

# Zion Lutheran Church

*where Heaven touches Earth*

Worship on Sundays at 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Bible Study, Sunday School, & Youth Group on Sundays at 9:30am

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# Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

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The Second Sunday in Lent, February 25, AD 2024

## Our Worship Service and Style

The goal of Church is not just fun, though we hope you enjoy our time together. God started the Church and He meets us here every time to encourage and build us up, so we are prepared for everything headed our way. (2 Timothy 3, Hebrews 10) God knows what is ahead for each of us and in Church He gets us ready.

This is why we don't have mood lighting, ambient music, or smoke machines. Our services are designed to be a heart to heart with God and with each other, authentic interactions, not a show. Our services center on sharing different gifts from God, including:

- Hearing and applying God's Word to our lives,
- Being inspired by Christian music from every era of the Church,
- Talking with God together,
- Supporting our ministry together, and
- Receiving all sorts of blessings given by God.

Through these gifts, Zion is where Heaven touches Earth.

## The Lord's Supper

In the Lord's Supper, the Lord gives us His Body and His Blood with the bread and the wine. Because receiving Communion together publicly declares that we are in full community with each other, if you would like to receive the Lord's Supper at Zion, please chat with Pastor before the service to find out what Scripture teaches and why we believe it.

If you need gluten-free bread, let Pastor know. The light-colored cups in the middle of the tray are alcohol-free, if you prefer that.

## Parents of Little Ones:

Welcome to Zion and relax! God gives our children energy to explore the world and He loves it!

The activity and sounds of your children prove that the Church is where life happens.

As children wiggle, giggle, and talk during Church, they are learning how to worship and that God loves them just as they are.

How do you help them learn to worship? Well,

- come to worship each week,
- sit closer to the front so they can see more and be distracted less,
- explain why we do what we do when we are doing it,
- sing the songs and pray the prayers, because they learn how to worship by copying you, and
- if your little one needs a break, slip out when you need to, but please come back after a few minutes.

We are thankful you are here!

**Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me."**

—Matthew 19:14

# Walking with God, Together

## Prelude

### Welcoming One Another & Opening Prayer

**P** Let us pray together... one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.<sup>a</sup>

*Please stand as you are able*

### Gift #1: Hearing that *Our Sins Are Forgiven*

*Matthew 28:19*

**P** The gifts of God come to us today in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*The Sign of the Cross<sup>b</sup> may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

*Psalm 124:8a*

**C** Who made Heaven and Earth.

*Psalm 124:8b*

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

*Psalm 130:3*

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are revered.

*Psalm 130:4*

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, to call upon Him in prayer and praise, and to receive the body and blood of the Lord Jesus in the fellowship of this Altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

*Please use these moments to have your own individual conversation with God.*

**P** Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our Heavenly Father, seeking His grace and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God... in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 16:19, John 20:23*

*Please be seated*

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<sup>a</sup> "Amen" is at the end of almost all of our prayers and it means, "Please, let this be so!" or "I agree!"

<sup>b</sup> Making **the Sign of the Cross** was a Church-wide practice by AD 150 as described by Tertullian, an ancient Church leader. Even Martin Luther said it is a good thing to do as we remember that we have put on Christ—*Romans 13, Galatians 3*

## Gift #2: A Reading from the Old Testament<sup>a</sup>

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16, from 2067 BC

*Both Abraham and Sarah receive new names from God and new promises which include [us!](#)*

<sup>1</sup>When Abram<sup>b</sup> was ninety-nine years old, Yahweh<sup>c</sup> appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before Me and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make My covenant<sup>d</sup> between Me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“Behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called ‘Abram,’ but your name shall be ‘Abraham,’<sup>e</sup> for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful and I will make you into nations and kings shall come from you <sup>7</sup>and I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you... <sup>15</sup>As for Sarai<sup>f</sup> your wife, you shall not call her name ‘Sarai,’ but ‘Sarah’<sup>g</sup> shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her and, moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gift #3: A Reading from the Epistles<sup>h</sup>

Romans 5:1–5, from AD 55

*God uses challenges to complete and perfect us.*

<sup>1</sup>Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>i</sup> <sup>2</sup>Through Him, we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit<sup>j</sup> who has been given to us.

