

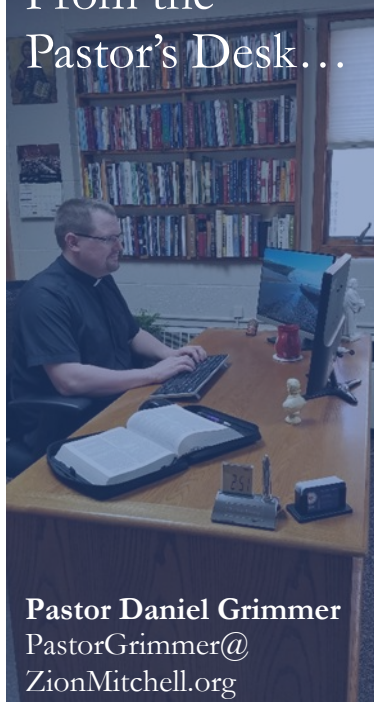


Zion
LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS

February 2024

From the Pastor's Desk...



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Zion's New Missionaries!

For the past several years, Zion has partnered with the other congregations of the South Dakota District to financially support overseas missionaries who have served in as pastors or been affiliated with South Dakota. We call this partnership "Together in Mission (TIM)".

Just in this last year, there have been several additions to the list of missionaries that our district is supporting! God's call to go out to all nations and preach the Gospel has come to several pastors who were recently serving in South Dakota, and they have answered that call faithfully.

Rev. Samuel Bobby, who previously served as senior pastor at St. Paul's, Aberdeen accepted a call to serve as a missionary in Riga, **Latvia**. Pastor Bobby teaches at a seminary based in Latvia called Luther Academy and also serves a church in Riga. Luther Academy not only trains pastors for the church in Latvia, but also offers online courses that train Lutheran pastors all over the world, many of them from countries where Christianity is illegal or marginalized and who would be unable to receive pastoral training in any other way.

Rev. Jordon Andreasen was recently serving as pastor of Our Savior, Aberdeen and St. John, Columbia, before accepting a call to serve as a missionary in Brasov, **Romania**. Pastor Andreasen will be working with the Confessional Lutheran Church in Romania to plant Lutheran congregations in Romania as well as in other Balkan countries.

Rev. Jonah Domenichelli has accepted a call to serve as a missionary in **Germany**. He is currently in the process of raising a network of financial support before he and his family make the move to the mission field. Pastor Domenichelli served previously as the pastor of Risen Savior, Tea.

In addition to these new pastors, Together in Mission will also continue to support **Rev. Daniel Jastram**, missionary in Tokyo, **Japan**. Pastor Jastram coordinates efforts to make Lutheran resources of theology and worship available in all of Japan. He provides regular services at worship sites, plans for and manages translation work of theological resources, and nurtures relations with local Lutheran pastors facing individual challenges to the faith. Pastor Jastram's wife Joan grew up in our congregation! (Continued on page 11)

Congregation News



Ash Wednesday—February 14

We will have Lent Midweek Services on Wednesdays at 6:30pm from February 14 through March 20. We also plan to have Lent meals if we have groups willing to serve.

The Elders will be serving the first meal on Ash Wednesday starting at 5:00pm. The Senior Youth have signed up to serve the meal on February 28. Please contact the office if you would like to serve a meal.

**Faith Foundations
Lent Schedule Change**
Classes begin at 5:15pm
starting February 14.
Parents please pick up
Preschool through 2nd
grade kids from classrooms
at 5:50 pm. There will be
no adult classes during
Lent.



Coborn's Food Receipts & County Fair Cards

It's time to turn in your Coborn's food receipts! All November, December and January receipts need to be brought in by February 11.

You can place your receipts in the mailbox marked for them in the north narthex. Thank you!

The LWML also accepts filled County Fair saver cards (NOT the one marked for fuel only) and receives \$0.55 for each card. These can also be placed in the mailbox in the north narthex. Thank you!

LWML Circle Meetings

Dorcas Circle meets Thursday, February 1 at 7:00pm.
Christine Grimmer is the monthly topic leader.

