

LADIES DEPARTMENT



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

*Women in Mission - Zion Lutheran
Mission Valley*



Bible Study times each month....

Esther Circle-2nd Tuesday of the Month-9 am
Ladies Aid-1st Wednesday of the Month
Rebecca/Ruth Circle-2nd Monday of the Month-
10 am. Each Bible study group or circle has ongoing
activities they are involved in, such as the kits, quilts,
Ladles of Love, etc. *But to participate, you do not
have to belong to a circle...*



ESTHER CIRCLE

Esther Circle met on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at
9:00 a.m. for its regular monthly meeting. Present
were Carolyn, Eva, Shirley, Kay, Dorothy, Pam,
Darla, Gail, Michelle, Shelley, Darlette, Barbara,
Judy, Cass, Bettye and Sherilyn.

Hostesses were Darla and Barbara. Bible Leader
was Cass. Study material was from the Summer 2026
edition of Lutheran Woman's Quarterly

Business: Sewing is Tuesday, August 18. **Ladles
of Love** for August was Esther A with Ham, Sweet
Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Cranberries, Bread,
& Pudding. Thank you to David Gisler for helping
deliver. **September LOL** will be Esther B on 9/5.
Tri-Annual Church Meeting will be Sunday,
August 16. **Bunco** is set for September 14. It was
announced that Zion has received 10 more names to
consider for permanent pastor.

Cards were sent JoNell Martin, Ronnie Weaver,
Fred Dentler and Priscilla Dornburg.

All ladies of Zion are invited to join *Esther* on the
second Tuesday of each month as we study the Word
of God! Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 8,

2026, at 9:00 a.m. Hostesses will be Carolyn and
Priscilla. PLEASE JOIN US!

Sherilyn Arnecke, Secretary/Treasurer

REBECCA/RUTH CIRCLE

Rebecca/Ruth Circle met August 17th, 2026, at
Zion Lutheran Church at 10am. We had 12 members
present: Sherri Bluhm, Gloria Buchhorn, Sheron
Alex, Seda Weaver, Shelvy Schneider, Alice
Cockrell, Winona Klacman, Peggy Lee, Pat Zmeskal,
Denise Afflerbach, Debbie Meyer and 1 visitor, Fran
Fransen. Very glad to have her come and visit.

Peggy Lee was Bible Study Leader. Bible Study
was Blessings in Disguise from: "The Least of
These". Opened Bible Study with prayer, and closed
Bible Study with prayer. Closing song "Children of
the Heavenly Father."

Debbie led **business meeting**:

Sewing Day August 18th 9am

Bunco: September 14th at 6pm

Church picnic: September 27th.

Cards were sent.

Rebecca/Ruth Circle will meet September 14th at
10am. Debbie will be Bible Study Leader. Bible
Study will be God's Heart- Changing "No" on page
22 of Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Summer
magazine.

Rebecca/Ruth Circle closed meeting with
Lord's Prayer.

Everybody is invited to come and join us in Bible
Study and Fellowship.

Secretary, Winona Klacman

LADIES AID

Ladies Aid met on Thursday, August 6th, in the
library. We had Bible Study and refreshments.

At our next meeting, Winona Klacman will be our
hostess and Kay Lagal is doing the next chapter in
her Women of Faith study guide.

Eva Cooke, Chairman



LADLES OF LOVE

Esther B is in charge of Ladles of Love in
September. If you would like to participate in a
group or form your own group, please talk to
Sherilyn Arnecke, Chairperson.



Each month the ladies of the church are collecting a different item as one of their projects for Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry (VCAM). For the month of **September** LWML is **collecting 1# bags of pinto beans**. We are asking the congregation to help with this project. It would be very much appreciated. There is a box in the **Narthex near the Ladies Restroom** for your donated item. Please help restock the shelves at VCAM. If any questions, contact Eva Cooke, project chairperson.

Want to thank everyone for contributing food for all these people in need.

Eva Cooke, Chairperson

Thank you, thank you. For the month of July, 49 boxes, 42 lbs. of cereal were collected for VCAM!



SEWING DAY

Sewing Day was held on Tuesday, August 18th. There was six attending, Eva, Darlette, Shelley, Winona, Kay & Irene.

