

DECEMBER  
2024



# MESSENGER

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



John 10:9 "I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture."

*From the Pastor*



As we've been looking at Jesus' "I AM" statements in John's Gospel, our focus has been on how God says "I love you" with each description and how he helps you. Through all of these remember that each time when God says "I am," he wants you to know that he is the LORD who delivers from the bondage of sin and that he is the God who loves you.

How does God describe Himself to His creation? Here in John 10 he simply says: I am the door. I rarely sit around and ponder the existential reasons for doors. They're just there. We open them to go from one place to another. We walk through them when they're open. We shut them to have privacy. We lock them to keep our families safe. We paint them to keep them looking nice and to protect them from deteriorating. Doors are usually rectangle. If you're a Hobbit, they are circular.

How does a door further Jesus goal of teaching us and bringing us closer to him? First, a grammar note. There's a major difference between a definite article and an indefinite article. It's eternally important to understand that Jesus uses the definite article here. Jesus isn't a door: one of many, many options. He is THE door. You can try other doors, but they don't lead to anywhere good. He is the only one that matters eternally.

It matters eternally because of where this one door leads. Jesus uses the picture of the door in connection with sheep. Sheep need to be kept safe, so they are put in a pen. Sheep being in a pen are fine there until they need something. They will need to be fed and they will need to be cared for.

There is only one way for a human being to receive the nourishment and care that results in a person having a blessed future in heaven with God. It is to go through The Door. It is to learn from Jesus, to be fed by Jesus, to be cared for by Jesus. How does he do this? He does it through his Word. The entire Bible has one purpose: to reveal Jesus as the Word made flesh born to die and rise again in order to make us right with God.

From the beginning of Genesis, God shows how mankind broke his creation bringing death and decay, and then how God's pure grace and love led him to not punish Adam and Eve, but promise to undo what they had done by sending One born of woman who would crush that serpent's head. God promised Abraham that through his offspring all people would be blessed. God promised that a child of Judah would never have the scepter depart from him. God promised that he would establish the throne of the son of David forever. Through the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Micah, Habakkuk, Malachi and others God made promises that the promised one to come would bring forgiveness, pardon, peace. He would be God himself and also true man.

God shows in the Gospels how Jesus came from the Father full of grace and truth; how he made heaven crash to earth by wrapping the fullness of God in the flesh of a helpless baby. He shows how he fulfilled every single promise God made in the Old Testament by being both our righteousness and our atoning payment for our sins.

Entering through The Door for us sheep is, simply, to believe in the Word made flesh.

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# Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule

## COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Communion is offered regularly on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, and the

Wednesday that precede that Sunday.

Both Individual and Common Cup will be available at the Sunday Communion Services. Individual Cup will be available at the Wednesday Communion Services.



Wed., Dec. 11  
Sun., Dec. 1 & 15

## AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Please join us for an afternoon worship service on the second Tuesday of each month.

Individual cup communion will be served.

1:30 p.m., Tuesday  
December 10th

*Sunday, December 1*

**9:00 a.m.** *Worship Service with Communion*

*Wednesday, December 4*

**7:00 p.m.** *Worship Service*

*Sunday, December 8*

**9:00 a.m.** *Worship Service*

*Wednesday, December 11*

**7:00 p.m.** *Worship Service with Communion*

*Sunday, December 15*

**9:00 a.m.** *Worship Service with Communion*

*Wednesday, December 18*

**6:30 p.m.** *Zion School Christmas Worship*

*Sunday, December 22*

**9:00 a.m.,** *Worship Service*

*Christmas Eve ~ Tuesday, December 24*

**7:00 p.m.,** *Candlelight Carols & Readings*

*Christmas Day ~ Wednesday, December 25*

**9:00 a.m.,** *Festival Christmas Worship*

**No Evening Service**

*Sunday, December 29*

**9:00 a.m.** *Worship Service*

*There are no midweek worship services*

*on Tues., Dec. 31 or Wed., Jan. 1*

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



**SUNDAY SCHOOL, BIBLE CLASSES AND YOUTH GROUP** - Classes are at 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class is held in the church basement. Sunday School is in the Mother's room. Youth Group is in the teen room in the church basement. All classes will run an hour after they start.

**Tuesday morning Bible Class** - The instructor is Bari Waltz. The class will meet in the Mother's room from 10-11 a.m. every Tuesday unless otherwise announced.

**LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** — Zion started a school in 1858. Currently we teach students from Preschool through 8th grade. Our staff of five teachers are both certified and experienced to provide instructions in all academic areas, but especially in God's Word. They are:

Deanna Schneck — Preschool

Stacey Sordahl—Kindergarten

Michelle Roth — Grades 1 & 2

Ryan Roth — Grades 3, 4, & 5

Bryan Schneck — Grades 6, 7, & 8 and Principal

# PRINCIPAL REPORT



## Principal's Report – December Zion Messenger



***“...the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” – Matthew 4:16***

It's this time of year that you really appreciate the light. The sun rises later and sets sooner, and without a blanket of snow yet to reflect the ambient light, it can seem quite dark at times.

