

*They baked cakes of unleavened bread. For it had not become leavened,
since they were driven out of Egypt and could not delay.*

-Exodus: 12:39

Good Tidings Zion Members!

This Lenten season, our series on Wednesday night has been “Lent: what feeds you,” a slightly ironic title as traditionally during let we fast from something, to redirect that attention go God and how we can better follow Jesus.

Do you ever ask yourself this question, “What truly feeds me?” What makes you feel alive as God created you to be?

Every so often, I will make a list of items, goals, or aspirations that I know making time for them gives me life. And if I make a list and it's obvious that I'm checking nothing off of it, I know I need to figure out where to find time.

But there's a balance, because life comes with endless to-do lists right? So do we really need one more? But finding time to fill yourself in the ways God created you to find life, helps with all the other aspects in life.

One of the things I like to do is to cook.

And there can be such meaning and memory in different foods. Not necessarily all the day-to-day staples, but the celebratory foods. Maybe foods that we'll think about making for Easter or Christmas.

What are the foods that can take you back, keeping you connected to people who have long passed into God's care?

As a Norwegian Lutheran, we joke about Lutfisk because it is kind of funny, but it always takes me back to my grandma's table, and my Grandpa always thinking that he needed to put more Lutfisk my plate! Food can connect us together, which has it's roots in scripture too.

The Lord's Supper, that we call communion, literally connects us to Jesus in this holy sacrament, and not only do we commune with Jesus, but one another, around a table, where everyone is welcome.

And for Jesus, 2000 years ago, that meal connected him to his Hebrew ancestors in Egypt, the Passover, the unleavened bread, and the freedom that was achieved by God through Moses. For Jesus in this holy meal, instituting communion, the holy sacrament, helps give us the same thing, freedom, only the freedom from Sin and it's power.

But here's the thing; let's say you make that list I mentioned earlier, and you're nowhere near where you want to be. Part of what Jesus' sacrament was for, was to let you know that you are still loved and valued, right now where you are... even just as much as you will be, if you accomplished all those goals.

So again, it's this balance.

God loves you now. God also wants you to experience abundant life in Him and these specific ways of living, the ways of Jesus, that help us see the world, (and ourselves!) So much differently. May you feel Blessed by God this Season of Lent, as get closer to Holy week, the devastation of the Cross, and the victory in the Resurrection of Jesus. This one who said “in the world you will have trouble, but take heart, for I have overcome the world.” May these words of Christ help fill you this Lenten Season.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday- **6:00pm**

Good Friday- **6:00pm**

Easter Sunday- **9am** & Sunday School @ **10am**

In God's Grip of Grace ><>

Pastor Joe

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Zion Lutheran Church, Galesville WI Updated Communication Policy

Zion Lutheran is an inclusive faith community committed to sincere hospitality and dedicated to love Jesus, grow in faith and to serve our neighbor.

Members of this congregation strive to treat each other with love and respect despite differences. To that end we covenant together to follow the guidelines outlined below:

1. Concerns or complaints:

- regarding other members: the individual goes to the person involved first. If there is no resolution, then they take the issue to the Pastor.

- regarding staff members: go to them first. If no response, then speak to the Pastor and 2 or more officers at the same time. **If there is no resolution the issue may be taken to the council.**

- regarding the pastor: speak to the pastor first. If there is no resolution speak to the pastor and 2 or more officers at the same time. If there is no resolution, the issue will be taken to the council. If there is no resolution, the council will contact the bishop for assistance.

- In the event of continuing issues, we follow the procedures outlined in our constitution.

2. Phone calls:

- office: messages left on the office phone will be answered in a timely manner.

For emergencies contact the pastor. If you do not receive a response to your non-emergency message in a timely manner, leave a second message.

- the pastor's phone will be answered if possible unless on vacation. Texts or messages will be answered within 24 hours or on the next business day. Emergencies will be addressed immediately.

- if the pastor is on vacation contact the pastor on call; the name and phone number will be on the church answering machine.

3. Emails will be answered in a timely manner. If there is no response, please call.

4. Questions and concerns can be written on the back of a communion card or on paper and placed in the office or offering plates. Written concerns that are not signed will not be addressed.

