

Zion Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting—January 15th, 2023

Call to Order

Devotions

Secretary's Report from January 2022

Treasurer's Report

Financial Secretary's Report

Youth Group Report

SWAG Report

WELCA Report

Trustee Report

President's Report

SAM Report

Food Pantry Report

Audit Committee Report

Call Committee Report

SWND Partnership Update

Nominating Committee Report (Krista, Neal, Lucy) & Election

Nominating Committee 2024

Delegates to EaND Synod Assembly

Further Business

Close with The Lord's Prayer

2022 Zion Lutheran Membership List

Berntson, Cole
Berntson, Deann
Berntson, Lowell & Carol
Berntson, Maren
Berntson, Neal & Marla
Berntson, Phyllis
Boyer, Diane
Braun, Bob & Liz

B-Max
B-Olivia
B-Sophia

Braun, Zoe
Braun, Wyatt
Filbert, Melanie
B-Hunter

Fregien, Audrey
Gackle, Darrell
Gackle, Ruby
Geisler, Brandon & Amy
B-Benet
B-Gage

Geisler, Bradon
Haag, Keith & Kathy
B-McKenzie
Haag, Jacob
B-Roland
B-Valentina

Hagen, Harold & Karen
Hagen, Phillip
Heidinger, Keith & Kris
Heidinger, Dustin
B-Cade Heidinger

Heidinger, Ryan & Marlene
Jans, Brad & Casey
B-Kendal
B-Elin

Johnson, Troy & Amy
B-Trent
B-Carter
King, Janice
King, Phillip & Lindsay
B-Maeve
B-Everett

Kinzler, Aaron & Robin
B-Rylan Beeson
B-Norah
Kinzler, Keith & Mary Jo
Kinzler, LeMar
Kinzler, Rodney & Geri
Kinzler, Braeden
Kinzler, Emily
Kinzler, Vangie
Kinzler, Thelma
Kjergaard, Cody & Andrea

B-Drake
B-Bailey

Lundgren, Egan & Krista
B-Astrid
B-Hazel
B-Iris

Malm, Jeff & Lucinda
Martinson, Ruby
McGauvran, Elaine
Nill (Caleb, Jacy)

B-Art
B-Crew

Pesek, Ben & Sherri
Roloff, Rowen & Cherie
Roloff, Addison
Roloff, McKenna
Rott, Pearl

Rutschke, Jim & Pat
Terjesen, Lynette
Terjesen, Justin
Terjesen, Travis

Schlepp, Adam & Daphne
B-Shelby
B-Henry
B-Emery
B-Penny

Schnabel, Dylan
Schnabel, Florian
Schnabel, Floyd
Wolf, Ken & Ann
Wolf, Ellie
Wolf, Madison
Wolf, Darlene

2022 Zion Lutheran Membership List

Members not in the immediate area:

Batsch, Danielle
 B-Charlie
Batsch, Diane
Batsch, McKenna
Batsch, Morgan
Berntson, April
Berntson, Kara
Berntson, Sarah
Foley, Josh
Haag, Eric
Hastings, Mikel
Hille, Llewellyn & Marian
Just, Ashley
 B-Benjamin
 B-Triston
 B-Spencer
King, Todd
 B-Ashlyn
 B-Trace
Kinzler, Randa
Kocon, Jasmine
Lindgren (Alex)
 B-Lincoln
Magnum, Sherry
 B-Greyson
Pesek, Dylan
 B-Rhyatt
Praus, Megan
Schlenker, Rory
Schnabel, Dalton
Schulheisz-Gibbs, Sandy
Tadych, Kirsten
Ukaonu, Heather

Inactive Members:

Parsley, Adam
Wolf, Keith & Monica
Wolf, Kris
Wolf, Michael
Wolff, Robin

Associate Members:

