

# “SHARING THE GOOD NEWS”

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Remember Our Shut-ins*



Church  
Council

**Monday, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Church secretary  
vacation day

**Wednesday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>** – All  
Committees' meetings @ 7 pm

**Sunday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>** – Congregational  
meeting after worship service

**Sunday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>** – Confirmation  
class to visit homebound

**Monday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>** – Monday  
w/MayDell X-mas party @ Los Cabos  
at 11 am

**Tuesday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>** – 4H Club  
meeting @ 7 pm

**Tuesday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>** – Church Council  
X-mas meeting/party @ White Horse  
Café in Burton

**Thursday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>** – Ruth Circle @  
11 am

**Sunday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas  
program practice during Sunday  
school time

**Tuesday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>** – January  
newsletter deadline

**Sunday, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Youth Christmas  
program

**Tuesday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Eve  
worship service @ 4 pm

**Dec 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>** – Church offices  
closed for Christmas holiday

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### Homebound

Charlie Bentke  
Elverna Borchardt  
Gene & JoAnn Draehn  
Milton Green  
Dorothy & Bradley  
Grimm  
John & Darleen  
Hardin  
Gertrude Krinke  
Veradell Lehde  
Joyce Marburger  
Joyce Meyer  
Carolyn Zibilski

### Argent Court

Walter Rodenbeck

### Bren. Nursing & Rehab

Sue Maass  
Evelyn Plueckhahn  
Glenn Schroeder  
Jerry Vaughn

### Kruse Village

LaVerne Blum  
Gracy Lange

### Oak Haven Assisted Living (Industry)

Bernadine Blum  
Marjorie Krinke  
Bernice Vaughn

### Silver Sage Assisted Living

Mary Lee Schneider

### 2024 Council Members

**President:** Charles Hahn  
(979) 277-4819

**Vice President:** Craig Blum  
(979) 820-2137

**Secretary:** Melisa Bosse  
(979) 251-2740

**Treasurer:** Joy Fuchs  
(979) 289-2600

**Witness:** Marvin Spreen  
(979) 277-5956

**Bldg/Grounds:** Paul  
Cmajdalka  
(979) 277-9172

**Parish Ed:** Sandra Lange  
(979) 251-2201

**Worship:** Cindy Buck  
(979) 830-7791

**Stewardship:** Sandy Blum  
(979) 830-3839



# CHURCH COUNCIL

## Monthly Meeting for Zion Lutheran Church Council November 20, 2024

### Attendance:

Staff: Pastor Glenn Hohlt

Executive Committee: Charles Hahn-President, Craig Blum-Vice President, Melisa Bosse- Secretary, Joy Fuchs-Treasurer

Committee Chairs: Paul Cmajdalka-Bldg/Grounds, Cindy Buck-Worship (absent), Sandy Blum-Stewardship (absent), Sandra Lange-Parish Ed (absent), Marvin Spreen-Witness

**Opening Devotion and Prayer:** Pastor Glenn Hohlt

### Reports:

- Financial Report – Motion made to approve by Melisa, seconded by Marvin. All approved.
- Meeting Minutes – Motion made to approve by Joy, seconded by Charles. All approved.

### Committee Reports:

- Pastor's Report –
  - o Worship
  - o Preparation of sermons, prayer time, devotion time, bible study, bulletin, newsletter article, Council report
  - o Attended Hymn and Beer Fest and Connections and Conversations
  - o Confirmation Class
  - o Planning for Senior Ministry program
  - o Meetings with Worship Committee and Education Committee
  - o Joint Brazos Valley/Colorado County Conference Pastors Monthly
  - o Meeting with new members
  - o Baptism of Briggs Ryan Parker
- Building/Grounds – Paul Cmajdalka
  - o Repair to stained glass windows in church (9)
    - Estimated cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000 to repair/replace
    - Council will present a proposal for a congregational vote in January, 2025
  - o Plan lighting for trees and nativity scene
- Parish Education – Sandra Lange
  - o Dec. 8 – Confirmation class will visit homebound members
  - o Dec. 15 –Christmas program practice during Sunday School time
  - o Dec. 22 – Christmas program during worship
  - o Confirmation students and families will choose their own service projects during December
  - o Discussed budget items for 2025
  - o Cards made by Sunday School are being mailed to Seamen's Church Institute in Houston
  - o Discussing Cradle Roll families holding Valentine Party to build community
- Stewardship – Sandy Blum
  - o Nothing to report
- Witness – Marvin Spreen
  - o Cards are being sent (Thanksgiving and Birthday)
  - o Lighted sign has been updated