Adopted by Zion Council 10/17/2023.

February Reports

Attendance & Giving Reports

Sun., February 4	51 people
Sun., February 11	58 people
Sun., February 18	55 people
Sun., February 25	53 People

Please include in your prayers those of our Zion family who reside in extended care facilities in the area.

- Arvid Evenson
- Anna Marie Brudos
- Donald Bautch
- Bob Lakey



Welcome to our New Council Members!

Effective after the Annual Meeting, February 11th, 2024, the following people joined Zion's church council:

Marilynn Braunreiter —Financial Secretary

Carmen Nuland — Vice President

Gary Meunier — Property and Grounds

Bonnie Jacobs — Outreach Chair

Thank you for all that you do to support the ministries and vitality of Zion church!

Greetings From Acting Council President Carmen Nuland

Greetings! It is with immense gratitude that I accept the role of Council Vice-President. Your trust and support mean the world to me, and I am deeply humbled by this opportunity to serve our community alongside all of you.

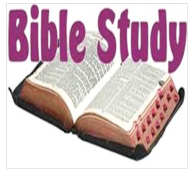
As we embark on this journey together, I am constantly reminded of our beautiful mission: to **love Jesus, grow in faith, and serve our neighbors**. These words are not just a motto; they are the very essence of who we are, the guiding light for all our endeavors.

I believe that by living out this mission, we can build a world filled with more light, more love, and more compassion. It is a journey we will take together, and I am excited to see what we can achieve with the collective strength of our faith and the unwavering dedication of our community.

Thank you once again for your trust. Please know that my door is always open, and I am here to listen, collaborate, and serve. Together, let us continue to flourish personally and as a congregation in the years to come.

Warmly, Carmen

March Bulletin Board



Join us in the Fireside Room
Following the
Sunday worship
service for Bible Study
at 10 a.m.

Women of the ELCA 

Bible Study March 21st at 1:00pm in the
Fireside Room.

Holy Week at Zion!

Wednesday, March 27th: Confirmation, **no evening worship**

Thursday, March 28th: Maundy Thursday Worship 6:00pm

Friday, March 29th: Good Friday worship 6:00pm

Sunday, March 31st: Easter Sunday Worship 9:00am

Lent at Zion!

Join us for dinner at **5:15pm** and
Lenten worship services at **6:00pm**
Wednesday nights during Lent.

From the Outreach Committee:

**Please donate any old Christmas
cards, Valentine or Easter cards.**

We will collect until **May 1st**. We will use
them for messages in our Operation
Christmas Child boxes next Fall.

**Thank you Mary Mckeeth
for passing on a great idea!**

Please just donate the
cover of the card and
only donate those that
would seem appropriate
for the shoeboxes.

There will be box in the
Narthex to collect them.



Got Soap?

W-ELCA is
looking for donations of soap bars;
preferably Ivory Soap or other mild
soaps.

They will be used
for the baby kits
and care kits.

Any soap donations
can be left in the
church office.



Cookies for LuMin

Zion members are you up for a challenge?

Get your ovens ready!

We have signed up to provide 400 cookies
(34 dozen) for the campus ministry at UWL.
We did this last year too! What a great way
to reach out to UWL students. We will have
sign up sheets starting Sunday and on the
Narthex table until we have enough
cookies!

Directions for packaging and drop off date to
follow closer to our drop off date.

Contact **Lori N** with questions
608-865-0630.



Zion Outreach

Galesville MomCo Thrift Sale!

Saturday, April 6th 7am-2pm

Zion Lutheran Church
20335 W Gale Ave
Galesville, WI



Item Donations Accepted

See Website for details

zziongale.com/GalesvillesMomCo.html

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

HAPPY
Anniversary

Jeffrey Osborn	3/2
Richard Sacia	3/2
Beth Osborn	3/3
Rick Nemitz	3/4
Hannah Trim	3/4
Karla Anderson	3/5
Jerald Joanis	3/5
Juan Flury	3/6
Emma Schindler	3/6
Naurine Schroeder	3/9
Eric Johnson	3/13
Kathryn Craney	3/15
Tammy Neitzel	3/15
Jennifer Hess	3/16
Daniel Schuld	3/19
LaVonne Prudlick	3/20
Dennis Jacobs	3/21
Jenna McCutchen	3/23
Laura Oanes	3/25
Judy Olson	3/25
Ardelle Williamson	3/25
Donna Lamke	3/26
Ed Trim	3/26
Marjorie Jacobs	3/27
Jeremy Nelson	3/28
Perry Trim	3/29
Paula Dostal	3/30
Kathy Filkouski	3/31

