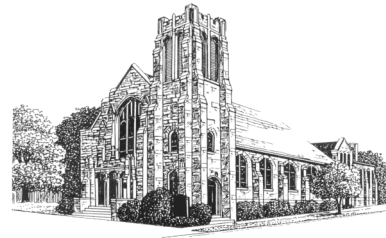


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



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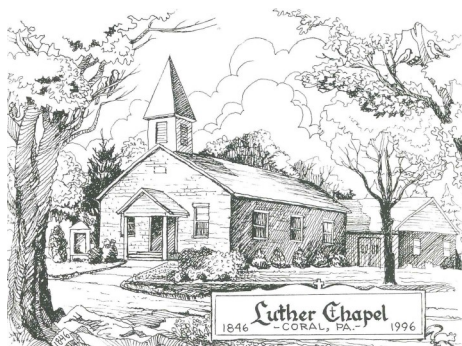
From Pastors Tedd and Sarah

Trinity 3-2-1 continues to find ways to come together. During the season of Lent, which has been unlike any we have experienced—but God continues to call us together as church. As the week of spring break was extended, we postponed returning to the study of Queen Esther. We did resume the study with Lutheran Campus Ministry students and are enjoying learning more about this fascinating book. We will resume the study with Luther Chapel and Zion individuals at a later time. Some of our Lutheran Campus Ministry students are graduating and we wanted to be able to finish the study with them.

We shifted our typical worship setting through Lent to a Service of the Word format and this will continue until we join together in person, again. We will be using setting 4 of the ELW for the season of Easter.

During the Triduum (the three days from Maundy Thursday to Resurrection Sunday) we experienced several known worship services in new ways. Maundy Thursday was a beautiful service which ended in darkness. Our Good Friday Service incorporated The Way of the Cross with accompanying music from Dr. Clewell and Beth Seal and Dave Keith of Zion's choir. The Great Vigil of Easter incorporated some regular faces and voices, but also some new individuals. We shared the experience with the congregations of Trinity 3-2-1 (Luther Chapel, Zion, and the Lutheran Campus Ministry), Harmony Grove and Grove Chapel, Hope-Homer City and New Life-Marion Center, and Christ (Episcopal) Church. We thank everyone who participated in reading, praying, providing music, and worshipping with us through the Holy Three Days journey into Resurrection Sunday.

As we continue appropriate social distancing, we want to share with everyone how we appreciate you continuing as faithful stewards. God calls us into community and part of being in community is faithfully providing for the ministries of the congregations. Looking forward, we are going to be sharing names from our prayer lists as part of our worship, so please continue to share those requests. We also continue to ask for offerings to be shared with our respective congregations for the ongoing work of ministry.



News from Luther Chapel - Part of the 3-2-1 Ministry—May

Face to face worship at Luther Chapel is still on hold (as of this writing). Watch our Facebook page or receive a phone call on our phone tree with the latest information for start up of worship. In the meantime, Pastor Tedd and Pastor Sarah are streaming worship on Zion's Facebook page late Saturday afternoon for each weekend, and Pastor Sarah has a Bible Study on Wednesday mornings on Facebook. Hope to "see" you there!

Please remember to send your offering (we still have to pay bills). Send to Luther Chapel Lutheran Church, PO Box A, Coral PA 15731.

Please remember these folks on the Luther Chapel Prayer List: Sarah, Mary Ann, Gary, Ben, Ava, Laremm, Teresa, Noah, Bob, Sharon, Ann, Tedd, Randy, Janet, Bob, Mike, Judy, Marilyn, Brooke, Betty, Fred, Ralph, Joshua, Judah, Dale, Kathy, Robert, Julie, Michael, Pat, Trish, Lois, Jay, Chuck, Jamie, Christine, Donna, Logan, Mary Ann, Myles, Phyllis, Denise, Leora, Richard, Lisa, Monica, Arlene, Linda, Trentyn, Cindy, Ellie, Elaine, Vaughn, Rick, Kaylee, Peg, Lillian, Ron, Denise and Ella.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



Dear partner in ministry,

Weeks may have passed since you last walked in the doors of your congregation and worshiped, face-to-face, with your community of faith. To be sure, being the body of Christ looks and feels differently than it ever has before.

Despite all of this, we are called to be church — together. The ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) looks different now, but it has not stopped. Nor have the needs of our communities and the world. Our church and its leaders continue to minister to its members, to those who are hurting and searching for peace, and to those in need.