- Worship – Cindy Buck
  - Reviewed/discussed upcoming events for November and December
    - Thanksgiving Offering Service Women of ELCA
    - Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24 at 4 pm
    - Setting up outside Nativity scene and lights
    - Order forms for poinsettias

**New Business:**

- 2025 proposed budget was reviewed and will be presented to the congregation on Dec. 8. Motion made to finalize the budget by Craig, seconded by Joy. All approved.
- Council Christmas party is scheduled for Dec. 10 at 6-8 pm at the White Horse.
- Council member nominations were reviewed. Marvin, Sandy and Charles are the outgoing Council members.
- New members approved – Janice Kitzman, Craig Hohlt, Kelly Nash, Justin Brending. Motion made to approve to accepting these new members by Joy, seconded by Melisa. All approved.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Melisa Bosse*



## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> AFTER WORSHIP**

*Attached is the 2025 Proposed Budget for your review*



## Jesus and the Banana

Several weeks ago, I sat in a rocking chair that belonged to my grandparents for the first time in many years. I remembered its squeaks, the bumps and thumps as I rocked back and forth; but mostly I remembered the loose left arm. As I lifted it up it immediately took me back to a time I sat in that same chair waiting to see my brand spanking new baby brother. It was bittersweet because I had to stay there while my dad and brothers went to the hospital. I was so excited about meeting the new member of our family I lost my lunch while I was at school and couldn't go to meet him.

That's the expectation and excitement that normally accompanies a new birth. For some, however, a new thing is a threat: a threat to the status quo, a threat to the way we've always done things, a threat to the life we have become comfortable with.

King Herod represents that part of us that struggles to let go. Sometimes the things that keep us from experiencing the new things that God is doing in this world are the things that feel so comfortable and sometimes so right.

A farmer found a way to capture monkeys that were stealing their crops without harming them. Cut a hole in a coconut, put a banana inside and the monkey would grab the banana and not let go. The farmers were able to keep the monkeys from eating all their crops and safely return them to the wild.

Sometimes the life we want to hold onto is exactly that which we need to let go of, and Advent is a time to prepare.

So, for all the excitement and enthusiasm of the birth of Jesus, we prepare for the new thing God is about to do by letting go and letting God. This year is the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the hymn Joy to the World. Let earth receive her King, let every heart prepare Him room, and Heaven and nature sing...

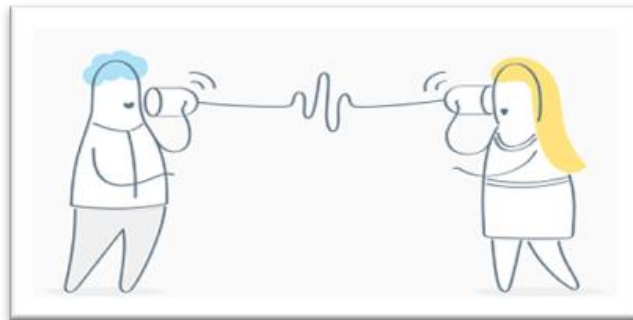
*Pr. Glenn*



Questions:

1. For how many years had the woman with the issue of blood suffered before she was healed by Jesus?
2. What was the affliction of Bartimaeus?
3. What was the color or the robe placed on Jesus by the soldiers?
4. How did Paul say we should let our requests be made known to God?
5. In the Sermon on the Mount, what does Jesus tell us the earth is?

1. Twelve years [Matt 9:20] 2. Blindness [Mark 10:46] 3. Scarlet / Purple [Matt 27:28; John 19:2]  
4. By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving [Php 4:6] 5. God's footstool [Matt 5:35]



