

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JEAN (GIPP) HACKER

A funeral service for Jean (Gipp) Hacker will be held at ZION for **Sat., Jan. 3, 2025** at **11 AM**. Friends and family are invited to attend services and share condolences. Obituary: <https://www.mickelsonfs.com/memorials/jean-hacker/5671995/>

## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME?

Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless other life challenges? Our **Stephen Ministers** can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and support they need to make it through the crisis. If you know of someone who is hurting, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: **Judy Laude, Nancy Schultz, or Kristin WhiteHorse**. They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!



"He's today's greeter."

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**Festival of Trees take down  
will take place Jan. 5-9.**



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# ZION NEWS

JANUARY 4, 2026

WELCOMING ALL, GROWING & SHARING GOD'S LOVE

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

**FRI., JAN. 2** Office Closed

**SAT., JAN. 3**

**Worship Service | 5 PM**

**SUN., JAN. 4**

**Worship Services | 8 & 10:30 AM**

**Choir Rehearsal**

**& Kids of the Kingdom | 9:15 AM**

**MON., JAN. 5**

**Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM**

**Staff Meeting | 10 AM**

**Health Ministry Committee | Noon**

**Girl Scout Troop 4723 | 4:30 PM**

**Worship & Music Committee | 5 PM**

**TUES., JAN. 6 Epiphany**

**Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM**

**Men's Breakfast | 8 AM**

**LWR Mission Quilting | 9 AM**

**Property Committee | 6 PM**

**WED., JAN. 7**

**Strong Bodies | 8:30 AM**

**ZLCW Board | 11:30 AM**

**Joyful Ringers Rehearsal | 5 PM**

**Confirmation Class | 6 PM**

**High School Youth Group | 6:30 PM**

**THURS., JAN. 8**

**Strong Bodies | 7:30 AM**

**Finance Committee | 10:30 AM**

**Girl Scout Troop 4139 | 5:30 PM**

**FRI., JAN. 9**

**SAT., JAN. 10**

**Girl Scout Cookie Rally | Noon**

**Worship Service | 5 PM**

**SUN., JAN. 11**

**Worship Services | 8 & 10:30 AM**

**Choir Rehearsal**

**& Kids of the Kingdom | 9:15 AM**

**Youth Committee | 11:30 AM**

**Stephen Ministry Education | Noon**

## WELCOME

We're so glad you're here!

We celebrate **Holy Communion** at every weekend service at ZION, and we invite all baptized and communing Christians to partake. **Children** are always welcome in worship and are invited to come forward for a blessing during communion! Our services have children's messages, and if your little one needs a break, **Noah's Ark Nursery** is behind the Sanctuary. We provide **Kids in Church** activity bags in the Narthex.

## RESTROOMS

Restrooms are near the Union Street entrance, in the lower level, and inside Noah's Ark Nursery.

## WELCOME PADS

Whether you're a long-time member or visiting for the first time, please sign the **Welcome Pad** in your pew.

## CARE TO JOIN

If you're new or would like to make

ZION your church home, fill out a **Welcome Card** and place it in the offering plate. We'd be honored to have you in our faith family! Please scan the QR Code for ZION's **Membership Application** or contact the office. We can't wait to get to know you and walk alongside you in our faith!



## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*A member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

Pastor Scott Ludford, Sr. Pastor | Jill Sousek, Organist & Music Director | Kay Kristof, Admin. Asst.  
Kristin WhiteHorse, Family & Youth Director | Nancy Schultz, Health & Wellness Coordinator | Deb Maier, Guest Organist  
Randy Steffen, Worship Coordinator | Ann Johnson, Custodian | John Phalen, Maintenance



## JANUARY\* ZION LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

\*Youth Group will cover Lay Ministry on third Sun. 10:30 AM service.

<b>Role</b>	<b>SAT 5 PM</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Judy Kilbourn
<b>Ushers</b>	Diane Rugalski & Scott Glysch
<b>Lay Reader+ &amp; Communion Assistants</b>	Bob Hass+, Steve & Joy Dalke
<b>Projector Operator</b>	Randy Steffen

<b>Role</b>	<b>SUN 8 AM</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Bart & Debbie Defere
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom & Judy Laude
<b>Lay Reader+ &amp; Communion Assistants</b>	Al Wichmann & Jerry Donath

<b>Projector Operator</b>	Matt+ & Vicki Heling
	Marge Wichmann

<b>Projector Operator</b>	Julie Effenberger
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<b>Role</b>	<b>SUN 10:30 AM</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Lorin Preston/Cooper Boucher
<b>Ushers</b>	Lorin Preston & Mike Eidahl
	Kal & Cheryl Boettcher

<b>Lay Reader+ &amp; Communion Assistants</b>	Sara Boucher+, Cooper & Jackson Boucher
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<b>Projector Operators</b>	Noreen Christian (Jan. 4 & 18)
	Jenny Tonn (Jan. 11 & 25)