The congregations and ministries of this church rely on your weekly offerings and gifts. Without in-person worship services for many weeks or even months, the financial impact could be devastating.

Please continue to give to your congregation and give regularly. Your congregation and its leaders continue to minister to your community of faith. This ministry relies on your weekly offerings. Find out how you can continue your pledge or regular offering through online giving, automatic monthly giving or mail.

I know that, for many of us, this is a time of uncertainty and financial hardship. However, for those of you who are in a position to do more, the needs are great.

In the United States, unemployment has soared. We are already seeing rising demands on our food pantries, homeless shelters and social services. Around the world, millions of people living in poverty are facing this pandemic without reliable access to sanitation and health care.

With congregations and ministries across the country, and a network of companion churches and partners in over 70 countries around the world, we anticipate this crisis will affect us all. Your gifts to the ELCA's COVID-19 Response Fund will provide funds to the ministries of the ELCA most in need and best positioned to help. This includes our congregations as well as local and churchwide ministries capable of reaching and assisting those in need. If you are able, please help with a gift today.

I have been reflecting on the words of Peter: "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received" (1 Peter 4:10). Now is a time when we need one another. Now is a time to live and act as faithful people of God.

Be of good courage, dear church, and remember that Christ is with us now and always.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

PRAY for those who suffer oppression, death, and tragedy. Please pray for those who travel. Please pray for those who serve in the armed forces and for their families. Pray for peace for all peoples.

Remember all those requesting prayer: Tom Bush (Becky Slade's brother), Trudy Taylor, Dominic Wansy, Dave Malin, Tom Brown, Dave Nycum, Karen Davis, Susan Butchkoski, Lonnie Cogar, Sue Dickson, Jim Dickson, Jeanine, Kaleb Boychuck, Deserae Fisher, Petras Family, George Schulze, Denny Swanson, Jr, Jeannie Park, Martha Chapman, Ray Dougherty, Paolo Schianchi, Ron Anderson, Billie Kurtz-King, Deb Johnston, Bill Johnston, Eric McEldowney, Winifred Coughenour, Liesl Andrie, Bob Sell, Bea Ruth, Peter Broad, Bob Reifsteck, Helen Bush, Fred Schrock, Bob Butchkoski, Ian Bingaman, Edward Chapman, Dirk Grafton, Isabel Bowers, Nancy, Abby Bowser, Jim Muller, Royce Walters, Rochelle Calvetti, Jacqueline Davis, Judy Matsko, Kim Walls, Katrina Albright, Quinn Santini, Skip Nocco, Heidi Good, Bill Mechling, Lisa Vavro, Elaine Park Davis, Leonard Black, Noelle Battick, Ronda Leasure, Janice & Rich Olsen, Linda Kanyan, Nelson Hill, Annah Hill, Gene Hartzell, Guella Family, Betty Nicolette.

For all those serving in the Military and those who have served, especially: Zachery Horner ((grandson of Shirley Horner), Maria Dinuzio, Mark Collins, Stephen Davis, Ssgt. Chad Beighley (nephew of Dory & Ken Campbell), Matthew McEldowney (grandson of Richard & Shirley Bush), Corey Feretti, Franklin Feretti.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE HOME-BOUND AND MEMBERS IN NURSING HOMES, KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Roberta Buchanan, Ruth Nelson, Catherine Pike, Geraldine Shatzer, Mary Malin, Marietta (Mo) Foltz, Marie Campbell, Isabelle Bowers, Royce Walters, John Carloni, Bea Ruth, Rich Beighley.

We grieve with the family of Mary Louise Dienes who passed away on April 16, 2020. The funeral was held on Wednesday, April 22.

We also grieve with the family of Vaughn "Arkie" Taylor who passed away on April 22, 2020. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

GIVING REPORT: MONTH OF APRIL

Needed for April operating budget:	\$ 18,068.93
Received in April:	<u>\$ 8,842.00</u>
Amount Still Due for April:	\$ 9,226.93

(The last 2 weeks of giving not included in this report)

WHY NOT? CLUB

Until further notice, the Why Not? Club will not be meeting for lunch.

