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**ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MINUTES - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2011, 1:00 P.M.**

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**1. WELCOME**

President Garth Meissner welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.  
52 people in attendance.

**2. OPENING DEVOTIONS by Pastor Glenn Shore**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion #1:** MSC to approve the agenda as printed.

**4. MINUTES OF 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Motion #2:** MSC to approve as circulated.

**4.1 Business Arising From the Minutes**

Second Reading of the Constitution Change from 2009  
President Meissner briefly explained the changes – no questions or objections.

**Motion #3:** MSC to accept the changes to the constitution as printed on page 4 of the 2010 AGM minutes.

**5. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

Pastor Shore and Gary Rusu appointed as scrutineers.

**6. REPORTS**

**6.1 President – as printed**

**6.2 Pastors, Staff, Parish Report**

- .1 Pastor Shore – as printed
- .2 Sr. Jean – as printed

**6.3 Deacons & Trustees, Committees**

- .1 Deacons' Report – as printed
- .2 Trustees' Report – as printed
- .3 Committees
  - .1 Youth & Family – as printed
  - .2 Jr. Youth – as printed
  - .3 Hostess – as printed
  - .4 Archive
  - .5 ELW – as printed
  - .6 Sunday School – as printed
  - .7 Student Aid – as printed
  - .8 PACE – as printed
  - .9 Parish Life – as printed
  - .10 Music Coordinator – as printed
  - .11 Stewardship – as printed
  - .12 Worship Committee - as printed
  - .13 Parish Report – as printed

**Motion #4:** MSC to accept reports as printed.

**6.4 Appointment of Auditor**

**Motion #5: MSC that Council appoint an auditor for 2011.**

Treasurer, Collin Willms highlighted the printed financial and auditor's reports.

**7. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Report as printed – Judy Jahnke read Nominating Committee's report on behalf of Karen Kelly. The Nominating Committee made the following motion which was seconded, discussed and carried:

**Motion #6: MSC, to reduce the number of Deacons to Council to seven and the number of Trustees to five.**

**7.1 Elections**

**.1 Trustees**

One position to fill  
Nominees: Jim Hopkins and Hans Baumfeld.  
Call for nominations from the floor three times. No further nominations.  
Jim Hopkins and Hans Baumfeld declared elected.

**.2 Deacons**

Two positions to fill  
Nominees: Ruthe Olson – withdrawn, Judy Jahnke and Charlotte Hahn.  
Call for nominations from the floor three times. No further nominations.  
Judy Jahnke and Charlotte Hahn declared elected.

**.3 Officers**

**.1 Treasurer**

Nominee: Collin Willms  
Call for nominations from the floor three times. No further nominations.  
Collin Willms declared elected.

**.2 Secretary**

Nominees: None.  
Call for nominations from the floor three times.  
Andrea Cameron will stay until position is filled.

**.3 Vice President**

Nominee: Rosine Gerhardt  
Call for Nominations three times – no further nominations.  
Rosine Gerhardt declared elected.

**.4 President**

Nominee: Garth Meissner  
Call for nominations from the floor three times. No further nominations.  
Garth Meissner declared elected.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1 Amendments to the Constitution / Bylaws**

Bishop Allan Grundahl, Pastor Harold Hesje and Collin Willms served on the Constitution Committee. Bishop Grundahl presented the committee's proposals for four changes to the constitution as printed on page 39 – 43 of the Annual Report:

**1. Motion #7: to replace Article XI with new Article XI as printed on page 39 and 40 of the 2010 Annual Report.**

Motion #7 was seconded and discussed further.

A "show of hands" vote was held to determine whether we will be voting on the proposed changes by secret ballot or by show of hands. The majority was in favour of voting on the proposed changes by show of hands.

More discussion on Motion #7 took place and the vote was called for. 23 in favour; 18 opposed.

**Motion #7 was carried.**

When this is ratified at next year's AGM a 2/3 majority vote will be required.

2. **Motion #8:** In Zion's Bylaws, Part V, insert a new 5. as printed on page 40 of the 2010 Annual Report. The current 5. would become 6.

Motion #8 was seconded and discussed at length before a suggestion was made that it either be voted on or tabled.

**Motion #9: MSC that Motion #8 be tabled.**

3. **Motion #10:** Replace Zion Bylaws, Part VII with a new Part VII as printed on page 41 and 42 of the 2010 Annual Report.

Motion #10 was seconded discussed, questioned.

**Motion #11:** MSC to amend Motion #10 by inserting the words "describe its duties" after the word "treasurer" in section 7g of Part VII of the Constitution/Bylaws as printed on page 42 of the 2010 Annual Report.

Discussion on Motion #10 as amended in Motion #11.

**Motion #12: MSC to table Motion #10 until next year pending ratification of Section XII.**

4. **Motion #13:** Amend Article VI, 2 (c) to read as printed on page 43 of the 2010 Annual Report.

