

THE CLARION

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Winter Activities Begin—Jan. 14
- Suppers Begin—January 14
- Zion Library Open House—January 18
- Ash Wednesday - February 18
- Pop Tarts & PJ's—March 8
- Easter Egg Hunt—March 28
- Easter—April 5

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 28

9:00 am - Blended Service

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan 1 Robin Davis
 Jan 2 Steven Bott
 Jan 2 Ann Kulzer
 Jan 2 Barb Langpap
 Jan 2 IreLynn McCain
 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 Kritzmirle
 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 Natashia Baer
 Jan 10 Frank Doerksen
 Jan 10 Elizabeth Hart
 Jan 10 Hal Frentz
 Jan 11 Doug Callies
 Jan 11 Tristan Castetter
 Jan 11 Dale Larsen
 Jan 11 Merry Wachal
 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 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 Kim Jones
 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 James Palensky
 Jan 25 Jeffrey Nord
 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 Sarah Larsen
 Jan 28 Jill McMillen
 Jan 28 Chad Urban
 Jan 29 Justin Halsne
 Jan 29 Thomas Hanson
 Jan 29 Hannah Palensky
 Jan 30 John Dyce
 Jan 30 Alexander Lerdal
 Jan 30 Jeffrey Thompson
 Jan 31 Mercer Eilertson
 Jan 31 Brianna Zens

ZION'S LIBRARY

Meaning of Library:

1. a collection of books, manuscripts, etc...
2. a room or a building where such a collection is available

Do you know we have such a place here at Zion? The library is in the corner of the Atrium and has hundreds of adult fiction and non-fiction books for you to enjoy.

We also have a wide range of books for children of all age levels.

A shelf full of DVDs is also available. Please take a

few minutes to stop in the library and check out the variety of books.

The process for checking out items is simple—we will be glad to show you how.

And make plans to attend a Library "Open House" on Sunday, January 18th after both services.

"I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading! How much sooner one tires of any thing than of a book! – When I have a house of my own, I shall be miserable if I have not an excellent library."

— Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*



COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY



SEPT-OCT-NOV INCOME

Envelopes and Electronic Giving	\$224691.90
Plate	\$8216.63
Missions/Radio	\$487.61
Lutheran School	\$200.00
Treasure Chest	\$388.45
Flowers	\$565.00
Coffee/Donuts.....	\$1371.95
Funerals Weddings	\$400.00
Youth Missions	\$220.79
Wednesday Supper.....	\$2375.10
Total Received	\$238,917.43
3 Month Need	\$192,300.00

OTHER INCOME

Designated Memorials	\$1295.00
Honor Flight	\$1349.00
Total Received	\$2644.00

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—TUESDAY NOON****“The Enduring Man of Character” Men’s Study**

Tuesday's at Noon

Starts Jan 13, 2026

Location: Conference Room

Tired of feeling adrift? Join our 15-week journey to anchor your life in Christ's truth. This study for men will equip you with biblical wisdom to fight the good fight, master humility, and pursue purity. Learn to transform your work into worship and leave a powerful legacy of faith for your family. Stop surviving ... start finishing strong with purpose. Your labor is not in vain!

We will establish our identity as an Ambassador of Christ (Week 1). We will embrace God's Wisdom (Week 2), transform leadership into humble service (Week 3), and secure a Gospel-centered Legacy in marriage and family (Weeks 4-5). We will learn that Perseverance (Week 6) and Purity (Week 9) are built through continuous effort and a commitment to Community (Week 8). Clothed in the Armor of God (Week 12), we will be equipped to finish our race strong (Week 15), leaving a powerful Testimony (Week 14) and anticipating the Crown of Righteousness.