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<sup>a</sup> The **Old Testament** is the part of the Bible written before Jesus walked the Earth.

<sup>b</sup> **Abram** is the famous Abraham of the Bible. This name means, “exalted father.”

<sup>c</sup> “**Yahweh**” is the personal name of God in the Old Testament which He used to refer to Himself 6,828 times. This name is Hebrew, the original language of the Old Testament, and it means “The One who was, is, and always will be” and is pronounced, “Yah-way.”

<sup>d</sup> A **covenant** is an unchangeable contract. Breaking a covenant meant death.

<sup>e</sup> **Abraham** means, “father of a multitude,” pointing to the promises of God that his descendants would be more numerous than stars in the sky and sand on the seashore. All Christians are descendants of Abraham—Romans 4:12, Galatians 3:7–9 and 4:31.

<sup>f</sup> **Sarai** means “princess.”

<sup>g</sup> **Sarah** means “princess of Yahweh.”

<sup>h</sup> An “**Epistle**” is a letter. This is from a letter Paul wrote to Christians living in Rome and to us as well.

<sup>i</sup> “**Christ**” is the Greek word for the Hebrew word “Messiah,” both of which mean “the One anointed by God to save the world.”

<sup>j</sup> This “**Holy Spirit**” is not just some sort of “spirituality,” but it is God the Holy Spirit, the Third Person in the Trinity that is God, who offers to dwell inside of us to give us hope, joy, faith, Heaven, and so much more.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able*

#### **Gift #4: A Reading from the Holy Gospels<sup>a</sup>**

*Mark 5:1–20, from around AD 30*

*Jesus cast out a legion of demons and defeated them... with just His words.*

**P** The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the fifth chapter.

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Jesus and His followers came to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, to the country of the Gerasenes <sup>2</sup>and, when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit—<sup>3</sup>he lived among the tombs and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, <sup>4</sup>for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. <sup>5</sup>Night and day, among the tombs and on the mountains, he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.

<sup>6</sup>And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before Him <sup>7</sup>and, crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure You by God, do not torment me," <sup>8</sup>for He was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"<sup>b</sup> <sup>9</sup>And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion,<sup>c</sup> for we are many," <sup>10</sup>and he begged Him earnestly not to send them out of the country. <sup>11</sup>Now, a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside <sup>12</sup>and they begged Him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them," <sup>13</sup>so He gave them permission and the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

<sup>14</sup>The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country and people came to see what it was that had happened <sup>15</sup>and they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid <sup>16</sup>and those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs <sup>17</sup>and they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. <sup>18</sup>As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged Him that he might be with Him <sup>19</sup>and He did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and how He has had mercy on you." <sup>20</sup>and he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him and everyone marveled.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

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<sup>a</sup> "Gospel" is an ancient word meaning "good news" and has come to mean a biography of Jesus.

<sup>b</sup> An **unclean spirit** is a demon and, yes, they exist. Demon-possession is still extremely common today in Asia, Africa, and South America. Even today, modern missionaries regularly cast out demons and this has been well-documented—Craig Keener, *Miracles: The Credibility of the New Testament Accounts*, 2 volumes (Ada, MI: Baker Academic, 2011), 1,248 pages.

<sup>c</sup> At this time, a **legion** consisted of 5,800 soldiers in the Roman infantry.

## Gift #5: Confessing the Faith Together

*The Apostles' Creed has been shared throughout the entire Christian Church since around AD 350.*

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into Hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## Gift #6: Exploring God's Word Together

- **Children's Chat**
- **Sermon**

*Mark 5:1–20*

## Gift #7: A Moment with God

*Please stand as you are able*

## Gift #8: Talking with God Together

*In your own prayers as well, please also include:*

*International Tensions*

*Our Protectors*

*Un(der)employed & Overworked*

*Persecuted Christians*

*Our Shut-Ins*

*Caregivers*

*Three Pre-Born Babies*

*Denise Weber (upcoming procedure)*

*Lynn Romo (recovery)*

*Ron Kaiser, Sr. (recovery)*

*Sylvia Grannemann (recovery)*

*Karen Carlstrom (healing)*

*This Week's Zion Folks*

*Cheryl Burbank*

*The Browns*

*Nita Brookman*

*Rev. Jaya & Pravi Bijjiga*

**P** Lord Jesus, like the demoniacs whom You called out of the darkness, we so often seek out and enjoy the darkness... To the delight of the Father,

