

*"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:18-19*

**Happy New Year!**

Why do we celebrate the new year? Honestly, it's just moving from one day to the next like we do every day. For some reason, we have decided, or someone did, that moving from December 31 to January 1 is different than every other day, even though it isn't.

Time keeps moving along from day to day. Is anything new? Yes, some days. June 16, 1984 was different for me. I went from being a single man to being a married man. July 31, 2008 was the day I became a grandfather, that was something new. I'm pretty sure that January 1, 2026 will be nothing special.

Isaiah talked about God making things new: a virgin conceiving and giving birth, a child who would carry the government on His shoulders with names like "mighty God," "everlasting Father," "Prince of peace." It was such a new thing that He made a new way and rivers in the desert.

Jesus came and died and rose and made everything new.

He makes things new for us every day. He forgives our sins and showers His blessings upon us every day.

January 1 isn't a particularly special day. It's a day that we receive God's forgiveness and experience His love, just like every other day.

Happy New Year. See you in worship.

*Pastor Klapp*

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*Behold*

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**ISAIAH 43:19**



# JANUARY

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday                            | Thursday                    | Friday | Saturday                           |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|
|  |   |   |                                      | 1                           | 2      | 3<br>WOMEN'S GROUP<br>8:30-10:00AM |
| 4<br>WORSHIP/COMM<br>8:00AM<br><i>JASTRAM D.O.</i><br><br><i>EDUCATION HOUR</i><br>9:30AM          | 5<br>ENDOWMENT<br>6:00PM<br>EVANGELISM<br>7:00PM<br><br>CONFIRMATION<br>4:00PM (ZION) | 6<br>BIBLE STUDY<br>9:00AM<br><br>PRESCHOOL<br>MEETING 6:00PM | 7<br><br><br>WORSHIP<br>7:00PM       | 8<br>LWML MEETING<br>1:00PM | 9      | 10                                 |
| 11<br>WORSHIP/COMM<br>8:00AM<br><i>FOOD SHELF D.O.</i><br><br><i>EDUCATION HOUR</i><br>9:30AM      | 12<br>ELDERS<br>6:00PM<br>COUNCIL<br>7:00PM<br><br>CONFIRMATION<br>4:00PM (ZION)      | 13<br>BIBLE STUDY<br>9:00AM                                   | 14<br><br><br>WORSHIP/COMM<br>7:00PM | 15                          | 16     | 17                                 |
| 18<br>WORSHIP/COMM<br>8:00AM<br><i>A PLACE FOR YOU<br/>D.O.</i><br><i>EDUCATION HOUR</i><br>9:30AM | 19<br><br><br><i>NO<br/>CONFIRMATION</i>  | 20<br>BIBLE STUDY<br>9:00AM                                   | 21<br><br><br>WORSHIP<br>7:00PM      | 22                          | 23     | 24                                 |
| 25<br>WORSHIP/COMM<br>8:00AM<br><br><i>EDUCATION HOUR</i><br>9:30AM                                | 26<br>CONFIRMATION<br>4:00PM (LBLC)<br><br>VOTERS' MEETING<br>7:00PM                  | 27  | 28<br><br><br>WORSHIP/COMM<br>7:00PM | 29                          | 30     | 31                                 |

# Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes *December 8th, 2025*

**Members Present:** *Pastor Kleppe, Karen Althoff, Keith Strehlo, Larry Anderson, Chad Fedder, Jeremiah Slama, Steve Corey & Jerry Lotz*

**Members Absent:** *Tom Martini, Scott Ovick & Dallas Carpenter*

**\*\*\*Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.**

**Pastor Kleppe opened with a devotion from**

*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ~Galatians 4:4-5*

**Devotion was followed by Prayer.**

**Secretary's Report:** Report was shared electronically prior to the meeting. No questions or corrections. Motion made by Chad, seconded by Steve to approve the report, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karen shared printed copies of financial reports and reviewed them with the council. Income for the month was \$20,454.29, expenses were \$13,982.84 giving us a positive income of \$6,471.45. The checking balance is \$21,994.56. Reviewed the annual budget and where we are at with that. Karen provided guidance on the budget year to date. Motion by Chad, seconded by Pastor to approve Treasurer's 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](http://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 is this Saturday. Everything seems ready to go. We could use another usher.

\*The Sunday School won't be doing a Christmas program this year. We will have regular worship services.

\*My next midweek Bible study will be after Easter.

\*There will be no Wednesday service on December 31st.

**Upcoming dates:**

- December 13th- Christmas Concert;
- December 10th & 17th- Advent Midweek worship
- December 24th- 5:00 @ Zion, 7:00 @ Living Branch;
- December 25th- 10:00 @ Zion
- December 31st- No Wednesday Worship;

\*Motion made by Steve, seconded by Keith to approve Pastor's report, motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Evangelism-** Planning to give a gift at Christmas. Verna is stepping down as head of the committee. Looking for members to join.

**Endowment-** Funds have been received. Some disbursements have begun to be made.

**LWML-** Christmas Party at Pizza Hut on Thursday, December 11th.

**Preschool-** Nothing to report.

**Men's Group/Women's Group-** Nothing to report.

**Dual Parish/Personnel-** Nothing to report.

**Trustee's Report-** Snow blower has been brought to Sauser's for repair. Speakers in Sanctuary have been checked. Will do some follow up adjustments to see if they can optimize these.

\*Motion by Chad, seconded by Keith to accept Committee Reports, motion passed.

**Old Business:**

\*Endowment Committee Member- Endowment Committee nominates Chad Fedder to join the committee. Motion by Jerry, seconded by Jeremiah to approve appointing Chad to the Committee, motion passed.

\*Church Audit- Karen will provide some documents for us to do the audit with. We will schedule a time to work on this.

\*Removal of old desk from basement has been completed.

**New Business:**

\*Snow removal at less than 2 inches- we will ask around for some volunteers to help with this. Pastor Kleppe can also call on the James Family as needed.

\*Voter's Meeting- Scheduled this for Monday, January 26th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

\*The next Council Meeting is Monday, January 12th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Chad, seconded by Pastor to adjourn, motion passed.

\*Minutes Typed and Submitted  
Respectfully by Jerry Lotz



## LWML – THURSDAY JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup> , 2026

LWML will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. on January 8<sup>th</sup> for sewing. We will be making pillow case dresses. Regular meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. For any questions, contact Verna.

# **Zion Family Ministry Bowling Day** ***February 8<sup>th</sup> , 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 25<sup>th</sup>***

## **SERVANTS** **OF ZION**

### **ALTAR GUILD**

The Slama Family

### **ELDERS**

Chad Fedder 1/4  
Jerry Lotz 1/11  
Jeremiah Slama 1/18  
Keith Strehlo 1/25

### **USHERS**

Steve Ovick  
Scott Ovick  
Ray Ovick  
Bill Dahl

### **OFFERING COUNTERS**

Janet Sundermeyer 1/5  
Karen Teich 1/12  
Verna Carpenter 1/20  
Barbara Carlson 1/26



## **JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

*\*There are no January Anniversaries*

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Sherry Magaard 1/4  
Paige Pangerl 1/4  
Mike Fairbanks 1/6  
Eli Fromm 1/6  
Robert Thompson 1/6  
John Stahlke 1/10  
Jeanne Casby 1/15  
Theora Thompson 1/15  
Ashley Slama 1/23  
Gloria Louden 1/25  
Maliah Slama 1/30



*\*If any information is incorrect or missing please let the office know. We might be missing that information. Thank you!*