

ZION'S MAY 2022 MESSENGER

FROM PASTOR CATHERINE

Do you know how important it is to be a witness of Christ in a child's life? A witness is someone who takes on the responsibility of making certain that a child learns about Christ. It doesn't have to be the child's parents, although a parent is an important driving force behind getting a child to be part of a community of faith. Let's face it; it is hard to have a child active in a church without a parent's support. But what we can't forget is that the whole congregation takes a role in getting a child involved. Think about the baptismal promises that the congregation makes when we baptize a baby. The Pastor asks the congregation, "People of God, do you promise to support *this child* and pray for *him or her* in *their* new life in Christ?" The congregation then replies, "We do." When you say these two words, you are making a promise to God that you will help raise that child in the faith. You are promising that you will encourage the parents to get their child involved in church and bring their child to Sunday School. You also promise that you will support that child in his or her life and make certain that this child knows that God loves her or him. In many ways the two words "we do" are a contract that you make with God.

You aren't the only one making that contract with God. The parents and sponsors also promise the same things; they promise that they will bring this child up in the faith. But in today's world, children need as much help as we can give them. Parents are a lot busier these days and instead of one person working, most families have a dual income. And the church is no longer the center of the lives of most families. A lot of other things take over our families' time: work, sports, leisure activities as well as getting out of the habit of attending church. It is much harder today to get our parents to take those baptismal vows as much to heart as it used to be. So, how do we deal with this dilemma? How do we get our parents to bring their children to church? I wish I had an answer to those questions. If I did, I could make a fortune writing a book on this subject. But in my 23+ years of ministry, the answer to this question continues to evade me, and I don't think I am alone in this. Many mainline denominations are suffering from the same problems. In one newsletter article there is no way that I can deal with the whole issue. But here are a few thoughts that I have.

1. Keep our families in your prayers. Prayer does make a difference.
2. Encourage our families. When you see them, let them know that they are doing a good job with their kids. Find out what kind of support they might need.
3. If you notice a family that hasn't been in church for awhile, extend them an invitation. Letting a family know how much you miss them is important.

I hope that this article has given you some food for thought.

Peace, Pastor Catherine

ZION'S COUNCIL PRESIDENT: SUE BUNKERT

I hope everyone had a joyous Easter celebrating the glorious resurrection of our Savior.

Our thoughts now turn to spring; buds on the trees, robins singing and flowers pushing up to the warm sun. The old saying is "April showers bring May flowers," which holds true at this time of year.

Unfortunately there is another old saying, "The roof only leaks when it rains." Well, folks, it's raining at Zion. The roof is leaking and is in urgent need of repair. Money for this type of repair work was not included in our annual budget. While the property committee and the council will seek any outside funds that may be available we need your help to raise the money for these repairs. In the coming weeks, you will be hearing more about opportunities to contribute for the roof repair work. Zion and her people have always risen to meet it's challenges and I have faith we can do so again.

In the meantime, bask in the bright spring sunshine. Smell the flowers. God has given us a beautiful world (even with the rain) and the gift of His risen Son. Cherish them!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ZION'S
FIRST COMMUNION RECIPIENTS:**

**Freya Budde
Lily Gruselle
Alexa Rusch
Paige Vyse**

WE NEED YOU! We are looking for members to help with communion assisting and ushering. We have returned to passing the offering baskets and having the individual wine glasses being dispersed by assistants at the front of church. Please consider volunteering. Thank you!

	Member Giving:	Other Income:
April 3rd:	\$3,231	\$8,224
April 10th:	\$5,873	\$81
April 17th:	\$5,466	\$125
April 24th:	\$2,865	\$18
Totals:	\$17,435	\$8,448

WAYS YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO ZION: You can leave your offering envelope/donation in the basket during service, drop it off during office hours, mail it, or give online through myEoffering.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Contact the church office if you need more offering envelopes.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Eligible Thrivent members can direct available Choice Dollars to Zion! Call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt or online at Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

Living into a Culture of Mission in Conjunction with Zion Foundation Presentation

