The Messenger, April 2024

LADIES DEPARTMENT



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Women ín Míssíon - Zíon Lutheran Míssíon Valley



Bible Study times each month....

Esther Circle-2nd Tuesday of the Month-9 am Ladies Aid-1st Thursday of the Month-2 pm Rebecca/Ruth Circle-1st 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, March 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for its regular monthly meeting. Present were Darla Sifford, Bettye Pribyl, Cass Martignoni, Eva Cooke, Kay Lagal, Darlette Mathisen, Carolyn Seifert, Michelle Wendel, Iris Heller, Barbara Schmidt, Priscilla Dornburg, Shirley Gisler, Judy Faulkner and Sherilyn Arnecke. **Hostesses** were Cass & Kay. **Bible Study** was from *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, Winter*, 2023, led by Barbara.

Business: Sewing will be March 19; Esther will serve Lenten meal on March 13 consisting of Chili/Frito Pie with cornbread, crackers and desserts. Spring Rally will be March 16 in Pattison, Texas. Esther members are helping with the Easter Breakfast on March 31. Breakfast Casseroles will be served. Campers are serving Hot Dogs on March 17. Altar Guild Clean-Up has been changed to April 6. Webel Shower will be March 23. Reinecke Shower will be a Gift Basket on April 7. MV BBQ Chickens will be April 6. LWML Retreat will be at Spiritual Renewal Center on April 12. **District Convention** will be June 13-15 in Corpus. **Lap Quilts** are due for convention in April. Sherilyn brought up the **Picnic** and the fact there were no volunteers to date. After discussion, it was decided that she and Priscilla would chair the Picnic with help from church members. A tentative date of April 21 was set. **Offering:** \$119.00. **Cards** were sent to members of the Woytasczyk/Gisler Family and Donna Schultheiss.

April meeting will be held Tuesday, April 9, 2024. All ladies of Zion are welcome to share in food, fellowship and the Lord's Word on the second Tuesday of each month!

Sherilyn Arnecke, Secretary/Treasurer

REBECCA/RUTH CIRCLE

The Rebecca/Ruth Circle met on Monday, March 4th at 10am in Multi-purpose room at Zion. There were 7 in attendance: Denise Afflerbach, Sheron Alex, Sherri Bluhm, Gloria Buchhorn, Pat Harper, Peggy Lee and Seda Weaver.

Sherri was the Bible leader on "Where Is Your Treasure?" from Lutheran Woman Quarterly Winter magazine.

In the absence of Debbie Meyer, chairperson, Sherri led the **Business Meeting**. We had Ladles of Love on March 2nd and served meals to 11. We were reminded of: Change in Altar Guild Cleanup to Saturday, April 6th at 8:30am; LWML Spring Rally in Pattison on March 16th; Books on table in Library from Gerry Hornstein to take; and Ladies' Day Trip on March 9th to Crossroads Art Center. We discussed the Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 20th that we are serving. We are having spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and desserts.

Cards were sent.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer and those in need. Our next meeting will be **Monday, April 8th** at 10am. (Notice of change of date instead of first Monday to second. The reason of not first Monday is because it is the day after Easter). Our Bible Study will be "Five Stones for Service" on pg. 22 in the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Winter magazine. Denise will be Bible leader. All women are invited to our meetings. We would like to have you join us for Bible Study and fellowship.

Seda Weaver

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LADIES AID

Ladies Aid met on Thursday, March 7th, at 2pm. Three ladies attended, Winona Klacman, Barbara Schmidt and Eva Cooke. Barbara was Bible leader, and the study was "Five Stones for Service". Winona was hostess and Barbara brought a cake.

Sent cards to Holly Corey (Get Well) and sympathy cards to Gail Woytasczyk, Cheryl Gisler and Curtis Gisler.

Ladies Aid will meet again on Thursday, April 4th at 2pm.



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 **April**, LWML is collecting **Washcloths for the homeless.** 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 February, 60 pkgs. of Instant Potatoes were collected for VCAM!



LADLES OF LOVE

Adult Sunday School Class is in charge of Ladles of Love in April. If you would like to participate in a group or form your own group, please talk to Sherilyn Arnecke.

