



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Dear Members of Zion,

I have some good news to share!!! Beginning in February, we will have a new organist/ musician! His name is John Landis, an amazing musician, and, yes, he is a relative of some members of our church! John is currently a student at Millersville University (a junior), and he has played organ since age 4. He is also a highly skilled pianist and plays the trumpet.

At this time, John's job description is little more than what would be expected of a supply organist but as our needs (hopefully) grow into resuming two services and having choir(s), so will his duties. He understands the constraints due to the pandemic and is enthusiastic and excited to become part of our Zion family!! Those of us who have already heard him play look forward to having everyone else be able to hear his God-given talents!! Thank you to the interview team, including Donna Dumeyer, Deb Grube, Pastor Sell, Dave Wauls, Lisa Nelson, and Sue Wise, for their work in revising the job description and making the hiring of John smooth and swift.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Anne for her efforts to keep this church moving!! Her energy and work ethic has been wonderful, shown through having everything running smoothly every Sunday, and culminating with that lovely slideshow last week!! She has good ideas and keeps them coming.

Also, throughout this past year, David Klepper has made our streaming of services possible. If not for him and Riley, many of our members would not be able to worship with us week after week. We are grateful to now have a group of people who help with that streaming every Sunday....Randy Miller, Steve Haun, Darrell Gerke, and Lisa Nelson. Kudos to all of them! I also want to give an extra thanks to Steve who has been helping tremendously with our heating problems! In addition, thank you to Dave Albin for making sure we have everything on the screen each week, and our sextons Tom Miller & Brian Bourassa for keeping the church clean, set-up for the various meetings and groups, being willing to help when asked, and maintaining the grounds around the church. I must also mention that the Hetricks have gone way above the call of duty by supplying temperature checks and ushering for all these months! Thank you also to Donna Dumeyer & Jeanette Bomberger who have also taken temperatures and to Ed Blough who has ushered every single week since we started back to in-person worship!

Thank you to Millie Gundel and Donna Dumeyer (along with others on their decorating team) for making sure the sanctuary was festive this year during Advent & Christmas! Millie also keeps her ideas coming and we appreciate her for that. I also want to thank Dave Dumeyer for always working diligently behind the scenes and always asking, "What's next?" Dave Wise, Council's

VP, still manages to show support and keep track of everything in spite of still recovering from his surgery and its set-backs!! Our new Council members, Denise Haun, Randy Miller, and Kim Paternoster have jumped right in and have been willing to take on tasks and help out where needed! Denise, Randy, Kim, Dave, Cathy Benedict, Diane Ramer, John Hay, Phil Houseal, Brenda Stover, Lisa Nelson, & Ron Crawford is a Council that works well together and makes my job as President that much easier! Thank you for all you do!! All these people (along with others too many to mention) sure keep me motivated!

And, last but certainly not least, we are fortunate to have Pastor Sell as our interim. She is most willing to step up any time we need her!! While some of our staff has changed, we continue to be blessed by individuals who care deeply about the ministries and the people of Zion. I am hoping that as you get vaccinated and/or just feel more comfortable returning to in-person worship and activities you will know that a dedicated group of staff and members are anxiously awaiting your return and to keep the Spirit of Zion alive and well. I hope this letter encourages you and makes you feel as hopeful as many of us are feeling!!

God Bless each of you,
Adele King