We sewed two lap quilts for the church picnic.

Our next Sewing Day will be **Tuesday, September 15th** at 9am in the multi-Purpose Room. Irene Heinold & Darlette Mathisen, Chairpersons



MISSION VALLEY TEACHER & STAFF LUNCHEON

The luncheon was held on August 10th. Thanks to all of you who brought salads and desserts, helped in the kitchen, decorated or helped in any way. Everything was delicious and the teachers were so

thankful. They really look forward to this every year. Thanks to the congregation for their donations and an Amazon gift card was presented to them for \$540 for teachers' supplies.

See insert.



This year we collected monetary donations for packaged new socks and underwear for adults and children. Monetary donations were preferred since this allows a LWML member to buy in bulk items for a cheaper cost. Orphan Grain Train will pick these up on September 11th at Grace Lutheran Church in Victoria. Thank you for helping LWML with this extraordinary mission. These projects show our love and support to others in their time of greatest need.

Updated information on this project will be in the October Messenger.



The ladies of Zion are hosting a Bunco Party in the Fellowship Hall. There is an insert in the bulletin regarding the Bunco Party on **Monday, September 14th**. Registration will be from 6-7pm with Bunco starting at 7:05 pm. All women of Zion are invited along with women of other Lutheran churches in the area & guests. Please come and join in the fellowship and fun! Items needed are food, door prizes and/or helping hands. If you signed up for food, please have them here by 4pm. Monday afternoon. Please complete and return the insert to Cass Martignoni or the church office by Friday, September 11th. For more information, please contact Cass.

See insert



The Mite Ingathering will be held during church service on **Sunday, October 11th**. Various members will take part in the worship service as well as the actual collection.

October has been designed as LWML month with emphasis on the work for which the ladies are known. All members of the congregation are invited to participate in this endeavor and encouraged to **wear purple**, LWML colors symbolizing royalty.

The Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national [mission grants](#) and implement the LWML program. There are 15 Mission Grants for 2026-2028 which totals \$225,000. If anyone wishes to use one of the Mite boxes, talk to Sherry Hornstein.

This year's theme continues a four-year cycle focusing on the LWML Mission Statement — *As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.* For Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2026, we focus on **Supporting Missions**. This theme is based on the texts: Ecclesiastes 3:9–15, Galatians 2:1–10, and Mark 10:35–45.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT



Please join us for Sunday School at 9am for Pre-K thru 6th grade. **No Sunday School on September 27th due to the picnic.** There will be **NO** Adult Bible Study for now while Pastor Jerry teaches the Junior Confirmation Class at 9am.



Sunday School teachers for 2026-2027 will be installed during church on September 6th.



JUNIOR CONFIRMATION CLASS

Junior Confirmation classes will start **September 13th at 9am** every Sunday in the Bible Study Room. **On September 27th there will be confirmation class but will meet in the Conference Room** due to the picnic. Pastor Jerry will be teaching this class.



ACOLYTES



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Remember, it is **very** important that in the event you **cannot** acolyte on your assigned Sunday, that you find someone to replace you. *Youth ages 6th grade thru 2nd year confirmation are required to acolyte.* If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Church office.



Candice, Peggy, Barbara, Sherita, Kathy

CAMPERS' FUNDRAISER



Thank you,
Thank you.
Campers' fundraiser to raise money for camp next year was held on August 9th after church. They raised \$682 with expenses of \$264.40. Profit \$417.60



If your children have any news like school recognitions, honors, sports, achievements this year that you would like to share, please submit them to the church office. Throughout the year, please submit special happenings. We love to hear about our children.

COMMITTEE NEWS



Mark your calendars! Board of Outreach has scheduled a South Texas Blood Tissue Blood Drive here on **Sunday, September 27th, from 8am-1pm.** which is also our Annual Picnic. Donate blood and receive a free t-shirt! Walk-ins are welcome!! Individuals who are 16 years old may be eligible to donate with parental consent. **Give Blood, Save Lives.** For questions regarding blood donation, call South Texas Blood Tissue at 210-731-5590.

Judy Faulkner, Chairperson



Board of Fellowship



On Sunday, August 2nd, the Board of Fellowship welcomed new members with cake and punch.