Jan 13 - Anchoring Our Identity in Christ

Jan 20 - The Discipline of Wisdom

Jan 27 - Leading with Humility

Feb 3 - Building the Marriage Legacy

Feb 10 - Fathers & Grandfathers:
Imparting Faith

Feb 17 - The Power of Perseverance

Feb 24 - Work and Vocation as Worship

Mar 3 - The Call to Community
(Fellowship)

Mar 10 - Guardrails for Purity

Mar 17 - Handling Conflict & Forgiveness

Mar 24 - The Ministry of Generosity

Apr 14 - Spiritual Warfare: The Armor of God

Apr 21 - The Mature Man's Prayer Life

Apr 28 - Leaving a Legacy of Testimony

May 5 - Finishing Strong: Looking to the End

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Are you having a Blue Christmas?

You may not be familiar with the Elvis Presley song, but you may be approaching this holiday season with heartache.

Pain is all around us, and it doesn't take a break for the holiday season. So if you feel lost, sad, or lonely this season, remember the **PROMISE** of Christmas.

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins

- Matthew 1:21

So, take a deep breath. Step back from all the extra stress that makes this time of year hectic, and fill yourself with an Advent devotion where you can find rest and

PEACE in the PROMISE.



Healthy Holiday Choices

AS WE ENTER THE SEASON OF CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR, WE OFTEN DO IT WITH FOOD. HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO HAVE A HEALTHIER HOLIDAY SEASON



DON'T SKIP MEALS

This can often backfire and lead to overeating.



THINK COLOR

Aim for half of your plate to have fruits and veggies.



VISIT PEOPLE, NOT FOOD



Move socializing away from buffet table.



SAVOR SEASONAL TREATS

Enjoy those once a year treats, don't feel guilty. Make your next meal a health one.



HAVE A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY CHRISTMAS!



ZION KIDS FAMILY MINISTRY



WELCOME BACK!

We resume Sunday School on January 11th and head back into the Old Testament to discover how we can find Jesus and the cross in every true story. Check out the fun activities planned for our winter and spring and I'll see you on Sunday!

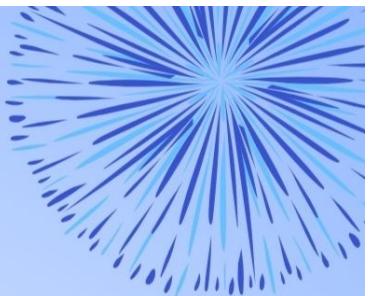
Ms. Chez



Winter and Spring Dates to Remember

- Jan 11: Resume Sunday School
- Jan 14: Wed Night Activities Resume
- Jan 25: 4 year old Milestone
- Feb 22: 2nd Grade Milestone
- Mar 8: PJs and Poptarts during Sunday School
- Mar 8 & 15: 5th Grade Early Communion Classes
- Mar 28: Easter Egg Hunt 10:00
- Mar 29: Kids process with palms at 10:30 service
- Apr 5: No Sunday School-Easter
- Apr 26: 4th Grade Milestone
- May 3: Last Regular Sunday School before summer

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026



As you ring in the new year with new resolutions
consider prioritizing Sabbath rest.

SABBATH REST

According to Dr. Scott Morris (ChurchHealth.org),
intentional **rest** and making time for your relationship
with God also improves your physical and mental
health.

better memory, healthier immune function, healthier
weight, helps relieve depression and stress management,
improved energy, decreases risk of heart disease and
diabetes



So consider prioritizing rest –
sabbath rest this New Year!

WEDNESDAY SUPPERS



JANUARY

- 14** Soup and Sandwich Combo
- 21** Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Applesauce
- 28** Beef Stroganoff, Veggie, Fruit

FEBRUARY

- 4** Broasted Chicken, Cheesy Potatoes
- 11** Pulled Pork, Mac & Cheese, Fruit



APRIL

- 15** Broasted Chicken, Cheesy Potatoes
- 22** Beef Tips/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes
- 29** Chicken Strips, Potato Salad, Veggies



MAY

- 6** Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans

CHRISTMAS PARTY

LWML Ruth Circle

DECEMBER 13 | 11 AM

ENTERTAINMENT BY

THE
SCHETTLER
FAMILY
CATERED
LUNCH

RED STOCKING
OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN

SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME TABLE



Thankful for Another Great Year In Zion Youth!



