

From Pastor's desk...

February 2022

Dearly Beloved of God,

The greeting above almost sounds like a Valentine card, doesn't it? In a sense it is, as we recall, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His one-and-only-Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

And there is more; We hear the Pastor greet the people at the beginning of the Confession and Absolution section of the Divine Services, "Beloved in the Lord."


So much was at stake for God's people from the beginning. Adam and his bride, Eve had paradise. No work, no illness, no stress, plenty of food, and the perfect relationship with their Creator. It just couldn't have been any better, could it?

Yes, it could. But Creator God did not make our first forbears as robots with no ability to think, reason, and choose. They had the ability to choose the best path, but they decided to listen to another voice, the voice of a fallen angel. They decided that their opinion trumped God's simple order, "Do not eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil." (paraphrase of Genesis 3: 1-7.) But they ate anyhow. And by so doing, fell into sin that is passed to all of us since Eden.

But "God so loved the world," that he had a plan of rescue. Adam and Eve, even though they lost paradise because of their disobedience and unbelief, remained the "beloved of God."

We are not so different from Adam and Eve, are we? We sometimes listen to other voices, make bad decisions, and struggle with the "Old Adam" who lives within all of us, and will until our last breath.

But God has given us the great gift of faith, faith that the beloved of God know what to do when sin and death put us on the run. Confession is not only good for the soul, it is necessary! And we confess. And we believe. And we are forgiven!

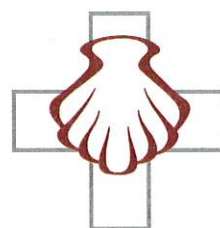
Blessings
Pastor T. 

February Celebrations



Birthday's

2/1	Jan Howard
2/1	Jillian Sims
2/4	Allan Gleason
2/4	Lindsey VanZeLe
2/6	Donna Clark
2/7	Christina Gleason
2/13	Lea Manuel
2/13	Carl Saylor
2/13	Amaya Shull-Pernell
2/14	Nancie Klein
2/15	Teresa Albsmeyer
2/19	Madyson Carter
2/19	Blayke Strubbe
2/22	Jessica Shull
2/23	Barb Hand
2/23	Marjorie White
2/24	Dale Dobbe
2/29	Landon Durheim



Baptism Birthday's

Eric Oswald	2/1
Romen Nolting	2/2
Jon Debowey	2/6
Ted Mahler	2/13
Anna Thompson	2/13
Brooklyn Hermes	2/14
Robin Krone	2/14
Delaina Manuel	2/15
Cindy Pritchard	2/17
Michael Greene	2/18
Donna Clark	2/21
Jan Howard	2/22
Jenny Darnell	2/25
Sondra Hermes	2/26
Allan Gleason	2/27

Wedding Anniversary's

Russel & Billie Miner	2/11
Harold & Sandy Jurgens	2/12
Dave & Kristi White	2/14
Wayne & Jan Howard	2/25



DRAFT Zion Lutheran Church – Voter’s Assembly Minutes DRAFT
January 16, 2022

Gary Klekamp called the meeting to order at 11:20 am. Pastor opened the meeting with the Opening Prayer for a Congregational Meeting.

Attendance: 16 members present with 2 new people requesting membership - Rich and Teresa Albsmeyer, who will be voting members at the next voters meeting in April. Quorum was established.

Minutes: Minutes from the October 28, 2021 meeting submitted by Stacy Stremsterfer were reviewed. Motion by Sue Matzat and seconded by Frank Wallace to approve minutes as printed, MCVV.

Treasurer’s Report: Stacy Stremsterfer presented the 2021 budget report showing where we ended the year. She noted some line items were higher in earlier reports given out at meetings due to grant money being used, however those expenses are now grouped into line item named “Reimbursed from Memorial Fund”. This makes the budget look more inline instead of extremely high over budget line items. Bank balances as of 12/31/21 were also submitted. Motion to approve Treasurer’s report by Brad Mahler and second by Dennis Boesdorfer, MCVV.