Spiritually, the world also can seem quite dark. All you need to do is turn on the news to hear the continuous parade of disasters, troubles, and wickedness that is prevalent in this sinful world. But praise God for the light! In this world of trouble we have a reason to rejoice. Jesus, the light of the world, shines through Gospel into our dark hearts, reminding us that his work has paid for all our sins, giving us a hope and a future.

As we enter into the Christmas season, celebrating Jesus birth and his reason for coming, we have just such good news to remember and good news to share! For our school students, we are gearing up for the time when they prepare to present the message of Jesus to family and friends at our School Christmas services on Wednesday, December 18, with our preschool services at 10:40am and 2:40pm, and our K-8 service at 6:30pm. Taking time out of our day to prepare to share the all-important message of the Savior is worth it! We realize that this is an awesome privilege for these lambs of the Good Shepherd to share his story, and an awesome privilege we as teachers have of getting to spend time together with them daily in God's Word preparing them not just for this life, but for eternity!

This year again our school is hosting a “giving tree” for Paula's House, a community service organization that provides safe shelter for women and families in crisis. If you would like to donate by purchasing a gift or gifts for Paula's House children and families, you are welcome to visit the tree in the school entrance hallway to select a tag or tags with needed items. Items can be wrapped, and the gift tag taped to the outside of the gift, or just tape the tag on the gift, and we will wrap them here. Donations should be brought in to school by December 15. You may also make a cash donation if you prefer, which will be used to make purchases for any remaining tags. Cash donations should be given to Amy Vanisacker in the school/church office.

This month the co-ed basketball teams A, B, and C, will start practices for their season, with games starting in January. Our cheerleaders and Pee Wee Poms are also preparing a routine for our “Gingerbread” pep rally on December 19 at 2:30pm.

A number of family events are planned for December, including a “Happy Birthday, Jesus” family celebration on December 7 from 9-11am, and a Family Gingerbread House building activity on Saturday, December 14 from 10am-noon. This year we will still have a couple of class days after our school Christmas service, with our classroom Christmas parties on Friday, December 20. Students and teachers alike look forward to a rest as classes will be in recess from December 23 through January 3 for the Christmas holiday.

As we enter the new year that God has planned for us, we appreciate our school family, and especially our parents, who recognize how important the knowledge of Jesus and his gift of salvation for us is to their children's education and spiritual development, and are willing to use their gifts to support Christian education. We know that God has us all in his hand and will continue to provide as we place our trust in him.

God's blessings to you this Advent and Christmas season as you make your own preparations to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Thank you, Zion congregation, for your continued prayers and support of Zion Lutheran School. You are a blessings to these lambs and those who serve them!

Merry Christmas!  
-Principal Schneck

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**CALL UPDATE**—The Members of Zion and St. Paul extended a call to Pastor Eric Hansen. He has returned the call. The next joint call meeting is going to be on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's church.

**SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING:** There is a special Voter's meeting being held on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the circle drive parking lot.

**STEWARDSHIP GIFT OF TIME OPPORTUNITY:** Zion is in need of members who would be willing to input the attendance information into Church 360 following the service each week. Training will be provided and this is something that can be done from home. We hope that if we get five or six people to help it would have to be done once every month to month and a half. If interested, please reach out to Rob Krueger at 734-770-1149.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS:** All families are encouraged to join in celebrating Jesus' birth. **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 a.m.** There will be a brunch, games, crafts and more. Please take a flyer from the back table for more information.

**DECORATING THE SANCTUARY:** This year the sanctuary decorating is scheduled for **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m.** (right after Happy Birthday Jesus). There is a sign-up sheet in the west foyer to let us know how many people we can plan on having here to decorate. Many hands make quick work. Please consider using your talents and time to come help make the sanctuary represent this wonderful time of the year.

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILDING:** We are planning another fun family event for **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.** Bring a gingerbread kit and your decorations. Please see the back table for a flyer with more details.

**PAULA'S HOUSE:** Once again this year Zion Church and School is supporting the women and children who are staying at Paula's House. The giving tree is in the school hallway with gift tags. Please have the gift wrapped with only the tag from the tree on the package. Please have the gift returned to the school by Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to come help us sort the gifts for delivery, we are planning on sorting Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> after morning coffee at the Oasis (in the Zion gym). Thank you in advance for all the support.

**NO SCHOOL** — Zion School students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m., Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. There are no classes at Zion from Friday, 11:00 a.m., 2024 to Friday, January 3, 2025. Classes will resume Monday, January 6, 2025 at 8:00 a.m..

