

February 2024

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Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church



Pastor's Message

Sunday Worship Services

- 8:30am: Traditional Worship (with livestream)
- 9:30am: Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am: Contemporary Worship (with drive-in)
- For drive-in worship at 10:30, please drive through the canopy at the front of the church to pick up a bulletin etc., before parking in the back parking lot and tuning your car radio to FM 87.9.

Holy Communion is a part of all worship services on the first and third Sundays of the month. All members receiving communion are asked to complete an electronic communion card at ZionBuffalo.org/card or text CARD to 763-335-1245.



Prayer Group

We are a congregation filled with care for one another. We believe in the power of prayer and the importance of praying for one another, our community, and God's so-loved-world. Members and regular attendees are invited to join the Zion Church Prayer group on Facebook. We have made this a private Zion group to honor the confidential nature of some requests. If you go to facebook.com/groups/zionbuffaloprayer, you will be able to share and/or respond to prayer requests.

Holding on: To Promises

KARI BAHE, SENIOR PASTOR

Promises made, promises broken. Promises regretted, promises treasured. There are many kinds of promises, aren't there? Some cut deep to our heart; we make them and would never want to break them. Some are made flippantly, some solemnly, and sadly some are made falsely.

The flippant ones come in many forms. I promise you I love the Vikings more than life itself. I promise you won't hate the movie that much. And, sometimes, flippant promises come in the form of a threat. Often used as a parenting technique. "If you don't stop doing that, I **promise** you will be grounded for the rest of your life." No one is grounding their kid for life. Even though, when it is said, we often feel like doing just that!

The false ones are easily said between siblings—"I promise you I will do the dishes next time if you just please do them for me tonight." I remember saying it many times. Those promises were, I hate to admit, often more about a manipulation than a true intention. After all, who thinks much past trying to get out on a Friday night (as soon as possible!!) with friends when they are 16?! And...just to be clear...those promises worked both ways, my brother made many of those false ones too. I did double duty on dishes many times, because I was gullible to his promises.

And then, there are God's promises. God makes them in the form of a covenant. A promise that, on God's part, can never be broken. Never. As in—n.e.v.e.r. Not ever. Those are the promises worth holding on to. Those are the promises that don't look much like human promises. The risks in these promises are God's. Not ours.

We hold a treasure-trove of God's promises within the sacred story of scripture. Some you know well, some you may have forgotten, and some you may never have thought about.

Pastor Trevor and I—along with the Zion staff and leadership are looking forward to a Lent of inviting you to hold on. We hope you will take every opportunity to gather with the beloved people of God in this place and wonder about the promises God makes.

On Sunday mornings, we will sing about God's promises, we will explore the meaning of them and wonder about how we each fit into them. On Wednesday nights during Lent, we envision Zion as a place of respite for you in the middle of the week as we gather for hot soup, warm bread, lots of smiles, some music, some art, and inventive ways of talking about, wondering about, and holding on to promise.

This Lenten season at Zion, we are holding on together: not in the sense of white knuckling it; but in the sense of holding on by trusting in the One who holds us! Thanks be to God!



President's Message

A New Year

CHUCK ZUMBUSCH, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

What a difference a year can make! Last year, we were collectively digging out of a mountain of snow, and enduring cold temps. This year, it was a very different story, with little to no snow, mild temps and green grass into December.

It will be my pleasure to serve as the Council President again this year, along with Ashley Mattson returning as the VP. New this year, Josie LaFave and Andy Kohls, will begin their terms as Secretary and Treasurer. At the same time, I'd like to thank outgoing Council members Deb Rude, Joan Halderson and Jim Bischoff for their time and contributions during their terms. Deb served as Secretary each year I have been on Council and always did an exceptional job of capturing the happenings of our meetings and helping to keep us all on track. Joan served as Treasurer, supporting the Finance Committee and keeping the Council apprised of all things financial. I appreciated Jim always providing straightforward dialogue, willing to share his opinion and always helped ensure we were adjourned in a timely manner. We have three new members joining Council this year: Chad Peterson, Heather Damico and Hannah Peterson. We are all looking forward to partnering with them in their new roles, getting them up to speed and making an immediate impact as we enter 2024.

