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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

 Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America (ELCA)

Zion Lutheran Church Feb 2026

Office Hours

Monday–Thursday
8am–3pm

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Secretary, Janalee Hannemann
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February 2026

Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church

The Chimes

We all know that prayer is important. We believe in the power of prayer, or, at least, we say that we do. I need your help to make Zion's prayer ministry more intentional, regular and passionate.

*As for me, I call to God, and the Lord saves me.
Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress,
and he hears my voice. ~Psalm 55:16-17, NIV*

Three things. First, I call on each of you to be more devoted to prayer. Notice the pattern in Psalm 55 – perhaps we too should remind ourselves to pray morning, noon, and night. Set reminders on your phone or put Post-it notes in places to remind you to stop and pray.

Second, if you feel God's Spirit leading you to help with this, please let me know.

Third, Lent starts February 18, and our theme this year is Lent: A Season of Prayer.

Opportunities to pray:

- Monday, February 9 @ 6:30pm, Conference Room
- Every Sunday worship! ...and Wednesdays in Lent
- Sunday, March 8 @ 8:30am, Library
- every day, any time of day or night...

Things to pray for:

- physical needs
- spiritual needs, including salvation for non-believers
- Zion's evangelism, outreach, and service – be and make disciples
- Leaders of church, school, government, etc.
- Global concerns including freedom, peace and justice

prayerfully, Pr. Jonathan



Annual Congregational Mtg Update

RESCHEDULED DATE: Sunday, February 8, 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

Special Concern—HC Needs Council Helping Our Neighbors in Need

The Needs Council coordinates 28 programs to meet the critical needs of children, families and the elderly in Gillespie County.

Matthew 28:19-20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Zion WELCA

Come join us Wednesday, February 4 at 9:30am in the Conference Room for Bible Study. Audrey Quam will lead our Bible study and Mary Heidtke is our hostess.

*“For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever.”
Psalm 9:18*

Cleanliness helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed or must flee for their safety, they arrive at a refuge camp or other place of safety, scared and dirty from travel. The simple items included in a Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit provide much needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and a chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.

Women of the church will be collecting personal care items during the month of February.

Please include materials for a kit on your shopping list during Lent as we think of our Lord's suffering for us. Items needed are: one light weight dark colored bath towel, 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap, 1 adult toothbrush in it's original packaging, 1 sturdy comb and 1 metal nail clipper.

Please put these in the labeled box in the Atrium.

Jan Statistics

Attendance: 9:00

Jan 4	55 + 36 YouTube views
Jan 11	63 + 29 YouTube views
Jan 18	62 + 48 YouTube views
Jan 25	n/a + 98 YouTube views

Weekly Offerings:

(includes regular, building, loose & special)

Jan 4	\$ 4,465.00
Jan 11	\$ 3,241.00
Jan 18	\$ 3,118.00
Jan 25 (mailed in offerings)	\$ 3,075.00
One Time Gift	\$ 40,740.00
Tithe.ly offerings	\$ <u>1,458.71</u>
Total	\$ 56,097.71

Gen Fund Rev & Exp for DEC:

Gen Fund Revenue Total	\$ 31,923.85
Gen Fund Expense Total	\$ 27,251.70

Pray for the Mission Trip, March 17-21

Please pray for Peter Ray, Judy McGookey, Robert and Janice Menking, and Pr. Jonathan who are going on the medical mission trip with Mision de Candelilla. We will be sharing the love of Jesus with people in the villages of San Vicente, La Union, and San Miguel.

Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone for your help taking down the Christusbaum decorations. It went so smoothly this year and I am so grateful for all the helping hands and support making this possible every year.

Dear Members of Zion, Thank you so much for trusting me to be your council representative for the last three years. It has been an honor to serve you. ~Janalee Hannemann

Thank you all for the well wishes, cards and phone calls. Thank you to Pr. Jonathan for the visits, and to Robert Menking for delivering the Christmas bag full of goodies.
~Ruby Koennecke

Thank you for the privilege of serving on Council the last 3 years. It's been exciting & interesting. Thoughts and prayers are with the new Council and the future challenges.
~Blessings, Audrey Mayer

Dear Zion Family, thank you for the Christmas gift bag and the remembrances throughout the year. God Bless you as you continue to "Share the Joy. Worship, Love, And Serve!"
~Julia Weden

Thank you to Perry Strackbein for shoveling the ice off the office steps and sidewalks after the winter storm.
~Christi



At Home

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THE THOMPSON'S—

116 Frederick

DWIGHT WEIRICH—

40 Robin Lane

KNOPP ASSISTED LIVING
EMMA STOTZ, ELAINE THOMAS

KNOPP RETIREMENT
JULIA WEDEN #A4

VILLAGES AT WINDCREST
ANN A #2029, MARY H #2016
BOB R #1016, ALMA S #2013
RUTH S #112 (memory care unit)

Worship for Lent

A Season of Prayer

Wednesday, February 18

NOON—Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

6PM—Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

Sunday, February 22

9AM—1st Sunday of Lent

Wednesday, February 25

5:15PM—Lent Supper (Fellowship Hall)

6PM—Lent Service (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 1

9AM—2nd Sunday of Lent

Wednesday, March 4

5:15PM—Lent Supper (Fellowship Hall)

6PM—Lent Service (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 8

9AM—3rd Sunday of Lent

Wednesday, March 11

5:15PM—Lent Supper (Fellowship Hall)

6PM—Lent Service (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 15

9AM—4th Sunday of Lent

Wednesday, March 18

5:15PM—Lent Supper (Fellowship Hall)

6PM—Lent Service (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 22

9AM—5th Sunday of Lent

Wednesday, March 25

5:15PM—Lent Supper (Fellowship Hall)

6PM—Lent Service (Fellowship Hall)

High Attendance Sunday

February 22: High Attendance Sunday with the Webster Brothers!!!

Zion is having a special push to motivate you to bring lots of guests to worship. On February 22, whoever brings the most visitors will get a \$300 prize, and second place will get a \$200 prize. We will have guest musicians that Sunday.

“The Webster Brothers” have been singing Southern and Country Gospel music all of their lives. Both are from Birmingham, Alabama originally but have been a resident of Texas since 1976. The two brothers have traveled extensively and shared their music internationally on stage, in churches and other organizations as well as television and radio in Europe, Canada, Mexico, Cuba and many other communities around the world.

See you in church on February 22 with all of your guests!!!

Musical Road Trip with Pr. Jonathan

If you want to go with Pr. Jonathan to hear the St. Olaf Choir on Thursday, February 5 at 7:00pm in San Antonio, sign up by calling him. Tickets are \$40. If interested, we can go early for dinner beforehand...

A Stewardship Minute

God’s Word tells us that it’s hard to succeed at anything if we don’t possess wisdom. **Ecclesiastes 10:10**, *“If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge, he must use more strength, but wisdom helps one to succeed.”*

We all have a multitude of gifts, and as followers of Christ we have within us the Holy Spirit and His wisdom that guides us in the use of our gifts. We, at times, need to further develop this wisdom to strengthen our commitment to use our gifts as God intends.

Staying connected to God gives us this added wisdom. In a recent Bible Study series, Pastor Jonathan covered multiple disciplines that help to strengthen our growth in wisdom. These included, for example, praying, meditation, journaling, solitude, etc. We each may have our own preferred discipline that accomplishes the same thing.

Bottom line: It’s what we do with this wisdom that matters to God.

In His service,
David Hartmann, Stewardship Committee Chair

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

Training in February, TBD