

WEEK OF DECEMBER 1, 2024

# ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

*do good, lend, and  
expect nothing in return  
and your reward will be great*

**Luke 6:35**



### Sunday, November 17, 2024

Unified Envelopes	\$4292.00
Loose	\$34.00
Sunday School	\$3.00
Christian Life Resources	\$5.00
Missions	\$30.00
Meditations	\$100.00
Curriculum Fund	\$20.00
Facility Improvements	\$20.00
Charity	\$25.00
Memorials: (Edith Kettler)	\$200.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4729.00</b>

Attendance: 133

### Sunday, November 24, 2024

Unified Envelopes	\$6252.79
Loose	\$54.00
Misc.	\$140.00
Facility Improvements	\$25.00
Charity	\$50.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6521.79</b>

Attendance: 136

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Church Office Hours  
**Tuesday** 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 pm  
School Office Hours  
**Wednesday** 7:30 am- 12:00pm

### Sunday, December 1

### First Sunday in Advent

8:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
9:15 am	Sunday School
9:25 am	Adult/Youth Class
10:30 am	Worship
1:30 pm	Union Court Service
6:30 pm	School Board Meeting
6:00 pm	Ladies Night Out at Back 40 in Chesaning
7:00 pm	Advent Service with Holy Communion (LES K-8 Sing)
3:15 pm	Faculty Meeting
6:00 pm	Public School Catechism
10:30 am	Mornings with Mommy at School

### Monday, December 2

### Tuesday, December 3

### Wednesday, December 4

### Thursday, December 5

### Friday, December 6

### Saturday, December 7

### Sunday, December 8

### Second Sunday in Advent

8:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
9:15 am	Sunday School
9:25 am	Adult/Youth Bible Class
10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Christmas Bazaar between Services</b>	
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Congregational Meeting</b>
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Advent by Candlelight at Church</b>

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

**Divine Call:** Zion has called Mr. Connor Ragner to serve as our next principal and upper grade teacher. Mr. Ragner currently teaches 7 th grade at St. Mark Lutheran School, Green Bay, WI, and is in the principal cohort training program. He and his wife, Katherine, recently had their first child. Please keep the Ragner family, St. Mark Lutheran School, Green Bay, and our Zion Lutheran School in your prayers as Mr. Ragner considers this call. If you would like to reach out to him, please call or text at 920-460-5165, or email at connor.ragner@stmarkpartners.org .

**Midweek Advent Worship** begins on Wednesday, December 4, with a Worship Service with Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm. The children from our Zion Lutheran School will sing during the service. There will also be services on Wednesdays, December 11 and 18. Pastor Tessmer will be exchanging pulpits with Instructor Mark Burger from Michigan Lutheran Seminary and Pastor Loescher from St. John, Hemlock, for Advent this year.

**The Flowers** that beautify the altar this morning are given in loving memory of Fred Dankert by Marilyn Gross and Ron Dankert. We thank them for sharing the flowers and pray God's continued comfort!

**Women Serving Christ and Ladies Night Out** will have their Christmas party at the Back 40 on Tuesday, December 3, beginning at 6 pm. You may bring a \$10 gift to exchange if you would like.

## **Christmas Worship Schedule**

Children's Christmas Service Practices: Saturdays, December 14 and 21 @ 9:00–10:30 am

Children's Christmas Service: Sunday, December 22 @ 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship: Tuesday, December 24 @ 5:00 and 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Festival Worship with Holy Communion: Wednesday, December 25 @ 10:00 am

The Sunday after Christmas: Sunday, December 29 @ 8:00 and 10:30 am. There will not be Sunday School or Bible Class this Sunday

**Congregational Meeting and Annual Voters' Meeting:** Zion will hold an informational Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 8, immediately following the 10:30 am Worship Service. The purpose of this Congregational Meeting is to inform all the members of the congregation of what is happening here at Zion and to get feedback and ideas from our members. All are invited to attend.

Zion will hold its Annual Voters' Meeting on Sunday, December 15, immediately following the 10:30 am Worship Service. Included on the Agenda will be the election of new Coordinating Council and Committee members. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

**Zion Lutheran School Curriculum Fund:** Zion's Coordinating Council has established the Zion Lutheran School Curriculum fund to assist in funding needed curriculum upgrades for our school. If you wish to help support this fund and project, envelopes are available on the table in the church entryway. Thank you in advance for your support for this project!

**Christmas Bake and Craft Bazaar:** Women Serving Christ is having the Annual Bake and Craft Bazaar in the church basement on Sunday, December 8, 2024, between and after both Worship Services. If you would like to donate any items, please have your items priced and in the kitchen by 8:00 am on that Sunday. If you have any questions, contact Jean Devereaux at 989-585-5566, or Priscilla Bleisner at 989-845-3618

**Christmas Goodie Bags:** Michelle Spolarich will be collecting donations for the treat bags that will be handed out at the Children's Christmas Service on December 22nd. Donations can be dropped off to the church office. You may also drop off candy and other donations to the kitchen. We will be collecting donations until December 15th. Thank you.

**Advent by Candlelight:** We will be holding an Advent by Candlelight for all women of the congregation, and their female family members, friends, and neighbors, on Sunday, December 8 at 4:00pm. There is no charge for this event. This is a wonderful evening of the Word, music, and fellowship (including desserts) to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent season before the holidays get into full swing! Invite your female friends and have them mark this on their calendar! Several area churches are also being invited. This year's program is entitled "Christmas Begins with Christ." Please see the signup sheet in the church entrance. Any questions, please call Terry Barancik at 989-323-0067.

**The New Flower Chart for 2025** is posted behind the current chart. Please sign up for the Sunday you wish to help beautify the Lord's house with a floral arrangement.

**Light Up a Student's Life:** Each year in November and December the MLS Foundation sponsors a special giving program to benefit Michigan Lutheran Seminary and its students. Contributions support the MLS Student Need Fund, which provides ongoing assistance to the students who attend MLS now and in the future. "Light Up a Student's Life" will help the Foundation meet its goal of providing \$100,000/year of tuition assistance. Please take a brochure from the table in the entryway to find out more about this program.

**The New Meditation Devotional Booklets** are available in the back of church. Please do not forget to pick up a copy. The cost of the booklets has increased, so the suggested donation is now \$4. The new Booklet starts *today*.

**Advent Devotion Booklet:** We thank Martin Luther College for "Glory in His Grasp," a daily Advent devotion book. The deacons will hand this out as you are dismissed today.

**Amazon Business Wish list:** Visit our website and use the link there to take you directly to our Wish list Page. You can purchase right from the page or as always, purchase an Amazon Gift card and donate it to the school. We appreciate all the help you've given in getting the items needed for the classrooms at Zion!

**Counters for December:** **1:** E & K Diener, **4 (Wed.):** J & T Barancik, **8:** Bleisner/Devereaux, **11 (Wed.):** Mac Neill, **15:** Ruthig/Schoch, **18 (Wed.):** Vacant, **22:** T & K Palmer, **24 (CES):** Theile, **25 (CDS):** T & K Palmer (**Change**), **29:** J & T Barancik