Our first Temple talk and 2021 Foundation distribution presentation took place on April 24. Thank you to Lynn Ann Clausing Rusch, Executive Director of the Fox Valley Lutheran Homes for her presentation. The Living into a Culture of Mission team is in the process of inviting our next representative from the recipient organizations that are benefitting from the Distribution for a temple talk followed up by a fellowship hour forum. As stated in last month's messenger, the goal is to promote Zion and our involvement in the community. The guests are invited to talk about what they do in the community and how our donation helps them. During Fellowship hour, the representative will be invited to answer any questions that our congregants might have.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need volunteers to help with live streaming Zion's Sunday morning worship service. Contact Jodi in the church office if you are interested: jodi@zionappleton.org

LUNCHEON SOCIAL: Join your fellow Zion members for lunch on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 11:30am at Angels Restaurant. Sign-up on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

JOYS & CONCERNS FOR SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you or a loved one has a birthday, anniversary, graduation or some other special day that you would like announced, Pastor will do that for you at the beginning of service. If you have a concern, such as an upcoming surgery, serious illness or something of that nature, Pastor will ask that we keep the person or family in our prayers. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church to write down the information. Another option is to send Pastor Catherine a direct e-mail pastorcatherine@zionappleton.org (minimum of 24 hours notice is requested for emails).

Creating Community through God's Love and Guidance

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

SUNDAY: Please contact Jodi in Zion's office with the names of any high school, college, technical college, vocational school and/or military graduates, so they can be recognized at Zion's service on Sunday, June 12th. Zion Scholarship recipient(s) will be recognized this Sunday, too.



Zion's church office will be closed Monday May 30 and Friday June 3, 2022.

Thanks to God and the Zion Lutheran Church congregation for the monetary donation to support Linwood Place, A Ministry of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes. It was a privilege to be able to worship with you and share our story.

Your generous support provides health and wellness services to our tenant community. In addition to social gatherings, intergenerational activities, fall prevention classes, vaccination clinics and exercise programs, our staff supports tenants and their families with resources in order for them to continue living independently and age in place, as long as safely possible.

Lynn Ann Clausing Rusch, Executive Director of the Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

FUNERAL:

Nancy Klarner - April 22, 2022

SPECIALS & MEMORIALS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED:

Earl Miller, *designated for the Steeple Fund;*

Nao Bee & Kou Mou in celebration of God's blessings and answering, *designated for the General Fund.*

2022 EASTER FLOWERS:

LILIES:

Patrick Anderson & Julie Beckstrom in memory of Gerri Anderson & Gary Beckstrom.

Edna Baross in memory of her granddaughter Laura Mares & daughter Kay Snider and in celebration of her children.

The family of Richard and Elaine Becker in their memory.

Suzanne Bunkert in memory of Ronald Bunkert.

Lyle Butts Family in memory of Walter & Frances, Henry & Loretta Jansen and Dena Sorge.

Bonnie Carpenter in loving memory of Evan Carpenter.

Kathy Grearson in memory of Beulah & Fil Grearson and William Nicholson.

The Hestres Family in memory of Don Weiland, Carmen Velez Dr. Raymond Hestres, Dr. Pilar Calderon.

The grandchildren & their families in memory of Ted & Henrietta Jens.

The Hetzler Boys & their families in memory of the Donald F. Hetzler.

The Hetzler Boys & their families in celebration of the Marilyn Jens Hetzler.

Leon Koerner in memory of Kathy Koerner and Harold & Viola Koerner.

Earl E. Miller & children: Brenda, Brett, Becky & Barette in memory Janet Miller, wife & mother of children, in heaven and in celebration of Easter.

Dennis Mossholder & Tammy Mossholder in memory of their father, David Mossholder.

Jan Mossholder in memory of Dave Mossholder.

Bob & Cheri Page in memory of Sally, Paul, Jane & Chase and in celebration of their beautiful lives.

Darlene Roehl in memory of her husband, Le Roy and daughter, Cheryl Verg.

Nancy Scovronske in loving memory of her partner Anita Jensen.

Nancy Scovronske, Barb Hartfiel & Deb Scovronske in loving memory of their parents, Donald & Rita Scovronske.

Daryl Tessen in memory of his parents Fred & Adeline Tessen.

Jim Westphal & daughters in loving memory of Janice Westphal.



MUMS:

Bonnie Carpenter in loving memory of Evan Carpenter.