CHURCH WORSHIP SECURITY

The Safety and Security Committee will not meet in September.

David Pribyl, Team Leader

CONGREGATION NEWS



OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers to the family & friends of Dalhardt Goebel who passed away August 22, 2026. He was the husband of Rose Goebel. No arrangements are known.



**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY
MEETING**

SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Call Committee has scheduled a Special Congregational Meeting to present information on pastoral candidates and to seek congregational approval to issue a call to one of the pastors. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall on September 6, 2026, after the Worship Service.



CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC

This year's **September 27th Church Picnic** free will offering collection will be decided by Zion's congregational members. Donation dollars will be distributed between these organizations as per your

response. As printed in August messenger and August Sunday bulletins, the ballot will still be included in September 6th and 13th Sunday bulletins. Please put this event on your calendar and make plans to attend. **We have signup sheets in the Narthex for your convenience.**

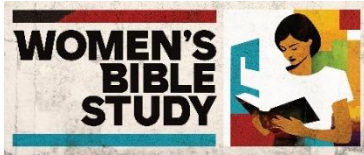
Donated silent auction and bingo prizes can be brought to Church starting Sunday, September 13th. We request, if possible, label your silent auction item with a starting dollar value. This would be a big help. Donations can be placed in the designated (posters on door) Sunday School Rooms. Items for Sweet Walk activity and cookies for lunch may be brought to the Educational Building picnic setup day September 26th between 10am and 4pm. We gladly will take Sunday morning as well.

Also see attached the flyer of all the fun activities planned for the church picnic.

WELCOME
New Members



We welcome into our membership Colt & Katie Hairell and their children Macie & Levi. Please introduce yourself to them. Their address is: 108 Zephyr Dr., Victoria, Tx 77904.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we begin a **new monthly** Women's Bible Study at Zion Lutheran Church! Our **next Bible Study will be Wednesday at 6:30pm on September 2nd**. Come grow in God's Word, strengthen your faith, and enjoy fellowship with other women in a welcoming and encouraging setting. **For more information, contact: Kristy Zarate, 361-935-1236.**



A send off for Abagayle:

On August 25th, the graduation ceremony culminated Abagayle Faulkner's training at Ft. Sam, San Antonio. Family was there to cheer her on. She will be Behavioral Health Specialist in US Army for 3 years. She is scheduled to leave for Stuttgart, Germany to her new assignment. There was just enough time for a hug, kiss and a prayer. She is heading out to the next chapter in her life adventure!! My prayer is that she be prepared for all that was mentioned in the fine print. Our prayers go with her as we wait for a text.

Judy Faulkner, Grandmother



NEW GROUP COMMUNICATION TOOL

GroupMe is replacing the Remind tool to allow group communications to be sent to the Zion Congregation. The new communication group will be called "Zion Connect". Seda will load each member into the new tool. Each member will get a text message from Zion Connect providing instructions to join the group. **To join, simply respond to the message by typing #stay. You can ignore the instructions to get the GroupMe App.** If you need assistance joining the new group, contact David Miller.

Please let the office know if you have not received a text to join the group.



THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for the cards, calls and texts for me during my hospital stay and now while I am getting my strength back. Thank you especially for the prayers.

Ronny Weaver



Due to the privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify pastors when a member is admitted or treated. If you know of anyone being taken to the hospital (emergency or otherwise), or who is especially ill, please call an Elder or contact the church office.



PRAYER LIST

To add another person's name to our prayer lists, you must be a member or active worshipping guest of Zion and identify yourself as the one requesting prayer for someone else. It is your responsibility to gain this permission! The church office reserves the right to edit prayer requests for publication.

Please check names on the Prayer List. Please let the office know should someone be removed.

