



# November 2019 Newsletter

All the news that's fit to print from A to Zion

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**Rooted in Christ  
Growing in Faith  
Reaching Out in Love**



## Annual Congregation Meeting November 10 at 9:30am in the Family Life Center

**Agenda:** consideration of the Proposed 2020 Ministry Budget, Congregation Council elections, presentation on the Zion Endowment Fund, updates from ministry leaders.

The following members of Zion have been **nominated** by the Nominating Committee and will be on the ballot for the election of Congregation Council members: Kathryn Barton, Ernest Beck, Lee Caulder, Mary Nell Panyard, Sara Rymer, and Janice Sult. Additional nominees may be made from the floor at the Congregation Meeting.

The **Proposed 2020 Ministry Budget** was sent via email/mail this past week. Copies of the Narrative Overview of the Proposed 2020 Ministry Budget and the detailed budget breakdown are available in the narthex and church office.

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## Bearing Fruit and Growing Report



On Sunday, October 6 we celebrated Bearing Fruit and Growing Sunday – a day to think about our call to be generous stewards and to consider growing what we give to support new ministries at Zion. Members and friends of Zion enjoyed festive worship and a wonderful brunch. Some completed *Estimate of Giving Cards* to indicate their plans to give in the coming year. Many thanks to all who helped make Bearing Fruit and Growing a great experience for our congregation.

- + A total of 44 households have completed *Estimate of Giving Cards*.
- + Of these 20 have indicated they plan to increase their giving.
- + The average these households plan to give is \$6,400 per year.
- + Totaling the offerings pledged by these households and using the giving patterns of other givers, we can anticipate an income in 2020 of \$490,787.

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**Thanksgiving at Zion, See page 2 for more info**

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## THANKSGIVING AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

It has been our tradition for many years at Zion to prepare and deliver Thanksgiving meals to those in need in our community. Last year nearly 1200 meals were packed and distributed! There's lots of ways to help: donate money for turkeys, fix side dishes, do prep work in the kitchen, pack meals, deliver meals, and so much more. See the SIGN UP sheets in the narthex/lobby area to find ways you can volunteer.

Look for Paper Turkeys for sale for \$20 donation to pay for a whole turkey and supplement the cost of vegetables and bread.

### Here's the schedule of Thanksgiving Activities at Zion:

#### Wednesday, November 27

- 5:30pm Soup Supper hosted by Zion  
Youth, Family Life Center
- 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship,  
Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Meal prep work

#### Thursday, November 28

- 7:30am Breakfast served for all volunteers
- 8:30am Thanksgiving meal packing  
begins
- 10:00am Meal deliveries begin

For more information, contact: Betsy Burn 920-7400, Chip Burn 807-7249, or the Church Office.

## Financial Administrator Position at Zion

After 7 years as a staff member at Zion, Starr Corley who serves as our Financial Administrator has announced her plan to retire. Starr has been a wonderful gift to our church, a tremendous asset to our organizational and financial work, and a true friend to all at Zion. Look for more details about ways we will honor Starr in the months to come.

As we give thanks for the many years of faithful service Starr has spent with us, we are also beginning a search for a new staff member. The information below may be shared with those you know who may be candidates for this important position at Zion Lutheran Church.

### Financial Administrator

Zion Lutheran Church, Lexington, South Carolina  
Part Time Position (15 hours per week)

The Financial Administrator manages all church finances, accounting information, and congregational records. This financial ministry helps the congregation to more effectively achieve its mission by providing accurate accounting, managing church information, and stewarding the resources shared for ministry. The Financial Administrator will have the opportunity to serve as a member of a gifted and vibrant staff team. Qualified candidates for this position will be professing Christians who have a commitment to the mission of the church.

For the full job description go to [zionlexsc.com/financialadministrator](http://zionlexsc.com/financialadministrator). Interested applicants are invited to send resume and cover letter to [zionchurch@zionLexsc.com](mailto:zionchurch@zionLexsc.com) or Zion Lutheran Church, 226 Corley Mill Road, Lexington, SC 29072.