Lydia Circle will not meet until March.

In a Village

Mitchell Community Wide Baby Shower

In a Village's mission is to support and assist expectant mothers, parents, and caregivers of young children through physical resources, education & community in the Mitchell, SD area.

Thank you Zion for all the items you donated for the cause. Your contributions will make a huge difference in our community!



Those Serving in February

	Feb 4 - 8am	Feb 4- 10:30am
Head Usher	Marvin Strand	Loren Brech
Ushers	Alan Rickel Jeff Schuld Larry Stolz	Mark Nagel Luke Nagel Shawn Nagel
Acolytes	Isaac Fischer Malachi Hagemann	Taryn Nurnberg Lucy Thompson
	Feb 11 - 8am	Feb 11 - 10:30am
Head Usher	Russ Whaley	Chad Popp
Ushers	Adam Schulz Josh Schultz Chris Fischer	Adam Popp Carter Popp Larry Schnabel
Acolytes	Haylen Buchholtz Maci Wudel	Lydia Smith
Ash Wednesday	Feb 14 - 6:30pm	
Head Usher	Travis Schnabel	
Ushers	Bryan Flanagan Dave Buchmann Larry Weigandt	
Acolyte	Sydney Keenan	
	Feb 18 - 8am	Feb 18 - 10:30am
Head Usher	Chris Wehrmann	Travis Schnabel
Ushers	John Fink Frank Luczak Frank Luczak Jr.	Chris Foster Alex Foster Larry Weigandt
Acolytes	Grayson Van Oort Carla Keiper	Eli Konrad Noah Schnabel
Lent Midweek Service	Feb 21 - 6:30pm	
Head Usher	Marvin Strand	
Ushers	Jeff Schuld Josh Schultz Carl Bode	
Acolyte	John Keenan	
	Feb 25 - 8am	Feb 25 - 10:30am
Head Usher	Bryan Flanagan	Adam Popp
Ushers	Zach Flanagan Nathan Flanagan Rob Ewing	Rod Neugebauer Dave Buchmann Carl Bode
Acolytes	Levi Hinker Jonah Iburg	Christian Foster Charlie Patzer
Lent Midweek Service	Feb 28 - 6:30pm	
Head Usher	Russ Whaley	
Ushers	Alan Rickel Rob Ewing Larry Schnabel	
Acolyte	Emma Fischer	

Please take a moment to check the schedule.

If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please find a replacement.

Thank you

Both acolytes and ushers are important to helping our worship services run smoothly. Thank you to everyone who steps up to serve our congregation in this way!

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting 12/20/23

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

- I. Call to Order & Devotion-Pastor Grimmer opened the meeting with prayer. Members present: Pastor Grimmer, Vicar Wessel, Doug Schley, Julie Harnisch, Travis Schnabel, Larry Schnabel, Shannon Bartscher, John Fink, Russel Whaley, Mark Nagel, Brian Schuldt, Marvin Strand, Loren Brech, Diane Sullivan, Adam Schulz, Eric Schramm
- II. Congregation Member Comments - none
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
- IV. Reports
 - A. Secretary's Report -Marvin made motion to accept secretary's report, 2nd by Doug, motion carried
 - B. Treasurer's Report - Larry reported an income of \$51,442 with \$38,081 expenses. Marvin made motion to accept treasurer's report, 2nd by Loren, motion carried.
 - C. Financial Secretary's Report-no report
 - D. Pastor Grimmer's Report-Pastor reported that the old copier needs to be shipped back to company. The method of shipment to be determined.
 - E. Board Reports
 1. Youth & Parish Education-Julie reported on Christmas program and stated her appreciation for help with the program. There are 6 goodie bags left from the 99 that Council filled. \$238.00 was raised during the Christmas program and will be given to In a Village. Faith Foundations will start back up in January.
 2. Elders
 - a. Official Acts being reported - There was no meeting in December.
 - b. Issues brought to Elders by members to report to council-none
 3. Trustees
 - a. Doug made a list of items from the garage that are to be given away and will be printed in the bulletin
 - b. Doug will reach out to the company regarding the front doors.
 - c. Eric bought 6 conference tables from Mitchell Tech which are no longer needed by them. He will bring them to the church for use. If needed/wanted we may use them in the new building if we want to keep them.
 - d. Doug reported that there are no new quotes on insurance as of yet.

