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MARCH

Community Wednesday Lenten Services

| Day | Location | Preacher |
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| March 7 | Zion UCC, Lowden | Pastor Scott |
| March 14 | St. John's, Clarence | Pastor Tessa |
| March 21 | St. Pauls Wheatland | Pastor Matt |
| March 29 | St. John's Clarence | Maundy Thurs. |
| March 30 | Zion UCC, Lowden | Good Friday |
| Worship – 7:00 p.m. | Evening Meal 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. | <u>Meal prices</u> \$7.00 for adults 12 yrs. and younger |

What does love look like?

It has the hands to help others.

It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see misery and want.

It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men.

That is what love looks like. Saint Augustine



From The Pastor's Pen

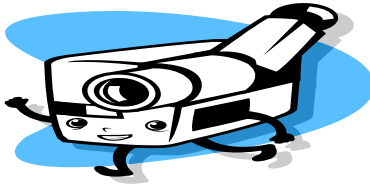
*Then Jesus said to them all:
"Whoever wants to be my disciple
must deny themselves and take up their cross
daily and follow me."
Luke 9:23*

USHERS
THIS MONTH

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| March 4, 2018 | Church Council |
| March 11, 2018 | Donovan & Linda Freese |
| March 18, 2018 | Duane & Terry Lasack |
| March 25, 2018 | Senior High Fellowship |
| April 1, 2018 | Church Council |
| April 8, 2018 | Merlin Conrad, David Niermeyer, Randy Horman, and Pete Johnson |
| April 15, 2018 | Dan & Amy Mohr, Ryan & Sara Sawyer |
| April 22, 2018 | Kyle & Melissa Gottschalk, Dean & Mandi Behrens |
| April 29, 2018 | Senior High Fellowship |



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| March 4, 2018 | Milo & Jacob |
| March 7, 2018 | Koby & Leighton, Lenten Service |
| March 11, 2018 | Nathan & Abby |
| March 18, 2018 | Koby & August |
| March 26, 2018 | Taylor & Leighton |
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| April 1, 2018 | Jacob & Nathan |
| April 8, 2018 | Abby & Milo |
| April 15, 2018 | Leighton & Taylor |
| April 23, 2018 | Nathan & Kody |
| April 30, 2018 | Milo & August |



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| March 4, 2017 | Aaron Horman |
| March 11, 2017 | Donna Luepker |
| March 18, 2017 | Cheryl Boedeker |
| March 26, 2017 | Jody Yutesler |



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| March 1 | *Amanda Kahl, *Elaine Mae Coppess |
| March 4 | Doug Wiedenhoff, Jamie Nabb |
| March 5 | Lonnie Luepker |
| March 8 | Tanya Stewart |
| March 9 | Jalynn O'Howell |
| March 10 | Carolee Lohman |
| March 11 | Gene Horman, Annette Behrens, Kody Klahn, Seth Hamilton |
| March 12 | Dennis Mostaert, *Lisa Horman |
| March 13 | Megan Horman |
| March 14 | Lisa Gottschalk |
| March 15 | Aaron Horman, Anna Welch |
| March 18 | Addison Luepker |
| March 19 | KaCee Traver |
| March 22 | *Parker Stout |
| March 23 | Sandra Koch |
| March 25 | Paige Holland |
| March 26 | Carrie Fox |
| March 27 | Donna Tank |
| March 30 | Kent Stout, Heidi Neill, Dean Behrens |
| March 31 | Jennifer Glover |

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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| March 5, 1960 | Alden & Marilyn Klahn |
| March 10, 1956 | Merle & Donna Tank\ |
| March 14, 1992 | Scott & Carman Fields |
| March 21, 2008 | Brandon & Jessie |

Enclosed in this Herald is a coloring page for your pleasure.
and if you would like to participate in decorating our
hallway, please color it, bring it in and we'll do the rest.
There will be a gift waiting for you in the office
when you drop it off!



Lenten Dinner at Zion

Zion Evening Circle will provide a delicious meal before the Lenten

Service at our church on Wednesday, March 8th.

The meal will be served from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy our Beef Lasagna or Chicken Lasagna with a Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Beverage and Dessert. The cost will be \$7.00 for adults; Children under 12 are Free. The Lenten Service will begin at 7:00 p.m.



Mark your calendars hungry Brothers and Sisters!!!

On April 30, 2017, we will be having our annual Spring Dinner at Zion United Church of Christ. As this date approaches, the committee would like to thank all those who have in the past so generously donated their time, talents and resources so that this community mission event may be enjoyed by all.

With God's blessing and our Zion church family working together as one body in Christ, we will be fruitful in our mission.

With hearty appetites,

Your Spring Dinner Committee

Movie Night at Zion

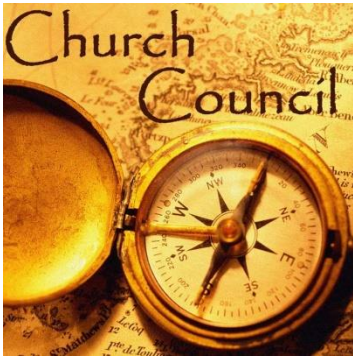
Tuesday, March 7th @ 6:30 pm

Zion Biblical Conversations will be showing

“We Can’t Print the Title of the Movie here”

But you can call the church office for details.