# Christian Education



## Attention Hilltoppers!

Please join us Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. for an entertaining meeting. By popular request, our program will be "Show and Tell". It's a fun time of fellowship and sharing wherein you are invited to bring an artifact, a treasured keepsake or a picture representing a special memory. A warm and hearty potluck lunch will follow.

All are welcome. Questions? Contact Janice Sult (791-9692) or Mary Nell Panyard (796-8001).

## Annual Zion Youth Souper - November 27<sup>th</sup>

Join us for a warm fall meal before Thanksgiving worship.

**Meal 5:30-6:15 pm - Worship 6:30 pm.**

**Youth and Parents** we need your help to make this holiday tradition great. As we do each year, each family is asked to bring 1 crockpot of soup and 1 dozen corn muffins per youth. We will meet at 5 pm to setup, serve from 5:30-6:15, worship together at 6:30, then stay after to help prep thanksgiving meals. We are usually done between 8:30 and 9 parents are welcome and encouraged to join us to help.



**Zion Family Christmas  
Variety Show**

## Share your gifts with us!

### Zion Family Christmas Variety Show

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**

Zion will again be hosting a Christmas Variety show this year. Start practicing now and let Jamie Hampton or the church office know what you are doing for our variety show this year.

If you missed out last year this is definitely worth marking in your calendar now. Last year we had singing from Zion family of all ages, comedy, storytelling, and a special story time for the kids. So share your talent with us or just come and enjoy being surrounded by the warm holiday cheer of your church family. A reception with cookies and hot chocolate will follow the show in the Narthex.

Office: 803-356-2297 - Jamie: jhampton229@@gmail.com



**Young Adult Bible Study** will meet this month on Tuesday November 5th at Jamie & Walt Hampton's House (1222 Maiden Lane Columbia 29205). Join us at 6:30pm for a light meal, fellowship, and bible study together. The group is focused on college age and recent college graduates. (But we're not limiting our group all are welcome!) Contact: Walt@zionlexsc.com



## ***Music Notes – November 2019***



The Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the choir room. All are welcome!

Handbells meet each week at 6:15pm in the sanctuary. Come ring with us!

If you have any questions, or if you'd like to share your musical talents in some way, please contact Julie at [julie@zionlexsc.com](mailto:julie@zionlexsc.com).

**My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!**  
**Psalm 57:7**

### ***Christmas is coming...***

- ☆ It'll be here before we know it! We have begun working on the cantata, *Christmas Canticles*, to be presented on December 22nd. If you are interested in joining us as we prepare for this special musical presentation, rehearsals are each Wednesday evening immediately following choir rehearsal at 7:40pm.
- ☆ Musicians and singers, it's time to start thinking about joining us to prepare special music for our Christmas Eve worship service. If you have any questions, please contact Julie at [julie@zionlexsc.com](mailto:julie@zionlexsc.com).



## **Songs of Thankfulness**

Here are some songs for your playlist to remind us all to be thankful:

*I Want to Thank You* by Otis Redding  
*Thank You for Being a Friend* by Andrew Gold  
*Thanksgiving Prayer* by Johnny Cash  
*Thanksgiving Theme* by Vince Guaraldi Trio  
*Thanksgiving Song* by Mary Chapin Carpenter  
*What a Wonderful World* by Louis Armstrong  
*Thanksgiving Day* by Ray Davies  
*I've Got Plenty to Be Thankful For* by Bing Crosby  
*Blessed* by Martina McBride  
*(There's No Place Like) Home for the Holidays* by The Carpenters