Church Council (cont.) / Mission Festival

F. Committee Reports

1. Stewardship Committee-Loren reported that the Christmas family night was a success. The next movie night is planned for January 21st.
2. Building Planning/Finance Committee-Eric reported working on contracts and with contractors. The plan is to start as soon as they can in the spring.

V. Business

A. Unfinished Business

1. Lease of rental property-A new water heater has been installed. There is a need to get an official rental agreement put in place and signed. John will work on this.
2. Loren reported that a CPR class will be held on January 13th at 9 am.

B. New Business

1. Set agenda for January Voter Meeting, publish in newsletter.
2. Set date in January for new congregational leadership installation. It will be January 7th at both services.
3. Publish complete listing of congregational leadership in January newsletter
4. Plan for President/VP or other Council member to present pastor/vicar gift bags after both Christmas Eve services. Loren will present gift bags at the 4 pm service. A council member to be determined to present gift bags at the 6 pm service.
5. Larry reported that the Wegehaupt CD's are maturing. John reported that tonight is Larry's last official meeting and presented him with a gift and our thanks for all he's done.

VI. Next Council meeting – Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 7:30 pm

VII. Adjournment & Prayer-Marvin made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Shannon, motion carried. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Sullivan, Council Secretary

Mission Festival – February 11, 2024

Guest Pastor Andreason will be preaching during both services.

*The Elders will be serving a breakfast between services where
Pastor Andreason will speak on Romania missions.*

*There will be a special door offering for those who would
like to contribute directly to the mission project.*

Please plan to join us!



Christian Marriage Retreat



February 9-10
Highland Conference Center
Mitchell, SD

Hosted by Zion Lutheran, Mitchell

A retreat for married and engaged couples of all ages. Come study God's Word to husbands and wives and be enriched in your marriage.

Rev. Jordon Andreasen
Recently serving in Aberdeen

Friday, February 9

5:45pm	Welcome & Opening Prayer
6pm	Dinner
6:45pm	Session #1
7:30pm	Break
7:45pm	Session #2
8:30pm	Evening Entertainment

Cost: \$50 per couple (includes Friday night dinner)

To register & pay online, go to
zionmitchell.org/retreat or use the QR code below.

Saturday, February 10

8am	Morning Devotion
8:15am	Session #3
9:15am	Break
9:30am	Session #4
10:30am	Break
10:45am	Session #5
11:30am	Closing Devotion



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Zion Lutheran Church · www.ZionMitchell.org 620 E 3 rd Ave · Mitchell, SD 57301						
4 8am Divine Service 9:15am Adult Bible Study & Sunday School for K-1 10:30am Divine Service	5 9:30am Staff Mtg 1pm Quilting 5:30pm LifeLight Bible Study	6 7:30am Women's Bible Study	7 1pm COFFEE Bible Study 6pm Faith Foundations 7:30pm Board of Education	8 7am Men's Bible Study	9 Office Closed Pastor/Vicar's Day Off	10 1pm Basement Reserved (Iburg)
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18 8am Divine Service 9:15am Adult Bible Study & Sunday School for K-1 10:30am Divine Service 6:30pm Music/Movie Night	19 9:30am Staff Mtg 1pm Quilting 5:30pm LifeLight Bible Study	20 7:30am Women's Bible Study 8:45am Newsletter Assembly	21 1pm COFFEE Bible Study 5pm Lent Meal 5:15pm Faith Foundations 6:30pm Lent Midweek Service 7:30pm Council Mtg	22 7am Men's Bible Study	23 Office Closed Pastor/Vicar's Day Off	24
25 8am Divine Service 9:15am Adult Bible Study & Sunday School for K-1 10:30am Divine Service	26 9:30am Staff Mtg 2pm Service @ Countryside 4pm Service @ Wesley Acres 5:30pm LifeLight Bible Study	27 7:30am Women's Bible Study	28 1pm COFFEE Bible Study 5pm Lent Meal (<i>Senior Yth</i>) 5:15pm Faith Foundations 6:30pm Lent Midweek Service	29 7am Men's Bible Study 4pm Building Committee	<h1>February 2024</h1>	

