



THE COUNCIL NEWS

Zion Lutheran Church

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Officer's News

Financial Secretary

For the month of November, a total of \$14,690 was collected. Please look for your 2012 envelopes in

your mail box in the foyer.

Treasurer

We are running a deficit of \$7,110. Expenses are at

86.31% and income is at 79.76% of budget for an operating loss of \$12,123.50.

Board News

Elders

We will try another format for Communion Services! People sitting on the side of the baptismal font will come up and fill both Communion Tables. People will continue to file up from the same side. Once everyone from that side has received communion, people on the pulpit side will come up to receive Holy Communion. The usher will stand at the altar stairs to ensure that people know which side they will start to fill up. Again, thank you for your patience as we continue to determine the best way to make this a smooth and efficient process! Also, New Year's Eve communion service will be at 5pm and a Holy Communion Service will take place on New Year's Day at 10:30am.

Music Ministry

The Choir had fun caroling at the fair—we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! The Make A Joyful

Noise Potluck was at 6:30pm with tree trimming and caroling. Thanks to all who attended and joined in to help and participate! A French Horn player will join us for our Christmas celebration and beyond!

Preschool

Our fundraiser netted \$1600. We need to replace our camera and want to purchase a projector camera for the computer. Thanks to Thrivent and the generosity of Zion Church and the Little Zion parents, we were able to give Rochelle Ripley of hawking, Inc matching funds of \$400 along with many boxes of supplies for the Lakota Indian reservation.

What a wonderful recital the children put on Friday, Dec 16. They did such a wonderful job and our very own Daniel Broggi was Joseph! We have been blessed to add two new children to our program bringing our total number of children to 70. We have just begun registration for next year and have had 4 visitors! A reminder to all

church members, children of members receive a discount on their tuition. Many thanks to the members who help keep Little Zion up and running especially Gordon Clements, Glenn Hayes, Seth Flynn, and Pastor and all those behind the scenes who help out when a need arises. We are truly blessed.

Trustees

A new cleaning company started the first week of December. The fire marshal visited and approved all the changes that were made. There is one outstanding item requiring feedback from the fire marshal. The Scout project is done and it's wonderful! All the plumbing items that needed to be addressed have been completed, too.



Special Dates of Interest

- Dec 18, 10:30am—Children's Christmas Service
- Jan 6—Youth Family Potluck Dinner—6 pm
- Jan 7—Men's Bible Study
- Jan 25—Scarecrow Event Planning Meeting
- Feb 4—Mardi Gras Event
- Feb 11—Valentine's Day Dinner
- Look for dates on The Snow Sledding Event in Jan/Feb

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Committee News

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid Fare generated about \$1500—thanks to all who attended and enjoyed good food, good fellowship, and great gifts! The December Ladies Aid dinner held at Gaetano's in Wallingford was attended by 18 women who all had a wonderful time. We are now deciding between two different tiles to be used in the Wallingford Library Mural. Our Mardi Gras event will be held February 4th. We will also be working with the Men's Ministry on the 2012 Fall Scarecrow event.

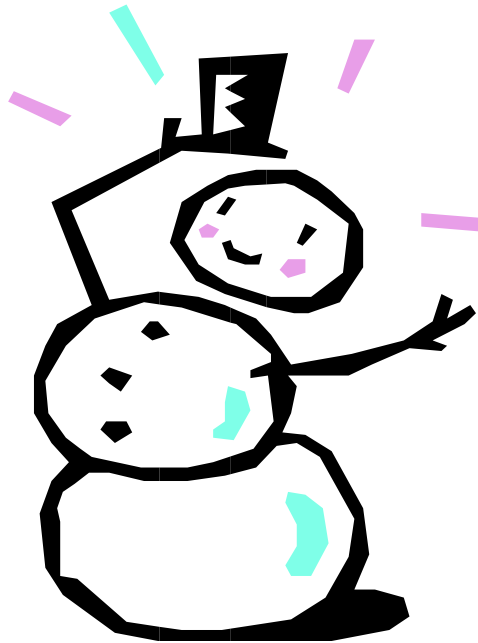
Hospitality

We are looking for more volunteers to help with Coffee &&... for Saturday services. If you're interested, please contact Sandy Boisvert. There will be no Coffee &&... after Christmas Day or New Year's Day services.

Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry continues to experience positive growth. A planning meeting for the Fall 2012 Scarecrow Event is scheduled for Wed. Jan 25th at 7pm. The Ladies Aid will help with the planning of this event. Weather permitting, we will have several Sledding Days on various Sunday's in January. The Sledding will again be at the Lyman Orchard Driving Range in Middlefield from 1-4pm. Refreshments will be provided. A men's bible study will begin Tues. Jan 17th at

7:30. It will continue on the third Tuesday thereafter each month. The bible study will examine apparent contradictions between different portions of Scripture, leading to a more evolved understanding of issues that on the surface can appear to be conflicting



teachings. We are considering a regular scriptural email for men to keep the guys connected. It will start as a weekly email with the potential to go to a Monday through Friday daily email.

Sunday School

The Sunday School Thanksgiving Food

Drive for the CT Food Bank was a tremendous success. Thrivent matched \$185. The food was delivered to the Food Bank Thanksgiving week. Thank you to all for making this another success!

The Sunday School Christmas Service is scheduled for Sunday, December 18. We are hopeful that "Light a Candle" will brighten everyone's heart during this holiday season. There will be a reception after the Sunday School service on December 18 in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, Dec 25 or Jan 1.

The Sunday School Christmas Card Drive for the Veterans at the West Haven Veterans Hospital is underway. Please take a moment to fill out or make a Christmas card and put it in the designated box at church, or in my classroom. Gene Brady will deliver the cards to the Veterans on Dec 24th.

Youth Group

The calendars are ordered and will arrive soon! The Valentine's Day Dinner is scheduled for Sat Feb 11th. A potluck for the youth and their families will be held on Jan 6th starting at 6 pm.

Old & New Business

Old Business

No old business

New Business

A motion was made and unanimously passed to move the funds from the Women's Ministry to the Men's Ministry. The amount was \$76.

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passed to reinvest the funds in the Eleanor Miller fund to the LCEF 6 year fixed rate term note.

Jim Clements presented an opportunity for the church to use SendOut Cards. This is a great way to keep in touch with members and also for individuals to also join and use a very convenient way to send out cards. More to come at

the January's Voters' meeting.

Wishing everyone a blessed and joy-filled Christmas Holiday! May you feel the warmth of Christ's love now and throughout the New Year!