



March 2023

THE CHIMES

PASTOR'S POINT

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

As we enter March, we are just a month out from the start of Holy Week. And like this year's focal verse from 1 John 1:7, Lent gives us time to prepare and process what the passion and sacrifice of Jesus means. My hope and prayer is each time we come upon a new Lenten season, God would bring us to a place where we are drawn deeper into understanding just how much He loves us all. As we start to mature in that understanding, He draws us closer into fellowship with one another.

I don't know about you, but there are very few stories I can hear over and over again, without starting to tune out, at least to some degree. Or I begin to catch myself glossing over parts I know the best. Because one of the challenges that presents itself this time each year is we have already heard this story before. We already know the plot. We know the hero. We know the villains. We know the beginning, the middle, and even the end of the Gospel story. We have already heard the entire thing, many times over.

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And yet, as we approach Easter, we need to do more than know or hear the familiar story once again. Part of this season of preparation we call Lent is being intentional about not glossing over parts or tuning out the most familiar sections of this known story. *Because God doesn't just want us to hear His story.* He doesn't just want you to be aware of it. No, God wants us all to experience it. *We need to participate in it.* Because that is what God has invited all of us to do. To not just read about it, but to live the ongoing story of God's love with his people and creation.

And that changes everything. Because the light of Jesus has come into the world in order to save us all. And if we walk in His light, together, we can celebrate our story is His story, as we live it out in real-time. The story of Jesus at Easter is an ongoing story you and I live out every day. Through you, God declares His love for the rest of creation. Through you, He delivers His message of peace and salvation for all who would believe. God's story is ongoing. And His story is delivered and lived through you. Through me. At Easter, God draws us all to Him and to each other, celebrating that through the blood of Jesus, we are purified from all sin. The real-life story that shows how in Jesus, we have eternal life. Now that's a story we can never get tired of hearing, a story we should live out every day.

I'm proud to serve Jesus with you,

Pastor Adam



PRISCILLA CIRCLE

President Vicki called the meeting to order with prayer.

Thank You cards from the Zion Praise Team were circulated for members to read.

Secretary's report/minutes from the last meeting were read by President Vicki. No additions or corrections to the minutes. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Our current balance is \$760.80 after bills were paid.

Devotions centered on Matthew West and his father's musings: "Is He on your mind?" Be still, and know I am God. Call to me and I will answer you. Seek first the Kingdom of God. Our God is the One who stays. Scriptures read from Psalm 46:10, Matthew 11:28.

Mystery event done by Missy M.

Gail H. will have devotions and mystery event next month.

Old Business – several church members enjoyed the Valentines we sent. We hope to gather with the Dorcas Aid sometime late spring for a social/luncheon. Eunice A. will let us know soon.

New Business – Beginning discussion on Mother's Day items. Voted to purchase around 50 pens/notepads. Discussion of baby shower items for Lydia house – voted to buy one large box of diapers – Julie F. will purchase and get reimbursed.

Missions – Jordan can use some bar cookies for the Zion Game Night on the 17th from 4-7 pm. Ronald McDonald can use new toys/games - bring one item to next meeting. Voted to send \$100 to Turkey Quake Relief Fund.

Closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Volkens

DORCAS AID

Dorcas Aid met February 9th with five members and Pastor Magill present. Pastor Magill opened with a prayer.

President Eunice Anderson read the scripture and thought for the day. She then had a short devotion on renewing our hearts to obey God's love he has for each of us.

February is the month we collect a love offering to help someone or an organization that could use help. It was decided we would donate our Love offering to the Zach Dickerson family to help with Zach's recovery.

Minutes from December were read and approved. Roll call was answered from a verse in Proverbs.

Marlene Schnepel gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$580.34.

We had two members with February birthdays: Charlene Shaw on February 7th and Marilyn Lang on February 12th. We wish them both a Happy Birthday!

Correspondence was read. A reminder February 22nd begins Lent and there is a service that evening at 7pm.

Pastor Magill then led Bible study on chapter 11 "God's Sovereign Control."

Next meeting March 9th. Meeting adjourned.

Eunice Anderson, Secretary



DEACON'S REPORT

Those in attendance: Pastor Adam Magill, Tim Ambrose, Susan Maguire, Jodi Volkens, Becky Von Weihe, Val Harrill, Jane Clausen and Nate Olson

Opening Prayer – Susan Maguire

Review January Minutes

Welcomed new deacons, Jane and Nate, and thanked Tim for extending his term for a year.

Old Business:

January communion - Val and Becky (will begin to serve pastor and organist)

Christmas decorations taken down on Jan. 8

Annual Meeting feedback and discussion (would like to see more discussion with planning for a new church year)

Follow up on progress in the foyer -new TV installed and bench to be built soon (will be in memory of Ron Quick by his grandson, Zach)

New Business:

February communion - Susan and Tim

Distributed new meeting schedule, communion schedule, contact information, and deacon responsibilities (for the new deacons)

Church Officer Covenant

New Officer Installation on Feb. 5th. This is a year deacons will do the installation due to the moderator stepping down.

Game Night scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 19th from 4-7. More information from Jordan to follow and will see if he needs volunteers to help that night.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7:00. Sanctuary to be set up with wooden cross, Adam will have the ashes, Deacons will help with readings during the service.

