

January
2012

Mission

*Zion's mission is to be a
faith-filled community
"Gathering together,
Growing in faith, and
Going into the World
in Jesus' name!"*

Worship Schedule

Sunday 9 am Traditional
10 am Coffee Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School
11 am Contemporary

Youth Ministries

Grades 6-12 on Wednesdays
LOGOS 4:00-7:00 pm

Adult Learning Ministries

Thursdays Ladies Bible Study
8:45 am

Service/ Ministry

Opportunities available
throughout the week

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January 2012 News Letter - On Healing

Pastor Patrick Ziems

Earlier this week I underwent 6 hours of surgery, which was 4 hours more than we anticipated. I'm no stranger to surgery. In the past 12 months I have had 9 surgeries, and this brings me to consider "healing." Today I have had our dog, Baxter, and cat, Cut Up, hovering around me as I sat quietly trying to avoid the post-operative pain that comes from movement. This morning my son, Ben, wouldn't run out to the school bus until he told me "I love you" one more time. My wife, Paula, wouldn't leave for her afternoon class until she cautioned me one more time to rest and be quiet, and gave me a second kiss goodbye and said "I love you" again.

Cut Up is now nestled lovingly on my lap, and Baxter is snuggled with concern on my left foot. That same little boy came running into the house after school to tell dad that he had a "green day" (typical) and asked me if I felt better. I collected a big hug, which was worth the discomfort, and heard all about his day. Paula came in, greeted me with another kiss and then did a better diagnostic interrogation than most of my doctors. "I'm OK!" I tell her, drinking in the love that I am surrounded by.

Healing manifests itself in many different ways. In the Bible we read about Jesus doing many healings. I mean he brought the dead back to life! Jesus knows about healing. But what I have learned this week is that healing takes place in being loved and being able to love in return.

As I have gone through each of my 2011 surgical issues I have been surrounded by the love and care of others. My family has made sure that I am aware of their love and hope for my improved health. Many of you have also have expressed your love and concern and have prayed for my renewed health. In return I hope that I too have expressed my grateful love for you as well. And I have come to understand that a lot of healing takes place in this exchange of love.

As a pastor, one of the greatest tragedies I work with is when, for whatever reason, family members go their separate ways. Angry children leaving parents, separation and divorce, or even siblings choosing to end relationships with each other, all have a sad result and become sources of hurt in need of healing. Each of these situations needs love. They can be healed if someone steps out in love and begins the healing.

In 2003 I did a hospital chaplaincy where I met an older man who was dying of cancer. He was in the hospital because he had no relationships with any of his family. I called his only living brother and explained the situation to him. When the man's brother came to visit his dying sibling he asked to speak to me first. He shared with me all the things that had separated the two of them and how he had been living with a lot of regret because of it. When all was said and done the two went home together. Both healing, and caring for each other.

If you are in need of healing, love someone. Let others love you! God has given us this gift that is the church. A community of people who have come together to love God, love our neighbors, and to love and care for each other.

"For God so loved the world He gave..."

A Message from Bishop Mark S. Hanson

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.
(Titus 2:11)

Yes In this world where God creates with deep
beauty and profound mystery.
In this world where so many yearn for
God's healing and peace.
In this world where some have thought God has forsaken us:

Yes Here, in this world, the grace of God has appeared.
Not just in this world but for you.

Yes For you, weary from trying to meet the
expectations of others.
For you, worrying about an uncertain future.
For you, wondering if you are worthy.

Yes For you, the grace of God has appeared,
bringing salvation.
Not just for you but for all.

Yes For all, salvation has come in the wonder of
God in mercy bending low to meet us
in our humanity.
In the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.
In the power and promise
of the gospel's proclamation,
God's goodness and loving-kindness has appeared
in the Savior Jesus.

So with angelic messengers and witnessing shepherds,
we raise our voices:

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven
and on earth peace among those
whom he favors."*

Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Stewardship

Generous person in the Bible, David's prayer

Grace Duddy

When it comes to stewardship, what differentiates the church from every other nonprofit? In an age when we are constantly bombarded with opportunities to give, does the church have any unique claim?

