

# ZION NEWSLETTER February 2025

“Create  
in me a  
**clean heart,**  
O God,  
and put a  
new and right  
spirit  
within me.”  
Psalm 51:10

Zion Newsletter is published monthly for members, associate members and friends of Zion.

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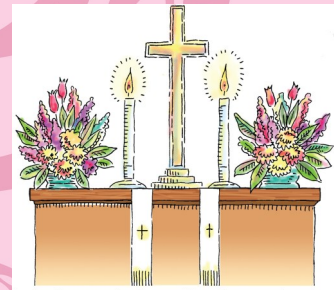
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## Worship Schedule

**Sunday, February 2**  
9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion  
Contemporary Worship

**Sunday, February 9**  
9:30 a.m. Worship

**Sunday, February 16**  
9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

**Sunday, February 23**  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:30 Fellowship S'more-gasbord of S'mores



## **Zion's Mission Statement:**

**Zion Lutheran Church's mission  
is to Gather, Grow, and Go in Jesus Christ**



Friends in Christ, grace to you, and peace from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Not long ago, on a Sunday afternoon as everyone had left the church, I was finishing up a few emails and pondering how that worship went. On this particular Sunday we had heard Jesus say, ***“For the son of man came not to be served, but to serve and give his life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)***

As I was packing up my things in the office, I decided to take home one of my little books that offers a daily devotional because I thought I could use it somewhere in our house. I brought home this Jesus Calling flip calendar and placed it up on the windowsill above our kitchen sink. As I was going to open it to the date, I thought – “I am never going to remember to flip this page every day so I will just pick a day to leave it on that holds significance for this time in our life... I thought I would flip it to our baby’s due date which will be approaching quickly, February 5<sup>th</sup>. So, I did and here is what that date read:

***“He came to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28)***

*Jesus aimed at one goal - to save humanity from its sin... Jesus was so focused on his task that he knew when to say. “It is finished.” But he was not so focused on his goal that he was unpleasant. Quite the contrary. How pleasant were his thoughts! Children couldn’t resist Jesus. He could find beauty in lilies, joy in worship, and possibilities in problems. - Max Lucado*

I thought - WOW Holy Spirit!!

I hope you have felt as I have the presence of Jesus through the beauty of winter, the joy of worship at Zion, and the possibilities - in maybe the “challenge” of your full-time pastor taking parental leave to welcome a new child. It is with a full and somber heart, I pass the torch of pastoral leadership to many other gifted hands during this time - but I remember that in Christ, you all, from the youngest members to the eldest, the infrequent worshipper to the reserved pew worshiper - you all through Christ experience and share God’s love as we are called to the goal of serving God and serving others! God’s blessings on this time of ministry and mission and I will be holding you all in prayer (and I would take your prayers as well) until I return!

*In God’s loving grace,*

*Pastor Anna*

**Schedule for Pastoral Coverage for February:**

**February 2: Pastor Anna or Pastor Lauryl Ivers**

**February 9: Dr. Zena Stussy, SAM**

**February 16: Pastor Lauryl Ivers**

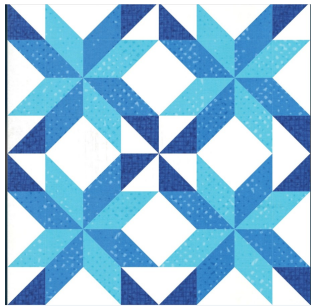
**February 23: Pastor Maddie Elliot**

Contact Information for Pastor Lauryl Ivers: Cell phone: 701-318-4184

Email: [laurylivers@gmail.com](mailto:laurylivers@gmail.com)







It is so cold outside and it may be a long winter. Quilts are a very nice addition to anyone's bed. They also make a very nice gifts!

We could use a few hearty souls to stop by to see what we're all about. We have the heat on, and coffee is at 10!

Many of the quilters have gone south for the winter, so Tuesday mornings are much quieter at our church (until coffee time, and then there's lots of laughter).

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**Blessings to all on your special days!**

- February 2     Jeff McCracken
- February 4     Wes Hanson
- February 5     Edward Roesch
- February 8     Randy Dalman
- February 11    Marilyn Lebahn
- February 14    Sue Pepelnjak
- February 21    Wes & Evy Hanson
- Mary Melroe
- February 25    Will Stubbs
- February 26    Ed & Candace Roesch
- February 28    Dave Slotten



**PUZZLE SWAP**

For those of you jigsaw puzzle lovers, our puzzle swap is available in the first room in the Education wing. If you'd like to bring puzzles to swap or take home puzzles to pass the winter hours, we have lots of puzzles available in all sizes and shapes...kids' puzzles, too!