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

January 17, 2024

- I. Call to Order & Devotion - Pastor Grimmer led us in prayer. Member present: Adam Schulz, Julie Harnisch, Larry Schnabel, Shannon Bartscher, Brian Schuldt, Mark Nagel, Russel Whaley, John Fink, Larry Weigandt, Chris Wehrmann, Marvin Strand, Travis Schnabel, Vicar Wessel, Pastor Grimmer, Doug Schley, Diane Sullivan
- II. Congregation Member Comments - thank you cards were shared with the council.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda - adopted with additions to the new business-Adam made motion to adopt agenda, 2nd by Marvin, motion carried.
- IV. Reports
 - A. Secretary's Report - correction for voters meeting date should be January 23rd (4th Tuesday of the month) motion made to correct date by John, 2nd by Larry W, motion carried.
 - B. Treasurer's Report - Larry S reported income \$93,452 and expenses of \$39,129. Motion made to accept treasure's report by Adam, 2nd by Larry W., motion carried.
 - C. Financial Secretary's Report - no report
 - D. Pastor Grimmer's Report - Pastor Andreassen who is conducting the marriage retreat at the Highland Conference Center on February 9-10th will also preach and give a presentation between services on Sunday, February 11th as a mission festival. A door offering will be collected. Allan and Jamie Biermeyer would like to hold a Financial Peace University class. There is an \$80 cost per participant/couple for the class. A recommendation was made for Zion to pay 1/2 of cost to help off set participants expense. Motion made by Marvin, 2nd by Chris, motion carried. The extra copier was purchased for \$648 which is less than the price it would have been to ship it back to company. Pastor Grimmer presented information on a proposal to add an assisting Pastor that has been brought to the elders, St. Paul Plankinton and Trinity White Lake. This will be brought to January voter's meeting for further discussion.
- E. Board Reports
 1. Youth & Parish Education - Julie reports that Faith Foundation is back up and running after the Christmas break. On February 7th, they will be doing the stations of the cross.
 2. Elders
 - a. Official Acts being reported-released from membership: Dan, Lynette and Christopher Pueppke as inactive/unable to contact. Transferred in: Benjamin Kostal from St. John's Lutheran, Yankton, Mike and Jenn Lauritsen and children Keen and Elsie from Zion Lutheran, Chamberlain, Irene Hoadley from St Paul Lutheran, Scotland, Robert and Marlett Snoozy from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Huron. Baptisms: Brooks Ahrenstoff, son of Caleb and Shelby on November 16, 2023. Deaths/funerals: Kenneth Meyer, death November 22, funeral November 28, 2023
 - b. Issues brought to Elders by members to report to council - none
 - c. Adam Schulz was voted to be chair, Travis Schnabel vice chair and Chris Foster as secretary.
 - d. There will be a marriage retreat February 9-10 at the Highland Conference Center presented by Pastor Andreason. The cost is \$50/couple which includes the Friday night meal.
 - e. The Elders will be serving the meal on Ash Wednesday with proceeds to go to Pastor Andreason.

Church Council—January 17, 2024

f.. There is interest in a new church directory. Discussion to possibility of having an on-line directory. More to be discussed at a future date.

3. Trustees

- a. The storage garage is almost empty.
- b. The main entry doors were adjusted and sweeps were put on.
- c. Larry W talked to First National Bank Insurance. They will get us a quote. Another company in Sioux Falls will also get us a quote this spring.
- d. Ice melt was purchased and lights were replaced in ed wing. Lights in the narthex and baptism area will also be replaced.