Armstrong, Travis
Benton, Brad & Rhonda
Haag, Xandria
Kinzler, Steve & Joleen
Kinzler, Tabitha
Kinzler, Owen
Nelson, Wyatt
Nill, Caleb
Nill, Jacy
Nitchke, Tom & Marsha
 B-Nash
Nitschke, Wyatt
Pesek, Stacey & Larson, Dan
 B-Brody Hetletvedt
 Colt Larson
Pfeifle, Leona
Roloff, Rowen
Schnabel, Jennifer
 Eliyanah
 Emberlynn
 Ensley

Zion Lutheran Annual Meeting

January 16, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Marla Berntson at 12:02 pm

24 members present in person, 7 members on Zoom. Total 31 members attending

For Devotions Mary Jo shared a video created by all 8 member churches of the SCND Partnership sharing each churches hopes and prayers in networking to develop ways to share and grow united.

Secretaries report- January 26, 2021 Annual meeting, Keith Kinzler made a motion to approve, Zoe Braun 2nd. Motion carried

Treasurers Report- Neal Berntson gave some explanations of comparisons of 2020 VS 2021 numbers. Darrell Gackle made a motion to accept the treasure report, 2nd by Dylan Schnabel. Motion carried

Endowment Fund- The principle stays in the fund, interest can used by the church.

Financial Secretary- Pat Rutschke made a motion to accept, Keith Kinzler 2nd. Motions carried

- Reminder to put your name on envelope

Memorial Funds- Donations are being recorded as received

Youth Gro up- no report

SWAG- 21 youth attending regularly, held a Christmas Program in December, helped with VBS last summer. Some are nonmembers.

WELCA- See report

Trustee Report- Parsonage egress windows are in. Heating system needs replacing. Jeff Malm is working with Jim Rutschke on getting prices for installing forced air with AC unit VS another boiler and separate split AC units.

Presidents Report- See report

SAM's Report- See report

Food Pantry- See report. Sherri has created grocery vouchers to be used at Kulm grocery store for items not in our pantry, such as fresh fruit and veggies, dairy or alternative goods for people may have food allergies etc.

Audit Committee- Still need to review 2021 books

Call Committee- Keith Kinzler gave a summary, working with END Synod, SCND Partnership.

SCND Partnership- Ben Pesek is point of contact for Zion Lutheran, no updates. They meet via Zoom this next Tuesday January 18,2022. At the last zoom call Ben tried to get them to start moving forward with some decision making rather than just gathering information. Mary Jo said the Pastor's are working together every other week via Zoom. They are creating a series for Lenten services. Cost will be \$495 split between up to 8 churches.

Lenten Services we will have 6pm supper, 7pm service. Carol will create a sign up sheet for suppers. Free will offering from meal will be donated to youth for summer trip to MSP National Youth gathering.

Nominating Committee of Ben P, Keith K and Harold H brought forth the following names for each position: Deacon- Dylan Schnabel and Phillip King; Trustee- Brandon Geisler; Treasure- Deann Berntson; Financial Secretary- Daphne Schlepp

President Marla called for nominations for Trustee. Keith Kinzler called to cease nominations and motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Brandon, Liz Braun 2nd. Motion carried.

President Marla called for nominations for treasure, Keith Kinzler called to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Deann, 2nd by Karen Hagen. Motion carried.

President Marla called for nominations for financial secretary, Harold Hagen called to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Daphne, 2nd by Zoe Braun. Motion carried.

President Marla called for nominations for Deacon, Harold Hagen called to cease nominations, 2nd by Darrell Gackle. Votes were handed out. After counting Dylan Schnabel is now Deacon.

Installation of new officers will be next Sunday January 23,2022 during service.

Nominating committee for 2023. Outgoing deacon will be Krista I, other volunteers are Lucy Malm and Neal Berntson

Audit Committee-

Delegates to END Synod Assembly which will be held June 4-5,2022 in Fargo at the Holiday Inn is Dylan Schnabel. Mary Jo will go as a SAM

After some discussion about Sharing of Peace and passing the offering plate again due to Covid it was decided to continue as we have been and after Easter we will go back to sharing Peace with handshakes as each individual is comfortable with. Also we are asking individuals or families to sign up for 2-3 Sundays each year to be greeters, hand out bulletins and usher if needed for communion.