Financial Secretary Report: Eric Oswald presented his year-over-year financial report for October, November and December. Annual giving reports will be in mailboxes soon. No objections to accepting the report by unanimous consent.

Elder’s Report: Dennis Boesdorfer reported the Elders had a meeting yesterday with the new Elder, Nathan Van Zelle. They are still assisting Pastor with services and making calls to reach out to members. No objections to accepting the report by unanimous consent.

Trustee’s Report: Dale Dobbe reported the fire alarm system had its yearly inspection and thanked those who helped put up and take down the Christmas decorations for the church. Still have not received spotlights for the sanctuary from Ryan Electric due to supply issues. Glisson Heating & Air came to look at the furnace. The drain hole for one of the furnaces was clogged with rust and also inspected the other older units. Discussion was held about replacing more than one of the units. Last year at the January Voter’s Meeting it was discussed about purchasing one a year, but no motions were made to set any precedents. Motion by Brad Mahler and seconded by Bob TeRonde to spend up to \$10,000 to replace two furnaces. Discussion was held, MCVV. No objections to accepting the report by unanimous consent.

Education/Stewardship Report: Lindsey Van Zelle reported the Christmas Program went well with 11 kids participating. Next Sunday they will start Sunday School with new Material. Looking into starting at Kids Chime group again since they were used in the Christmas Program and they loved it. No objections to accepting the report by unanimous consent.

Church Council Report: Gary Klekamp reported Eric Oschwald is working on investment policy guidelines for the Glenn Oschwald Parochial Education Fund. With the new Memorial Policy in effect, a letter has been sent to those families with memorial money in accounts that need a decision on how to spend the money since it has been over a year. They have six months to make their decision. Council will be discussing at their upcoming meetings at a possible new partnership with Alliance Defending Freedom, the world's largest Religious Liberty Law firm. Lindsey Van Zelle has started the Mandated Reporter training process with the State of Illinois. Church council approved an end of year bonus for Sue Matzat for \$500. No objections to accepting the report by unanimous consent.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Pritchard reported:

197 baptized members

163 communicant members

Attendance: YTD 48

Communion 42

Completed normal pastoral activities with preparation for Services, Bible Study & Confirmation. Calls are mostly suspended due to COVID surge. Will be spending 10 days in Florida from January 19 thru February 2. ISP Chaplain, counseling, contacts as usual.

Unfinished Business:

Gary Klekamp reported he received a response back from Jeanette Ealey on her mother's memorial funds. She would like to have them transferred to the Building Account. Motion by Dennis Boesdorfer and seconded by Bob TeRhonde to accept Jeanette Ealey mother's memorial money of \$3,229.36 to be transferred to the Building account from Memorial, MCVV. Gary also reported he has been working diligently over the past year trying to get answers on how to correctly reimburse Pastor Pritchard for this health care since he went onto Medicare which was a savings for the Church. Asked voters if he could get their permission to give Church Council to proceed and move forward with the decision on getting Pastor reimbursed. Motion by Bob TeRonde and seconded by Sue Matzat to allow Church Council to make decision on Pastor Pritchard's health reimbursement arrangement, MCVV.

New Business:

Motion by Brad Mahler and seconded by Bob TeRonde to allow \$8,000 for parsonage and \$6,500 for professional expenses for Pastor Pritchard's 2022 income taxes to be retroactive back to January, MCVV.

Motion by Dennis Boesdorfer and seconded by Frank Wallace to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned with the singing of the doxology.

Minutes submitted by: Stacy Stremsterfer.



CAMP CILCA SCHEDULE 2022

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

new
ACT LIKE MEN EVENTS

For men of all ages to make connections across generations, learn and sharpen new skills, and grow strong in the Lord.