We have all heard numerous temple talks and giving appeals in our congregations that tell great stories but ultimately miss the point that stewardship is not about us and our decisions, it is about God and our relationship with God. Stewardship is first and foremost a faith relationship and secondarily a financial relationship.

In the later part of 1 Chronicles 29 David follows his invitation to give with a prayer that frames the offerings of the people in the context of their relationship with God. In this prayer, David clearly articulates the relationship between the giver and God through praise, thanksgiving and petition.

David begins his prayer, in verses 10-13, by praising God for who God is. David names God's attributes before the people, "Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty." (1 Chronicles 29:11) God is indeed a mighty ruler. David acknowledges God as the owner and ruler of all things whether on heaven or on earth.

God is not only the creator but also the possessor of all things. Everything belongs to God, including the material offerings that have just been given. God is the ruler over all things and God is the bestower of power, might and strength. God in God's self is mighty to be praised!

David echoes this praise in his prayers of thanksgiving in verses 14-17. He begins his thanksgiving with a humble question, "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering?" (1 Chronicles 29:14) The modest phrase "who am I" only appears seven times in the NRSV Bible with David speaking the phrase four out of those seven times.

David continually stands in awe of his relationship with the Almighty. Keeping in mind who God is, as he named in his previous section of the prayer, he realizes that it is a privilege for him and the people of Israel to come before God and serve as vessels for this offering. "For all things come from you, and of your own we have given." (1 Chronicles 29:14)

David and his people can take no credit for their generosity. They are only channels for the resources that God has graciously given to them. This giving is not about the gift; it is about the relationship between God and God's people. God is a God of abundance who gracefully shares God's abundance with God's people.

David continues by echoing his invitation, the offering is not about the gift, it is about the giver. "I know, dear God, that you care nothing for the surface—you want us, our true selves—and so I have given from the heart, honestly and happily. And now see all these people doing the same giving freely, willingly—what a joy!" (1 Chronicles 29:17, The Message) God doesn't desire our money; God desires our heart. However, in returning our possessions to God, freely surrendering them for God's service, and acknowledging God as the owner of all things, we connect our hearts with God. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

David ends his prayer with supplications both for the people and for Solomon. David asks God to keep these thoughts and purposes in the heart of God's people forever. He asks God to direct the hearts of the people towards God. He asks God to give Solomon a single mind so that he may keep God's commandments, decrees, and statutes. Only after all of these requests does David ask God to help Solomon in the building the Temple. For David, the offerings are more about the relationship between God and God's people than even the Temple itself.

In his prayer, David clearly articulates that giving is not about the gift; it is about the relationship. God is the creator and owner of all that we have. Giving is an opportunity to praise God with our whole selves—our voices and our wallets.

This relationship is what separates the church from other nonprofits. It is the task of the church to focus on the giver's need to give rather than the church's need to receive. Giving appeals and temple talks should always reflect the importance of the relationship between God and the giver. Stewardship is a matter of prayer, faith, worship, praise and thanksgiving before it is ever a matter of finances.

What's going on around here?

Join forces for a Reason Concert *Sponsored by the Tuesday Night Mission Group*

































Enjoy an afternoon of Christian music and fellowship and at the same time bless someone else. In an effort to raise awareness of hunger in our area and to help, the cost of attending the concert is a donation of a non-perishable food item. All food collected will be

distributed to food shelves and other outreach programs in the community. Watch for details concerning the concert which will take place Sunday, February 26 from 2-4 pm. At




Synod Assembly Delegates Needed

As every year, at our annual meeting in January we will elect delegates to attend our annual Synod Assembly in Eau Claire. This year something is different, this year the assembly will be held on a Saturday and Sunday instead of Friday Saturday. This means that those who were unable to attend because of work schedules can now participate. This gathering is where our church makes decisions about how we will be church and what is important. Please consider representing Zion Lutheran at this event. We need to send 1 male and 1 female delegate. Contact Pastor Patrick with questions.

