# Divine Service



# Baptism of Our Lord

January 9th, 2022 Zion Lutheran Church Kearney, Nebraska

#### Welcome to Zion!

All worshippers: please fill out an attendance card in the pew rack and let us know how we might be of service to you.

# Holy Communion at Zion

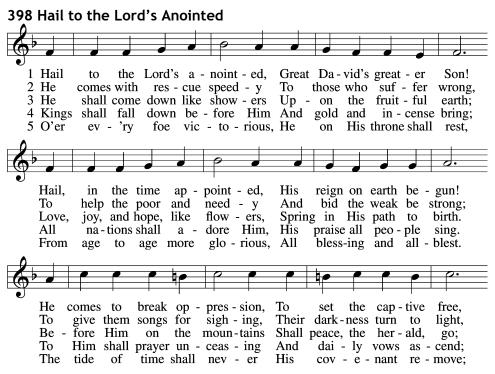
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation as Jesus instituted it. As he says, so our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who repent of all sin, trust his words "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. All communicants need to register in the narthex prior to the service.

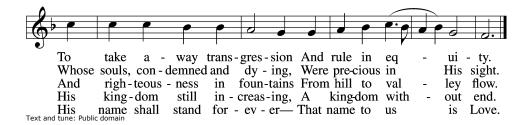
The Lord's Supper can harm those who receive it unworthily. Holy Communion is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked not to commune until they are able to speak with our pastor first. He is most happy to visit with you about the Christian faith and how to receive the Lord's Supper for your good and for the good of others. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

#### The Triune God Opens Heaven to You in Holy Baptism

The Baptism of our Lord is an "Epiphany" of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. In divine mercy, He takes His place with sinners and takes their sin upon Himself. "When all the people were baptized," Jesus submitted Himself to a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:21). He had no sins of His own, but He took the sins of the world upon Himself and so was baptized into His own death. Therefore, "when you pass through the waters," He is with you (Is. 43:2). He created you for His glory, and He has redeemed you with His blood, that you may be His own and live with Him in His kingdom (Is. 43:1, 7). As you are baptized with a Baptism like His, so also are you united with Him in His death and resurrection that you "might walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). For all who are baptized into Christ Jesus receive His anointing of the Holy Spirit and are named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

# Confession and Absolution





Stand. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

#### Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation LSB 151

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

#### **Confession of Sins**

LSB 151

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution LSB 151

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\* my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

I will tell of | the decree:\*

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- gotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\* and the ends of the earth your pos- session.

You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*

and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*

be warned. O rulers of the earth.

Serve the | LORD with fear,\*

and rejoice with | trembling,

for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*

Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\* my chosen, in whom my | soul delights. Kyrie LSB 152

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Gloria in Excelsis LSB 154

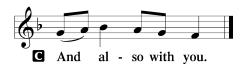
P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

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#### **P** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 43:1-7

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my eyes,

and honored, and I love you,

I give men in return for you,

peoples in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, Give up,

and to the south, Do not withhold;

bring my sons from afar

and my daughters from the end of the earth,

<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle Romans 6:1–11

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel Luke 3:15–22

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.



<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

#### **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.





- To His disciples spoke the Lord,
   "Go out to ev'ry nation,
   And bring to them the living Word And this My invitation:
   Let ev'ryone abandon sin And come in true contrition
   To be baptized and thereby win Full pardon and remission
   And heav'nly bliss inherit."
- 6 But woe to those who cast aside
  This grace so freely given;
  They shall in sin and shame abide
  And to despair be driven.
  For born in sin, their works must fail,
  Their striving saves them never;
  Their pious acts do not avail,
  And they are lost forever,
  Eternal death their portion.
- 7 All that the mortal eye beholds
  Is water as we pour it.
  Before the eye of faith unfolds
  The pow'r of Jesus' merit.
  For here it sees the crimson flood
  To all our ills bring healing;
  The wonders of His precious blood
  The love of God revealing,
  Assuring His own pardon.

Assuring His own pardon.

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#### Sermon

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#### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Stand

## Prayer of the Church

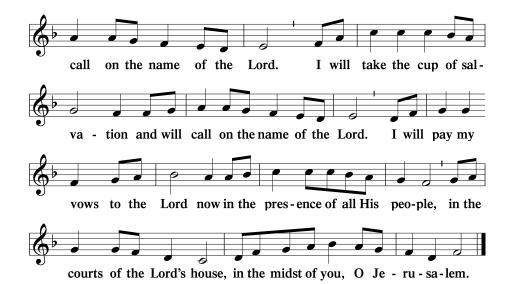
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#### Offering & Preparation

After the prayers please be seated while the altar is set for the Lord's Supper and the offering is brought forward. To prepare you may use the prayers in the front of the hymnal or meditate on a communion hymn.

