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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Zion's Good News

JANUARY  
2019

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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
9:00 a.m. January 6, 13, 20 and 27

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study**  
10:00 a.m. January 8, 15, 22 and 29

**January 6th — Epiphany Day**  
**Following Worship**  
**Family Center**

Opening with the Three Kings  
Activities for all ages  
Decorating Star Cookies  
Age led lessons  
Marking the doors  
Photo Booth

Join us for fun, fellowship, and food.  
This Cross-Generational event will  
help us all celebrate Epiphany.



**Epiphany**

**Baptismal Journey**  
**January 13**



**January 27th**  
**10:00 a.m.**

## Epiphany 2019

Epiphany Day is Sunday, January 6, 2019. Epiphany Day doesn't land on Sunday very often, but this year it does. The Season after the Epiphany extends through March 5, 2019, which is the day before Lent begins.

Don't miss the season of Epiphany! Epiphany is the season of light, but is squeezed between Christmas and Lent. The message of this season ought to shine brightly, for it teaches an important topic: the mission of the church. It progresses from bright star guiding the Magi to the shining dove at the Baptism of Jesus to the glory of the Transfiguration. The structure of the season proclaims the mission of God's people.

The stories of Epiphany reveal the Jesus we know—God's son, miracle maker, teacher, prophet, and healer. He challenges us to walk the way. And we learn the way by telling our stories, by marking them with ritual. Through those rituals we know ourselves as people of the way, we deepen our belonging to a community with particular meaning, a community called to justice, partnering with Jesus to bring the Kingdom to earth today.

*"It is this emphasis on the manifestation of Christ that permeates the entire season that follows the feast of the Epiphany. In Christ we see the fullness of God dwelling in a human being. This fullness is Christ's by right, but it is to be ours as adopted heirs of God. On this feast, we celebrate the glory that is to be revealed in us when Christ is 'all in all.'" (Living the Good News)*

This year we will begin Epiphany with a cross-generational event in the Family Center following worship. After a brief opening, there will be stations for different age groups through adults. All activities will teach us more about the Epiphany, both the day and the season. See more about this celebration elsewhere in this newsletter. Join us for food, fellowship, and fun.

*Pastor Sue*

## YOUR CHURCH STAFF

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Brenda Castellano

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Secretary: Angie Guralski

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**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**  
**9:00 a.m.**

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### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The 21st of each month.

### ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

Wednesdays by 9:00 a.m.

### WEEKLY E-MAIL

Goes out on Monday morning. Email  
[office@zionlc.com](mailto:office@zionlc.com) to be  
added to the receiver list.

### PLEASE keep the office updated:

- Address & email changes
- Births, Deaths, Hospitalizations
- Phone / Cell changes

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 - Brenda Huther
- 2 - Mikayla Mercer
- 3 - Lexie Christopherson
- 5 - Don Thompson
- 6 - Marisa Miller
- 8 - Courtney Johnson
- 10 - Stacey Spindler  
Megan Stroetz
- 11 - Abbygail Oertel  
Autumm Oertel  
Scott Fischer
- 12 - Lori Werner
- 13 - Arnold Polege  
Neil Kolbeck  
Joel Christopherson
- 16 - Brian Leick
- 17 - Mila Johnson
- 18 - Hadley Kramer
- 19 - Colin Cournoyer
- 20 - Todd Schoenherr
- 21 - Michelle Thompson  
Hunter Ford
- 22 - Tadd Schoenherr
- 23 - Hannah Castellano  
Gerald Viegut
- 24 - Dean Wieland
- 26 - Alexyn Krueger  
Connor Multerer
- 27 - Aric Miller  
Dalton Schoenherr
- 28 - Logan Peterson
- 29 - Duane Dalbeck
- 30 - Bob Aschenbrenner
- 31 - Lauryn Nagel



**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8 - Leon & Patricia Tietzen
- 10 - Richard & Diane Dennee
- 13 - Tom & Nancy Schoenherr
- 27 - Don & Lori Uthmeier
- 28 - Charles & Sue Kramer
- 30 - Don & Fay Stolp
- 31 - Ken & Amber Knetter



**January 13  
3 & 4 Year Olds**

Receive your Pillows during worship  
Meet with Pastor in the Family Center  
following worship.