Dear Zion/Trinity 3-2-1,

We are tentatively planning Vacation Bible School for the week of July 27 – 31, 2020. A final decision will need to be made by June. Should VBS be canceled this year, we will use the materials for next summer's VBS. In the meantime, Parish Ed. is going forward as though it will be held. We will need volunteers to assist with VBS. So, I am reaching out to you for help. VBS will need teachers, helpers, photographer, snack person, people to help set up and clean up, people to help with registration, etc. If any of you are willing to help please contact Jenn Rising @ 724-465-7520 or rising95@live.com. I have also included a list of items VBS will either need to buy or have donated. There will be a box placed inside the Church Street entrance for any donations. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Jenn Rising

Items we will need to buy or have donated:

- Stop watch
- Whistle
- Salt and pepper
- Big and small colanders
- Variety of canned goods
- Kid friendly gardening tools
- Globe/map
- Camera
- Yellow sticky note
- Soft ball
- 5 gallon bucket
- Wax paper
- Small buckets
- Bandannas
- Yogurt or butter containers
- Plastic plant pots
- Buttons, beads, or bolts
- Straws
- Small fans
- Matches
- Watering can
- Cleans light colored socks
- Empty clean milk jug
- Supplies to decorate puppets
- Sand
- Shot glasses (2)
- Food coloring
- Plastic wrap
- Coffee grounds
- Cooking oil
- Detective costumes (hats, trench coats, spy/magnifying glasses, and little notebooks)
- Plastic kid pool
- Lamp
- Beach towel
- Step stool
- More seed packets
- Gardening gloves
- Gardening magazines
- Books about seeds
- Cutting board/Knife

Treasurer's Report

The first quarter of 2020 has been completed and there is good news and bad news. The good news is our monthly giving as a congregation has been consistent for each of the first three months. The bad news is the amount is about \$2,500.00 short of the budgeted amount. Our expenses for the first quarter were slightly above budget due to the purchase of a new copier. All other expenses have been at or below budget. The bottom line is we continue to spend more than is received which depletes our reserve.

The current pandemic situation is not helping with our financial situation. When we are not in worship, no offering is gathered. Many of our members have sent their envelopes through the mail. The office is open and those gifts are processed. The church continues to function which means expenses continue. The pastors are providing on-line services and Bible studies, Beverly is working to take care of any issues that arise such as bills needing to be paid and Jerry is able to get to those projects for which time is scarce when the church is functioning normally.

I am grateful for those offerings that have been received and encourage all members to mail their envelopes. Soon we will have the capability to accept offerings and donations on-line. Watch for details about this program. This has been a trying time for all of us and, hopefully, we will soon be able to worship in person.

Barb Lockard

QUEEN ESTHER TRIP

POSTPONED....the Zion bus trip to Sight and Sound to see the production of "Queen Esther" has been postponed. We are waiting to hear from the tour company and Sight and Sound as to when they will reopen, and we can look at a date to reschedule.

SAVE THE DATE

SAVE THE DATE.....Wednesday, October 14, 2020, when Boscov's Department Store once again will host "Friends Helping Friends". When you purchase a \$5.00 pass from Zion, which is a 25% discount shopping pass at the following Boscov's locations, Johnstown, Altoona, Butler and Beaver Valley on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 (not valid online). It is a fun day full of shopping and friends. More information to come in your bulletin and newsletter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Alicia Akers

Larry Ditch

Daniel Piper

Martha Wunz

Mandy Gilberti

Brayden Stile

Gage Hess

Nancy Weaver

David Piper

James Slade

Stephen Wunz

Jacque Jacobs

Cole Otto

Candace Adamson

Roman Carloni

Dave Keith

Dave Woodall

Dana Piper

David Malin

Michael Widdowson

Mary Malin

Coleen Seagren

Susan Dickson

Susan Belford

Catherine Pike

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

March 9, 2020

PRESENT: Kim Balcerak, Bob Gaylor, Kathy Gaylor, Shirley Horner, David Keith, Barb Lockard, Brian Mehus, Dianna Metzger, Pastor Tedd Cogar, Dory Campbell

BY PHONE: Pastor Sarah Aasheim

ABSENT: Gail Sechrist

Bob Gaylor called the meeting to order at 6:33pm and led the group in prayer.

DEVOTIONS were led by Shirley Horner who focused on St. Patrick & his legacy. Brian Mehus will lead devotions next month (April).