Motion #13 was seconded and discussed. Type on line 3 – the word "and" needs to be replaced with "voting members".

**Motion #13 was carried.**

## 8.2 National Convention Delegate Nomination (July 14 – 17 2011)

One delegate is needed – Ruthe Olson volunteered.

**Motion #14:** MSC that we approve Ruthe Olson as our delegate for the National Convention.

## 8.3 Other Business

It was suggested that a cordless mike be used at future meetings so all comments can be heard by everyone. President Meissner ensured that this will happen at all future meetings.

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Dinner – February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Council Meeting: February 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING DEVOTIONS

Adjourned at 3:15 p.m. Closing devotions by Sr. Jean.

Recorded by,  
Andrea Cameron

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Andrea Cameron, Secretary

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Garth Meissner, President

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA  
Sunday Feb 12, 2012**

1. Welcome: President Garth Meissner
2. Devotions: Pastor Randy Meissner
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Appointment of Scrutineers
5. Minutes- Annual Meeting 2011  
5.1 Business arising from minutes  
    – second reading of constitution change from 2010
6. Reports  
6.1 President  
6.2 Pastors, Staff, Parish Report  
6.3 Deacons & Trustees, Committees  
6.4
7. Nominating Committee Report  
7.1 Elections
  
- COFFEE BREAK-----
  
8. New Business  
8.1 Synod Convention Delegate nomination –  
8.2  
8.3  
8.4
9. Announcements
  
10. Adjournment- Closing Devotions –

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT - "REFLECTIONS"

When I sat down to write this section of the Annual Report, I tried to go back in time to the Zion of early 2011 and begin where we were then. As I really got thinking about it, and where we are as a congregation now, it struck me as to just how busy 2011 actually was!

At this time last year, we were still in interim with interim pastors, still awaiting the arrival of the new pastor we had called. We had gotten a positive response, so the call procedure had ended, but we were all waiting and wondering what the "new guy" would be like and what directions we would be moving in upon his arrival. Then things started changing. We bid farewell to Pastor Glenn, and a week later welcomed Pastor Randy. I for one, felt a noticeable change in our community – the uncertainty and wariness of the interim was gone, replaced by a positive and optimistic feeling of renewal. It was a breath of fresh air that seemed to have been lacking for some time. God had never left us during our interim but it was remarkable to see the changes the Holy Spirit was performing now. Dormant committees were being reborn, more and more people were coming to our services, and there was genuinely new life and a new spirit in our parish,

That spirit continues today. We regretfully had to bid farewell to Sister Jean in November but our members and staff have taken up the challenges of a single pastor parish very well. We are taking a very careful and deliberate look at something that will be, whatever choice is made, transformational for our long term future in the form of the LutherCare proposal. And our church continues on.

A little over nine years ago, someone from the Nominating Committee approached me about possibly filling a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. Thinking that this was a way to help out my church, I agreed. Two consecutive terms on Trustees and three years on Executive, the last two as your President have been quite a journey; a journey that has been energizing, educational, frustrating at times and yet one of the most deeply satisfying experiences of my life. Due to constitutional limits (which are there for a reason), I will be stepping down from Council to both rest for a time and let new ideas and new faces come forward on Council. It has been my honour to serve you, the members of Zion, these last nine years and I hope my thoughts and actions have met with your approval.

For a community like Zion to flourish, it takes the hard work and dedication of many – there are many things, both visible and sometimes not-so-visible that have to be attended to and nurtured. To the Executive and members of Council, both past and present – it has been a pleasure to work with you through both the good times and the decisions that were tough to make – whatever the choices, you were always looking out for Zion and I thank you for it. My thanks to Pastor Randy, who has brought new and fresh ways of looking at things and has taken on his changing role with confidence and gusto – even though we are not blood relations (despite sharing our name), we are brothers in Christ! I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the staff of Zion - you have always been there as a steady anchor through the constantly changing landscape of our church, especially these last two years while I was Chair. I never worried about the day-to-day functioning of our office because I knew we had great people there doing what they do best. I also have to thank you the members of Zion for assisting in so very many ways both great and small in the life of our community – it is all for you and it only works because of you. My greatest thanks have to go out to God, who has been with us every minute of our journey and continues to lead us in new and exciting challenges. To God be the glory!

Respectfully submitted,  
Garth Meissner

### ZION COUNCIL 2011

**President:** Garth Meissner

**Vice-President:** Rosine Gerhardt

**Interim Secretary:** Charlotte Hahn

**Secretary:** Nathan Grundahl

**Deacons:** Judy Jahnke (Chair) Gerald Agrey, Charlotte Hahn, Dean Kindt, Jenn Ewles, Alice Olson.

**Trustees:** Lorne Baun (Chair), Albert Barth, Dale Stalwick, Jim Hopkins, Hans Baumfeld.

## PASTOR

To say that this has been a year of personal change would be an understatement. One year ago this month, we were preparing our house for sale and making arrangements for our move to Saskatoon. Next month marks the first anniversary of my new call as your pastor. What a privilege and joy it has been! Paulette and I thank you, the people of Zion, for your very warm and extremely supportive embrace.