Randy & Lori Nastvold
March 11th

Colin & Debbie Stenberg
March 21st

**Benjamin &
Brittany Henderson**
March 28th

Richard & Charlene Sacia
March 29th

Did we forget someone?

If you do not see your birthday or anniversary date in the Tidings, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

Thank you.

Zion Lutheran Congregation Council Minutes

January 16th, 2024

Present: Lori Meinking, president; Kathy Meunier, Secretary; Sheryl Arms, Treasurer; Karen Weltzien, Social Concerns; Beth Meunier, Music and Worship; Pastor Joe Iverson. Abby Braunreiter, Youth; Joe Roehl, Financial Secretary, and Judy Roehl, Outreach were present via video/phone chat. Abby left the meeting at 7:21 PM.

Absent: Louise Janke, Membership and Shepherding; Dave Nuland, Property and Grounds.

The meeting was called to order by President Lori Meinking at 6:34pm.

Devotions and prayer were led by Pastor Joe.

Lori Meinking made a motion to approve the December Council minutes; the motion was seconded and passed. Kathy Meunier made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; the motion was seconded and passed.

Old Business:

Kitchen remodel update- suggestion was made to the council that a kitchen planner be consulted. Lori Meinking will facilitate this and have plans discussed with Marilyn Reedy, representatives from WELCA, the summer food program and building and grounds members.

Information regarding the synod symposium for officers and council members was shared.

New business:

Council members on call while Pastor Joe is gone January 23-26 will be Kathy Meunier and Karen Weltzien.

Lenten service will begin February 14th. Soup suppers will be offered provided by various members with free will offering to go the kitchen remodeling project. Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) requests to have a rummage sale in the Fellowship Hall on April 6th with 80 % of the proceeds to go to MOPS expenses, 10% to the kitchen improvement project, and 10% to go to the Summer Lunch Program. They also asked that a bake sale be held; this will be offered first to Zion WELCA; if they are not interested, the opportunity for a local Lutheran Church to have it as a fund raiser for the Youth Gathering this summer would be offered. (Zion has no students interested in attending). Motion was made by Lori Meinking to approve the thrift sale and bake sale; motion was seconded and approved. Set up will begin no earlier than 1 PM on the Tuesday prior to the event and all unsold items are to be removed that day.

Council minutes continued on following page

The proposed 2024 budget which was prepared by the Finance Committee was reviewed. Kathy Meunier made the motion to approve it for presentation at the annual meeting where it is voted on for final approval. Motion was seconded and approved.

The Finance committee requests clarification of our tithing practices- is our tithe (goes to the Synod) to be on general offering or on all monies that come into Zion. It has taken several years to reach our goal, set 6 or 7 years ago by the council, of tithing (10%) on the general fund. A lengthy discussion followed. Kathy Meunier made a motion that our tithe for 2024 be 11% on general fund /offerings. Motion was seconded and passed.

The question of whether Zion could sponsor a Red Cross blood drive was posed. Lori Meinking will check into this.

Information and reports:

Pastor Joe's report included that he visited 6 members in the last month; confirmation will resume this week. Custodian position has been posted on Facebook.

