

April 26, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As part of the transition process in calling a new permanent pastor to Zion Lutheran Church, we are updating our membership information and need your help. Over the past two years, due to COVID, we feel like we are disconnected from one another. By having current household information, we will be better able to stay connected and communicate with each other. Please take the time to complete the membership form for members of your household.

On Sunday, June 5, which is Pentecost and the Birthday of the Church, we will renew our membership and commitment to fully participating in the body of Christ and the mission and ministry that Jesus has called us into as Zion Lutheran Church. **Please note that worship will be at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 5.** We will have a celebration and summer kick-off picnic following worship with a potluck and activities for all ages.

The enclosed membership form will help us input your current information into our membership database and ensure that you stay connected with the Zion Lutheran congregation. **This form in addition to being mailed is also being sent as a fillable PDF through the Weekly Monday email and will be on the homepage of the church website.** Additional forms are available at the information table by the church office and in the Narthex/Lobby by the sanctuary. Please fill out each portion as completely as possible. Completed forms will help us have an accurate accounting of Zion's membership numbers and how each individual would like to be recognized as part of our church community.

The form is put together in two major sections. The first part is the mailing address for the entire household. The second section is to be filled out for each member of your household, as this information will often be unique to the individual. There is space to include five household members living at the same physical location. If your family is larger, simply submit additional copies of the form as needed. If you have adult children living on their own or want the church to be notified of their college or military address, or would like to be included in their own household (even though at same physical location), please have them complete a separate form. Also, if your adult child(ren) has moved away and is attending their own church, please have them contact the church office in writing by email or by mailed letter to remove them from membership. This does not preclude them from weddings, baptisms, funerals, or other pastoral acts.

On the reverse side of this page, there is a list of the constitutionally-defined membership requirements and descriptions for your information.

In order to update Zion's records in a timely manner, we would appreciate your response to this form by Sunday, May 15, 2022. Forms can be dropped off in the church office, mailed to the church, or emailed to office@zionlc.com.

With grateful hearts,
The Zion Evangelism Team

Chapter 8.

MEMBERSHIP

*C8.01. Members of this congregation shall be those baptized persons on the roll of this congregation at the time that this constitution is adopted and those who are admitted thereafter and who have declared and maintain their membership in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws.

*C8.02. Members shall be classified as follows:

a. Baptized members are those persons who have been received by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in this congregation, or, having been previously baptized in the name of the Triune God, have been received by certificate of transfer from other Lutheran congregations or by affirmation of faith.

b. Confirmed members are baptized persons who have been confirmed in this congregation, those who have been received by adult baptism or by transfer as confirmed members from other Lutheran congregations, or baptized persons received by affirmation of faith.

c. Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of this congregation as well as the other rights and privileges ascribed to voting members by the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws. They shall not have voted as a seasonal member of another congregation of this church in the previous two calendar months.

d. Associate members are persons holding membership in other ELCA congregations who wish to retain such membership but desire to participate in the life and mission of this congregation. These individuals have all the privileges and duties of membership except voting rights or other rights and privileges ascribed to voting members by the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws.

e. Seasonal members are voting members of other congregations of this church who wish to retain such membership but desire to participate in the life and mission of this congregation, including exercising limited voting rights in this congregation. The Congregation Council may grant seasonal membership to such persons provided that this congregation is a member of a synod where the Synod Council has approved seasonal member voting on its territory. Such seasonal members shall have all the privileges and duties of voting members except that:

- 1) they shall not be eligible for elected office in, or for membership on the Congregation Council or on a call committee of, this congregation;
- 2) they shall not have the right to vote on any matter concerning or affecting the call or termination of call of any minister of this congregation;
- 3) they shall not have the right to vote on any matter concerning or affecting the affiliation of this congregation with this church;
- 4) they shall not be eligible to serve as voting members from this congregation of the Synod Assembly or the Churchwide Assembly;
- 5) they shall not, even if otherwise permitted by this congregation, vote by proxy or by absentee ballot; and
- 6) they shall not, within any two calendar month period, exercise voting rights in this congregation and in this congregation where they remain voting members.

Zion Lutheran Church

Membership and Contact Information Form

Family Name: _____

(Please include street, PO Box, city, state, zip code)

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Seasonal Address: _____

Our family would like to receive the monthly newsletter and other church

correspondence by: Email (includes weekly email update) USPS Mail

Our family is related to the following Zion members (please list type of relation):

Family Member 2 continued:

First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Last Name (if different than above) _____

Nickname _____

Martial Status _____ Gender _____

Cell Phone _____ Landline Phone _____

Email _____

Birth Date _____ Baptismal Date _____

Confirmation Date _____ Anniversary Date _____

Grade _____ School _____

FAMILY MEMBER 3

Select One: Member Associate Member Seasonal Member
 Friend Community Member Remove from Membership

Select One (if applicable): Homebound In College
 In the Military Non-member Related to
 Zion Member

First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Last Name (if different than above) _____

Nickname _____

Martial Status _____ Gender _____

Cell Phone _____ Landline Phone _____

Email _____

Family Member 3 continued:

Birth Date: _____ Baptismal Date: _____

Confirmation Date _____ Anniversary Date _____

Grade _____ School _____

FAMILY MEMBER 4

Select One: Member Associate Member Seasonal Member
 Friend Community Member Remove from Membership

Select One (if applicable): Homebound In College
 In the Military Non-member Related to
 Zion Member

First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Last Name (if different than above) _____

Nickname _____

Martial Status _____ Gender _____

Cell Phone _____ Landline Phone _____

Email _____

Birth Date _____ Baptismal Date _____

Confirmation Date _____ Anniversary Date _____

Grade _____ School _____

FAMILY MEMBER 5

Select One: Member Associate Member Seasonal Member
 Friend Community Member Remove from Membership

Select One (if applicable): Homebound In College
 In the Military Non-member Related to
 Zion Member

First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Last Name (if different than above) _____

Nickname _____

Marital Status _____ Gender _____

Cell Phone _____ Landline Phone _____

Email _____

Birth Date _____ Baptismal Date _____

Confirmation Date _____ Anniversary Date _____

Grade _____ School _____

Please use an additional form for more family members living in your household.

Use a separate form for family members living in different households.

Return to Zion Lutheran Church Office by Sunday, May 15, 2022.

Thank you.