**OFFICE HOURS** — The church/school office will be open from 8 a.m. until noon Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The office will be closed Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025.

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**FRIENDS IN FAITH** would like to thank everyone who contributed and purchased baked goods at our recent bake sale. We received donations totaling \$765.00. These donations will help fund the purchase of artificial lilies to beautify our church over the Easter season. We look forward to a beautiful and scent-free church!

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:15 a.m. we are planning on going out to 2 nursing homes and do some Christmas caroling. There will be coffee and donuts before going out. We expect to be gone only an hour or so.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025** are available in the west foyer. The envelopes will be in alphabetic order. If you don't see your envelopes, please contact the office.

**2024 CONTRIBUTIONS** - The financial secretary will close the books for 2024 on December 31, 2024. To receive credit for 2024, all contributions must be received by that date.

**ALTAR GUILD FOR 2025** — There is a sign-up sheet in the west foyer for Altar Guild volunteers for 2025. We really do appreciate all the help we get through the year with this service of love. If you haven't ever done Altar Guild, please consider helping out. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

**FRIENDS IN FAITH:** In the East foyer Friends in Faith is now selling greeting cards for \$1.00 each. There are different occasion cards available. The money raised from the sales is going towards future Friends in Faith projects, such as the Kleenex box ministry project and other shut in projects they do throughout the year.

**CHRISTMAS PLANTS FOR THE SHUT-INS, SICK AND ELDERLY** are here. Pastor is planning on visiting the shut-ins, however, if you have time and would like to help please take a plant and mark the person off the list. Any help at all is much appreciated. Thank you.

## Names of the Shut-Ins

David and Marge Douglas	Carol Pinchoff
Joe Elmer	Chris Pitcher
Doris Johnson	Shirley Radzimoski
Don Kilgus	Brian Rehberg
Janice Kilpatrick	Deane & Leanna Rogers
Joyce Norman	Beulah Soltman

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## Happy Birthday Jesus!

WE ARE THRILLED TO INVITE YOU TO A PARTY TO  
CELEBRATE JESUS' BIRTH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

9-11

Families are invited to join us for a morning at Zion with  
brunch, games, crafts and more!

Watch our Facebook for a  
registration link.

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## FAMILY GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILDING EVENT

Please join us for a fun morning building gingerbread houses! The houses will then be displayed in the hallways before being judged. The winning family will be announced at the Christmas Pep Rally on December 19th

**When:** Saturday December 14th

**Time:** 10am-12pm

**Where:** Zion Gymnasium

**What Should I Bring:** A gingerbread kit (or homemade building supplies-your call) and your decorative fixings. Zion will provide the hot cocoa!

This event is open to all Zion church and school families!

Kindly RSVP to the Zion office by Wednesday December 11th.

We look forward to some *sweet* fellowship  
with you!





# FOR YOUR INFORMATION



## **Worship at the Cross December 15, 2024 at 1 pm**

### **Program for Individuals with Special Needs**

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is excited to announce the next monthly program on December 15, 2024 at 1 pm. The Worship at the Cross program provides individuals with special needs the opportunity to hear God's Word.

The Worship at the Cross program is a simplified service that follows a format appropriate for people with a cognitive disability, including people with forms of dementia. Pictures and symbols lead participants through the parts of the service.