Harold Hagen has created a budget for 2022. The council will review

Carol Berntson

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Accrual Basis

Zion Lutheran Church

Custom Summary Report

January through December 2022

	Jan - Dec 22
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
General Fund Income	
Cemetery Lot Fund	50.00
Thrivent Income	118.00
Vanco Offering	12,241.84
Weekly Sunday Offering	55,286.45
General Fund Income - Other	75.00
Total General Fund Income	67,771.29
Interest Earned	232.12
Other Income	2,072.09
Total Income	70,075.50
Expense	
Christmas Gifts	350.00
Church Expenses	
Janitorial Services	2,850.00
Utilities	
Church Fuel Expense	4,332.75
Electricity	6,126.93
Telephone	1,570.37
Water Bill	963.38
Total Utilities	12,993.43
Church Expenses - Other	435.20
Total Church Expenses	16,278.63
Church Service Supplies	1,558.93
Conference/Meetings	640.97
Confirmation Expense	96.13
General Fund Expense	1,299.82
Insurance Expense	3,528.75
Ministry Expenses	
Education	643.00
Mileage Expense	2,418.86
Salary Expense	21,000.00
Supply Pastor	1,546.07
Ministry Expenses - Other	661.88
Total Ministry Expenses	26,269.81
Miscellaneous	
Taxes	356.70
Vanco fees	98.69
Miscellaneous - Other	28.10
Total Miscellaneous	483.49
Office Supplies	170.16
Organist	300.00
Parsonage Expenses	
Parsonage Electricity Expense	475.46
Parsonage Fuel Expense	915.20
Parsonage Water Bill	889.18
Parsonage Expenses - Other	1,151.49
Total Parsonage Expenses	3,431.33

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Zion Lutheran Church
Custom Summary Report
January through December 2022

	Jan - Dec 22
Payroll Expense	1,606.56
Repairs and Maintenance	2,078.33
Supplies	393.46
VBS and Sunday School	318.58
Total Expense	58,804.95
Net Ordinary Income	11,270.55
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Benevolence Income	
Mission Fest	0.00
Benevolence Income - Other	897.00
Total Benevolence Income	897.00
Building Fund Income	4,500.00
General Endowment Earnings	38,194.01
Memorial Fund Income	625.00
ND Endowment Earnings	-19,144.15
Total Other Income	25,071.86
Other Expense	
Benevolence Expense	
Eastern ND Synod	-50.00
Total Benevolence Expense	-50.00
Building Fund Expense	30,805.51
Total Other Expense	30,755.51
Net Other Income	-5,683.65
Net Income	5,586.90

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Accrual Basis

Zion Lutheran Church

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2022

	Dec 31, 22
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HSB Checking	
Benevolence Income Total	3,305.00
Building Fund Total	-21,579.13
Memorial Fund Total	1,555.53
HSB Checking - Other	52,796.29
Total HSB Checking	36,077.69
Total Checking/Savings	36,077.69
Other Current Assets	
HCU Savings	18,734.18
HSB - MMDA	21,006.23
Mission Investment Funds 1	12,638.47
Mission Investment Funds 2	20,671.66
Total Other Current Assets	73,050.54
Total Current Assets	109,128.23
Fixed Assets	
General Endowment Fund	
General Endowment Earnings	37,534.14
General Endowment Principle	52,264.00
General Endowment Withdrawal	-5,627.15
General Endowment Fund - Other	2,809.57
Total General Endowment Fund	86,980.56
ND Endowment Fund	
ND Endowment Earnings	199,394.16
ND Endowment Principle	336,552.60
ND Endowment Withdrawal	-30,372.85
ND Endowment Fund - Other	-44,781.41
Total ND Endowment Fund	460,792.50
Total Fixed Assets	547,773.06
TOTAL ASSETS	656,901.29
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Withholdings	1,094.45
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,094.45
Total Current Liabilities	1,094.45
Total Liabilities	1,094.45
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	391,633.16
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	31,099.18
Unrestricted Net Assets	227,487.60
Net Income	5,586.90
Total Equity	655,806.84
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	656,901.29