										
										
										
										
	4th	"Lutheran Worship Practices"								
	11th	CHUM Service								
	18th	"Serving others through vocation"								
										
										

Zion Lutheran Church.



Memorial Gifts

Gifts Received in Memory of Dennis White

Mel and Marian Maki



Epiphany Ski

Friday, January 6, 2012

At Afterhours Ski Area in Brule, WI

Sunset to 8 pm

- *Ski on candlelit trails.*
- *Enjoy fellowship in the warming shack*
- *Participate in the Epiphany celebration around the bonfire at 6:30 pm.*

Tuesday Evening Mission Program

We will be sewing mittens for the next three months. We are in dire need of cutters for our mitten patterns. Individuals who want to help can take a bag under the Giving Tree that has material and a pattern in them. We only need the patterns to be cut out. We welcome new members and hope you can join us at 4:00 on Tuesdays.

Sub Sandwich Sale

The annual **Super Subs for Super Bowl Sunday** is coming. WELCA will be taking orders in January. Each sub contains three kinds of meat, two cheeses, lettuce, tomato and your choice of onion or no onion. Cost is \$4.00. Look for the sign up sheet the first week in January. Volunteers needed Feb. 5 to assemble subs.



Dessert Theatre

A note from Vicky Holm

I would like to start by thanking everyone who helped out with the Dessert Theatre this year. Those of you who made desserts, served desserts, took tickets or worked on the sets, we could not have done it without you; and of course the actors and singers who made this years Dessert Theatre a great success.

The total profit we made this year was \$1296. At the cast party, we decided that \$432 would go towards the Principle of the church mortgage.

The rest to local charities as follows:

CASDA	\$400
Food Shelf	\$400
Animal Allies	\$64

We are planning another Dessert Theatre in February 2013. Please watch your calendars for casting and practices next fall.

Thank you again to everyone who helped.
God Bless!

We thank everyone who participated in our Bakeless Bake sale which ended recently. The proceeds came to \$484. Also thank you to all who baked cookies, breads, candy and donated bazaar items. After expenses we cleared \$926.

WELCA has been around for some time now. Years ago we were called LCW (Lutheran Church Women). After the merger of the synods we became known as WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Church of America).

There was a time when WELCA was a thriving organization. We would have approximately 50 women at every meeting. We met in the church "undercroft". We certainly didn't refer to it as a "basement". Whatever we called it, it was our multipurpose room used for church suppers, luncheons, and bazaars. Today's "fellowship hall" is the new gathering place, and beginning January 2012, we will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall during coffee on "Sweet Roll Sunday". We are seeing a decline in interest and could use a boost in membership. Currently, there are five women involved. We encourage you to join us. Much of what we do benefits the church and our community. Maybe meeting on a Sunday will be easier for you to get involved. I hope so.

Our meeting times will be January 8, February 12, and March 11. We hope to see you there. January 8 we will be discussing the Super Bowl Sub sandwich sale we do every year. Your officers are: Sharon Miller, Dorothy Norman, Bev Scully and Ruby Thomas.

From the Church Council President

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your congregational president. It has definitely been a faith filled learning experience. I learned that I am part of a faithful community who cares deeply about one another and about their community.

The last two years have not been without challenges as will the future be. Our building has served us well this last half century. To continue to serve us, we will need to address some maintenance items in the near future. Many of you know that the windows in the Lakeside room and those directly below will soon be replaced. As part of that project, the wood siding also needs attention and will be replaced to match the siding on the fellowship hall. Looking into the future, the siding on the sanctuary part of the building is starting to delaminate and will also need replacing, the windows on the office side of the building as well as that siding need replacing. Many of us have looked at the carpet in the sanctuary and said it has served us well but the time is coming for it also to be replaced after 25 years. We have made substantial progress on our mortgage and are on track to pay it off well before the 20 years thus saving thousands of dollars in interest that can be allocated to doing God's work. That's the administrative part.

The joyful part of being part of the Zion community. I have gotten to know many of you better as I have worked alongside you. You have shared your faith with me, kept my ideas from getting too grandiose but yet encouraged me to grow in my faith as we walked together in God's word. You have taught me the importance of keeping prayer the center of my life, not just inside the walls of Zion, but out in the community. You have enriched my life by inviting me to work alongside you as you serve your God.