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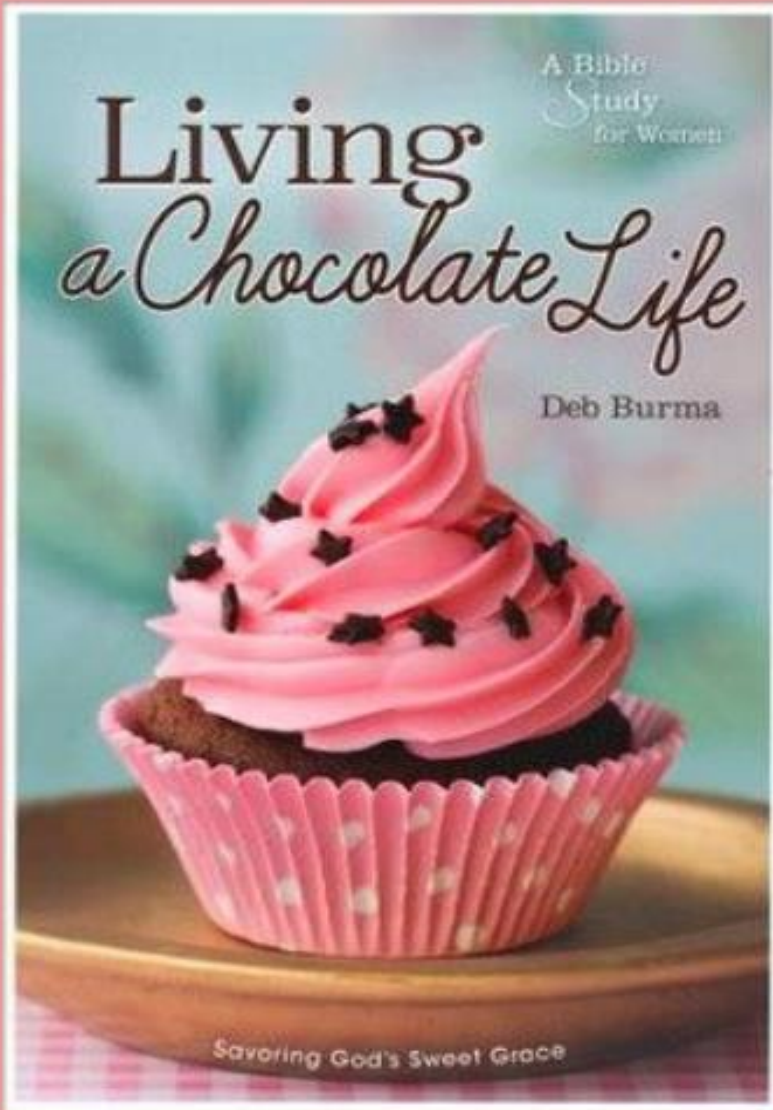
**JESUS CARES MINISTRIES**

Worship at the Cross

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

# Friends in Faith

## *Christian Book Study*



January 12th, 26th  
February 9th, 23rd  
2:00 - 4:00PM

*Living a Chocolate Life*  
By: Deb Burma

Join us for an informal discussion. We will meet 4 times over the next 2 months discussing 2 new chapters at each date. As a bonus we will enjoy some chocolate treats and fellowship.

Available to purchase on Amazon.

If you have any questions contact Brenda Chandonnet - 734-915-5477

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Would you like to help “feed some lambs”?

*Our congregation is accepting donations to Zion's two "Zion School Tuition Assistance" funds. These funds are set up to specifically assist families in need within the congregation and the community with tuition assistance scholarships for their child attending Zion Lutheran School. With recent events, there is a particular need due to the financial challenges facing several of our families this year.*



*There are two funds, one designated to help any family in our community wishing to attend Zion Lutheran School, and one designated for Zion congregation member families. We have already used most of the funds available to us for member families for the new school year, and our general fund (open to all school families) already does not meet our needs for the next school year.*

*If you are interested in making a donation to either of these funds, please make checks payable to "Zion Lutheran Church". Please write in the check memo line which fund you wish the donation to go to:*

*“ZLS Tuition Assistance – General” or  
“ZLS Tuition Assistance – Zion Member”.*

*Donations not designated to a specific fund will be applied to the funds as needed at the discretion of the school board and church council.*

*Thank you for helping Zion Lutheran School to do all we can to answer Christ's call to “feed his lambs and sheep”.*

*Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” – John 21:15b*

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH COUNCIL POSITIONS** — Newly elected councilmen will be installed at the 9:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 5, 2025. The office with no man to serve is Education Chairman. Those that have accepted nominations are Jake Burke, Vice-president; Joe Schmeling, Financial Secretary; Bari Waltz, Elder Chairman; Keith McBee, Trustees Chairman, Erich Freiny 1 year Stewardship Chairman and Jeff Grub Recording Secretary. We appreciate these brothers and their willingness to serve.

We thank all these men for their willingness and efforts to serve us and Christ. God bless you all.

**THANK YOU:** At the end of December, the following will have concluded their service in these offices: Ray Palmatier, Recording Secretary; Mark Kipf, Elder Chairman; Erich Freiny, Education Chairman;

**THANKYOU.** Thanks for your desire to prosper Christ's Kingdom. Thanks for your time and efforts. Thanks for everything. We appreciate it and so does our Lord.

## MEMORIALS (GIVEN TO GENERAL FUND, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

### *IN MEMORY OF JOE ELMER*

*From*

<i>Jean Dennis</i>	<i>Jeff &amp; Mariya Gessner</i>	<i>Joe, Bonnie, &amp; Sarah</i>
<i>Ron &amp; Donna O'Dell</i>	<i>Lee Younglove</i>	<i>Pat Wiekenheiser</i>
<i>Annetta Miller</i>	<i>Sally Pritchett</i>	<i>Rick &amp; Julie Stewart</i>
<i>Bob &amp; Joyce Trowbridge</i>	<i>Maxine Kull</i>	<i>Robin &amp; Marj Terry</i>

### *IN MEMORY OF MARION YOAS*

*from Jeremiah & Carrie Smith*

### *IN MEMORY OF GIOVANNI RIZZO*

*from Jeremiah & Carrie Smith*

### *IN MEMORY OF JIM RUNOYN JR.*

*from Maxine Kull*

There were 10 members present.