F. Committee Reports

1. Stewardship Committee - no report
2. Building Planning Committee - Adam reported loan paperwork is being worked on. Eric is getting contracts signed and finalized. The name proposed for the new building is Zion Lutheran Ministry Center.
3. Building Finance Committee - The treasurer will reinvest the Wegehaupt CD.

V. Business

A. Unfinished Business

1. Lease of Rental Property - John reported that Chris has moved in. Chris bought a new water heater and installed it in the rental property. A month-to-month lease agreement will be written up and signed.

B. New Business

1. Be sure all records needing to be kept from previous year (all finalized council and voter minutes including voter attendance sheets, and any other necessary documents) are organized and placed in appropriate filing cabinet. See Congregational Treasurer's Manual published by the LCMS for guidelines.
2. Shred documents no longer needed such as envelopes older than 4 years, bank statements older than 7 years, etc. See Congregational Treasurer's Manual published by the LCMS for guidelines.
3. New treasurer needs to complete IRS form 8822-B (Change of Responsible Party). The form needs to be submitted within 60 days of change.
4. Council may wish to serve a Lent meal to benefit one of our missionaries, or another area of interest to the Council. Russ will check with Tamra for an available date for council to serve a Lent meal.
5. Agenda for January voter's meeting. Some items to be discussed are whether to apply for a vicar again and the proposal to add an assisting pastor.
6. The old tables will go back in the upper room.

VI. Next Council meeting – February 21, 2024

VII. Adjournment & Prayer - Shannon made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Chris, motion carried. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Sullivan, Council Secretary

Congregation News

LifeLight Bible Study

February 5th @ 5:30 pm we will be starting the 2nd half of the Creation/New Creation study. The first class will be a video by Kent Hovind titled "Lies in the Textbooks". This is Evolution information that is still in the textbooks even though it has been proven incorrect/faults. (They have an agenda) We will be watching videos every other Monday with the remaining study on the other Mondays. You do not have to have been involved in the fall setting to join in on this study. Or if you want, just join us for the videos. Some very interesting discussion usually takes place after the video.

Kids for Christ Ice Skating Party



Baby Shower/Zion's New Missionaries (cont.)

You are invited to attend a Baby Shower brunch for



Jenny and Vicar Wessel

as they prepare to welcome their first child,
Christopher Edward.

Date: Saturday, February 17th

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Basement Fellowship Hall



Please contact the church office or sign-up on the sheet
in the north narthex if you plan to attend.

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Until very recently, our TIM money was also supporting Rev. Cory Rajek, formerly senior pastor of Faith, Pierre, who was serving in Latvia in the role that Pastor Bobby has now accepted. It was recently announced that Pastor Rajek accepted a call to serve as the Director of the Office of International Mission, overseeing all international LCMS missionaries.

It is great to see so much support from within our church and our district for the preaching of the Gospel to all the world! Through our contributions to missions, we are helping to support the Gospel in 5 countries (and beyond)! Continue to keep these missionaries and their families in your prayers, especially as many of them are new to their countries and calls.

On February 11th, one of our new missionaries, Rev. Jordon Andreasen, will be at Zion to preach and give a presentation during the Education Hour on his work in Romania. We will also be taking a door offering to support his ministry on that Sunday. Please join us for breakfast during the Education Hour to learn more about this important Gospel work!