The choir will be on break in February and will resume practices in March. Watch the bulletins for an updated schedule!



Treasurer's Report for Zion Lutheran Church Dec 2024				
Total Annual Budget of \$284,650 or \$23,721/month				
	Month	YTD	6 month budget	YTD Variance
GENERAL FUND	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues	22,562	130,625	142,326	- 11,701
Expenses	<u>32,418</u>	<u>139,495</u>	142,326	<u>2,831</u>
Difference	- 9,856	- 8,870		-8,870
<b>MORTGAGE</b>				
Principal only payment	0	0		
Ordinary monthly mortgage donations	4,595	20,865		
Monthly Payment	3,851	23,106		
Difference	744	-2,241		

**Benevolences for Dec:** \$693 to ELCA, \$296 to Pelican Rapids Food Shelf, Luther Crest Bible Camp, Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran Campus Ministry and \$99 accrued to Synodical Offering as part of a \$500 annual commitment.



## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

No memorials

# CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

Your gift to Lutheran World Relief can deliver urgently needed support and care to neighbors affected by wildfires.

[lwr.org/fires](http://lwr.org/fires)



Thank you for sharing God's love with your neighbors when and where they need it most.



**ZION WORK GROUP LIST FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

<b>NAMES</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>CELL</b>
Pearl Uhlir	218-863-7042	
Co-Coordinator - Vanessa Sloten *	218-863-1610	612-720-7722
Pfeiffer, Cheryl	218-342-2528	
Borah, Arlys	218-205-6353	
Ochsner, Lynette & Bob	218-368-6236	
Grahn, Judy	218-863-5536	
Bratlie, Sharon & Dave	218-532-3285	218-529-9826 (S)
Strand, Linnea & Gene	218-863-7626	

**Please call one of the coordinators to let them know what Sunday you can serve.**

The serving group is responsible for Sunday morning coffee fellowship and any funerals that may arise during the month. Coordinators ask that when they leave a message that you would please return the call to let them know if you can or cannot serve. If you are unable to serve, a donation is always appreciated. Thank you!

**ZION WORK GROUP LIST FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**

<b>NAMES</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>CELL</b>
Co-Coordinator - Erickson, Gloria & Bob	218-863-8303	218-849-2610
Co-Coordinator - Peterson, Judy & Ron	218-532-7354	218-293-1941
Jones, Julie & Lyle		218-841-0771
Strom, Darlene	218-532-2336	
Davis, Melanie & Mike	218-758-4041	218-234-6739
Guck, Kim & Chris	218-863-5900	218-280-2440
Haugrud, John & Paula	218-863-1715	
Trosvig, Tammy	218-850-0838	218-850-0838



**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Planning Council Minutes (unapproved)**  
**January 14, 2025**

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**1. Call to Order:** President Kollar opened the meeting at 6:03pm.

**Absent:** Mary Melroe, Sherry Trepp, Jerry Kensok, and Bill Nelson

**2. Devotions:** Pr. Anna led a devotional based on Bible verses and hymns.

**3. President Comments:** This is an exciting time for Anna and her family.

**4. Board & Committee Reports for the month of December 2024**

**STEWARDSHIP/TREASURER'S REPORT:** *Jerry Kensok/Sherry Trepp*

Amie, Marty, Suzie, Ilene & Jerry met on Dec 15th to improve the counting process. Amie said it served her purpose well without duplicating work. Jerry will be gone from December 18 until approximately February 18 and will recruit someone each week to put the offering away in the office. Capital campaign donations are close to being able to pay off the mortgage. Sam Dalman moved to accept the budget as presented, Trenda seconded. Motion carried.