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Rob Krueger

1. The meeting was opened with a devotion by Pastor Sitzman
  - A. John 5:27 NIV, Authority to Judge

**II. Previous Council Minutes:** M/S/C to approve the minutes from October (Kipf/Burke)

**III. Pastoral Report:** M/S/C to approve the submitted report for Thursday, November 21, 2024 (Kipf/Burke)

- A. St Paul and Zion called Pastor Eric Hansen to serve both congregations. Pastor Hansen has returned the call
- B. Zion Hosted a budgeting seminar led by Thrivent representative Jeff Sitzman. 10 persons attended
- C. The Nominating Committee met on November 7<sup>th</sup> for a third round of nominations, two have responded and both declined. Education Chairman remains unfilled. Those that have accepted nominations are Jake Burke, Vice President; Joe Schmeling, financial Secretary; Bari Waltz, Elder Chairman; Keith McBee, Trustees Chairman; Erich Freiny, 1 year Stewardship Chairman, and Jeff Grub, Recording Secretary.
- D. Midweek Advent services this year are on Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and the 18<sup>th</sup>. The 18<sup>th</sup> will be the Zion School Christmas Service starting at 6:30 PM. Christmas Eve service will be at 7 PM on the 24<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Day Worship at 9 AM. We will have no service on Wednesday night, December 25<sup>th</sup> and no Wednesday night service on January 1<sup>st</sup>. No Sunday school or Bible class on December 29<sup>th</sup>. Sunday school and Bible class will resume on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- E. Thank you to out-going church council members Ray Palmatier, Recording Secretary; Mark Kipf, Elder Chairman, Erich Freiny, Education Chairman. Their two-year terms will end on December 31, 2024
- F. Closed with a scripture reading from Revelation 22:5, and a reading from the Augsburg Confession XVII 5

**IV. Principal Report:** M/S/C to approve the report as given (Kipf/Burke)

- A. Enrollment is currently at 92
- B. Cornhole league was completed with a tournament on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Mr. Roth for organizing
- C. Thanks to Mrs. Sordahl, Mrs. Schneck, and Mrs. Roth for coaching Volleyball. On Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> we completed the Volleyball season with our last matches away
- D. School picture day was held on November 5<sup>th</sup>. This will end our contract with Lifetouch. We intend on utilizing a local company, Floral City Photography going forward
- E. The Zion CEA Harvest Party and Trunk or Treat was on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. It was GREAT! Kudos to Jenna Turner for organizing the party, Marliese Nadeau for organizing the Trunk-or-Treat, and a big thank you to the upper grades 6-8 for running most of the games
- F. Several service projects are planned for November including a “Gobble Wobble” mini fun run
- G. Stacey Sordahl is organizing a Gingerbread House competition for families on Saturday, December 14
- H. Mrs. Roth wrote and will direct our Christmas service for K-8 on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 PM and Mrs. Schneck has prepared a mini service for the preschool AM and PM to present during the school day

**V. Board Reports:**

1. Board of Education: M/S/C to accept the report as given (Kipf/Schneck)

- A. Met on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- B. Website redesign is still on track for a late November 2024 completion
- C. We will be planning an event that celebrates 25 years of service in ministry for Ryan Roth
- D. Bryan and Deanna Schneck have announced their planned retirement dates. Deanna will retire at the conclusion of this school year (6/2025) and Bryan at the conclusion of the 25-26 school year (6/2026)
- E. 2025-2026 School tuition rates will be discussed during the December meeting with the intent to bring to Council/Voters in January

2. Board of Elders: M/S/C to accept the board and statistical report as submitted (Burke/Heusman)

- A. Met on 11/5/2024
- B. Jesus Cares Ministry services continue. The next planned service will be on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM
- C. A letter to members who have been absent from service for more than 6-months will be mailed
- D. Ken Vagt will continue to assist pastor with shut-ins. Al Bober and Mark Kipf will begin assisting as well
- E. Pastor was off on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>, and will take vacation February 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- F. Mark and Paula Kipf continue to offer services for the Gardens Assisted Living facility in Carleton
- G. Rob will create a description for attendance/visitor/communion data input and seek volunteers

3. Board of Outreach: M/S/C to accept the report as given (Robinson/Burke)

- A. Jeff Smith and Mark Kipf are working on a potential New Year’s Eve Party for Saint Paul’s and Zion members to be held here at Zion. Pot luck food and games will be available. More details to follow

# COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (CONT.)

4. Board of Service and Fellowship: M/S/C to accept the report as given (Kipf/Burke)

- A. The joint St. Paul/Zion Reformation Brunch went well with 85 attending
- B. The Advent Tea is coming up. In Jeff's absence, Pastor will be available to assist if needed