**C** Please fill us with the Holy Spirit.

*After each request, please join in with:*

**P** ... That freedom and joy would spread, please,

**C** **Set us free and help us free others.**

**P** Lord Jesus, with You is freedom and joy; please teach us to seek You and to pray:

**C** **Our Father who art in Heaven,<sup>a</sup>**

*Taught by Jesus in Matthew 6:9–13*

**hallowed be Thy name,**

**Thy Kingdom come,**

**Thy will be done**

**on Earth as it is in Heaven;**

**give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **Gift #9: Supporting the Sharing of God's Gifts**

*Your contributions make you a partner with God in sponsoring the ministry we get to do together, bringing the gifts of God to people where they are in the way they need them, here at **Zion**, in the St. Louis area, and around the world.*



*Please stand as you are able*

## **Presentation of Our Offering**

**P** Gracious Lord... Please graciously receive what we offer You and do wonderful things through it,

**C** **For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

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<sup>a</sup> The words of this prayer come from Jesus Himself, as He taught His followers how to pray. We use older sounding words, such as "**art**" and "**Thy**," because these are the same words which the English-speaking Church has used to pray this prayer since the Bible translation of William Tyndale in AD 1526. We could use updated words, but this is quite a precious heritage—that we have prayed these words throughout the English-speaking Church for 500 years!

## Gift #10: The Lord's Supper

*If you need gluten-free bread, let Pastor know.*

*The light-colored cups in the middle of the tray are alcohol-free, if you prefer that.*

### Preface<sup>a</sup>

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places thank You, holy Father, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow. We especially thank You for Your boundless love shown to us in Jesus, Your Son and our Lord, who freed the demoniacs, raised the paralytics, and frees us from our sins and our addictions to them. Therefore, with angels and with all Your people in **Heaven** and on **Earth**,

**C** **We laud<sup>b</sup> and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You by saying and singing:**

### Sanctus<sup>c</sup>

*from Isaiah 6 and Mark 11*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

<sup>a</sup> The words of this part of our worship service are used throughout the world and, until just recently, have been used in almost all Christian worship services since around AD 200!

<sup>b</sup> "**Laud**" means "to praise loudly and publicly."

<sup>c</sup> "**Sanctus**" means "Holy" in Latin, which was the primary language of the Church in Europe from around AD 395 until AD 1520, when many congregations began to worship God in the locally spoken languages, such as German and English. In the Sanctus, the word "**Sabaoth**" means "Heavenly Hosts" and "**Hosanna**" means "please save us" in Hebrew, the original language of the Old Testament.





Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### The Words of Our Lord

*Matt 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Cor 11*

### Pax Domini<sup>a</sup>

*John 20:21*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

**Regularly attending Church** leads to lower levels of depression and hopelessness in all people, especially in young adults. —Sriya Iyer et al. of Cambridge University, "Religion and Depression in Adolescence," *Journal of Political Economy*, AD 2019.

**Here is our usual Distribution Plan:**

*First, all those helping to serve the Lord's Supper will be served at the Rail.*

*Second, all who would like to receive the Lord's Supper at the Rail will be served at the Rail.*

*Third, all who would like to receive the Lord's Supper at the Baptismal Font will be served at the Font.*

*Finally, all who would like to receive the Lord's Supper in their pew will be served in their pew.*

<sup>a</sup> "Pax Domini" means "The peace of the Lord" in Latin, which was the primary language of the Church in Europe from around AD 395 until AD 1520. This "The peace of the Lord be with you" greeting has been used daily and weekly throughout the Church since Jesus greeted His closest followers on the evening of the first Easter, April 5, AD 33—*John 20:21*.

## Gift #11: Come to the Table

*Sidewalk Prophets, from AD 2015*

*We are singing this song throughout February to help learn it.*

We all start on the outside, the outside looking in. This is where grace begins.  
We were hungry, we were thirsty, with nothing left to give, oh, the shape that we were in.  
And just when all hope seemed lost, love opened the door for us. He said,

**“Come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.**

**“Take your place beside the Savior; sit down and be set free.**

**“Come to the table.”**

“Come meet this motley crew of misfits, these liars and these thieves.

