



Zion Lutheran Church  
210 North Wayne Street  
St. Marys, OH 45885

March 3, 2024  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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Setting 3

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**PRELUDE**

*Steal Away*

Giamanco

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME TO CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2010 TO 2023**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

#803

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: In this season of Lent, let us draw near to the Lord and examine our hearts and minds for the ways in which we have fallen short of the glory of God.

*(Stand/Kneel)*

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

#### GREETING

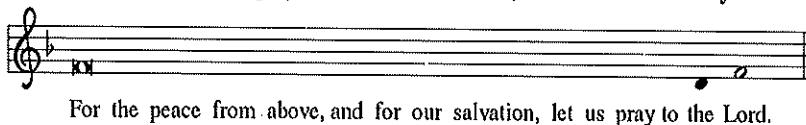
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

# KYRIE



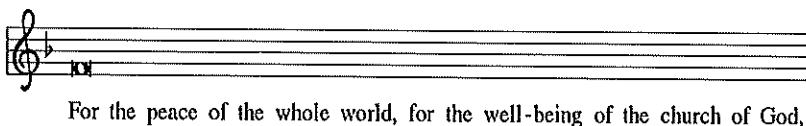
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



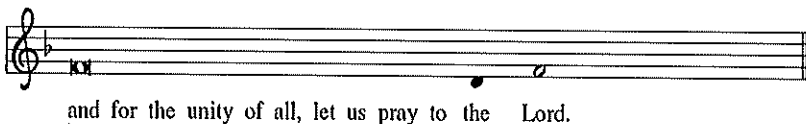
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



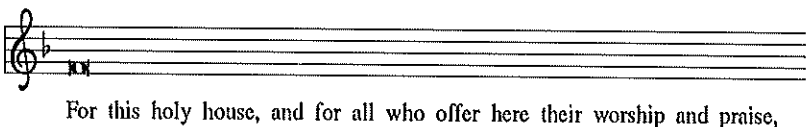
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



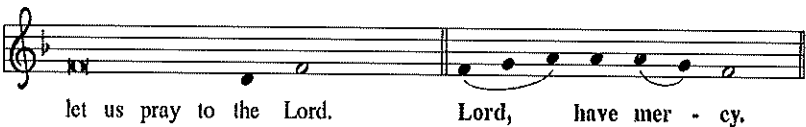
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



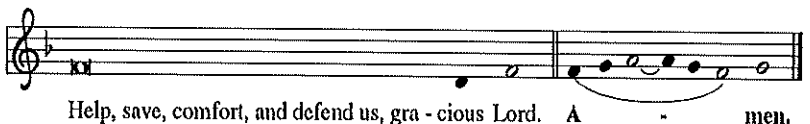
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

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PSALM 19

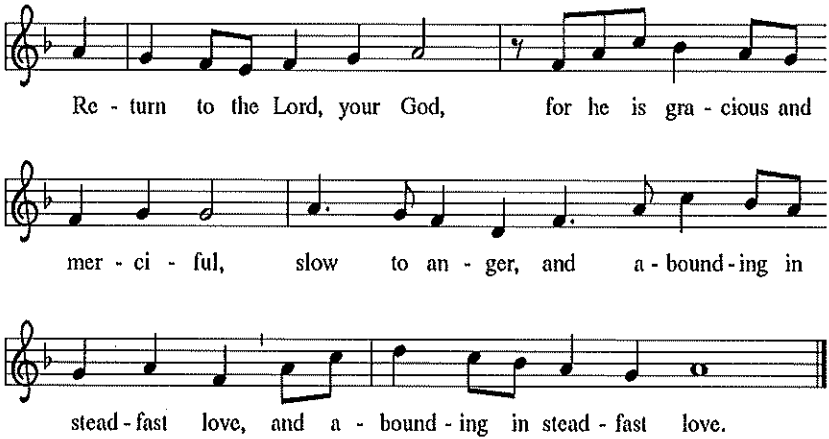
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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P: The holy gospel according to Saint John second chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

#789

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**L: Lord in your mercy...**

