

Romans 6:4 – “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

Are you looking forward to 2024? How was 2023?

Luther used to tell people to “remember their baptism.” That didn’t mean to remember the actual Rite, who was there, what were you wearing, how was the weather, but to remember that you are baptized. You belong to God. You have His name on your forehead and heart. You have His Spirit in your heart.

When you remember that, you know that each day is a day that you can walk with God. You can be His child. You can serve Him and do His will.

You also know that each day your sins are forgiven. Whatever you have done wrong is wiped away, removed as far as the east is from the west, and forgotten by God. Every day is a clean slate, a new opportunity to be the person that God has called you to be.

As we start the New Year, remember that God makes you new every year, every day, every hour. He does everything you need to start over. Have a great year! See you in church,

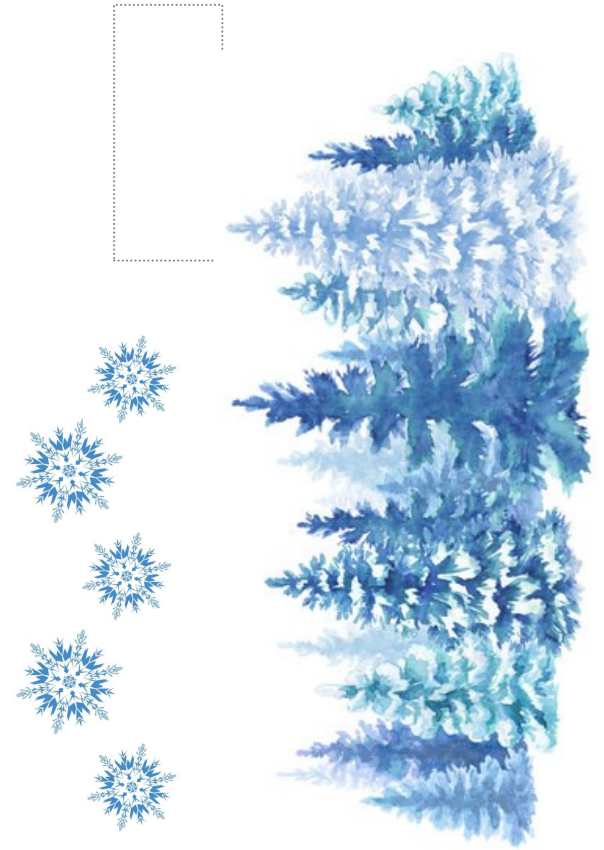
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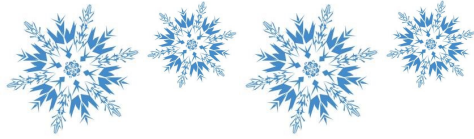
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**Starting Sunday, January 7,
our Sunday worship will be
moving to 8:00 a.m.**

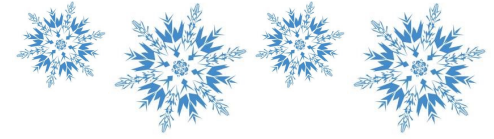
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The LORD
will be your
everlasting
LIGHT
ISAIAH 60:20





January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Worship/ Communion 8:30am	1	2	3 Confirmation 5:30pm Worship 7pm	4	5	6
7 Worship/ Communion 8:00am Education Hr 9:30am	8 Elder Meeting 6pm Council Meeting 7pm	9 Evangelism 7pm	10 Confirmation 5:30pm Worship/Comm 7pm	11 LWML 9am Sewing LWML Meeting 1pm	12	13
14 Worship/ Communion 8:00am Education Hr 9:30am	15	16	17 Confirmation 5:30pm Worship 7pm	18	19	20
21 Worship/ Communion 8:00am Education Hr 9:30am	22 Voters Meeting 7:00pm	23	24 Confirmation 5:30pm Worship 7pm	25	26	27
28 Worship/ Communion 8:00am Birthday Party Fellowship Hour	29	30				

JANUARY



BIRTHDAYS

Paul Maloney	1/1
Sherry Magaard	1/4
Paige Pangerl	1/4
Omar Magaard	1/6
Bob Thompson	1/6
Eli Fromm	1/6
Mike Fairbanks	1/6
Chas Maloney	1/9
John Stahlke	1/10
Keith Fairbanks	1/10
Teddi Thompson	1/15
Jeanne Casby	1/15
Gloria Loudon	1/25
Erin Maloney	1/22
Ashley Slama	1/23
Maliah Slama	1/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Willia & Sylvia Hippen 1/16



JANUARY SERVANTS

ELDERS

Jerry Lotz	1/7
Scott Ovick	1/14
Keith Strehlo	1/21
Jerry Lotz, Chad Fedder & Jeremiah Slama	1/28

USHERS

OFFERING COUNTERS

Karen Meyer	1/2
Janet Sundermeyer	1/8
Karen Teich	1/16
Verna Carpenter	1/22
Barbara Carlson	1/29

ALTAR GUILD

Linda Kleppe



January 28th

the Evangelism Committee will be having a church-wide Birthday party celebration! Anyone who has a birthday is invited after church for the fellowship hour.