# Worship and Music

## Serving This Month

	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
<b>Acolyte Crucifer</b>	James Gragg Hannah Elrod	Sydney Branham <b>To Be Announced</b>	Sydney Branham Emerson Fite	Cooper Grant Elizabeth Grant
<b>Assist. Minister</b>	8:30 - Denise Caulder 11 - Heath Branham	8:30 - Denise Caulder 11 - Heath Branham	8:30 - Denise Caulder 11 - Heath Branham	8:30 - Denise Caulder 11 - Heath Branham
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Troy Fite, Will Reeside	Rayna Kleckley Anna Reeside	Craig Balch David McKinley	Jan Corley Mary Nell Panyard
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Leapharts	Kris and Kevin Monaghan	Dale Driggers Donna Corley	Thanksgiving Decorations
<b>Reader</b>	Craig Balch	David McKinley	Michael Kohn	Susan Shumpert
<b>Nursery Attendant</b>	Betsy and Riley Burn	Anna Wingard	Evelyn Varn	Walt and Jamie Hampton
<b>Children's Church</b>	Nikki Harmon	Jamie Hampton	Wendy Nesmith	Wendy Nesmith
<b>Coffee And Fellowship</b>	Caulders	Council	Donna Corley Dale Driggers	<b>Open Slot Sign Up Now!</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Michael Williamson. Chris Bigham, Robbie Bigham, Bert Wingard			
<b>Chancel and Sacraments</b>	Eileen Leaphart, Donna Corley, Dale Driggers			
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Bert and Wanda Wingard, Rayna and Russell Kleckley			

### Don't see your name? Interested in helping out?

We are always looking for Sunday servers as backup and to add to next year's schedule.  
Please contact Walt if you'd like to help or know more.  
Walt@zionlexsc.com 803-356-2297



# In our Prayers

## **Current Needs**

Barry Granda  
Melba Ivey  
Thomas Kleckley  
Jane Langston  
Warren Peebles  
Rachael Rhoden  
Sara Rymer

## **Homebound**

Barbara Brown  
Les Caton (Brian Center)  
Bruce Corley (Carolina Gardens)  
Nellie Drafts  
Nila Keisler (Lex Extended Care)  
Thelma Kleckley (Oakleaf)  
Ben Linder (Generations Chapin)

## **Military**

Brett Creasman (Army)  
Burton Flake (Army)  
Matt Mayer (Air Force)  
Rhett Oliver (Army)  
Chris Rauch (Army)  
Zachary Willis (Navy)

## **Friends of the Congregation**

Walter Baker (friend of Betty Baker)  
Lynn Balch (health, wife of Craig Balch)  
Ronald Buff (health, cousin of B. Corley and E. Leaphart)  
Shannon Catoe (heart surgery, relative of Betty Baker)  
George Marion Drafts (health, brother of Betty Shaw)  
Doris Gardner (cousin of Betty Baker)  
Natasha Gorham-Jackson (family health friend of D. Weight)  
Noreen Hamm (liver transplant, friend of Geri Nilsestuen)  
Pam Holladay (health, mother of Bonnie Phillips)  
Colin Hungerpiller (health, friend of Stefanie Wingard)  
Jessica Seriah Housley & family (cancer)  
Sue Jaeckel (cancer, friend of Geri Nilsestuen)  
Cynda Johnson (cancer, sister of Carol Hunter)  
Shelly Koenig (cancer, daughter of Tom Panyard)  
Lenita Krall (cancer, friend of Geri Nilsestuen)  
Margaret Mabe (friend of Ethel Riley)  
Russell Meetze (cancer, family of Edith Clark)  
Brooke Melton (cancer, friend of Janet Phillips)  
Deanna Morrical (cancer, Hanna family)  
Linda Rea (cancer, cousin of the Leapharts)  
Donna Riggins (cancer, sister in law of Rachael Rhoden)  
Holly Roberts (health concerns)  
Sylvia Ruff (cancer, aunt of Julie Branham)  
Barney Weight (Alzheimer's, Darlene Weight)  
Sarah White - (cancer, girlfriend of Clayton Hendrix)  
John Whiteside (cancer, friend of the Shaws)  
Patty Wingard (cancer, mother of Greg Wingard)  
Sue Zweig (health, mother of Jamie Hampton)