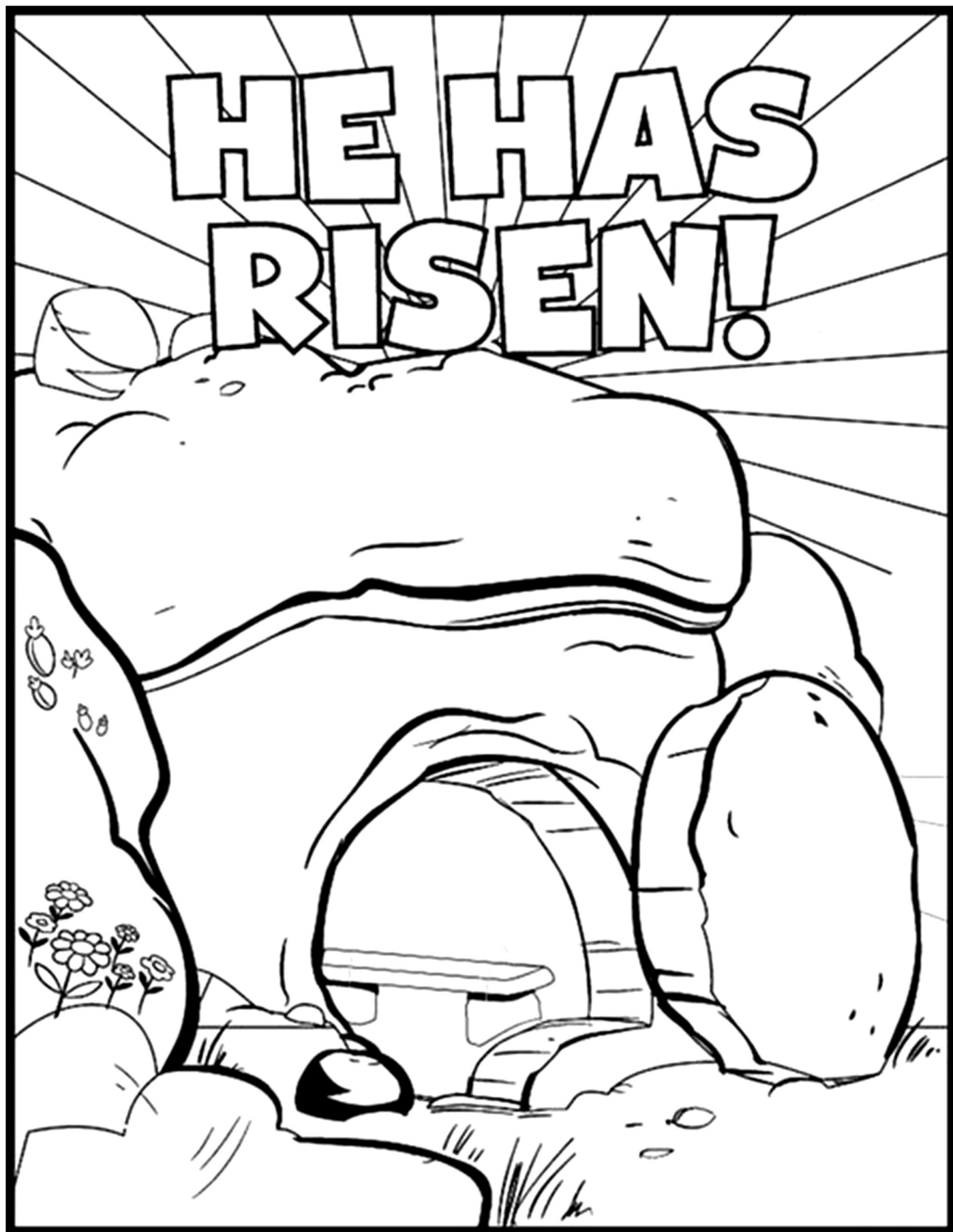
Beth Meunier, Music and Worship expressed thanks to the officers and council members who will be finished with their terms after the annual meeting for their excellent service: Dave Nuland, Lori Meinking, Judy Roehl, and Joe Roehl.

Recent MOPS activities included speakers on the Christmas story from the viewpoint of a mother and a canvas painting class. They request our prayers as they bring in the Gospel whenever visiting with the other moms.

The next meeting will be February 20, 2024

Motion to adjourn was made by Karen Weltzien. It was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at with the Lord's Prayer at 8:31.
Kathy Meunier, Council Secretary

Color me! :)





Sunday School Month of February:

For more information contact: Kristy Braunreiter 608.386.4394 or church office.