Freya Budde's Family in celebration of Freya's First Communion.

Julie Fiebelkorn & Sandy Fiebelkorn in memory of Hillert, Geraldine & Gary Fiebelkorn and in memory of Grandma Hattie Fiebelkorn and Aunt Margaret Klause.

Alden & Carla Kuschel in celebration of Easter.

Jan Mossholder in memory of Dave Mossholder.

Len & Deb Reis in memory of their parents, Carleton & Helen Bork and Don & Nell Reis.

Len & Deb Reis in celebration of their children & grandchildren and their many blessings.

Dar Steger in memory Beatrice & Edward Schultz and her brother, Ed Schultz Jr.

Daryl Tessen in memory of his parents Fred & Adeline Tessen.

Jim Westphal & daughters in loving memory of Janice Westphal.

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Minutes for the Council Meeting of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Monday, March 21, 2022 at 6:30pm

Attendance: Sue Bunkert, Ray Pittman, Pastor Catherine Burnette, Stephanie Draheim, Candy Korzilius, Carl Abendroth, Tammy Mossholder (late, excused)

Absent: Gail Hunter (excused)

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Opening Devotion - Sue Bunkert

Approval of Agenda: Approved as written

Approval of Minutes: Approved with one spelling typo fixed (Pastor Catherine Burnette)

Treasurer's Report: Review of history of Gas/Electric Prices (2020-2022). Treasurer's Report accepted as written.

Pastor's Report: Accepted as written.

Committee Reports: Zion Mutual Homes and Worship and Music reports reviewed.

Old Business

*Discussion of Social Media Ministry Campaign: **Moved and passed - Council directs Jim Schley to continue forward momentum on this ministry initiative by working with the personnel committee to find an appropriate Social Media Manager.***

New Business

Liaisons from council to standing committees:

Personnel - Sue Bunkert (in role as council president)

Zion Mutual Homes - Candy Korzilius

Family Ministries and Chrisitan Ed - Gail Hunter

Finance - Ray Pittman (in role as council treasurer)

Property - Tammy Mossholder

Worship and Music - Stephanie Draheim

Glocal - Carl Abendroth

Next Meeting: Monday, April 25, 2022 at 6:30pm

Devotion to be led by: Ray Pittman

Motion to Dismiss at 7:44pm. Closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Draheim, Secretary. These minutes were approved at the April 25, 2022 meeting.

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

May 1st: Assisting Minister: Tommy Meltz	May 8th: Assisting Minister: Wendy Sachs	May 15th: Assisting Minister: Grace Van Eyck	May 22nd: Assisting Minister: Gwen Schwandt	May 29th: Assisting Minister: Deb Reis
Acolyte: Nathan Dutcher	Acolyte: Ryan Burnette	Acolyte: Ava Dorn	Acolyte: Charlee Weiland	Acolyte: Nash Baeten
Communion Setup/ Cleanup: JoAnn Salm	Communion Setup/ Cleanup: Gail Hunter	Communion Setup/ Cleanup: Diana Staedt	Communion Setup/ Cleanup: Tricia Kasten	Communion Setup/ Cleanup: Tricia Kasten
Fellowship: Janice Weber	Fellowship:	Fellowship: Korzilius/Hoesli	Fellowship:	Fellowship:

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Appleton

What is a Grief Support Group? A small group (3-6) of people who gather together with a group facilitator. The group can provide emotional, physical and spiritual support in a safe and nonjudgmental environment. It allows you to be with others who have had similar experiences, thoughts and feelings.

Who Should Consider Being in a Grief Support Group? Anyone who has experienced the death of a person significant in their life; spouse, sibling, child, parent, other relative, friend, companion, neighbor, co-worker. Maybe you have experienced the deaths of several people in a short time span. Grief has no timeline, so your loss may be recent or in the past. These groups are open to anyone who would benefit from being a part of a group, you do not need to be a member of Prince of Peace. *Be a part of a support group if you want to be supported as you grieve your loved one.*

Each support group will meet for 6-7 sessions with a time frame of 90 minutes each session. Prince of Peace will hopefully offer a daytime and an evening time to meet the needs of those interested and we will plan to meet in the Community Life Room at the church.

