



# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Connecting with God; Connecting with Others; Connecting others with God*

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Greetings to the Members of Zion!

It's the new year!!! We can choose to be hopeful for what 2021 has yet to bring, and both of us are choosing that....to be hopeful!! What is it for which we are hopeful? If you look back on the Advent Reflections sent by Pastor Sell, look at the one written the first week of December. There, you will see that she talks about Noah and his family and how they all pulled together on the ark. We are hoping that the Zion family will work together to get the work of the church completed. Many opportunities are available for one to serve the church and feel the rewards that "giving back" always brings. Pastor Sell mentioned in her article that 10% of the members do 90% of the work. We feel there is a greater number than 10% at Zion who come forth, usually, as needed. One area, however, where this is not happening right now is "chairs" of committees. The one that concerns us the most is Worship and Music. It is a matter of calling meetings, and making an agenda (with the help of the Pastor). Right now this can be done virtually from the comfort of your own home. We also need "chairs" for Property, Faith Formation, and Social Outreach. If you could just pray on it, there are people in this congregation who may be moved to step up to the task. We're hopeful to hear from you!!

Now, there is some sad news to impart: James Alfieri, Director of Music and Worship Arts, has decided to go back to his previous profession in the medical field. His departure date is January 17th. He has brought many favorable programs to Zion, such as the Concert Series, the Midweek Musical Meditations, and the First Thursday Recitals, to name a few. He will be missed, but during this difficult pandemic, he has had little opportunity to be able to do his work. We surely hope him success in his career change and will pray for his well-being. James' resignation letter is included at the end of this letter.

Church is community and we realize that it is difficult for all of us to feel connected right now. We are hopeful that this pandemic will soon end and we can all be vaccinated, safe, and together again. Until then, remember to love and serve God in all you do!!

In Service to Christ,  
Pastor Sell and Adele King

December 27, 2020

Pastor Melody Sell  
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Dear Pastor Sell,

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from my position as Director of Music and Worship Arts. My last day of employment will be January 17, 2021.

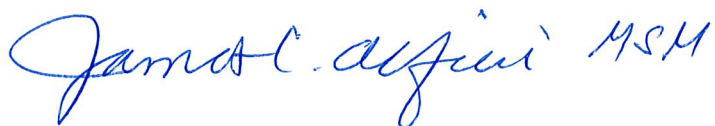
While I will be moving on to a new position, I am deeply grateful for the opportunities I had to grow and learn during my time here. A few highlights include the Zion Musik Concert series, "First Thursday" recitals and the "Peter and the Wolf" organ crawl.

I wish Zion Lutheran Church success in the future.

Please let me know of the ways I can help make the transition as smooth as possible.

Respectfully,

James C. Alfieri, MSM

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James C. Alfieri MSM". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'J'.