

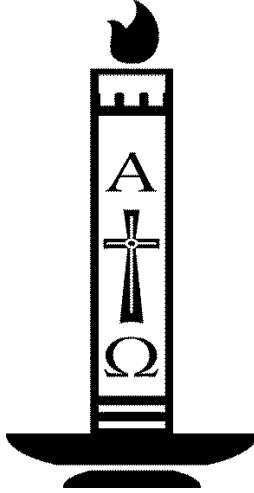
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Candle



February 2020

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“From the Pastor”

At the January Voters meeting I announced that I will be retiring on May 31st. I must say that this decision is not an easy one or one that is to be assumed, even though I will have reached retirement age by that date. In searching the texts on Pastoral Theology there is not one mention of retirement for a pastor. That in itself is cause to question whether retirement from a divine call is even proper! Maybe it's meant to be that a pastor should die in the pulpit?

In making this decision two things kept coming to me as my reason to retire. The first reason for retirement at this time is that after 37 years in the ministry (41 years including seminary), and having served Zion for 32 of those years, I find myself not having the same energy that I believe is needed to serve properly. In my observation some new, young, energetic blood would be very good for Zion and its future in serving God's Church.

The second reason is one that may appear a bit selfish. Over these years I have served at Zion you have been my family's family. The Queck family has been blessed to be a part of the lives of Zion's families from births and baptisms to confirmations, graduations, weddings, anniversaries and funerals. There have been many wonderful times of happiness and joy along with times of sadness and sorrow. We have celebrated Sunday worship, Christmases, Easters and Thanksgivings together in God's house as a family. As much as I treasure all these moments, I have also had to sacrifice these very same things with regard to my own family. Fortunately, I do have a very understanding family familiar with the life of a pastor. But now I have an opportunity to spend what time the Lord gives me to be more of a part of my children's and grandchildren's lives. I do ask for your blessing and prayers as Kathy and I enter upon this next chapter in our lives.

This time between now and May 31st will be when steps will be taken to begin the calling process for your next pastor. A call committee will be established to work with your Circuit Visitor, Pastor Loder and District President Woodford. Each of you will be asked for your input. It is important that all of our members do participate in this process.

For now, we also look ahead at the wonderful season of Lent and Wednesday Lenten services beginning on February 26th at 7:00 p.m. Let us make this season and the services a special part of your week as we consider the “7 Times Jesus Spoke” for the theme.

Pastor Queck

January 12, 2020 Quarterly Voters Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mike Hemminger at 10:15 a.m. with 43 members present. Pastor opened with prayer.
- II. Reports:
 - A. Secretary, Gail Schwartz, read the minutes from the October 13, 2019 meeting.
M/S Peter Minear/Ken Truenow. Motion carried.
 - B. Treasurer, Gloria Ulrich, read the 4th Quarter Treasurer’s Report.
A question was asked about BUILDINGS and GROUNDS INCOME – Cemetery Income – Immanuel Lutheran \$161.80. These are shared expenses with Immanuel Lutheran, Silver Creek.
M/S Mike Schmidt/Gene Stueven. Motion carried.
 - C. Pastor’s Report:
Summary:
 - A. Attendance
 - a. October 2019. Total: 582 Ave:145.5
 - b. November 2019. Total: 662 Ave:132.4

- c. December 2019. Total: 1,022 Ave: 146
Total Attendance for 2019: 7,904
Average per service: 123.5 (64 services)
- B. The Word – For Oct/Nov/Dec
 - a. Worship Services: 16
 - b. Care Center Services: 8
 - c. Weddings: 0
 - d. Funerals: 4
 - 1. Ruby V. Geisinger 10/11
 - 2. Lucille A. Hansen 12/5
 - 3. Jeffrey J. Hansen 12/5
 - 4. Jason J. Hansen 12/5
 - e. Bible Classes: 20
 - f. Confirmation Classes: 10
- C. The Word: Total for 2019
 - a. Worship Services: 64
 - b. Care Center Services: 31
 - c. Weddings: 1 (Michael A. Berndt & Mariah J. Jackson – 9/14)
 - d. Funerals/Committals: 10
 - 1. Irene C. Jans Bergstrom (1/28)
 - 2. Larry J. Wadman (2/1)
 - 3. Christine Wadman committal (2/1)
 - 4. Carol M. Neumann (4/20)
 - 5. Stella A. Cyriaks (7/8)
 - 6. Ruby Geisinger (10/11)
 - 7. Lucille A. Hansen (12/5)
 - 8. Jeffrey J. Hansen (12/5)
 - 9. Jason J. Hansen (12/5)
 - 10. Odd Gunnar Hansen committal (12/5)
 - e. Bible Classes: 87
 - f. Confirmation Classes: 28
 - g. Adult Instruction: 10
- D. The Sacraments
 - a. Baptisms: For Oct/Nov/Dec
 - 1. Kyla Ann Kranz (11/3)
 - 2. Audrey Grace Stier (12/15)
 - b. Total for 2019
 - 1. Clayton Joseph Couette (3/1)