2022 Zion Lutheran Endowment Funds Report

General Endowment Fund

Edward Jones Account

Principle	\$52,264.00
Previous Earnings/(Loss)	\$37,534.14
Previous Withdrawals	\$5,627.15
2022 Value Adjustment	\$38,194.01
2022 Withdrawals	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$86,980.56

North Dakota Qualified Endowment Fund

Edward Jones Account

Principle	\$336,552.60
Previous Earnings/(Loss)	\$199,394.16
Previous Withdrawals	\$30,372.85
2022 Value Adjustment	\$-19,144.15
2022 Withdrawals	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$460,792.50

2022 WELCA report

The Women of the ELCA met in May, June, July, and September. We held our July Bible study at Manor St. Joseph. Pat Rutschke leads the Bible studies. Thank you Pat!

President is Lucinda Malm, Secretary is Pat Rutschke, and Treasurer is Audrey Fregien. Marla Berntson and Karen Hagen continue to be in charge of all arrangements for serving of food.

Muffins/fruit were served to honor confirmand Ellie Wolf and graduates Bradon Giesler, Emily Kinzler, and Zoe Braun. Funeral lunches were served for Wilbert Kinzler and Marion Gackle. Refreshments were provided for one night of the community Bible School.

Bibles were given to Art Nill, Elin Jans, Bailey Kjergaard, and Macie Raabe. Graduation quilts were given to the three graduates.

The ThankOffering service was held on November 20. Women led the service, with Pat providing the message.

Special project this year was 15 baby care kits.

Once again, WELCA provided a fruit tray and crackers for the school staff.

Throughout the year 53 get well cards and 26 sympathy cards were sent to people in the community. Several cards for holidays and birthdays were sent to members who reside in care facilities or are homebound. Hearty thank you to Pat Rutschke for remembering our members in this ministry.

Our annual Christmas party and prayer pal reveal was held on December 5. A special offering was taken and the proceeds were gifted to a family.

Christmas donations were sent from WELCA to Anne Carlsen Center, Designer Genes, ND State Hospital, Red Willow Bible Camp and Kedish House. Financial information may be viewed in WELCA Treasurer's Annual report.

It was decided to discontinue the monthly business meetings, Bible Studies, and representation on the church council. We hope to continue with our ministries and activities on an informal basis.

Lucinda Malm, WELCA president

WELCA financial report

INCOME		EXPENSES	
2.funerals	\$363	Christmas donations	\$500
Bible Study Offering	\$145	½ offering to Synod	\$72.50
Memorial	\$10	2 camp sponsorships	\$200
Thankoffering	\$285.97	Thankoffering	\$285.97
Cards Income	\$340.50	Cards Ordered	\$385.30
WELCA Christmas party	\$120	WELCA party donation	\$120
offering		Books ordered	\$363.77
		(6 Sparks, 5 Baptism)	
		Stamps	\$47.20
		Misc. Groceries	\$126.01

Dec. 31, 2022 Balance on Hand \$1665.77

Audrey Fregien, Treasurer

2022 Trustee Report

The 2022 trustees were Cole Berntson, Jeff Malm, and Brandon Giesler. Cole's position is up for election in 2023.

Other than the usual maintenance duties the main project has been the renovation of the parsonage. The kitchen has been updated and the walls removed to make the main living space more open along with some more storage. Egress windows were installed in the basement bedrooms. We also replaced the very old boiler heating system with a new one which takes up just a small space now and changed it from oil to electric. That made more space for the laundry including using the old kitchen cabinets in that space. The air conditioning system was also improved.

In 2023 we are on the list to have painting done on the exterior of the church and parsonage.

Zion Lutheran Youth Group

We have 8 kids in youth group this year. The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering is July 16-20th in New Orleans.

The checking account balance is \$620.50 and savings account balance \$7390.19.

Bob and I started in October, and played the card game spoons with the kids at the church. In November the kids decorated a Christmas tree donated by Krista Lundgren for the lighting of main street in the pavilion. December, we did not meet.