“There’s no one unwelcome here,

“That sin and shame that you brought with you, you can leave it at the door,

“And let mercy draw you near.”

**“Come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.**

**“Take your place beside the Savior; sit down and be set free.**

**“Come to the table.”**

“Come to the table.”

To the thief and to the doubter, to the hero and the coward,  
To the prisoner and the soldier, to the young and to the older,  
All who hunger, all who thirst, all the last and all the first,  
All the paupers and the princes, all who fail—you’ve been forgiven!—  
All who dream and all who suffer, all who loved and lost another,  
All the chained and all the free, all who follow, all who lead,  
Anyone who’s been let down, all the lost—you have been found!—  
All who’ve been labeled “right” or “wrong,” to everyone who hears this song:

**“Come to the table! Come join the sinners who have been redeemed!**

**“Take your place beside the Savior! Sit down and be set free!**

**“Sit down and be set free!”**

“Come to the table! Come to the table!”

“Sit down and be set free; come to the table.”

*If this song is a blessing to you, you can find it on your mobile device’s music store to enjoy all week long.*

## Why do we not say "Alleluia" during Lent?

In the worship service, we often call out to each other saying, "Alleluia!" which is an invitation in Hebrew (the original language of the Old Testament) to one another to "Praise the Lord!" This word appears in the Psalms 24 times and in Revelation 4 times, where the writers are celebrating the work and salvation of God. Normally, on Sundays, we sing "Alleluia" just before the reading from one of the Gospels (the biographies of Jesus which are in the Bible).

Since **Lent** is a time of intentional mindfulness of our relationship with God and how we often fall short, our worship services during **Lent** have a much more serious feeling. Therefore, by AD 450, the Church began to "bury" or put away the Alleluia and a few other celebration pieces during **Lent**. Even though **Lent** is a very serious time, we know that we are just weeks away from singing the Alleluia again, because **Easter** is just around the corner.

(It is great, though, to say and sing "Alleluia" during **Lent** if you are rehearsing for **Easter** songs and programs, especially for people in Sunday Schools and Church Choirs!)

If I didn't know what it hurt like to be broken,  
Then how would I know what it feels like to be whole?  
If I didn't know what it cuts like to be rejected,  
Then I wouldn't know the joy of coming home.

**Maybe it's OK if I'm not OK,  
'Cause the One who holds the world is holding on to me.  
Maybe it's all right if I'm not all right,  
'Cause the One who holds the stars is holding my whole life.**

If I didn't know what it looked like to be dirty,  
Then I wouldn't know what it feels like to be clean.  
And if all of my shame hadn't drove me to hide in the shadows,  
Then I wouldn't know the beauty of being free.

**Maybe it's OK if I'm not OK,  
'Cause the One who holds the world is holding on to me.  
Maybe it's all right if I'm not all right,  
'Cause the One who holds the stars is holding my whole life.**

Father, let Your Kingdom come, let Your will be done,  
Here, in my heart as in Heaven.  
Father, let Your Kingdom come, let Your will be done,  
Here, in my heart as in Heaven.

**Maybe it's OK if I'm not OK,  
'Cause the One who holds the world is holding on to me.  
Maybe it's all right if I'm not all right,  
'Cause the One who holds the stars is holding my whole life.**

Now I'm alive in You!  
We're bursting at the seams!  
Now I'm alive and I can see You in everything!

Maybe it's OK if I'm not OK.

*If this song is a blessing to you, you can find it on your mobile device's music store to enjoy all week long.*

Gift #13: Chief of Sinners, Though I Be

Lutheran Service Book #611, from AD 1864



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,  
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the  
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.  
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

*When we have finished distributing the Lord's Supper, please stand as you are able*

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

- P** Thank You, almighty God, for refreshing us through these precious gifts.
- C** **Please strengthen us through these gifts into stronger Faith in You and into fervent love toward one another;**
- P** Through Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
- C** **One God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Gift #14: The Blessing**      *This blessing has been spoken over God's people for 3,468 years! (Numbers 6)*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Gift #15: O Christ, You Walked the Road**

*Lutheran Service Book #424, from AD 1997*



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.  
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.  
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.  
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,  
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.  
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.  
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swer-ving love.  
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.  
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

**Postlude**

As we exit together, please take a few moments to chat with the people around you.

