

ZION'S JULY 2022 MESSENGER

FROM PASTOR CATHERINE

I want to share with you all a true ministry experience of mine. During my first call in Woodhull, IL a conflict began at Bethany. Being a new Pastor I had no idea how to deal with the conflict, so I decided to write a newsletter article about it entitled, "To clap or not to clap, that is the question." You might have already guessed that the issue was over whether it was right to clap after an individual or a group that sang at the church. On one side you had the clappers; they felt that you should recognize a performance by clapping for it and they especially felt that it was important to clap when the children were performing a song. For them, clapping came from the heart; they couldn't help but clap. On the other side were the non-clappers. They felt that if they clapped for one performance, they should clap for all performances. They even wondered if they should clap for their Pastor's sermon or when the congregation sang a song. Their point was where does the clapping end? If you clap for one and not for another, will the person who was not clapped for feel bad? Would you be hurting the feelings of another? Would you be saying one part of the worship was better than another?

Neither side was willing to budge even an inch. Finally after I wrote my article, I think that they began to see each other's side. The clappers decided to clap only at specific times, especially when the children sang. The non-clappers decided clapping for the children made sense, and they didn't get upset when special claps came out. Now this didn't mean that the issue went away all together. We still had clappers and non-clappers that would get upset sometimes. After all, those on each side were passionate about their point of view.

You may be thinking that the issue of clapping is not that important. Why did so many members in my first congregation get upset over such a silly issue? Well, you must remember that it was not a silly issue for them. This was very important to them. The passion on each side was real and that meant that for the issue to be resolved, each side had to understand where the other side was coming from.

I think every church has issues like Bethany did about clapping. It doesn't have to be clapping. It could be children in church and how loud they are. It could be what people wear to church. Ever since people began wearing more casual clothes, that issue has been out there. It could even be the music we are singing or the instruments that a congregation is using that can cause controversy. There are countless things that can cause conflict within a congregation. What we must remember is that there is passion on both sides of an issue. Even if you think that your side is the right side, you must be careful not to negate the other person's point of view. All of us have valid points of view.

So how do we deal with conflicting points of view? I wish I could say it is easy to do. We are all Christians, and we should just honor one another. We know that doesn't always happen. Even Christians hold fast to their own sides of an issue. So what do we do? Well, I have a few ideas of where to start.

1. Listen to what the other side has to say. Even if you don't agree with them, you need to hear them and honor what they have to say.
2. Seek a way to find a compromise. Realize that you will probably not get everything you want and that being part of the Body of Christ means compromise so that the whole Body remains healthy.
3. If something happens that you are against, voice your opinion and then let it go. It is important not to continue your anger. Anger does nothing to further God's work here on earth. To be God's children, we need to let go so that we can be true ministers of God.
4. Don't forget to continue to love the person or persons who have the other point of view. We, as Christians, are called to love one another and honor one another. Do not let your difference of opinion keep you from having a relationship with one of God's children.

I know that the things that I just mentioned will not be easy or even possible for everyone. Just know that you are God's child, and that God knows what is in your heart. Rely on your faith in God to help you through whatever conflict comes your way and remember we are all God's children.

Pastor Catherine

ZION’S COUNCIL PRESIDENT: SUE BUNKERT

There is a line from Louis Armstrong’s Summertime that describes “the livin’ is easy.” While that is certainly true as we put the snow and cold of winter behind us, “livin” is not so easy for Zion’s budget. People take vacations, spend weekends in the great outdoors, enjoy sporting activities and more. Unfortunately church attendance and contributions drop significantly during summertime. We need to recognize this and it’s impact on our budget. Therefore, I urge you, that if you are going to be away, please take advantage of viewing our service remotely and make arrangements for continuing your monetary contributions. The bulletin outlines how to contribute on line, through the mail or in person.

Zion has a number of maintenance projects which need our attention during summer’s nice weather and your continued support is essential.

To this end, we are in the process of establishing a Stewardship Committee. The first organizational meeting for this committee was held June 12th. We look forward to hearing more from this committee about a stewardship campaign in the near future. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please feel free to contact the church office or me, 920-734-5138.

Also, the Glocal Committee met on June 12th to form a plan for Zion’s outreach to both the local and worldwide communities. Again, if anyone feels this committee would be of interest to you, contact the church office or me.

When you’re out there barbequing those brats, the “fish are jumpin” and the corn “is high” remember these are God’s gifts to use. Cherish them and be thankful.

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

SETTING UP MEETINGS AT CHURCH: The council requests that if you want to set up a meeting of your committee or any other group to please contact Pastor Catherine and the Church Office first so that they can get it on their schedules and put it on the church calendar. It is also important that you indicate which room you would like to reserve for the meeting.