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## **PEACE**

**P: The peace of Christ be with you always.**

**C: And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG**



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



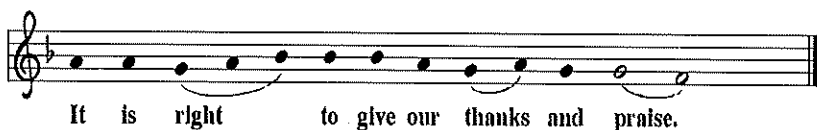
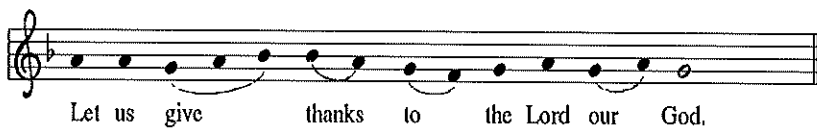
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**L:** God of love, you have provided for our every need from your abundant bounty. Grant us grateful hearts that we may give generously to those in need and thereby show your love to the world around us.

**C:** Amen.

## DIALOGUE



## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.



## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
C Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

#623

*"I Come with Joy"*

#482

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

L: Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have gifted us with the bread and wine of this holy meal; fed us with the body and blood of your Son, our Lord; forgiven us and wiped away the shame of our sins. Make us bold to go out in the world proclaiming your love and mercy so all may be fed with this Bread of Life.

C: Amen.

**BLESSING**

P: Pray in the Spirit at all times so that you may discern the will of God. Keep alert as you walk in faith. Speak with the boldness of the apostles who came before you so that all might know the good news. And may the Lord bless you and keep you, now and forever, in the name of the Father, the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 6)

C: Amen.

**SENDING SONG**

*"Built on a Rock"*

#652

**DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**     *Postlude on Glory of These 40 Days*     McConnel

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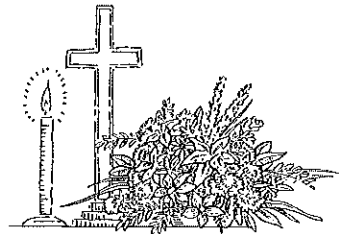


**Memory Verse:**

**John 2:19**

*Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."*

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**Altar Flowers**

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of the 2010 through 2023 Confirmation Classes. They are given by Stan & Debbie Brown.*

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***Today, March 3\****

**Acolytes:**     8AM: Cason Meinerding  
                      10:30am: Maylee Fischbach

**Communion** 8AM: Chris White

**Assistants:** 10:30AM: Ruth Hoenie

**Crucifers:** 8AM: Will Ross  
10:30AM: Calianna Bond-Awls

**Ushers:** 8AM: Jeanne Wurster, Dianne Uhlenhake,  
Dora McAfee, Bob Hinschlager  
10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Dana Cook  
Connie & Mark Torsell

**Fellowship Table:** Confirmands Reunion: Years 2010-2023

**Greeters:** 8AM: Brandy & Ryan Yahl  
10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee

**Readers:** 8AM: Nora Staunton  
10:30: Debbie Brown

***Next Sunday, March 10\****

**Acolytes:** 8 AM: New Schedule Out Soon  
10:30 AM: New Schedule Out Soon

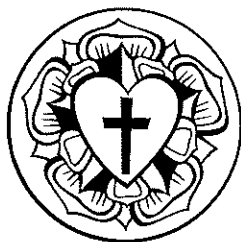
**Ushers:** 8 AM: Ryan, Brandy, Eliza & Zaila Yahl  
10:30 AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Sandy Wierwille,  
Darl Bishir, Keith Fledderjohann

**Fellowship Table:** 8 AM: Nora & Harry Staunton  
10:30 AM: Cheryl & Dan Macklem

**Greeters:** 8 AM: John & Amy Hesse  
10:30 AM: Cheryl Macklem, Sandy Wierwille

**Readers:** 8 AM: Andrew O'Bryan  
10:30 AM: Stephanie Ross

\* Subject to change, correct as of time printed



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[www.thenalc.org](http://www.thenalc.org)

ATTENDANCE ..... Last Wednesday: 82  
.....Sunday 8 a.m.: 49, 10:30 a.m.: 41, Total for the Day: 90  
.....Total for Week: 172  
DIRECTOR OF BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION.....  
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MINISTERS ..... All Members of Zion  
CHURCH WEBSITE..... [www.zionstmarys.org](http://www.zionstmarys.org)  
CHURCH OFFICE..... 419-394-3115