**“Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.”
- I Corinthians 16:13**

February 25- 26 - Act Like Men Woodcutter’s Retreat
• Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult •

March 20 - Annual Banquet
Held at Camp CILCA’s Dining Hall.
Contact the Camp Office to reserve your tickets.

April 29-May 1 - Women’s Scrapbooking Retreat

May 28 - Act Like Men Field Day Competition

May 29 - Annual Hog Roast
10:30 AM: Worship
11:30-2:30 PM: Hog Roast Dinner

May 31 - Junior Counselor Training
10 AM-2 PM at Camp

June 1-July 29 - Summer Camp Program

July 30 - Homecoming
Food, music, games, more!

July 31-August 5 - Act Like Men Camp
• For any man who has completed high school •

September 4 - Chicken Fry & Auction
10:30 AM: Worship
11:30-2:30 PM: Chicken Fry Dinner
1 PM: Live Auction Begins

September 17 - Act Like Men Shooting Retreat
• Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult •

September 23 - Whippoorwill Golf Outing

October 1 - GRIT Run

SUMMER PROGRAMS 2022

The Central Illinois Lutheran Camp Association (CILCA) exists to foster and strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and fellowship with others in a unique outdoor setting. CILCA strives to reconnect Christians to Christ and Creation.

GENERATIONS

Campers age 4 thru 4th grade are introduced to camp with a 1-night stay with a parent or other adult. \$65*

Session I : June 10-11

Session II: July 1-2

*per person

PATHFINDERS

1st- thru 4th-grade campers break out on their own with a 2- or 3-night stay.

\$150/*\$175

Session I; June 1-3

Session II: July 5-8*

Session III: July 14-16

BOLD SPIRITS

4th- thru 6th-grade campers experience 5 nights of Camp CILCA. \$325

Session: June 12-17

DAUNTLESS SOULS

6th- thru 8th-grade campers gather for a screen-free week of life-changing outdoor adventure. \$325

Session I: June 19-24

Session II: July 17-22

ART & DRAMA WEEK

5th- thru 8th-grade campers choose one track-Art or Drama-for the week & are led by experienced instructors. \$350

Session: July 17-22

AQUA WEEK

4th- thru 6th-grade water-loving campers will enjoy a full week of water-based activities. \$350

Session: June 26-July 1

JOYFUL HEARTS

Campers of all ages with developmental disabilities experience the joys of the outdoors during a 4- or 2-night stay. \$350/*\$175

Full Week: June 5-9

Half Week: June 5-7* or 7-9*

ATHLETICS WEEK

5th- thru 8th-grade campers focus on a new sport every day: soccer, volleyball, track & more! \$350

Session: June 12-17

NIGHT OWL

6th- thru 8th-graders experience camp while staying up all night and sleeping all day. Enough said! \$350

Session: July 19-24

INTREPID HEARTS

High-School students enjoy the rejuvenation of God's creation in a laid-back week before school starts. \$325

Session: July 24-29

ACT LIKE MEN CAMP

Men who have completed high school can explore new skills, test their strength, make new friends, and learn what it means to be a man of God.

\$150

Session: July 31- August 5

REGISTER TODAY!

To find in-depth details on each camp & register* visit:

WWW.CILCA.ORG

*\$75 deposit due at time of registration



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service 10:15 A.M. Confirmation Class 6:00 P.M. - 7:15 P.M.						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M. Super Bowl	Happy Valentine's Day					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service 10:15 A.M. Life Sunday Confirmation Class 6:00 P.M. - 7:15 P.M.			March Newsletter Articles Due	Church Council 6:45 P.M.		
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service with Communion 10:15 A.M. Confirmation Class 6:00 P.M. - 7:15 P.M.			Ash Wednesday services 7:00 P.M.			
6	7	Notes: Elder Dennis Boesdorfer				

Zion's Newsletter

February, 2022

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Sunday School 9:00 A.M.
Adult Bible Class 9:00 A.M.
Divine Service 10:15 A.M.

LCMS

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