Just a few words to a person who is hurting will mean the world to them.

It's easy, it's loving, it's really needed, and it shows the love of God.

## Need prayers?

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer support, please contact the Church Office at 314.739.6121. Prayer requests may also be made anonymously.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

**TYLER MYERS**  ..... **TODAY!**

**KAYLA FOSS**  ..... Tuesday

**CARLENE KAUFMANN**  ..... Wednesday

*Are we missing a birthday or anniversary?  
Please contact the Church Office to update  
our records.*

### At Your Service

Pastor Mark Femmel .....314.750.2432

Secretary: Kim Dent ..... church@zionmh.org

Café Manager: Marlina Femmel

Preschool Director: Joni Wallace

Lead Musician: Tina Golchert

Facility Administrator: Claudia Amaya

### THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this morning's celebration happen!

#### **During the Week:**

*Bulletin Production:* Russ Wurl, Larry & Nancy Nord, and Joyce Hicks

*Altar Guild:* Vicki Lichtenegger, Ashlee Kimbrough, Sylvia Grannemann, and Christi Femmel

#### **For our 8:00am Worship Service:**

*Ushers:* Russ Wurl, Larry Nord, Donna Milligan, Vicki Lichtenegger, and Justin Dertinger

*Live Stream Producer:* Christi Femmel

*Liturgy:* Adler Rickords, Seminarian

#### **Between Worship Services:**

*Fellowship Breakfast:* Cheryl Burbank and Penny Patrick

*Sunday School Teacher:* Kim Dent

*Confirmation Teacher:* Ryan Lichtenegger

*Jesus Freak Teacher (our Youth Group):* Marlina Femmel

#### **For our 10:30am Worship Service:**

*Ushers:* Denise Weber, Judy Schwend, Ashlee Kimbrough, and Mike Johnson

*Lord's Supper Assist:* Neil Koenig, Elder for Last Names R-Z



## The News This Week

**Thank you** to **EVERYONE** who helped clear out our honeysuckle yesterday! We reclaimed so much more space!

**This Thursday, Feb. 29, A Free Medicare Seminar**—Plastridge Benefit Group, an insurance group, will provide dinner and drinks here at **Higher Groundz** to discuss Medicare options. If you are interested, registration is required ahead of time so they can have enough food and informational take-homes. To RSVP, please call 800.340.5914.

**Due this Friday, March 1—Zion Legacy Fund Grants**—We are blessed to have a **Legacy Fund** at **Zion** to (1) support current and new ministries, (2) pay off debt, and (3) support future ministry here at **Zion**. Each year, we may draw from the growth of our **Legacy Fund**. To submit your idea to our **Legacy Fund** Team for consideration, please pick-up a Request Form in the back of the **Sanctuary** and return it before March 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, call **SCOTT LICHTENEGGER** at 314.629.5152.

**Next Saturday, March 9, The times, they are a-changin'!** Before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 9, set your clocks forward one hour as we “spring forward” into Spring... otherwise, you'll get to **Church** an hour late. This is also a great time to change the batteries in your **smoke detectors**.

**Easter Sunday, March 31, God's Got a Band!** Do you know how to play an instrument? Would you like to share your gifts with God's people and celebrate God with a special piece in worship? We are hoping to share a precious song on **Easter Sunday** this year. If you are interested, please chat with **TINA GOLCHERT** by the organ or call her at 217.474.4001.

**Clarifying our Counting**—We have discovered that several of our “**One Glimpse of Our Ministry Together**” numbers need to be better allocated among the parts of our ministry since our **Higher Groundz** and **Preschool** ministries have grown so much. For full transparency and clarity, as examples, each year, the “**Parish**” part of our ministry together has covered the full \$14,000 of our Property Insurance and Workers' Compensation Insurance, though that insurance covers all our Staff members, including **Preschool Staff** and **Café Staff** members. The same is true for maintenance costs and the wages of various staff members, such as our Facility Administrator (\$13,000), etc. As we improve our allocation plan this year, we will continue to report our ministry impacts, fruitfulness, and challenges each week with this new “**One Glimpse of Our Ministry Together**” report. If you have any questions, the ideal people to reach out to are **PASTOR, DENISE CARROLL** at 314.478.8989, **SCOTT LICHTENEGGER** at 314.629.5152, and **KIM DENT** at 314.739.6121.

