



February 2023

# THE CHIMES

## PASTOR'S POINT

Although it is hard to believe, we are already a month into this new year of 2023. Which means the season of Lent is almost here; Ash Wednesday, which falls on February 22nd this year, is the official kickoff to the Lenten season. To celebrate this day, we will be holding an Ash Wednesday service at 7pm in the sanctuary that evening.

That day marks the start of Lent—that season of preparation and waiting leading up to the celebration of Jesus' resurrection at Easter. The enormity of God's love, proclaimed and demonstrated in the resurrection of Jesus is simply too great to celebrate without fanfare. The gift is too big for us to just show up the day of in order to receive it. So having time set aside to prepare our hearts is a necessity. But the questions remains: how do you prepare? How will you participate in this Lenten season?

For many in our country, there is a long-standing practice of giving up something during this time. I'm not advocating for or against that practice, but if you are one who does choose something to abstain from during Lent, I'd challenge you to be very specific in terms of your "why" or your "so that". Here are some example questions I came across this week in a Lenten devotional:

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## **PASTOR'S POINT CONTINUED**

- Having given up reading magazines, what will you read now?
- Having given up junk food for a healthy diet, what will you do with the energy you gain?
- Having given up Facebook, to whom will you devote meaningful conversation?
- Having given up lunch, how will you rely on God for the strength of “food from heaven”?
- Having given up TV as a default activity, how will you use that time to cultivate quality family time or more time with God?
- Having given up isolation, how will you immerse yourself in community?
- Having given up shopping, how will you see those who need clothing in your city?
- Having sacrificed whatever form of selfishness you indulge, how will you meet the needs of others?

In all of these examples, the sacrifice of something is made in order to move you towards a new habit/practice/value. Or, to put it more simply, with each obedient practice of denying ourselves, we move ever closer to Christ, who sacrificed everything to reconcile us with God.

Spend some time this Lent remembering what Jesus did for you, and then take a small step to practice in order to be more like Him.

Blessings,

Pastor Adam

## TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Meeting Minutes January 8, 2023

In attendance: Aaron, Anica, Blade, Chelle, Matt, Teresa, Pastor Adam

Pastor Adam opened in prayer.

Minutes were read from the last meeting.

Treasurer report was given by Norm.

### **Items discussed:**

- 2023 Budget reviewed and discussed – will need approval at the annual meeting
- Pipes froze in the back bathrooms and storage room due to the heat being accidentally turned off. No long-term damage was done. The only damage is a leaky faucet in back storage room.
- Concrete near the back door – the parking lot raised up, so the sidewalk is now lower than the parking lot near where the ramp meets the door. As the ground thaws, it will settle back to flush. However, may need to consider grinding the lip down if this continues.
- Dumpster fence – Tim and Zack quoted \$1,500 to install a fence around the dumpster. This was approved to be completed.
- Sink hole in concrete on south side of church – contractor inspected and believes water is undermining the concrete. Patch work previously done will hold up for now but needs about five more bags of hot patch material once the weather warms up. The contractor said about \$5-7,500 to repair from the handicap sign and across but would depend on what all we wanted replaced. He will come back this spring to give us a bid on whatever is decided to be replaced.
- Drywall paint and patch – completed except for the ladies bathroom, which will be done soon. All the time to complete the drywall repairs and painting were donated!
- Pastor salaries for 2023 – suggested 5% increase, approval needed at the annual meeting.
- Scrip report was given.
- Next Trustee meeting will be Sunday, February 5th.

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## **New Business Discussion**

- On-line giving is down. We need to encourage increased participation.
- Trustee report of what is being done and to encourage giving, to be shared with congregation after each meeting.
- Submit Trustee report for the Chimes each month and provide an update on finances quarterly.
- Trustees need to review and prioritize the worklist previously created and determine what needs to be done first
- Curtains/shades replacement in the RE building is a priority. Pastor Adam will get estimates for blinds. Two donations were received (\$500 and \$300) to be used as we see fit. These donations will be used to replace the old shades and curtains. Pastor Adam will visit with Jordan and Priscilla Circle for input.
- Priscilla Circle has asked for a heavy-duty vacuum and a deep cleaning of the bathrooms to be added to the work list
- New Trustees are Matt Bonnett and Sarah McVey
- Teresa and Anica will be responsible for the Trustee agenda and meeting notes in 2023
- Spring Cleaning – Send out notice to helpers in March, so this can be completed before Easter. Possibly consider reassigning kitchen duties, since Priscilla Circle is doing this
- Anica and Norm are still working on interest rates for the church bank accounts
- Consider ideas on how to attract new members – “Bring a Friend Sunday” was considered
- Trustee dinners
  - Soup and sandwich or spaghetti dinner has been done in the past as fundraisers. Do we want to continue?
  - Harvest Dinner for Seniors – do we start up again, since we are past the worst of Covid?
- Collaborating with the Deacons
 

Update the entryway by removing the flowerbed under the stained glass window and replace with a bench, and also placing a large TV to the right, which would mirror the display in the sanctuary. Scrip funds would be used to cover the costs. Would like to eventually add a coffee bar to the left of the bench. Anica will check with her mom about the changes, to ensure agreement with the changes.
- Need better communication amongst committees and the congregation, to increase awareness of current events and what is going on in our church.
- Create an infrastructure for committee meetings and notes, to be shared and stored in the cloud, where they can be accessed by all committee members. Seek assistance from the congregation, perhaps a congregation member has the necessary knowledge and skills to set up.