### ACOLYTES

<b>Jan. 4</b>	
<b>8 AM</b>	Levi Effenberger
	Lane Laude
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Olivia Phalen
	Audrey Moeller

<b>Jan. 11</b>	
<b>8 AM</b>	Addie Bernath
	Open
<b>10:30</b>	Bailey WhiteHorse
	Erin Felhofer

<b>Jan. 18</b>	
<b>8 AM</b>	Lee Wolff & Open
<b>10:30</b>	Leah Hanson
	Morgan Boucher

<b>Jan. 25</b>	
<b>8 AM</b>	2 Open Spots
<b>10:30</b>	Kyle Huebner
	Open



## LIFTING OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN PRAYER

Richard Bahr, Alan Barnick, Gerald Bartline, Dale Bergsbaken, Leslie Buckbee, Lily Cornelius, Marilyn Dahl, Terry Fusek, Nancy Goode, Larry Gueths, Beverly Heling, Lynn Hintz, Pete Hintz, Adeline Holtz, Joanne Horn, Bob Janicki, Helen Kaurala, Stacey Popp, Ken Spreeman, and Jim Yeakey.

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Christmas Eve 3:30 PM: 288 | 5:30 PM: 160 | Christmas Day 9 AM: 55

In-Person: 503 | Christmas Eve YouTube: 218

Sat. 5 PM: 33 | Sun. 8 AM: 56 | 10:30 AM: 39 | In-Person: 128 | YouTube: 126

General \$12,352 | Building \$392 | Restricted \$1,715 | Total \$14,459

November **Budget:** \$42,708 | November **Actual:** \$55,895

## HELP NEEDED: YOUTUBE LIVE STREAM OPERATORS

Help us keep our YouTube Live stream running smoothly and share worship with those at home. Contact **Chris Dalke** or **Nancy Schultz** for more information.

## GAME NIGHT & BINGO RETURN TO ZION!

Join us on **Sun., Feb. 15** at **3:30 PM** as **Game Night** and **Bingo** make a return to ZION. Enjoy an afternoon filled with laughter, fellowship, and friendly competition

for all ages. Whether you love classic board games, fast-paced card games, or the excitement of bingo, there's something for all. Bring your friends, family, and favorite games, or just come ready to play. Snacks will be provided, and all are welcome. It's a great way to connect, laugh, and enjoy time together as a church family. We can't wait to see you there!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FAMILIES SYNOD YOUTH RETREAT: JOURNEY WITH JESUS

**February 2022, 2026 | Green Lake Conference Center**

Middle school and high school students, please mark your calendars! Our synod's annual youth retreat, **Journey with Jesus**, is this February. This weekend is packed with fun, faith-building experiences, workshops, Bible study, worship, and time in community. It's a great chance to step away from the busyness of life, grow in faith, and connect with students from across the synod. We will be planning in early January. Parents are invited to join for the weekend too!



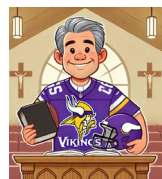
## 50 PLUS GROUP IS BACK THIS JANUARY!

Single or married, everyone is welcome to join us for an afternoon of laughter, connection, and joy. This gathering meets on the **third Wednesday of each month** from **Noon-2 PM** at ZION and includes warm fellowship, friendly faces, an uplifting devotion, fun games, plenty of laughter, and a light lunch with refreshments. Whether you are hoping to meet new friends or simply enjoy a relaxed and joyful afternoon, this group offers a welcoming place to connect and share time together. Questions may be directed to **Nancy Schultz**, Health and Wellness Coordinator, at **715.390.4540**.

## BLESS OTHERS THIS CHRISTMAS

**Health Ministry Committee** invites you to help us share Christ's love globally by choosing an ornament from our **ELCA Giving Tree**. Each ornament includes simple instructions on how to give by phone, credit card, or mail. Have a blessed Christmas, and thank you for helping spread the Good News to those in need overseas!

## RIVALRY SUNDAY RETURNS AT ZION!



Another rivalry is heating up **this Sunday** as Pastor Scott's **Minnesota Vikings** face off against the **Green Bay Packers**. The Congregation is invited to join the fun by **wearing your favorite team colors** to worship. Good natured bragging rights are on the line, but fellowship always wins at ZION. May the best team win.

## ZION ANNUAL MEETING | SAVE THE DATE

ZION Lutheran Church will hold its **Annual Meeting** on **Sun., Jan. 25**, following the 10:30 Worship Service in the Sanctuary. During the meeting, members will hear reports from **Pastor Scott** and **church leadership**, **review ministry updates**, **discuss facility projects** and **future planning**, and consider the **proposed 2026 spending plan**. All members of the Congregation are encouraged to attend and take part in this important time of prayerful discernment and decision-making for the life and mission of ZION. Please note: **Annual Report last deadline is Jan. 5, 2026**.

Welcome  
**2026!**