VOTER'S MEETING

**Voters Meeting will be on
January 22nd at 7:00pm at Zion.**

Please mark your calendars.

Zion Lutheran

December 11th, 2023 Council Minutes

*Meeting called to order at 7:07pm

Members Present: Pastor Kleppe, Karen Althoff, Chad Fedder, Bob Thompson, Jerry Lotz, Keith Strehlo, Tom Martini.

Members in Attendance: Brad Dickey, Kerry Dickey & Peyton Dickey

Members Absent: Scott Ovick, Larry Anderson, Steve Olson & Jeremiah Slama

*Opened with Prayer and Devotion from Luke 1: 26-31- Get jobs that are really hard. God has favored us with the opportunities. Do not shy away from them.

Secretary's Report- This was shared prior to the meeting electronically. Motion made to accept the report, motion seconded and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Balance currently at \$9200. Expenses were \$14000 and Offerings were \$9000. Showed a net loss of \$5000 last month. Living Branch has reimbursed us for the month. Motion to accept and seconded, Motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

1. 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. Now we will return to Wednesday service matching the following Sunday. Please consider attending this service if you are going to be gone on the following Sunday.

2. I plan on putting the concert on YouTube as well. There have been several requests. The concert was fairly well attended, but some couldn't come because of the weather.

3. I am also now recording the confirmation class every week so that students can watch it if they miss.

4. Our Christmas Eve service will be at 5pm @ Zion, Living Branch's service is at 7pm. Our Christmas Day service will be at Zion, 10am with no service at Living Branch. There will be a choir practicing the next two Wednesday evenings to sing at Christmas.

5. There is one Advent midweek service left on Wednesday, December 13th, 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The morning service will be followed by a light lunch.

6. The Pilgrimage to Bethlehem will be on December 20th, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Linda doesn't need any more help.

7. There will be an Adult Bible Study on Thursday evenings, 7pm starting in January and continuing until the start of Lent.

Upcoming Dates:

December 13th- Advent Midweek Services

December 17th- Children's Program 8:30

December 17th- Potluck & Christmas Caroling 11:30 and 1:00

December 20th- Pilgrimage to Bethlehem

December 24th- Christmas Eve Worship at 5pm. (7:00 at Living Branch)

December 25th- Christmas Day Worship at 10am

Motion to accept Pastor's report, motion seconded and motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism- Working on Guest Bags and planning for January Birthday Party during Fellowship.

Endowment- No meeting. No plans to meet.

LWML- Pizza Party at Pizza Hut Thursday December 14th.

Preschool- Currently 2 openings.

Worship, Music & Arts- Choir practicing Wednesday. Nice having the Choir singing.

Youth Group- 2-3 Youth have been going to North Branch and joining their Youth on Wednesday evenings.

Men's Group- Family Game night in January. Possibly having Tom Kuseske coming up in March to do a dinner and presentation.

Trustees Report: No report from Trustees.

Motion to accept Committee Reports, motion seconded and passed.

Old Business-

-Office computer, Katy and Pastor will address this after the Holidays.

-Stove & Fridge- They have been ordered and waiting on delivery. Not sure when they will be delivered.

-Fascia has not been replaced yet. RJI was contacted about doing the work.

New Business-

-Electronic Sign- The sign has been working now. Stewart signs did get back to me and said an update was sent to the sign that rebooted it, this occurred around the same time that Pastor flipped the sign off and back on. Seems to have worked. Stewart Signs did say that the Reader Card needs to be replaced, cost is \$350. Motion made to purchase the Reader Card, motion seconded, motion passed.

-Discussed possible looking at a new Web Server again. Pastor will have Katy contact our current server to see how we can maximize the use of the calendar on our site. The annual cost for our current server is \$125.

-Discussed Dual Parish Meeting/Feedback from our meeting with members. Discussed Pastors drive after the first snow event. Considered feedback from members. Motion was made by Bob Thompson to change service time to 8am and seconded by Tom Martini, vote occurred with 6 yes votes and 1 abstaining from voting. Motion passed. Will plan to switch to 8am service starting January 7th, 2024.

-The Constitution Committee will meet December 31st after church to review the New Constitution again.

-Voters/Annual Meeting. Discussed the date and time of this meeting. After discussion on this a motion was made to have the Voter's/Annual Meeting on Monday, January 22nd at 7pm. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

-Sidewalks- We need to make sure that we are taking care of the sidewalks when under an inch of snow falls or ice occurs. Had a discussion on this. Steve comes once it is over an inch. Have the Trustees put together a list of volunteers and those willing to help with this. Make up a schedule for those volunteers to take certain weeks.

Minutes typed and respectfully submitted by Jerry Lotz