You gave me the opportunity for learning as Tony and I attended synod assembly and our synod's Walking Together event, I was renewed during worship at both events and able to share ideas learned at both events. This year's Walking Together event will be held March 17 at the Chippewa Falls High

School. I encourage everyone to go.

2012 marks the 25th anniversary of WELCA. Our synod is celebrating with the theme "Act Boldly, Reach Out, Connect in Faith" Mark 10:49b "Take heart, get up, Jesus is calling you" at SWO Convention April 27-28, at the Plaza Inn and Suites, Eau Claire. I encourage women of all ages to take part. You will become aware that WELCA is a driving force of the ELCA. You will laugh, cry, enjoy worship and fellowship with others from our area. I will always look at the invitation to communion differently as a result of my last experience there during worship.

2011 was a triennial year for WELCA and they celebrated in Spokane. You encouraged me to follow my dreams and attend. You supported me financially. WOW! Yes, it wasn't what I expected but the experience was faith changing. Leymah Gbowee (yes, the Nobel Peace Prize winner) was the key note speaker. She showed how one woman can make a difference but joined together with her sisters in Christ can change the world. Other keynotes had equally inspiring messages. 2014 will be another triennial year for WELCA and will be celebrated July 24-27, 2014 in Charlotte, North Carolina. This event has no age limits and is not just for the "more mature". Please consider going. Your faith will be changed.

Men also have a triennial gathering and I encourage you also to look at attending. Men in mission have changed our world in ways that many could only imagine.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you these last two years as congregational president. I know you will continue to teach me as I step down to make way for new leadership.

Vicki Garro

Church Council Members:

President: Vicki Garro
Vice President: Lynn Rochon
Treasurer: LeAnn Ulvi
Secretary: Patsy Weaver

Pastor Patrick President ex Officio
Beth Arnson
Michelle Gerow-Ellis
Wes Hagberg
Jack Waite

Ruthanne Amundson
Linda Brow
Bruce Grohn
Joanne Hansen

Church Council

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING November 17, 2011

Present: Linda Brow, Joanne Hansen, Beth Arnson, Vicki Garro, Lynn Rochon, LeAnn Ulvi, Jack Waite, Michelle Gerow-Ellis, Pastor Patrick Ziems

Absent: Ruthanne Amundson, Bruce Grohn, Wes Hagberg, Patsy Weaver

Moved away: Herb Holm

Resigned: Eric Evans

Gathering and Prayer

Vicki Garro opened the meeting with devotions

Call to order

Reports

Secretary: It was moved and seconded to accept the report

Treasurer: LeAnn Ulvi reported that we are \$4500 below budget at this time. We cleared \$3582 on the October Pasty sale. Pastor Ziems made a motion to put the Pasty sale profits towards the General Fund, seconded by Joanne Hansen; motion carried.

Pastor's report: Pastor Ziems reported that he had been elected to the position of Conference Dean. This entails a meeting once a month and presiding over the Conference meeting. Monthly activity form was distributed.

Pastor Ziems reported that the "History of Carols" presentation went well.

He also indicated that he was experiencing abdominal pain since his second surgery and it was best to stay off his feet as much as possible.

Discipleship Committee: A recommendation was made to the council to have confirmation in the spring of the 9th grade year instead of October Reformation Sunday. LeAnn U moved to accept the recommendation and Linda B seconded it. Motion carried.

Council resignations: Herb Holm has moved out of the area and Eric Evans has resigned.

Unfinished Business:

Membership list – is still being worked on

Basement floor – the insurance check has been received. Bids are being made.

Folding door – a folding door has been installed at the head of the stairs going down to the lower level. A door for the fellowship hall area would cost \$1200.

Window update – A window will be installed in the Lake Superior Room on November 18th. The six windows were a gift by anonymous donor.

Stove and refrigerator – The downstairs stove and refrigerator have been sold for \$300.00. Vicki Garro and Michelle Gerow-Ellis will shop for a new basic stove for the area.