Future events:

January – Trip to Thrill Hills in Fort Ransom

February – Movie Theatre, Jesus Revolution

March – Ice Fishing

**Zion Lutheran Church Council President
Annual Report for 2022**

2022 saw some changes for Zion:

*The Christians in Action (South East North Dakota Partnership) is slowly getting started. There are eight churches involved in the partnership, with worship leaders rotating to participating churches on Sundays. Mary Jo has been participating in this rotation. All areas of ministry are available in the partnership; youth group, music... Carol is the current intermediary with the group.

*The beautiful new painting in the sanctuary was painted by Pastor Paul Ohman. The Lenten services were videos of Pastor Ohman painting/depicting various parables. Zion invited the community to welcome him as he painted the blessing of the children.

*Zion was privileged to be able to bring "The Preachers Daughters" to Kulm. The performance was held at the Congregational Church and was very well attended.

*The parsonage remodel is nearly complete. This remodel included the kitchen and the basement. The project expanded with updates to the heating and cooling systems.

*Zion issued a call for a pastor and (as of December 31st) is awaiting the signing.

Mary Jo continues as our SAM (Synod Authorized Minister). We are so blessed to have her in our congregation. Zion has so many people that are willing to step in when there is a need, but she has gone above and beyond what she thought she was agreeing to. Many, many thanks to Mary Jo!!

Thank you for continuing to support Zion Lutheran with your attendance (in person or by video stream).

Marla Berntson
Zion Lutheran Church President

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, KULM, ND
SAM'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

Thank you to everyone for your encouragement and support in 2022! I am excited about our ministry at Zion in 2023! Thank you to the outgoing council members, Amy Johnson & Robin Kinzler, Co-Sunday School (SWAG) Superintendents; Krista Lundgren, Deacon; and Cole Berntson, Trustee. I also want to thank Phillip and Lindsay King for teaching Confirmation this year; Geri Kinzler and Liz Braun for being our Youth Group leaders; Lucy Malm for making the bulletins every Sunday, and Travis Terjesen for copying and folding them. Thank you to each and every one of you who have helped in any way to make sure that we, Zion Lutheran Church in Kulm, continue to be God's hands and feet in this world. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated!

Dylan Schnabel and I attended the EaND Synod Assembly on June 4 and 5. Over 350 members of the Eastern North Dakota Synod gathered together at the Holiday Inn in Fargo under the theme 'Called to Serve'. The assembly in 2023 will be in Fargo on June 3 and 4 at the Holiday Inn. I would encourage you to consider being a part of this event...as a delegate or as a visitor. As a delegate, you are a part of the decision-making body of the church.

We did not have a special Sunday for Lord's Acre in 2022, but donations to Zion's building fund are always appreciated.

Zion hosted its 12th Annual Thanksgiving Day on November 24, 2022. We offered dine-in, take-out, and delivered meals. At noon sixty-four people gathered to eat in the fellowship hall; nine take-out meals were picked up; and seven meals were delivered. Nineteen more meals were served at suppertime for a total of ninety-nine meals served. We received \$628.00 in donations, used \$159.85 to cover expenses (We also had a \$250 Thrivent card to cover expenses.), and donated \$468.15 to the food pantry. Thank you to everyone involved to make this day such a success!

Happenings at Zion in 2021:

- ❖ Holy Communion at the Manor St. Joseph in Edgeley and Evergreen Assisted Living in Ellendale twice a month.
- ❖ Ellie Wolf was confirmed.
- ❖ Russel Kinzler transferred his membership from Zion.
- ❖ Amy Giesler, Melanie Filbert and Hunter transferred their memberships to Zion.
- ❖ Celebrations of Life were held for Wilbert Kinzler and Marion Gackle.

I am looking forward to this year and the work that God has for us, Zion Lutheran Church, to do. Let's remember how blessed we are, and all the ways we can be a blessing to others! Thank you for being so supportive!! To God be the glory!!!

Mary Jo Kinzler

SAM (Synod Authorized Minister of the EaND Synod of the ELCA)