**CHRISTIAN ED & YOUTH MINISTRY:** *Mike/Sam Dalman. Program on Dec.15, break until Jan 12. Playroom refreshed. Feb 23, S'more-gasbord fundraiser for Bible campers. Candace and Sam will assist with children's sermons.*

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:** *Lynette Ochsner. More cake. Sally Reff 90th birthday (family contributed the cake). New member Sunday. Jim Schneider's 80th birthday. After the Sunday school program, everyone enjoyed a happy birthday Jesus cake. Fellowship volunteers are stepping up. Suggested involving the new members.*

**HEALTH MINISTRY & SOCIAL CONCERNS:** *Bill Nelson.* No report.

**PROPERTY:** *Doug Trenda. Furnace company will cover some of our LP usage expenses during the install. Automatic doors getting some TLC. Greeters encouraged to not prop open either door.*

**WORSHIP, MUSIC & LAY MINISTRY:** *Mary Melroe. Many thanks to all who volunteered during Advent and through the New Year, especially Sally Reff and her family, Altar Guild, musicians and coffee servers. 281 attended the Christmas Eve Service!*

**5. Secretary's Report:** Trenda moved to approve the report as written, Slotten seconded. Motion carried.

**6. Staff Reports:**

**PASTOR:** Pastor Anna. Continuing to prep for parental leave. Plan to be here through Feb 2. Jan 19th, Dr. Zena Stussy (SAM) preaching. No council meeting in February.

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:** *Kari DuBord*

Printed 200 bulletins for Christmas Eve and Even ran out of candles! March 20-26th will be on vacation.

**7. Calendar/additions:** none

**8. Acceptance of Gifts:** None

**9. Unfinished Business:** none

**10. New Business:** a) Bills to be approved by council. Dalman moved that the council no longer approves the bills, the treasurer should simply pay them, Slotten seconded. Motion carried. b) Noisy offering designation. Starting with March, thru the end of June. Lynette moved to send to the American Red Cross, Doug seconded. Motion carried. Will then be on a Jan-June, July- Dec giving schedule. c) Kari will print a worship schedule each month for publication in the bulletin.

**11. Membership Changes:** none.

**12. Items for next council agenda** should be submitted 4 days prior to meeting set for March 11 at 6 p.m.

**13. Adjournment.** Dalman moved to adjourn the meeting, Ochsner seconded. Motion carried.

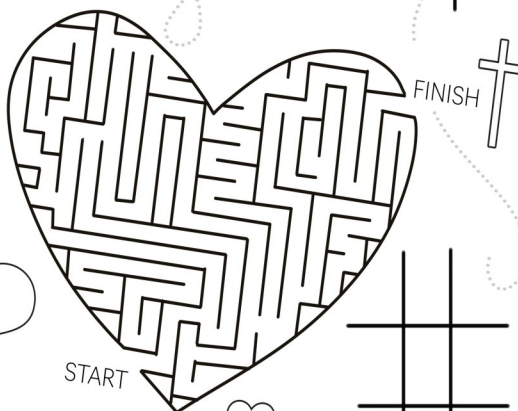
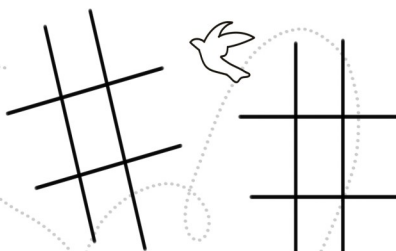
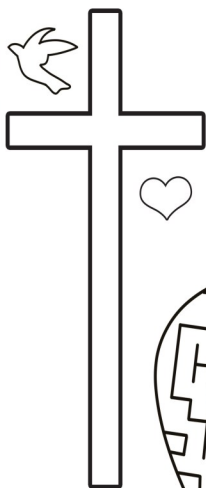
**14. Closed with the Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted by Ilene Trittin-Anderson,  
Council Secretary



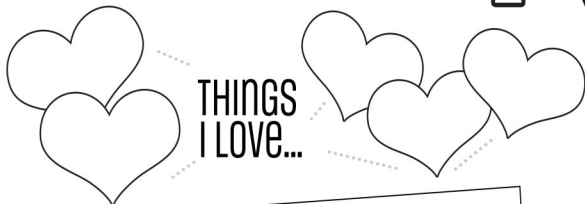
**February Sunday School Schedule**  
**2/2 Worship Participation Day**  
**2/9 Sunday School**  
**2/16 Sunday School**  
**2/23 S'moregabord of S'mores Day**

**JESUS**  
**LOVES**  
**me**



AS THE FATHER HAS  
**LOVED ME,**  
 SO HAVE I LOVED YOU.  
 NOW REMAIN IN  
**MY LOVE.**

John 15:9, NIV



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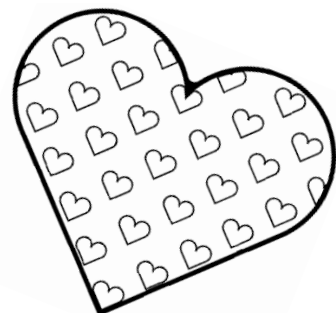
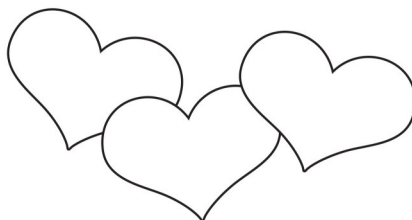
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How many hearts can you find on the page?

