

THE CLARION

JANUARY—MAY 2025

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Christmas Eve

4:00 pm - Family Service

7:00 pm - Worship Service

9:00 pm - Candlelight Communion

Christmas Day

9:00 am - Traditional Communion

Sunday, December 29

9:00 am - Blended Service

New Year's Eve

6:30 pm - Faith Lutheran

(Pastor Greg will have the message)

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Winter Activities Begin—Jan. 8
- Suppers Begin —January 8
- Family Trivia - February 23
- Ash Wednesday—March 5
- Pop Tarts & PJ's—March 9
- Ping Pong Tournament—March 15
- Easter—April 20

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan 1 Robin Davis
 Jan 2 Steven Bott
 Jan 2 Tony Hagen
 Jan 2 Ann Kulzer
 Jan 2 Barb Langpap
 Jan 2 Jane Prouty
 Jan 2 Edith Wrage
 Jan 3 Krystal Kiggins
 Jan 4 Henry Hauck
 Jan 5 Andrew Brown
 Jan 5 Karla Brown
 Jan 5 Cory Kritzmire
 Jan 5 Lisa Raabe
 Jan 5 Holly Shane
 Jan 6 Marissa Hofer
 Jan 6 Dale Misterek
 Jan 6 Jackson Wood
 Jan 7 Ella Hanisch
 Jan 7 Jeremy Olawsky
 Jan 7 Gwendolyn Scott
 Jan 7 LeAnn Werner
 Jan 7 Mike Wheelock

Jan 8 JoAnn Hayes
 Jan 8 Bonnie McDowell
 Jan 9 Gordon Fox
 Jan 9 Tiffany Lindberg
 Jan 9 Laura Lisby
 Jan 9 Kelsey Vig
 Jan 10 Natasha Baer
 Jan 10 Frank Doerksen
 Jan 10 Hal Frentz
 Jan 10 Brooke Powell
 Jan 11 Doug Callies
 Jan 11 Tristan Castetter
 Jan 11 Dale Larsen
 Jan 11 Smith Strain
 Jan 11 Merry Wachal
 Jan 12 Otto Kranz
 Jan 13 Nicole George
 Jan 13 Lisa Schager
 Jan 13 Patricia Schuldt
 Jan 13 Paul Winckler
 Jan 14 Mike Loween

Jan 15 Marvin Dobberpuhl
 Jan 15 Haley Friedrich
 Jan 15 Emerson Mathers
 Jan 15 Kim Mendel
 Jan 15 Linda Wohlman
 Jan 16 Julie Beaner
 Jan 16 Mason Heng
 Jan 16 John Hepper
 Jan 16 Terry Lafrentz
 Jan 16 Aimee Sebesta
 Jan 17 Emalyn Baer
 Jan 17 Zachary Duwenhoyger
 Jan 17 Janice Haas
 Jan 18 Elise Eilertson
 Jan 18 Hayden Erickson
 Jan 18 Erica Knigge
 Jan 19 Casey Auch
 Jan 19 Gary Gottschalk
 Jan 19 Kathleen Hamilton
 Jan 19 Alix Locke
 Jan 19 Willa Mathers
 Jan 20 Lorrie Fleury
 Jan 20 John Hansen
 Jan 21 Jill Powell
 Jan 21 Eugene Schultz
 Jan 22 Nancy Hanson
 Jan 23 Mike Dressler

