



Zion Lutheran Church

# The Messenger

May 2024

A Message from the Zion Lutheran Council President :

The merry month of May is here. Spring has sprung with green grass, colorful blooms and trees adorned with buds and blossoms; a time of rebirth and renewal. It is also the season to plant as the book of Ecclesiastes reminds us. "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven --- a time to plant"--. A witness to this is the parents of Harper Baeten, Miley Bee, Elsie Delfosse, Isaac Gruselle, Vera Moseng and Christopher Weiland who planted a seed of faith through baptism, nurtured it and on April 28th we welcomed these boys and girls to God's table to take their First Communion. A big step in their faith journey. On May 5th Ava Dorn, Miley Bee and Charlee Weiland will reaffirm their baptismal vows through Confirmation. We celebrate with them and their families. We also want to highlight Josh Hoesli and Oliver Hestres, high school graduates who will be awarded Zion scholarships. Congratulations to these wonderful young people and all who will graduate from high school or college. May their faith continue to grow and flourish. Please keep these individuals in your prayers

At this point our call committee does not have an interim or called pastoral candidate. However, we continue to be blessed with wonderful worship leaders each week. All of these retired pastors have enjoyed their time with us, remarking on our friendly welcome and our fellowship. This is a tribute to the people of Zion. I truly believe that somewhere a seed of faith has been planted that will grow into a call to ministry at Zion. Again, "a time to every purpose under heaven" and we will continue to wait for "God's time."

As the spring days lengthen, we continue to form a clearer vision for the Affordable Housing project. Kandie Wilz has generously agreed to lead the Good Futures program which hopefully will help define what that vision will be moving forward. As that clearer vision comes into focus, we will share those developments with the congregation. We know you have questions and concerns but be assured any final decisions will be made by the people of Zion as we seek to "Create community through God's love and guidance" by making affordable housing in the Appleton community a reality.

Enjoy the warm spring breeze, the gentle spring rain that nurtures the earth. Behold a rainbow as God's eternal promise that He is with us for all seasons.

Sue Bunkert  
Council President



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<b>Monday, May 13, 2024</b>	<b>Submissions due for May's calendar</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 1</b>	Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm
<b>Sunday, May 5</b> Acts 10:44-48; Ps 98 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17 Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am <b>Worship Service 9:00 am</b> followed by Coffee Hour Sunday School & Confirmation	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter-Confirmation</b> Presiding: Pastor Mike Dismer Preaching: Pastor Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer Assisting Ministers: Deb Reis Acolyte: Ava Dorn Musician: William Surtees Opens: Greg Pettigrew Closes: Jim Schley
<b>Wednesday, May 8</b>	Tower RingerZ Fellowship Hall Meeting 4:15pm
<b>Sunday, May 12</b> Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Ps 1 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19 Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am <b>Worship Service 9:00 am</b> Followed by Coffee Hour Sunday School & Confirmation	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> Pastor Karen Jewell Assisting Minister: Tom Meltz Acolyte: Lily Gruselle Musician: Heather Watney Opens: Gene Wiese Closes: Tammy Mossholder
<b>Monday, May 13</b>	Finance Meeting 6:00pm
<b>Tuesday, May 14</b>	Zion Mutual Homes Meeting 10:00am
<b>Sunday, May 19</b> Acts 2:1-21; Ps 104:24-34, 35b Rom 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am <b>Worship Service 9:00 am</b> followed by Coffee Hour Sunday School & Confirmation	<b>Day of Pentecost-Teacher Recognition</b> Pastor Alan Schaffmeyer Assisting Minister: Wendy Sachs Acolyte: Alexa Rusch Musician: William Surtees Opens and Closes : Gwen Schwandt
<b>Monday, May 20</b>	Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm
<b>Sunday, May 26</b> Isa 6:1-8; Ps 29 Rom 8:12-17; John 3:1-17 Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am <b>Worship Service 9:00 am</b> followed by Coffee Hour	<b>The Holy Trinity</b> Pastor Alan Schaffmeyer Assisting Minister: Grace Van Eyck Acolyte: Charlee Weiland Musician: Heather Watney Opens and Closes: Gwen Schwandt
<b>Sunday, May 26</b>	Worship & Music Committee Meeting 10:15 am

# Zion Council Minutes

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Monday, March 18, 2024

**Present:** Sue Bunkert, Ray Pittman, Tammy Mossholder, Gail Hunter(late), Tommy Meltz, Kandie Wilz, Kyle Mosberg

**Guest:** Karen F., Carl A., Bonnie N., Jason, Gary N., Gwen S.

**Opening Devotion** led by Ray, 6:30pm

**Approval of Agenda:** motion made and approved

**Approval of Minutes:** motion made and approved.

**Committee Reports reviewed from:**

**Administrators:** Karen discussed working with Lambert Accounting. Also mentioned that accounts previously at a bank were now at Community First Credit Union.

Also, an account was opened for the Affordable Housing Project.

2 bids were received for the lifts-\$42k-\$43k to replace the lift in the sanctuary and \$25k for the lift by the chapel. The funds for this can be taken from the Building/ Roof Repair funds.

Karen has been talking with some non-profits about renting the parsonage A.B.C. A Better Chand and New Voices choir for some office space. A future appt. will be set up to have Pillars tour as well.

Because of the switch over to Lamberts, the Pastors checks will be mailed out to them.

**Property:** Gary N. spoke about the lifts and said we need to replace the one in the sanctuary because they don't have the part for them anymore. However, he can likely repair the lift by the chapel with parts from the sanctuary lift.

**Worship and Music:** All is set for Good Friday services. The set up for Palm Sunday Brunch will be at 10 am on Saturday.

