

Zion Lutheran Church Congregational Planning Council				September 17, 2026	
Minutes					
In Attendance:		Justine Clark Pastor Dave Chuck Kormanski Adam Naugle		Deb Bunnell LeeAnn Lightner	
		Nancy Pisanick Sue Swope Diane Stoehr		Absent: Hannah Donlan John Mancinelli Ruth Lucey Mike Jones	
Call to Order/Welcome			Justine Clark (7:10 PM)		
Pastor’s Report - Pr. Dave			August was a good month. Camp went well. Funerals were conducted for Sharon Erb and Theola Dibert. Bishop Kevin Shock subbed as preacher for a weekend. This meeting has a short agenda so we may set goals.		
Van Update from the Transportation Subcommittee			The church van has been a part of many meaningful experiences, but had too many problems to be of use to us. It was sold on 9/11/26 for \$9000. The money is now in a designated fund for a vehicle. The subcommittee recommends: Don’t purchase a new vehicle yet. Rent, and compare sizes and utility of various vehicles. Recommend purchase options to CPC.		
Minutes of Last Meeting-Approval for Accuracy			1st: Diane, 2nd: Sue, Approved.		
Treasurer’s report – Diane Stoehr			The report was sent out. Expenses were above income. We had more campers this year. Attendance seems light this summer. 1st: Chuck, 2nd: Deb, approved.		
Devotion/ Blessing - Pr. Dave			In Philippians, Chapter 1, St. Paul writes to a small young church, urging them to stand up and be faithful witnesses. Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. How will we show that faith? (see Goal Setting below)		
Goal Setting					
How did we do on last year’s Goals? (Pass or Fail)		Goal 1: Technology and Communication - PASS. Communications Board has upgraded many avenues of communication. We need to continue communicating to our community. Goal 2: Young Adult Engagement - FAIL, although we gave it a good try. We learned what didn’t work. What do young adults look for in a church? We could try doing community oriented activities inside and outside of church, to give people a chance to connect. Goal 3: New Member Integration - FAIL. We may try Temple talks (possibly creative ones like Nancy’s) or phone chains to get people to participate. Let people know what’s going on with different boards and activities. Goal 4: Fellowship and Congregational Life - PASS. CCI has revived Coffee Hour.			

What are this year's Goals?	Diane motioned, and LeeAnn seconded the motion to approve the following goals. CPC approved. Justine will flesh out the language of these goals for us. Goal 1: New Member Integration. (This is the same as last year.) Goal: Develop a welcoming process that helps new members build relationships, understand Zion's mission and operational structure, and become active in ministry. Purpose: As new members join the congregation, we want to ensure they feel supported, valued, and encouraged to use their gifts in service to Christ and the church. Goal 2: Exploring Technology and App Possibilities. Possible subcommittee. DELC (Duncansville Evangelical Lutheran Church) has adopted a church app and uses it. Goal 3: Branding could involve our logo and sayings on shirts, hoodies, hats, etc. Goal 4: Fellowship and Congregational Life. One suggestion was a Family Dinner Night with childcare provided. Childcare for Christmas shopping parents has been well received. Theme nights, carefully planned by Ryan, are advertised for all ages, but have been mostly attended by families with children.
Lord's Prayer Adjournment: Go in peace to love and serve our Lord!	