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GAME NIGHT CHALLENGE RECAP

We held a game night challenge on Sunday, February 19th from 4pm-7pm. We had around 45 people attend. Tables had a variety of games on them for people to play and an hour of Bingo was played from 5pm-6pm. We also had \$1 food options available. The options included sloppy joes, hot dogs, nachos, cheesy potatoes, and mozzarella sticks. It was a very fun evening.

A huge thanks to all of those that helped. Vicki Dowling, Shirley Koehler, Pastor Adam, Missy Magill, Addy Magill, Jos Magill, Eli Magill, Sandy England, Zoey Campbell, Toby Campbell, Landry Campbell, Nate Olson, Anica Olson, Malena Olson, and all the ladies who donated desserts for our dessert table helped to make this night run smooth.

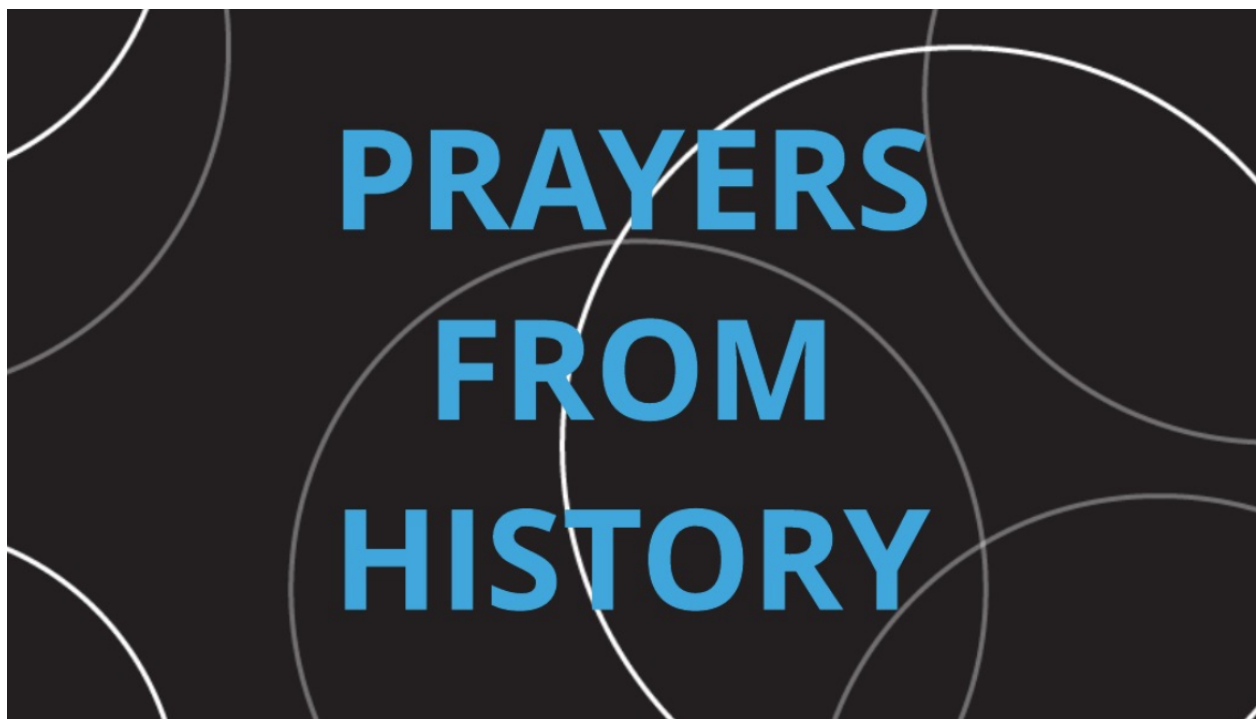


MISSION BOARD

We met after church on February 4th. We opened with a prayer by Carol.

Discussed:

1. Restarting Golden Age dinner. Possible dates of April 15th or May 13th.
2. Homecoming pre-parade lunch
3. Need for a Mission Sunday speaker and the soup dinner after.
4. Christmas inner-wear/outer-wear tree.
5. We need to be more attentive with our giving.



from Edmund of Abingdon (1180 - 1240)

Lord, since you exist, we exist. Since you are beautiful, we are beautiful. Since you are good, we are good. By our existence we honor you. By our beauty we glorify you. By our goodness we love you.

Lord, through your power all things were made. Through your wisdom all things are governed. Through your grace all things are sustained. Give us power to serve you, wisdom to discern your laws, and grace to obey at all times.

Amen.



PALM SUNDAY: APRIL 2, 10AM
(KIDS SINGING IN CHURCH)

MAUNDY THURSDAY: APRIL 6, 7PM
(COMMUNION SERVICE HELD IN THE RE BUILDING)

GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 7, 7PM
(SERVICE HELD IN THE SANCTUARY)

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 9, 10AM



Growing and Going in Jesus' Name

**COME AND CELEBRATE THE
RESURRECTION!**

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

<u>Date of Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Feb 5th	112
Feb 12th	104
Feb 19th	102
Feb 26th	109

WEEKLY OFFERING

Feb 5th	\$3,257
Feb 12th	\$2,625
Feb 19th	\$2,707
Feb 26th	\$1,236
February Online	\$4,160





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**
- **LISA FEIGENBUTZ (BROKEN WRIST)**
- **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:

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