The support groups will be facilitated by Nancy Scheuerman, member of Prince of Peace. Nancy has completed a Grief Support Companionship Training program and continues to meet with her trainer periodically for continued guidance. Nancy has led four previous groups for Prince of Peace. Previous participants felt the support group was very helpful to them during their grief journey.

We will use a Companionship Model for the group sessions called: Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart by Alan Wolfelt, PhD. Dr. Wolfelt is a respected leader in the field of grief and death, and you may visit his website www.centerforloss.com for more information about his work. Group participants will receive this book and other resources to help them in their grief journey.

Companionship is a model that honors the idea that grief is a normal and necessary journey, but it is helpful having someone be with you on that journey. This will be a chance to walk alongside one another, just as the disciples did when Jesus sent them out, as we follow Jesus to give support to each other. We each have our own journey.....

You are encouraged to contact Nancy Scheuerman at 920-731-9847 or 920-427-6715 or nancy631@sbcglobal.net if you have questions, to sign up, or need more information. She would be glad to speak with you about this opportunity.

RUBY'S POP-UP PANTRY: Is seeking volunteers age 13+ to assist with setup, registration, food distribution, traffic coordination & cleanup on the first Tuesday of the month at First English Lutheran Church, 326 E. North St., to help fight hunger in the Fox Cities. Kids 12 & under can participate with an adult. Visit www.rubyspantry.org or contact Deni at 920-358-0554 or dkuchler@felc.com for information.



Synod Assembly Service Project Logistics

This year's Synod Assembly service project will be partnering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a non-profit committed to making sure no child has to sleep on the floor by building twin-sized bunk beds. East Central Synod of Wisconsin will be partnering with SHP in hosting a build day for twenty beds (or more) to be given to local children in need of a proper place to sleep. Congregations are invited to participate in one of three ways:

Bedding Drive - NEW twin-sized sheets and comforters, pillows, mattress pads, and mattress protectors. Quilts that are made should be comfortable for children and may be full or twin sized. SHP requests NO white sheets. Bring these items to church by May 8, 2022. Monetary donations for bedding can be made online or sent to the synod office, 16 Tri-Park Way - Appleton, WI 54914. Monetary donations assist in bulk buying of bedding and will increase the impact of your gifts.

Please take pictures or videos of how your collection grows and send to jenn.pockat@ecsw.org by the beginning of assembly to see the impact of your generosity celebrated all across the synod.

Drop off sites for bedding are available between 9 am - 3 pm May 9-11, 2022 by conference. Please send one representative from your congregation to your local drop off site during this time unless otherwise indicated below.

- *Appleton Conference - Partnered with Appleton chapter of SHP, bedding donations should be dropped off at First English Lutheran Church (6331 N. Ballard Road - Appleton).*
- First English Lutheran Church in Appleton is a point of contact for people that may not be available to deliver bedding during specific times or locations. Please contact Deni (dkuchler@felc.com) for more information to arrange a time for drop off. Those in the Green Bay area unable to make the drop off window time or location can contact Pr. Cindy Warmbier-Meyer at pastorcindy@stjohndepere.org.

Build Day - Willing hands are needed Saturday, May 7th to help build bunk beds. While experience is helpful it is not necessary! The synod has a goal of making 20 beds! Registration to participate in Build Day will open April 1st and will be capped in order to ensure the efficiency of the build is in accordance with the guidelines from SHP.

Save the date! Build day with Sleep in Heavenly Peace
May 7, 2022 - 9 am - 2pm (Hospitality included!)
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
1100 E Murdock Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901

Bless through Giving - Donations are needed to fund a build day. One bed costs about \$250 to build. Would you consider sponsoring a bed as an individual or a congregation? Donations may be made out to the East Central Synod of Wisconsin marked "SHP" and made on the synod website, www.ecsw.org (look for "give" and select SHP) or be sent to the synod office: 16 Tri-Park Way, Appleton, WI 54914. Let us know by March 28th via email if you or your congregation are up for sponsoring a bed - email ecsw@ecsw.org.

Any additional questions? Please contact Rev. Paul Johnson at (715) 201-9090 or PaulAndrewJohnson101@gmail.com for more info or to volunteer for the synod assembly service project committee! Volunteers throughout the synod will also be needed to help with transport.