



Do you expect 2026 to be prosperous, or not? I expect my year to be pretty good. I hope to accomplish a lot. Honestly, I don't expect my finances to change much. If they do, I hope that they change for the better!

But I know this, God will provide all I need. I will not want for food, or clothing, or shelter. I also expect that I won't want for love. The members of two churches, my wife, 11 kids, and 6 grandkids will take care of that. The 7th grandchild, scheduled to arrive in March, will also help.

He provides me with health, and when my health isn't top notch, He has surrounded me with doctors, nurses, dentists and others who can work with me on making it better. He made my body miraculously able to heal itself almost all the time.

And I won't want spiritually either. God is good. He provides His Word and I anticipate spending plenty of time in that Word. He provides His church and I will be in His presence in worship multiple times every week. He provides forgiveness (I provide the sin) especially through His Words of Absolution and the Sacrament of the Altar.

My shepherd is on the job watching over me and providing for my needs and seeking me when I go astray.

2026 will be a prosperous year for me, and also for you. God is with us. He takes care of us, and He always will.

See you in worship.

Pastor Neppa

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YOU SHALL LOVE
THE LORD YOUR
GOD WITH ALL YOUR
HEART WITH ALL
YOUR SOUL WITH
ALL YOUR MIND AND
WITH ALL YOUR
STRENGTH.

Mark 12:30



As I have loved
you,
Love one another.

John 13:34



Hello February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship/ Comm 8am <i>Jastram D.O.</i> Education Hr 9:30am	2 Endowment 6:00pm Evangelism 7:00pm No Confirmation 	3 Bible Study 9:00am	4 Worship 7:00pm	5	6	7 Women's Group 8:30-10am
8 Worship/ Comm 8am <i>Food Shelf D.O.</i> Education Hr 9:30am Family Ministry Bowling 12:00pm	9 Elders 6:00pm Council 7:00pm Confirmation (at ZION) 4:00pm	10 Bible Study 9:00am	11 Worship/ Comm 7pm	12 LWML Sewing Projects 9:00am LWML Meeting 1:00pm	13 NO SCHOOL	14 
15 Worship/ Comm 8am Education Hr 9:30am	16  NO SCHOOL Confirmation (at LBLC) 4:00pm	17 Bible Study 9:00am	18  "Dayenu" Lent Worship 1pm & 7pm	19	20	21
22 <u>GIG</u> <u>Appreciation</u> <u>Sunday</u> Worship/ Comm 8am Education Hr 9:30am	23 Confirmation (at LBLC) 4:00pm	24 Bible Study 9:00am	25 Lent Worship/ Communion 1pm & 7pm	26	27 NO SCHOOL	28

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 12th, 2026

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Pastor Kleppe, Jerry Lotz, Keith Strehlo, Karen Althoff, Larry Anderson, Steve Corey.

Members Absent: Scott Ovick, Tom Martini, Chad Fedder & Jeremiah Slama.

Pastor opened the meeting with a Devotion/Prayer:
Ephesians 4: 1-3-

"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Secretary's Report:

*The Secretary's Report was shared electronically prior to the meeting. No questions or corrections for the Report.

*Motion by Steve, seconded by Larry to accept the report, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

*Karen shared printed copies of the report. Income for the month was \$20,507.49, Expenses were \$16,624.15 showing us a positive income on the month of \$3,883.34. Checking account balance is \$25,812.17.

***Motion by Keith, seconded by Steve to accept the report, motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

*Our YouTube channel is Glen Kleppe. We continue to put services on the channel every week. It is accessible directly or through our church website, zionpinecity.org or through our Facebook page. I'm on WCMP on the second Sunday of the month, 9:00 a.m. We have also added announcements to the YouTube channel. We show them on Sunday morning or you can look at them online.

*The Christmas Concert went well. There were fewer participants this year for a variety of reasons and the weather was pretty bad, once again, but everyone enjoyed the concert.

*A couple of members have organized family ministry events. The cookie baking was not well attended. The movie went better. Bowling is scheduled for February.

*Bill Casby and I are trying to set up the men to do a hamburger fry at Art in the Park.

*My next midweek Bible Study will be after Easter.

*Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th.

Upcoming Dates:

*February 8th- Bowling

*February 18th- Ash Wednesday.

***Motion by Steve, seconded by Keith to accept Pastor's Report, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

***Evangelism:** Handed out Christmas Ornaments in December and are planning a Friendship Sunday.

***Endowment:** Keith handed out printed reports and review account balances and current transactions that have taken place thus far on grants.

***LWML:** No Report.

***Preschool:** Currently has 1 opening after a student moved away. Things have been going well. Bailee has been volunteering and has been a big help, kids love her. Preschool will be doing their Zion Appreciation Breakfast on Sunday, February 22nd. Preschool appreciates recent donations that have been used to enhance curriculum and Preschool materials.

***Men's/Women's Groups:** No Report

***Dual Parish/Personnel:** No Report

***Trustee's Report:** Snow Blower is working. Very pleased with the work of the James Family in snow removal. Sidewalks are looking good, maybe the best in town!

***Motion by Pastor, seconded by Larry to accept Committee Reports, Motion passed.

Old Business:

***Church Audit-** we still need to work on this. We will work to gather needed materials and do this soon.

***Constitution-** continuing to work on this to finetune it.

New Business:

*A Reminder that Reports for the Annual Report need to be turned into the Office as soon as possible.

*Voter's Meeting is Monday, January 26th, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

***Motion by Larry, seconded by Keith to adjourn the meeting, motion passed.

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

***Minutes Typed and Submitted Respectfully by Jerry Lotz



LWML – THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12th, 2026

LWML will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. on February 12th for sewing. We will be making pillow case dresses. Regular meeting will be at 1p.m. For any questions, contact Verna.

Zion Family Ministry Bowling Day ***February 8th, 2026***



Meet there at Noon

At Braham Lanes: 124 Main St N, Braham, MN

***Cost \$15/person:**

Includes 2 games, pizza, beverage & shoe rental

****There is money available if you need please call the church office.****

Please sign-up by January 25th

SERVANTS OF ZION

ALTAR GUILD

Marsha Olson

ELDERS

Jeremiah Slama 2/1
Scott Ovick 2/8
Keith Strehlo 2/15
Jerry Lotz 2/22

USHERS

Chad Fedder
Corben Fedder
Steve Corey
Dallas Carpenter

OFFERING COUNTERS

Stephney Lotz 2/2
Karen Meyer 2/9
Janet Sundermeyer 2/17
Karen Teich 2/23



ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Jana Limanen 2/18
Gerald & Barbara Carlson 2/17



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Karen Carlson 2/2
Coleen Peterson 2/2
Keri Fairbanks 2/11
Gerald Carlson 2/13
Glen Kleppe 2/13
Scott Ovick 2/18
Jacob Haavisto 2/24



*If any information is incorrect or missing please let the office know. Thank you!