

WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2026

# ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Wednesday,  
December 24, 2025**

Blackbaud Tuition Deposit \$1021.56  
**Total \$1021.56**

**Wednesday, December  
31, 2025**

Unified Envelopes \$825.00  
Loose \$47.00  
Missions \$5.00  
To Zion School \$39.46  
Facility Improvements \$15.00  
Charity \$20.00  
Memorial Fund: (Thelma Parshall) 50.00  
**Total: \$1001.46**

Attendance: 38

**Sunday, January 4, 2026**

Unified Envelopes \$5,512.49  
Loose \$70.00  
Sunday School \$8.00  
Missions \$55.00  
Memorial Fund: (Thelma Parshall) \$20.00  
**Total: \$5665.49**

Attendance: 117

Contact Us

## **Zion Lutheran Church**

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## **Zion Lutheran School**

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## **Staff Contact Numbers**

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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, January 11

## **Baptism of Our Lord**

8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion  
**9:20 am Joint Bible/Sunday School Class**  
10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion  
1:30 pm Union Court Service  
6:30 PM Pioneers at Church  
6:30 pm Elders Meeting  
7:30 pm Coordinating Council Meeting

Monday, January 12

Tuesday, January 13

Wednesday, January 14

Thursday, January 15

Friday, January 16

Saturday, January 17

Sunday, January 18

6:00 pm Public School Catechism  
Principals' Conference at MLS

## **Second Sunday after Epiphany**

8:00 am Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
9:25 am Bible/Youth Class  
10:30 am Worship

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

**Principal and Upper Grade Teacher Call:** Zion has called Mr. Philip Hochmuth to serve as our principal and upper grade teacher. Mr. Hochmuth currently serves in the same role at St. John Lutheran School in Maribel, Wisconsin. Please keep Mr. Hochmuth, St. John Lutheran School, Maribel, WI, and our Zion Lutheran School in your prayers as he considers where the Lord would have him serve. If you would like to reach out to Mr. Hochmuth about our ministry here at Zion, you can contact him at 414-405-7287 or [phochmuth@stjohnmaribel.com](mailto:phochmuth@stjohnmaribel.com)

**Bible Class Update:** We will hold a joint Sunday School and Bible Class session today, beginning downstairs at 9:20 am. We will consider the Epiphany lesson with a Bible lesson and special craft. Please plan to join us.

Next Sunday we will conclude our focus on how Jesus comes to be our Prophet. Our next Bible Class topic will be a study of the book of Ephesians. In this letter we rejoice at our Christian unity as we walk and work together as One in Christ. We will begin this study on January 25. Bible Class meets downstairs between services every Sunday morning.

**Thank You** for the Christmas cards, greetings, and gifts that express our gratitude for God's greatest gift, Christ our Savior! Pastor and Deb Tessmer

**Offering Envelopes for 2026** are on tables in the **back of church** for your convenience. Please pick yours up today. Thank you for your support of the Lord's work at Zion!

**Euchre Nights:** A Euchre Night is planned for Saturday, January 31. We will begin with a potluck supper at 5:00 pm and start playing cards at 6:00 pm. Please plan to join us! We have 2 additional events scheduled: February 28 and March 28. A Freewill donation will be gathered to cover prizes and supplies. Any questions, contact Jeff Barancik.

**Men Alive Rally:** The 2026 "Men Alive" Rally will be held at the Doubletree in Bay City, on Saturday, February 21. Please see the bulletin board for more information or go to [www.menalive-balm.org](http://www.menalive-balm.org). We will plan on car-pooling to the Rally.

**Sisters in Christ Retreat:** The 5th Annual Sisters in Christ Retreat will be held at the Park Place Hotel and Conference Center in Traverse City, April 10-12. For more information or to register please visit their website, <https://www.sistersinchristretreat.org/>

**Forward in Christ:** It's that time of year again to order or renew a subscription to Forward in Christ. This monthly magazine from our Synod shares stories about our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ from around the world. See how the Holy Spirit has worked in someone's life to put faith in their heart. Learn what other churches and Christians do for Christian fellowship plus much more. It's a great magazine to receive or send to someone else. The cost is \$16.00 for a 12-month subscription. Terry Barancik will be gathering the money for orders and renewals through March 1st, cash or check payable to Terry Barancik. Please contact Terry at 989-323-0067 if you have any questions.

**Michigan Lutheran Seminary Junior Poms Clinic:** The MLS Poms team invites girls in grades K-5 to join in the Jr. Poms Clinic on January 25, 2026. Participants will learn a fun routine to perform at halftime of the MLS varsity basketball game on Friday night, January 30. Cost is \$20. Please register by January 13 at [www.mlsem.org](http://www.mlsem.org).

**The MLS Foundation's Throwback & Give Back Dinner and Auction** will be held on Sunday, February 15, 2026. Enjoy an evening filled with fellowship, fun, and the opportunity to support Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Tickets are available until February 6, but get yours before January 11 and take advantage of the early-bird discount! Visit <https://auctria.events/MLS2026> for details and get your tickets today.

**Amazon Business Wish list:** Please visit our website and click the link to see what our teacher's need. 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 January:** **11:** Bleisner/Devereaux, **18:** Sadilek/Brown, **25:** Cohoon