

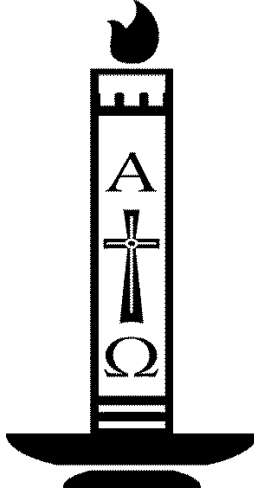
# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The Candle



## January 2020

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### Church Office Hours:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Thursdays - 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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### “From the Pastor”

You just knew it would happen. I could predict it most certainly. The first time my granddaughter went to see Santa – yes, she screamed in terror. Her older cousins took it all in stride. The picture said it all. Smiles all around except for Adley screaming her head off.

But you know what? She’s the smart one! She knew that this costumed character was not real. Funny clothes, big white beard, sitting on a ridiculous chair with a grandma dressed just as silly. It wasn’t real at all.

It’s interesting that we end the calendar year steeped in such fantasy. For many the Christmas holiday does become an escape from reality. But is this what we need to face the approaching new year? Is this what will guide us and give us courage and strength in the days to come in the new year?

The church calendar focuses on an important event on January 1<sup>st</sup>. It is the circumcision of Jesus. You might ask why that’s so important? If nothing else, it shows us how real Jesus is, especially compared to Santa Claus. He is not a fantasy. He is flesh and bone just like each of us. He came into this world as one of us: real eyes, ears, legs, toes, hands, and all the rest. Jesus came as one of us to bear all the sinful burdens that are in and come upon all human flesh. By doing this He frees our humanity from all the corruption caused by sin. Jesus began to do this for us when he placed Himself under the law at His circumcision. There He showed that He was not only one of us but also that He would obey God’s Law, His own law, for us. He was real and is real enough so as to undergo a bloody circumcision as a sign of his further shedding of blood that would come upon the cross.

It's ok to not care for, or even be a bit scared of this world's fantasies, even Santa Claus. But let us never be afraid of the reality of our Savior Jesus by whose blood shed for us brings us the ultimate joy of freedom from our sins and the life of pure joy in heaven. That's what we need to get us through all the days God gives us in this coming year.

Pastor Queck

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*We welcome into God's Church and  
Zion's family through the sacrament  
of Baptism:*

- Kyla Ann Krantz, daughter of Kory and Shana Kranz, baptized November 3, 2019. Kyla was born April 16, 2019.
- Audrey Grace Stier, daughter of Brent and Krista Stier, baptized December 15, 2019. Audrey was born November 13, 2019. Sponsors are Craig & Catherine Dietz.

### **Church Officers for 2020**

Following the elections for the Church Council there remains a few vacancies for the coming year. Those offices needing to be filled are:

- Chairman of the congregation
- Two-year elder position
- Trustee

These are important positions that we ask be prayerfully considered.

## December 9, 2019 Zion Council Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Peter Minear, at 7:05pm with 8 members present. Pastor opened with devotion.
- II. Reports:
- A. Secretary, Gail Schwartz, read the minutes to the November 2019 council meeting.  
M/S Dennis Jopp/Gene Stueven. Motion carried.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Gail Schwartz read the Treasurer's Report for November 2019.  
M/S Gene Stueven/Dan Fischer. Motion carried.
- C. Pastor's Report:
- A. Attendance for November 2019
- | Date    | Attendance |
|---------|------------|
| 11/3    | 154        |
| 11/10   | 128        |
| 11/17   | 144        |
| 11/24   | 146        |
| Total   | 572        |
| Average | 143        |
- B. The WORD November 2019
- Sunday Worship Services: 4
  - Care Center Services: 3
  - Weddings: 0
  - Funerals/Committal: 1 (Larry & Christine Wadman 11/2)
  - Thanksgiving Day Service
  - Bible Classes
    - Sunday: 4
    - Thursday: 3
- C. The Sacraments
- Baptisms: 1 (Kyla Ann Kranz)
  - Communions
    - Sunday: 238

ii. Care Center: 12

iii. Private: 8

D. Administrative

a. Zion Meetings: 5

b. Circuit/District: 1

III. Board Reports:

A. Elders:

Carla Scheffert requested transfer from Concordia Lutheran to Zion. M/S Merle Marohn/Dennis Jopp Motion carried.

Adam Berndt accepted 1-year elder position. M/S Gene Stueven/Dan Fischer. Motion carried.

B. Trustees:

Received estimate for \$1,730 from Black Woods Electric for new LED lights in the front of Church.

4 LED flood lights & 2 Cans. Requires \$865 down payment.

Motion to transfer \$1,730 from the Building Fund to cover the cost. M/S Dan Fischer/Dennis Jopp Motion carried.

A new SMART TV has been purchased and installed for Sunday School use for \$250. A memorial gift from the Ruby Geisinger family will cover the cost of the TV.

C. Education:

The Children's Sunday School program will be held on Sunday December 22nd @ 9am. Practice for the program will be Saturday morning December 21<sup>st</sup> from 9-10:30am.

D. Evangelism: No report

E. Stewardship: No Report

IV. Old Business:

Follow-up from the October quarterly meeting requesting donation to the Main Street Living Sunday morning TV program. Motion of \$500 will be provided to help cover the cost of the TV program. M/S Merle Marohn/Dan Fischer Motion carried.

\$1,000 check was sent to Maddie Marshall (organist) to help cover the cost of replacing hot water heater damaged by lightning strike and help with assistance.

V. New Business:

20 people have signed up for Christmas caroling at the Care Center on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm.

Trustees will investigate the slow drainage of water lines and flushing of toilets.

VI. Adjournment at 7:44 pm. M/S Dan Fischer/Dennis Jopp. Motion carried. Pastor closed with Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Schwartz, Secretary

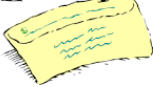
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### Notes of Thanks

- Thank you to Pastor for his visits and prayers and thank you to everyone for the cards sent and food given during my recovery. - Shirley Triplett
- Thank you everyone for the many prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits while in the hospital, nursing home, and since returning to my apartment following my hip surgery. Thank you Busy Needles for the lap quilt. Also thank you to Pastor Queck for your visits and prayers. Merry Christmas everyone.  
- Beverly Golembeck

### **Offering Envelopes**



Are you receiving your offering envelopes in the mail? If you have not received your envelopes for January – March, 2020, please let Linda in the church office know.



**Take down of the Christmas decorations** will be on Wednesday, January 8 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Your help is very much appreciated.



Greeters are needed for  
January and February

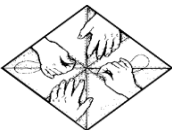
If you are available to greet, please sign up on the sheet located on the table in the Narthex.



Altar Flowers

To order altar flowers for a special occasion or in memory or in honor of a loved one, contact Myra Steere at 320-224-2985.

**The January Quarterly Voters Meeting** will be on Sunday, January 12, 2020 following the worship service. All members are encouraged to attend.



Busy Needles will meet on Monday, January 13, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m.

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