

This will be my final newsletter article for Zion Lutheran Church. I joined you two years ago, following a highly conflicted, challenging time. The goal was to regroup, reflect and move forward. What could we learn from our troubling times? How do we move forward in mission for Christ?

Always with emotional work, this transition certainly was! This process takes time. People need time to fully feel their feelings, before they can step back and learn from the whole process. What did we learn? How can we be stronger in the future?

We did deep listening. We did an airing of all the history, to help "clear the air" and to open ways for the future to unfold. We did Healthy Congregations training - targeting specific behavior patterns that can be life giving to a congregation. We looked at constitutions, committee structures, and all the administrative stuff that keeps a church running.

Finally, we elected a call committee who has been doing hard work since August. Names of possible candidates are just weeks away, and a new chapter at Zion is poised to begin.

I find myself with one primary interim task left. I need to leave well. I need to celebrate my time with you, and mourn the people I will miss. We need to be able to say goodbye and close this interim chapter, so that we have the energy and zeal to welcome the new pastor when s/he arrives.

Toward that end, I say goodbye in print form here. I hope to have a farewell party where goodbyes can be said in person. We will have a farewell litany as part of my final worships with you. We need to do this well and completely. A good goodbye sets up a good hello.

You will be missed. Your individual struggles to follow God conjoined with that same collective mission of this place. Where will God lead? You get to stay and find out. I am bound for other congregations where the transitional process will be just beginning. (No, I don't know where that is yet, but that's a normal part of the process).

I will leave you with this passage of scripture, Paul's farewell to Thessalonica. He can't help but sprinkle in some advice, and you can hear his emotional journey as he too was called away...

"But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to **respect those who labour among you**, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. **Be at peace among yourselves**. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, **be patient** with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but **always seek to do good to one another** and to all. **Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances**; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. Beloved, pray for us. Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.**" I Thessalonians 5:12-28 (Accents mine)

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ZION:

## FROM ZION'S COUNCIL PRESIDENT, DEB REIS:

February.... thoughts turn to love and Valentine's Day. We know that we don't need a day to celebrate love, every day we have the everlasting love of our Lord surrounding us. What more could we want or need.

February is also a very busy month at Zion. The Annual meeting will be held on February 11, following the 10:30 service. We will have a pizza lunch, followed by the meeting. We are asking members that are attending to please bring a dessert to share. Thank you!

February 18 will be Pastor John's last Sunday with us. On this day we will have one service at 9:00am. Christian Education will meet at their normal time at 9:15. After the service (approximately 10:30), we will be serving brunch and celebrate Pastor John's two years of ministry with us. This will be our chance to say goodbye and wish Pastor John well. If you plan on attending please RSVP in the office by February 12, so we know how many to plan for. Thank you!

As a thank you for his ministry with us, we would like to present Pastor John a gift from the congregation. Contributions may be taken to the office. Thank you! As you can see, there are many events happening at Zion. As we think about the love of our Lord, come share the ministry of Zion. See you in church!  
Deb Reis

**OWLZ** - Older Wiser Lutherans of Zion is a group of age 40+ people who get together at 5:30pm for dinner and fellowship. Our next evening out is Thursday, February 22nd at Good Company. We'll meet at 5:30pm. Sign-up in the Narthex.



## WOMEN'S Fellowship

### LADIES NIGHT OUT!

Women of Zion & friends meet at 6:00pm for dinner the 4th Tuesday

of each month at varying local restaurants September-May, Women of all ages are welcome! **Our next night out is February 27th.** Watch the bulletin for location. Sign-up in the Narthex or call Sue Joosten at 739-0705 to sign-up.

**WEDNESDAY BOOK STUDY** meets Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am in the conference room.

**IN HONOR OF PASTOR JOHN'S LAST SUNDAY AT ZION, THERE WILL BE 1 SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 18, 2018 AT 9:00AM. A BRUNCH RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE. Please let the office know by February 12 if you will be attending.** Christian Education will meet at 9:15am as usual. We are collecting donations for a gift in honor of Pastor John and to thank him for all he has done at Zion. If you'd like to make a contribution, please have it to the office by Monday, February 12th or you may put it in the offering plate and mark it "Pastor's Gift." Please join us on Sunday, February 18th after the **9:00am** service for a reception in his honor.