Sherilyn Arnecke, Chairperson



Sewing Day was on March 19th at 9am with Judy Faulkner, Irene Heinold, Sherilyn Arnecke, Darlette Mathisen, Shelley Sharp, Kay Lagal, Darla Sifford and Eva Cooke attending. We got 3 more of the lap quilts put together for the convention in Corpus. We also picked out the material for the 1 graduate quilt that we need by May. For the picnic at the Silent Auction, we picked out material for 2 lap quilts and 1 larger quilt. Thank you for all the help each month.

Our next Sewing Day will be **Tuesday, March 19**th, at 9am in the multi-Purpose Room.

Eva Cooke & Kay Lagal, Chairpersons



The LWML General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 23rd**, at **6:45pm**. This organization is for all women of Zion, providing spiritual growth and instrumental on giving an insight, through God's Grace and to His Glory, of the good work that is accomplished for the Church and beyond. Please consider joining us.



Our speaker will be Linda Palmer, Executive Director of the Gabriel Project of the Crossroads which serve women experiencing crisis pregnancies. **See insert** to learn more about the Gabriel Project. There will be a box in the Narthex to collect items. **Deadline April 21st**.

Please make plans to attend and **bring your Mite Offering**. Hostess will be Esther Circle and Rebecca/Ruth Circle will have the devotions.



LWML TX DISTRICT CONVENTION

The LWML Texas District 43rd Biennial Convention will be June 13-15 in Corpus Christi at the Omni Hotel. The theme of convention "*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works* (Hebrews 10:23–24)".

The registration is opened. Blocked rooms are \$149 plus tax per night and is good for one to four persons per room. All meals are secured with registration only. On Friday & Saturday mornings a full breakfast buffet is available at a cost of \$20 each. A boxed lunch will be available Thursday and Friday for \$15 each.

Our zone, Mid-Coast Zone, is sharing in hosting this event. Volunteers are needed. See Darla Sifford for more information and forms to fill out. **Deadline to register is May 31st.**

YOUTH DEPARTMENT



LITTLE DISCIPLES PROGRAM

The Little Disciples program, scheduled for March 3, is on hold until August. A combination of things, including Pastor's Call to Amarillo, derailed our plans to launch in March. We are looking forward to starting this for our kids! We are also looking at some summer family activities. Watch & listen for further details and updates. See Megan Meyer if you are curious about Little Disciples or these summer ideas!





thankyou





l-r: Elizabeth Clay, Karoline Rowlands, Reagan Campbell

Johnathan Clay, Ann Heller

l-r: Emmy Heller, Olivia Heller, Keeleigh Cooke, Korgen Ramirez

The campers thank you for supporting them at the Hot Dog Fundraiser

March 17th after church. Money is needed to send them to Camp Lone Star on June 9-14th. They raised \$506.00; expenses were \$90.30, with a profit of \$415.70.



Mark your calendar! Date has been changed. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for <u>June 2-6.</u> Join us for *A Summer Camp Adventure with God* at Camp Firelight where we will focus on *Psalm* 56:3 "When I'm afraid I will put my trust in you." We are seeking volunteers. Please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex. If you have any questions, please see Laura Meyer or someone on the Board of Education.

See flyer.





CONGRATULATIONS!!

Korgen Ramirez was crowned 2024 Junior Queen Victoria of the Victoria County Livestock Show. She is 11 years old and attends Cade Middle School. She is the daughter of Robert and Kimberly Ramirez.



Drake Brannan's, 3rd grader, Science Fair Project, "CLEAN CENTS", at Mission Valley School won BEST OF SHOW among 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders! What solution best cleans pennies and hot sauce effectively cleans dirty pennies from 1981 and earlier because they were made of pure copper!! Drake loves science! Drake won a telescope and microscope! He is the son of Jennifer Henry and grandson of Ronny & Seda Weaver.



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.

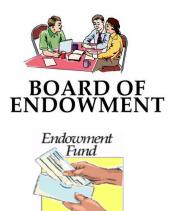
COMMITTEE NEWS



CHURCH WORSHIP SECURITY

Save the date! The Safety and Security Committee meets on the third Thursday every other month at 7pm. Our next meeting will be May 16th, in the Multi-Purpose room. Members of the congregation are urged to attend.