Easter Egg Hunt

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

ZION LUTHERAN MARCH 28 | 10AM



Calendar of Events

Gathering at 3:00pm
in either the conference room or atrium!

1st Saturday of the month:

December 6th, January 3rd, February 7th, March 7th

End of Year Party: Saturday, May 2nd

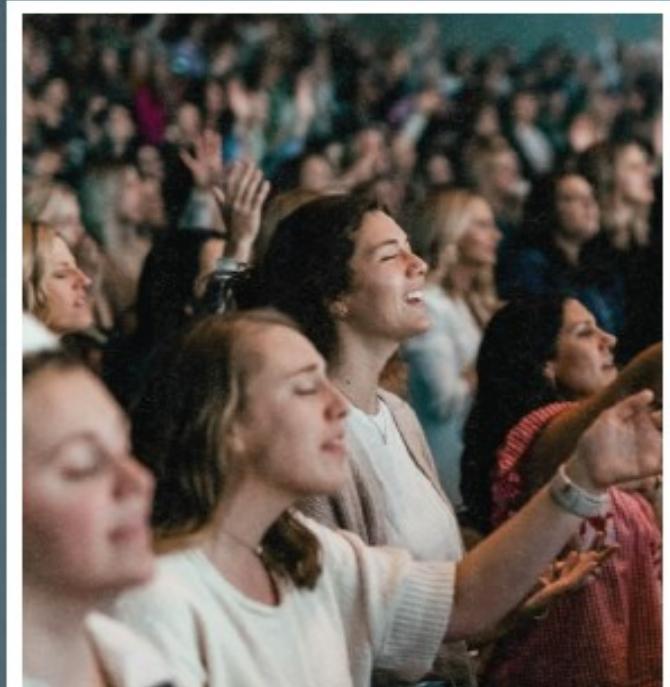
Zion Women's is a ministry where women can gather each month to build deep connections through fellowship, prayer, laughter and bible study.



Zion is Hosting
If:Sioux Falls

on Saturday
November 7th, 2026

Save the Date



SERVING BREAKFAST

MONDAY
January 19th



SERVING SUPPER (West)

MONDAY
April 13th



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES

April 2 - 10:00 am and 6:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

April 3 - 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

February 18, (Ash Wednesday)

February 25

March 4, 11, 18, 25



Dear Zion Family,

I want to begin by expressing deep gratitude for each of you. I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated staff Jacob, Lisa, Chez, Rachel, Pastor Grams, Emily, Omar, Cindy, Brooks, our ministry leaders, our faithful elders, board of directors, and every single volunteer who pours their time and talent into making this church a vibrant place of worship and service. Your commitment is the tangible evidence of God's love moving within this community.

When I reflect on the past twelve months, I see countless examples of grace in action. We have worshiped together, prayed for one another, and served our community in ways that reflect the love of Christ. Every ministry, every act of kindness, every moment of fellowship has been a testimony to the truth that we are the body of Christ, called to shine His light in the world.

As we look ahead, I believe God is inviting us into a season of renewed vision and bold faith. The challenges of our world are real, but so is the hope we have in Christ. We are not called to retreat in fear; we are called to advance in love.

Imagine what God can do through us if we remain united, prayerful, and committed to His mission. Imagine the lives that will be touched, the hearts that will be healed, and the families that will be transformed.

Today, let us recommit ourselves to being a church that embodies grace, truth, and compassion. Let us dream big, not because of our own strength, but because of the limitless power of God working within us.

As the Apostle Paul reminds us in Ephesians 3:20, God "is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us."

Thank you for your faithfulness, your generosity, and your love for this church. Together, we will continue to be a beacon of hope in our community and beyond. Thank you again for the privilege of serving as your Pastor.

Let us move forward, together, confidently into the next chapter God has prepared for us in a renewed sense of purpose and joy in serving Christ.

May God bless us and may God bless this church.

Pastor Greg



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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

ZION LUTHERAN
Parish Nursing



Get your walking shoes ready - We will be walking to Jerusalem during Lent in 2026!