

“SHARING THE GOOD NEWS”
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Wednesday, Jan 1st – Church offices closed New Years’ Day holiday
Sunday, Jan 5th – Confirmation class 4:15 – 5:30 pm
Thursday, Jan 9th - Ruth Circle mtg. @ 11 am
Monday, Jan 13th – Monday w/Maydell 10 am til noon
Tuesday, Jan 14th – 4H Club meeting @ 7 pm
Wednesday, Jan 15th – Church Council meeting @ 6 pm
Sunday, Jan 19th – Confirmation class 4:15 – 5:30 pm
Wednesday, Jan 22nd – Naomi meeting @ 6:30 pm
Sunday, Jan 26th – Annual Congregational Meeting after worship service

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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

2025 Council Members

President: Craig Blum (979) 820-2137
Vice President: Melisa Bosse (979) 251-2740
Secretary: Lisa Conner (979) 220-5349
Treasurer: Joy Fuchs (979) 289-2600
Witness: Cindy Kelm (979) 451-0675
Bldg/Grounds: Paul Cmajdalka (979) 277-9172
Parish Ed: Linda Lehde (979) 203-8525
Worship: Cindy Buck (979) 830-7791
Stewardship: Sandra Lange (979) 251-2201
Outgoing officers

Monthly Meetings for Zion Lutheran Church December 2024



Zion Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting December 8, 2024

Meeting Called to Order: Charles Hahn, President

Opening Prayer: Pastor Glenn Hohlt

Agenda Items:

Review and Approval of 2024 Budget:

- Charles Hahn discussed the 2025 Budget and asked for questions.
- Lori Wittner asked about the increase in the care of the grounds budget item. Craig Blum, Vice Chair, explained there were increases in the number of times the grounds had to be mowed due to the rain.
- It was explained that the Pastor's salary was lower than last year because the 2024 budget included a full-time pastor.
- It was noted that raises were approved by the Council for the pastor, secretary and the janitorial staff.
- A motion was made by Lori Wittner and seconded by Carol Gaskamp to approve the budget. A vote was unanimous to approve the budget.

Presentation and Approval of new Council nominees:

- The Nominating Committee presented the nominees for new council members – Linda Lehde, Cindy Kelm and Lisa Conner.
- A motion was made by Sarah Rodriguez and seconded by Elroy Maass to approve those nominated. The vote was unanimous to approve the motion.
- Charles Hahn thanked the outgoing council members for their service to the congregation.

Closing Prayer: Charles Hahn led the congregation in the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting Adjourned: Charles Hahn

*Respectfully Submitted:
Melisa Bosse, Secretary*

Monthly Meeting for Zion Lutheran Church Council

Date: December 10, 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, Sandy
Blum-Stewardship, Sandra Lange-Parish Ed, Marvin Spreen-Witness

In lieu of the Council meeting, members met for fellowship and Christmas party.

*Respectfully submitted,
Melisa Bosse*

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Parish Ed – Sandra Lange
Witness – Marvin Spreen*
Stewardship – Sandy Blum*
Building & Grounds – Paul
Cmajdalka

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**End of Term*



Please make correction as needed for 2025 council members or committee leaders/members

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Worship – Cindy Buck

Proposed 2025 COMMITTEES:

Parish Ed:

*Linda Lehde - Mary Keienburg, Cindy Lyles, Lisa Conner, Beverly Roehling, Linda Wagner

Worship:

*Cindy Buck - Gladys Hodde, Judy Jeske, Linda Lehde, Marla Maitland, Melonie Lehde, Cindy Kelm & Holly Lehde

Stewardship:

*Sandra Lange, Sandy Blum, Charles Hahn

Witness:

*Cindy Kelm, Marvin Spreen, Lanette Pledger, Beverly Koehler, Carol Gaskamp, Larry Koehler

Building/Grounds:

*Paul Cmajdalka, Chadd Neumann, Gary Wagner

Other Committees:

Endowment Committee: Brandon Keller, Michael Bentke, Jeanette Ford

Nominating Committee: 2025

Stacy Hardy, Jason Blum, Joyce Boeker, Craig Conner, Allison Crowson, Gary Wagner

Scholarship Committee:

Allison Crowson, Sara Ramirez, Stacy Hardy

Cemetery Committee:

*Allan Niemeyer, Rickey Gaskamp, Ronnie Kelm, Mark Buck, Beverly Roehling, Marvin Spreen

2024-2025 Audit Committee:

Lori Wittner, Stacy Hardy, Michael Bentke

Thrivent Committee:

Charles Hahn
Walline Lorenz
Paul Cmajdalka
Dinah Niemeyer
Carol Gaskamp
(Thrivent contact: Marvin Spreen)

Burton Bridge Ministry

Carol Gaskamp, Executive Board Member

**Current committee leader*

A graphic with a blue background and white text that reads "PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE". The background of the graphic shows a blurred image of what appears to be a church interior with warm lighting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Zion Family,

I have enjoyed being your council president this past year. Much was accomplished: we have a new Pastor and have welcomed 18 New Members and 2 new Baptisms. Looking forward to 2025 to see what God has planned for Zion.

