



November 3: Youth Coffee Hour
9am-Bring treats and come help us serve.

November 6: Youth Board Mtg.
7:30pm-Get involved in planning

our Youth Ministry events and activities, join us!

November 8: JAM Harvest Party 5:30pm-
4th & 5th graders are invited to join us for an evening of food, friends, faith, & fun!

November 27: NO Youth Wednesday-God's
blessings on your Thanksgiving celebrations!



Please join us for...

Zion Night at



on Mt. Rushmore Rd.

5-8pm

Monday, November 18

5th graders will be working to
fundraise for their end of the year
trip to Outlaw Ranch.

A portion of all sales during this time and
ALL tips will go back to Zion's 5th grade class.



Knowing+Growing+Serving

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November 2024 Newsletter

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!
Psalm 107:1

I woke up the other day, and I was dragging. Have you ever had that type of day? A day where nothing seemed to be working out the way you thought it should? On those days I begin to feel sorry for myself. "O woe is me!" I lament.

But then I listen to a podcast, open a magazine, or simply notice the broken world around me. Sometimes all the brokenness is overwhelming. Families are falling apart, kids are being raised without a dad, or a mom, or both. There is drug use, poverty, abuse ... the list goes on.

And, just like that, I'm reminded that there but by the grace of God go I.

We so often allow the daily struggles of our lives to overshadow the blessings which God has so graciously given us. How easy it is to take for granted all the material blessings with which He provides us so that we might be taken care of in this body and life. But even more so, we can get to the point where we take for granted our greatest blessing of all, the forgiveness and grace of Jesus Christ.

For He is the one who came to heal our brokenness. He not only heals the brokenness of poverty and abuse that plagues our world; He also came to heal the brokenness of a life lived apart from God the Father and Creator. He came to heal the sin within you and me so that we could live within His Kingdom. He came to heal us so that we might be able to pass His blessing on to the broken world around us.

November is a month to be thankful. Be thankful for the turkey dinners we will share. Be thankful for the family members who fill our homes. But most of all, be thankful for the forgiveness, life, and salvation we have received from Jesus. And be thankful that He has called us to share these blessings with others.

I pray for God's riches blessings on you and yours as together we praise God from whom all blessings flow.

In Christ,
Pastor Bryan

Thank You! Zion LUTHERAN

Thank you to everyone who supported the Zion Lutheran Hearts for the Harvest Banquet! Your contributions and attendance are what makes this event great every year. This year we raised \$36,845.66! What a blessing those funds will be for the school to continue our mission to Know Jesus, Grow in Faith, Serve with Love.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to our top sponsors:



WICKS

"WIDOWS IN CHRIST KNOW SALVATION"

SHARON HILBEMEIER WILL BE HOSTING US AT FOX MEADOWS COMMUNITY CENTER, WHICH IS AT 1200 RANBEVIEW CIRCLE. OUR GET-TOGETHER WILL START AT 12:30PM ON NOVEMBER 17. PLEASE BRING A MAIN DISH, SALAD, OR DESSERT AND BE PREPARED TO SHARE ONE THING YOU ARE THANKFUL FOR. WE SO LOOK FORWARD TO BEING WITH THIS GROUP AGAIN.

ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT:
PRISCILLA SAYLES 605-431-0505 OR
SYLVIA STOLZ 605-431-3595.



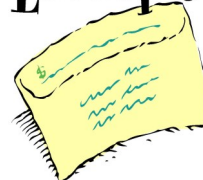
2025 Envelopes are Coming!

The Zion Finance Board is again offering two options for church giving in 2025. The first choice is to simply continue using offering envelopes. As the use of E-giving rises, the Finance Board will also offer to send an annual contribution statement without requiring donors to be assigned a box of envelopes. If you would like to change your envelope option, please take a moment to state your preference on the sign-up sheet in the office or by contacting Camron directly at Camron.Ottenbacher@zionrc.org or 342-5749. If no preference is indicated, your 2024 option will carry forward to 2025. Please indicate your preference by November 10.

