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Zion Lutheran Church
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Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Worship Times

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN-PERSON
AT 10:30AM
(**8AM on 2nd Sundays**)

Service Broadcast at 10:30AM
on KNAF 910AM
(**8AM on 2nd Sundays**)

Video of Service available on
Zion's YouTube channel
www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube

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Zion Lutheran Church January 2022

Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America (ELCA)



Office Hours

Monday–Friday
8am–3pm

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997-4264

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President, Robert Menking
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(Stewardship) 997-2689

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Secretary, Sandy Schmidzinsky
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Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting

DATE: Sunday, January 30, 2022

TIME: 11:30AM, immediately following the 10:30AM service

PLACE: Zion Lutheran Church Sanctuary

PURPOSE: To review and approve the 2022 Annual Budget
To review and approve the Annual Report of the Congregation
To elect Council Members to serve 2022-2025

Budget Forum to discuss the 2022 Budget will be held Sunday, Jan. 23 at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall and Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 6:00pm in the Sewing Room. **Please make every effort to attend your Congregational Meeting.**

A handwritten signature of Robert Menking.

Robert Menking
Congregational President

A handwritten signature of Sandy Schmidzinsky.

Sandy Schmidzinsky
Congregational Secretary

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

New Year's Day is upon us, and New Year's resolutions come to our minds. Certainly, the coming of the New Year causes us to reflect on what we would like new in our lives in 2022. What would you like to change in your life for the upcoming year? In Colossians 3, Paul is talking to Christians who need to make changes in their lives. Some of the Colossian Christians had not changed their lives very much when they became Christians. Paul reminds them that, because they have been raised with Christ, they should:

*"Set your mind on the things that are above,
not on the things that are on the earth.*

*For you died,
and your life is hidden with Christ in God."
(Colossians 3:2-3)*

When we became Christians, we became new people—Christ's people. And so, he says to the Colossians—and to us—that we should live as the new people whom we are. He says to put in the proper place all that is earthly and of this world. We are to get rid of those things that cause us not to stay with Christ. Those things that keep us from doing what Christ would want us to do.

Just think of what a wonderful world this would be if we could get rid of those things that cause problems in our lives. Just think what wonderful places churches would be if we could get rid of anger, slander and shameful speech. Paul tells us that we need to rid ourselves of these things because those are the things not in keeping with who we are as Christians.

In 2022, can we put aside those things that keep us from being one in Christ and try to serve and follow Him? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could do all that! Unfortunately, because of sin we cannot do that. We all fall short.

In my reading I came across the following story about Lindsay Clegg, a businessman who had been involved in the sale of an old warehouse. The building had stood empty for months. Vandals had smashed windows and trashed the building. As he showed the building to a prospective buyer, Clegg promised that the owner would repair the damage. But the buyer said, "Forget about the repairs. When I buy this place, I'm going to build something completely different. I don't want the building; I want the site."

And so it is with God. He offers to take us just as we are. He doesn't care whether we are beautiful. *Continued on p.3*

Our Shut-ins

AT HOME:

DWIGHT WEIRICH
PO Box 2425

CELESTE CARE

2230 N Llano:
ELAINE THOMAS

FBG NURSING

1117 S Adams:

HARRIET SCHLAUDT &
GENEVA SCHWARTZ

HERITAGE PLACE

96 Frederick:
ELEANORE CRUMP
RM#501

KNOPP HEALTHCARE

1208 N Llano:
MARGARET WILKE

KNOPP REHAB

202 Billie Dr:
PRESTON WILSON

KNOPP ASSISTED LGV

202 Billie Dr:

RANDY MCBRIDE RM#33
& EMMA STOTZ RM#21

VILLAGES AT

WINDCREST

702 W Windcrest:
RUTH SARNECKI
RM#1003

Statistics

Attendance: 10:30am

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| Dec 5 | 58 + | 9 YouTube Views |
| Dec 12 (8am) | 49 + | 16 YouTube Views |
| Dec 19 | 45 + | 22 YouTube Views |
| Dec 24 (4pm) | 33 + | 2 YouTube Views |
| Dec 24 (5:30) | 152 + | 12 YouTube Views |
| Dec 26 | 41 + | 11 YouTube Views |