Jan 23 Joelle Peterson
 Jan 24 Lauren Aamold
 Jan 24 Judson Benolkin
 Jan 24 Mya Grim
 Jan 24 Dawson Urban
 Jan 25 Jeffrey Nord
 Jan 25 James Palensky
 Jan 25 Lisa Stotts
 Jan 25 Lexi Wood
 Jan 26 Chelsea Boe
 Jan 26 Colson Campbell
 Jan 26 Vickie List
 Jan 26 Roselyn Olson
 Jan 27 Nicole Nelson
 Jan 27 Gavin Pusch
 Jan 27 Ellie Shane
 Jan 27 Cody Stotts
 Jan 28 Alexandra Fitterer
 Jan 28 Sarah Larsen
 Jan 28 Jill McMillen
 Jan 28 Chad Urban
 Jan 29 Justin Halsne
 Jan 29 Thomas Hanson
 Jan 29 Hannah Palensky
 Jan 30 Johnny Dyce
 Jan 30 Alexander Lerdal
 Jan 30 Jeffrey Thompson
 Jan 31 Mercer Eilertson
 Jan 31 Brianna Zens

ZION'S BOOK CLUB IN JANUARY

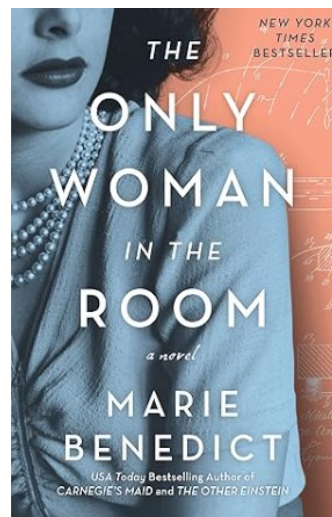
"The Only Woman in the Room"— Marie Benedict

She possessed a stunning beauty. She also possessed a stunning mind. Could the world handle both? Her beauty almost certainly saved her from the rising Nazi party and led to marriage with an Austrian arms dealer.

Underestimated in everything else, she overheard the Third Reich's plans while at her husband's side, understanding more than anyone would guess. She devised a plan to flee in disguise from their cas-

tle, and the whirlwind escape landed her in Hollywood. She became Hedy Lamarr, screen star.

But she kept a secret more shocking than her heritage or her marriage: she was a scientist. And she knew a few secrets about the enemy. She had an idea that might help the country fight the Nazis...if anyone would listen to her. It's a powerful novel based on the incredible true story of the glamour icon and scientist whose groundbreaking invention revolutionized modern communication.



Marie Benedict is a lawyer with more than 10 years' experience as a litigator at two of the country's premier law firms and for Fortune 500 companies. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Boston College and Boston University School of Law. She is the author of "The Other Einstein," "Carnegie's Maid" and "Lady Clementine." She lives in Pittsburgh with her family.

SEPT-OCT-NOV INCOME

OTHER INCOME

Envelopes and Electronic Giving ...	\$152,695.79
Plate	4,650.00
Missions/Radio	470.00
Lutheran School	160.00
Treasure Chest	256.00
Flowers	836.00
Coffee/Donuts.....	640.00
Funerals Weddings	957.94
Youth Missions	90.36
Total Received	\$160,756.09
3 Month Need	\$192,300.00

Designated Memorials	\$30.00
Sausage Feed.....	105.00
IF:SF Gathering	254.00
Polling Place.....	200.00
Honor Flight	1,235.00
Parking Lot Reimb/Foundation.....	11,183.32
Total Received	\$13,007.32

19: Methodist & Holiness Churches

26: ELCA & Other Lutherans

April:

30: Anglicans

May:

7: Pentecostal & Assembly of God

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY

It's easy to think all Christians believe the same doctrine, but the differences are astounding. Baptism, Communion, and free will are all examples of some of the major differences among Christian denominations.

In "One Christ, Many Creeds", the teachings of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and other Christian denominations are examined and compared. You will develop a deeper understanding of the similarities as well as the differences that exist between Christian denominations.

This essential Bible study prepares all ages to represent their Lutheran faith in light of other Christian denominations.