*******PRAYER REQUESTS*******

1. Bill Lagal
2. Cole Ohrt – friend of Zion
3. Holly Corey
4. Loma Chandler – Karen Wood's sister
5. James Morris, Sr.
6. JoNell Martin
7. Ann Pantel – wife of Curtis Pantel
8. Lisa Roman – niece of Cass Martignoni
9. Kamryn McDavid – granddaughter of Pribyl's
10. Mai Harwell
11. Rose Goebel
12. Julie Heinold
13. Alissa Blount
14. Jodie Schaefer – friend of Barbara Schmidt
15. Becky DeBore – friend of Irene Heinold
16. Glennie Bednorz – friend of JoNell Martin
17. Ava Soliz – Ann Heller's friend's daughter
18. Jim Krause
19. Priscilla Dornburg
20. Emily – friend of Ann Heller
21. Charles Krueger – Cass Martignoni's brother
22. Kenneth & Nancy Hahn – Faulkner's friends
23. Cindy & Jennifer Henderson – Randy Carter's sister & niece
24. Jana Ragsdale – niece of Julie Heinold
25. Pam Ficklen – niece of Barbara Schmidt
26. Kim Gisler – relative to Jacki Cooke
27. John Meharg – Calton Arnecke & Darlette Mathisen's cousin
28. Janie Bolten – Jacki Cooke's friend
29. Ryan Aaron – friend of Cooke's
30. Robert Kaiser – friend of Arnecke's
31. Bea Fuchs
32. Richard Gisler – friend of Zion
33. Darryl Heller
34. Jan Foerster – friend of Karen Wood
35. Ken Sifford

36. Leslie Thigpen Hanslik – friend of Cooke's
37. Peggy Polster
38. Eva Cooke
39. Marvin Janak
40. Karen Wood
41. Randy Kersten
42. Bill Pozzi – friend of Pribyl's
43. Kaleigh Newman – friend of Keeleigh Cooke
44. Becky
45. Ronny Weaver



COMMUNION AND/OR VISITATION

During our absence of a pastor, if you or know someone in the hospital or would like a home visit and/or want communion, please contact David Miller, head Elder, or call the church office, 361-578-5447 or contact Seda.



SHUT-INS

Please continue to keep our shut-ins in your prayers and enliven their lives through visits, letters, and cards or phone calls.

James Morris, Sr.
3472 FM 447
Victoria, Tx 77905

Dan & Doris Nugent
5404 FM 236
Victoria, Tx 77905

Alissa Blount
Arboretum of Winnie
1215 TX-124
Winnie, Tx 77665

Rose Goebel
(Unknown address)



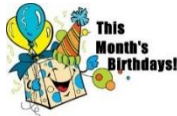
ATTENDANCE CARD

Members & Guests, please fill out an attendance card for each worship service attended and place them in the offering plate. These cards help us to keep accurate records and assist with pastoral care. Please list each individual's name attending if in a family. That way each one gets counted.



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES FOR SEPTEMBER

September 1 – Debbie Meyer
 September 3 – Gina Jaeger
 September 5 – Rachel Innes
 September 6 – Laverne Judge
 September 9 – Irene Heinold
 September 10 – Harper Patterson, Mark Wendel
 September 13 – David Miller, Tammy Mitchell
 September 14 – Peggy Polster
 September 16 – Ky Zarate
 September 18 – Joyce Morris
 September 24 – Ronny Weaver
 September 25 – Shawna Bues
 September 26 – Cody Jaeger
 September 27 – Westley Kelly

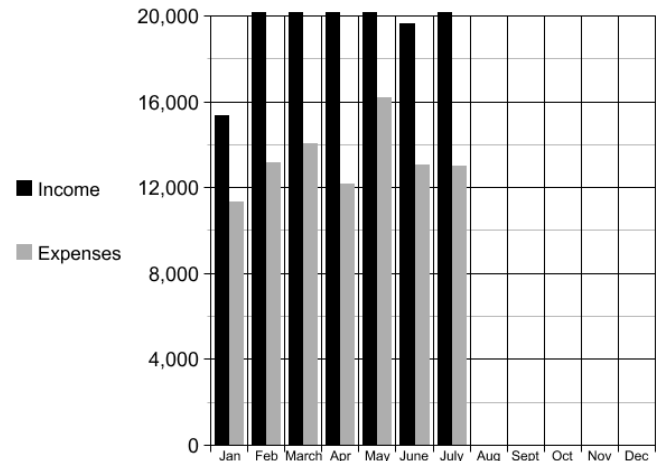


CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

September 1 – David Stockton
 September 3 – David Miller
 September 4 – Darla Sifford
 September 6 – Oakleigh Jaeger
 September 8 – Jason Henry
 September 12 – Tyler Maroney
 September 13 – Priscilla Dornburg
 September 14 – J.R. Bishop
 September 15 – Jessica Gras
 September 18 – Brittainny Harwell, Garland Dentler
 September 19 – Gene Rydell
 September 20 – JoBeth Willemin
 September 21 – Billy Lagal, Brandon Alex
 September 23 – Haley Willemin
 September 27 – Les Judge
 September 29 – Collin Hanchett
 September 30 – Rinda Zimmermann