As I looked back over 2023, I would say Zion had a great year. Early in the year, we identified priorities that as a congregation we should achieve, such as calling and installing an Associate Pastor, and we did.

The youth education programs continue to be a bright spot for our church. VBS had a great program and was well attended this summer and Confirmation classes have never been larger. The leadership initiative to reengage teens is working. Attendance at weekly high school youth group up 1700% and is continuing to grow.

Financially, giving has been steady. However, increased staffing along with increased activity within the church in providing our ministries has resulted in associated higher expenses. Zion has a comfortable cash balance as of the end of 2023, but increased faithful giving will be necessary to continue to support God's work being done by the staff and members of Zion.

As this new Council meets in January, we will set priorities as a cohesive team and begin the process of entering a new year, with both a Senior and Associate Pastor in place, and looking forward to all we can accomplish together.

In Christ,
Chuck



Baptism Class

Anyone wishing to schedule a baptism is asked to attend a class prior to the date of the baptism. Expectant parents, as well as those who already are parents, may attend the class. Scheduling of baptisms will take place at the class.

The next class is Sunday, February 11, at 11:45am. Register at ZionBuffalo.org/Baptism



Held in God's Promises

Baptisms

December 17
Samuel Abramowski

Funerals

December 18
Richard Mattson



Lenten Bible Study

During the Wednesdays of Lent, Roger Johnson will be leading a Bible Study on the theme of Five Covenants in the Bible. These focus on the Promises God makes with his people, which are still good today. You are invited to meet in the library at 10:30am on February 21 & 28, March 6, 13 & 20.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry has begun to meet again. If you would like to participate, all are welcome! Knitters and crocheters are meeting in the prayer room on the first and third Thursdays of each month, from 1:00-3:00pm. If you can't make the meeting but still want to participate, contact kim@zionbuffalo or 763-682-1245 to be included on email communications. We hope to see you there!

Could It Be You?

GLOBAL MISSION COMMITTEE

The Global Mission committee is putting feelers out to see if there are Zion members interested in joining our team. We meet on the second Tuesday night every other month, starting in January where we focus on efforts to support and serve our mission partners: All Kids Can Learn International (AKCLI) at the Village of Hope in Zambia, Mission Jamaica, and in our extended backyard of Redeemer Lutheran Church in North Minneapolis. Help us plan and execute our initiatives including our Lenten Self-Denial campaign, our celebration of our global outreach on Global Mission Sunday, our end of summer golf outing that raises monies for a specific partner project, and more! Gain a deeper understanding of the projects we are propelled to serve and know that your new ideas and inspirations are welcomed.

It's not necessary for a new team member to have been on a mission trip nor to go on one in the future. All that is needed is a passion for the committee's mission: to foster relationships in a world community inspiring people to witness and serve for Christ. If interested, please connect with Minda Squadroni, Josie LaFave, or another Global Mission committee member.



Thank you!



Tremendous thanks to all who took time to help put up and take down the decorations at Zion this Christmas. It was so incredibly beautiful! Special shout out to Matt Intrieri, master designer, organizer, coordinator, and all around fun-maker!

Thank you also to the Zion Foundation who provided a grant to purchase some new trees, lights, and decorations.



Finance & Stewardship

Memorial Gifts Received

A gift to AKCLI in memory of Roger Hessedal. From Marlys Corhouse.

A gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of Darrell Anderson, from Martin & Ardelle McAlpine.

A gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of Darrell Anderson, from David & Carla Velenchenko.

A gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of Ike Isaacson, from Wes & Mary Mahlberg.

A gift to the Cemetery Fund in memory of Ike Isaacson, from Len & Phyllis Bengtson.

A gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of Brandon & Jessica Snare, from Noel & Mary Snare.

A gift to the Marysville Preservation Fund in memory of Dick Mattson, from Del Haag.

A gift to the Marysville Preservation Fund in memory of Dick Mattson, from Steven & Kathy Peterson.

A gift to Marysville Preservation Fund in memory of Dick Mattson, from Hank & Karen Mattson.

A gift to the Marysville Preservation Fund in memory of Dick Mattson, from Sandra Berg Dickson.

