

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**AS WE GATHER:** The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. While Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord ... that is, on God becoming flesh ... the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. The Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth ... not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6). With gold, they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).

**PASTOR PAUL WINCKLER** has accepted the call to become the Associate Pastor here at Zion Lutheran Church. His installation will be Sunday, January 25 at 3:00. A supper will follow.

**THE ZION BOOK CLUB** meets Saturday at 9:30 in the Conference Room. They are reading the book, “Beneath A Scarlet Sky” by Mark Sullivan.

**MENS BIBLE STUDY** starts up again on Tuesday, January 13th. The topic is “The Enduring Man of Character.” The group meets in the Conference room at noon every Tuesday.

**ZION ADULT CHOIR:** We **WILL HAVE** choir practice this coming Wednesday at 6:00 pm. A reminder that supper will NOT be served. If anyone in the congregation has been giving some thought to singing in the choir - this is an open invitation for you to join us as we start a New Year. See you Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the balcony!

**ZION WILL BE SERVING** breakfast at the Banquet on Monday, January 19. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the church.

**NEW FLOWER CHART:** The 2026 Flower Chart is posted in the back of the Sanctuary. The price for flowers will remain at \$53.00 for another year. Sign up for your Sunday today.

**THE FLOWERS** on the altar this morning are given by Terry and Emily Lafrentz in celebration of their 28th anniversary on the 2nd and Terry’s birthday on the 16th. We thank Terry and Emily for providing the flowers for our services today.

**WE EXTEND OUR** Christian Sympathy to the family of Inez Hayes. She passed away December 23. Funeral services will be held sometime in 2026.

**ZION FAMILY CHALLENGE** In this season of Epiphany—let your light shine! Look for a list of suggestions on the table at the back of the church to help with your Spiritual, Physical and Mental health in this dark time of the year. Complete the list and return it to Parish Nurse Rachel or put it in the basket on the back table.

**NO WEDNESDAY SUPPER OR EDUCATION PROGRAMS** this week. All Wednesday Programs begin again **January 14th.**

**YARN–N–YAK** is packing up the craft projects and heading to SoDak Soda on Saturday at 1:00 for a change of scenery. Everyone is invited to bring their current project and enjoy a time of fellowship and soda!

**EAGLE SCOUT DONATION PROJECT:** Caitlin Doss with our Scout troop is collecting new and gently used children’s clothing to donate to Marcella LeBeau Elementary School’s “Clothing Closet.” The list of items needed and the box for donations are in the East Entryway.

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