I have always held that annual reports have two functions. The first, is to look back over the year and the second, is to look ahead.

**Function number one: looking back.** Arrival, unpacking, learning the elaborate key system (and just finding my way around) in this building, meeting people, attaching names to faces, learning the proper channels of communication, re-familiarizing myself with this city, hearing Zion's history... these are the typical markers of a new pastor in a new parish. The transition has been smoother than I could have hoped for. A large part of this smoothness is thanks to **Sister Jean**, who served as an able guide through my first months. I still have plenty of names to learn, but I can say that I have settled into my call.

**Function number two: looking ahead.** Two significant changes will affect Zion's mission in 2012. One is a reality, the other is a possibility. The reality is that, for the first time in several decades, Zion is a one pastor congregation. 2012 will be a year for us to discover together the impact of this change on some of the familiar patterns of pastoral leadership at Zion. So far, the transition has been smooth from my perspective. We can anticipate the need for increased lay leadership in some areas, particularly around Sunday worship. And it may be that I will need to prioritize attendance at some other meetings or events around Zion. I am thankful for our new Mutual Ministry committee. We will meet quarterly to assess this new reality.

The second change is still a possibility. We will be spending the first months of 2012 discerning our mission and location for that mission. A decision about a possible move to Stonebridge will be made. As, I stated in this month's **Zion Messenger**, I consider this decision and this process as a gift to Zion, because whether we move or whether we stay, my prayer is that, by the end of this time of discernment and decision, we will have clarified, focused and reenergized our call to serve and to bear witness to the Light of the World in Saskatoon. It truly is a "win-win" adventure!

**A Time for Gratitude:** Last fall, a fellow pastor in Saskatoon was on sabbatical for four months. During this time, he attended our 11:00 a.m. service regularly. He comes from a different tradition and wanted to experience ours. Over coffee one afternoon he had very positive things to share about his experience with us. I, of course, asked him to put it in writing, which he obliged. His whole letter has been shared with our council and worship leaders, (please ask if you'd like to see a full copy of his letter) but I share this small excerpt with you in my report.

*"The first time I came to Zion I immediately sensed a reverence for God ... I also picked up on the sense of family that you also have, plus the rich history of Lutheranism. I sensed that you all appreciate the connection you have with your rich denominational history. There is a sense of God's presence in your worship. You honour His majesty. You interact with Him as a church body. You interact with each other. You don't just sit like spectators at a show. Your worship presents many layers of God, and many opportunities to engage with Him. I was really quite impressed and touched. It's why I kept coming back."*

I offer this not, to "puff us up," or as a source of individual or congregational boasting, but as an encouragement to you, people of Zion. Human nature likes to zoom in on the negative, our weaknesses and failings of which there are always plenty. But we are not so adept at acknowledging what is well among us. And there is much more of that in my books! Let us choose this year to be a grateful gathering of saints!

This also has been a year of gratitude for me and my family. We are grateful that God has called us to this community. I am grateful for the daily evidence of the Holy Spirit at work among us. I am grateful for the gifts of time, talent and treasure, and the committed hours joyfully shared by so many of you for the strength of and sake of our Body called Zion. I am grateful for our future; for the roads and doors that may open for us, and the abiding promise of our Saviour: wherever we go, He "will never leave us or forsake us." Give thanks, rejoice. Be grateful for Zion. I am.

In Christ,  
Pastor Randy Meissner  
Epiphany, 2012

## TREASURER

As you may recall, in an effort to maintain our existing programming and staffing levels for 2011, our congregation approved a deficit budget with a net shortfall of **\$22,914**. Initially our hope was to increase our revenue with the prospect of a new permanent pastor and some renewed growth of our congregation.

Each of our committees was very diligent in keeping their expenses down and our budgeted expenses came in approximately **\$40,305** lower than expected. Unfortunately our offering revenue also came in much lower than expected by about **-\$26,588**. We ended up finishing off the year with an approximate actual shortfall of **\$9,197**.

At the time of printing this report, we are waiting for our preliminary audited financials for the 2011 budget year. We will have a full audited report available for our upcoming budget meeting in May of 2012.

### **Proposed 2012 Budget Highlights**

The 2012 budget, which started September 1, 2011 and ends on August 31, 2012, was passed with expected total revenue of **\$346,357** and overall expenses of **\$355,577**. This would leave us with a proposed deficit of **\$9,220**.

Our 2012 budget year saw the transition from our interim ministry leadership to our new senior pastor, Randy Meissner and the departure of Sister Jean Widmeyer. This budget reflects an increase according to industry standards to all staff, however, realizing that there will only be one pastor.