A gift to AKCLI in memory of Darrell Anderson, from Kevin & Judy Bergquist

A gift to Youth Ministry in memory of Jerome Kohls, from Keith & Deb Rude.

A gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of Darrell Anderson, from Charles & Paula Peterson.

A gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of Darrell Anderson, from Steve Parshall.

A gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of Darrell Anderson, from Mark & Karen Meuwissen.

A gift to AKCLI in memory of Margaret Bachman, from Roger & Nancy Johnson.

A gift to the Zion Foundation in memory of Dick Mattson, from Mark & Louise Minkler.

Financial Report

JOHN LINDLIEF, FINANCE COMMITTEE

We have reached the conclusion of 2023 with a wonderful response to our finances. Our offerings for the month of December were \$130,536 which is about 13% higher than those received in December of 2022. These, added to the rest of the year's offerings, total a little over \$791,000. When other income is added to this, our total General Fund income for 2023 is almost \$820,000. This is about 1.5% more than we received in 2022.

General Fund expenses for the month of December were around \$12,800 which is 33% less than what we spent in December of 2022. For the year, total General Fund expenses were a little over \$844,000 or about 3.5% more than last year's amount. There are a number of factors related to this: Personnel expenses, Volunteer Ministries, Youth Department, Fellowship expenses and Property expenses. The difference between our total General Fund income and our expenses for 2023 is a little over \$24,000 with the expenses being the larger amount.

Building Fund income for December was about \$19,600 which is about 1% greater when compared to that of December 2022. For the entire year our Building Fund income was a little over \$164,000 which is about 3.5% less than we gave last year. The Building Fund income this year is about \$1600 less than our mortgage payment.

We continue to see exciting things happening at Zion. Thank you to all who make these many ministries and community events happen.



Thank
you 

Here's To Your Health

TOM MOLINE , STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

What are you doing to look after your health? That may seem like a strange question coming from the stewardship committee! But, scientists and medical professionals have taken note of how practices and habits that help one aspect of health can help in another aspect of health.

For physical health:	For mental health:	For spiritual health:
Eat healthy foods	Connect with others	Pray
Exercise regularly	Get active	Read the Bible
Avoid smoking	Be mindful	Volunteer
Avoid excess drinking	Learn	Give
Regular doctor appointments	Give	Worship

Regular exercise will help both physical and mental health.
Giving will help both mental and spiritual health.
Connecting with others in worship will improve both your mental and spiritual health.

Its no secret that church attendance is trending down.
Below is a Gallup poll graph showing the trends:

June 26, 2023; <https://news.gallup.com/poll/507692/church-attendance-lower-pre-pandemic.aspx>

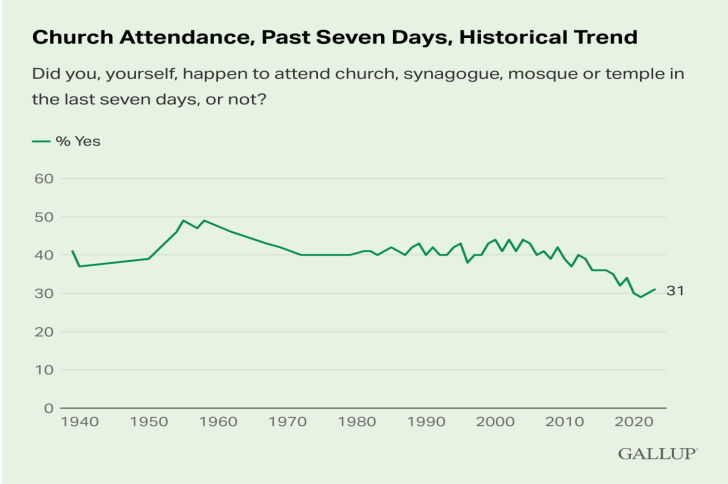
We are bucking that national trend at Zion. Our attendance at worship is on the rise!

Does that mean people at Zion are "healthier" than average Americans? We sure think so! Way to go Zion!

Both your mental and spiritual health benefit from attending worship, belonging to a faith community, and contributing to something larger than your own self-interest.