Book Sale – Michelle GE reported that set up for the book sale will take place on Friday December 2 @ 10:00 AM. The Book Sale will be on Saturday December 3 @ 9:00-4:00. Books will not be priced, but will be sold for a free will donation. Remaining books will be donated to Friends of the Library. Monies earned will go toward the mortgage.

New Business:

2011-2011 stewardship plan - Pastor Ziems has given sermons on stewardship. Pledges have been mailed out.

Mission Planning Process report – "Beyond our Doors". Pastor Ziems compiled report information (see attached). #5 will be edited to include literacy, homelessness and domestic abuse. Financial information will be added.

Living Waters Church: Cameron – This church wants Zion to partner with them. Following a discussion, the idea was tabled.

Color Copier proposal – tabled

Nominating Committee - present members are Kim Pearson and Gary Garlie.

A discussion was held regarding Zion Lutheran Church being a voting site. Linda Brow made a motion to approve Zion as a voting site and Joanne Hansen seconded it. Motion carried.

Michelle Gerow-Ellis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer @ 7:30 PM

Beth Arnson,
Secretary Pro tem

Sunday Schedule





9:00 am Traditional Service

9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Coffee/Fellowship

11:00 am Contemporary Service

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 </p>	<p>2 5:30p Sr. Stretch 6:15p Pilates 7:00p AA Mtg Office Closed</p>	<p>3 5:00p Missions 6:00p Choir 6:00p Al anon 6:30p AA Mtg</p>	<p>4 7:00a Men's Breakfast 4:00 LOGOS 7:00p New Day</p>	<p>5 8:45a Bible Study 9:30a Sew & Sews 6:15p Pilates</p>	<p>6 Pastor's Day off</p>	<p>7 </p>
<p>8 Food Shelf WELCA Sweet Roll Sunday Blessing of the Car Keys Baptism Samantha Jo Nieman</p>	<p>9 5:30p Sr. Stretch 6:15p Pilates 7:00p AA Mtg</p>	<p>10 5:00p Missions 6:00p Choir 6:00p Al anon 6:30p AA Mtg</p>	<p>11 7:00a Men's Breakfast 4:00 LOGOS 7:00p New Day Band</p>	<p>12 8:45a Bible Study 9:30a Sew 'n Sews 6:15p Pilates</p>	<p>13 Pastor's Day off</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 Mission Buck-it Quilt Sunday Baptism Kylie Lyn Bennett Movie Night 5:00</p>	<p>16 5:30p Sr. Stretch 6:15p Pilates 7:00p AA Mtg</p>	<p>17 5:00p Missions 6:00p Choir 6:00p Al anon 6:30p AA Mtg</p>	<p>18 7:00a Men's Breakfast 4:00 LOGOS 7:00p New Day Band</p>	<p>19 8:45a Bible Study 9:30a Sew 'n Sews 5:00p Operations 6:00p Church Council 6:15p Pilates</p>	<p>20 Pastor's Day off</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23 5:30p Sr. Stretch 6:15p Pilates 7:00p AA Mtg</p>	<p>24 5:00p Missions 6:00p Choir 6:00p Al anon 6:30p AA Mtg</p>	<p>25 7:00a Men's Breakfast 4:00 LOGOS 7:00p New Day Band</p>	<p>26 8:45a Bible Study 9:30a Sew 'n Sews 12:00 Moose Club 6:15p Pilates</p>	<p>27 Pastor's Day off</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Children Sing 11:00 service Baptism Carson Dean Rice</p>	<p>30 5:30p Sr. Stretch 6:15p Pilates 7:00p AA Mtg</p>	<p>31 5:00p Missions 6:00p Choir 6:00p Al anon 6:30p AA Mtg</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Lily Hoff	1/1
Matthew Ross	1/1
Olivia Burbul	1/2
Alan Jaques	1/2
Benjamin Ziems	1/2
Terry Ross	1/3
Margaret Smith	1/3
Donald Downs	1/5
Alana Dunning	1/5
Bob Evans	1/5
Roger Saari	1/5
Kenneth Mertz Sr.	1/6
Katrina Sautbine	1/6
Robert Ramsdell	1/7
Adeline Sharpe	1/7
Taylor Johnson	1/8
William Stream	1/8
Margaret Ingram	1/9
Kristin Radich	1/10
Nate Kotter	1/11
Jared Betterman	1/12
Carol Callery	1/12
Michael Kuhlman	1/12
Craig Larson	1/13
Justin Bernacki	1/14
Douglas Poynter	1/14
David Prior	1/14
Audra LePage	1/15
Gregory Pluntz	1/15
Eilley Merrill	1/16
Kelcie Rickstrom	1/16