LUNCHEON SOCIAL: Join your fellow Zion members for lunch on Thursday, July 21, 2022, 11:30am at Pullmans. Sign-up on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ZION’S 2022 SCHOLARSHIP

RECIPIENT: Alix Hoesli

Zion received a thank you note from Alix which is posted on a bulletin board in the chapel hallway.

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 an e-mail at pastorcatherine@zionappleton.org (minimum of 24 hours notice is requested for emails).

BRASS ALTAR CROSS:

The brass altar cross is still missing. The police have been contacted but if anyone might know where it is, please let the office know.

	Member Giving:	Other Income:
June 5th	\$4,096	\$722
June 12th:	\$5,285	\$7,611
June 19th:	\$2,803	\$15
June 26th:	\$1,461	\$23
Totals:	\$13,645	\$8,371

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.

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 help with an adult. Visit www.rubyspantry.org or contact Deni at 920-358-0554 or dkuchler@felc.com for more information.

JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

July 3rd:	July 10th:	July 17th:	July 24th:	July 31st:
Assisting Minister: Deb Reis	Assisting Minister: Grace Van Eyck	Assisting Minister: Wendy Sachs	Assisting Minister: Tommy Meltz	Assisting Minister: Gwen Schwandt
Acolyte:	Acolyte: Ava Dorn	Acolyte: Charlee Weiland	Acolyte: Nash Baeten	Acolyte: Charlee Weiland
Communion Setup/ Cleanup: Jodi Hoesli	Communion Setup/ Cleanup: JoAnne Salm	Communion Setup/ Cleanup: Tricia Kasten	Communion Setup/ Cleanup: Diana Staedt	Communion Setup/ Cleanup: Gail Hunter
Fellowship: Tammy Mossholder	Fellowship: Ray Pittman	Fellowship: Sue Bunkert	Fellowship: Gail Dutcher	Fellowship: Gail Dutcher

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 4th.

LIVING INTO A CULTURE OF MISSION IN CONJUNCTION WITH ZION FOUNDATION

PRESENTATION: Please join us for our next Temple talk and 2021 Foundation distribution presentation planned for Sunday July 10. Our guest speaker will be Shelby Miller, Executive Director of Hope Clinic and Care Center. The Living into a Culture of Mission team is in the process of inviting representatives 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.

SPECIALS & MEMORIALS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED:

Sally Fieck in memory of Roger Fieck, *designated for the Roof Fund;*

Darlene Roehl in memory of her daughter Cheryl, *designated for Camp Scholarship;*

Edie Stecker, *designated for the Roof Fund;*

Harry Hameister in memory of his mother Lena Hameister and son Terry Baehman, on their birthdays in heaven, *designated for the Roof Fund;*

John Hetzler, *designated for Special Event Friends of Music;*

George & Vera Zimmer, *designated for the Roof Fund;*

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

ZION'S RECYCLING PROGRAM: Our Recycling Program continues to benefit Zion's Programs. A recent trip to Goldin Recycling was very productive! You probably wouldn't give it a second thought but that strand of Christmas lights that won't light is change in Zion's collection plate! 113 pounds at 30 cents a pound gave us \$33.90. Add 80 pounds of aluminum and we have \$87.50 to be put to good use! This check is being given to Finance to help pay for a new headset microphone for Pastor. There will be another trip this summer to recycle the other types of wiring and copper so please bring your recyclables in for us! Brass, copper and Christmas lights just to name a few items.

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

Our 25th Season!

All recitals begin at 12:15pm and last 30 minutes.

Mon. July 04 - Daniel Schwandt at Lawrence University Chapel: 500 E. College Ave., Appleton

Wed. July 13 - Dr. Naomi Rowley at Faith Lutheran Church: 601 E. Glendale Ave., Appleton

Wed. July 20 - Dr. Paul Weber at First United Methodist 200 N. Drew St., Appleton

Wed. July 27 - Dr. Mark Paisar at St. Mary Catholic Church: 528 Second St., Menasha

Please visit lunchtimeorganrecital.org for any updates

2022 ZION CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Minutes of the Council Meeting of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Monday, May 16, 2022

Present: Pastor Catherine Burnette, Tammy Mossholder, Candy Korzilius, Ray Pittmann, Sue Bunkert, Stephanie Draheim, Carl Abendroth

Absent: Gail Hunter

Guests: Finance committee and three representatives from Thrivent Financial

Opening Devotion led by Tammy Mossholder at 6:30pm.

