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Worship Times

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00AM with Holy Communion
Service Broadcast at 10:30AM
on KNAF 910AM

Video of Service available on
Zion's YouTube channel @ 9AM
www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube

10:15AM Sunday School



Zion Lutheran Church Jan 2026

Office Hours

Monday–Thursday
8am–3pm

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Pastor Office Hours:
Mon 10-11:30 & 1:30-4
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Council Members

President, Robert Menking
830-889-2450 (Cemetery)

Vice President, David Hartmann
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Mutual Ministry, Stewardship)

Treasurer, Debbie Sultemeier
210-416-2629 (Finance, Investment)

Secretary, Janalee Hannemann
979-255-4599 (Fellowship, Parish Ed)

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Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting

DATE: Sunday, January 25, 2026
TIME: 10:00am
PLACE: Zion Lutheran Church Sanctuary
PURPOSE:

- Election of 2026-2029 Council members
- Approving the appointment of Laurie Hartmann to the Investment Committee to serve another term
- Ratification of the Appointment of Jill Minshew to the Investment Committee
- Ratification of newly adopted investment policies
- Election of 2026 Synod Assembly Delegates
- Discussion and action on recommendations by the Property Committee, along with financing options for those recommendations
- Review and vote on the 2026 Annual Budget
- Review and vote on the Annual Report of the Congregation

A Budget Forum to discuss the 2026 Budget and Property Committee recommendations will be held on Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 10:00am in the Sanctuary.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Sometimes God brings helpful people into our lives when we least expect it. Recently, I met a woman at a meeting in the community. We got to talking about grief that we have both experienced. She later gave me a copy of *Resilient Grieving* by psychologist Dr. Lucy Hone. That book has helped me.

Here are three insights from Dr. Hone and then my reflections on them.

- 1) *Accept that suffering happens.*
- 2) *Choose where you put your attention.*
- 3) *Ask yourself, "Is what I'm doing helping or hurting?"*

1. Suffering happened even for Jesus. Right after the magi left, the holy family escaped to Egypt before a massacre in which Herod killed all children under two years old in and around Bethlehem. At the end of Jesus' earthly life, he suffered for our sins on the cross.

2. "Take every thought captive." 2 Corinthians 10:5. What you feed grows, and what you starve dies. We can take negative thoughts captive and replace them with positive thoughts from God's word.

3. Examine what your coping strategies are and be honest about whether they truly help you heal or not. For example, exercise helps, excessive drinking does not. Shopping might give temporary relief, but are you free to be generous with your time and money?

Another healthy way of dealing with grief and suffering is to help others. Then, our attention gets directed outside of ourselves and our problems. Be praying about how the Lord wants you to minister to others in 2026. Go on the mission trip? Join the Care Team? Serve on a committee? Be part of a new prayer ministry? Invite others to church? (We will have a High Attendance Sunday soon when there will be a prize for the person who brings the most guests.)

prayerfully yours,
Pr. Jonathan

Our Shut-ins

KNOPP ASSISTED LIVING

EMMA STOTZ
ELAINE THOMAS

KNOPP RETIREMENT

JULIA WEDEN #A4

VILLAGES AT WINDCREST

ANN A #2029
MARY H #2016
BOB R #1016
RUTH S #1003
ALMA S #2013

At Home

CAROLYN CRENWELGE—
510 Valley Dr, Kerr

VERNELL HELM—
1125 S Adams Apt#402

THE HENKE'S—906 Henrietta

MARJIE MCADAMS—
PO Box 443

BETTY MOELLENDORF—
610 N Elk

ELFRIEDE RAGLAND—
178 Ragland

HELGA SOLBRIG—
1803 Hwy 290 W

THE THOMPSON'S—
116 Frederick

DWIGHT WEIRICH—
40 Robin Lane

Statistics

Attendance: 9:00

Dec 3 (6pm Advent) 29
Dec 7 59 + 35 YouTube views
Dec 10 (6pm Advent) 18
Dec 14 76 + 44 YouTube views
Dec 16 (6pm Church Walk) 267
Dec 21 71 + 93 YouTube views
Dec 24 144 + 50 YouTube views
Dec 28 34 + 17 YouTube views