Join Pastor Paul Winckler
Wednesday nights at 6:30:

January:

8: Roman Catholic

15: Orthodox

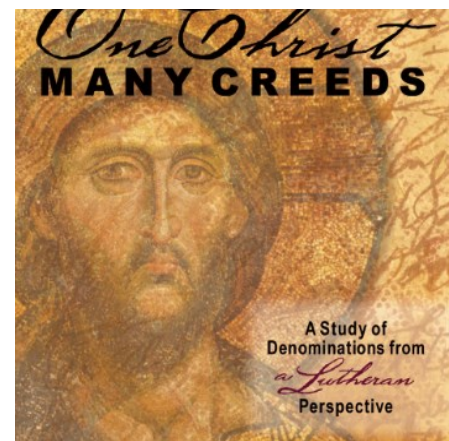
22: Reformed & Presbyterian

29: Baptist

February:

5: Non-Denominational

12: Mennonite/Hutterite/
Amish



Parish Nursing

Happy 2025!



ZION LUTHERAN



The New Year often starts off with resolutions. Here's one for you - DRINK MORE WATER!

Did you know water is mentioned 722 times in the Bible? Water was created on the very first day. The strength of water is shown in the Flood. We see the power of water and the Word in every baptism.

We need water! Water helps your body keep a normal temperature, cushions your joints, protects your spinal cord, and helps maintain clear thinking (CDC, 2024).

READY TO DRINK UP?



Here are a few tips to drink more water -

- Carry a water bottle with you throughout your day.
- Choose water over sugary drinks.
- Opt for water when eating out.
- Serve water during meals.
- Add fruit to flavor your water (lime or lemon work great).

Enjoy!

Rachel
Zion Lutheran Parish Nurse

JOY 55+

Do you like to laugh?



Do you like to have fun?

Mark Your Calendar!

Jan 14th

Feb 11th

March 11th

April 8th

May 13th

10:30am Atrium

ZION LUTHERAN



Parish
Nursing

ZION KIDS FAMILY MINISTRY



WELCOME BACK!

We resume Sunday School on January 5th with a WELCOME BACK PARTY! Your Sunday School teachers may have games, movies, or crafts planned as we begin the new year with our Zion Kids friends learning about what happened after Jesus rose from the dead. Check out the fun activities planned for our winter and spring and I'll see you on Sunday!

Ms. Chez



Winter and Spring Dates to Remember

- Jan 5: Welcome Back Party during Sunday School
- Jan 8: Wed Night Activities Resume
- Jan 26: 4 year old Milestone
- Feb 23: 2nd Grade Milestone
- Mar 9: PJs and Poptarts during Sunday School
- Mar 23 & 30 5th Grade Early Communion Classes
- Apr 13: Kids process with palms at 10:30 service
- Apr 19: Easter Egg Hunt 10:00
- Apr 20: No Sunday School-Easter
- Apr 27: 4th Grade Milestone
- May 4: Last Regular Sunday School before summer

HOOT SERIES:

God's gift of:

EMOTIONS



WEDNESDAY SUPPERS



JANUARY

- 8 Spaghetti, Salad, French Bread
- 15 Broasted Chicken, Cheesy Potatoes
- 22 Lasagna, Salad, French Bread
- 29 Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn

FEBRUARY

- 5 Chicken Strips, Potato Wedges, Fruit
- 12 Pulled Pork, Mac & Cheese, Fruit
- 19 Broasted Chicken, Cheesy Potatoes
- 26 Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie



APRIL

- 30 Pulled Pork, Mac & Cheese, Fruit

MAY

- 7 Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans

Wednesday Nights

AT



ZION LUTHERAN

4:30 - COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY

Conference Rm - Every other week

5:30 - FREE WILL OFFERING SUPPER

6:30

KIDS

OWL

K-3RD

ZION KIDS RM



HOOT

4TH-5TH

SUNDAY SCHOOL RM #2



YOUTH

YOUTH NIGHT

6-12TH

YOUTH ROOM



CONFIRMATION

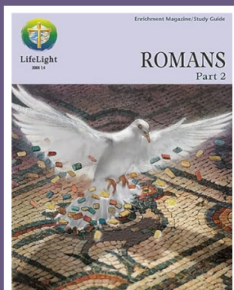
SUNDAY SCHOOL

RM #4



ADULTS

LIFELIGHT STUDY
Romans



Conference Rm

Christian Denominations



Atrium

ZION CHOIR



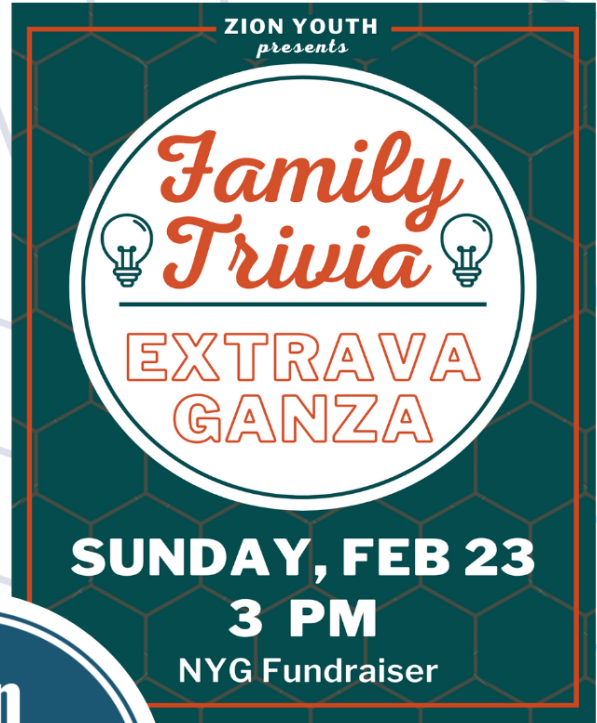
Balcony



TUBING AT GREAT BEAR




**FRI, JAN 24
6-9:30 PM
\$10/Ticket**



ZION YOUTH
presents

Family Trivia



**EXTRA
GANZA**

**SUNDAY, FEB 23
3 PM**

NYG Fundraiser



PING PONG TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

**SATURDAY, MARCH 15
10 AM - 2 PM**

3RD GRADERS - ADULTS



NYG HIGH SCHOOL LATE IN

**FRI, APRIL 4
6-12 AM**

**PIZZA
RETRO
VIDEO GAMES
GROG**



PLAY

Easter Egg Hunt

Hunt will follow
an interactive
walk with Jesus
from Palm
Sunday to
Easter!

ZION LUTHERAN APRIL 19 | 10AM

Sat, Feb 1st

*Our Kick-Off Meeting!
Let the fun begin in the atrium*



3-4:30pm

*plus extended-fellowship
until 5:00pm*

We are excited to announce the launch of Zion Women's, a new ministry aimed at creating a space to build deep connections with one another and grow spiritually through fellowship, prayer, bible study, friendships and laughter! Lets take this time to set aside our obligations as mothers, or wives, or employees so we can build on our relationships with the Lord and each other!

Meeting the 1st Saturday Afternoon of Each Month

This is a come-as-you-are environment, attending on weeks that work for you, sweatpants and all!



Each meeting will be unique, but follow a similar format to allow you to experience joy and friendship.

1. We will begin with a time of fellowship, snacks and conversation, because we all need someone to share our lives with!
2. We will have an activity (game, craft, or maybe just something to make us laugh) that relates to that month's scripture.
3. We will share time in God's word - in both a large and small group setting - never any at-home homework - because when we discuss the Word in community strong connections and friendships are built!
4. An optional +30 minutes of fellowship!

“Money Talks”

Stewardship Series 2025

“Money Talks.” That’s the name of our stewardship emphasis for three Sundays in the month of January. Money talking guides will be available at the Welcome Desk in the Atrium. One will help you talk about money with your children, and another is for married couples so that they, too, can engage in “Money Talks”.

