

**Zion Lutheran Church Congregational Planning Council
2025**

August 21,

Minutes

In Attendance:	Pastor Dave Justine Clark Ken Streilein Chuck Kormanski	Hannah Donlan Adam Naugle Mike Jones Deb Bunnell Diane Stoehr	Sue Swope Nancy Pisanick Ruth Lucey	Absent: John Mancinelli LeeAnn Lightner
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Call to Order/Welcome	Justine Clark (7:00 PM)
Devotion/ Blessing	Pr. Dave read from Luke 13, concerning Jesus' healing of a woman on the Sabbath.
Minutes of Last Meeting-Approval for Accuracy	1st: Ken, 2nd: Sue Approved: yes
Treasurer's report – Diane Stoehr – As published	1st: Deb, 2 nd : Chuck. Approved: yes Typically we catch up financially in the next few months from this month where we had camp and insurance expenses. Mike questioned the camper expense. Diane said that, starting in 2026, a designated fund will be set up for funds designated for 2026 Camping and will be moved to the camping budget line once the invoices from Camp Sequanota are received for payment since funds are received in one fiscal year and the invoices are received in the next fiscal year. This process will be done in order that the camping funds designated for the summer are actually credited against the invoices. Chuck said we received \$200. for building use from the AA group. The Finance Board will be discussing rental of the Fellowship Hall or donation.
Capital Campaign work - Mike Jones	Demolition on upstairs restrooms will start Sept. 5. They will need to store the doors, and move robes. there will be plastic on the restroom doorways. The Sacristy may or may not have running water.
Pastor's Report - Pr. Dave	(on Google Drive) Pastor Dave will be interviewed by the Altoona Mirror in September or October for a feature on church outreach. He conducted a double funeral, finished the book study (Anatomy of Peace), and spent a day at Camp Sequanota.

Board Reports

Children, Youth & Family - Adam Naugle	Notes: About 20 went to Kennywood, including some small children. The church picnic will be toward Geeseytown. Sunday School and Youth Sunday are coming up.
Adult – Ruth Lucey	Notes: Personal Care kits will be coming up in October.
Worship – Deb Bunnell	Notes: We will be further discussing new paraments at our Sept. 25 meeting.

Finance – Diane Stoehr	Notes: There will be an audit. The Use of the Building Legacy will be addressed. Budgeting is coming up in Jan.-Feb. for Fiscal Year '26-'27.
Property – Mike Jones	Notes: Planning for expenditures is important, and we hope to do more of it. The van was discussed - the motor is good, the chassis, not so much.
Stewardship – Ken Streilein	Notes: We want to know what needs are met by the annual time and talent survey? We are looking into a Spiritual Gifts Inventory.
Continuous Church Improvement – John Mancinelli	Notes: No report
Communication – Chuck Kormanski	Notes: Any Board can do a bulletin Board at the Union Street Entrance, just give two months' notice. The Advent Devotional will focus on the subjects of: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love - the names of the 4 Advent candles. There will be a Bible verse with a narrative prompt for each day. The History of the Church should be completed in time for our 225th Anniversary in 2028. Christina Pavlock has completed it from 2003 to the Kitchen renovation. The people who can post on the FB page are: Chuck, Laura, Pastor Dave, and Ryan. Possible changes to the newsletter: Because it takes Joni 15-18 hours a week to publish the newsletter, we are considering getting a couple people to do it. It doesn't need to duplicate the church bulletin. We could have more reporting of events that have happened. The goal is to make the newsletter worth reading.
Outreach – LeeAnn Lightner	Notes: The Central PA Food Bank now has a good facility on Scott Valley Road, due to funding of \$1 million, including \$100,000 from M&T Bank. The backpack project is going well. The Bridge of Hope family has graduated.
Youth Representative - Hannah Donlan	The Kennywood trip was fun.
At Large –Nancy Pisanick, Sue Swope	No report.
New business	<p>GOALS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Substantial change to the content and production of the church newsletter. Chuck: Right now it is the same content as the bulletin. We can make it better, and possibly take it out of Joni's hands. Pastor Dave: A Church App was discussed, but it would have taken a wholistic change to implement. Justine: A technology review may be helpful for the newsletter. 2. Adam would like to reach out to more young adults in the community, as there are not many of this age group in church. Justine would like to find out their needs and stresses. 3. Nancy would like us to be more welcoming to new members, incorporating them into our church life. 4. Pastor Dave spoke about the Coffee Hour coming back, between 8AM and Sunday School. The Library Men's Group has covered the cost so far. 5. Pastor Dave would like to see people sharing faith, or giving witness during the service. Finding "Sabbath Time" one or two Sundays a year. People could share a trip or something. People could share their faith on an interview one our YouTube channel, like when Ryan sat the Youth Gathering talked with some of the kids. 6. Technology/Communication Audit could streamline tasks with updates to our systems.

Lord's Prayer

Adjournment: Go in peace to love and
serve our Lord!