Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement

"Bonded in Christ's love, we teach, preach, and equip God's people for discipleship here and throughout the world.

Christ the King
Last Sunday after Pentecost

November 22, 2026 Les Lieneman

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Prelude & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Gathering of our Spirits for Worship

P - Loving Christ, on this week of Thanksgiving, all of us are here to thank you.

C - Lord, show me how to return thanks by living a life of service to others.

P - Share deeds of hospitality, kindness to strangers, and concern for others.

C - Christ will be visible to me in my family, community, in countless daily gifts and the marvels of creation.

P - Come Lord Jesus, and bless our Thanksgiving worship service.

Gathering Hymn - Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
ELW #693 vs 1-3

Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take the harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Opening Prayer
P - Lord of all gifts,
C - from your holy heart has come a flood of gifts to us. With uplifted hearts, we thank you with prayer, hymns and praise. We are grateful not only for the gift of life itself, but for all the gifts of friendship, love, and grace that we share. Amen

Reading of the Scriptures
First Reading - Exodus 16:13-18 Manna from heaven
If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Psalm 104:14-15 *(Please read responsively)*
You cause the grass to grow for the cattle
and plants for people to cultivate,
to bring forth food from the earth
and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine
and bread to strengthen the human heart

Second Reading - 1 Timothy 6:6-10 Be content and thankful
Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it,but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. *Here ends this reading.*

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel - John 6:9-12 Gather up the leftovers so that nothing is wasted
“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.”

Gospel Sung Response tune - (tune: Blessed Assurance)
Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of Christ spirit, washed in his love. This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long: this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.
(Please be seated.)

Special Music – Amigos

Children's Message
Sung Blessing for our Children Tune – (tune: Children of the Heavenly Father)
Chil-dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bo-som gath-er; nest-ling bird nor star in heav-en such a ref-uge e'er was giv-en.

Message – Les Lieneman

Offering Hymn - Now Thank We All Our God ELW #840
Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)

Sung Offering Response tune - (tune: For all the Saints)
We bring this off-ring to our God di-vine; for works of just-ice, so that love may shine. Bless us to-day and let our lives en-twine. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Offering Blessing
P - Loving Jesus,
C - may these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness, hope to those who live in despair, and justice to those who are oppressed. Grant to each of us a sense of participation in the most important work of all time; to share your love with the world. We dedicate our offering and ourselves. Amen *(Please be seated)*

Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the holy spirit

and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church - *When the pastor says, "Lord in your mercy" please respond with* ***"Hear our Prayer."***

Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction Litany
P - The lord bless you during this holiday week of Thanksgiving.
C - I will radiate peace and flow with grace.
P - Bring the light of Christ into every place.
C - Alleluia
P – Amen

Announcements in the Life of the Church

C - ZION… a place to belong, a place to believe, a place to become!

Sending Hymn - All Creatures, Worship God Most High
ELW #835 vs 1-3
All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound every voice in earth and sky:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright,
sing, sister moon and stars of night:

Chorus
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear: (chorus)

Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong;
drive far the shadows, join the throng:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare: (chorus)

P - Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C - Thanks be to God.

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Helping out with Worship Today

Service Leader:……..…….Les Lieneman
Organist……...……..Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes:……....Debreigh Wendeln
Devyn Gronewold
Lector: ……..……Doug Parde
Greeters:……Alan & Sheryl Wiese
Pam & Kevin Trauernicht
Special Music:……..……Amigos

November Altar Guild: Karla Holland, Rhonda Dorn, Lynette Dorn, Doreen Busboom, Kelly Lenners, Christy Buhr

November Table Troops: **Lynette Jurgens (Leader),** Steve & Peggy Johnson, Larry Gronewold, Eddie & Lynette Dorn, Gary & Brenda Gronewold, Dave & Carrye Meints, DeAnn & Terry Oltman

SNOW BRIGADE:
November 23rd - Dean Zimmerman (Captain) - Tractor, Russ Wallman (Tractor), Dan Jurgens, Greg Dorn, Paul Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Alex Buhr, Mike Busboom
November 30th - Les Lieneman (Captain) - Tractor, David Meints (Tractor), Jason Lovitt, Matt Meints, Gary Wiese, Andy Schoen, Perry Jurgens, Kenny Jurgens, Josh Nelson, Jeff Wiese

Vital Statistics for last Sunday

Worship:	192	Giving: $	4,349.00
SS:	64	Giving: $	133.25

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today
8:45am - SS
9:00am - BKF Club
10:00am – Worship/Amigos
**Newsletter Printing Day

Monday
7:00pm – Men's Choir Practice

Friday
10:00 – Council setting up the tree

Saturday
9:00am – Women of Zion Volunteer Group decorating church

Next Sunday
8:45am - SS
9:00am - BKF Club
10:00am - Worship/Communion
**5th Sunday offering to the Boiler Fund

Helping out next Sunday
Pastor:……..Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
Organist:……..Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes:……Ellis Freeman
Mason Ideus
Lector:……..……DeAnn Oltman
Greeters:……DeAnn & Terry Oltman
Wes & Sandy Meints
Special Music:…….Men's Choir

THIS WEEKS BULLETIN IS SPONSORED BY: Sponsored by Janice Jurgen's & Family in memory of Ernst Jurgen's birthday today.