Thanks for all your help & prayers

C. Hahn



**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH AFTER WORSHIP**

*PLEASE HAVE ALL COMMITTEE END OF YEAR REPORTS
SUBMITTED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY JANUARY 16TH*



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and Happy Anniversary

This newsletter will go out during a time when it is still the Christmas season. I do my best to be counter cultural during this time of the year and uplift the season of Advent which means that I celebrate the Christmas season which begins on Christmas Day and ends on Epiphany, aka the twelve days of Christmas.

With that in mind I wanted to begin this year with a phrase that I used in a sermon late last year: vain repetition. The reference in the Gospel is that of Matthew 6:7 (When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.) God doesn't only listen to our words, but God looks at our actions and our thoughts—we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. One last Biblical connection here: Paul encourages us to pray without ceasing. Everything that we think, say, and do can be viewed from the perspective of praying.

My point is that just because we say the words on Sunday morning doesn't mean that they have the intended effect. So, where do we start? Let's begin with what is worship? Did you know that Jesus never said that we should worship him? He does say that we should worship the Father in Spirit and Truth (John 4:23). What he did say was that we should follow him (Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people—Matt. 4:19).

For many and various reasons we are to assemble around a common purpose. Looking at the assembly from the bigger picture we are people who believe in God our creator, redeemer, and sanctifier (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). We come together to give thanks but also to live in the new heaven and the new earth...thy kingdom come!

So, I encourage you to grow as a worshipper during this Anniversary Year of 155. We do so by getting to know the meanings and connections the words of our worship contain. Everything that is included in every Sunday morning worship has a biblical and daily life connection. In that way worship is a practice in living in God's kingdom. Then we take that kingdom out into the world.

A quick example is the fact that many of the prayers we offer in worship end with a phrase similar to "through Jesus Christ..." Everything that we know about the new covenant prophesied in Jeremiah 31, we know through Jesus Christ. To know God in human form we learn to know Jesus; not about Jesus, but to know Jesus. How do we

get to know someone? PEER ministry has an acronym that is helpful: WHEAT (Where, Hobbies, Events, Acquaintances, Travel). These questions often lead to deeper conversations and that's where we get to know what's in someone's heart.

When we come together on Sunday we worship a living presence in our daily lives. Jesus cried, got angry, experienced disappointment, frustration, sadness, depression, uncertainty, and renewal. Being a follower of Jesus isn't the absence of human emotions; it's the presence of God among all that is truly human. Worship is bringing all of who we are before God and God accepting you and me 'Just as I am.' Stay tuned!

Pr. Glenn



Questions:

1. in which book of the Bible do we find "Nebuchadnezzar's image"?
2. Where was Abraham born?
3. Who was given a son following her prayer to God in the temple, during which the priest accused her of being drunk?
4. Who asked for an understanding heart to judge God's people?
5. What is "sin"?

1. Daniel [Dan 2:31-36] **2.** Ur [Gen 11:31] **3.** Hannah [1 Sam 1:13]
4. Solomon [1 Ki 3:9] **5.** The transgression of the law [1 Jn 3:4]

Youth activities

On Sunday, December 8th, the confirmation class and parents visited some of Zion's shut-in's. They sang a little (led by Pastor Glenn), wished them a Merry Christmas and delivered gifts that they had made.



Madison & Julie Maass with Beverly Roehling



Chase Neumann



Emily and Addison Lehde



Bernice Vaughn	6-Jan
Rocksann Marburger	7-Jan
Brandon Keller	8-Jan
Sheila Muske	9-Jan
Dayne Wunderlich	9-Jan
Tracy Lehde	10-Jan
Dotsy Luhn	13-Jan
Tristan Smith	13-Jan
Wayne Fuchs	14-Jan
Lee Elledge	15-Jan
Nathan Simons	16-Jan
Lisa Conner	17-Jan
Hayson Mantey	17-Jan
Joyce Boeker	18-Jan
Mary Keienburg	18-Jan
Alli Crowson	19-Jan
Evelyn Buck	20-Jan
Cara Davis	21-Jan
Dorine Marburger	21-Jan
Sandy Supak	24-Jan
LaVerne Ganske	26-Jan
D. Wiley Crowson	27-Jan
Elroy Dannhaus	27-Jan
Colt Niemeyer	27-Jan
Marvin Spreen	27-Jan
Aubrey Crowson	28-Jan
Bill Keienburg	28-Jan
Jenna Hardy	29-Jan
Gene Draehn	30-Jan
Jason Maass	30-Jan
Ethan Pohorelsky	30-Jan
Melisa Bosse	31-Jan