Weekly Offerings:

(includes regular, building, loose & special)
Dec 7 (+Advent) \$ 8,842.00
Dec 14 (+Advent) \$ 4,556.00
Dec 21 \$ 3,615.00
Dec 24 (Christmas Eve) \$ 4,137.00
Dec 28 \$ 5,586.00
Tithe.ly offerings \$ 1,932.85
Total \$ 28,668.85

Gen Fund Rev & Exp for NOV:

Gen Fund Revenue Total \$ 20,803.26
Gen Fund Expense Total \$ 25,601.68

2025 Year-to-Date thru NOV:

Revenue/Expense \$ 5,512.68

Saint Olaf Choir comes to Texas

- Feb 4 @7pm—St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 606 W 15th Street, Austin (\$40 admission)
- Feb 5 @7pm—University United Methodist Church, 5084 De Zavala Rd, San Antonio (\$40 admission)

Purchase tickets on choir website:
<https://wp.stolaf.edu/tickets/choir/>



Be part of a Care Team at Zion

Purpose:

to care for the homebound, people in nursing homes, and others in need

Qualifications:

be reliable, maintain confidentiality, have a heart to care for others

Responsibilities:

Visit people, take Holy Communion, pray with them, meet with the Care Team as needed

Sign up in January, have training and start in February

Sign up by January 11 to go on the Mission Trip, March 17-21, 2026

Bible Study

Don't miss the book study of *The Three Habits of Highly Contagious Christians*
Sign up ASAP

(January 4 at the latest)

so that we have materials available; Zion will provide the study guide for you.

This book will help us better share the joy of Jesus with those around us.

This three-week study will be offered during Sunday School on Jan 11, Feb 1, Feb 8 OR on Mondays, January 12, 19, 26 at 6:30pm with a Zoom option

A Stewardship Minute

In using our many gifts, have we learned...

- That to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up.
- That silent company is often more healing than words of advice.
- That you can make somebody's day by simply sending them a little card.
- That whenever you decide something with kindness and empathy, you usually make the right decision.
- That every day you should reach out and touch someone. People generally love that touch—holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.
- That everyone can use a prayer.
- That we still have a lot to learn in how to use our gifts.

In His service,
David Hartmann,
Stewardship Committee
Chair



Council President Note

As always, January will be a busy month for all of us at Zion..... not only are we winding down after a very active Christmas season, but we are planning and preparing for the annual meeting which is coming up on the last Sunday of the month. In preparation for that meeting, the Council is hosting a budget forum after worship on January 18 in the Sanctuary. Not only will we be discussing the budget, but will also be explaining a number of issues that will be on the agenda at the meeting, the most important of these are several repair and maintenance items that have been put off for a while. Please plan on attending this important session so that you will be well informed before casting your vote at the meeting. Thank you for your continued support of the council and this wonderful church.

Blessings, Robert Menking,
President

Thank You Notes

Thank you to Christi for ordering, picking up, setting out, and nurturing the poinsettias this year.

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the Christmas parade float, the Christmas trees, help set out the luminaries, and decorate the Sanctuary for Advent. Thank you to Christi for decorating the Fellowship Hall.

Thanks to all of you for allowing the Essence Choir to perform in your wonderful Fellowship Hall! ~Happy New Year,
Laurie Jenschke

Dear Members of Zion, thank you for the nice goodie bags. We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
~The Henke's

Thank you very much to the Zion congregation for the very nice and useful goodie bag. Thanks also to Debbie Sultemeier for delivering it. ~Vernell Helm

Thanks for the lovely gift bag and remembering me. ~Betty Moellendorf

The Staff of Zion thanks you for your kind and generous gifts given throughout the Christmas season. We are blessed!
~Pastor Jonathan, Christi, Rhonda & Sheri

Thank you so much for your donation of \$1,775 in support of Misi3n De Candelilla.