5. Board of Stewardship: No report

6. Board of Trustees: M/S/C to accept the report as given (Kipf/Burke)

- A. The front steps for the white parsonage need to be replaced
- B. The sump pump in the tunnel still needs to be looked at
- C. The school roof was checked for drain obstructions with leaves cleared out. Steeple roof caulked
- D. The kitchen island was moved and the bottom was trimmed
- E. Three breakers for the island were replaced
- F. Sieb will replace the faucet on the outside front of the church
- G. STL will be out to replace the breaker boxes in school hall and gym over Christmas break
- H. We are attempting to order parts so work can begin on the school and gym windows
- I. DTE investigating the poles that have been laying on our front property and hopefully will remove them

**VI. Treasurer's Report:** M/S/C to accept the Treasurer's report (Burke/Kipf)

- A. Balance Sheet is balanced (Total Assets = Total Liabilities plus Equity)
- B. Monthly **net** operating income for October is \$8,606.17
- C. YTD **net** operating income through October 31, 2024 is \$18,178.49 NOTE: 2023 \$-11,963.73
- D. As of October 31, 2024 Restricted funds = \$403,394.92. Unrestricted funds = \$315,232.48

**VII. Financial Secretary's Report:** M/S/C to accept the report submitted for the month of October, 2024 (Burke/Kipf)

- A. Numbers in Treasure's report balance with special savings account at Merchants Bank

**VIII. Committee Reports:**

- *Financial Staff Committee:* no report
- *Technology Committee:* no report
- *Budget Committee:* Verbal report
- *Nominating Committee:* no report
- *Security Committee:* no report
- *Audit Committee:* no report
- *Cottage Committee:* no report

**IX. Unfinished Business:**

- A. None

**X. New Business:**

- A. M/S/C to **not** approve Roadtec fees /invoice for unsolicited material and labor for black top work located in the front circle drive of the church (Kipf/Burke)
- B. M/S/C to request a special voters meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM to address unsolicited work and subsequent fees by Roadtec LLC (Kipf/Burke) *Note: Motion passed with 8 yay votes and 1 nay vote*
- C. M/S/C to request Rob Krueger reach out to an attorney for legal direction regarding Roadtec (Robinson/Kipf)
- D. M/S/C to request that any future business/communication regarding Roadtec be directed to/handled by the church president (Kipf/Schneck)
- E. M/S/C to initiate the call process for a preschool director (Kipf/Burke)

**XI. Meeting Adjourned:** M/S/C with no other business needing attention, we move to adjourn with Prayer (hymn 215) at 7:39 PM (Kipf/Schneck)

**To be Noted:**

- Next Council Meeting will occur on December 19, 2024 at 6 PM
- Next regular Open Forum/ Voter's Meeting will occur on January 26, 2025 immediately following Sunday Morning Service. An emergency Voter's meeting is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM to discuss Roadtec LLC

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray Palmatier

## DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Sun., Dec. 1	9:00 a.m. First Advent Worship Service (IC/CC) 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Advent Tea
Tues., Nov. 3	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class 5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m. Elder’s Meeting
Wed., Dec. 4	7:00 p.m. Worship Service – Advent 1
Sat., Dec. 7	9:00 a.m. Happy Birthday Jesus 11:15 a.m. Decorate the Sanctuary
Sun., Dec. 8	9:00 a.m. Second Advent Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class, Sunday School and Youth Group 11:30 a.m. Special Voter’s Meeting—Parking lot 2:00 p.m. Joint Call Meeting at St. Paul’s
Mon., Dec. 9	7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting
Tues., Dec. 10	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class 1:30 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
Wed., Dec. 11	7:00 p.m. Worship Service – Advent 2 (IC)
Sat., Dec. 14	10:00 a.m. Gingerbread House Decorating
Sun., Dec. 15	9:00 a.m. Third Advent Worship Service (IC/CC) 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class, Sunday School and Youth Group 1:00 p.m. Jesus Cares Worship Service
Tues., Dec. 17	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class 1:30 p.m. Worship (IC)
Wed., Dec. 18	10:30 a.m./2:40 p.m. Zion Preschool Christmas Service 6:30 p.m. Zion School Christmas Worship Service
Thurs., Dec. 19	6:00 p.m. Church Council
Fri., Dec. 20	11:00 a.m. Zion School dismissed for Christmas break
Sun., Dec. 22	9:00 a.m. Fourth Advent Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Christmas Caroling
Tues., Dec. 24	7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
Wed., Dec. 25	9:00 a.m. Festival Christmas Service 7:00 p.m. NO Worship Service
Sun., Dec. 29	9:00 a.m. Worship Service No Sunday School, Youth Group or Bible Class
Wed., Jan. 1	7:00 p.m. NO Worship Service

