CLEAN THE CHURCH” DAY!!!

Saturday, January 21st was the day we had set aside to clean up Zion’s nooks and crannies.

Our thanks to all who came to help with dusting, washing, straightening, etc, etc, etc, etc. Without many hands, not much would have been accomplished. Heritage Hall was cleaned, Banquet Room curtains washed, all chair seats washed!

Your work is appreciated!!!

FAIR TRADE COFFEE ... yes, we are still selling the various flavors of Fair Trade Coffee and Tea .. It just isn’t as visible as it used to be! You can still purchase it .. You just need to ask! Currently we have Hazel Nut Crème decaf; organic Ethiopian Full City, organic French Roast, Breakfast Blend Decaf, Café Salvador, Organic Gumatindo in coffee. The tea on hand is Organic Black tea, Organic Green tea, Organic Mint Green tea, Organic Roobos (Red Bush) tea and Organic Darjeeling tea. There are also a few bottles of Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil. We apologize for the inconvenience of storing the stock out of sight!

Augustana Home Coffee Shop Volunteers

Zion, as a corporate church member, provides volunteers to work in the Augustana Coffee Shop on every third Saturday of the month and on each fifth Wednesday of the month. Each time two people are needed—they need to be there @ 12:45pm, bringing a cake or some other treat. Darlene Carlson is doing the scheduling for Zion. If you can help—talk to Darlene. Thanks!!



**LYNDALE COMMUNITY
DINNER**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY AT
6:00 PM**

We invite you to come and share a meal with us! There is an average of 50 folks each Wednesday, some from the community, some from Zion, some from ZOOM ... it’s a great time of fellowship, getting to know our neighbors and good food! Karen, our LCD Nutritionist/Chef, plans the menus, does the shopping and works with the volunteers who show up around 4:45 to help set up and prepare the dinner. A free will offering (suggestion of \$3.00 per person) helps to cover the costs also. Homework Help begins at 5:00 pm each Wednesday.

FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 FIRST WEDNESDAY PASTOR META'S FIRST DAY 11:00am Bulletin Assembly 5:00 pm Homework Help 6:00pm—Lyndale Community DINNER 6:45 pm—Recovery	2 10:00AM Prayer Group 5:00pm Youth Farm 5:30pm ESL Classes	3 7:30pm Pillsbury AA Mtg (open)	4
5 9:00am Choir rehearsal 9:45am Nursery Opens 10:00am Worship & SS 10:30am Little Flock SS 11:00am Fellowship – lunch to welcome Pastor Meta 11:30am Little Flock 3:00 La Barca de Jesus	6 6:30 pm Worship Committee 6:30 pm Property Committee	7 9:00 AM Youth Farm 9:00am Quilters 10:00am Weekly Text Study 5:30 ESL classes	8 11:00am Bulletin Assembly 5:00 pm Homework Help 6:00pm—Lyndale Community DINNER 6:45 pm—Recovery Worship	9 10:00AM Prayer Group 3:30pm Learning Committee 5:00pm Youth Farm 5:30pm ESL Classes	10 10:00am ZOOM Staff Meeting 7:30pm Pillsbury AA Mtg. (open)	11 11:00am Little Flock Bible Study
12 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Finance Committee 9:45am Nursery Opens 10:00am Worship & SS 10:30am Little Flock SS 11:00am Fellowship 11:15am Learning/Sharing 11:30am Little Flock	13	14 9:00AM Youth Farm 9:00am Quilters 10:00am Text Study 5:30pm ESL classes 5:30pm Zion Executive Committee	15 11:00am Bulletin Assembly 5:00 pm Homework Help 6:00pm—Lyndale Community Dinner 6:45pm-Recovery Worship	16 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 10:00am Prayer Group 2:30pm ZOOM Food Distribution 5:00pm Youth Farm 5:30pm ESL classes	17 MPLS AREA SYNOD Shepherd of the 2:30 ZOOM Food Distribution 7:30pm Pillsbury AA Mtg. (open)	18 ASSEMBLY @ Lake, Prior Lake
19 ZOOM CAN DO! Sunday 9:00am Choir rehearsal 9:45am Nursery Opens 10:00am Worship & SS 10:30am Little Flock SS 11:00am Fellowship 11:15am-Learning/Sharing 11:30am Little Flock 3:00pm Le Barca de Jesus	20	21 9:00am Youth Farm 9:00am Quilters 10:00am Weekly Text Study 5:30pm ESL classes 7:00pm Zion Council	22 11:00am Bulletin & Messenger Assembly 5:00 Homework Help 6:00pm—Lyndale Community DINNER 6:45pm- Recovery Worship/Ash Wednesday Worship	23 10:00am Prayer Group 2:30—ZOOM Food Distribution 5:00pm—Youth Farm 5:30pm ESL classes 6:00pm ZOOM Executive Committee	24 2:30—ZOOM Food Distribution 7:30pm Pillsbury AA Mtg.	25 11:00am Little Flock Bible Study
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SUNDAY MORNING SERVANTS FEBRUARY 2012

If you're interested in serving, please sign up on the bulletin board outside Memorial Lounge, or contact the church office at 612-824-1017.

