

2024 Candidate Biographies Church Council 3 Year Term

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Heather Damico

Member at Zion For: 1 year, but regular attender for 9 years

Family: My husband Tony and I have been married for 21 years. We have two boys: Zac is 13 and Calvin is 7 years old.

Occupation: I am a Senior Veterinarian with the MN Board of Animal Health

Past Involvement at Zion: I am on the youth board, serve as a confirmation small group guide, and have volunteered at numerous events with the youth program.

Current Interests at Zion: I will continue to serve the youth of Zion.



Chad Peterson

Member of Zion for: Life Long Member (28 years)

Family: My parents are Russ and Terry Peterson. I have 5 siblings Justin, Missy, Angie, Tyler, and Levi. We all are still members of Zion. In January of 2022, I married my wife Laura. We bought a house in Maple Lake last year. We look forward to continue building our faith journey and being more involved with the church.

Occupation: Mechanic at Tires Plus

Involvement at Zion: I'm currently serving with the Call Committee searching for a new associate pastor.

Current Interests at Zion: With currently being on the call committee and now joining Council, I'm very happy with how I'm serving with the church as of now. When life settles down a bit, I will be very open to many more opportunities to volunteer and I will trust God's guidance through that process.



Dale Schmidt

Member at Zion For: Lifelong member

Family: Married to Terri Schmidt for 29 years. We have four children, Ellen, Alexis, Trevor, and Spencer.

Occupation: Self employed, owner of Schmidt Electric Service since 1995

Past Involvement at Zion: I've volunteered in the nursery, ushered, Confirmation guide, Chair on Call Committee for Pr Ted, and volunteered electrical services at Zion.

Current Interests at Zion: Looking forward to council and at some point would like to serve with Mission Jamaica.



Hannah Peterson

Member of Zion for: 20+ years

Family: Married to Tyler for 7 years. Both born and raised in Buffalo. Three children, Easton (5), Grayson (3), and Bria (1).

Occupation: Labor and Delivery RN at Buffalo Hospital

Past Involvement at Zion: Call committee for Senior Pastor, Sunday school teacher, Nursery volunteer, Children and Family Ministry Board, Volunteering for VBS, Trunk or Treat, Z-Fest, and other church related events.

Current Interests at Zion: Children and family ministry is a big interest at this time, as I have children growing up in the church.



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Nominating Committee 1 Year Term

Joan Halderson

Member at Zion: since 1976
Family: 2 sons and 7 grandkids
Occupation: retired
Past Involvement at Zion: council, treasurer, executive committee, member of Rebecca Circle, organizer of Lutheran Night at the Twins, funeral helper, prayer sister.
Current Interests at Zion: help where the need is



Katy Bauernschmitt

Member at Zion: became a member in the Fall of 2023
Family: My husband and I are lifelong residence of the Buffalo area. We have two grandsons and four grandchildren. We are looking forward to becoming more involved here at Zion.
Employment: Buffalo Middle School
Current interests at Zion: Not really sure yet



Angie Smith

Member at Zion for: All of my life
Family: My husband Darroch and I have 4 children Savannah, Amelia, Hudson and Layla. We live in Buffalo, MN.
Occupation: Owner of Hair Haven Salon in Buffalo and owner of Shear Perfections Salon in North Branch
Past Involvement at Zion: I have taught Sunday school in past years. I have also worked in the nursery.
Current Interests at Zion: Any that can fit into my busy schedule. I am currently a confirmation guide. I would like to be involved at Zion as much as possible because it feels like my second home when I enter the doors.



Thomas Moline

Member at Zion for: 29 years
Family: My wife Karen and I live on Crawford Lake. Our adult son Dan lives and works in Buffalo. Our other son Taylor and his wife live in Blaine.
Occupation: Tolomatic, Inc., Hamel, MN
Past Involvement at Zion: I have served on council for a total of 9 years. I continue to serve on the stewardship committee.
Current Interests at Zion: I have been assisting in the live stream of Zion worship.



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Zion Foundation Three Year Term

Dusty Finke

Member of Zion for: 6 years

Family: Jackie, Nora, and I have lived in the Buffalo area for the past 10 years and currently have our home in the country north of Montrose. Jackie is Social Work Supervisor at Buffalo Hospital and I work as the Planning Director at the City of Medina. Nora is a 6th grader at BCMS and dances at On Stage in Buffalo. We enjoy hiking, gardening, hanging out with our four cats, and helping out at "the farm," which is Jackie's family's farm and is right next to our place.

Occupation: Planning Director, City of Medina

Past Involvement at Zion: I served on the Foundation Board as the Secretary for the past two years. I was a member of the Associate Pastor call committee in 2023 and have enjoyed helping with ushering, VBS set construction/decorating, Harvest of Hands clean-up, and Z-fest set-up.

Current Interests at Zion: Zion Foundation



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MAS Voting Member

Robert Adams

Member at Zion for: 6 years (Attending 37 years)

Family: I have been married to Thea for 50 years this year. I have one son, Henry, who lives in California with his wife and three children. We see them often.

Occupation: I am a retired attorney.

Past Involvement at Zion: I was on the Nominating Committee and a Synod delegate twice.

Current Interests at Zion: I help with and attend the 50+ Bible Study Group on Wednesday at Perkins. I have helped with Harvest of Hands in the past. Also I have been on the work crew in the past.



Thea Adams

Member at Zion for: 37 Years

Family: Bob and I have been married 50 years. We have one son, Henry, who lives in California with his wife and three children.

Occupation: Retired from Prudential

Past Involvement at Zion: Synod delegate, Rebecca Circle, Harvest of Hands, Women of Zion, Church Council

Current Interests at Zion: Rebecca Circle

Name: Warren & Susan Myhre

Length of membership at Zion: We have been members since 1979. 1979 was the year we moved to Buffalo.

Family: We have 2 grown daughters. One living in Denver, CO, and the other living in St. Anthony, MN. We also have been blessed with 2 granddaughters.

Occupation: We both retired in 2012. Susan retired from teaching 1st grade in the Big Lake schools for 20+ years. Warren retired from an agricultural market advisory & planning and firm.

Past involvement at Zion: Vacation Bible School teacher, circle activities, Harvest of Hands since its beginning, book club, 1st Sunday crew, call committee, synod delegate, Zion Foundation and finance committee, Fare for All.

Current interests at Zion:

Finance committee, Fare for All, 1st Sunday crew, Harvest of Hands, circle activities.