Thanksgiving Offering

This year the Thanksgiving offering will be split between Tuition Assistance and the Cornerstone Rescue Mission Meals.

Offering
Envelopes



LifeLight Bible Study

The **LifeLight Bible Study** group will begin the **Book of John** on Tuesday morning, November 5 and continue for 18 weeks through the end of February. LifeLight meets every Tuesday morning, beginning at 9:00 through 10:30 a.m. You are invited and welcome to attend. John is a beautifully written eyewitness testimony about Jesus. He states clearly his purpose for writing this gospel in **John 20:31**: "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the **Son of God**, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE

Zion Lutheran will be holding it's 19th Annual Zion Craft Fair on Saturday, November 23, 2024, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

There will be over 30 local vendors with a wide variety of handmade crafts and other products, just in time for some early Christmas shopping! We will also have rolls, sloppy joe lunch, and desserts available for purchase. Our bake sale is one of the largest and yummiest around, because of all our wonderful bakers, in the congregation!

In order to make this event successful, we need lots of help from you in various ways. Set up and carrying vendors wares in on Friday, kitchen and bake sale table workers, greeters, and help setting the church back up for services, after the show at 2:00 PM, are some of the many ways you can serve. We also need a lot of baked goods, especially pies, donated . This is the weekend before Thanksgiving, so pies are a big seller. But all goodies are welcome!! The bake sale and kitchen items bring in 2/3 of the funds raised!

This is a Christ's Way event! All the proceeds raised will go toward the new building fund. Thrivent will be dedicating \$2500 in matching funds. Thank you to all our Thrivent members!

I encourage all of you to come and join us on November 23 for fun, fellowship, and a little shopping!! Tell your friends and neighbors too!!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE



Parent Teacher Conferences

Preschool Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, November 1st. There will not be School or Preschool that day.

Report Cards

The first trimester of school ends on November 15th, with Report Cards being sent home on November 25th.

Book Fair

Zion's PTL will be sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair November 25 & 26. These books make great Christmas presents!

Books & Lunch Together (BLT)

In conjunction with the book fair, we are inviting grandparents and/or special guests to come and have lunch with their student on Monday, November 25th or Tuesday, November 26th. Guests that want a hot lunch will need to order it with Miss Lindsay by November 15. Guests are also welcome to bring a lunch. Students will be able to look at the book fair with their guest(s) and show them their classroom.

Basketball Players

4th Grade Team: Gracie Anderson, Everly Dunn, Mel Fode, Vera Haggerty, Beckett Harris, Lila Newell, Penny Poppen, Capri Schmalz, and Penelope Weishaar. The 4th grade team is coached by Michael and Brook Newell and assistant Karla Harris.

5th Grade Team: Lainey Bouma, Nora Bradeen, Piper Muck, Meribelle Regelin, Gracelyn Reule, Aria Rice, and Clara Swenson. The 5th grade team is coached by Dave Muck and Kelly Bouma.

SAVE THE DATE

December will be here before we know it! This year Zion Lutheran School's Preschool, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade Program will be on Saturday, December 14th at 11AM!

The Christmas program for students in 2nd-5th grade will be on Saturday December 14th at 2:30PM!

Please join us as our students sing and tell about our savior's birth!