Reasons to attend Sunday School:

- >To learn about God and the Bible
- >To develop your faith and equip you to help others
- >To meet and connect with other Christians
- >To have fun and enjoy creative activities
- >To share and receive prayer and support
- >To strengthen the church and encourage others to attend

Our Sunday School members have been hard at work making Kindness Rocks. If you see one hidden or in plain sight, IT'S YOURS! Look at the design or/and read the message and please know that every rock was created with love by the children of our congregation. Pass the message on to others for inspiration and spirituality growth.

The children of Zion are learning and growing in their faith every week. It makes my week to see their smiles and hear their laughter.



We have started a "define that word from the Bible" activity. Each week the kids pick one word from our card deck, we define it and if appropriate find it in the church. Some words in the bible can be confusing or complex and this activity helps our little ones visualize, practice, and touch to increase retention. Our first word was Baptismal Font, which was a great way to explore the church. Wow! As we sat next to the font the questions and discussion from these little ones was FANTASTIC. They want to learn, and when presented with the opportunity they can thrive and absorb so many things.



Last week it was advised by a little one, that if I brought them to the park to play every Sunday that I would be their favorite person in the world. While the offer was tempting, I was able to make a compromise. So, if you see us on the playground, please know we are doing our lesson with a little play included!

March Serving Schedule

Date	Ushers / Greeters	Organist/Pianist	Communion Server
<u>March 3</u> 9:00 am	Harry & Louise Janke	Selisa Erickson	Donna Evenson
<u>March 10</u> 9:00 am	U: Sherry & Mike Brady G: Laurie & Linda Dale	Nancy Martinovici	Carmen Nuland
<u>March 17</u> 9:00 am	Nuland Family	Selisa Erickson	Joan Burken
<u>March 24</u> 9:00 am	Earl Trim & Lori Nastvold	Nancy Martinovici	Barb Longwell
<u>March 31</u> 9:00 am	Wayne Meunier & Arlene Severson	Kathy Meunier	Arlene Severson

Date	Lectors	Offering Counters	Coffee Fellowship
<u>March 3</u> 9:00 am	Donna Evenson	Mary McKeeth & Joe Roehl	Lori and Randy Nastvold
<u>March 10</u> 9:00 am	Brianna and Mary Iverson	Mary McKeeth & Joe Roehl	Donna and Kevin Evenson
<u>March 17</u> 9:00 am	Joan Burken	Mary McKeeth & Joe Roehl	Marge Dornquast & Jean Mahutga
<u>March 24</u> 9:00 am	Lori Nastvold	Mary McKeeth & Joe Roehl	Palm Sunday Brunch
<u>March 31</u> 9:00 am	Arlene Severson	Mary McKeeth & Joe Roehl	Nuland Family

Communion: Linda & Laurie Dale **Candle Care:** Dave Nuland

Pianists for Wednesday Night Lenten Services:

March 6th: Selisa Erickson

March 13th: Selisa Erickson

March 20th: Kathy Meunier

Please consider sharing flowers for our worship services. A signup list is on the table in the Narthex near the volunteer signup sheet for you to note if and when you would like to bring flowers to add beauty for our services. If flowers are for a special occasion, please note that on the signup sheet.

Volunteers needed to serve as a greeter/usher, lector, or for other worship service tasks, please sign up on the sheet that is on a clip board in the Narthex.

**SIGN
UP
TODAY!**

March 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Sunday School 4:00 pm Small group	4	5 9:00 am Quilting / FS Hall 9:30 am Pastor's meeting / Fireside room	6 8:30am - noon MOPS meeting 5:15 Lenten Supper & Confirmation 6:00 Lenten Worship	7	8	9
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24 9:00 am Worship 10:00 Sunday School 4:00 pm Small group Palm Sunday Brunch	25	26 9:00 am Quilting / FS Hall 9:30 am Pastor's meeting / Fireside room	27 8:30am - noon MOPS meeting Confirmation	28 Tidings crew Maundy Thursday Worship 6:00pm	29 Good Friday Worship 6:00pm	30
31 9:00am Easter Worship 10:00 Sunday School 4:00 pm Small group						



**WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

Sunday 9:00am
Wednesday 6:36pm

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Contact Information
Church office

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Open 9:00 am to 2:00 pm,
Monday-Thursday

e-mail: zziongale@gmail.com

Pastoral emergency:

Pastor Joe Iverson

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