CHURCH ATTENDANCE	
Sunday, August 2 nd	75
Sunday, August 9 th	118
Sunday, August 16 th	83
Sunday, August 23 rd	93

General Fund - 2026 Income vs Expenses



In the above chart, you can see our expenses and offerings. We share this with you so you are aware of how this is continuing to impact our overall ministry. Even as we continue to thank God for the many blessings He gives to Zion, including those of the financial offerings of His people, the Church Council and Church Office are being as mindful as possible about the stewardship of the church budget.



**HEARING
ASSISTANCE**

HEARING ASSISTANCE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

To assist anyone to hear the discussion at meetings in the Fellowship Hall, the Fellowship Hall is now equipped to use the same hearing assistance devices that are used in the sanctuary. Just bring one of the devices from the sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall. Contact David Miller or David Pribyl for any assistance.



RECYCLING INK CARTRIDGES

How do we get rewards for recycling ink cartridges? As a Reward Member of Office Depot, the church gets \$2 back in program rewards for each ink cartridge that we recycle, up to 10 cartridges per month. Qualifying purchases include any product or service purchase made in store or online. All brands of ink qualify for recycling rewards. This helps with the rising cost of supplies for the church. There is a basket on a shelf in the Narthex between the Men's & Ladies' Restrooms for your cartridges.



VICTORIA CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE **MINISTRY**

Visit our website at: www.vcamvictoria.org or our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/vcam.org/> for VCAM services or news.

MONTHLY UPDATE

July 2026

July Services

Total Households Served – 1507

Total Number in Households – 3647

Food Boxes – 1340

Basic Needs - 3471

Home Delivery - 30

Homeless Served – 152

Homeless Visits - 801

New VCAM Households Served – 82

Please consider setting yourself up for recurring donations to assist VCAM in the expanding needs of the community. Staple inventory items always in dire need in the pantry:

Rice (1 or 2 lbs. bags – uncooked), Dry beans (1 or 2 lbs Bag), Can fruit (8 to 15 oz. cans), Can Green Beans Or Corn (8 to 15 oz. cans)

Check your pantry, if they are undented, undamaged, we can determine the shelf life of items that are suitable for distribution. Leading into the holiday season, this is great way for your church, school, business, civic organization or even your family to give back to the community.

Raffle ticket sales for our annual (& only) major fundraiser for the year. Tickets can be purchased at VCAM or from any of the VCAM board of directors. Be on the lookout for various locations or events where we will have a table set up to sell tickets. You can even purchase tickets via the scan code below or go to our website. Top prize is \$1,000 worth of H-E-B gift cards. Raffle drawing is Friday, Oct. 9 at 12noon.

Blessings...*Marc*

Clients come on a once-a-month basis, while our homeless population is served on a daily basis.

All services are provided free.

Please continue to refer those who require our services to VCAM & please continue to support.

"Providing hope when things seem hopeless..."



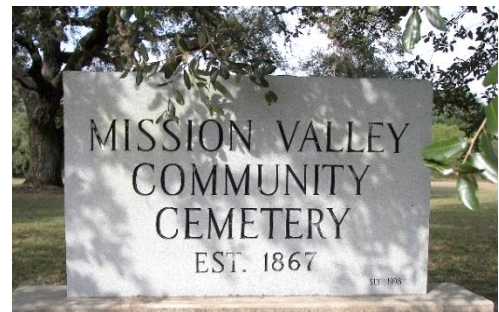
Martin Luther Lutheran Church 46th Annual Bazaar on September 26th and Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Meyersville Fall Festival on September 27th. **See flyers on bulletin boards for more information.**



WE'RE ON
FACEBOOK!