David Pribyl, Team Leader



The Endowment Fund Committee met on Sunday, February 18th, after church with Irene Heinold, Chairperson, Judy Faulkner, Taylee Lester and Marvin Janak, Council rep. We discussed how much money is available. **We decided to change the Endowment Grant from \$2,284.00 to \$2,000.** Endowment forms will be available from March 3rd – 31st to be filled in for funds wanted. We will meet after March 31st and dispense the available funds. Irene Heinold, Chairman



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Each year Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley awards one of our High School graduates a scholarship. Anyone who would like an application for the Bertha Arnold Scholarship, please contact the church office. **The application is due in the church office by May 12th.** Members of the Scholarship Committee are Irene Heinold, Chairperson; Taylee Lester; Judy Faulkner and Marvin Janak, Council rep.



Want to remind all ladies that on **Saturday, April** 6th, at 8:30am we will have our semi-annual Altar Guild clean up. Note date changed from March 23rd. This way we can check all pews for all the after Easter services. This should not take us long. Look forward to seeing everyone there. If that morning doesn't suit you, you can come at your convenience before that day, just tell me what you did so we won't overlap that project. Thanking you in advance.

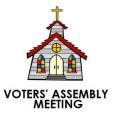
Pauline Janak, Chairperson

CONGREGATION NEWS

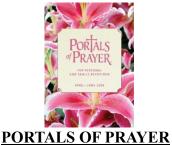


OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Jenell Gisler who passed away on March 11, 2024. She was the mother of Cheryl Gisler and Gail (Rick) Woytasczyk, Sr. She was, also, grandmother of Rick (Brittney) Woytasczyk, Jr., Candice (Jacky) Clay and C.J. (Rachael) Eaves and great-grandmother of Johnathan & Elizabeth Clay, and Kyle, Lance, Adalynn and Greyson Woytasczyk.



Zion's Voters' Assembly Meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 14th.** The meeting will be held immediately following the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. If anyone or organization would like to put something on the agenda, please let Council know.



April thru June small and large print Portals of Prayer are available on the magazine rack in the Narthex. First come, first serve, if you want one, please help yourself. If you know of anyone who needs one, please take them one.



Pastor will be starting a new, evening Bible class on Wednesday, April 10 at 7pm. If you're in the habit of coming for Lenten services, keep on coming! If you missed Lent, this is the opportunity to start a new habit! The topic will be determined by those who attend. We can do a book of the Bible, a topic, a doctrinal study, free Q&A ("I've always wondered about..."), or even a video-based series. We can even bring back the IMMERSE Bible reading program, if there is enough interest. I'm open to suggestions. (Note: Revelation and Daniel are out of consideration. Period.)





BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you, thank you!!!! Wow!! We set a new personal record since 2009! We had 17 donors at our Blood Drive March 3rd which impacted 51 lives. We received an email from South Texas Blood & Tissue congratulating us and thanking us for our support. Thanks again to all of the donors for stepping up & making a difference in many lives!

See letter.



BOOKS! BOOKS!

Gerry Hornstein's family have graciously donated her book collection to Zion Library and church members. There are extra study books, bibles and devotionals on the library table for you to take and enjoy, or share. PLEASE take as many as you like. Any books remaining after Palm Sunday will be donated.



THANK YOU

Dear Zion,

Thank all of you for your condolences. We appreciate all who share similar events in your lives. We are not alone. Your kindness in providing a family gathering with food was so nice. Can not thank all of you enough. The plant was beautiful.

The Webel Family



CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC

Yay!!! We have our Annual Zion Church Picnic coordinators, Sherilyn Arnecke & Priscilla Dornburg. Thank you!! It's that time of the year and the date is Sunday, April 21st, after church. Volunteers are needed. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex for volunteers and prizes. There will be live music from the Rusty Steins. There will be a Silent Auction, Country Store, Kids' Games, Bingo, Face Painting and a Manicure Booth! The meal will be catered by Werner's. We will have popcorn & snow cones!

We need donated items for Country Store, Games, Bingo prizes, kid prizes and Silent Auction. More plans are in the making with announcements. Watch Sunday bulletins for more info! Please volunteer your time to help this be the best Picnic ever!

Priscilla Dornburg & Sherilyn Arnecke, Co-Chairs

THANK YOU

To all members of Zion Lutheran, Thank you for all the prayers and the love and compassion you showed to me and my family in this terrible time of our loss of Acelynn. The Ivy plant will be a living tribute to her. It truly means so much to us.