**Mon., Dec. 23-Fri., Jan. 3**

**No School**

**Tues., Dec. 24-Wed., Jan. 1**

**Office Closed**

## DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

	<b>Nov. 28 &amp; Dec.1</b>	<b>Dec. 4 &amp; 8</b>	<b>Dec. 11 &amp; 15</b>	<b>Dec. 18 &amp; Dec. 22</b>	<b>Dec. 24, 25, &amp; 29</b>
Altar Guild		Linda Selvidge	& Diane Affholter		
Live Stream Helpers	Nov. 28 – Rob Krueger Dec. 1 – Ryan Roth	Steve Sordahl	Ryan Roth	Dec. 18- Steve Sordahl Dec. 22 – William Robinson	Dec. 24 – Steve Sordahl Dec. 29 – Erich Freiny
Ushers	<b><u>Nov. 28</u></b> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson  <b><u>Dec. 1</u></b> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	<b><u>Dec. 4</u></b> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner  <b><u>Dec. 8</u></b> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner	<b><u>Dec. 11</u></b> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick  <b><u>Dec. 15</u></b> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick	<b><u>Dec. 18</u></b> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier  <b><u>Dec. 22</u></b> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier	<b><u>Dec. 24</u></b> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling  <b><u>Dec. 25</u></b> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling  <b><u>Dec. 29</u></b> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling
Communion Helpers	<b><u>Dec. 1</u></b> Jake Burke Mark Kipf		<b><u>Dec. 11</u></b> Ken Vagt  <b><u>Dec. 15</u></b> Erich Freiny Jeff Heusman		



*John 3:14-17*

*<sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

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# DECEMBER, 2024

## ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 1st Sunday in Advent</b> 9:00 a.m., Worship (IC/CC) 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group <b>6:00 p.m. Advent Tea</b>	2	3 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class  5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting  7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting	4 7:00 p.m., <b>Mid-week Advent #1</b>	5	6	7 9--11 Happy Birthday Jesus  11:15 Church Decorating
<b>8 2nd Sunday in Advent</b> 9:00 a.m., Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group 11:30 a.m. Special Voter's Meeting 2:00 p.m. Joint Call Meeting at St. Paul's	9 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting	10 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class  1:30 p.m., Afternoon Worship (IC)  5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting	11 7:00 p.m., <b>Mid-week Advent #2 (IC)</b>	12	13	14 10:00 am Gingerbread House Decorating
<b>15 3rd Sunday in Advent</b> 9:00 a.m., Worship (IC/CC) 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group  <b>1:00 p.m. Jesus Cares Worship</b>	16	17 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class  5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting	18 <b>6:30 p.m. Zion School Worship Service</b>	19 7:00 p.m. Church Council	20 11:00 a.m. early dismissal for Zion School—Christmas break	21
<b>22 4th Sunday in Advent</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship <b>10:15 a.m.</b> Christmas Caroling	23	24 <b>7:00 p.m. Candle-light Worship Service</b>	25 <b>9:00 a.m. Festival Worship Service</b>  No Evening Service	26	27	28
<b>Zion School for Christmas Break Dec. 23-Jan. 3</b> <b>Office Closed Dec. 24-Jan. 1</b>						
29 <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship  NO Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, Youth Group	30	31	1 No Evening Service	2	3	4
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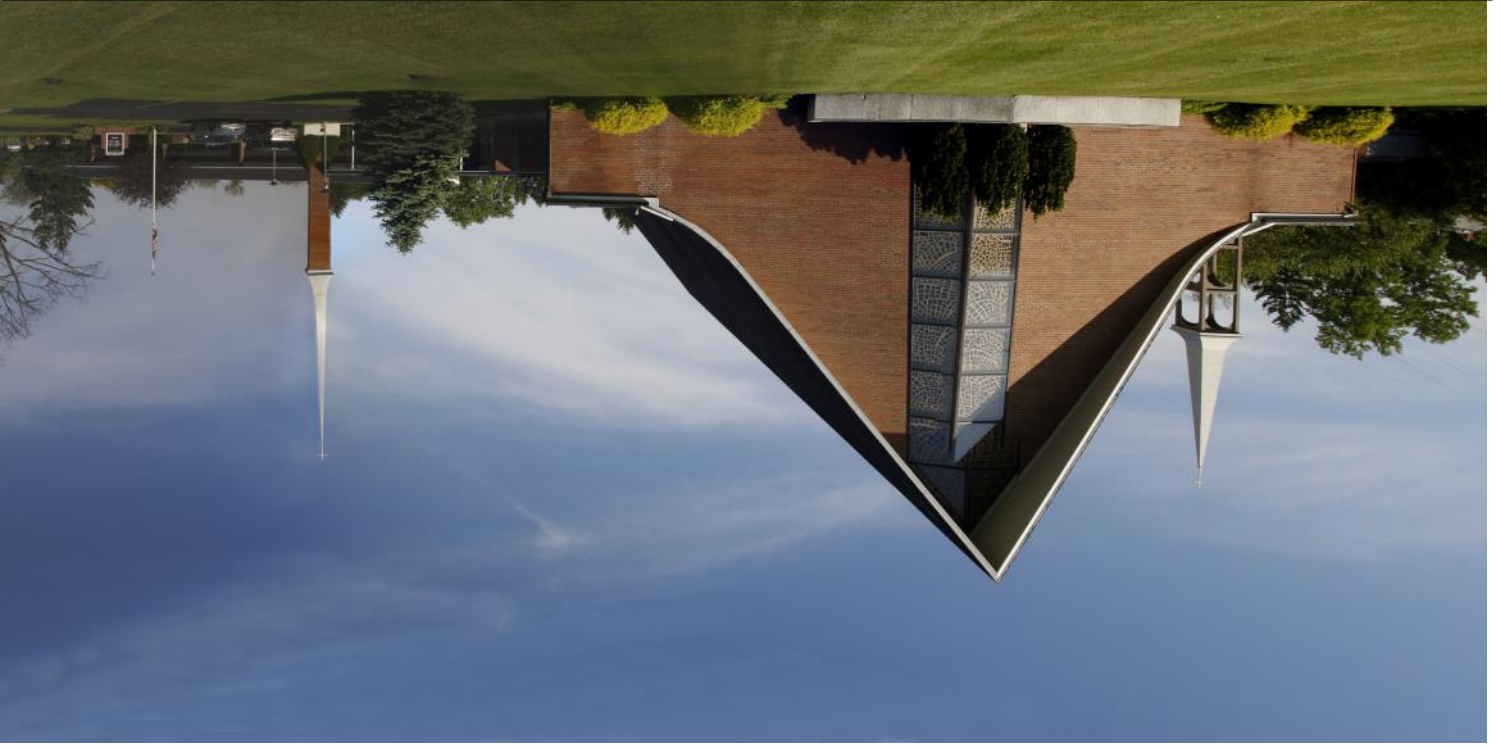
Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. - Luke 2:11