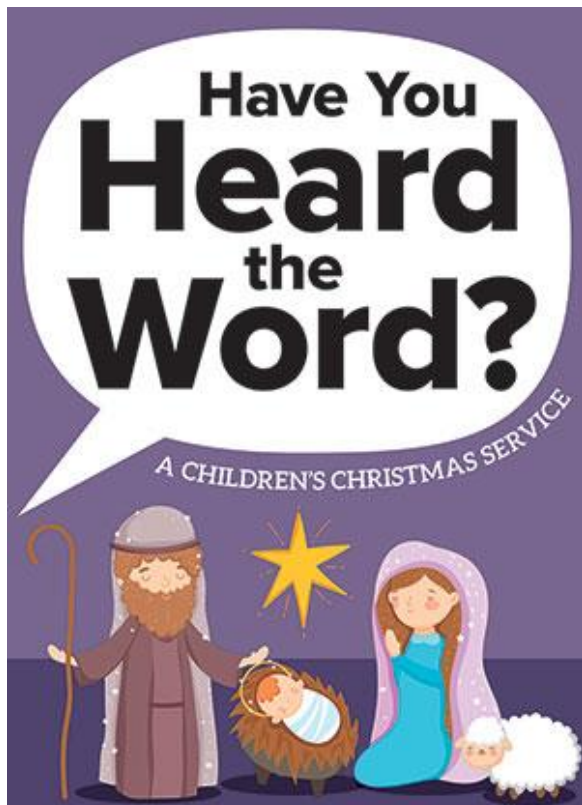
***Come Out and join us for “Connections & Conversations: an adult Sunday School style class to be led by Natalie Knobloch every Tuesday evening from 7 – 8 pm at the White Horse Inn in Burton. For more information contact Allison Crowson @ (979) 277-5768***



# Youth News

*Mark your calendars:*

- ✦ *Confirmation classes Dec 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>*
- ✦ *Confirmation students visit the shut-ins on Dec 8<sup>th</sup>*
- ✦ *Christmas program practice – Dec 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10:15 am*
- ✦ *No Sunday school on Dec 29<sup>th</sup>*



## Have You Heard the Word?

A Children's Christmas  
Service

Sunday School/Youth Christmas  
Program and Worship Service  
(combined)

Sunday, December 22 @ 9:00 am



BETHLEHEM IN INDEPENDENCE

*live Nativity*

DECEMBER 14TH & 15TH

6-8 PM

INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL HOUSE

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Prayers thru the last months November have gone out to:

Family & friends of Daniel Kieke  
 Joyce Boeker  
 John & Darleen Hardin  
 Mary Keienburg  
 Sandra Lange  
 Tracy Lehde  
 Veradell Lehde  
 Cindy Lyles  
 Sue Maass  
 Evelyn Plueckhahn  
 Beverly Roehling  
 Jerry Vaughn  
 Dean Winkelmann  
 Sandy Winkelmann  
 Carolyn Zibilski  
 Delores Gaskamp  
 Gloria Hanath  
 Terry Mantey  
 Tim Mantey  
 Mark Marburger  
 Shanan Marburger  
 Cari Stovall  
 Dianna Marie Williams  
 Darrell Wehmeyer  
 Jana Wilson

**Cleo Jaeger**

Rob & Sherrie Winkelmann  
 Joyce Marburger

**Alan Runge**

M/M Fred Rau  
 Elvera Drews  
 Joyce Marburger

**Nathan Zibilski**

M/M James Vaughn  
 Vernon & Joyce Fuchs  
 Douglas & Kimberly Patek  
 M/M George Lorenz  
 A.G. Hackemack  
 Jerry & Connie Merten  
 Joyce Marburger

**Jerry Kieke**

Joyce Marburger

# Offerings

Date	Regular	Memorial
11/03	5755.68	30.00
11/10	3512.68	150.00
11/17	2782.68	50.00
11/24	2258.68	50.00

# Attendance

Date	Worship in-house	Worship Mail-out	Sunday school
11/03	102	23	15
11/10	68	23	0
11/17	100	23	12
11/24	80	23	0





Hayes Weirich	1-Dec
Jim Helfrich	2-Dec
Jeff Maitland	3-Dec
Ella Pieper	4-Dec
Cody Supak	5-Dec
Justin Brending	7-Dec
Emily Pohorelsky	7-Dec
Tyler Smith	7-Dec
Linda Boehnemann	9-Dec
<i>Pamela Zibilski</i>	<i>11-Dec</i>
Craig Hohlt	12-Dec
Quint Mantey	12-Dec
JoAnn Marburger	12-Dec
Cooper Raley	13-Dec
Michael Redman	13-Dec
Lydia Green	14-Dec
Tim Pepper	14-Dec
Mike Davis	15-Dec
Shirley Ganske	16-Dec
Holly Lehde	16-Dec
James Keienburg	17-Dec
R. W. Luhn	17-Dec
Shane Bentke	19-Dec
Mackenzie Maass	19-Dec
Delfred Gaskamp	23-Dec
Kelly Pohorelsky	23-Dec
Lisa Jasinski	26-Dec
Gracy Lange	28-Dec
Elmer Marburger	28-Dec
Veradell Lehde	30-Dec
Kristie McKee	30-Dec