MINUTES from the last meeting on February 10, 2020 were reviewed. After a motion from Shirley Horner and second from Kathy Gaylor, the minutes were accepted unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: Kathy Gaylor has sent John Barbor a thank you note for his work on the new deed merging the parsonage and church properties. His work was gratis and saved Zion about \$36,000 in taxes. We are very grateful. In addition, a letter of acknowledgement was sent to the estate lawyer of Mardelle Fish. We will await word regarding the value of this gift. Pastor Tedd received a communication regarding the remodel of the social hall and he will forward it on to the Zion Council via email. Work has begun on updating the Facebook page with timely information. More work will continue regarding the web page and other communication and promotion vehicles.

FEBRUARY FINANCIALS were reviewed with Zion Council by Barb Lockard. Of note, expenses were approximately \$2000 less than budgeted. Also, income is almost 15% below budgeted amounts. The financials as recommended to Zion Council by Administration and Finance Committee were seconded by Kim Balcerak and received unanimously.

In addition one of the tiers of Zion's investments came due in February 2020. It was invested with the Mission Investment Fund for 4 years at a rate of 2.85% - the best rate available, by far.

The Building Use Committee is working with the Property Committee to update the form for requests to use space at Zion as well as the criteria for use. They will bring a draft to Zion Council for approval.

EVANGELISM & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: Kim Balcerak reported that she resolved the issue of the missing nativity to everyone's satisfaction. She also shared with us that in a conversation with Trudy Taylor (who is familiar with Thrivent's grants to congregations) it was determined that the Queen Esther trip did not qualify for those funds. Currently there are only 10 people registered for the trip to Sight and Sound. We need 36 people for the trip to be a go. ***Please make your reservations ASAP.*** Money is due by April 15th for the May 19th trip.

Shirley Horner has been sending notes and making phone calls to those parishioners known to her who have been absent from worship and/or ill. She is happy to continue to do this, but needs the congregation to flag those individuals for her. She is looking for a partner who attends the Sunday worship and would know who is missing. Please contact Shirley or the church office if you would be willing to help her identify folks who should be contacted.

This committee has been asked by Administration and Finance to check on the offering envelopes that have not been picked up and to determine the best way to deal with them on a case by case basis. Also, the Evangelism and Stewardship Committee will need to look at the next order of offering envelopes and remove the ZARP designation from that batch.

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL—cont

PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Parish Education Committee sends its gratitude to the Property Committee for all the work done and continuing to get gates installed at the top of the stairs and at the entrance to Katie's Closet and the elevator.

On May 03 a rep from the Indiana Fire Department will be coming to instruct volunteers on the proper use of the fire extinguishers.

Currently the Parish Education Committee is hard at work preparing for Vacation Bible School to be held July 27-31, 2020 at Zion. Parish Education is working on plans for the 2020-2021 Sunday School year, as well. Contact Jenn Rising or the Zion office to volunteer for either endeavor.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE reported on **ZARP**: the new deed had been filed. Next, determinations will be made on the items to be salvaged from the parsonage. Some door and windows will be brought over to be reused at the church. Those remaining and other items will be appraised, pre-priced and offered for sale, first to congregation members and then to the general public as soon as dates are determined. Advertising will consist of various methods including the yard sale locations on Facebook. Purchasers will be responsible for the removal of those items and the covering of any openings left by the removals.

On another front, Administration and Finance Committee has asked the Property Committee to have the tables in the Chapman Room refinished. Their surfaces are sticky and peeling. It is believed it will be a fairly simple task. Property has agreed to look into it.

David Keith reported further that the smoke detectors have been ordered and they will be installed as soon as they arrive. New phones have been purchased and installed, replacing non-functioning ones.

Several exterior windows need some attention. The plastic coverings are broken and they need the old paint scraped off and repainted. It was suggested that the committee contact the local state prison and inquire about getting one of their work crews to come and complete the paint scraping following the end of the Nursery School year. This service is free, requiring minimal paperwork, a "foreman" to direct the work and the supplies to complete the work. Of course, guards accompany the prisoners and have oversight of them.

A request was made for some lighting solution for the halls in both the Nursery School hallway and the Sunday School hall directly above. Perhaps light-sensitive night lights or outlet adapters could be employed. Property will address this. It was also noted that the front doors of the church do not always latch properly. All are cautioned to use extra care when locking these doors until this is improved.

RECREATION AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: This committee is "knee-deep in soup" at this time. A great turnout was reported for the first week of the Lenten Soup Tuesdays. Over 70 people were served and the crew is quite small for such a big undertaking. Take out was and will continue to be available.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE: No report.

