

## If your snowman came to life, what would the two of you do?

Mrs. Frerking's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class

Kinley- I would go sledding.

Sawyer- I would play with him.

Autumn- I would have him play with me.

Beau- I would color with him.

Eden- I would go skiing with him.

Brenna- I would color with him.

Maycie- We do gymnastics and do snowball fights and build forts.

Evi- I would play with him.

Charli- We would go sledding.

Ramsey- We would build more snowmen.

Cody- I would play with him.

Tylie- He would paint with me.

Fiona- I would make more friends with him.

Isabella- I would have a snowball fight with him.

Cullen- I would play with him.

Beckett- I would play with him.



Samuel- I would tell someone.

Ellie- I would play tag with him.

Joshua- I would play games with him.

Reese- I would make friends with him.



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## January 2024 Newsletter

*I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers...  
Philemon 1:4*

Well, there's nothing like starting a new call in a large church with a school in Advent! What a wild and fast and blessed ride it has already been! Especially after our experience of recent years, I'd have to say it's been a wonderful jolt to the system! It's truly a rare gift to be so embraced in love by people we barely know! Although, that's quickly changing. I feel like I have known a whole bunch of you all my life already. To your eternal credit, that is the measure of what a welcoming place Zion is! It's off the charts! Thank you all so very much again for the many gifts and meaningful words of welcome! We will always treasure that!

And now, as we turn over the calendar, Steph and I are leaving on a jet plane again already. (We really have to stop doing that! ). Thank you for your kindness in letting me complete the unfinished business of my studies and also spend Christmas with the entire Schulte clan for the first time in nine years! That's especially meaningful as our oldest Tim and his young bride Erin will be leaving on a plane very soon for Cameroon. Who knows how long it will be before we can do it again?

We are already going to sorely miss all of you. And we will certainly be thanking God and praying for you. So, I leave you with just this tiny little word of counsel. This is the season of resolutions. There's nothing at all wrong with that, of course. Just remember, before resolving to do anything, it's not you who are ginning up your own strength to achieve these things. First, get on your knees (well, you wouldn't really have to do that) and ask for forgiveness (you do need to do that). And then ask for the strength in Christ through the power of the indwelling Spirit to achieve whatever you have resolved. I tell you what! If some of you get better at being Christians than you already are in 2024, it's going to be scary good for the kingdom!

After Pastor Bryan and I high-five at 35,000 feet, I'll jump back in the ring solo for the Saturday 5:30 on January 20th after (hopefully) hopping off the plane at Rapid City Airport at 2:00 that same afternoon. And off we go! By God's grace, we'll see you then! Take care, God bless, and Happy New Year!

In Christ,

Pastor Schulte



## From the Principal's Office January 2024

*"Knowing Jesus, Growing in Faith, Serving with Love"*



### WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM

Zion School and Preschool continue to share the mission given by our Lord in the Great Commission to share the Good News of God's Love in Jesus Christ. As the students and staff begin this New Year, we will continue to focus on Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

There is nothing more important that we can share with our children than the love of Jesus, His death and resurrection, and our assured hope for the gift of eternal life. Like the Wise Men, we too will seek to know Him more deeply and share this good news with all who are touched by our lives.

Zion Lutheran School will celebrate its 66th year as being a mission of Zion Lutheran Church. We have so much to be thankful for, and so much to look forward to, as we walk through this New Year with our Lord!

### JANUARY PTL ACTIVITIES

During this month our students will be busy with the normal courses of study. Extra activities will also be included.

- PTL will meet on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:15PM.
- The third graders will begin swimming lessons at the YMCA on January 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Second grade will begin their session with Jr. Achievement in January



## CONNECTED

**JOHN 15:1-5** Zion Lutheran School and Preschool will celebrate Lutheran

### LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEK

Schools' Week January 28-February 2. Look for special events and activities in future bulletin announcements!

### BINGO

February 4, 2024. Mark this date on your calendar! Zion Lutheran School with Christ's Way Capital Campaign will be hosting a Bingo night. There will be food, fun, and prizes! All church and school families are invited to come and bring a friend! Plan for a fun night of fellowship!



### BOYS BASKETBALL



We will be starting boys' basketball practice and games in January. If you are interested in helping to coach or be a referee this year, please contact Ann Solinsky or Lindsay Reule!

### CHEERLEADING

Cheerleading practice will be starting in January for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Miss Lorien, with Miss Dani's help will be coaching the cheer team this year! Look for more information in the bulletin or principal's newsletter.



### Lutheran Women's Missionary

**League** will meet on January 13, at 10:00 a.m. at Zion. The guest speaker will be Tina Neumann from Church Response. Items for the ingathering: cereal, pastas, pasta sauces, macaroni & cheese, canned tomatoes, canned vegetables, canned meats like tuna, etc. All women are invited to join us. Refreshments will be served.

### Financial Report

	<u>Nov. 2023</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
<b>Budget Receipts:</b>	\$112,039	\$684,635
<b>Budget Expenses:</b>	\$122,886	\$664,912
<b>Gain or [Loss]:</b>	(\$10,848)	\$19,723

*Funds collected via Envelopes, Loose Plate, Tuition, Daycare & Preschool*

### Capital Campaign Summary-Nov. 2023

Together We Grow	\$1,285,210.05
Christ's Way	\$ 552,854.13
Total Funds Received	\$1,838,064.18
Less Campaign Expenditures	\$ 453,943.00
Add funds dedicated to Campaign	\$ 229,086.49
<b>Total Campaign Funds</b>	<b>\$ 1,613,207.67</b>

## Zion Youth Ministry Presents...

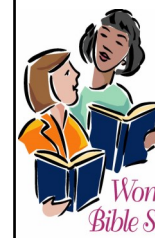


All 4th & 5th Graders are invited to join us  
***the 4th Wednesday of most months***  
***from 4:30-5:30pm***  
for a Bible lesson, games & lots of fun!

January 24, 2024

### Care Circle Women's Bible Study will be

held on Monday, January 8, at 9:30 a.m. at Zion. We will use the first study in the Winter issue of the **Lutheran Women's Quarterly**. Join us and bring a friend. Questions? Call Gail at 605-430-9715.



## ZION YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

### JANUARY

- \* **3: NO Catechesis, HS Bible Study or YG:** Enjoy your Christmas break!
- \* **7: Youth Coffee Hour & Sunday classes resume:** Bring treats and help serve starting at 8:54am!
- \* **10: Back to normal Wednesday schedule & YOUTH Epiphany Party!** Catechesis and HS Bible Study at 6pm. Youth Epiphany Party from 7-8pm. Bring a wrapped white elephant type gift that costs \$10 or less and a \$10 gift card. See flyers for more details!
- \* **21: Circuit Youth Event:** Location TBD, 2-4pm, see flyer for more details!
- \* **24: JAM 4:30-5:30pm:** Youth Night for 4th and 5th graders. Bible lesson and games!

**SAVE THE DATE: Winter Youth Retreat - February 9-11, 2024 @ Camp Judson**



## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

These Zion Members will celebrate a birthday  
of 80 or more years in January.  
Celebrate them by sending a card!

**Jan 11** Sylvia Stoltz  
4821 Mt. Springs Ct.  
Rapid City, SD 57702

**Jan 16** Jan Jungemann  
624 Westwinds Dr.  
Box Elder, SD 57719

**Jan 27** Betty Elias  
302 Saint Cloud St. #212  
Rapid City, SD 57701

**Jan 29** Dennett Peck  
3728 Jackson Blvd  
Rapid City, SD 57702