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship at Zion Dam Sunday School and Bible Class 10:15am  Advent Tea 8pm	2  Hot Lunch - Pancake Bar  Cheerleading Practice - 3-4 p.m.	3 Warrior Oass Cafe 7:45-8:10am  AB Basketball Practice 3-4:30pm	4 School Chapel 8:05am Hot Lunch - Beef Stroganoff C Basketball Practice 3-4:30pm Advent Worship at Zion 7pm	5  AB Basketball Practice 3-4:30pm	6 Warrior Oass Cafe 7:45-8:10am Hot Lunch - Pizza	7 Happy Birthday, Jesus Family Celebration 9-11am
8 Worship at Zion Dam Sunday School and Bible Class 10:15am	9  Hot Lunch - CHILI/CHICK. CHILI Grade 3-5 Henry Ford Field Trip Cheerleading Practice - 3-4 p.m.	10 Warrior Oass Cafe 7:45-8:10am Preschool Cookie Decorating 10:40am and 2:40pm AB Basketball Practice 3-4:30pm	11 School Chapel 8:05am Hot Lunch - Spaghetti Picture Retake Day C Basketball Practice 3-4:30pm	12  AB Basketball Practice 3-4:30pm	13 Warrior Oass Cafe 7:45-8:10am Hot Lunch - Pizza	14 Family Gingerbread House Activity 10am-12pm
15 Worship at Zion Dam Sunday School and Bible Class 10:15am JESUS CARES Special Needs Worship 11am	16  Hot Lunch - Meatloaf  Cheerleading Practice - 3-4 p.m.	17 Warrior Oass Cafe 7:45-8:10am  AB Basketball Practice 3-4:30pm	18 Hot Lunch - Ch. Mrg. Mac & Ch. Preschool Christmas Service 10:40am Preschool Christmas Service 2:40pm K-8 School Christmas Service 6:30pm	19 M.C.S Bookmobile 10:30am-12:30pm Gingerbread Prep Rally 2pm AB Basketball Practice 3-4:30pm	20 School Chapel 8:05am School Christmas Parties Classes dismisse 11am	21
22 Worship at Zion Dam	23	24 Christmas Eve Worship at Zion 7pm	25 Christmas Day Worship at Zion at Zion 8am	26	27	28
29 Worship at Zion Dam	30	School Christmas Break December 23 - January 3		31 January 1	January 2	January 3
		School Classes Resume Monday, January 6		January 4		



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