Sermons and Sunday morning Adult Bible Classes will also feature talks about money. We will shine the light on six different people in the Bible and see how money talks to them and to us.

Here is the lineup:

Sunday Morning Sermons:

Jan 12 - Lot: Money’s Dark Side (Selected Verses from Genesis 13–19)

Jan 19 - Gehazi: Money’s Tempting Side (2 Kings 5:1–27)

Jan 26 - Zacchaeus: Money’s Generous Side (Luke 19:1–10)

Sunday Morning Atrium Bible Study:

Jan 12 - The Rich Young Ruler: Money’s Captive Side (Mark 10:17–31)

Jan 19 - Judas Iscariot: Money’s Destructive Side (John 12:1-8)

Jan 26 - The Dishonest Steward: Money’s Useful Side (Luke 16:1-15)



I invite you to make the most out of these resources and opportunities. “Money Talks” will help you and your family better manage your money for God’s greater glory.

Pastor Greg

LWML in 2025

Ruth Guild:

Planning meeting—January 18th

Bible Study every third Saturday of the month at 10:00 am

Diaper Derby from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day

Eve Group:

Valentine Bouquet and Card Sales—Feb 2-9th

2025 LWML SD District Spring Retreat—Arrowwood Cedar Shores—April 25-26

2025 LWML Convention - Omaha, NE - June 26-29



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES

April 17 - 10:00 am and 6:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

April 18 - 10:00 am and 6:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Service—6:30 am

Easter Breakfast—7:00—10:30 am

Traditional Service—8:00 am

Contemporary Service—10:30 am

LENT Services at 10am & 6:30pm

March 5 (Ash Wednesday)

March 12, 19, 26

April 2, 9



Happy New Year's 2025! For many the new year begins with a fresh start. Some people have made lists of new year resolutions or things to change or to accomplish. Others have simply thought it over and have a strategy and plan to take a turn in a new and better direction.

How about you? In this New Year 2025, what are your resolutions, strategies or plans? Do you have a physical list or a mental list? How's the new year resolutions going?

Let me share with you that this last year has pushed me to look deeper at Scripture passages promising God's presence, reminding me of countless times throughout history when He worked in unexpected ways.

A Scripture text that I want to share with you reminds me of a continued Christmas and is from John 18:37. Here, several hours before his death, Jesus makes a statement about his birth which I want us to remember as we go into the New Year 2025.

The situation is that Jesus and Pontius Pilate are together and Pilate is trying to get Jesus to say something that will show him worthy of crucifixion. Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world — to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." (John 18:37)

This is a great Christmas text even though Christmas is past and even though it comes from the end of Jesus's life on earth, not the beginning. The uniqueness of his birth is that he didn't originate at his birth. He existed before he was born in a manger, "For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world."

The theological word to describe this mystery is not creation but incarnation. The person, not the body, but the essential personhood of Jesus existed before he was born as man. His birth was not a coming into being of a new person, but a coming into the world of an infinitely old person. Micah 5:2 puts it like this, 700 years before Jesus was born, But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

The mystery of the birth of Jesus is not merely that he was born of a virgin. That miracle was intended by God to witness to an even greater one... that the child born at Christmas was a person who existed from of old, from ancient days. And the One from of old, from ancient of days continues to be with you today, tomorrow and everyday into the New Year 2025 and far beyond into eternity!

Come to your Savior Jesus Christ as He meets you in unexpected ways through the means of grace... Word, Water, Bread and Wine! Because in the midst of balancing all the complexities of life in this New Year 2025 we know that Jesus has made the greatest resolution in all eternity... His resolved love for you! He is resolved never to let you go. And not just for another new year, but for eternity!

Peace and Joy in Jesus!



Pastor Greg's

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At Zion Lutheran, we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved, and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!

WALK TO JERUSALEM

Get your walking shoes ready - We will be walking to Jerusalem during Lent in 2025!

ZION LUTHERAN Parish Nursing