God's peace,

Tom



Colossians 3:16

16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

February 2024

Thursday February 1,
8:00am Men Seeking Wisdom Bible Study
9:30am Dementia Friends of Wright County
12:00pm Blessing Closet Distribution Set-Up
1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
5:30pm Communion Class

Friday February 2,
1:00pm Blessing Closet Distribution Set-Up

Saturday February 3,
9:00am Blessing Closet Distribution
9:30am Communion Class

Sunday February 4,
Holy Communion at all worship services
8:30am Sunday School
Traditional Worship Service
9:30am Communion Celebration Reception
Executive Committee
10:30am Contemporary Worship
Sunday School
11:30am Communion Celebration Reception

Monday February 5,
9:00am Quilters
5:30pm First Sunday Rehearsal

Tuesday February 6,
9:15am Storytime with Jesus
11:00am Staff Meeting
4:00pm Fare for All
6:30pm Jubilee Rehearsal

Wednesday February 7,
7:00am 50+ Men's Bible Study
9:00am Working Party Fellowship
3:00pm Blessing Closet Diaper Distribution
3:15pm Ring Forth
4:00pm Class Ring
4:30pm Elevate Choir
Youth Open Gym
5:00pm Lifted Choir
The Abundant Table: Pasta
5:30pm Zion Foundation Meeting
5:45pm Altared Choir
6:30pm Heirborn Choir
Joyful Ringers
Confirmation Service Night
7:15pm Senior Choir
8:00pm High School Youth Group

Thursday February 8,
8:00am Men Seeking Wisdom Bible Study
9:30am Dementia Friends of Wright County
12:00pm Volunteer Appreciation Event

Friday February 9,
6:30pm Winter Ball (Daddy Daughter Dance)

Saturday February 10,

Sunday February 11,
8:30am Sunday School
Traditional Worship Service
9:30am New Member Connect
10:30am Contemporary Worship
Sunday School
11:30am Baptism Class

Monday February 12,
9:00am Quilters
Women's Ministry Committee
5:30pm First Sunday Rehearsal

Tuesday February 13,
11:00am CYF Ministries Meeting
6:00pm Outreach Committee
6:30pm CFM Board Meeting
7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday February 14,
Ash Wednesday
St. Valentine's Day
7:00am 50+ Men's Bible Study
9:00am Working Party Fellowship
12:00pm Ash Wednesday Noon Service
3:15pm Ring Forth
4:00pm Class Ring
4:30pm Elevate Choir
Youth Open Gym
5:00pm Lifted Choir
5:45pm Altared Choir
6:00pm Ash Wednesday Evening Service (with Livestream)
6:30pm Heirborn Choir
Joyful Ringers
7:00pm Harvest of Hands Crafts
7:15pm Senior Choir
8:00pm High School Youth Group

Thursday February 15,
8:00am Men Seeking Wisdom Bible Study
9:30am Dementia Friends of Wright County
10:00am Rebecca Circle
1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday February 16,
6:00pm Middle School Fun Night

Saturday February 17,

Sunday February 18,
Holy Communion at all worship services
8:30am Traditional Worship Service
10:30am Contemporary Worship
4:00pm Youth Snow Tubing



Monday February 19,
Washington's Birthday
9:00am Quilters
5:30pm First Sunday Rehearsal

Tuesday February 20,
9:30am Naomi Circle
11:00am Staff Meeting
5:30pm Stewardship Committee
7:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday February 21,
7:00am 50+ Men's Bible Study
9:00am Working Party Fellowship
10:30am Lenten Bible Study
12:00pm Lenten Noon Service
3:15pm Ring Forth
4:00pm Class Ring
4:30pm Elevate Choir
Youth Open Gym
5:00pm Lifted Choir
Lenten Soup Supper
5:45pm Altared Choir
6:00pm Lenten Service
6:30pm Heirborn Choir
Joyful Ringers
7:00pm Church Council Meeting
7:15pm Senior Choir
8:00pm High School Youth Group

Thursday February 22,
8:00am Men Seeking Wisdom Bible
Study
9:30am Dementia Friends of Wright
County

Friday February 23,

Saturday February 24,
Mission Jamaica Trip

Sunday February 25,
Mission Jamaica Trip
8:30am Sunday School
Traditional Worship Service
10:30am Contemporary Worship
Sunday School