Love, Lydia Homan

THANK YOU

Our family friend, Patricia Gonzales, received her double lung transplant in November 2023. She came home but got an infection (thankfully it was not a rejection) & went back to the hospital. She finally came home last week & is happy & continues to be thankful for all the prayers from the members of Zion Lutheran Church. And we, as her longtime friends of 30 years, are thankful also. She still has a long way for healing & continues her faith in God with her positive & optimistic attitude.

Thank you, Richard & Joy Alex



HYMNALS

We have 66 green hymnals, Lutheran Book of Worship, and 25 red hymnals, Lutheran Service Book & Hymnal, to give to anyone who is interested. They are in good condition. If you know of a church that is interested or anyone, please have them contact the church office at 361-578-5447 or email zlmv@ccwip.net



Mission Valley Volunteer Fire Department will have their annual Chicken BBQ on **Saturday April 6th.** BBQ Chicken is available for pick-up at the station from 11am-1pm. Chickens are \$15 ea. or 3 for \$42. Beans are \$5 per quart. **Reservations must be made in advance by calling Robin Dickson, by 9pm Friday, April 5th.** Please leave a message.



<u>VICTORIA CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE</u> <u>MINISTRY</u>

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

Services Provided for February 2024

Households Served – 1456, Total Number in households – 3845, Food Boxes – 1456, Basic Needs – 2683, Home Delivery – 23, Homeless Served – 147, Homeless Visits – 794, Financial Assistance – 186 *First-time VCAM clients Served – 90

VCAM is in need of staple items: canned fruit & vegetables, packaged rice & beans, small canned tomato sauce for our pantry. Items for the homeless such as: easy-open can meats, nutrition bars, bottled waters, fruit cups.

Other items needed: small toiletry items, washcloths, towels & blankets.

For those of you not aware, VCAM has a laundry card program in place for our homeless, that allows them to wash what clothing they do possess. Monetary donations are welcome to target this program.

Sacrifice for the betterment of self, family, your neighbor. The neighbor who may have to do without in order to survive. Pledge to fill your neighbor's shelves, so that they may feed their family.

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

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..."



We are still looking for another sound system operator for Sunday mornings. The position requires the ability to use sound board basic controls (volume, mute) and iPad to manage the microphones and music. We are looking for someone (high school age and above) for 2 or more Sundays a month, from about 9:30am - 11:15am. If you are curious how it works, or if you would like to serve in this role, see Pastor, Kelsey Wendel or David Miller.



Did you know Pastor podcasts his sermons on-line at <u>https://podpoint.com/woodencrosses</u>? You can listen on-line or download a sermon and listen later. If you prefer a written copy, he also blogs his sermons (and other miscellaneous writings) at

<u>https://crossesandwoodshavings.blogspot.com/</u>. Feel free to use and share these resources with friends and family!

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, <u>https://zionlutheranmv.org/</u> 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.



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.



REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

- 1. Bill Lagal
- 2. Cole Ohrt friend of Zion
- 3. Holly Corey

- 4. Patricia Gonzales friend of Richard & Joy Alex
- 5. Henriette Rydell
- 6. Loma Chandler Karen Wood's sister
- 7. James Morris, Sr.
- 8. JoNell Martin
- 9. Clemmie Cooley friend of Bettye Pribyl
- 10. Ann Pantel wife of Curtis Pantel
- 11. Wayne Fuchs husband of Bea Fuchs
- 12. Mae Dinan Laura Meyer's mother
- 13. Doug Mendenhall Alexis Mendenhall's dad
- 14. Leonard Denton friend of Pastor Meyer's
- 15. Maudi Garcia friend of Jacki Cooke
- 16. Jeanette Laza cousin of Irene Heinold
- 17. Cheryl Carter
- 18. Mary Lee friend of Cass Martignoni
- 19. Lisa Roman niece of Cass Martignoni
- 20. Kamryn McDavid granddaughter of Pribyl's
- 21. Mai Harwell
- 22. Dianne Laser Laura Meyer's friend
- 23. Ben Lowry friend of Pribyl's
- 24. Sharon Foerster Mark Wendel's sister
- 25. Rose Goebel Dalhardt Goebel's wife
- 26. Chris Dinan Laura Meyer's Dad
- 27. Gordon Roades Lana Webel's dad
- 28. Mike Parsons friend of Jason Heinold
- 29. Eva Cooke
- 30. Irene Heinold
- 31. Derek Depine step-son of Terry Depine
- 32. Allie Faulkner Faulkner's granddaughter
- 33. Ken Sifford
- 34. John Armstrong friend of Arneckes'
- 35. Summer Griggs Pribyl's great-granddaughter
- 36. Gloria Nitschmann sister to Iris Heller
- 37. Kay Lagal
- 38. Richard Bludau friend of Reinecke's
- 39. Alissa Blount
- 40. Jodie Schaefer friend of Barbara Schmidt
- 41. Dalhardt Goebel
- 42. Lynn Reiman friend of Irene Heinold
- 43. Becky Debore friend of Irene Heinold