*To ensure we have accurate information on our prayer list please let us know as prayer requests change. To make updates or additions to the prayer list, contact the church office at 356-2297.*

**Zion's weekly Bible Study and Prayer time, join now and explore your Faith!**

Women's Prayer Breakfast—Monday's 9 AM at Saluda Point Chic-Fil-A  
Men's Bible and Biscuit—Thursday's 7 AM at Zion in Cathedral Room  
Youth High School Bible Study—Friday's 7 AM Lowes Foods on 378



# Congregation Council

## **Zion Lutheran Church Minutes September 9, 2019**

Chairman, Steve Hendrix, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Nine council members, Pastor Nathan and Walter Hampton were present. Sara Rymer, Donna Corley and Heath Branham were absent.

Sue Anderson opened with devotions. Joys and concerns were shared.

Secretary's Report: A correction was made to the August minutes. A motion was then made to approve the August minutes. It was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was submitted. The Endowment has been set up and will be monitored by Russell Grant and Betsy Burns. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the report.

Executive Committee Report: A Thank you note e read from Oak Grove Elementary for the breakfast provided to the teachers by Betsy Burn. The project property on English and Meetze Avenues has been deeded to Chris Leaphart. Zion will no longer be responsible for the tax bill.

Pastor's Report: A written report was submitted. Pastor Nathan encouraged people to attend Wednesday Night Live. Bearing Fruit and Growing Sunday will be October 6. A group of four have been asked to serve on the Leadership for Faithful Innovation guiding team.

### Reports from Ministry Teams:

Christian Education (Dianne Richardson) - The Fall schedule has been kicked off and going well.

Fellowship (Anna Wingard) - Members of the team think Fellowship should no longer be a committee. Rather its work would become part of the ministry teams in existence.

Inreach (Donna Corley) -The team encourages people to sign up to do a trunk for Trick or Treat on October 27th, 3:00-5:00.

Outreach (Betsy Burn)--Snack Packs are being provided to Oak Grove Elementary the last 2 weeks of September. The school is going to need school supplies also.





Property (Sara Rymer)-A drop box has been placed in the restroom kitchen next to the ice maker for funds collected from meals.

Mutual Ministry (Mary Nell Panyard)- No report.

Stewardship (Heath Branham)- No report.

Technology (Craig Balch)- Work on recording special services to be played on YouTube. Also moving forward to obtain a 2nd camera.

Music and Worship (Sue Anderson)- Golden Age Sunday was a huge success. Sunday, September 15th meeting to discuss worship plans for fall to Christmas.

Youth (Bridgett Ridgell) - Mission trip and Graceworks were successes. Lowes Friday morning Bible Study has about 13 youth. On Wednesday nights you are invited to bring canned goods for a project in which Krystal! Henwood is participating.

Business:

The updated Family Life Center Policy was approved.

The Nominating Committee for the 2020 Church Council met. The Committee will be bringing names to the October Council Meeting.

Ministry teams should have their budgets in by September 23rd•

The Council agreed to cook a Wednesday night meal.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Dianne Richardson