Alexandra Robley	1/16
Taylor Prior	1/17
Crysta James	1/18
Miranda Nelson	1/18
Jennifer Smith	1/18
Ashlee Lepori	1/20
Alice Mattson	1/20
Kelly Thimm	1/20
Patrica Janssan	1/21
Ryan Soule	1/21
Candace Bernacki	1/22
Chad Sather	1/22
Zachary Swanby	1/22
Jack Boris	1/24
David Olson	1/24
Janet Bladecki	1/25
Kendall Callery	1/25
Robin DeBruyne	1/25
Sarah Boettcher	1/26
Lisa Doolittle	1/26
Robert Johnson	1/26
Timothy Anderson	1/27
Christopher Rochon	1/27
Mitchell Connolly	1/28
Austin Lindstrom	1/28
Dorothy Norman	1/29
Jeanette Betterman	1/30
Paul Freer	1/30

Delores Mackie	1/1
Jean Madsen	1/1
Gage Robinson	1/3
Haley Schmidt	1/4
Linda Schuman	1/4
Annisca Callalghan	1/5
Melvin Mattson	1/5
Cassandra Doolittle	1/6
Linda Moe	1/6
Craig Larson	1/13
Jason Miller	1/14
Hannah Saari	1/16
Linda Brow	1/17
Nicolle Olness	1/18
Jordyn Thompson	1/19
Jon Freer	1/20
Drew DeBruyne	1/21
Hannah Haworth	1/21
Erin Thompson	1/23
Corey Velin	1/23
Ruby Thomas	1/24
Margaret Smith	1/26
Katrina Sautbine	1/30
Brian Olson	1/31

**Celebrate your
Baptismal Anniversary!**

"Remember and rejoice,
Renewed by floods of grace.
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ,
That time cannot erase."
(ELW 454)

Barry Kilner	1/1
Rachael Lackner	1/1
April Larson	1/1
David Larson	1/1
Emily Larson	1/1



Wedding Anniversaries

Jeff & Michelle Gerow-Ellis	1/4
Melvin & Alice Mattson	1/9
David & Emily Larson	1/12

9 a.m.

January

11 a.m.

MINISTER ASSISTANT

- 1/1 Ruthanne Amundson
- 1/8 Verlyn Moore
- 1/15 Aine Merrill
- 1/22 Lucille Sullivan
- 1/29 Jeanette Betterman

READERS

- 1/1 Verlyn Moore
- 1/8 Joanne Hansen
- 1/15 Linda Moe
- 1/22 David Larson
- 1/29 LeAnn Ulvi

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

- 1/1 Ruthanne Amundson
Lucille Sullivan
- 1/8 Mark Betterman
Verlyn Moore
- 1/15 Aine Merrill, Verlyn Moore
- 1/22 Joanne Hansen
Lucille Sullivan
- 1/29 Jeanette Betterman
Ruthanne Amundson

GREETERS

- 1/1 Jeremy & Rachael
Lackner
- 1/8 Ken & Karen Thimm
- 1/15 Sharon Miller
Dorothy Norman
- 1/22 Mary Hickman
Cheryl Kucharyski
- 1/29 Jack & Shirley Boris

USHERS

- 1/1 Duane & Jeanette
Betterman
- 1/8 David & Emily Larson
- 1/15 Tom & Mary Nykanen
- 1/22 Jon & Ruthanne
Amundson
- 1/29 Duane & Mark
Betterman