Fredrick Pelkemeyer	2-Dec
Lauren Pepper	2-Dec
Matt Zibilski	5-Dec
Allison Bentke	7-Dec
Jim Helfrich	7-Dec
Walter Rodenbeck	7-Dec
Bobby Mertz	9-Dec
Clinton Mantey	11-Dec
Joyce Meyer	11-Dec
Darleen Hardin	12-Dec
Quint Mantey	12-Dec
Kathy Stelter	13-Dec
Stacy Hardy	15-Dec
Marla Maitland	15-Dec
Bruce Muske	15-Dec
Beverly Koehler	16-Dec
Gloria Stoddard	16-Dec
Kathy Blum	17-Dec
Doris Redman	18-Dec
Bill Keienburg	22-Dec
JoAnn Marburger	28-Dec
Mary Lee Schneider	29-Dec
Robert Ziese	29-Dec

Wayne and Joy Fuchs	2-Dec
Matt and Bobbi Jo Supak	10-Dec
Stan and Jeanette Ford	11-Dec
David and Donnie Reynolds	12-Dec
John and Darleen Hardin	27-Dec

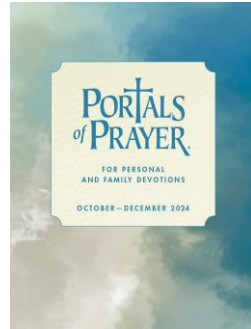


*Ladies – Don't Forget*

*May Dell Monday will have its Christmas Luncheon at Los Cabos on December 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11 am!*



**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:** Order forms now available: Plants are \$13/each and the deadline to order is December 8<sup>th</sup>



**TIME TO ORDER YOUR 2025 PORTALS OF PRAYER**  
\$10 ea. – deadline to place order is December 15<sup>th</sup>

**ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE IN CHURCH FOYER**



On Nov. 2, 2024, Zion Lutheran Church was the collection location for items to be donated to Lutheran World Relief. Sixteen area churches dropped off 447 boxes which contained 736 quilts, 1537 school kits, 1223 personal care kits, 163 baby care kits, and 27 fabric kits. There were more boxes than what would fit on one U-Haul truck! What an awesome turnout of volunteers and donations. Volunteers included Tyler Ramirez, Linda Wagner, Craig Blum, Birdie Sommerfeld, Judy Jeske, Beverly Roehling, Darrell Winkelmann, Larry Hillman, Larissa Davis, Laityn Davis, Palmer Davis, Mary Lueckemeyer, Daryl Lueckemeyer, Jamie Schwartz, Landry Zelenka, Sharon Schwartz, Christy Burleson, Jhett Burleson, Greyson McIntyre, Adelyn McIntyre, Barbara McIntyre, Marilyn Snell and Faye Rogers.

*Howdy Folks,  
Want to share my conversation with Debbie Pilcik whose  
granddaughter is heading a pop/pull tab collection in the  
Industry area.*



*Linda Wagner*

### **Ronald McDonald Pop/Pull Tab Collection**

I am very excited to share with you the phone call I had with Debbie Pilcik from Industry about the Ronald McDonald House project her family and particularly her granddaughter (Ava) is participating in.

An article in the New Ulm Enterprise back in October caught my attention and from day one has been in my thoughts and prayers how we, as a church, could serve and give back.

What a wonderful opportunity for our Confirmation / Sunday School classes and the Congregation to donate pull tabs to give to this very worthy cause.

Per Debbie, the tabs they collected were given to the RMH in Dallas to be recycled for cash. Debbie has a daughter and family living in Dallas so naturally they chose the RMH there to contribute to when they would go visit.