## Calendar for March 3-17, 2024

S/3	8:00 a.m.	Worship+*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Donuts with Dad
	9:15 a.m.	Confirmand Reunion, 2010 – 2023
	10:30 a.m.	Worship*
M/4	7:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
T/5	8:00 a.m.	Men's Workshop
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/6	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	1:00 p.m.	Book Club
	5:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service*
Th/7	11:30 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release
S/9	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
S/10	8:00 a.m.	Worship+
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	1:30 p.m.	Creative Crafters
	12 Noon	Scholarship Deadline
	T/12	8:00 a.m.
	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit Bible Study
	W/13	9:00 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	5:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service

T/14	11:30 a.m.	Middle School Bible Release
	2:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit Bible Study
F/15	3:30 p.m.	Newsletter Article Deadline
S/16	10:00 a.m.	First Communion Class
S/17	8:00 a.m.	Worship+*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bring a Friend
	10:30 a.m.	Worship*
	6:30 p.m.	Underground

*\*Holy Communion*

*\*Livestreamed on [www.zionstmarys.org](http://www.zionstmarys.org) & on WCSM 96.7 Radio*

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**We invite you** to include the following people in your daily prayers: Janet Dicke, Judy Von Blon, Brent Paulus, Sandi Deerhake, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Ronald Suchland, Vicki Bishir, Emily Henkle, Faith Williams, Don, Warren Hoenie, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, Virginia Loyer, Forrest Cooper, Lisa Suchland, Kelsey, Eileen Zimmerman, Maria, Debra & Scott, John Robert Hiles, Markham Hodge, Ed Morris, Allie Gross, Margaret Miller, Donna Maynard, Janet, Bill Fuller, Alan Bishir, Anna Bouscaren, Lisa Bouscaren, Family of Kendra Lutz, and the Family of Ed Flora.

**Please pray** for Sean Lawler, Andrew Johnson, Michael Carroll, Nathan Adams, Jacob Yahl, Daniel C. Lukac IV, Michael Franklin, Kyle Schmehl and Wyatt Duncan who are in the service. Please pray for them, their family, and their safe return home.

**Christian Sympathy** to the Family of Ed Flora.

**Congratulations** to Micah and Alicia Johns on the birth of their daughter, Avery Ruth on Thursday, February 22.

**Thank you** to the Congregational Council for taking care of our first supper soup and the Women's Council for taking care of this week's. It has been great food and fellowship.

**A big thank you** to all who helped with the Fish Fry – the dessert makers, the hot food cooks, the kitchen help, the servers and Eric and his family. The dinner was a big success – lots of good food and fellowship. An enjoyable evening for all who attended! Thanks again everyone!

**Our loose offering** each Sunday/Wednesday in March is for the 20/20 Vision which provides the pathway to ensuring a legacy of faith today, tomorrow & forever in all NALC congregations through four primary objectives: Grow, Serve, Renew and Fulfill. More details can be found at: <https://vision.thenalc.org>

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## **Zion Lutheran Confirmand Reunions for 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

- **Today, March 3:** Classes 2010 through 2023
- **April 7:** Classes 2000 through 2009
- **June 2:** Classes 1980 through 1999
- **August 4:** Classes 1970 through 1979
- **October 6:** Classes 1950 through 1969

We are inviting the classes in these 10-year groups to be either at the 8 a.m. and/or the 10:30 a.m. services on their designated Sundays. Each will be recognized at the service.

At 9:15 a.m., after the 8:00 a.m. service, there will be a refreshments in the narthex to encourage fellowship among the confirmands and other members of Zion at that time.

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**The Grand Lake Symphony Orchestra** Winter Concert is today, March 3, at 3 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Celina, OH.



**Promised Treasures** is our Midweek Lenten theme. Services will continue to be held at 7 p.m., in the Sanctuary, on **March 6, 13 & 20**. Come and enjoy a Lenten Soup Supper starting at 5 p.m., in the Auditorium beforehand.

**Candy donations are needed** for the Community Easter Egg Hunt and the Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt by **Friday, March 8**. We have a group who will be filling the eggs on that day. We need *individually wrapped* candy that will fit in an egg with **NO PEANUT PRODUCTS**. Please leave your donations in the Sunday school box by the elevator and thank you in advance!

**Scholarships:** Seniors and current college students who are members of Zion are eligible for scholarships administered by the St. Marys Community Foundation. Apply online at: [www.theSMCF.org](http://www.theSMCF.org) Confirmed members eligibility requirements are the youth must attend worship at least 25 Sundays a year and participate in the life of the church. Deadline is midnight, **March 10**.