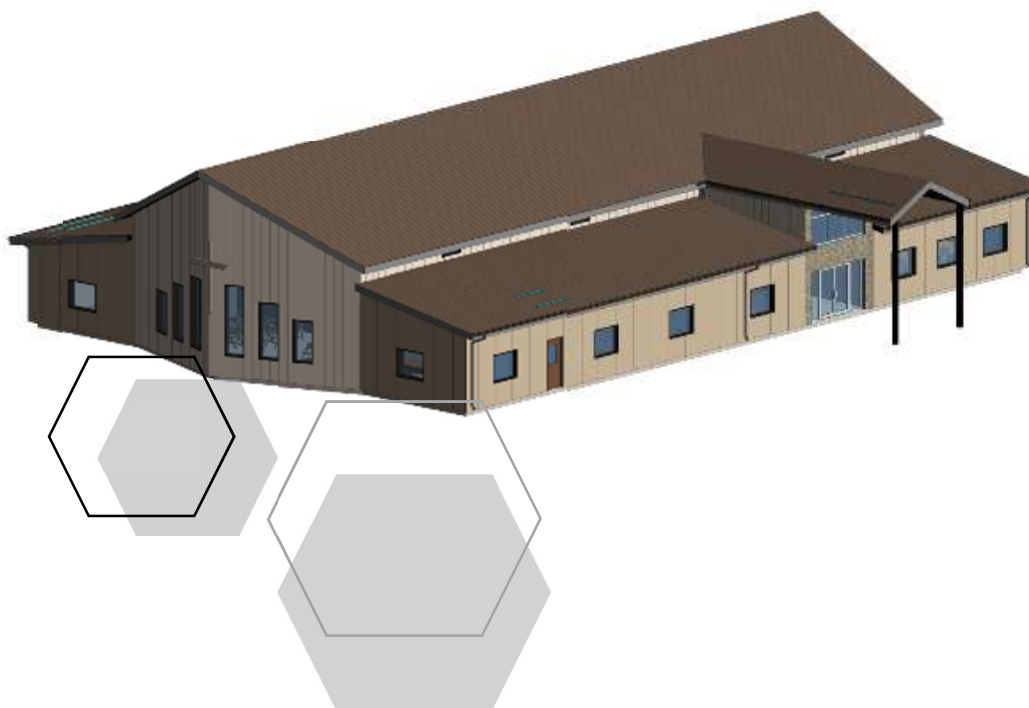
Let us not grow weary in partnering with other Christians around the world in the great task of preaching the Gospel of Christ crucified for the forgiveness of sins to all the nations. It is truly a joy to see our prayer answered for the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into his harvest fields.

Pastor Grimmer

Building Committee

UPDATE

1/21/24



- **CONGRATULATIONS!** In November the leadership of the congregation challenged the rest of the congregation to match their \$28,000 in contributions by the end of 2023. You didn't only meet that challenge but went above and beyond. The rest of the congregation gave \$44,222.56. That is wonderful!
- Not only that, but in total we raised nearly \$250,000 last year! Do you think we can beat that in 2024?
- We are currently working to finalize and sign contracts and also set a schedule for construction to begin in the spring. Even though no dirt has moved in these subzero temperatures, we are still making progress!
- Did you know you can make your gift to Zion (building related or not) go further? If you are retired and are taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) you can direct all or part of those funds to Zion Lutheran Church and reduce the amount of taxes you have to pay! For more information please contact your financial advisor.
- By now we have done our best to reach every member of the congregation, but some were unable to be reached. If anyone still has questions, please reach out to one of the Building Committee members. We would love to still visit with you about the project!
- We cannot stress enough to keep praying for our project and wisdom as we continue to move forward with God's work.

The building committee takes confidentiality very seriously. As we are embarking on a fundraising campaign each of our committee members have signed a confidentiality agreement that any sensitive topic discussed do not leave the meeting room. We have created a process to ensure your anonymity, any pledges and gifts for the building project turned in are recorded by financial secretary. The counters, pastor, staff, or committee members will not input any individual's gift or pledge. All the gift and pledge information like our other offerings is kept in the Church 360 software. As appointed by council there are only three individuals who have access to the donation information of the church. This is to ensure we have limited exposure and liability. This system allows for segregation of duties and dual control, so all records of the church are maintained accurately and professionally. We are doing this to protect all givers confidentiality.

If you wish to support this project in our church, feel free to fill out a pledge form found in the narthex by the donation/pledge box.

Zion Lutheran Church is an exempt organization as described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code; EIN #46-0274365

Building Committee Members

Shirley Baumgartel	Loren Brech	John Fink
Chris Foster	David Harnisch	Judy Havrevold
Matt Luczak	Tom Patzer	Sharon Rehorst
Doug Schley	Travis Schnabel	Eric Schramm
Adam Schulz		Marv Strand