



ZION NEWS

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

THIS WEEK AT ZION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Children's Christmas Program | 5 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Worship Service | 8 AM

Choir Rehearsal | 9:15 AM

Blue Christmas Worship Service | 10:30 AM

Navigating the Holidays After Loss | Noon



*Blue
Christmas*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM

Women's Evening Bible Study | 3:30 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM

Men's Breakfast | 8 AM

Ronald Raasch Funeral | 11 AM, Visitation 9:30 AM

Council Meeting | 6 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM

Staff Meeting | 10 AM

Bell Rehearsal | 5 PM

Confirmation Class | 6 PM

High School Youth Group | 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM

Girl Scouts Troop #4723 | 4:30 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

Worship Service | 5 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Worship Service | 8 AM

Choir Rehearsal | 9:15 AM

Worship Service | 10:30 AM (Joyful Ringers)



FIRST
DAY OF

Winter

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendar! ZION's **Annual Meeting** will be on **Sun., Jan. 26, 2025**, at **11:30 AM** in the sanctuary. Your presence and votes are vital as we review the past year, discuss plans for the future, and make important decisions for ZION. Together, let's shape the next chapter of ZION's ministry. We look forward to seeing you there!

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IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

We trust in prayer's power. Lift up these loved ones, asking for God's comfort and healing presence to surround them.

Leslie Buckbee • Gerald Bartline • Marilyn Dahl

Terry Fusek • Eileen Elertson • Rita Trinko

Ken & Linda Spreeman • Larry Gueths

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

SAT | 5 PM | 40 SUN | 8 AM | 67 SUN | 10:30 AM | 62

Total In-Person | 169 YouTube Views | 146 views

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund: \$6,292 Building Fund: \$250

Restricted Funds: \$2,030 Total Weekly Offering: \$8,572

Last week's offering was **\$8,572**, surpassing our weekly budget of \$8,500 — right on target to support our goals!

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP INVITE

This Christmas season, we invite you to ZION for worship, song, and the celebration of Christ's birth. There's always a place for you — bring your loved ones, embrace His peace, and share in the true joy of this holy season!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Children's Christmas Program | 5 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Blue Christmas Worship Service | 10:30 AM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services | 3:30 & 5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day Worship Service | 9 AM



YOUTH CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Get ready to satisfy your sweet tooth! ZION Youth will be selling festive **decorated Christmas cookies** on **Sun., Dec. 15**. These delicious treats are perfect to share with your family, friends, and coworkers this Christmas season. Don't miss this wonderful chance to spread holiday cheer while supporting our amazing ZION Youth programs!

FOCUS NEWSLETTER MAILED

ZION's **FOCUS** December newsletter was mailed last week. If you didn't receive a printed copy, visit **ZION's website** or contact Kay at 715.526.2017 to update your address or email preferences to stay connected to ZION!

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF TREES

ZION Lutheran Church Women (ZLCW) are hosting this year's, beautiful **Festival of Trees** ... showcasing festive, creative, and uniquely-themed trees bringing the joy of Christmas to life. Last year's trees were a stunning addition to ZION, and this year's are just as special and memorable. Be sure to take in the beauty of the season!

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Start your Tuesdays with a hearty breakfast, meaningful fellowship, and spiritual growth (Men's Breakfast & Bible Study). We meet every **Tuesday morning at 8 AM** at **Shawano Café**, W7389 River Bend Road. Come hungry for food and the Word – we look forward to seeing you there!



ZION HOLIDAY FLOAT SHINES

A sincere thank you to everyone who made our holiday parade float a reality! Special thanks to Al Wichmann, John Phalen, Kay Kristof, Tom and Steve Laude for their creativity and hard work in designing and building the banners and holiday parade float. We're also grateful to Joyce Phalen, Ann and Rayn Johnson, Pastor Scott Ludford, Olivia Phalen, and Clint, Brooklyn, and Bailey Whitehorse for walking with us in the parade. Thank you to everyone who donated candy, helping us bring joy to children with treats and toys. Your efforts allowed us to spread holiday cheer and share info about our events with the community. Together, we made a lasting impact!



No Sunday School or middle school Bible study Dec. 15, 22, 29.
Classes resume Jan. 5.
No confirmation classes Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.
Classes resume Jan. 8.



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"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"



Philippians 4:4

YOUTH ADOPT A CHILD

The High School Youth Group decided to adopt a child through a local pantry to provide gifts and clothing for Christmas. On Dec. 4, the youth met at Walmart to shop for items requested by the family. They had a great time picking out cute outfits and testing out toys before making their final selections. This was a wonderful opportunity for our youth to give back to the community during this season of giving. (They were also able to pick up some snacks for the youth room!)