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# Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160



**P** Lift up your hearts.

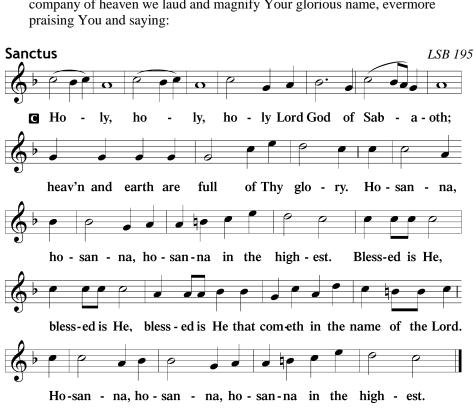


P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



#### **Proper Preface**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### The 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.

#### The Words of Our Lord

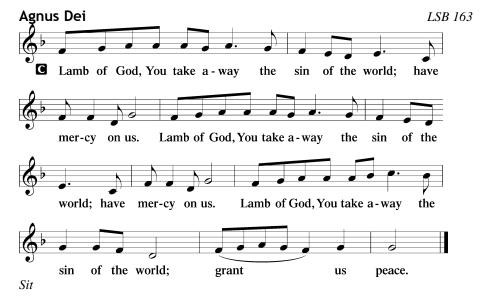
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

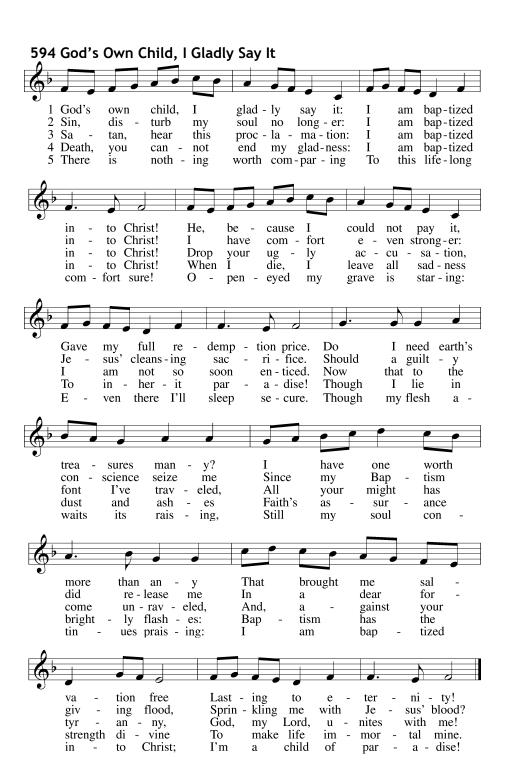




#### Distribution







#### The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 

  → in peace.
- C Amen.



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.





#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction LSB 166

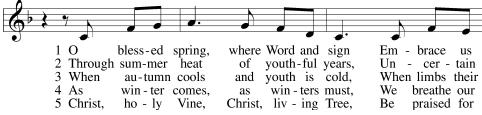
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



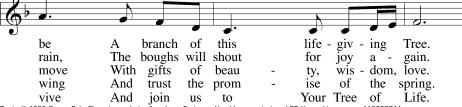






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Prayers for Our Members		
Tenaya Nuttelman	Expecting	
Norman Abels (Brookestone Meadows - Elkhorn)	Healing	
Judy Ahrens	Healing	
Vaughn Albrecht (Mount Carmel)	Healing	
Tom & DyAnn Altwine	Healing	
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Mary Fiddelke	Healing	
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing	
Vi Fox (Prairie View)	Healing	
Verleen Gentry	Healing	
Wanda Glanzer	Healing	
Ruby Hatfield	Healing	
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Lennis Hodgson	Healing	
Don Richmond	Healing	
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer	
Bertha Marienau	Cancer	
Kim Vos	Cancer	

Prayers for Our Members' Family	& Friends
Shaylee Kreutzer (Philip's wife)	Expecting
Elaine Arehart (Zion's Music Teacher)	Expecting
Peg Avey (Lyn Hoffman's sister)	Healing
Scott Baker (Father of Zion Students)	Healing
Jean Brooks (Bruce Brooks & Becky Thornton's	Healing
sister-in-law)	
Larry Bombeck (Ivan's brother)	Healing
Reg Duke (Westman's brother-in-law)	Healing
James Gentry (Verleen's son)	Healing
Roger Hoffman (Marc's father)	Healing
David Kreutzer (Richard's brother)	Healing
Chris Lallman (Cinda Ward's son)	Healing
Dillon Malchow (Joy Barefoot's nephew)	Healing
Jerry & Sandy Poe (Friends of Bartel's)	Healing
Tim Porter (LaRae Crow's brother-in-law)	Healing
Tim Powers (Kim Wilken's brother)	Healing
Roy Reynolds (Verleen Gentry's son-in-law)	Healing
Randy Solomon (Beth Rosenthal's father)	Healing
Tim Trampe (Don & Gretchen's son)	Healing
Jonah (Jase & Jarren Blattner's friend)	Cancer
Stuart Gronewoller (Lonna's brother-in-law)	Cancer
Linda Heapy (Janel Lange's mother)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (Jeff's dad)	Cancer
Randy Jochum (Ken Hockemeier's brother-in-law)	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair (Pam Uhlir's cousin)	Cancer
Larry Saathoff (Verleen Gentry's brother)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (Pam's nephew)	Cancer
Scott Catterson (Jim & Pat's Son)	Deployment
Tim Smallcomb (Wilkens' friend)	Deployment