THE WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE: The piano has been tuned and the cost was only \$250. An emergency repair was made on the organ and paid for from funds set aside for just that use. Pastor Tedd agreed to take issue of the repair or disposal of two older pianos in the Sunday School area forward within the Worship and Music Committee. A request from the Recreation and Fellowship Committee to have the former Sunday School piano cleaned up and placed in the Social Hall for use at various events will also be reviewed by the committee.

A new Pascal candle has been ordered. Worship services are planned midway through the Easter season.

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL—cont

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Administration and Finance Committee sent a motion to Zion Council to distribute a letter to the congregation in the bulletins during worship for four weeks beginning on March 15th. It is in response to a request for a review of the 3-2-1 Ministry made by Administration and Finance at its February 2020 meeting. Dianna Metzger seconded the motion allowing for discussion. A friendly amendment was made, seconded and approved to also include the letter in the next newsletter. Pastor Tedd shared that the 3-2-1 Ministry Advisory Board will be creating a comprehensive evaluation under the oversight of Bishop Lozano, who will be present at the May 5th meeting of the 3-2-1 Ministry Advisory Board meeting. Following more discussion, Dianna Metzger called the question. The vote was one nay with the rest in favor to move forward with the letter. The information gathered will be forwarded to the advisory group, but will NOT replace the evaluation tool forthcoming from the 3-2-1 Ministry Advisory Board. Bob Gaylor also took several suggestions from both pastors to clarify points in the original letter. It was also suggested that Zion's 3-2-1 Ministry representatives' contact information be listed in the newsletter and bulletin with their permission.

Requests for a new pictorial directory have been given to Evangelism and Stewardship Committee to explore. Zion Council asked that committee to bring their recommendations to the April council meeting.

Discussion around the Corona Virus situation produced the decision to clean and empty the baptismal fonts until the virus is no longer a threat (except for use in baptism celebrations). Also, at each service and in the bulletin will be some pointers about sharing the peace and communing that will further protect our members. Pastor Sarah will craft the bulletin piece.

Adjournment occurred at 8:38 PM by acclamation. The group dispersed following prayers and a blessing.

Respectfully,

Dory Campbell

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 8, 2020

Via Zoom

Present: Bob Gaylor, Barb Lockard, Don Seagren, Dawn Seagren, Becky Slade, Dory Campbell

Excused: Bev Swatsworth (self quarantining due to cough and other allergy-like Symptoms, being on the safe side)

Bob called the meeting to order at 4:46 PM. In spite of being plagued by technical difficulties, the group pressed on and made adjustments so everyone could hear each other.

Finance Report – giving is ok for March. April could be another story unless folks send their gifts to the church via USPS or other methods. Perhaps Pastors could announce that at each worship service they tape??? In March we spent \$1000 more than we took in. The payments being sent to Trinity 321 for our share of pastors salaries was kept the same for 2020 as in 2019 even though the amount should have gone down because it was the same amount divided into 12 months, not 8 as in 2019. That figure has been adjusted for April and will be lower for the remainder of this year compared to what was budgeted. That is a good thing. Following a bit of discussion, Don moved and Bob seconded a motion to send this report to council for Audit. It passed unanimously.

Old Business –basically everything is on hold.

New Business –

Parish Ed proposals

1. Intern stipend for VBS – Christine Clewell is working with an IUP intern who is available to help with VBS music but Christine wants us to give her a gift of \$100. In conversation, the committee realized:
2. The VBS staff is using material for this year's event that we already had.
The VBS plan is to offer snacks and not meals this year.
Parish Ed wants to continue fostering a good relationship with the IUP Campus Ctr.
Therefore, Parish Education Committee is unanimously recommending to Zion Council the following motion: Parish Education is requesting that Zion give a \$100 gift from VBS funds to Christine's intern (name and contact info to be given to the Zion office) for preparing and teaching the music to the Vacation Bible School students and directing their presentation on Friday, during the week of July 27-31, 2020.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES (cont)

>>>After a second from Barb (on a motion coming from Parish Education Committee) and some discussion, Admin/Finance Committee recommends Council approve this motion calling the gift “a one-time non-precedent-setting payment”.