Monday February 26,
Mission Jamaica Trip
9:00am Quilters
5:30pm First Sunday Rehearsal

Tuesday February 27,
Mission Jamaica Trip

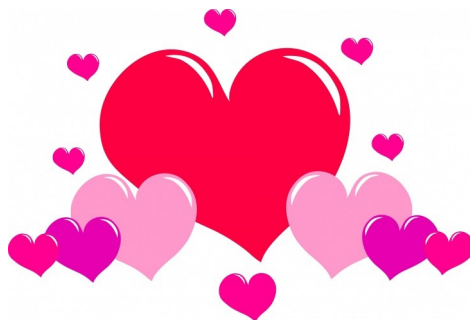
Wednesday February 28,
Mission Jamaica Trip
7:00am 50+ Men's Bible Study
9:00am Working Party Fellowship
10:30am Lenten Bible Study
12:00pm Lenten Noon Service
3:15pm Ring Forth
4:00pm Class Ring
4:30pm Elevate Choir
Middle School Youth Group
Youth Open Gym
5:00pm Lifted Choir
Lenten Soup Supper
5:45pm Altared Choir
6:00pm Lenten Service
6:30pm Heirborn Choir
Joyful Ringers
7:00pm Speakers Symposium
Harvest of Hands Crafts
7:15pm Senior Choir
8:15pm High School Youth Group

Thursday February 29,
Mission Jamaica Trip
8:00am Men Seeking Wisdom Bible
Study
9:30am Dementia Friends of Wright
County



Christ in Our Home

The new issue of the quarterly devotional "Christ In Our Home" for January, February, and March is now available at the information desk. This resource includes a scripture, devotional thought, and prayer for each day, and is provided by the Women of Zion in regular and large print editions.



Active Military

Adam Hartung
Stationed at Andrews AFB, MD

Vinnie Pecarina
Stationed in Alaska

Hope Kellerhuis
Stationed at Fort Drum, NY

Michael Christensen
Stationed in Virginia Beach, VA

Alexis Nichols
Stationed in Georgia

Will Dobbins
Stationed in Hawaii

Luc Persson
Stationed at Aviano AFB, Italy

Jordan Thompson
Serving in the National Guard

Tyler Marr
Serving in the Air Force

Ben Pecarina
Air Force Reserves

Brianna Marschel
Serving in the Army

Christian Marschel
Serving in the Army

Collin Lesch
Serving in the Army.

*And members whose names cannot be
published for security reasons*

Have You Remembered

Zion Lutheran Church Foundation in your estate planning?

When you update your will, trust, or asset beneficiaries, please consider including a gift for ministry, using the following legal directive:

"I bequeath ___ % of my estate (or my fund) to Zion Lutheran Church Foundation, located at 1200 Hwy 25 S, Buffalo, Minnesota, EIN #41-1385843."

Foundation gifts are welcome at any time. A gift to the Zion Foundation keeps on giving.

For more information, call 763.682.1245, visit ZionBuffalo.org/foundation, or email foundation@zionbuffalo.org.



Pastor Trevor and Pastor Kari on Christmas Eve

Zion Quilt Group

NANCY ROGNESS

The Zion Quilt Group from September to December 2023 completed and donated 18 quilts to the Eagles Nest - a home for United States Vets. These quilts are used while at the facility and are given to the Veteran.

We also have completed 18 baby quilts that will go to children in foster care.

We want to thank all those who donated cotton quilting fabric.

The Quilt Group meets on Mondays, 9 am to 11 am.

We'd love to have you join us on Mondays!



Harvest of Hands

JOY ARENS

We are geared up to complete many projects in 2024. Our craft group works on a variety of projects throughout the year. The group will finish organizing our storage room. We will work on assorted card projects in February. The meeting dates are the second and fourth Wednesday - February 14 and 28 for the evening group. The group meets in the Wilderness Room at 7 PM on Wednesday - after the service during Lent.

Harvest of Hands is a dedicated group that works together to help rid the world of hunger.

Vision Statement:

In an environment of growing faith and loving camaraderie, Harvest of Hands sponsors events and creates products for sale that will help alleviate both local and world hunger.