Date	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26	
Assisting Minister					
Communion Servers	Deana Miller TBD	Ethel Allardyce TBD	Stan Nelson TBD	TBD	
Communion Set-up/ Clean-up	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Greeters		Ethel Allardyce Peggy Stevenson	Beverly Carlson Darlene Carlson		
Lector/ Reader	Nedra Granquist	Alicia O'Neal	Bill Robbins	Debra Schloer	
Usher Team	Team 2	Team 2	Team 2	Team 2	
Nursery	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Sunday School	Anna Overbo	Carla Hofland	SueAnn Westphal	Anne Ingvoldstad	
Counters	Roger Dokken Carl Hendrickson	Roger Dokken Dick Snesrud	Roger Dokken Sharon Hendrickson	Roger Dokken Anna Overbo	
Fellowship Hour	Quilters Welcome Lunch for Pastor Meta	Worship	ZOOM Board	Choir	

WHAT DOES "TBD"? MEAN? It means no one has signed up yet! You can volunteer to serve at these times!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWS Deana Miller, Chair

This is truly a “working committee”! The first 45 minutes (or more) of each monthly meeting is spent working, doing tasks around Zion’s building. As mentioned last month, they always wipe all the railings in the building with Clorox wipes .. Reducing the germs to protect you!

They set up a cleaning day for Saturday, January 21st, and invited many and all in Zion’s family to come and help clean the church. There are spots that just don’t get cleaned often enough ... so a couple times a year we set up cleaning days. And are thankful for all who come to help.

The “rumor” was that there might be a leak in one of the pipes of the heating system so we have spent substantial time walking the pipelines (with the plumber) to check. Property folks emptied the big closet behind Door #4 to check for leaks. Nothing. Until the day they were putting away the Christmas trees and Dick discovered a wet extension cord! On further investigation, they found a leak in the connection of one of the radiators on the west wall of the Banquet Room. It was leaking down behind the piano which is why no one ever saw it! It is now fixed!! After shutting down and draining the system. Well, “fixed” is a stretch ... it just won’t leak there anymore! When the new furnace was put in, they checked, and double-checked all the pipes and connections as all the pipes/connections are old and it would not be a surprise if some leaked. We do check frequently for such things. What started it all was no hot water in the kitchen! Seems that was a multi-layered fluke—someone apparently drained the double hot water heaters!!!

Our dilemma was what to do with the metal double door cabinet our apartment tenant decided she didn’t want and left on the sidewalk outside. One evening a white panel truck pulled up, two guys jumped out, grabbed the cabinet, shoved it in the van, slammed the doors shut and drove off. (When they did that with the bench that sits along the north side of the building, Pastor John ran out and hollered at them to “bring it back!!” which they did.) I didn’t run after these guys!

The Property Committee members are Alden Anderson, Roger Dokken, Dale Mendenhall, Deana Miller, John and Norma Pietz and Dick Snesrud. More members are welcome! Come and join this active Committee!

REGARDING PASTORAL VISITS, HOSPITALS, AND CARE CENTERS—PLEASE CALL

Privacy rules are making it increasingly more difficult for churches to locate their members in hospitals and care centers. Consequently, if you or a family member would like to have a visit from a pastor or a pastoral visitation team member during a hospital stay, you must notify the church office. Or if you, or a family member, are moved to a care center, please call or e-mail the information to the church office. We want to stay in contact with you and continue our ministry of presence and prayer. Thank you. Pastor Meta



RECOVERY WORSHIP continues at 6:45 pm on Wednesdays in the Fireside Room. Pastor Meta begins on February 1st. This is Zion’s second service and is for all. Come for dinner at 6 and then stay for worship!

WEEKLY TEXT STUDY

TUESDAYS @ 10 AM

Zion’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study continues to meet at 10:00am every week in the Conference/ Education Room. Each week we take a look at the scripture readings for the coming Sunday. It is a wonderful time of fellowship and bible study. Join us! All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact the Church office at 612-824-1017 or parishadmin@zionchurchmpls.org.