Closed meeting in prayer



## PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Susan distributed Priscilla Circle pamphlets for 2023.

A devotional was discussed on Jesus' Emphasis on Forgiveness. Scripture included Matthew 5:1-14, Matthew 7:28-29, Luke 17:3-4, and Colossians 3:13.

A thank you note received from the family of Lavon Brockman was circulated.

Mystery Event questions included starting the new year right by reading your Bible daily.

Treasurer's Report – Our previous balance was \$320.05. With our outgoing expenses and our income from the soup & candy sale, our current balance is \$786.50.

The minutes from the December 2022 meeting were read and approved with no changes.

**Old Business** – our sale did well. Next year we may want to have more quart-sized containers of soup.

**New Business** – Jim & Beth seem to be doing pretty well. Call first, and they may enjoy your company. The sign-up sheet for meals for the Dickersons was circulated. Perhaps have an event with the Dorcas Aid ladies this spring.

**Missions** – we will continue with the December Advent mission for the food pantry, J'nelle is still receiving items. Our valentines are this month's mission project.

Next meeting is February 15th. Missy will have Mystery Event & Devotions.

The Serenity Prayer was read and the meeting was closed by President Vicki.

We filled out the Valentine cards for members over a certain age. We noticed that several members were not on the list. We added those members to our list. Carol notified Jordan about the members we added, and noted our current list was created in 2016.

## **DEACON'S REPORT**

Those in attendance: Pastor Adam Magill, Tim Ambrose, JoEllen Travis, Susan Maguire, Jodi Volkens, Becky Von Weihe, Val Harrill

Opening Prayer - Pastor Adam Magill

Review December Minutes

### **Old Business:**

- Nominating committee - final list
- Christmas Eve Service - Saturday, December 24 at 6:00 pm - Communion
- Christmas Morning Service - Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 am - Communion
- Next meeting is Wednesday, January 4
- January communion - Val and Becky

### **New Business:**

- Take down Christmas decorations - January 8
- Review Annual Report Summary - we want to keep adding events for 2023
- Annual Meeting January 22, 2023 - future dates to be set
- Install new officers - February date for installation of new officers
- February communion - Susan and Tim

### **Pastoral Reports**

**Deacon Discussion:** We want to continue momentum trying to connect to the members and attendees of the church. We are looking to add a screen for information as people enter the front entryway. We would like to improve the area for coffee and cookies.

**Big Picture Questions:** Where in the Bible are you studying now? Where do you see God moving in our church right now? Where is God leading us to go in 2023?

Group sent cards to families and individuals in need of encouragement and well wishes.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Adam Magill

# SAVE THE DATE:

## NEW OFFICER INSTALLATION FEB. 5



### DURING ZION'S CHURCH SERVICE

NEW OFFICERS BEGINNING THEIR TERMS IN 2023 WILL FORMALLY BE INSTALLED AS A PART OF THE CHURCH SERVICE ON FEB. 5TH.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR TIME AND GOD-GIVEN GIFTS, SO THAT MORE AND MORE PEOPLE MAY COME TO KNOW JESUS!

# 3144

REASONS TO

*celebrate*

JANUARY 2023

With your help, Destiny Rescue saved 3,144 kids out of human trafficking and slavery in 2023. Well done! If you want to learn more about Destiny Rescue, go to: [www.destinyrescue.org](http://www.destinyrescue.org).

# Sunday, Feb 12



## ZCCY SUPER BOWL PARTY (Grades 6-12)

### GAMES

Ping Pong  
NFL Quiz & Prizes  
Eating Challenges

### FOOD

Nacho bar, hot dogs,  
cookies, mozz sticks,  
nuggets, popcorn, pop



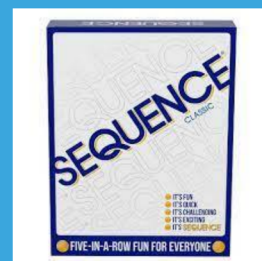
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**CAMPBELL HOUSE**  
33 LAMAR DRIVE