# Congregation Council

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

### Statements of Operating Giving and Expenditures (Actual vs. Budget) Nine Months Ended September 30, 2019

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget through September 30, 2019</u>	<u>Actual vs. Budget Variance</u>	<u>Approved Annual Budget</u>
<b>Giving:</b>				
Offerings	\$ 365,947.27	\$ 397,671.75	\$ (31,724.48)	\$ 530,229.00
Interest and other income	<u>3,423.64</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,423.64</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 369,370.91</b>	<b>\$ 397,671.75</b>	<b>\$ (28,300.84)</b>	<b>\$ 530,229.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Debt payment:				
Monthly - principal	\$ 10,125.00	\$ 10,125.00	\$ -	\$ 13,500.00
Capital improvements	70,875.00	70,875.00	-	94,500.00
Employment expense:				
Salaries	129,580.54	133,029.00	(3,448.46)	177,372.00
Benefits and taxes	45,055.37	48,211.50	(3,156.13)	64,282.00
Utilities and telephone	21,954.96	27,525.00	(5,570.04)	36,700.00
Synod benevolence	31,063.50	30,731.25	332.25	40,975.00
Repairs and maintenance	13,675.55	17,812.50	(4,136.95)	23,750.00
Insurance	10,711.00	10,875.00	(164.00)	14,500.00
Office administration	12,688.82	14,475.00	(1,786.18)	19,300.00
Ministry:				
Learning	5,263.64	9,000.00	(3,736.36)	12,000.00
Service	1,522.47	3,375.00	(1,852.53)	4,500.00
Stewardship	628.00	2,175.00	(1,547.00)	2,900.00
Technology	5,588.11	8,062.50	(2,474.39)	10,750.00
Witness	161.89	375.00	(213.11)	500.00
Worship	2,955.86	4,800.00	(1,844.14)	6,400.00
Fellowship	3,384.02	2,475.00	909.02	3,300.00
Youth	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>3,750.00</u>	<u>(1,750.00)</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 367,233.73</b>	<b>\$ 397,671.75</b>	<b>\$ (30,438.02)</b>	<b>\$ 530,229.00</b>
<b>Giving in excess of expenses</b>	<b>\$ <u>2,137.18</u></b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,137.18</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

#### Supplemental information:

##### As of September 30, 2019

#### Cash balance:

Undesignated	\$ (12,097.53)
Donor designated	62,220.14
Capital renovations	102,480.65
Constitutional reserve	<u>87,389.81</u>

**Total cash balance** **\$ 239,993.07**

**Total Endowment** **\$ 38,400.46**



# Communications

## November Birthdays

2nd Tim Driggers  
Katie Keene  
Clyde Baker  
4th Zach Jebali  
Addie Phillips  
Mark Wingard  
6th Don Kelly  
8th Anderson McKinley  
9th Michael Greene  
10th Janice Lindler  
Troy Fite  
12th Paul Boltjes  
13th Justin Sebring  
Laura Beck  
14th Betty Baker  
15th Ryan Kelly  
16th Selena Bandelier  
18th Gregg Corley  
19th David Ivey  
21st Sherrie Tanner  
Heather Williamson  
22nd Jordan Sommer  
24th Bridget Ridgell  
25th Craig Henwood  
26th Betsy Burn  
27th Karen Lovette  
28th Tyler Beard  
30th Morgan Nesmith  
Joe Rymer

## November Anniversaries

5th Marion and Edith  
Clark  
7th Chris and Nikki  
Harmon  
14th Bryson and Linda  
Scott  
15th Tryon and Janice  
Face  
16th Bert and Wanda  
Wingard  
18th Craig and Lynn Balch  
27th Felix and Linda  
Kirszenbaum

**Enjoy your Special Day!**

## COMMUNICATION AT ZION

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** are inserted into the bulletin each week. Information should be submitted by **10 am on Wednesdays** to be included.

**E-NEWS** is e-mailed every Tuesday morning to those who have e-mail addresses on file with the church office and mailed to those who've requested it. Items for E-News are due in the church office by **2 pm on Mondays**.

**NEWSLETTER** is published monthly and e-mailed to those with e-mail addresses on file with the church office and mailed to those who've requested it. Information for the Monthly Newsletter is due in the office by **the 25th of each month**.

**SCREENS IN THE NARTHEX** on Sunday morning also contain important information of things that may have happened too late for the bulletin. This information is due by **2 pm on Wednesday**.

**Technology and Scheduling requests at Zion** Please call/email the office as soon as you know you need to reserve space. When you reserve space please request any technology you need, setup time needed if any, and accurate dates and times. When leaving a space please make sure it is clean and returned to the way it was beforehand, this includes any supplies, tables/chairs, technology equipment, etc. Thank you for your consideration and your ministry here at Zion!