**The Creative Crafters** will be dying eggs on **Sunday, March 10**, at 1:30 p.m., and will be putting them in a "Bunny" basket. Check it out on the display table. The cost is \$10, which covers the cost of supplies.

**First Communion** is for all baptized students, grade 3 and older, and/or whose parents believe them to be ready to receive the Sacrament. As the opportunity to fulfill the baptismal vow to bring your child to Lord's Supper, parent, godparent or guardian attendance for this hour and a half course is expected as well. This course will be held on **Saturday, March 16**, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, March 28. Please RSVP to the church office by phone, 419-394-3115, or by a note on your "I Worship Today" form.

**Check out** the lily form included in this bulletin. Deadline to order is **Sunday, March 17.**

**Bring a Friend Sunday** is on **Sunday, March 17,** for all grades. Invite your friends to attend Sunday School with you!

**Our Seder Meal** will be held in the Auditorium beginning at 5 p.m., on **Palm Sunday, March 24.** We will once again have the traditional foods of the Seder and their meaning, along with roasted Lamb, Turkey breast, mashed potatoes, green beans, and wine. Please RSVP on your "I Worshipped Today" or call the office to reserve you place for the event. Please let us know how many people you will be bringing to the meal.

**Would your child** like to be more involved in church services? Does your child enjoy "performing"? If so, the new group "Act Up" may be exactly what they are looking for.

"Act Up" will perform short skits periodically during church services. There is no memorization required, the skits are short (5 to 8 minutes long) and involve 2 to 8 characters. The skits have uplifting themes based on scripture. Practices will be held during Sunday School time. Depending on the number of children interested, there may be a choice of service preference.

Skits are already picked out waiting for your child to "Act Up" in church. Please checkmark on "I Worship Today" if you are interested.

For questions or more information please text or call Dianne Uhlenhake 419-305-5387.

**The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** is looking for a group of people to coordinate overseeing the development of a new picture directory. Contact the church office to volunteer, 419/394-3115.



**"Here's the church and here's the steeple.** Open the door and see all the people." This little rhyme is told with fingers interwoven and two pointed up animating the story.

Today the word *church* refers to a building. However in New Testament times *church* referred to a group of Christ followers, people gathered together to support one another on their faith journey.

For 175 years Zion Lutheran Church has been one body but occupied many buildings. The church we occupy today was built 50 years ago to gather us together, support one another, worship Christ, and spread the gospel.

**The Women** have completed the Health Kits. They are still collecting bars of soap. Please place them in the Women's box by the elevator.

**The 2023 financial statements** has been mailed to each household. Please save these statements to file with your taxes for 2023 by April 15!

**We have installed equipment** for livestreaming of our worship services. The worship services can be found on our Facebook page. Volunteers are needed to help with recording each of the services. Please contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill about this ministry.

**Our 8 a.m. worship service** is broadcast live on WCSM radio 96.7 FM. Thank you to our primary sponsor of our WCSM radio broadcast—St. Marys Chrysler. Volunteers are needed to help with the sound board. No experience needed! Anyone interested in running the sound board during worship will be trained. We would like to have more people for rotation purposes. Contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill if you can help.

Weekly Budget	9 Week Budget	9 Week Income	Received 2/25
\$6,271--Current	\$56,439	\$41,267	\$6,858
\$290--NALC Offering	\$2,610	\$1,306	\$269

<b>Council Organization 2024</b>
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**ORGANIZATION:**

*President* ..... *Neal Brady*  
*Vice-President* ..... *Cheryl Macklem*  
*Secretary* ..... *Sandy Wierwille*  
*Assistant* ..... *Melanie Rose*  
*Treasurer* ..... *Stanley Brown*  
*Assistant* ..... *Doug Stetler*

- **COUNCIL AT LARGE:** *Thelma Kellermeyer, Cheryl Macklem, Doug Stetler, Melanie Rose, Dwight Schramm, & Stanley Brown*
- **BOARD OF DEACONS:** *Dianne Uhlenhake, John Hesse, Dan Macklem, Judy Schultz, Dwayne Hoenie\*, Ryan Yahl, Deb Henning, Jody Slemmons & Rhonda Weaver*
- **BOARD ELDERS:** *Kathy Miller, Darl Bishir\* & Brandy Yahl*
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- **YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:** *Genevieve Brown*
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**\*Chairperson of the Board**