Mission Statement:

With a broad partnership of known and unknown entities, Harvest of Hands is committed to ending both local and worldwide hunger, one meal at a time.

We would like to encourage you to join one of our sessions for fun, fellowship, and a sense of accomplishment.



New Member Connect

Zion offers membership as one way of connecting to this faith community. Membership affirms that we are connected together for the mission of this congregation and for the mutual development of our faith in Christ Jesus. Before committing to membership, we offer "New Member Connect" as an opportunity to spend time in conversation with Zion pastors, staff, and others to find out more about our mission and vision.

If you are brand new to Zion or if you've been around for many years and just not gotten around to becoming an official member, you are invited to attend our next New Member Connect on Sunday, February 11.

The format of this gathering has changed from the past: gather in the youth room (on the East side of the building - towards the lake) between worship service (9:30-10:30am), where we will have coffee, juice, light breakfast choices, and a comfortable spot waiting for you! Children are welcome and the nursery is open and staffed during this time as well. We will have coffee brewing, juice for the kids [or adults], and light breakfast choices.

RSVP at ZionBuffalo.org/membership.



The Galvin/Stensrud families on Christmas Eve

Children, Youth & Family Ministry

Our Children's Ministry is soaring with activity and fun at Zion! During the church season of Epiphany, we have been exploring stories and activities surrounding the Three Wise Men, John the Baptist, and how Jesus has the power to heal.

As our Lenten season begins, we will participate in a global mission project called "God's Global Barnyard." As we support this incredible mission, we will be raising money (change or bills) to help purchase barnyard animals like pigs, cows, lambs, and fish for families around the world so they can build their own farming system. Our Sunday School kids partake in Change for Children, which includes some fun dress up Sundays! See below for detailed dress up Sundays.



Emily Comstock and Kristi Wagner

Sunday, Feb.25- Crazy Hair, Hat Socks
Sunday, March 3- Pajama/ Comfy Wear
Sunday, March 10-Grade Level Color (Watch your email to find out what color your child has)
Sunday, March 17- Farm/Barnyard themed dress up
Sunday, March 24- Dress Your Best /Palm Sunday/ Noisy Offering

- 3rd Graders, older kids, and parents, this one is for you! We will offer Communion classes for you in February to prepare for taking part in the Lord's Supper during church. Many have already signed up, but if you haven't you have two options for classes: Thursday, February 1st from 5:30-8:00pm and Saturday, February 3rd from 9:30am-12:00pm. To sign up for a class, click on this link [Communion Class registration](https://zionbuffalo.org/kids) or go to zionbuffalo.org/kids, then click on the calendar link on the right-hand side. We will celebrate our Communion together on Sunday, February 4 at both services.



Kristin Lotthammer and Anne and Dani Karson

- The Winter Ball (Daddy Daughter Dance) is coming up! Dads, get your dancing shoes on and get ready to boogie to the music! This event is open to the community and pre-registration is not required. Just drop in with \$10 and prepare to dance the night away! This event will be on Friday, February 9, from 6:30-8:00pm. Our very special Grand March will begin at 6:45pm. Snacks and drinks will be provided.
- **CAMP!! CAMP!! CAMP!!** We have some exciting news! Zion kids will be heading to camp at Luthercrest in Alexandria, MN the week of July 7-12, 2024. This camping experience will be open to all Kindergarten through 5th graders, with a few options for a camp experience. More information will be coming!

We hope you all have a blessed February and look forward to seeing you at our special events!

God's Blessings to you all,

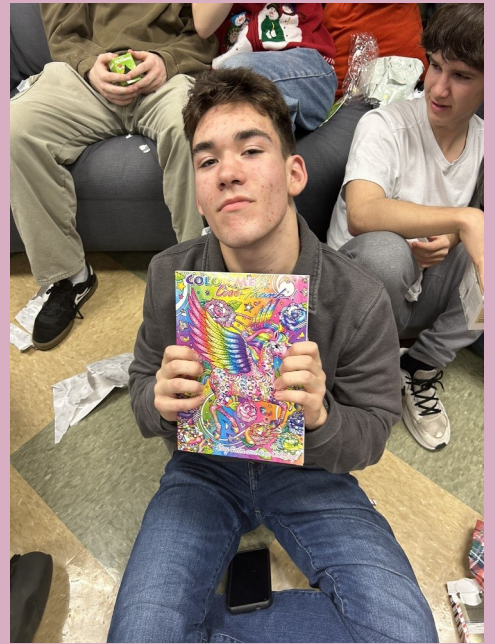
Kristi Wagner, Emily Comstock and Kristin Lothammer





200 youth + 300 cookies +
the Best Gift any of us have
ever been given=an
amazing faith filled
Christmas celebration!
Zion is home to the best
youth around.