As the congregation goes forth into 2012, I trust that the main focus will be on mission, with finances only acting as the tools to make that possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Collin Willms, Treasurer

## BOARD OF DEACONS

The Deacons are organized into three groups, each responsible for different committees and programs of Zion.

The first group, outreach, refers to the Missions Committee, Christmas Hampers, Food Bank Drives, Student Aid, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Lutheran Student Centre and the Inner City Council of Churches. The spiritual growth group is comprised of Sunday School, Youth and Family, PACE, Library, Bible Study groups and Confirmation. Community is made up of Parish Life, congregational potlucks, Worship, ELW and Ladies' Night Out. These groups and subgroups are flexible with some changes and sharing of responsibilities occurring as needed.

The Deacons continue to be working members of these committees when possible, and report back to the Deacons' meeting. Our aim is to increase communication between committees, share ideas and keep Council aware of the ongoing programs of Zion. We also want to generate enthusiasm from the members of Zion and continue to involve as many members as possible in the programs of our church.

The members of the Board of Deacons for 2011 are Charlotte Hahn, Gerald Agrey, Alice Olson, Dean Kindt, Jenn Ewles and Judy Jahnke (chair). Thank you all for your dedication to Zion and your continued faithfulness.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Jahnke

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The past year has been fairly fruitful in the area of maintenance and regular areas of attention such as parking lot/yard maintenance, building security, lights in working order, and the list goes on, with very little disturbance to members at large, thanks to the work of our competent staff and trustees!

The following are just some of the projects that were completed at Zion this year:

- spring clean-up
- parking lot swept and lines painted
- replaced eaves troughs south side of old church
- repaired exterior Cross, and "light shines" again
- north roof repaired
- repaired stained glass window east side, (old church)

- repaired small gate, south west corner, and hand rail to choir loft, south
- caulking of nursery walls
- drinking fountain in gym repaired
- boiler repairs -- installation of new pressure relief valve and secondary Gas Pilot Valve
- Narthex ceiling was scraped and refinished, (BIG JOB!)
- southeast entrance doors were refinished with Varathane

I would like to thank all those who have committed their time and talent in order to get these projects done; special mention to Ray Hahn and Henry Wichert.

Special thanks go to the staff: Donna Hume, Darlene Wilson and Terry Afseth, and the Board of Trustees, Albert Barth (secretary), Dale Stalwick, Hans Baumfeld and Jim Hopkins. Thank you for your commitment and dedication!

Board of Trustee Chair  
Lorne Baun

### **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

This year we have seen much change in our worship with Pastor Randy accepting the position of Senior Pastor at Zion. We are blessed with his presence and insightful words every Sunday as we continue on our journey as a community of believers in Christ. It has been a pleasure getting to know Pastor Randy and I see his commitment to our congregation in every conversation that we have. Thank you Randy!

Diane Bestvater continues as our Music Coordinator and as she prepares and plans the services and coordinates musicians at Zion, we thank her for a job well done as she works as part of our pastoral team. We are grateful for her wealth of experience and knowledge.

Worship services at Zion continue with a traditional service at 9:00 and a blended/contemporary service at 11:00. We thank the many volunteers who offer freely their gifts and talents to enhance the worship services at Zion. Some of these roles include: Readers, communion assistants, altar guild, ushers, musicians, sound technicians, and greeters.

The search for an Altar Guild Coordinator has finally been fulfilled. Connie Abrook has graciously accepted the position and we thank her for this decision. We know the position is in capable hands. Thank you Connie.

A couple of areas of need for worship of late are sound technicians and guitar players. The sound technician position involves running and monitoring the sound mixer at the services. If you are interested in helping in any of these capacities please contact anyone on the committee or email Donna Hume at the office at [zion.office@sasktel.net](mailto:zion.office@sasktel.net) or call Zion at 653-2442.

The worship committee would like to thank the many hard working Sunday School teachers and their Superintendent Karen Kelly for making our young people feel connected in our church community. We also congratulate them on a job well done on December 11, 2011 with the wonderful Sunday School Concert. It is always great to see the youth perform!

The worship committee welcomes communication from the congregation. Email your comments to [zion.office@sasktel.net](mailto:zion.office@sasktel.net) or call 653-2442 or leave a signed note in the mailbox of any on our worship committee.

The members of our committee have changed over the years with our present membership consisting of: Patrick Kelly, (Chairperson), Gerald Agrey (Council Rep), Connie Abrook (Altar Guild Coordinator), Mildred Kerber (Member at Large), Alice Barth (Member at Large), Dennis Temple (Member at Large), and from the staff, Pastor Randy Meissner and Diane Bestvater, (Music Coordinator).

We welcome your comments, your participation and your prayers.