(it is a very popular movie and we will have coffee and treats after!)



**Zion
United Church of Christ
Church Council Meeting Minutes
JANUARY 18, 2018**

Zion United Church of Christ Council met at 7:00 p.m. on January 18, 2018. President David Niermeyer called the meeting to order. Pastor Steve opened with a reading and a prayer. Those in attendance were Al Mohr, Rick Balke, David Niermeyer, Joy Combs, Merlin Conrad, Bonnie Kintzel, Jamie Nabb and Sharon Elijah. Linda Behrens was present through the treasurers' reports.

Joys and concerns were shared. News and happening were announced.

Secretary's minutes from the December 14th meeting were read and made official on a motion by Merlin, 2nd by Jamie. Motion carried.

Calendar Review:

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| Jan. 28 | Congregational Annual Meeting |
| Feb. 14 | Ash Wednesday service at Wheatland |
| Feb. 19 | Evening Circle |
| Feb. 21 | Lenten Service at Tipton |
| Feb. 28 | Lenten Service at Bennett |

Pastor's report was reviewed. Joy moved, 2nd by Bonnie to accept Pastor's expense report. Carried. Pastor reported that there will be a UCC Regional Youth Event this year in Grinnell and that he will attend. The hospitality team has met and will begin serving coffee before services this coming Sunday. 73 families were served by the North Cedar Bell program.

The light fixtures in the educational building were discussed. David and Merlin will look into replacement fixtures. Joy has the updated and corrected membership list for Zion church. Merlin moved, 2nd by Al, that Joy's committee membership list is the official list to be published in the annual report. Carried.

Joy Combs was nominated as President; Jamie Nabb as vice president on a motion by Sharon, 2nd by Bonnie. Joy and Jamie were declared elected. Joy moved, 2nd by Bonnie that Sharon serve again as Secretary. Motion carried. Council representatives on committees were named.

Al moved, 2nd by Bonnie, that we pay for the CVLI license to show movies from the library fund. Motion carried.

Next meeting February 15th. Pastor Steve closed with a prayer. Merlin and David captured the bat that had been flying around in the building. Meeting adjourned on a motion by Bonnie, 2nd by Al. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Elijah, Secretary



ZION EVENING CIRCLE

FEBRUARY 20, 2017

We began our night in the Sunday School basement working on the boards that Annette and Janis had ready for us to Modge Podge. Two Sunday School teachers, Tanya Stewart and Jessica Coppess joined us. Boards were made for the other Sunday School teachers also, in honor of all the work they do. Jody made us think with the 3 games we played while our boards were drying.

Linda led devotions entitled "You Never Know Whose Life You're Touching" after delicious refreshments served by Millie, Julie and Rose.

President Donna called the meeting to order with 13 answering roll call. The secretary's report was read and approved. Thank you notes were read. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Millie made a motion, 2nd by Janie to pay the bills. Carried.

Donna thanked the project committee for the enjoyable Christmas party, those who served Dorothy Fisher's funeral luncheon, and those who took care of flowers the past few months. Janie read a note written by Marlene W. concerning the poinsettias. Discussion was held. Jody moved, Janice 2nd to display the poinsettias starting for the Christmas season on Dec. 10, 2017. Janie will make up a form for those wanting to donate a poinsettia to use this fall.

Discussion was held about kitchen improvements. Each member should bring 2 ideas for the improvements they wish to see done to the next meeting.

Our Lenten service will be held March 8th, with our lasagna supper preceding the service. The sign-up sheet was given to each member. Pastor reminded us that they are doing the Last Supper presentation at the Maundy Thursday service at our church. Spring Dinner will be April 30th. He also gave us two things to think about: Starting church at 10:00 during the summer and year-round fellowship after church.

Our March meeting will be held at Clarence Assisted Living so we can include Phyllis in our meeting. Julie will do devotions and Donna and Jean will provide refreshments. Sandy Harmel will be our speaker. Julie will be in charge of flowers for March. Meeting adjourned.

Sharon Elijah
Secretary

Missions Committee Meeting

February 12, 2017

Present: Linda Behrens Sharon Elijah
Pastor Steve Carmen Fields
Jess Coppess Mary Campbell
Absent: Megan Horman Marlene Wiedenhoff

Call to order and opening prayer:

The meeting was called to order by Linda and Pastor Steve led the committee in prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

The October 2, 2016 meeting minutes were moved to be approved as presented by Jessica and seconded by Carmen.

Financial Report:

The financial report was reviewed. Linda reported she sent a letter to Cornerstone requesting the cash out of two CDs. These CDs weren't gaining much interest and the committee felt it was time to research putting them into some mutual funds or a different program. Linda will talk with Duane Lasack and come back to the committee with what options there are for reinvestment.