Approval of Agenda - *Addition: invite guests from Thrivent to introduce themselves*

Approval of Minutes - Minutes accepted as written with the amendment that the Winnebago Door near Oneida St. be locked at all times.

Thrivent representatives and Foundation committee came to Council for introductions.

Treasurer's Report/ Finance Committee Report: Financial report accepted as prepared by Grace Van Eyck. Preliminary report from our auditor given (final report should complete in the upcoming weeks).

Pastor's Report: Accepted as presented. A concern was raised about first aid equipment, including the fact that we don't have a working AED machine and our first aid kits may need updating. Pastor volunteered to contact property committee to discuss updating these.

All meetings on church property should go through Pastor Catherine when being scheduled so that room conflicts do not occur.

Committee Reports

Property Committee: Report accepted with discussion. Pastor and the staff will work to ensure the sanctuary and altar guild areas will be secured at all times except during worship and similar activities. Logistics TBD about who will unlock/lock these doors at the appropriate times, but feasible options exist. **Motion: use monies from the Seitz Flower fund to cover the cost of mulching.** Council reiterated their support of the removal of the cupola in order to repair the roof, and await a current bid for the project.

Worship & Music Committee: Update about sound system situation. Report accepted.

Old Business

Stewardship Committee: Grace Van Eyck, Gail Hunter, John Meyer and Diana Stadt have agreed to serve on a Stewardship Committee (with Greg Pettigrew supporting) and will meet on June 12th at 10:15am after church in the chapel. Anyone who is still interested is welcome to join them.

Summer Coffee Hours: Council chose weeks to coordinate June Fellowship hours June 12th-26th.

New Business

New members to Personnel Committee: One to two new members sought to join the personnel committee.

Thank yous: A thank you letter will be sent to those involved in Zion's news coverage.

Motion to dismiss at 8:20pm. Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 20 2022 at 6:30pm Devotion to be led by: Pastor Catherine

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Draheim, Council Secretary.

These minutes were approved at the June 20, 2022 Council Meeting.

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 are 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.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



**Sept. 11
2022**

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS:

Save the date: Sunday September 11th 9am worship at either First English (downtown) or Zion. After worship, work projects will be available. Food will be provided. Pastor Catherine will lead worship at First English and Pastor Ryan Eikenbary will lead Zion's worship service this day.



★ In Support of Linwood Place ★

Supportive Independent Living for Adults (62+)

425 N. Linwood Ave. Appleton

July 10th 2:00pm

Talk of the Town, New Orleans Jazz

Aug. 14th 2:00pm

The Happy Wanderer's German Band

Sept. 25th 2:00pm

Voices of Peace, Gospel *50/50 Raffle*

Bring Your Lawn Chair...Get Ready For Great Music And Fellowship

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In case of rain, concerts will be moved to Grace Lutheran Church, 900 N Mason St, Appleton.

Synod Golf Tournament

Tuesday, August 9, 2022
Glacier Wood Golf Club in Iola
Shot-Gun Start at 8:30 a.m.



To: All Pastors, Deacons, Church Leaders and Members of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin
(If you know people who'd enjoy playing this course, invite them; perhaps set up your own church foursome.)
From: Dennis Ellisen, Event Coordinator

Please mark Tuesday, August 9, on your calendar for the 2022 Synod Golf Outing at Glacier Wood Golf Club in Iola. We'll have a fun-filled day with 18-hole event prizes plus additional prizes and giveaways. *Don't miss it!*

This year we will support the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis and are seeking your donations of "new" blankets, hats, gloves and cash or checks made payable to "Lutheran World Relief". I will make sure all of the donations go to this worthy cause.

In peace,
Dennis

Important Stuff

Cost: \$60.00 includes golf, cart, lunch and prizes. Make checks payable to Sue Schultz.
Due Date: *Please register by July 24.* The golf course needs a final count on that date.
Format: 18-Hole Team Scramble
Times: 8:00 a.m. check-in; instructions at 8:15 a.m.; tee times at 8:30 a.m. (shot-gun start)
Course: Glacier Wood Golf Club, 604 Water Street, Iola
Located about a half mile north of Highway 161 on Water Street off Highway J.
Weather: If it rains, please call the course: 715-445-3831.
I will let you know the make-up date if needed ASAP.
Questions: If you have any questions about the event, please call me at 920-419-5581 or email me at revcat09@gmail.com.

2022 SYNOD GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Cell Phone No. _____ Email _____
Address: _____

I would like to golf with: _____
We will do our _____
best to match up _____
all golfers.

REGISTRATION DUE JULY 24, 2022!!
Please complete registration form and mail
with check payable to:
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