Zion Lutheran Church Congregational Planning Council **November 20, 2025**

Minutes

In Attendance:	**Pastor Dave**	**Hannah Donlan**	**Sue Swope**	**Absent:**	**Chuck Kormanski**
	Justine Clark	**Adam Naugle**	**Nancy Pisanick**		**Ruth Lucey**
	Ken Streilein	**Mike Jones**	**LeeAnn Lightner**		
	Diane Stoehr	**Deb Bunnell**	**John Mancinelli**		

Call to Order/Welcome	Justine Clark (7:00 PM)
Devotion/ Blessing	Pr. Dave read from Luke 23, which was the Christ the King Sunday Gospel lesson, the Crucifixion. We discussed the Kingdom of God - why it was seen as a threat. Now we understand the Kingdom of God to involve peace, justice, and an end to war and violence.
Minutes of Last Meeting-Approval for Accuracy	1st: Ken 2nd: Adam Approved: yes
Treasurer's report – Diane Stoehr – As published	Oct. 2025 shows less income than Oct. 2024. YTD income is up 1.88%, but expenses are up 12.5%. The December letter will ask for more donations to boost our income. Approval of Sept. AND Oct. Treasurer's Report: 1st: John, 2nd: Adam Approved: yes
Capital Campaign work - Mike Jones	Bathroom work is proceeding.
Pastor's Report - Pr. Dave	Pr. Dave had a busy October: a wedding in NY, Pastor Donna Wolfinger's funeral, a baptism, and confirmation. He is working as the chair of the synod's reconciliation team. At the synod assembly, Bishop Kevin Shock was elected; Pr. Dave is planning the bishop's installation service, Feb. 7 at Mt. Calvalry in Johnstown. He also conducts Zoom sessions with lay preachers. Thank you for the Pastoral Appreciation.

<u>Board Reports</u>

Children, Youth & Family- Adam Naugle	Notes: A Synod youth event fell through, but Zion plus others will have a Dec. Youth weekend at Sequanota, and help out with a Santa breakfast. On Dec. 13, a Cookie Walk will be held for a youth fundraiser. There will be a Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper and envelope donation project. On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, there will be Bible Study for ages 18-30 (ish) - Young Adults. Eat the Halloween Parade, we will offer hot chocolate, candy and church info. Blessing Bags for the homeless or others in need that we may see are available. The Youth made stuffed shells on Serving Squad and Game Night.
Adult – Ruth Lucey (absent)	Notes: The Giving Tree is up with tags available to take.On Friday the 21st we will craft Yule Logs with all who signed up.
Worship – Deb Bunnell	Notes: The new Christmas trees for the Sanctuary will be here in time to put them up for this season. Different, hopefully better candles have been ordered for Christmas eve.
Finance – Diane Stoehr	Notes: See "New Business."

Property – Mike Jones	No report.
Stewardship – Ken Streilein	Notes: In conjunction with Advent Holden Evening Prayer, there will be a Spiritual Gifts Inventory, which is a resource from Women of the ELCA. Ken will be moving away next month.
Continuous Church Improvement – John Mancinelli	Notes: Coffee Hour is off to a good start. We could use more volunteers for after the 8 AM service.
Communication – Chuck Kormanski (absent)	Notes: Advent Devotionals are done. The board is working on a list of all communication responsibilities.
Outreach – LeeAnn Lightner	Notes: Serving Squad continues to supply meals twice a month to Hope Drop-in Center. Thank you to the Youth for their help. They will do it again in January. During the Gov't shutdown, the Central PA Food Bank loaded $250. into our account, then $500. more with another grant. We are using it for proteins and loading up on shelf stable products. We are giving away bags of groceries with good and usable meal supplies. God's Work, Our Hands will do work for Mending Hearts, and 3-4 more projects.
Youth Representative - Hannah Donlan	Girls' Bible Study baked cookies for the Cookie Walk. The Apple Dumpling baking and sale went well.
At Large –Nancy Pisanick, Sue Swope	No report.
New business	Diane Stoehr is working to clean up the church's accounting. Details one the Google Drive under Account Breakdown & Proposal. Motion to clean up accounting and get the balance sheet to reflect what is happening: 1st Mike, 2nd Ken Motion passed.
Old business	None
Lord's Prayer **Adjournment:** Go in peace to love and serve our Lord!	