Zionbuffalo.org/youth



Clothing *For our* Community



Where to Find Us?

Zion Lutheran Church
1200 Hwy#25 So
Buffalo MN 55313

Clothing and Food Box Giveaway

Blessing Closet
Distribution

**Kids can get
some mid-year
School Supplies
as a Valentine
Treat**

"The Blessing Closet" "School Supplies & Food Pantry"

**Saturday, Feb 3rd, 2024
9:00am to 1:00pm**

- *The Blessing Closet* will provide free clothing to all members of the family without an appointment, any restrictions, or limits.
- *School Supplies Kits* to help mid -year for grades K-12 with no sign up. One new backpack per family.
- *The Mobile Food Shelf* will be distributing produce and bakery items.

**Buffalo Food Shelf
donated a box of
produce and
bakery items**

Welcome

THE ABUNDANT TABLE

For everyone

Wednesday Nights 5:00-6:15pm

Holding on to Promise Lent at Zion 2024

Sunday

8:30 & 10:30 am

Worship
Sunday School

Service
Opportunities

9:30 & 11:30 am

Coffee &
Conversations

Wednesday

Noon- Worship,
Wonder & Song

5:00 pm Soup & Bread

6:00 pm Worship,
Wonder, and Song

6:30 pm Inspiring
Speakers, Bible Study,
Book Chats, Art,
Hanging out together,
Music & More

Lenten Poem by Ann Weems

*Lent is a time to take time to let
the power
of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events get up
and walk around in us,
a time to intensify our living unto
Christ,
a time to hover over the thoughts
of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the
streets of
Jerusalem or to walk along the
sea and
listen to his Word,
a time to touch his robe
and feel the healing surge through
us,
a time to ponder and a time to
wonder....
Lent is a time to allow
a fresh new taste of God!
Perhaps we're afraid to have time
to think,
for thoughts come unbidden.
Perhaps we're afraid to face our
future
knowing our past.
Give us courage, O God,
to hear your Word
and to read our living into it.
Give us the trust to know we're
forgiven
and give us the faith
to take up our lives and walk.*

DATES TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR:

Communion Classes (3rd grade and older): Communion classes, Feb. 1 (5:30-8) or Feb. 3 (9:30-12:00).

Communion celebration is Sunday, Feb. 4 at both worship services.

Daddy/Daughter Dance: Feb. 9 (6:30-8)

Camp Sunday: March 3 at both worship services

10 Commandments Milestone (2nd graders): March 10 at both worship services

Luthercrest Camp Early Bird Registration Deadline: March 15

Palm Sunday: March 24 at both services. Sunday School kids will sing and wave their Palms!

Palm Sunday: Easter Egg Hunt from 12:30-2:00

Good Friday Family Service: 5:00pm

Books of the Bible Milestone (4th graders): April 28 at both worship services

Apostles Creed Milestone (5th graders): May 5 at both worship services



More Zion at Christmas





Our Mission...

With all we are and all we do we
will trust in Christ, live for
Christ, and serve with Christ
Jesus our Lord!



Our Vision...

Helping people
experience the joy
of life in Christ by:

1. Celebrating on Sundays:

Creating Sunday morning experiences
that invite, welcome, engage, and
inspire people to live for Christ.

2. Living God's Call:

Engaging people in a process of
discipleship which inspires them to
trust in Christ, grow in faith, and serve
God's world.

3. Connecting with Care:

Creating a community where people
are connected in relationships and
supported in need.

Contact Us

Connect Newsletter

Upcoming Deadlines
February 8 at 8am for March Issue
Send submissions to
Kim@ZionBuffalo.org

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