1. Petty Cash Fund - The Parish Education Committee is requesting a petty cash fund of \$50.00 to be established. This is in lieu of individual volunteers and teachers having to front the cost of weekly supplies and waiting for reimbursement. The petty cash fund will be kept in the locked DCE's office. Receipts for purchased items will be given to the DCE. The DCE will provide the teacher with the cash reimbursement. The DCE will submit all the receipts with a written voucher to the office for replenishment of the petty cash fund.

>>>This motion was seconded by Barb, as well. Admin/Finance recommends rejecting this motion because it is not good policy to establish little slush funds for any committee. (Offers were made to personally fund purchases).

Other New Business

SBA loan – It appears that Zion would NOT qualify for one of the SBA loans being offered during the pandemic. The preschool and Zion both are having changes in personnel which would disqualify our application. That means that Zion will not get help on our salaries for Jerry or Bev or on utility bills. However, our pastors are technically employed by the campus center. Therefore, they will need to make application to the SBA for a loan on these employees. We understand that the first 8-weeks of the loan will be forgiven (actually become a grant). That would be a great blessing to all three entities' budgets.

Zion Pre-school incorporation -_subject will be on hold until the July Admin/Finance meeting as per the request of Dawn Seagren. That will give the pre-school time to care for some very pressing issues first.

Paying Bev during her quarantine – sent to Staff Support Committee. They will be asked to respond prior to the April Council meeting on April 13th.

Motion to adjourn 5:32 PM.

Respectfully,

Dory Campbell

PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 12, 2020—7:00 PM

Present: Jenn Rising, Hannah Rising, Maggie Dugan, Beth Wheeler, Gail Sechrist and Dory Campbell

Following the distribution of VBS materials for discussion the group began with learning of an IUP intern working with Christine Clewell. She is available to help with VBS music but Christine wants us to give her a gift of \$100. In conversation, the committee realized:

1. the VBS staff is using material for this year's event that we already had
2. the VBS plan is to offer snacks and not meals this year

And we want to continue to foster a working relationship with IUP and the Campus Center

Therefore, Parish Education Committee is unanimously recommending to Zion Council the following motion: Parish Education is requesting that Zion give a \$100 gift from VBS funds to Christine's intern (name and contact info to be given to the Zion office) for preparing and teaching the music to the Vacation Bible School students and directing their presentation on Friday, the week of July 27-31, 2020.

Other items for VBS discussed were:

Dory agreed to find the information to put VBS on the radio's free-for-nonprofits advertising sites.

The group agreed to use the pre-made forms with some "Zion" tweaks for advertising and student notification.

Beth agreed to use her art skills to make signs needed to designate the activity areas of VBS.

Parish Education will need to put needs in the newsletter such as empty milk jugs and tomato paste cans. First, however, each PE member will review the supply list and note which items they will donate or salvage for the week. That list is due to Jenn by the next meeting.

The group voted to purchase 8 packages of Family Life Resurrection Eggs for use on Palm Sunday with all of our students, sending home one box with each family. They are available at Amazon for \$18 each with free shipping.

May 03, 2020 has been designated as the Sunday that the fire department will send someone to familiarize SCS volunteers in using our fire extinguishers.

2020-2021 Planning for SCS

Spark Classroom, a two-year rotation of most important Bible stories will be used.

Each year offers 40 stories. We can only fit 30-34 stories per year. PE members are asked to review the suggested stories and narrow the choices to 30 per year (Orange and Green). A final decision will be made at the April 2020 meeting.

We will use those choices to complete the calendar for the next two years.

Parish Education has also decided to spend 2-3 Sundays of 2020-2021 Sunday school year for the fifth graders to review first communion

PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES (cont)

Maggie introduced a motion that was also unanimously endorsed by the PE Committee. It reads as follows and is being sent as a recommendation To church Council from the Parish Education Committee:

The Parish Education Committee is requesting a petty cash fund of \$50.00 to be established. This is in lieu of individual volunteers and teachers having to front the cost of weekly supplies and waiting for reimbursement. The petty cash fund will be kept in the locked DCE's office. Receipts for purchased items will be given to the DCE. The DCE will provide the teacher with the cash reimbursement. The DCE will submit all the receipts with a written voucher to the office for replenishment of the petty cash fund.

Finally, it was unanimously agreed to close Sunday school if any Indiana county school district closed because of the corona virus. Jenn notified the pastors and council chairperson during the meeting. We want to be extra careful of our volunteers and SCS families.