Mark Your Calendar

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Zion Lutheran Church 912 N. Oneida Street, Appleton, WI will be held on February 11, 2018 following the 10:30am worship service. Please plan to attend. Lunch will be provided. Please bring a dessert to share.

## New Messenger Deadline

Beginning January 2018, the new deadline for submitting articles/announcements for Zion's monthly newsletter will be the 20th of each month instead of the 15th. Submissions that arrive after the 20th will not be included in the upcoming newsletter.

**LENT SOUP SUPPERS AT ZION:** Would you be interested in providing soup or dessert for one of the Wednesday Lent soup suppers – February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21? If yes, please sign up in the narthex. Suppers begin at 5:00pm followed by the worship at 6:00.





We all have our favorite style of music. We like what we like, specific singers, bands, composers. There tends to be something about their music that resonates with us, makes us feel good.

I have two favorite composers that I really gravitate towards, F. Melius Christiansen and Paul J. Christiansen. In the upcoming cycle of planning you will be hearing the choir sing a piece by Paul J. Christiansen, we did a piece last year at Easter by him as well. These two men, as well as F. Melius' other son Olaf, really helped build the "Lutheran Choral Tradition."

These are traditions that helped build places like St. Olaf, Concordia in Moorhead, MN, and Luther College, as well as other institutions.

F. Melius was born in Norway in 1871, and emigrated to the United States when he was 17 years old. He lived in Washburn, Wisconsin and Marinette, Wisconsin for a time before enrolling at Augsburg College. F. Melius studied at Augsburg and Northwestern Conservatory of Music, and then went to Germany to study for two years at the Royal Conservatory of Music. Upon his return to Minneapolis, Minnesota, F. Melius was recruited in 1901 to lead the newly formed St. Olaf Choir. F. Melius led the St. Olaf Choir for 30 years, striving for perfect intonation, blend, diction, and phrasing. He was such a stickler for perfection that if he didn't like the way a piece had been performed during a concert, he made the choir sing it again, and everyone in the audience thought it was a different piece, not realizing that it was in fact the same piece they had just sung. He had changed the way the choir sang, just by what he asked with his conducting.

The pieces the choir sang were almost all written by F. Melius himself, some of which we have in our files at Zion. The music is very demanding, often dividing the music from 4 parts, into 8 or more parts. The music is demanding to the singer but beautiful to the listener. The music was performed a cappella, which means with no accompaniment, and this is what led to F. Melius' fame. F. Melius created a tradition that lives on today in many Lutheran circles, but also around the world.

F. Melius' two sons were also important in the Lutheran choral tradition. Olaf Christiansen led the choir at St. Olaf for 27 years, starting in 1943 when his father retired. While not a prolific composer like his father, Olaf continued the tradition his father started, and spread it throughout the world.

Paul J. Christiansen, who was born in 1914, like his father and brother, was instrumental with spreading the Lutheran choral tradition. Paul J. spent 55 years growing the choral program at Concordia in Moorhead, Minnesota. While Paul J. continued the work of his father, he added to the style by adding more theatrics to the music. Paul J. was dramatic and liked the music he wrote to be dramatic and have flair.

Together the 3 Christiansens started the Christiansen Choral School, which had an average attendance of 7,000 people! This choral school continues today, in Alexandria, Minnesota, which is what I attend each June. While we don't have 7,000 people in attendance, we do have people that have been apart of this program for many years, and they bring these experiences back to their own programs.

These are important people in the Lutheran music tradition. While I haven't given an extensive bio on these magnificent men, I hope that I have given you a little taste that will shed a little bit of light on their music, and help you to appreciate their pieces just a little bit more.

Soli Deo Gloria;

Matthew Walsh

**TAX DEDUCTIBLE YEAR END DONATIONS** - Please consider helping to pay back our current pipe organ loan of \$120,000+ to the Zion Foundation. There's no specific payment schedule, the faster we pay off this loan we can be earning interest that will be used, in part, for the year end Foundation distribution benefiting local charities and programs. Please note "Organ Fund" in the memo section of your check or note the envelope of your designation.