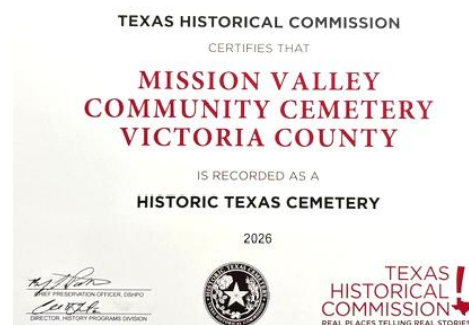
Entire Service on: Zion's Facebook page
<http://www.facebook.com/zionmissionvalley/>

*******We are trying to "boost" our social media (Facebook) and internet presence. If you are a Facebook user, go ahead and give us a "Like" at facebook.com/ZionMissionValley. We are posting several times a week with various memes, quotes, Q&A, and interesting articles. "Like" and share what you see, whether it's Sunday's service or a goofy meme! Also, be sure to click on the church webpage, <https://zionlutheranmv.org/> and let it load up. You don't even have to read it! It drives the algorithms to keep us closer to the top when people do searches for churches in the Victoria area.**



News release

Mission Valley Community Cemetery has recently been designated a Historic Texas Cemetery by the Texas Historical Commission. This distinction means the cemetery has been legally recorded through the THC's Cemetery Preservation Program, an important step in ensuring its preservation. This cemetery is an important key in the history of Victoria County, Texas. In the future we hope to achieve a historical marker for this site.





ERRORS AND/OR OMISSIONS

The Messenger Staff wants to correct any errors and/or omissions. Please let the church office know promptly.

REST FOR THE SOUL



Studies show many Americans don't get enough sleep, and the effects can take a toll on both body and mind. Whether it's a packed schedule or restless nights, a

lack of rest makes it harder to think clearly, stay focused and care for our overall well-being. Over time, that constant fatigue begins to wear us down.

Our spiritual lives follow a similar rhythm. When we rush from one task to the next without pausing to spend time with God, we can feel just as drained. We need consistent, quiet moments with Him to stay grounded, encouraged and strong in our faith.

Even Jesus made space for this kind of rest. Luke 5:16 tells us that He often withdrew to quiet places to pray. If He needed that time with the Father, how much more do we? When we step away from the noise and listen for God's voice, we find the renewal our souls have been longing for.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



BREAD — One of the oldest and most familiar foods, bread carries deep meaning throughout Scripture. In the

Old Testament, God provided manna, or "bread from heaven," to sustain His people in the wilderness. In the New Testament, Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35), pointing to himself as the true source of spiritual nourishment. Bread also holds a central place in the Lord's Supper, where it represents Christ's body, given for us. Simple and sustaining, bread has become a lasting symbol of God's provision, Christ's presence, and the shared fellowship of believers.



LABOR DAY: HONORING WORK AND REST

Labor Day gives us an opportunity to honor the work of our hands and the many ways people serve their families, churches and communities. As we pause from our usual routines, may we give thanks for meaningful work, remember those seeking employment and receive God's gift of renewing rest.

FYI

CHURCH CONTACTS

Sunday School – Board of Education/Youth
Lutheran Youth Fellowship – Board of Education/Youth
Altar Guild, Pauline Janak
Blood Drive, Church Office
Leaders Of Compassion, Eva Cooke
Judy Faulkner
Ladles of Love, Sherilyn Arnecke
Library, Sherita Miller
Memorials, Seda Weaver
LWML President, Michelle Wendel
Esther, Iris Heller
Ladies Aid, Eva Cooke
Rebecca/Ruth, Debbie Meyer
Worship/Music Bd., Hilbert Nagel
Church Secretary, Seda Weaver
Sound System, David Miller
Kitchen Cartel, Darla Sifford
Board of Elders, David Miller
Board of Trustees, Pauline Janak
Board of Outreach, Judy Faulkner
Board of Education/Youth, Jacki Cooke
Candice Clay
Board of Fellowship, Priscilla Dornburg
Security & Safety, David Pribyl

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

President, Pat Zmeskal
Vice-Pres., Pauline Janak
Secretary, Terry Depine
Treasurer, Seda Weaver
Financial Sec, Teresa Boswell
Elder, David Miller
Elder, David Pribyl