COUNTERS

- 1/1 Greg Kvam, Ken Mertz
- 1/8 Bill & Patsy Weaver, Lois Smith
- 1/15 Linda Brow, Beth Arnson,
Jan Saari
- 1/22 Lucille Sullivan, Mary Nykanen
Brian Dittbrender
- 1/29 Bev Scully, Carol Johnson
Delories Anderson

ALTAR

Sunnie Lamppa/Heidi Hillstrom

FOOD SHELF

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Faith United Methodist Food Shelf

HOME COMMUNIONS

- Jeanette Betterman
- Ruthanne Amundsen
- Michelle Gerow-Ellis

CANTORS

- 1/1 LeAnn Ulvi
- 1/8 Linda Moe
- 1/15 LeAnn Ulvi
- 1/22 Linda Moe
- 1/29 LeAnn Ulvi

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE AT
THE SCHEDULED TIME, PLEASE NOTI-
FY THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 398-3663
WITH THE NAME OF YOUR
REPLACEMENT.**

MINISTER ASSISTANT

- 1/1 Lynn Rochon
- 1/8 Tim Ingersoll
- 1/15 Alex Pfannebecker
- 1/22 Tony Amys
- 1/29 Lynn Rochon

READERS

- 1/1 Lynn Rochon
- 1/8 Paula Ziems
- 1/15 Jennifer Scanlon
- 1/22 Tony Amys
- 1/29 Linda Brow

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

- 1/1 Becky Hubbard, Linda Brow
- 1/8 Paula Ziems, Roger Saari
- 1/15 Alex Pfannebecker
- 1/22 Leslee & Amanda Kvam
- 1/29 Linda Brow, Sunnie Lamppa

GREETERS

- 1/1 Bev Scully, Carol Johnson
- 1/8 Roger & Jan Saari
- 1/15 Bev Scully, Carol Johnson
- 1/22 Greg & Leslee Kvam
- 1/29 Volunteer

USHERS

- 1/1 Steve & Sunnie Lamppa
- 1/8 Ken & Pam Mertz
- 1/15 Volunteer
- 1/22 Roger Saari
- 1/29 Linda Brow

POWER POINT

- 1/1 Carol Johnson
- 1/8 Tony Garro
- 1/15 Logan Kittleson
- 1/22 Bob Warner
- 1/29 Tony Amys



Gathering together, growing in faith, and going into the world in Jesus' name.

Opportunities

SO SIMPLE.



SO GOOD.



MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, more than \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it’s like to make a positive difference in the world—as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bow Sunday. Every dollar donated goes to our local food shelf.

Attention Zion Men!!! I have scheduled a men’s activities one Saturday a month throughout our program year. I hope we can gather and simply be men of Christ together. Talk to me about other ideas you might have or how these activities might come together.

Monthly Men's Events for Zion Lutheran Church Guys

January 21 - Snow shoeing

February 18 - Ice fishing

March - DECC Sports Show

April - Mother Daughter Friend banquet

May - Fishing

June - Habitat for Humanity

July - Huskies baseball game

August – Church fix up stuff

September - Shotgun shoot at Dale Rochon's place



MEN’S BOOK STUDY Men, please join Pastor Patrick for a study of the book “The Map, The Way of all Great Men.” by David Murrow, the author of “Why Men Hate Going to Church.” Synopsis—An ancient map, embedded in the gospel of Matthew, reveals a truth so explosive it could rock the foundations of Christianity—or lead to its rebirth. This book begins as an action thriller, and then transitions into a modern day parable that reveals the path every great man of scripture has walked. David Murrow shows men where to find the map in the New Testament and how to walk its ancient paths today. We will meet beginning January 10th on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm (unless we choose to meet more often). Please let Pastor Patrick know that you plan to join this group so he can order you a book.

Sunday School Children sing 1/29, 11:00 service

¹O LORD, our Lord,
How majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

²Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
You have established strength because of your foes,
To still the enemy and the avenger.

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
⁴What is man that you are mindful of him,
And the son of man that you care for him?