Old Business:

Linda and Pastor Steve gave a summary of the Willis Dady House fundraiser that took place in November. Members of the church were very generous and the shelter was grateful for the donated supplies.

New Business:

Linda asked for volunteers willing to accept committee officer roles. No one volunteered for the chairperson role, so Linda agreed to stay on as Mission Committee chairperson. Jessica volunteered for Mission Committee secretary and Linda and Carmen agreed to stay on as Mission Committee treasurers.

Linda and Pastor Steve next explained the committee's role and briefly discussed how Mission Committee funds are used and how donations are typically distributed. For calendar year 2016, it was determined there was approximately \$600 left to donate. After much discussion,

Carmen motioned to match the Christian Education donation of \$250 to Friends of the Animal Shelter in Tipton. Mary seconded and it was approved.

Jessica motioned to donate the remaining \$350 to the Iowa Conference and ask that they direct it to a homeless charity in the Davenport area. Mary seconded and it was approved.

Linda asked for help completing church membership birthday cards and Mary graciously volunteered.

Members present began to discuss projects for 2017, but then tabled the discussion. Everyone agreed to come prepared with recommendations to discuss and vote on at the next meeting.

The next meeting will take place on April 2, 2017 after church services.

The meeting was adjourned and Pastor Steve ended with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jessica Coppess

LIST OF USHER FOR WORSHIP SERVICE 2017

APRIL 2, 2017

April 9, 2017

April 16, 2016

April 23, 2017

April 30, 2017

CHURCH COUNCIL

Lou & Janis Krafock

Bob & Campbell (Easter)

Rick & Karen Bentrout

Senior High Fellowship
(Spring Dinner)

May 8, 2017

May 14, 2017

May 21, 2017

May 28, 2017

Church council

Royce & Lisa Gottschalk

Kip & Laettner Esbaum

Senior High Fellowship

June 4, 2017

Church Council

June 11, 2017
June 18, 2017
June 25, 2017

Kyle & Melissa Gottschalk
Dennis Mostaert & Tim Kahl
Senior High Fellowship

July 2, 2017

July 9, 2017
July 16, 2017
July 23, 2017
July 30, 2017

Church council

Ann Harms & Annette Behrens
Rick & Mary Balke
Callie Tjaden & Rose Horman
Senior High Fellowship

August 7, 2017

August 13, 2017
August 20, 2017
August 28, 2017

Church Council

Ryan & Sarah Sawyer
Dean & Mandi Behrens
Senior High Fellowship

Sept. 3, 2017

Sept. 10, 2017
Sept. 17, 2017
Sept. 24, 2016

Church council

Josh & Heather Easterly
Brenda Esbaum & Mary Huffman
Senior High Fellowship

October 1, 2017

October 8, 2017
October 15, 2017
October 22, 2017
October 29, 2017

Church Council

Robert & Jonie Fields
Tessa Holst & Megan Hamdorf
Noah & Jessica Coppess
Senior High Fellowship

Nov. 5, 2017

Nov. 12, 2017
Nov. 19, 2017
Nov. 22, 2017 (Thanksgiving Eve)
Nov. 26, 2016

Church Council

Brian & Carolee Lohman
Donna Luepker & Lori Dittmer
Tim & Jane Drewelow
Senior High Fellowship

Dec. 3, 2017

Dec. 10, 2017
Dec. 17, 2017
Dec. 24, 2017 (Christmas Eve)
Dec. 31, 2017

Church Council

Sharon Kruckenberg & Beth Fox
Lonnie Luepker & Stacie Luepker
Kent & Janice Strackbein
Barry & Julie Hoffmeier
Senior High Fellowship

January 7, 2018
January 14, 2018

Church Council

Jared Bentrrott & Brett Esbaum

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| January 21, 2018 | Joby & Kyle Proesch |
| January 28, 2018 | Senior High Fellowship |
| February 4, 2018 | Church Council |
| February 11, 2018 | Jay Hein & Jodie Snowbarger |
| February 18, 2018 | Scott & Carman Fields |
| February 25, 2018 | Senior High Fellowship |
| March 4, 2018 | Church Council |
| March 11, 2018 | Donavon & Linda Freese |
| March 18, 2017 | Duane & Terry Lasack |
| March 25, 2017 | Senior High Fellowship |

Here are a few people to call that can fill in for you if you can't usher on the Sunday you are down to do.

Gary & Kimberly Klahn
Pete & Sharon Johnson
Alan & Vicki Mohr
Renate Port
Judy Proesch
Scott Boedeker
Gene & Jaynice Hamdorf
Wes Griesbach
Joshua Hamdorf

Zion Summer Lawn Care



The Church Council is accepting bids for Summer lawn care for the church and parsonage. A copy of the lawn care contract listing the expected duties of the job can be reviewed at the church office.

Anyone interested can submit a sealed bid by March 20, to be opened at the March 21 council meeting. Thank you. The Church Council.

REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| March 1, 2017 | 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service At St. John's Clarence |
| March 8, 2017 | 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Zion United Church of Christ in Lowden, , with Pastor Tommi preaching. Our Lentagne meal will be served from |