2. Kyla Ann Kranz (11/3)
3. Audrey Grace Stier (12/15)
- c. Communion: For Oct/Nov/Dec
 - i. Worship
 - a. October: 374
 - b. November: 238
 - c. December: 312
 - ii. Care Center:
 - a. October: 12
 - b. November: 11
 - c. December: 10
 - iii. Private:
 - a. October: 6
 - b. November: 8
 - c. December 9
 - iv. For Year 2019
 1. Worship: 3,478
 2. Care Center: 176
 3. Private: 94

E. Administrative

- a. Zion Meetings: For Oct/Nov/Dec
 1. October: 8
 2. November: 5
 3. December: 4
- b. Total for 2019: 60
- c. Circuit/ District Meetings for 2019: 19
- d. Pastor Vacation Days: 17 of 35 used for year.

III. Board Reports:

- A. Elders: Peter Minear will fill the open 2-year Elder position and Adam Berndt will fill the open 1-year position.
M/S Paul Schutte/Dale Fischer. Motion Carried.
- B. Trustees: John Kothrade will fill the 2-year Trustee position.
M/S Keith Fischer/Brent Steir. Motion Carried.
- C. Education: The Children's Christmas Sunday School program on December 22 was a huge success.
- D. Stewardship: No Report
- E. Evangelism: No Report

IV. Old Business: Zion contributed \$500 to support the Main Street Living Sunday morning TV program on Fox 9.

Elected Officers for 2020:

Chairman: (1st 2-yr term)	Mike Hemminger
Secretary: (2-yr term)	Gail Schwartz
Stewardship: (2-yr term)	1. Shelley Josephson 2. Ann Truenow
Trustee: (2-yr term)	1. Keith Fischer 2. John Kothrade
Education: (3-yr term)	Chrystal Fischer
Elders: 1. (3-yr term)	Dean Thruk
2. (3-yr term)	Dan Fischer
3. (2-yr term)	Peter Minear
4. (1-yr term)	Adam Berndt
Finance Board: (2-yr term)	1. Mary Hemminger 2. Cheryl Provo
Evangelism: (2-yr term)	1. Cheryl Antl
Head Usher: (2-yr term)	1. Brent Stier 2. Aaron Minear

Summary of 2020 Annual Budget Totals:

1. Mission Ministries: \$38,034.00
2. Christian Education Ministries: \$5,510.00
3. Staff Ministries: \$154,926.00
4. Music Ministries: \$6,700.00
5. Building and Grounds: \$48,266.00
6. Total Budget for 2020: \$270,286.00

V. New Business: A motion to amend the Constitution to change language was approved by the Synod.

M/S Pastor Queck/Pat Stoppelman. Motion Carried.

An announcement by Pastor Queck – after much Prayerful and Family consideration, Pastor Queck has decided to retire June 1, 2020! Zion will need to setup a committee with the Elders and 3 other parishioners to discuss how to proceed.

VI. Adjournment – 10:50 am. M/S Peter Minear/Dan Fischer Motion carried.

VII. Pastor concluded with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Schwartz, Secretary



Notes of Thanks

- Pastor and Kathy want to thank all of you for your Christmas cards, wishes, and gifts. They mean so much to us coming from our Zion family. Thank you!
- To whoever I need to thank! I so appreciate the help with the watering of the plants this year. I am very grateful for the wonderful church family I have that stepped up when I needed help. Thank you so much, bless you. - Myra Steere
- Thank you to all my Zion friends for your prayers, cards, memorials, and HUGS. All these things help make my journey of grief more bearable. Thank you Pastor Queck for your visit and prayers. God bless you all! -Dolores Dougherty



JESUS' WORDS FROM THE CROSS

The Lenten Season is soon to begin. On February 26 the Church will gather on what we call Ash Wednesday to begin a journey through the Scriptures following

Jesus to the cross but ending with the open tomb on Easter. This year's theme focuses on the words that Jesus spoke from the cross. In each case what he said was based upon what was being done to him on the cross. But it was all done for our benefit and our salvation. Ash Wednesday Service will be at 7:00 p.m. with communion. Weekly Lenten Services all begin at 7:00 p.m. Make this time of year special for you and your family in listening to Jesus' words for you.

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