**One Glimpse of Our Ministry Together**  
**In January, together, we:**  
**Baptized Vera Kimberly Mueller,**  
**Baptized Andrew Thomas Sullivan,**  
**averaged 111 people in worship with The Lord's Supper,**  
**averaged 34 livestream views each Sunday,**  
**served 78 in Bible Study and Sunday School (35%),**  
**served 95 drinks and 32 snacks each day,**  
**counseled 56 people (57% from outside of Zion),**  
**served 19 Preschool children from 18 families,**  
**did 15 home and hospital visits,**  
**ministered to 9 police officers,**  
offered up \$16,943.92 in **offerings,**  
received \$16,975.70 in **Café sales,**  
received \$5,030.95 in **tuition,**  
for a total gain of \$38,950.57,  
and spent \$40,285.16,  
putting **Zion** at -\$1,334.59 YTD.

## More News This Week

**The Jesus Freaks are hitting the road** this Summer to enjoy Branson, especially the SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE to see *Queen Esther*. If you are the responsible adult for one of our *Jesus Freaks* or *Jesus Freaklets* (so a kiddo who is going into the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade through College-age), please scan the QR code to help us find the best week to go. For more info, text **RYAN LICHTENEGGER** at 636.345.2137.



**Won't we be bored in Paradise, just singing forever?** What will eternal life be like? What will we do forever in Paradise? Will we just be singing all the time? Will we recognize anyone? Won't we all get bored? Will our pets make it? What about the dinosaurs? Will there be old people? Will there be babies? If you missed our great two-week chat in Bible study about what we'll be doing for eternity, Pastor recorded a quick revisit on what Paradise will be like at [podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/pastor-mark-femmel/episodes/What-will-eternal-life-be-like-e2foemv](https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/pastor-mark-femmel/episodes/What-will-eternal-life-be-like-e2foemv) (It's easier to click this link in our online bulletin at [www.zionmh.org/messages](http://www.zionmh.org/messages).) If people ask you questions about eternity, please share this link to God's great invitation to Paradise for them as well.

**Free Thrivent Money**—Every Thrivent member may dedicate some of Thrivent's profits to a charity of their choice. One call to your Thrivent representative puts those dollars to work to support the work *Zion* is called to do **for free!** Seriously, *Zion* misses out on **thousands of dollars** each year by this one call not being made.



**Bad with names?** Stop by the upper-level bathrooms and look on the wall to the right. We have the names and faces of our regular folks right there. Once you call a person by name a few times, it'll stick. Who cares if you cheat at first? **Are you not up there yet? Please chat with Pastor to get your picture taken!**

**Life Can Be Suffocating**—Sometimes it can feel like you are just getting hammered by life and the joy is gone. If you need a little support or if you desperately need help, you can always chat with Pastor or you can get great counseling with Dale Kuhn at Care and Counseling, whom you may reach at 314.878.4340.

**Are You Handy?** We are looking for handy guys and gals who can help with taking care of and improving our spaces. If you are interested, please let **CHUCK MUELLER** know at [chuckathome37@gmail.com](mailto:chuckathome37@gmail.com).









**Have you ever hosted a foreign exchange student?**—The Pan Atlantic Foundation (PAF) coordinates foreign exchange student placements and is looking for homes that have an extra bed, a seat at the dinner table, and a cozy spot for a student to study. Students come with their own spending money and health insurance. Many of them are passionate about sports and/or play musical instruments. For more info, call **RICCI GRABSKI**, a member of Immanuel, Olivette, who works with PAF, at 314.954.4098, and/or visit [www.panatlanticfoundation.org](http://www.panatlanticfoundation.org).

**You might be a Lutheran if...** a midlife crisis means switching from an old hymnal to a new one. (The hymnals used by the LCMS are pictured. They were published in **AD 1888, 1912, 1941, 1982, and 2006**, around 30 years apart.)



# The Happenings at and around Zion

For even more events, please check out [www.zionmh.org/upcoming-events](http://www.zionmh.org/upcoming-events).