NOTE: Next Parish Education Committee meeting is at a special date and time to accommodate schedules: April 1st at 6 PM.

Respectfully,

Dory Campbell

PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 1, 2020

Via Zoom

Present: Jenn Rising, Beth Wheeler, Jess Mehus, Gail Sechrist, Maggie Dugan and Dory Campbell

Jenn opened the meeting at 6:03 pm and all were present.

The committee reviewed the request to send Jenn two items as soon as possible:

1. A list of 30 lessons for each the Orange and Green years that we really like and would prefer to teach. Jenn will compile them and plug 28 of them into a calendar for the 2020-2021 SCS year. Then it will follow that Maggie and Dory will print off those lessons during the summer for each grade.
2. A list of items that each of us has access to and would be willing to supply for VBS, remembering that we have some of those items at Zion and that the congregation is great at saving tomato paste cans or milk cartons and that Zion has some funds to buy some of the items, as well.

The Committee decided to continue with preparations for VBS and make a final decision about holding it as we work through this corona virus confinement. Should we NOT have VBS in 2020, a lot of our preparation would hold over for 2021 so the efforts would not be a waste. Publicity would be just a save-the-date notice in the May newsletter and IF we move forward with VBS, then advertising will begin in early June. The committee had talked at a prior meeting about putting banners out front of the church, on the community bulletin board on the local radio stations (free) and maybe we could get a photo in the Gazette with Karen Gresh's help. Of course, we would send invitations to those on our mailing list in June and run more info in the newsletters for June and July. The VBS experience is currently scheduled for the last week of July, 2020.

Then the group each shared how the restrictions had affected their lives and their families. A few prayer requests were shared that will be added to the Trinity 3-2-1 Facebook page for prayers.

Our next meeting will be on Zoom on May 7th at 6 PM. The meeting is scheduled and the invitation has already been sent out to participants. Here is the info:

dorycampbell@live.com is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Zion Parish Education Committee

Time: May 7, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 919 133 867

Password: 029200

Respectfully,

Dory Campbell

PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES (cont)

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1. Spark Classroom, a two-year rotation of most important Bible stories will be used.
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3. We will use those choices to complete the calendar for the next two years.
4. Parish Education has also decided to spend 2-3 Sundays of 2020-2021 Sunday school year for the fifth graders to review first communion

Maggie introduced a motion that was also unanimously endorsed by the PE Committee. It reads as follows and is being sent as a recommendation To church Council from the Parish Education Committee:

The Parish Education Committee is requesting a petty cash fund of \$50.00 to be established. This is in lieu of individual volunteers and teachers having to front the cost of weekly supplies and waiting for reimbursement. The petty cash fund will be kept in the locked DCE's office. Receipts for purchased items will be given to the DCE. The DCE will provide the teacher with the cash reimbursement. The DCE will submit all the receipts with a written voucher to the office for replenishment of the petty cash fund.

Finally, it was unanimously agreed to close Sunday school if any Indiana county school district closed because of the corona virus. Jenn notified the pastors and council chairperson during the meeting. We want to be extra careful of our volunteers and SCS families.

NOTE: Next Parish Education Committee meeting is at a special date and time to accommodate schedules: April 1st at 6 PM.

Respectfully,

Dory Campbell

DUE TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE VIRUS THIS YEAR, THE GIVING FOR THE EASTER FLOWERS AND OTHER GIFTS WAS CUT SHORT. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO GAVE PRIOR TO THE SHUTDOWN.

EASTER 2020

EASTER FLOWERS SYMBOLIZE "FOOD FOR BUTTERFLIES" WHICH CARRIES THE THEME OF TRANSFORMATION CHRIST THE FIRST - FRUIT OF THOSE WHO HAVE "FALLEN ASLEEP". THE USE OF BULBS (TULIP, LILY, MUMS) ADDED THE DIMENSION OF NEW LIFE FROM THE OLD SEED, THE NEW ADAM (MAN) FROM THE OLD ADAMAH (EARTH). IN ANY CASE, THEY ARE NOT "JUST FLOWERS" BUT LITURGICAL EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH AND THOSE WHO MEMORIALIZE THEM EXPRESS THEIR HOPE-IN-CHRIST CONCERNING THEIR LOVED ONES.