# GAME NIGHT CHALLENGE

SUNDAY, FEB 19TH  
4PM-7PM

BINGO					
10	18	40	53	74	
3	23	37	55	70	
15	24	★	51	62	
5	30	43	54	65	
1	28	33	58	67	



FROM 5PM-6PM  
\$5/CARD



**AND MANY  
MORE...**

**ALL FOOD AND DRINKS ONLY \$1**

HOT DOGS

SLOPPY JOES

NACHOS

MOZZ. STICKS

POPCORN

CHEESY POTATOES

POP

LEMONADE

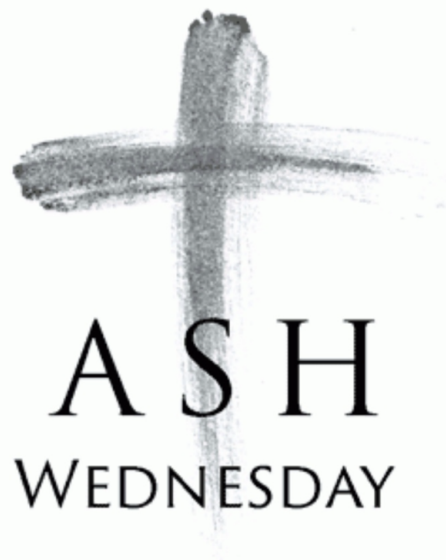
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**103 E MAIN ST, TREYNOR**



# ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22  
7PM AT ZION CHURCH



**ZION** CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH  
*Growing and Going in Jesus' Name*

# PRAYERS FROM HISTORY

**Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)**

O Lord, who has taught us that to gain the whole world and to lose our souls is great folly, grant us the grace so to lose ourselves that we may truly find ourselves anew in the life of grace, and so to forget ourselves that we may be remembered in your kingdom.

Amen.

## 2023 OFFICERS OF ZION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

OFFICE	INDIVIDUAL(S)		TERM EXPIRATION (In January)
<b>Moderator/Asst Moderator:</b>	Jeri Schnepel		2026
<b>Clerk:</b>	JoEllen Travis		2024
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Norm Collins		2024
<b>Financial Secretary:</b>	Gail Hartigan		2024
<b>Auditor:</b>	Terri Hill		2024
<b>Deacon Board:</b>	Tim Ambrose	Susan Maguire	2024
		Jodi Volkens	2025
	Val Harrill	Becky VonWeihe	2026
	Nate Olson	Jane Claussen	2027
<b>Trustee Board:</b>	Matt Hughey	Teresa Ambrose	2024
	Aaron Andersen	Anica Olson	2025
	Matt Bonnet	Sarah McVey	2026
<b>Mission Board:</b>	Scott Hill	Carol Smith	2024
	Dave Dowling	Vicki Dowling	2025
	Anna Heimer	Katie Bonnet	2026
<b>Cemetery Board:</b>	Robin Volkens		2024
	Brad Trede		2025
	Kendell Vorthmann		2026
	Lee Volkens	Barrett Chambers	2027
<b>Nominating Board:</b>	Tom Trede	Courtney Fisher	2024
	Kendell King	Jnelle Keysor	2025
	Derrick Heimer	Liz Morse	2026
<b>Memorial Fund Coordinators:</b>	Mavis Hill		2024
<b>Primary Sunday School Supt:</b>	Katie Campbell		2024
<b>Primary Sunday School Asst:</b>	Missy Magill		2024
<b>Junior Sunday School Supt:</b>	Tami King		2024
<b>Junior Sunday School Asst:</b>	Sandy England		2024
<b>Vacation Bible School Board</b>	Nan Walton		2024
	Katie Campbell		2025
	Sandy England		2026
	Missy Magill		2027



## **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

<b><u>Date of Service</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Jan 1st	76
Jan 8th	130
Jan 15th	91
Jan 22nd	91
Jan 29th	92

## **WEEKLY OFFERING**

December Online	\$4,145
Jan 1st	\$6,855
Jan 8th	\$2,211
Jan 15th	\$2,599
Jan 22nd	\$1,363
Jan 29th	\$2,202





## **PRAYER LIST**

- **BERNARD BRYANT**
- **JEANA WILHITE (COPD AND RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS)**
- **NIXON QUICK (CANCER)**
- **DOUG KLAHN**
- **GREG LANG**
- **THERESA CRAVEY (BREAST CANCER TREATMENT)**
- **MARLON MCKENZIE (CANCER)**
- **MICHELLE GRAHAM (CANCER)**
- **ELI SHEPHARD**
- **ZACH DICKERSON**
- **KENDAL TRIPP**
- **ALL ARMED FORCES & LAW ENFORCEMENT**

## **ABOUT US**

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP:**

**9AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10AM CHURCH SERVICE**

### **SENIOR PASTOR:**

**DR. ADAM MAGILL**

### **PASTOR OF YOUTH AND IMPACT DIRECTOR:**

**JORDAN CAMPBELL**

### **PIANISTS/ORGANISTS:**

**JILL DAVIS, GWEN HENKE,  
SHIRLEY KOEHLER, MACHELLE MITCHELL,  
SANDY ENGLAND**

### **MODERATOR/ASST MODERATOR:**

**JERI SCHNEPEL**

### **HEAD DEACONS:**

**TIM AMBROSE & SUSAN MAGUIRE**

### **HEAD TRUSTEES:**

**MATT HUGHEY & TERESA AMBROSE**

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