<b>TODAY, Feb 25</b> <i>The Second Sunday in Lent</i>	<b>8:00AM</b>  <b>WORSHIP</b> (Sanctuary)	
	9:30AM	<b>Bible Study: Wacky Church</b> (1 Corinthians, F. Hall)
	9:30AM	<b>Jesus Freaks</b> (Youth, Church Office)
	9:30AM	<b>Confirmation Class</b> (Mid-Level Meeting Room)
	9:30AM	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> (Mid-Level Classroom)
	<b>10:30AM</b>  <b>WORSHIP</b> (Sanctuary)	
<b>MONDAY, Feb 26</b>	All Day	The Church Office is closed
	10:00AM	Pastor at NHC for <b>the Bible Chat</b> (NHC on Fee Fee Road) 
	3:00–6:00PM	Fundraiser for Immanuel Lutheran, Olivette (Café)
<b>TUESDAY, Feb 27</b>	11:00AM	Business Network International Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
<b>WEDNESDAY, Feb 28</b> <i>The Third Wednesday in Lent</i>	9:00AM	<b>Bible Study:</b> The Holy Spirit on the Move (Acts, F. Hall) 
	10:00AM	Domino <b>Divas &amp; Dudes</b> (Fellowship Hall)
	<b>11:00AM</b>  <b>WORSHIP</b> (Sanctuary)	
	5:45–7:15PM	<b>Game Night</b> (Fellowship Hall)
	<b>7:00PM</b>  <b>WORSHIP</b> (Sanctuary)	
<b>THURSDAY, Feb 29</b> <i>Leap Year Day!</i>	11:00AM	Business Network International Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00–7:30PM	Medicare Seminar (Fellowship Hall)
<b>SATURDAY, Mar 2</b>	11:00–1:30PM	<b>Veteran</b> Seminar (Fellowship Hall)
	11:30–3:30PM	Private Event (Mid-Level Meeting Room)
	4:00–6:00PM	<b>Jesus Freaks</b> at the Femmels'
<b>NEXT SUNDAY, Mar 3</b> <i>The Third Sunday in Lent</i>	<b>8:00AM</b>  <b>WORSHIP</b> (Sanctuary)	
	9:30AM	<b>Bible Study: Wacky Church</b> (1 Corinthians, F. Hall)
	9:30AM	<b>Jesus Freaks</b> (Youth, Church Office)
	9:30AM	<b>Confirmation Class</b> (Mid-Level Meeting Room)
	9:30AM	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> (Mid-Level Classroom)
	<b>10:30AM</b>  <b>WORSHIP</b> (Sanctuary)	
<b>NEXT MONDAY, Mar 4</b>	10:00AM	Pastor at NHC for <b>the Bible Chat</b> (NHC on Fee Fee Road) 
	3:00–6:00PM	<b>Fundraiser for Lutheran North</b> (Café)
<b>NEXT TUESDAY, Mar 5</b>	11:00AM	Business Network International Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

## More Happenings at and around Zion

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**NEXT WEDNES, Mar 6** ..... 7:00AM ..... Rotary Club Meeting (*Fellowship Hall*)

*The Fourth Wednesday* ..... 9:00AM ..... **Bible Study:** The Holy Spirit on the Move (*Acts, F. Hall*)

*in Lent*

10:00AM ..... Domino **Divas & Dudes** (*Fellowship Hall*)

**11:00AM** ✚ **WORSHIP** (*Sanctuary*)

5:45–7:15PM ..... **Game Night** (*Fellowship Hall*)

**7:00PM** ✚ **WORSHIP** (*Sanctuary*)



**NEXT THURSDAY, Mar 7** ..... *All Day* ..... *The Church Office is normally closed on Thursdays*

11:00AM ..... Business Network International Group Meeting (*Fellowship Hall*)

**NEXT FRIDAY, Mar 8** ..... 6:00PM ..... Stampin' Up with **KIM DENT** (*Fellowship Hall*)

**NEXT SATUR, Mar 9** .... 9:00AM & 1:00PM ..... Stampin' Up with **KIM DENT** (*Fellowship Hall*)

4:00–6:00PM ..... **Jesus Freaks** at the Femmels'

*At Bedtime* ..... **Change your clocks one hour forward!**