Respectfully submitted  
Patrick Kelly, Zion Worship Committee Chair

### **MUSIC COORDINATOR**

This was my first full year as Music Coordinator, and it has been a great experience. I am responsible for choosing hymns, songs and liturgies, as well as making sure that there are musicians in place for all services. I work in consultation with Pastor Randy to plan each service. For 9:00 a.m., I play most Sundays and am assisted by Alice Barth, who continues to play the organ about once each month. For 11:00 a.m., I coordinate the volunteers who make

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up the praise bands, do PowerPoint and run the sound equipment. We have been able to involve several new musicians this year as part of these teams to work with the many committed players already on teams.

In addition, I have directed the choir, which has sung at many morning worship services and other special events. Most notably, we participated in the Lutheran Care Society Advent Carol Festival in November. A hand bell choir was also formed for some events last spring. Instrumental musicians and vocalists have been included in worship as soloists and band members. The youth were called upon to form the brass band for Confirmation Sunday and for the Sunday School Christmas program and did a wonderful job.

Besides my work in preparing music for worship, I played a solo organ recital so that people could continue to enjoy the pipe organ as an instrument capable of many kinds of repertoire. I also planned and played for a guest choir (St. Peter's Chorus, Muenster) in a performance in December. The choir was very thrilled by our facility and the wonderful reception they received.

I continue to meet regularly with the worship committee and with a team who helps plan the 11:00 a.m. services.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Bestvater

### **MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE**

A Mutual Ministry committee serves two functions. First, it offers a confidential sounding board, as representatives of Zion, where Pastor Randy can share thoughts, ideas, concerns and receive feedback about his ministry. Second, the committee serves as a conduit to direct feedback from congregational members regarding his ministry.

The committee normally meets quarterly and holds its first meeting on February 1. The committee members are: Gary Rusu, Dorine Mintzler, Jan Peterson, and Dean Kindt.

### **HOSTESS COMMITTEE**

The Hostess Committee looks after serving lunches at funerals held at Zion. The family provides the food and we provide the beverages, set up the tables for the funeral and serve the lunch. There is no charge for this but any donations received are put in the "Kitchen Fund" and with the consent of Trustees money from this fund is used to upgrade and purchase needed items for the three kitchens in the church.

In 2011 our committee served lunch at two funerals of congregational members:

March 14 – Arnold Njaa  
October 1 – Aileen Anholt

We would like to thank all those who so willingly helped when called upon.

Submitted by Hostess Committee  
Alice Barth, Karen Hopkins, Vi Stalwick, Marlene Wichert

### **ARCHIVE COMMITTEE**

The Archive Committee had four working meetings this past year – January 18, October 27, November 14 and November 28. Our purpose was to update and file material that had been gathered during the past year. We also placed donated artefacts in the curio cabinet and updated the bulletin board in Heritage Hall.

We met on January 11, 2012 to take inventory of items that we, as an Archive Committee, felt should be retained in the event that Zion should proceed with the proposal to relocate. This inventory will be forwarded to the Task Force.

We continue to request donations of information and memorabilia that should be preserved for our Church history.

Sonja Freiermuth  
Karen Hopkins  
Marlene Wichert

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is in full swing! We have kids aged preschool to Grade 8. Our current enrolment is as follows:

Preschool to Grade 5..... 30 children  
Junior Youth (Grades 6 – 8 ..... 16 children  
Total Number of Families ..... 23 families

I made quite a few phone calls in September inviting children to Sunday School. I am excited that three families, that had not been attending, have been faithfully bringing their kids to Sunday School and attending church. Three of these children have also been baptized since September.

We continue to teach using rotation style and have the kids separated into two groups. The same lesson is taught for two weeks in a row, but in a different way. One week the kids could be in the art room, and the next they could be in the science room, the kitchen, the story telling room, or playing a game. Two teachers teach each week and have access to six or seven options for teaching the lesson. They teach their chosen option for two weeks, once to each group.

Preschool is parent led and each week a different parent chooses which lesson option to teach.

Junior Youth students study their own curriculum and join with the rest of Sunday School for guest speakers and special events.

We are blessed to have an excellent group of teachers. Thanks to Heather Primeau, Andrea Cameron, Tracey Tucker, Kirsten Kobylak, Shauna Anderson, Bonnie Sather, Susan Keeler and Judy Jahnke. A huge thank you to the parents and other members who have been so willing to “shepherd” during the Sunday School hour. Thank you also to Wes Froese for writing and directing our Christmas Concert for us.

Karen Kelly  
Sunday School Superintendent

## STUDENT AID COMMITTEE

In 2011, awards for student assistance were made to two students:

- one from the Olson Bursary to a student pursuing a Bachelor of Music as well as a Bachelor of Education at the University of Saskatchewan. Music education is specified as qualifying for the Olson Bursary.
- One from the Student Aide Fund as contributed by Zion's congregation: \$2,000 to a seminary student.