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, Pastor Meyer or contact the church office.



<u>VISITATION</u> If you are in the hospital or would like a home visit,

please call an Elder, Pastor or Church office.



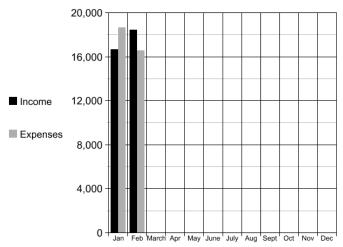
Please continue to keep our shut-ins in your prayers and enliven their lives through visits, letters, and cards or phone calls.

Dalhardt & Rose Goebel %Whispering Oaks Rehab & Nursing Home 105 Hospital Dr. Cuero, Tx 77954

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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE	
Wednesday, February 21st	48
Sunday, February 25 th	80
Wednesday, February 28th	46
Sunday, March 3 rd	107
Wednesday, March 6 th	54
Sunday, March 10 th	87
Wednesday, March 13 th	52
Sunday, March 17 th	81
Wednesday, March 20 th	38

General Fund - 2024 Income vs Expenses





RIDE/SHARE feature is that if those persons wishing to attend church and needs a ride. Also, those persons who can give a ride, please let us know so we can get some arrangements going. Looking for volunteers to be responsible for giving some of our members a ride to church. Using the contacts, they can call you or you can call them if they need a ride. Please contact the church office if can be a volunteer.



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

- April 3 Kristy Zarate
- April 6 Nikki McLaurin, Darlette Mathisen
- April 7 Richard Alex, Dalhardt Goebel
- April 10 Rachael Palmos
- April 11 Garrett Adcock
- April 12 Peggy Lee
- April 13 Olivia Heller
- April 14 Jennifer Henry, Koltyn Russell
- April 15 Gracey Hoefling, Christopher Wood
- April 17 Joshua Lee
- April 20 Leroy Reinecke
- April 24 Don Schneider
- April 25 Donna Hardt
- April 26 Amber Arispe, Derrick Miller
- April 27 Ray Alex
- April 30 Robert Ramirez, Korgen Ramirez



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES FOR APRIL

- April 1 Megan Meyer
- April 2 Kern Harper
- April 3 Oakleigh Jaeger
- April 4 Dawn Ortiz
- April 6 Rylan Heller
- April 8 Holly Corey, Ashton Kelly
- April 11 Julie Heinold
- April 12 Henry Wood, Cody Bishop, Paul Faulkner
- April 14 Joy Alex
- April 15 Beth Reinecke
- April 16 Randy Carter, Cheryl Carter
- April 18 Doug Bishop
- April 19 Reese Weiser
- April 20 Joseph Coultas, Mason Heinold
- April 24 Kelsey Wendel
- April 25 Seda Weaver
- April 26 Darlette Mathisen
- April 27 Garrett Adcock
- April 28 Kolton Rogers
- April 29 Lexi Morris



ERRORS AND/OR OMISSIONS

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

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



VICTOR'S CROSS — Also called the conqueror's cross, the victor's cross is composed of the Greek cross, recognized by its four equal arms, adorned with Greek letters in each quadrant. The top left letters stand for *Jesus* and the

top right letters stand for *Christ* (the horizontal lines above them indicate that they are abbreviations). The four letters across the bottom spell the Greek word for *conqueror*.

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, Judy Faulkner Shellev Sharp Ladles of Love, Sherilyn Arnecke Library, Sherita Miller Memorials, Seda Weaver LWML President, Darla Sifford 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 Clav Board of Fellowship, Priscilla Dornburg Security & Safety, David Pribyl

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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