THE LEARNING COMMITTEE—Patty Kane, Interim Chair

Learning and Sharing Forums through 2011 were informative, interesting and well-attended. The January 15, 2012 forum focused on Antiracism, led by Jan Philibert, Board member of the Minneapolis Area Synod Women of the ELCA. Jan's Mission Assignment for that organization is Antiracism. Her passion for the topic was evident in her presentation!

An Endowment Fund Report will be the Forum on February 12th and a ZOOM House Update will be on February 19th. At this time, a Bible Study Program is scheduled for March. Watch for Sunday bulletin announcements and the March Messenger for specific information.

The nursery will remain open for use during Sunday worship; staffing will be provided as necessary.

The monthly ZOOM CanDo! Outreach continues. January marked the fourth month of this program, with 64 pounds of food, diapers and household products donated on the third Sunday, January 15th.

Additional Prayer Angels are needed for the Prayer Angel Ministry. This ministry involves daily praying, anonymously, for an assigned child. Please contact Penny Werneke (or Deana in the Church Office) to become a prayer angel.

The committee thanks Pastor Manrodt for his participation in and contributions to the Learning Committee through the past 14 months. We are looking forward to working with Pastor Carlson.

In February, we plan to welcome an "official" chairperson to lead the Committee.

The committee members are Patty Kane, Interim Chair, Marge Cluckey, LuAnn Giles, Joan Konigson, Chuck Markkula, Deana Miller and Dick Snesrud.

DO YOU LOVE TO SIT DOWN WITH A GOOD BOOK?

Did you know that Zion's library—now located in the Memorial Lounge—has an assortment of books that you might like to borrow? Several folks have read (and returned) a series on settlers in the Red River Valley area ... there are a few books with stories about quilters, and the list goes on! There are also 'deep theological' books, other light reading ... just a variety. Some are "old" while others are pretty new. Stop and check them out! TIME magazine will continue to arrive weekly, thanks to a gift from a member.

DID YOU KNOW ZION SENDS OUT ALMOST 150 RECOVERY NEWSLETTERS EACH MONTH? In mid January the phone rang in the office about 6 pm one day. The person introduced herself as the pastor in a rural congregation in the Mpls Area Synod - her church receives the letter. She said that she appreciates receiving the letter, knowing there are members in her congregation (and others in the rural community) who are in need of the information in the letter. She posts it on the bulletin board for all to see ... people may be hesitant to ask for help... but can get info from the letter. She said IF the letter disappears, she knows that someone is sharing the info with someone who needs it! She THANKED us for sending it out ... and made a correction to their address to be sure they continue to receive it!

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial statements for the year 2011 were prepared and mailed mid-January. If you did not receive yours, talk to Deana. If the statement does not match your records, again talk to Deana. Gifts for altar flowers, for coffee purchases, poinsettias, lilies and mums do not get recorded on your giving statement.

If you did not pick up your box of offering envelopes, check in the office to pick it up.

Thanks for your financial support to Zion!

ZION IS AN ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY BUILDING

Several years back Zion's Council passed a motion that all items used within the building must be recyclable. That means NO Styrofoam cups or plates, etc.

The cups and plates Zion uses are recyclable and biodegradable! Even the silverware! We ask all groups who use our building to comply with this action also.

THANKS!

ZOOM HOUSE

ZOOM House (Zion Originated Outreach Ministries) is a transitional housing program located in the Lyndale neighborhood since 1997. ZOOM's mission is providing affordable housing for single parents moving from homelessness toward self-sufficiency. For more information check out www.thezoomhouse.org or call 612-825-2825.

Lots of things going on at ZOOM! There was a Safety meeting held at Zion for ZOOM residents—Amy Lavendar, police crime specialist from the Precinct, and Officer Jason Walters, who works part-time at ZOOM, along with staff (Anne, Dennis, Gracie, Amanda) all participated. Good attendance by the residents! Lots of good tips! P.T.O. started again—that is Parents Time Off ... Bethlehem moms come to Zion and take care of the kids while the ZOOM moms enjoy three hours off! Neat program. They play games, do crafts and have lunch. ZOOM residents are using the Zion Food Shelf... in two days, three moms each received two full shopping bags of items from the Food Shelf. One mom (a first time food shelf user) stood there—what can I have? She was surprised when she was told—two bags full of what ever you want!! Thanks to all who give to ZOOM CanDo.. It is appreciated!!! One thing we don't have a supply of—sanitary napkins/tampons. The ZOOM GALA PLANNING COMMITTEE is meeting regularly to make plans for a spectacular event. Saturday, March 24th is the date—the theme is “SEE THE MAGIC! BE THE MAGIC! FEEL THE MAGIC! “ Watch for more details on a strolling magician—and more!! Save the Date cards have gone out ... invitations go out mid-February. We are looking for quality auction items—ideas? See Carolyn Due or Anne Ingvoldstad. February 14th the Community Life Committee is sponsoring a visit to the Science Museum. If you are interested in helping, talk to Anne at the ZOOM Office. A “can you believe it?” item—someone walked off with a four foot section of the ZOOM fence! Unbelievable! There are several new residents at ZOOM—and they appreciate their Welcome Baskets! Want more information on how to be more involved in ZOOM? Call or e-mail the office to see what the needs might be. Anne will be happy to answer your questions.