FLOWERS

In memory of:	Carolyn, Anthony & Bertha Carino, Louella Fox	Jim Carino & Laura, Kevin, Mason & Harper Musser
In memory of:	Parents-Harry & Irene Hawk	Ruth Houser
In memory of:	Parents-Warren & Josephine Coax	Nancy Malacarne
In memory of:	Helen Myers & Loves Ones	Paul Myers

CANDLES

Candelabra Candles

In memory of:	Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Knopfel Sr, Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Knopfel Jr, Virginia Piasente, Mary Jones, Jennie Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Edward James Jones	Gene & Karen Jones
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KELLY JONES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of:	Suzanne Clark	Karen Gresh & Katy Gresh Murphy
In memory of:	Kelly Christen Jones	Gene & Karen Jones

INSTRUMENTAL MUSICIANS

In memory of:	Helen Myers & Loved Ones	Paul Myers
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FOOD PANTRY

In memory of:	My Grandparents-E. Raymond & Zelda Grove	Ruth Houser
In memory of:	Parents-Silvio & Faye Malacarne	Richard Malacarne

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
NA meets every Sunday in the Social Hall	<u>SCHEDULES</u> <u>SUBJECT TO</u> <u>CHANGE</u>	CHECK WITH CHURCH OFFICE OR COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN			1 Zion office closed	2 5:30 Liturgy
3 9:30 Liturgy Choir Practice Sunday School	4 9-Katie's Closet	5 6-Girl Scouts	6 10-Bible Study 4:30-Adm/Finance	7 6-Parish Ed	8 Zion office closed	9 5:30 Liturgy
10 9:30 Liturgy Choir Practice Sunday School	11 9-Food Pantry & Katie's Closet 1-Social Ministry 4-Food Pantry 6:30-Council 6:30-Girl Scouts	12 6-Girl Scouts	13 10-Bible Study	14	15 Zion office closed	16 5:30 Liturgy
17 9:30 Liturgy Choir Practice Sunday School	18 9-Katie's Closet	19 6-Girl Scouts 7-Property	20 10-Bible Study	21	22 Zion office closed	23 5:30 Liturgy
24 9:30 Liturgy Choir Practice 31 9:30 Liturgy	25 HOLIDAY-OFFICE CLOSED <u>NO KATIES OR</u> <u>FOOD PANTRY</u>	26 <u>FOOD PANTRY</u> <u>(special day)</u> 6-Girl Scouts	27 Newsletter Mailed 10-Bible Study	28	29 Zion office closed	30 5:30 Liturgy

Date	Lay Reader	Altar Guild	Ushers	Assist. Min.	Tellers
May 2/3	5:30-Josh Widdowson 9:30-Don Seagren	Sat AM&PM-Jan Cikowski 9:30-Jan Cikowski	5:30-Shirley Horner, Chuck Rodnicki 9:30-Tyson Ellenberger, Pernell Bowersox	5:30-Kim Balcerak 9:30-Jenn Rising	
May 9/10	5:30-Karen Gresh 9:30-Darla Mechling	Sat AM&PM-Kathy Huston 9:30-Darla Mechling	5:30-Dave & Linda Ma- lin 9:30-Richard Smith, Jim Slade	5:30-Jenn Rising 9:30-Beth Grafton	
May 16/17	5:30-Jim Chapman 9:30-Claudia Ditch	Sat AM-Kim Balcerak PM-Shirley Horner 9:30-Becky Slade	5:30-Walt & Jan Cikow- ski 9:30-Clair Piper, Karl Nagle	5:30-Kim Balcerak 9:30-Jenn Rising	Dave Keith, Shirley Horner
May 23/24	5:30-Jerry Ruffner 9:30-Diana Metzger	5:30-AM&PM-Louise Buchan- an 9:30-Diana Metzger	5:30-Dave & Linda Ma- lin 9:30-Don & Dawn Seagren	5:30-Kim Balcerak 9:30-Beth Grafton	Bob & Kathy Gaylor
May 30/31	5:30-Jim Chapman 9:30-Christoph Maier		5:30-Rik & Bev Wissin- ger 9:30-Tyson Ellenberger, Pernell Bowersox	5:30-Kim Balcerak 9:30-Jenn Rising	Brian Mehus
	Susan Fello 724-422-1333	Kathy Huston 724-349-4208	5:30 Dave Malin 724-349-3996 9:30 Dave Keith 349-4583 & Pernell Boxwersox 349-5639	Kim Balcerak 724-388-2341	



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