We did not use any funds from the Seierstad or LTS bursaries. It was decided to let the interest increase to a future year when the need may be greater. These bursaries do not allow for pursuits such as music. They are strictly for church-sponsored schools and/or seminary.

Applicants are interviewed by the committee before awards are made and recipients again meet with us approximately midway in the school year. We pray assistance to students will lead to God's honour and glory and that the educational opportunities enrich the students' Christian life.

Thank you for your support of the mission of Zion. Please also keep these students in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted by the Student Aid Committee  
Bishop Allan Grundahl (retired), Gerald Agrey, Karen Hopkins, Muriel Jarvis (chair).

## EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WOMEN (ELW)

ELW is alive and well at Zion! Naomi Circle continues to meet the third Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. and Squiracle meets the same day but, at 7:30 p.m. Naomi Circle meets in Heritage Hall during the winter months. Both groups have new members so our groups are thriving.

We continue to be involved with the birthday party at LutherCare Home each May. Our annual meeting was held in October with a good turnout. We continue to hand out Bibles to Grade 3 students each fall. In 2011 we handed out seven bibles.

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Our Cheer Convenor, Muriel Jarvis sent out 60 birthday greetings to those over 80 and 12 to people over 90, as well as, 21 get well cards, three cheer cards, 16 sympathy cards and two anniversary cards to those celebrating 60 or more years of marriage.

Our Cradle Roll has 15 names. Cards are sent for baptism anniversaries as well as for first, second and third birthdays. We also give out baptism cards and a keepsake book for children when they are baptized.

ELW is also involved in the Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) program at Zion. Many in the congregation are involved in making quilts, etc. This year we sent 22 quilts, nine sewing kits, 52 baby bundles, one blanket, four school kits and three pneumonia vests for a totals of 91 items packed in 11 boxes. We also raised enough to order 100 "We Care" bags by a special offering taken in September.

The Mitten Tree is another all-congregation project headed up by ELW. Items collected are distributed each year to two community schools.

We also provide cookies to the students at the Lutheran Student Centre during the school year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Connie Abrook, President.

<b>Zion ELW</b>			
<b>Revenue &amp; Expenses to August 31, 2011</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Grace Gifts			3,344.24
Praise Gifts			75.00
Convention			75.00
Bible Study			162.00
ELW programs			215.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>			<b>3,871.24</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Grace Gifts		775.55	
Praise Gifts		75.00	
Cradle Roll		265.16	
Cheer Cards & Stamps		224.92	
Bible Study		291.50	
Grade 3 Bibles		92.82	
CLWR		350.00	
Designated			
Christmas Hamper		100.00	
Campership		275.00	
Kinasao		75.00	
Bank Charges		20.05	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>2,545.00</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>			<b>1,326.24</b>
<b>Beginning Bank Balance</b>	1,558.83		
<b>Activity</b>	1,326.24		
<b>Total</b>	2,885.07		
<b>Actual Bank Balance</b>	3,176.69		
<b>Outstanding cheques</b>	291.62		
<b>Adjusted Bank Balance</b>	<b>2,885.07</b>		
<b>Difference</b>		-	

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Wilson, ELW Treasurer.

## PARISH ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (PACE)

Our P.A.C.E. committee consisting of Don Schenk, Rudy Bowen, Gwen Yauck, Charlotte Hahn and Vibs Paulsen have worked diligently to get speakers for every Sunday. Communicating mostly by e-mail we avoid a lot of meetings. Many interesting subjects and enriching Bible studies have been presented, and attendance has been very encouraging.

Respectfully submitted  
Vibs Paulsen

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In light of the proposed changes in the constitution which would call for re-structuring our Council, we are presenting only names of those who are willing to let their names stand as members of Zion Church Council for the coming year. We did not feel it was fair to ask someone to let their name stand as President, for example, if indeed the constitution is changed and under the proposed changes each council would elect their own executive. Hence we are presenting these 15 names:

Gerald Agrey	Rosine Gerhardt	Dean Kindt
Albert Barth	Nathan Grundahl	David Kinloch
Hans Baumfeld	Charlotte Hahn	Alice Olson
Lorne Baun	Jim Hopkins	Ruthe Olson
Jenn Ewles	Judy Jahnke	Dale Stalwick

Respectfully submitted by the nominating committee,  
Connie Abrook, Gerald Agrey, Dale Stalwick and Pastor Randy Meissner, advisor.

## PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Mission Statement: *"To foster the renewal of Parish Life and build community among all church members and promote community through social activities for the benefit of all".*

Parish Life Committee meets once a month except for July and August and we endeavour to plan an event every month, September through May. In 2011:

- January 23 - "Feast of Nations" with a variety of ethnic dishes.
- February was the annual meeting so no Parish Life event was planned.
- March 23 – potluck and welcome for Pastor Randy and Paulette.
- April 10 - afternoon of talent and desserts.
- May was the Sunday School picnic so no Parish Life event was planned.
- June 12 - "Praise and Thanksgiving" - individuals shared their personal stories plus we enjoyed potluck sandwiches/ finger food and did some gospel singing. This event was well attended and received good response.
- September 11 – potluck to coincide with the start-up of Sunday School in the fall.
- October 9 – Thanksgiving mini brunch at 10:00 a.m. with offering going to CLWR.
- November 13 - potluck and a very successful silent auction raising over \$1,200 for the Christmas hampers.
- December 11 - potluck following the Sunday School Christmas program – this was very well attended and it was wonderful to see so many parents of the Sunday School students present.

A Book Club was organized in 2010 and we would like to thank Bishop Allan Grundahl for continuing to lead this group.

Our committee is an active group and we can use help in many areas – helping set up and clean up at the potlucks, making coffee on Sunday mornings, signing up for greeters.

We would also appreciate suggestions as to how we can build community here and help each one of us say with sincerity “My Zion.” If you have any ideas of how we can do more community building at Zion please contact one of the committee members.

Submitted by:

Marlene Wichert (chair), Joan Anderson, Margaret Baun, Charlotte Hahn.

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

Zion delivered hampers to 15 families this Christmas, for a total of 54 individuals. A hamper includes a gift for each family member, some baking which is provided by the generous members of Zion, and a gift card for Superstore for \$100.00. We received several cards from these families and many expressions of thanks from them all. They were all very appreciative. Thank you to Leah Abrook and Jenn Ewles for all their help co-ordinating and to everyone who contributed by shopping, baking or giving a monetary donation. Thanks also to the Parish Life Committee for organizing the silent auction and potluck lunch. This project would not be so successful without all of you.

Submitted by

Jackie Smith

### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

Zion’s Stewardship Committee is comprised of Al Anderson, Jackie Smith, and Leah Abrook. Arnold Njaa was a member until his passing and he will be missed. **My Zion** is the focus of the committee this year. We want the congregation to think about what Zion means to them, now and in the future. The time and talent information has traditionally been collected by filling out forms. This year the focus is on short-term goals and one-time events. Examples of this would be setting up chairs for a potluck, baking for a youth event, co-ordinating the Christmas Hampers, making a pin map for the office of where our members live in the city, greeting, reading or ushering for one or two Sundays or for a whole month. There is a temporary **My Zion** bulletin board in the narthex, soon to be replaced with a permanent one. Please use it to request help for any event that is coming up.

Submitted by

Al Anderson

### **PARISH REPORT**

#### **Church Services**

1. Worship Services held at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. – 36 Sundays
2. Summer Worship Services held at 10 a.m. – 14 Sundays (June 5 through September 4 inclusive)
3. Single Services were held on Jan. 1 and Dec. 25.
4. Evening Healing Worship Services were held Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; April 11; May 9; June 13; July 11; Aug. 8; Sept. 12; Oct. 17; Dec. 12, for a total of 12 services.
5. Special Sunday Gatherings

January 9 ----- Feast of Nations

February 13 ----- Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck

March 13 ----- Farewell for Pastor Shore

----- Lutheran Campus Fundraising Dinner

March 20 ----- Welcome for Pastor Meissner

----- Musical Mosaic

April 3 ----- Zion Planning Day

April 10 ----- Dessert & Talent afternoon

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April 24 -----Easter Brunch  
 May 8 -----Installation of Pastor Randy Meissner  
 May 15-----Congregational Picnic – Friendship Park  
 May 29-----Congregational Budget Meeting  
 June 12-----Praise & Thanksgiving  
 September 11-----Fall Kickoff for Sunday School and back to 2 worship services  
 October 9 -----Thanksgiving Brunch  
 October 16-----Organ Recital Fundraiser  
 October 30-----Confirmation Sunday  
 November 6 -----Potluck and Silent Auction  
 -----Farewell for Sister Jean  
 December 4 -----Norwegian Christmas Worship Service & Fellowship  
 December 11-----Sunday School Christmas Program  
 -----Potluck  
 -----Christmas Carolling at the Lighthouse