IF INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A WEEKLY BULLETIN you may do so by contacting the Church secretary and making a check out to Zion Church for $75.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! A Warm Welcome to all our visitors. We are so glad you are here & would love to have you visit again! Please sign a visitor card located in the pews and place the information section of the card in the offering plate. We hope to see you again!

THANK YOU – to Amigos for their special music today.

FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING – The offering on November 30th will be designated to the Endowment Fund.

PEW REMOVAL - Church Council plans to permanently remove the front pew by the new sound system cabinet. Anyone interested in purchasing the pew, please contact a council member.

ALL ZION MEMBERS – Please take a moment to complete the 2027 Time & Talent sheet prior to **December 20, 2026** and return to the church office, place in the offering plate, or give to a Council member. The time & talents of our members is what makes Zion such a special place to worship. What a perfect way to volunteer & give back to Zion! Sheets are located on the tables at each entrance & on the Welcome Center. Thank you!

BREAKFAST CLUB SIGN-UP – Please consider helping with providing breakfast for our high school youth on a Sunday morning. Use the link or the QR code to sign-up

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D44AFAD2FA0FEC52-66766232-breakfast

ADULT BIBLE STUDY -

All adults are welcome to join in these classes led by Pastor Renae at 9AM in the fellowship hall.

December 6th - The Genealogy of Jesus

December 20th - A deep look into the Christmas stories from the Gospels of Luke & Matthew,

Come learn, pray, and grow in your relationship with God!

YOUTH CAMP REIMBURSEMENTS - Any youth who attended confirmation camp or a summer Christian based camp during 2026, may qualify for reimbursement up to 75% of the camp cost based on the "Early Bird Discount" (if applicable). Funds are provided through the Willie & Anna Meints Endowment Fund. Applications are located on the Welcome Center in the fellowship hall**. Application deadline is 12/1/26.**



CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - We invite you to attend our annual candlelight service, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. and experience the light of Christ along with the hope, peace and joy as we await the birth of Jesus. Plan on an inspirational evening, as many of our members will share their musical talents. The Hospitality Committee will host a hot cocoa bar and cookies following the service.

PRAYERS FOR PASTOR RENAE – Please continue to prayer for Pastor Renae today and this upcoming week for safe travels home from Vietnam. If you have need of Pastoral Care while she is away, please contact a church council member and they will arrange that for you.

POINSETTIA SIGN-UP – The clipboard is located on the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall. Please list who is giving the poinsettia and who it is in memory or in honor of. Names will be listed in the bulletins and January newsletter. If possible, please do not deliver your poinsettia until December 18th. If they arrive too early, it is difficult to keep them watered and looking pretty during the remainder of the month.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - The season of hope and joy is almost here, and we would love to have you join us in preparing our worship space for Advent and Christmas! Come Saturday morning, November 28th, at 9:00 a.m. to help decorate the tree and sanctuary. Everyone is welcome, and whether you can stay for a short time or the whole morning, your help will be so appreciated. We hope to see you there!

THANK YOU - Thank you to everyone who helped make the Warrens Table outreach such a success! Many hands joined together to prepare and serve a warm meal, and 87 neighbors were welcomed and fed at the community table. Meals were also shared with our congregation and community members. Your generous gifts of food and time were a true blessing to many.

THANK YOU – Twenty-three Christmas shoeboxes filled with gifts for children ages 5–14 were shipped this week! These boxes will help bring joy, smiles, and a brighter Christmas to children in need. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated, packed, and helped make this project possible. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

THANK YOU - The Zion 3rd Grade Sunday School class would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Fall Blessings Food Pantry Drive this past month. After the class took inventory, they bagged over 350 items. This included: 50 noodle pkgs, 20 paper products, 23 seasoning packets,13 hard/soft taco shells, 8 pkgs of crackers, 8 salad dressings, 90 canned items,14 mustard & ketchup, 17 spaghetti jars, 26 mac and cheese boxes, 28 applesauce's, 50 miscellaneous items along with 20 pkgs of sliced ham and $100 cash donation. Special thanks to Stan & Mary Lenners for writing a $250 Thrivent Grant!
Class members include: Aceson Weldeln, Allison Ideus, Bennett Wiese, Claire Freeman, Coral Harms, Emmalynn Blecha, Hayes Grone, Jake Buhr, Lane Grummert, Luna Meints, Mast Fast, Paul Nelson, Tucker Parks, Vonn Behrens

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Bailey Pointe - Vivian Schuster
Gold Crest - Janice Jurgens, Doreen Wallman, Marilyn Robinson
Homestead House - Rosanna Miller
Our Homes Assisted Living - Randy Oltman
Wilber Care Center - Marsha Zulauf