- a. 12
- b. 14
- c. 9

COLOR THE BOOKMARK & THEN CUT IT OUT.







**Thursday, February 27th at 6:30 p.m.**

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The February book is *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston

If you were a fan of *A Man Called Ove*, you will love this book! A crazy case of mistaken identity gives Frederick Fife the chance to relive a life with family. In his 80s, Frederick is broke, facing eviction, and has no one left in his life to call family. But a strange happening takes place that causes him to be mistaken for a nursing home resident, and he finds himself being called Bernard Green and placed in the nursing home. What follows are some heartwarming and hilarious events that will make you laugh out loud and maybe even cry.

March 27<sup>th</sup>: *House of Living Stones* by Kate Schuermann

April 24<sup>th</sup>: *James* by Percival Everett

May 22<sup>nd</sup>: *Petey* by Ben Mikaelson

Anyone is welcome to attend book club!



### **Welcome New Members!**

Zion welcomes new members pictured from left to right: Bottom row, Kristin Erdmann, Judy & Terry Trader, David & Jody Nelson; top row: Pastor Anna, Jennifer (John Stubbs not pictured) Stubbs, Charlie, Roscoe, and Will Stubbs. Also Laura and Tommy Merickel have joined, but are not pictured.

Did you know that Zion has a campership fund?!

Zion has a fund used to help defray the cost of Bible Camp for families. This is wonderful because camp can be so important for teaching our youth the word of God in a super fun and immersive way. My children have all attended Luther Crest and have had an amazing time, but there are other camps out there, too, such as Camp Joy, Camp Shamineau and many more, and Zion is not biased to any one camp. We are happy to help get kids this awesome experience wherever it may be.

To shine a light on the availability of these funds, encourage the donation of more funds and highlight the importance of Bible Camp for youth, the Sunday School will be serving a **“S’moregasbord of S’mores”** during fellowship on **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, with the proceeds going to the Campership fund. The kids will provide/serve s’more-themed snacks (and you are welcome to bring something, too) and it will work just like normal fellowship.

We will also have a guest, Pr. Maddie Elliot from Luther Crest, here to talk about camp! Everyone is encouraged to learn about camp and help Zion support the youth that would like to go.

Sam Dalman, Christian Education Board

### New Member Profiles

Terry & Judy Trader are full time residents on Tamarac Lake. They enjoy hiking, walking/running, trivia, traveling, and pets. Judy is a retired RN, and Terry is a retired bank underwriting manager.

David & Jody Nelson are renovating a home on Franklin Lake. David recently retired from the FAA where he was an air traffic controller. Jody is an educator for West Fargo Schools, currently working in elementary administration. They have 4 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 more on the way.

Kristin Erdmann lives on Tamarac Lake, updating her cabin to a year round home. She is a human resources consultant. She is active in the Tamarac Lake association.

Tommy & Laura Merickel live in Ottertail, but spend summers at Crystal Lake. Laura’s parents were Cal & Loretta Larson. Tommy & Laura continue to work from Ottertail. They loves to spend time on the water and enjoy doing things with their 4 sons and their families.

John & Jennifer Stubbs, and sons Roscoe 16, Charlie 15, and Will 12, moved to Pelican in 2020. The boys all attend Pelican Public Schools. John is a petroleum engineer that works in the Bakken area and Jenn stays home with the boys.

Welcome to the Zion family!

# FEBRUARY

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 9:30 Worship SS Participation 10:30 Fellowship <i>Groundhog Day</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9-2 Quilting	<b>5</b> 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>6</b> 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9-2 Quilting No Council	<b>12</b> 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>13</b> 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship	<b>17</b> Newsletter Articles Due Office Closed <i>Presidents Day</i>	<b>18</b> 9-2 Quilting	<b>19</b> 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>20</b> 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study	<b>21</b> <i>Valentine's Day</i>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship: S'more-gasbord of S'mores	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9-2 Quilting Dining out	<b>26</b> 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>27</b> 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6 p.m. Book Club	<b>28</b>	

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Fellowship ~ 10:30 a.m.

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