#### Our Response to the Gospel

Date: 1/2/2022 Offering: \$7,635

Weekly Need: \$7,457.69

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored Lavern Stuehm, in honor of the Baptism of Our Lord.

# **Worship Assistants**

#### Sunday, January 9th~ 9:00am

Elder: Nathan Gaunt Usher: Steve Junge

Acolyte: Alexandra Splittgerber

Engineer: Zach DeLoach Announcer: Jesse Florang

Altar Guild: Shirley Oertwig & Sheryl Fox

#### Sunday, January 16th~ 9:00am

Elder: Bruce Brooks
Usher: Andy Wollberg
Acolyte: Lexie Eckhoff
Engineer: Jared Nuttelman
Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller

Altar Guild: Shirley Oertwig & Sheryl Fox

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1460AM and 92.1FM

Website: www.zionkearney.com

# This Week at Zion

Sun	9:00a	Divine Service
1/9	10:20a	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM
	5:00p	Divine Service
Mon 1/10	7:00p	Mary Martha
Tues	1:30p	Sleeping Mats
1/11	7:00p	Bd of Ed
	-	Bd of Elders
		Bd of Trustees
	Birthdays	Elsie Podany
		William Hodgson
Wed	8:30a	Chapel
1/12	5:45p	Midweek
Thurs	Birthdays	Jane Schmid
Fri 1/14		
Sat		
1/15		
Sun	9:00a	Divine Service
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	5:00p	Divine Service
	Birthdays	Helana Baker
		Kara Dauel



Where our Triune God strengthens us through His mercy in faith toward Him and in fervent love toward one another.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>Christmas Decorations:</u> Thank you to everyone who helped take down Christmas decorations! Your help is much appreciated!

<u>Handbell and Adult Choir:</u> We will be taking a break for the month of January. We will get together again in February.

Radio Broadcast & Altar Flowers - The sign-up sheets for the 2022 radio broadcast and altar flowers are up by the mailboxes! Please help Zion spread the Gospel and decorate the sanctuary.

<u>Bible Reading Cards</u>: A new set of Bible reading cards for the new year can be picked up in the church entryway. Each card is a tool to keep track of your Bible reading progress as you mark each chapter you have read in 2022. God works through His word.

<u>Zion Pie Sales:</u> We still have some remaining pies left to purchase. If you are interested, stop by the office. Thanks!

#### Offering Options:

- 1) Place your offering in the basket as you leave
- 2) Go to zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give
- 3) Go to zionkearney.com and click on the ChurchTrac icon
- 4) Mail your gift to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847. Or place it in the mail slot on the south side of the building.



# **SCHOOL NEWS**

The theme for our school year is "Together by Christ's Love" based on 1 John 4:7-8.

• Registration for 2022-2023 School Year: We are filling up fast!! Registration opened to the public on Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, for the 2022-2023 school year. Registration papers for Early Childhood families are available in the school office. Turn in your registration forms as soon as possible! A reenrollment form has been sent out for students who will be in 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> next year! Be sure to check your email and fill it out ASAP. Please do not assume there will be space for your child if you delay. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office.

- <u>Map Testing:</u> Students will be taking their MAP tests the week of January 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Please be sure they get plenty of sleep, have a good breakfast and are on time!
- NO SCHOOL: There will be no school on January 28<sup>th</sup> as the teacher's will be having an in-service day.

• Zion Basketball has begun for the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls. The first game is this Thursday! Here is the rest of the schedule:

January 13	GB 4:30/BB 6:00 <b>HOME</b> vs. Trinity GI
January 15	BB Trinity GI B Tourney
January 18	GB 4:15/BB 5:15 @ Juniata
January 21/22	Roundball Tournament @ Emmanuel-Faith York
January 29/30	Roundball Tournament @ St. Paul, Utica
February 3	B game @ Trinity GI @ 4:30 tent.
February 8	GB 5:00/BB 6:00 <b>HOME</b> vs. Emmanuel-Faith York
February 12	Staplehurst Tournament TBD
February 25-27	C-Club Tournament @ Concordia Seward time TBD