The Zion "Friends of Music" is another opportunity that you have to help support the music program and recital events like the Chicago Gargoyle Brass Ensemble concert. If you would like to make a donation to help bring in outside recitalists and musicians, please note "Friends of Music" in the memo section of your check.

Thank you for your support of Zion's music ministry!

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**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Appleton, WI December 18, 2017 Council Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 6:52 PM by President, Deb Reis.

Attendance: Pastor John Czarnota, Deb Reis, Tricia Kasten, Candy Korzilius, Marilyn Hetzler, Gwen Schwandt, Janice Weber, Dave Murphy, Carl Abendroth

Opening Prayer: Janice Weber had a taped presentation from Bishop Eaton and an opening prayer.

Call Committee: Jim Schley and Tony Hawley related to the council that the committee has been working on the "On Site" profile. The congregation input has been incorporated into the profiles as much as possible. The committee will be meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2017 to try and finish their work and then they will submit it to the Synod this week.

Approval of Agenda: Janice moved to approve the agenda. Seconded and passed.

Approval of Minutes: Tricia moved to approve the minutes. Seconded and passed. Marilyn moved to pass the amended minutes. Seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn noted the rise in fees for the Simply Giving program. Deb received a request from Linwood Place for a donation. This request will go to the finance committee.

Pastor's Report: Pastor John has been meeting the ZMH board. Personnel reviews are being conducted. Pastor requested that his last week of vacation to be between Christmas and New Year's. Request granted.

**Committee Reports:** Printed reports were handed out for Council to review.

**New Business:**

Bridge Pastor – Tricia moved to recommend a Pastor be here for our Sunday and Monday services and either one (1) full day or two (2) half days during the week. Seconded. Pastor John moved to amend the motion to add: and to review with Bridge Pastor the adequacy of this choice. Motion seconded and passed.

Cash flow concerns: The Executive committee discussed this concern. The committee recommended that the Council and the Foundation committee meet to discuss our needs. Deb will work to arrange this meeting.

Budget: Grace presented a proposed budget and answered questions. Grace also presented the idea of a narrative budget form. Tricia moved to approve the budget with end of the year adjustments and the Pastor's housing change. Seconded and passed.

Motion made to adjourn by Janice. Seconded and passed.

Meeting closed at 8:35pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Candy Korzilius

These minutes were approved at the Council Meeting on January 15, 2018.

**WORSHIP**  
*volunteer*  
**OPPORTUNITIES**



**FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<u>FEBRUARY 4/5</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 11/12</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 18/19</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 25/26</u>
<b><u>Altar Care</u></b> 8:00 Wendy Sachs 10:30 Lynn Walter 6:00 George & Vera Zimmer	<b><u>Altar Care</u></b> 8:00 Wendy Sachs 10:30 Cortlyn Rusch 6:00 George & Vera Zimmer	<b><u>Altar Care</u></b> 9:00 6:00 George & Vera Zimmer	<b><u>Altar Care</u></b> 8:00 10:30 6:00 George & Vera Zimmer
<b><u>Assisting Ministers</u></b> 8:00 Wendy Sachs 10:30 Grace Van Eyck	<b><u>Assisting Ministers</u></b> 8:00 Janice Weber 10:30 Wendy Sachs	<b><u>Assisting Minister</u></b> 9:00 Deb Reis	<b><u>Assisting Ministers</u></b> 8:00 10:30
<b><u>Lectors</u></b> 8:00 Wendy Sachs 10:30 Grace Van Eyck	<b><u>Lectors</u></b> 8:00 Janice Weber 10:30 Wendy Sachs	<b><u>Lector</u></b> 9:00 Deb Reis	<b><u>Lectors</u></b> 8:00 John Gill 10:30
<b><u>Communion Assistants</u></b> 8:00 Le Roy Roehl  10:30	<b><u>Communion Assistants</u></b> 8:00  10:30	<b><u>Communion Assistants</u></b> 9:00 Jodi Hoesli Tricia Kasten	<b><u>Communion Assistants</u></b> 8:00  10:30
<b><u>Fellowship Host</u></b> Carl Schelm	<b><u>Fellowship Host</u></b>	<b><u>Brunch Host</u></b> Council	<b><u>Fellowship Host</u></b> Doris Murray, Karen Luedtke
<b><u>Greeters</u></b> 8:00 Shorty Managan Emma/Amanda VanDyke 10:30 Debra DuBeau	<b><u>Greeters</u></b> 8:00 Shorty Managan Gary Busch 10:30 Debra DuBeau	<b><u>Greeters</u></b> 9:00 Shorty Managan Dar Steger Debra DuBeau	<b><u>Greeters</u></b> 8:00 Shorty Managan Colleen Malchow 10:30 Cortlyn Rusch Debra DuBeau
<b><u>Linens</u></b>	<b><u>Linens</u></b>	<b><u>Linens</u></b>	<b><u>Linens</u></b>
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# FEBRUARY