**January 20<sup>th</sup> Disciples for Christ**



Minors are a target audience in the scope of Fierce Freedom's human sex trafficking education and prevention outreach, and for good reason. The average age of entry into trafficking is 11-14 years old for both boys and girls (www.preventionproject.org), and between 100,000 and 300,000 minors fall victim to sex trafficking each year in the U.S. (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children), which is likely an underestimation due to the hidden nature of the crime. In response to the ongoing need for youth-specific human trafficking educational resources, January's Disciples for Christ will focus on this subject.

The team from Fierce Freedom will join us. If anyone else is interested in the program you can join us at 6:00 pm in the Family Center.

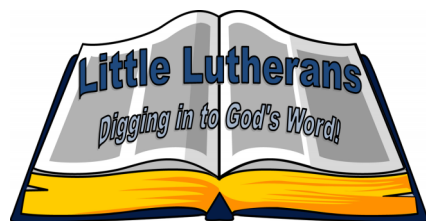
## Confirmation Electives

January 9th ~ 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Truth or Dare

January 16th ~ 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Why Do School Shootings Happen?

January 23rd ~ 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
The High Cost of Free Love

January 30th ~ 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Parallel Parking the Gospels



**Little Lutherans** (Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) and **J-Team** (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade) will meet on Wednesday, January 2nd and January 16th, at 3:00 p.m.

## Fellowship 2019

The 2019 sign-up sheets are available on the table in the Fellowship area. Please consider hosting fellowship during 2019. It's a great place to meet new people or catch up with old friends.



Don't feel that you need to make a lot of food . . . it's not a competition. Feel free to make or buy as much as you are comfortable with. If you have never served before, invite a friend to help or ask one of the Evangelism Team members. We're more than happy to help.

*Sharla Dreikosen, Rhonda Knoll, Dan and Rhonda Thompson, Deb Wieland, Cory Wiesman*

## Council Minutes

Zion Lutheran Church Council met on Monday December 17, 2018. President Brenda Castellano called the meeting to order. Brenda Castellano led with devotions.

During the meeting the council:

- Approved the Secretary Report.
- Approved the Treasurer Report.
- Approved the Ministry Team Report
- Pastor had 2 funerals, has been doing midweek advent services and is working with the children for the Christmas Program, attended the Elem, M.S/H.S Christmas concerts and is planning for 2 services on Christmas Eve
- F.I.N will be January 19<sup>th</sup>
- Looking for 1 person to go on council
- Pastor will be going to a continuing ed on Jan 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>
- "Epic" will be February 2<sup>nd</sup> in Rice Lake, Pastor would like the council members to attend

Respectfully submitted by  
Angie Guralski, Secretary

\* A full copy of the Secretary's notes is in the office.

## Building Update 2018

Payment Bi-Weekly Dates	Start Balance	Payment Amount	Interest Paid	Principal Paid	Ending Balance
09/04	\$389,591.14	\$20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 369,591.40
09/14 & 09/28	\$369,591.40	\$ 3,100.00	\$1,121.03	\$ 1,978.97	\$ 367,612.43
10/12 & 10/26	\$367,612.43	\$ 3,100.00	\$1,106.44	\$ 1,993.56	\$ 365,618.87
11/09 & 11/23	\$365,618.87	\$ 3,100.00	\$1,100.42	\$ 1,999.58	\$ 363,619.29
11/28	\$363,619.29	\$13,000.00		\$13,000.00	\$ 350,619.29
Total monthly principal payments				\$ 38,972.11	
Total monthly interest payments				\$ 3,327.89	
Balance of loan as of 11-28-2018				\$ 350,619.29	
Partners Bank					
Building checking acct balance as of 12-07-2018				\$ 10,990.95	