6. Mid-week services and meetings of the congregation:

January 12-----Stewardship “reboot”  
 January 18-----Jr. Youth Skating & Snacks  
 January 29-----Youth night in the gym  
 February 2 -----Stewardship meeting  
 February 9 -----Bible Study  
 March 9-----Bible Study  
 February16 -----Council Dinner  
 March 9-----Ash Wednesday  
 March 24 -----Mid Week Lenten Service  
 March 26 -----Youth and Family Movie Night  
 April 15 -----Youth Night in the gym  
 April 21 -----Maundy Thursday  
 April 22 -----Good Friday  
 May 13-----Youth wind up  
 June 3 & 4 -----Youth and Family Garage Sale  
 June 6 -----Women’s Night Out  
 August 22 -----ELW Bible Study  
 September 14-17 -----Pictorial Directory Photos  
 Sept. 14→Oct. 19 -----Bible Study  
 September 20-----Youth Night  
 October 4 -----Confirmation Planning Meeting  
 October 11-----Jr. Youth  
 October 21-----Poverty Awareness Event “Hands Across the Water”  
 October 24-----ELW Annual Meeting  
 November 4 -----Sr. Youth gym night  
 November 24-----Youth & Family Movie Night  
 December 2 -----St. Peter’s Chorus Concert  
 December 8 to 22-----Vespers Services (Thursday nights)  
 December 9 -----Sunday School Rehearsal for Christmas Concert & Pizza Supper  
 Hilltoppers meets regularly throughout the year on the 2nd Friday of the month  
 Squirle meets regularly throughout the year on the 3rd Monday of the month  
 Naomi Circle meets regularly throughout of year on the 3rd Tuesday of the month  
 (All groups take a hiatus during the months of July and August)

7. **Holy Communion** was served 59 times throughout the year.

8. **Received through Holy Baptism:** Lucky Keleta, Feyamita Keleta, Maya Rupchan, Erik Boldt-Peters, Rachel Hahn, Jordyn Hahn.

9. **Received through Confirmation:** Matthew Benkic, Jesse Derkson, Knut Lokken, Brett Pongracz, Jackson Vaillant, Sydney Willms.
10. **Received through Transfer:** Jim & Jennie Lang, Colleen Vaillant, Mark Anderson.
11. **Received through Affirmation of Faith:** Michele Tatlow.
12. **Removed through transfer (non-Lutheran):** Anna Barth, Michael Barth.
13. **Removed through transfer:** Ed Decker, Annie Anderson, Jenn-Nian, Ruth & Esther Chen, Dwayne, Nicole, Emily & Bethany Kindt, Donna & Erwin Gruening, Linda Crowhurst, Lora, Tara, Joshua, Carrie & Cole Chapple.
14. **Removed through Death:** Mel Torguson, Arnold Njaa, Ed Lindren, Aileen Anholt, Deitrich Freitag.
15. **Marriages – couples married through Zion:** Lindsay Pannel & Jeremy Berscheid, Jennifer Rivard & Curtis Seckinger, Jeff McKenzie & Shannon Stene, Steve Adams & Gina Gardfenau.
16. **Funerals held through Zion:** Arnold Njaa, Aileen Anholt, Ed Lindgren, Deitrich Freitag.
17. **Zion Membership (2011)**
18. Baptized Members 777    Confirmed Members 427    Active Non-Members 90

**50/50 Goals**

	<b>ZION'S SHARE</b>	<b>ELCIC</b>	<b>OTHER OUTREACH</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>GOAL</b>	50.00%	25.00%	25.00%	100.00%
<b>PROGRESS</b>				
2001	68.00%	11.77%	20.23%	435065
2002	74.02%	11.56%	14.42%	452656
2003	67.17%	12.85%	19.98%	387785
2004	68.37%	12.978%	18.64%	400801
2005	74.54%	13.03%	12.43%	399265
2006	72.02%	20.07%	7.91%	347758
2007	78.75%	17.73%	3.52%	376948
2008	80.15%	16.35%	3.50%	408580
2009	76.10%	22.28%	1.62%	294355
2010	78.86%	11.24%	9.9%	308839
2011	79.74%	11.33%	8.93%	306338

## Zion Attendance

Year	Lit@9 a.m.	Info@11 a.m.	Summer	Other	AVG per Sun.
2001	104	227	161		288
2002	106	166	153		264
2003	103	165	157		240
2004	96	152	145		221
2005	91	151	124		208
2006	86	128	113		182
2007	82	117	98		173
2008	96	76	104	390*	180
2009	59	124	79	189*	141
2010	55	94	93	87*	128
2011	54	106	86	66	128

- \* includes Chinese worship service attendance totals + evening, 10 a.m., 9:45 a.m. worship

### 2011 Memorials

**Given in Memory of:**

**Given by:**

**Agnes Gregor (CLWR)**

Fran Seidler

**Aileen Anholt**

Gordon & Illa Knudsen, Jim & Karen Hopkins, Eileen Salte, Ardis Melsness, Don Rosten, Norma Arnestead, Corinne & Neil Shantz, Art & Connie Hundebly, Lorne & Susuan Anholt, Rick & Vi Stalwick, Walter & Muriel Tastad, Gene & Esther Grant, Typhena Weinberger, Doris Rausch.

**Deitrich Freitag**

Freitag Family

**Oscar Fenner**

Bill & Gloria Steckler, Sandra McKay (Organ Fund)

**Arnold Njaa**

Fern Njaa, Mildred Kerber, Hilda Anderson

**Give in Celebration of:**

**Jim & Karen Hopkins**  
(50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

Lorne & Marg Baun