Birthdays for February 2012



- 1 Gladys Schloer
- 3 Carolyn Due
- 3 Carrie Bergum
- 9 Harlan Tveitbakk
- 10 Chelsea O'Connor
- 12 Dick Snesrud
- 19 Debra Schloer
- 21 Anna Overbo
- 23 Deana Miller
- 27 Kelly Snesrud
- 28 Susan Manrodt

Our THANKS to **Diane West & Beth Ringer** for filling in during our worship services Both are Augsburg grads—did you know that? Diane was our organist years ago .. Beth is a Youth Farm staffer.

For your Info ... ads have been placed for our next Minister of Music. We'll keep you posted!

Altar Flowers

Statistics for Events
January 1, 2012—January 31, 2012

January 1: Altar flowers were given by Joan Konigson in honor of Pat Kane's birthday.

January 8: Altar flowers were given by Alden and Marilyn Anderson in memory of their son, John Anderson.

January 22: Altar flowers were given by the members of Zion in honor of, and thanks to, Pastor John Manrodt.

January 29: Altar flowers were given by Beverly and Darlene Carlson in memory of their father.

Events

January 7: Memorial service for the life of Kathryn Jane Nelson

January 22: Interim Pastor John Manrodt's last Sunday at Zion, followed by Pie and Coffee.

FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

BY CARL HENDRICKSON, GARY LARSEN, STAN NELSON

Zion finished the month of December with a positive cash flow of \$1,100 and finished the fiscal year with a surplus of \$3,114 that can be used toward future expenses. This is great news! The positive cash flow for the month of December is attributed to special yearly gifts and income that we do not receive throughout the year. The two largest areas of special giving included the WELCA contribution and our Christmas offerings.

A copy of the current Treasurer's Report is posted on the bulletin board in the Banquet Room. Thank you to everyone who has given and continues to support our ministry at Zion. The summaries below are a snapshot of the health of our congregation.

Finance/Stewardship committee members: Carl Hendrickson, Gary Larsen, Stan Nelson

Financial Summary—December 2011

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 17,142	\$15,082
Expenses	(\$16,042)	(\$16,048)
Net Income	\$ 1,100.00	(\$ 966)
Pledges	\$7,418	\$6,968

Financial Summary Year to Date:

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income Year to Date	\$150,041	\$153,295
Expenses Year to Date	(\$146,927)	(\$153,295)
Net Income Year to Date	\$ 3,114	\$ 0
Pledges	\$90,402	\$90,525

Worship Attendance—First Service

December 2011	
First Sunday	49
Second Sunday	64
Third Sunday	56
Christmas Eve	72
Fourth Sunday	27
Average	54

Worship Attendance—Recovery Service

December 2011	
First Wednesday	10
Second Wednesday	7
Third Wednesday	11
Fourth Wednesday	No service
Average	9



Don't forget to check out the **2012 Flower Chart** on the bulletin board outside the office/sanctuary ... Altar flowers can be given in honor of or in memory of someone. The cost in 2012 will be \$25.00 for the two altar bouquets. When worship is over, you may take the flowers with you .. Or designate them for someone else. Sign up for a Sunday or two! And don't forget to pay for the flowers. Write your \$25 check to Zion Altar Guild.

PRINTED ANNUAL REPORT booklets are available! They were ready for pick up on **Sunday, January 22nd**. This gave folks time to read them before the **Annual Meeting on January 29th**. If you did not pick up a copy, you may stop in the **Church office** and get one. They also were available at the **Annual Meeting**.



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Schedule

Sundays

9:45—Nursery Opens

**10:00am—Morning Worship and
Sunday School**

11:00am—Coffee and Fellowship

11:15 am—Learning and Sharing

Holy Communion is served every Sunday

Wednesdays

5:00 pm—Homework Help

6:00pm—Lyndale Community Dinner

6:45 pm—Recovery Worship

Office Hours:

10:00am-2:00pm – Monday-Friday

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