General Fund Offerings:

(Includes: Loose & SS Offerings)

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| Dec 5 | \$ 12,237.00 |
| Dec 12 | \$ 3,735.02 |
| Dec 19 | \$ 5,417.00 |
| Dec 24 | \$ 6,469.00 |
| Dec 26 | \$ 2,667.00 |
| Tithe.ly offerings | \$ 1,361.85 |
| Total | \$ 31,886.87 |

Building Fund Offerings:

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| Dec 12, 24 & 26 | \$ 765.00 |
| Total | \$ 765.00 |

Gen Fund Rev & Exp for NOV:

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| Gen Fund Revenue Total | \$ 15,648.40 |
| Gen Fund Expense Total | \$ 24,410.36 |

2021 Year-to-Date thru NOV:

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| Revenue/Expense | \$ (60,151.88) |
| From Bequests | \$ 27,000.00 |
| Paycheck Protection P. | \$ 32,400.00 |
| Remaining Rev/Deficit | \$ (751.88) |

Special Offerings Totals:

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| Toys for Tots | \$ 525.00 |
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sunday School News

The youth are learning The Lord's Prayer. We have a puzzle (on the wall in the Fellowship Hall) and they work together to put the prayer in order, then we recite it.



**Adult Sunday School
Class begins on
Sunday, January 9 at
9:15am in the Sewing
Room.**



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BE WARM, BE KIND

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He doesn't care if we are rich. He doesn't care if we are smart. He doesn't care if we are powerful. He cares only that we will "let go and let God." He doesn't want the building. He only wants the site.

Today, as we begin a new year, how would you like the new year to be different from 2021? If you would like it truly to be different, "let go and let God!" Surrender to Him your life, your behavior, and your goals and let Him raise up a new life in Jesus Christ. May 2022 give you the opportunity to do that as you serve God at Zion and elsewhere. Let's work toward furthering His kingdom and worship Him. My prayer for each of you is that the coming new year will be a truly blessed year. May God bless you all.

Happy New Year!!!!!!

Pastor Ron Windecker

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Special Concern

Lutheran Disaster Response

On the night of December 10, a devastating outbreak of more than 30 tornadoes swept through six states. Kentucky was impacted the most, with more than 70 people reported dead. More than 330,000 people are without electricity across multiple states.

Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with partners in the affected areas, including the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, to respond to immediate needs. Given the initial damage assessments, recovery will likely take years, and Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to accompany survivors until the response is complete.

For monetary donations, you can write your check out to Zion.



Council Highlights

- Council heard reports from the Pastor and acted on the requested transfers of membership.
- Council heard committee reports.
- Council set the date for the Annual Meeting for Sunday January 30, 2022.
- Council discussed existing COVID protocols and limitations.
- Council went into closed session to discuss and review budget issues.

**Holy Communion will
be offered on the
1st & 3rd
Sundays in January!

January 2 & 16**



Thank You Notes

We wish to thank you all for your continued love and support, and for remembering us this Christmas season with cards, gifts and goodies. Happy New Year!!!

Pastor Ron & Deborah, Christi, Ray & Sheri

Thank you to everyone who helped put together the parade float. I appreciate all the hard work, suggestions and donations given to make this possible and also thanks to everyone who came to help set up the Christmas trees for our annual Christusbaum. I am so thankful for everyone's help to make this tradition come to life again this year.

God Bless, Emily Beyer

Thank you to everyone who helped Zion have an amazing Advent Season! Thank you to those who helped create Zion's parade float, set-up and decorate the Christusbaum display, helped decorate the church for Christmas, set-up candelabras, set-out poinsettias, usher, assist, read, etc. Coming together as a team, makes it all better!

Thank you to everyone who consistently continues to update and upgrade the flower gardens around the church campus. It's looking great!

Dear members of the Zion Bereavement Group,
Thank you for your efforts in organizing and helping with the meal for Ernestine's funeral.

Sincerely,
The Family of Ernestine Freida Grunau