Lauren Buth	1-Jan
Shelby McKee	4-Jan
Joyce Marburger	7-Jan
Emily Pohorelsky	8-Jan
Lanette Pledger	11-Jan
Jerry Kunkel	12-Jan
Arabella Maitland	12-Jan
Hudson Mantey	12-Jan
Lance Lehde	13-Jan
Harper Bender	14-Jan
Justin Brending	14-Jan
Kourtney Cook	14-Jan
Craig Hohlt	14-Jan
Holly Lehde	16-Jan
Kade Rau	16-Jan
Rodney Wittner	16-Jan
Steven Capan	17-Jan
Patricia Donnell	17-Jan
Pamela Zibilski	19-Jan
Marjorie Krinke	21-Jan
Nickolas Neumann	25-Jan
Sandra Blum	26-Jan
Gracy Lange	26-Jan
Randy Hodde	28-Jan
Megan Weirich	31-Jan

Paul and Katy Wunderlich	3-Jan



Prayers thru the last months December have gone out to:

Family & friends of Delores Gaskamp, Lauri Ford Reed, Liz Wunderlich & Dorothy Hohlt

Joyce Boeker
 John & Darleen Hardin
 Mary Keienburg
 Sandra Lange
 Tracy Lehde
 Veradell Lehde
 Cindy Lyles
 Sue Maass
 Brian McKee
 Evelyn Plueckhahn
 Beverly Roehling
 Jerry Vaughn
 Dean Winkelmann
 Sandy Winkelmann
 Carolyn Zibilski
 Timothy Ballew
 Gloria Hanath
 Denise Jones
 Terry Mantey
 Tim Mantey
 Mark Marburger
 Shanana Marburger
 Cari Stovall
 Randall Wiggins
 Dianna Marie Williams
 Jana Wilson

L.G. Albright
 M/M Allan Niemeyer

Herbert Rust
 M/M James Vaughn
 M/M Gary Dannhaus

Attendance

Date	Worship in-house	Worship Mail-out	Sunday school
12/01	83	23	13
12/08	74	23	11
12/15	89	23	22

Offerings

Date	Regular	Memorial
12/01	4066.68	0
12/08	5093.68	25.00
12/15	3675.00	30.00



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NEW YEAR
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>JANUARY 2025</h1>			1 All Committees' Mtg @ 7 pm	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Ruth Circle @ 11 am	10	11
12	13 Mondays w/May Dell 10am - 12 pm	14 4-H Club mtg @ 7 pm	15 Church Council @ 6 pm	16 <i>E.O.Y. REPORTS DUE</i>	17	18
19	20	21 	22 Naomi Circle @ 6:30 pm	23	24	25
26 <i>Annual Congregational Meeting</i>	27	28	29	30	31	



JANUARY 2025 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

DATE	Jan 5 th	Jan 12 th	Jan 19 th	Jan 26 th
Ushers	Michael & Allison Bentke	Trey & Stacy Hardy	Matt & Bobbi Jo Supak	Ricky & Melisa Bosse
Greeters	“	“	“	“
Acolytes	Emily Lehde	Tyler Ramirez	Madison Maass	Landon Guerrero
Lector	Allison Bentke	Sara Ramirez	Susan Bame	Jill Rosenbaum
Altar Guild	Joyce Boeker & Allison Bentke	Don & Alice Studhalter	Penny & Carol Spreen	Gladys Hodde & Jennifer Lorenz
Bread	Allison Bentke	Joy Fuchs	Ruth Maass	Melisa Bosse
Communion Assistants	Michael & Allison Bentke and Craig Blum	Trey & Stacy Hardy and Shonda Ziese	Matt & Bobbi Jo Supak and Penny Spreen	Ricky & Melisa Bosse and Jennifer Lorenz
Coffee Servers	Jason Blum	Don & Alice Studhalter	Carol Spreen	Ricky & Melisa Bosse
Media Production	Kim Cmajdalka	Steve Capan	Kim Cmajdalka	Steve Capan
Media Operator	Kim Cmajdalka	Carol Gaskamp	Melisa Bosse	Bobbi Jo Supak
Sound System	Bruce Muske	Steve Capan	Bruce Muske	Steve Capan
Altar Flowers	Ruth Maass & Family in memory of Jerry Maass			