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18 Recognition of Pastor John <b>9:00am Service</b> 9:15am Sunday School Confirmation 10:30am Fellowship Brunch	19 6:00pm Worship 6:45pm Council Meeting	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 1:00pm Staff Mtg	21 9:30am Book Study 5:00pm Lent Supper 6:00pm Lent Worship 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir	22 9:00am LEAVEN 9:00am Disciples' Closet 5:30pm OWLZ at Good Company	23	24
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**SPECIALS & MEMORIALS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED:**

**Bob & Judy Pautz** in memory of Don Schwandt, *designated for Bell Tower Restoration.*

**Harry Hameister** in memory of Lyle Butts daughter Dena Sorge, *designated for Steeple Repair;*

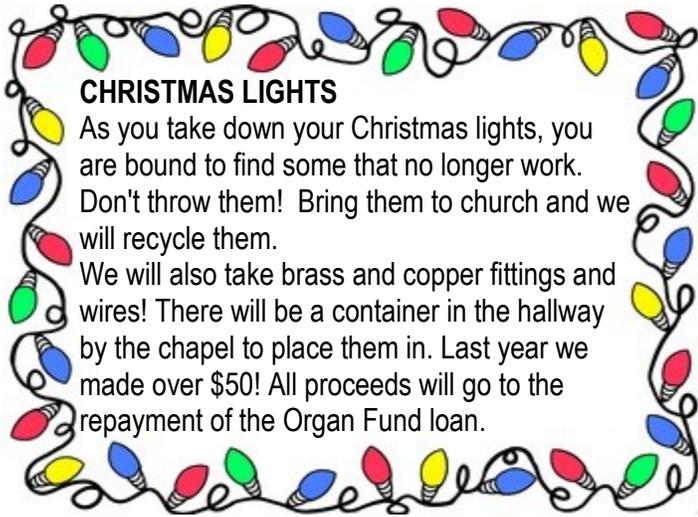
**Karen Meyer** in memory of Lyle Butts daughter Dena Sorge, *designated for the Organ Fund;*

The following people remembered Jerry Dekarske with their gifts to Zion's Organ Fund: **Karen Meyer, Diana Staedt, Gwen Schwandt, Marlene Birkholtz, Nancy Matthews;**

The following people remembered Jerry Dekarske with their gifts to Zion's Steeple Repair: **Harry Hameister, Doris Murray, Karen & Elmer Ludtke;**

**Bev Reinke** in memory of Jerry Dekarske, *designated for Friends of Music;*

The following people remembered Jerry Dekarske with their gifts to Zion's Roof Repairs: **Roger & Sally Fieck, Al & Carolyn Gresl;**  
**Mark & Connie Kuschel** in memory of their grandparents Harvey & Estelle Kuschel, *designated for Steeple Project;*  
**Shirley Frank** in memory of Barbara Champeau, *designated for the Organ Fund;*  
**Dave & Janice Weber** in memory of Dena Sorge, *designated for Roof Repair;*  
**Dave & Janice Weber** in celebration of their wedding anniversary, *designated for Steeple Repair;*  
**Delores Stickney, Colleen Malchow, LeRoy & Darlene Roehl,** *designated for Roof Repair.*



**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

As you take down your Christmas lights, you are bound to find some that no longer work. Don't throw them! Bring them to church and we will recycle them.