The neatest thing was during the Christmas holidays last year Debbie and all her family made breakfast for the RMH families. They gave money to the RMH office ahead of time who then purchased all the ingredients. Debbie said that it was an awesome experience having to be there at 4:30am in the morning as they were directed to this huge kitchen area with recipes laid out of the food they were to cook and a cooler full of all of the ingredients. I could not help but get goosebumps and tears in my eyes picturing this loving family working

together with I am sure a little stress but all the love and fun and laughter in that kitchen of them knowing how many smiles and how much joy they will be part of that day. What a true servant's heart.

I would like to give all the tabs that we collect to Ava to help fulfill her mission of service, sharing, & caring. Plus, they already have a connection with the RMH in Dallas.

How perfect is this project of service and love with the SS theme at the present time of the "Fruits of the Spirit". Let these "Fruits" flow and work thru us as we are all "One Body in Christ" to do good and to serve and help others.

Our Mission, Our Passion. Our Mission of Love, Kindness, Hope

Let's **PRAY** for all the children and their families that the children will get healed by the Mighty Hand of our Lord Jesus Christ.

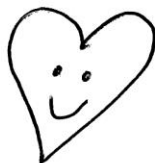
I would appreciate your response and for you to share your thoughts and any ideas.

I will need your help to promote.

**If I need to dig thru trash cans or bags of aluminum cans to snap off the tabs, I will !!** *One request though, if I fall head first in any of the large trash cans, please pull me out !!*

Thank you so much,

*Linda*





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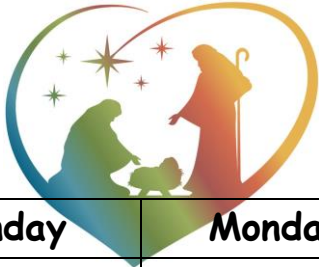
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# DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	 COMMITTEE MEETINGS @ 7 pm	4	5	6
8 Congregational Mtg. after worship service Confirmation class to visit homebound	 Monday w/Maydell Christmas luncheon @ Los Cabos 11 am	 4-H @ 7 pm Church Council party @ White Horse Café 6-8 pm	11	 Ruth Circle @ 11 am	12	13
15 Christmas program practice during Sunday school time	16	17 	18	19	20	21
22 YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM	23	24 Christmas Eve Service @ 4 pm	25  Church Offices Closed	26	27	28
29	30	31				



# DECEMBER 2025 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

DATE	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	Dec 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Ushers</b>	Michael & Allison Bentke	Matt & Bobbi Jo Supak	Brandon & Jill Keller	Trey & Stacy Hardy	Ricky & Melisa Bose	Craig Blum
<b>Greeters</b>	"	"	"	"	"	"
<b>Acolytes</b>	Tyler Ramirez	Madison Maass	Landon Guerrero	Tyson Ramirez	Sandy Supak	Chase Neumann
<b>Lector</b>	Sara Ramirez	Bobbi Jo Supak	Susan Bame	SS Kids	Jill Rosenbaum	Beverly Roehling
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joyce Boeker & Allison Bentke	Don & Alice Studhalter	Penny & Carol Spreen	Gladys Hodde & Jennifer Lorenz	Elvera Drews & Kim Cmajdalka	Judy Jeske & Carol Gaskamp
<b>Bread</b>	Allison Bentke	Joy Fuchs	Melisa Bosse	Ruth Maass	Elvera Drews	Judy Jeske
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Michael & Allison Bentke and Charles Hahn	Matt & Bobbi Jo Supak and Penny Spreen	The Kellers	Trey & Stacy Hardy and Jennifer Lorenz	Ricky & Melisa Bosse and Shonda Ziese	Craig Blum, Ricky Bosse & Charles Hahn
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Ricky & Melisa Bosse	Don & Alice Studhalter	Carol Spreen	Jason Blum	--	Ricky & Melisa Bosse
<b>Media Production</b>	Kim Cmajdalka	Steve Capan	Kim Cmajdalka	Steve Capan	Kim Cmajdalka	Steve Capan
<b>Media Operator</b>	Bobbi Jo Supak	Melisa Bosse	Kim Cmajdalka	Carol Gaskamp	Bobbi Jo Supak	Melisa Bosse
<b>Sound System</b>	Bruce Muske	Steve Capan	Bruce Muske	Steve Capan	Bruce Muske	Steve Capan
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Allison Crowson	Sara, Tyler & Tyson Ramirez in memory of Steven Ramirez		Worship Committee Poinsettias	Worship Committee Poinsettias	