

**Ziegels Lutheran Congregation  
Newsletter  
February 2019**

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**Entered Eternal Life**

Carolyn S. E. Smith entered life eternal on December 23, 2018 at the age of 89 years and 23 days. A service of thanksgiving for her life was held on December 28 at Ziegels Church. The internment was held at Ziegels Union Cemetery with Pastor Bruce Potteiger officiating. Please remember her family with your cards and prayers as they mourn her passing.

**We are still in need of two Council members for 2019. There is one three-year term and one two-year term open. If you are interested, please contact Lori or Kevin Taylor.**

**Let's Keep Our Information Up To Date!** As we begin this new year we want to remind you to keep information on Ziegels Lutheran records correct.

- If you move, please give us your new address to save postage costs to resend mailings such as your newsletter. Please note that a change of address on the giving envelopes can take two months to update since they are printed ahead of time.
- If you disconnect your land line or get a new cell phone number, please give it to us so we can connect to you if need be.
- If you get a new e-mail address, please give us an update so we can contact you through a group mailing about special events.

You can call Lori at the church office, 610-285-6157 or email [lori962@verizon.net](mailto:lori962@verizon.net).

**Ziegels Lutheran Church  
Operating Account 2018**

|             | Jan    | Feb    | Mar    | Apr    | May    | Jun    |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Income      | 17,894 | 14,158 | 14,756 | 24,828 | 14,377 | 15,931 |
| Expenses    | 17,848 | 16,495 | 16,906 | 16,925 | 22,909 | 17,941 |
| Net - Month | 46     | -2,336 | -2,150 | 7,904  | -8,531 | -2,010 |
| Net - Year  | 46     | -2,290 | -4,440 | 3,463  | -5,068 | -7,078 |

  

|             | Jul     | Aug     | Sep     | Oct     | Nov     | Dec    |
|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| Income      | 14,576  | 12,038  | 20,882  | 12,218  | 20,840  | 32,908 |
| Expenses    | 19,106  | 16,535  | 16,915  | 21,645  | 16,393  | 20,799 |
| Net - Month | -4,530  | -4,497  | 3,967   | -9,427  | 4,447   | 12,109 |
| Net - Year  | -11,608 | -16,105 | -12,138 | -21,566 | -17,118 | -5,009 |

Now that we have final figures for 2018, we have printed a chart version of the financial recapitulation for the past year. We had received a request to print the financial records after our November meeting, which is a very good idea. We will try to maintain the practice of printing the financial records as up to date as we can make them throughout the coming year. For now, we have the report for the year end, which we believe to be complete but has not yet been audited.

There are a few notes to be made with the chart. First, please note that, as with most years at Ziegels Lutheran, a quarter of our income is realized in the last two months of the year. (The total income for the year was about \$215,000; of which \$53,000 was given in November and December.) Second, and importantly, although we were behind by more than \$20,000 at the time of our financial meeting, in early November, we ended the year just \$5,000 in the red.

While there are variations from month to month and year to year, there are trends that are good to keep in mind. As with any Church, our income always lags when our attendance is lower – notably the Summer months. And our income is always better in the last two months of the year, and at Easter. While we are holding our own, we remember that our call to financial stewardship is not as much about the welfare of the congregation as it is about our grateful response to God our Creator.



Please remember the following people in your prayers.  
To add someone to our list of concerns,  
call the church office at 610-285-6157.

***Our Members and Friends (Lutheran List):***

**Renee** Miller  
**Sterling** Peter  
**Carol** Merkle  
**Marlene** Evangelista  
**Beth** Harwick  
**Lee** Merkel  
**Paul** Ruch  
**Ray** Hausman  
**Joyce** Schrammel  
**Shirley** Raubenhold  
**Marsteller** Family  
**Michele** Quier  
**Mildred** Gehringer  
**Megan** Koch  
**Maynard** Koplín  
**Linda** Folck

**Mike** Moyer  
**Deb** Ginder  
**Luella** Kocher  
**Nancy** Kleinsmith  
**Dayton** Ritter  
  
**Lorraine** Miller  
**Zach**  
**Tammy** Grove  
**Leyla** Rae  
**Porter** Lilley  
**Samantha** Missmer  
**Jeffrey** Miller  
**Brett** Snyder  
**Jessica** Williamson  
**Sonny** Purugganan  
**Gloria** Beers  
**Terry** Kearney  
**James** Ferguson

**Dorothy** Geiger  
**Bob** Snyder  
**Colleen** and baby  
**Tom** Kale  
**Sherwood** Hoffman

**Military Members:**  
**Nick** Millward  
**Greg** Meckes  
**Chris** Owens  
**Ben** Beitler  
**Luke** Frisch  
**Garth** Ritter  
**Scott** Esterly  
**Dale** Host  
**Will** Lopez

**Thank you** to the following people who assisted with our worship services in December:

- Head Usher – Terry Oplinger
- Worship Assistants – Lori Brawn, KellyAnn Purugganan, Kelly Lucarelli
- Lay Readers – Kelly Lucarelli, Joyce Najarian, Carley Schopf, Dave Grillo and Ralph Wilhide
- Mixing Board Operators – Jeff Quay, Dave Frey, Kim Lapp, Andy Schopf, Ralph Wilhide

**Sponsors Are Needed!**

Can you help by sponsoring one of the following? It’s a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one.

- **Altar Flowers and Piano Vases** – Contact Gloria Hausman at 610-285-6741.
- **Bulletins** – Cost is \$18 per week. Contact Sandy Rothermel at 610-966-0712 or [Sandyravon@aol.com](mailto:Sandyravon@aol.com)
- **Website (\$30.00)** – June, August and December 2019
- **Lutheran Newsletter** (\$40) - June 2019
- If you would like to sponsor you may call Lori for help.

**Mailbag**

We are so very grateful to our Congregation for the cards, cookies, candy, and the gift cards we received this Christmas Season. We are blessed and thankful for the wonderful support you provide for us. Have a very blessed New Year ! Pastor Andy and Lori

**Lutheran Council Meeting**

Lutheran Council meeting was held on Monday, January 14:

- Kevin Taylor updated the Call Committee Report
- Two people are still needed for Lutheran Council
- Audit Committee, Head Usher Signups and Lenten Soup Meals were discussed.

The next Lutheran Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.