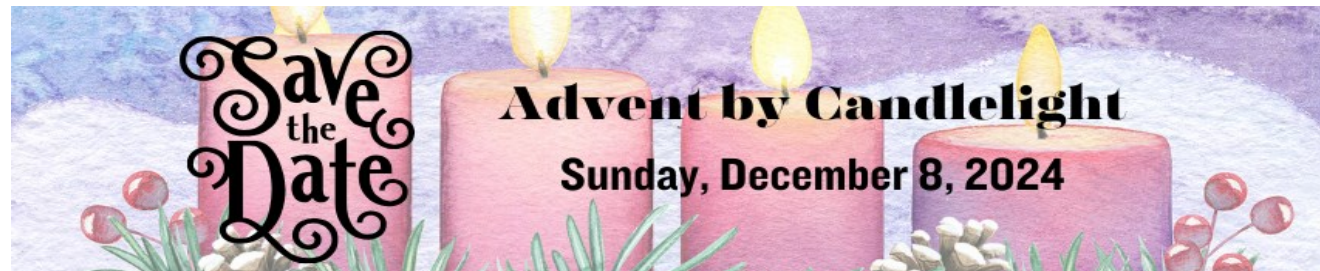
Thanksgiving Break

There will not be school, preschool, or daycare on Wednesday, November 27th, Thursday, November 28th, and Friday, November 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. School and daycare will resume on Monday, December 2nd.

Girls' Basketball

Zion's 4th & 5th grade girls' basketball teams will be playing basketball games soon!

- Nov. 4th @ 5PM @ Zion vs. Calvary (4th)
- Nov. 4th @ 6PM @ Zion vs. Calvary (5th)
- Nov. 18th @ 5PM @ St. Paul's (4th)
- Nov. 19th @ 5:30PM @ Zion vs. Hill City (4th)
- Nov. 19th @ 6PM @ Hill City (5th)
- Dec. 2nd @ 5PM @ Zion vs. St. Paul's (5th)
- Dec. 5th @ 5PM @ Calvary (4th)
- Dec. 5th @ 6PM @ Calvary (5th)
- Dec. 6th @ 6PM @ Hill City (4th)
- Dec. 9th @ 6PM @ Zion vs. Hill City (4th)
- Dec. 16th @ 6PM @ Hill City (5th)



HELP SPREAD THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS



In the spirit of Advent, here is an opportunity for Zion families to help stock the local food banks. Participants will daily set aside the suggested food items listed.

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| Dec 1: Corn | Dec 13: Carrots |
| Dec 2: Green Beans | Dec 14: Pinto Beans |
| Dec 3: Peas | Dec 15: Instant Potatoes |
| Dec 4: Oatmeal | Dec 16: Pasta |
| Dec 5: Box of Cereal | Dec 17: Pasta Sauce |
| Dec 6: Mac 'n Cheese | Dec 18: Sweet Potatoes |
| Dec 7: Peanut Butter | Dec 19: Soup |
| Dec 8: Tuna | Dec 20: Beef Stew |
| Dec 9: Instant Rice | Dec 21: Pork 'n Beans |
| Dec 10: Peaches | Dec 22: Chili |
| Dec 11: Pears | Dec 23: Black Beans |
| Dec 12: Diced Tomatoes | Dec 24: Tomato Sauce |
| | Dec 25: Applesauce |

Please bring all gathered food items to the church no earlier than the last week of December to be distributed to our area Food Bank. Thank you for sharing the spirit of Christmas with others in our community.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday, November 27: 6:00pm
Thursday, November 28: 10:00am

OFFICE CLOSED
November 28 and 29



LWML MEETING

Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) will hold their November meeting on Saturday, the 9th, beginning at 10:00 am. The theme is: Veterans. The guest speaker will be Zion member Mike Birnbaum who recently was awarded a special quilt for his service in S. D. National Guard. The ingathering will be items for the veterans at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission. High on their request list are thermal underwear (sizes L-3XL). coffee, stocking caps and gloves. Deodorants, shaving cream, and personal hygiene items are always welcome. Please join us. Refreshments will be served.



Mrs. Genzlinger's 4-year-olds

What I am thankful to God for:



- Saskia: Blessing of Jesus.
- Kolton: He loves us.
- Eloise: New boots.
- Cooper: My family.

Brody: Food.

Piper: For loving me.

Jordy: My family.

Revel: Being with me when I'm alone.



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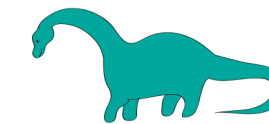


Steele: Dinosaurs that I can play with.

Madelyn: The whole world.

Harper: Polly Pockets.

Robert W: Bed.



Willow: New bed.

Nora: Beautiful trees.

Isla: The playground.

Kasen: My dad.