⁵Yet you have made him a little lower
than the heavenly beings
And crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶You have given him dominion over the works of your
hands' you have put all things under his feet,
⁷All sheep and oxen, and also the beast of the field,
⁸The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
Whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹O LORD, our Lord,
How majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalm 8

Please consider including Zion Lutheran Church in your will.

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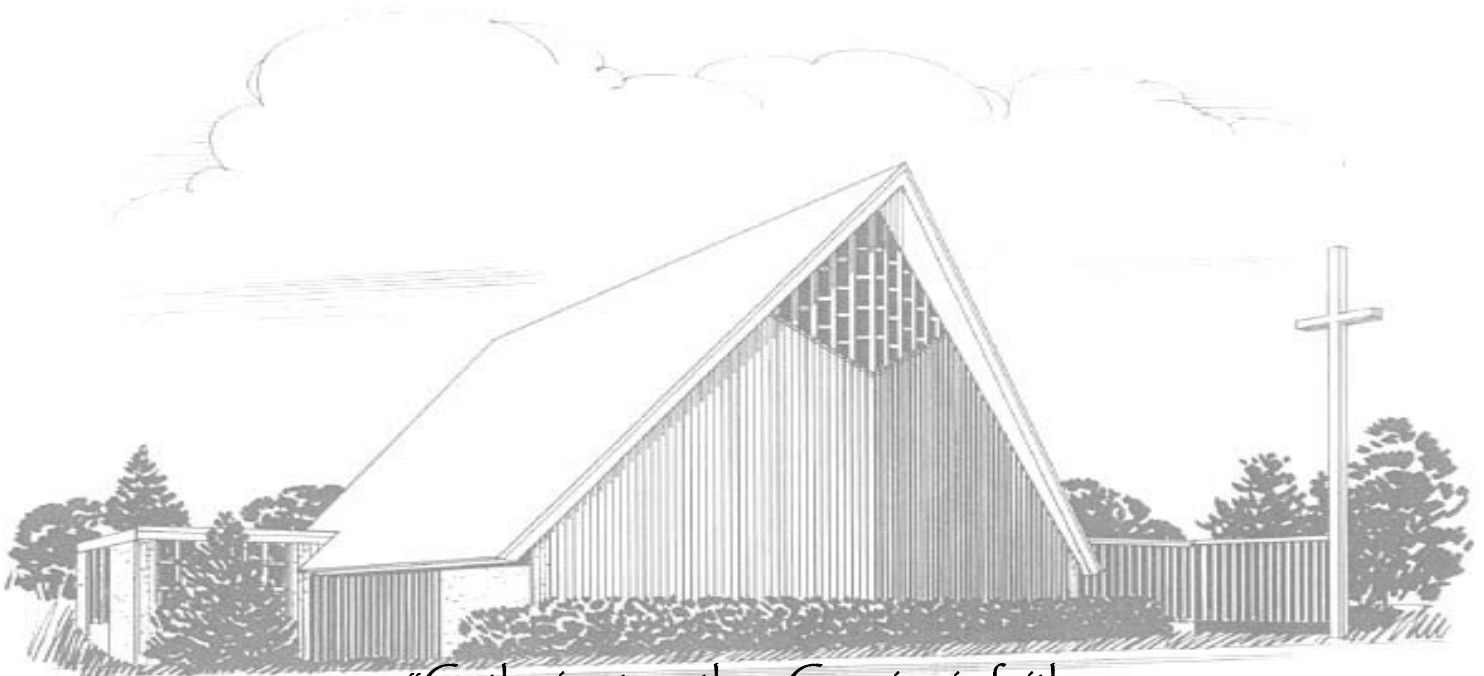
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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Children ages 3 years through the 5th Grade are welcome at Zion Sunday School. Classes are Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:50. To register your children for Sunday School, you may contact the church office (715-398-3663) for a registration form or simply come to Zion at 9:45 am on any Sunday to get your child started on his or her journey of faith! God loves our children and has wonderful things to teach them at Zion Sunday School. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



December 18th: Sunday School Children Singing at the 9 a.m. Church Service