We will also take brass and copper fittings and wires! There will be a container in the hallway by the chapel to place them in. Last year we made over \$50! All proceeds will go to the repayment of the Organ Fund loan.

**"A TIME FOR REJOICEING"**

Zion's 2-CD set from the Organ Inaugural Recital and the Mary Kay Easty Hymn Sing is now available! Give the gift of music and song to that "someone special"! The donation of \$20 will go to help pay off the Organ Fund loan to the Zion Foundation. CD's are available by signing up in the narthex or in the church office.



**Join the choir...**  
 You'll Be Glad  
 You Did!

**CHOIRS:** It's OK if you don't read music - we'll help you. **Bell Choir is 6:00-7:00pm. Sanctuary Choir is 7:15-8:30pm.** Come & enjoy the great music & fellowship! Talk to Matt or email him at [matt@zionappleton.com](mailto:matt@zionappleton.com).

**HELP FOR THE HOMELESS February 18 - March 11**

Why help? Donations allow 20 local crisis agencies to concentrate their limited resources on providing qualified staff, safe housing, nutritious food, education & counseling to those they serve. Watch for the collection box with the list of needed items in the narthex.

Can you believe that Lent is almost here? It seems a little bit strange that two of our most religious holy days fall on two of our other holidays this winter and spring. Valentine's Day and April's Fool Day mark the beginning and the end of Lent! Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th this year (Valentine's Day) and Easter Sunday comes on April 1st! We will once again be having mid-week Lenten services at 11:30am followed by a soup luncheon starting on Ash Wednesday, continuing through to Maundy Thursday. The theme of our mid-week services this year will be Making Change.

*"Change is a constant in our lives... Change is hard. We long for the expected and familiar, but all too often find ourselves in the midst of uncertainty and the unknown. We cannot predict how things will turn out. The hymn writer Joachim Neander proclaimed God's steadfast love in the midst of life's inevitable changes: "All my hope on God is founded who will all my trust renew, who through change and chance will guide me, only good and only true. God unknown, God alone, call my heart to be thine own" (ELW 757).*

We have apartments available: our mission statement tells what we offer – Supportive Independent Living in a Faith-Based Senior Community. If you know someone looking to move into a community setting like this, have them give us a call. We have 1 BR and 2 BR apartments available. If you'd like a tour, please call Becky at 734-7225, John at 419-5754, or Brian at 840-3578. We also want to build up our waiting list, so call any time to arrange a tour even if you are thinking that your move is a year or two down the road. Thanks for all you do to support our ministries!

Date for our Annual Meeting: April 28, 2018: gathering at 8:30; meeting at 9:00 a.m. Please elect and send us the names and addresses of your delegates.

*Becky Luett, Deacon Executive Director*

**SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES – LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE**

- Feb. 14 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service at Zion
- Feb. 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21— 11:30am Fox Valley Lutheran Home worship service w/soup lunch
- Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21— 5:00pm Zion soup supper, 6:00pm worship service
- March 25 8:00am & 10:30am – Palm/Passion Sunday worship services
- March 29 6:00pm Maundy Thursday worship service
- March 30 12:15pm – Good Friday Appleton ELCA worship service at Grace Lutheran Church
- March 30 6:00pm – Good Friday worship service at Zion
- April 1 8:00am and 10:30am – Easter Sunday worship services; Easter Breakfast 9:00am-10:15am

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## *Worship Opportunities*

**Monday:** 6:00 p.m. ♦ **Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Fellowship on Sunday:** 9:15 a.m.

Reverend John Czarnota  
Matthew Walsh  
Jodi Hoesli  
Grace Van Eyck  
Nao Bee Moua  
Amanda Van Dyke  
Ashley Brei  
Steve Smith  
Elmer Luedtke

Pastor  
Music Minister  
Secretary  
Finance Manager  
Church Custodian  
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