**Zion Mutual Homes:** no report

**Finance: Report was motioned and approved. Call Committee: No progress yet on any interested pastors. We are good for several weeks with supply pastors for Sundays.**

**Old Business: Bonnie discussed the Affordable Housing Project the parsonage would be the first place to start acquiring an income by renting it out. The city can do an inspection for free for lead and possible asbestos. If nothing is torn up in a remodel we don't have to worry about asbestos. That is only if things (floor tiles, etc.) are disturbed.**

**New Business: We need to contact a plaster company to fix an area in the kitchen where a leak was per Gwen. We used Remus in the past, but they are a bit busy, we might need to look elsewhere to get this done in a timely manner.**

**Motion was made and passed to have Karen contact the City of Appleton to do an inspection of the Parsonage with the Property Committee present.**

**Current Zoning for the Parsonage supports renting to non-profits, with one or multiple. Supportive housing for 4 individuals – either Pillars or ABC.**

**As previously mentioned, Karen will contact different organizations.**

**Bonnie to contact Shannon French, Architect about doing an initial rezoning of what developing the empty lot by Zion place could look like.**

**Could have development committee look for grants to cover Shannon's pay for further renderings such as the '62 and '29 buildings.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, April 15th, 2024 at 630 pm**

**Devotion to be led by Tommy Meltz**

**Motion to Dismiss at 8:32 pm.**

**Closed in Lord's prayer.**

**Respectfully submitted and typed up by Gail Hunter, Notes taken and written by Kandie Wilz.**

**These minutes have not been approved. They will be approved at the 6.30 pm Council meeting.**

# Encore! Handbell Ensemble

**Celebrating 15 Years of Ringing!**

Join Encore! Handbell Ensemble as we continue to celebrate the group's 15th anniversary with our spring concert series, "Our Favorite Things"! This program features a wide range of selections, as picked by our very own ringers! Selections include incredible original works for handbells, gorgeous tunes arranged for bells and chimes, as well as toe-tapping pops selections that will be sure to get you moving!

**Friday, May 17th at 7pm**

**Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church**

**1174 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI 54901**

**Admission \$10 at door**

**Saturday, May 18th at 7pm**

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

**2330 E Calumet St, Appleton, WI 54911**

**Freewill offering**

## Raise Right Fundraising

There is a list of all the gift cards available at church in the narthex. Purchasing gift cards benefits the church as a percentage is donated back to us. If you have any other questions or would like to order any gift cards please contact Lynn Walter

## Thank You from Zion

Thank you for your service to our supply pastors who served in April:

Pastor Asher O'Callaghan, Pastor Mike Dismer, Pastor Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer, Pastor Jan LaVake and Pastor Kathryn Schreitmueller.

Thank you to Lynn Walter for all of her hard work creating the bulletins for worship services.

Thank you to Lynn Walter and Janice Staedt for volunteering to cover office hours.

Thank you to Janice Staedt for her work with our membership files in Shepherd Staff.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to serve as assisting ministers in April: Wendy Sachs, Tom Meltz, Deb Reis, and Gwen Schwandt.

Thank you to all who donated items for our Blessing Box.

Thank you to Jodi Hoesli, Pennie Reis and Greg Pettigrew for all their work with Sunday School and Confirmation.

Thank you to all those who continue to help with ongoing maintenance for our buildings.

## Memorials Gratefully Received

Kandie Wilz: For the Affordable Housing Project given in honor of Jim Wilz

Ellie Wilz-For the Affordable Housing Project given in honor of Jim Wilz

# Affordable Housing Project Update-May 2024

## Team Meetings:

April 14, 2024 Ad Hoc Team Meeting, April 15, 2024 Development Team Meeting (CANCELLED),  
April 22, 2024 Neighborhood Advisory Team Meeting, April 29, 2024 Planning Team Meeting

## Meetings with Key Individuals/Organizations:

Shannon French, Architect; Lynnsey Erickson, Community Health Strategist; Carrie Sanders, founder and CEO of Hope Community Capital; Jon Armstrong and Chris Fearn, SVA (CPA Firm); Tyler Sheeran, Commonwealth Communities (Developer); Tina Haffeman, Housing work in Oshkosh; Marissa Downs, Chair of Appleton Redevelopment Authority; John Richter, Catalyst Construction

## Important information:

-Kandie Wilz has graciously volunteered to lead the Good Futures Program, a seven week course assisting congregations in walking through their Mission, Vision and desires for their property.

-Zion Church Council Meeting April 15, 2024. Bonnie and Jason Schulist were available to answer questions about the final report from GLCI. Bonnie reviewed the Executive Summary and laid out four main choice points for the Council and Zion congregation to consider

1. Becoming the Developer for this project or partnering with a Developer

2. Preparing to manage the housing units to be rented/leased/sold or hiring a management company to do so

3. Sell off portions of the property for development

4. Electing to hold off doing any of these and see what happens

-Church Administrator updates that several non-profit organizations have now toured the parish house. Olson Solar Energy has been contacted and Karen shared information to consider when adding solar and impact on metering the building. City Inspector came to give code update implications on April 25, 2024.

## Upcoming Meetings:

May 1, 2024 Ad Hoc Team Meeting with Tyler Sheeran

May 13, 2024 Roundtable Meeting

May 22, 2024 Neighborhood Advisory Team Meeting



# Life Passages and Celebrations



**Alan Barten** died on Saturday, April 13th. The funeral was held at Zion on Friday April 19th. Please keep the family of Alan in your prayers.

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Congratulations to **Josh Hoesli and Oliver Hestres** who have both been selected to receive Zion scholarships



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