



Zion
Lutheran
Church

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December Sower 2025

POINSETTIAS

Thank you to all the people, who ordered poinsettias to decorate our chancel during Advent and Christmas:

Dave & Kay Banner
Dennis & Sue Bartels
Paul & Rachael Burger
Waunita DeLaet
Pastor & Carol DeLoach
Nancy Dulitz
Pastor & Carol Gaunt
Don & Shirley Helmbrecht
Steve & Fran Junge
Todd & Ellen Koopman
Doreen Lemburg
Ed & Cindy Luhn
Dan & Shirley Oertwig
Pastor Bill & Jackie Ohlmann

ADVENT MEALS

Advent meals will be served before services starting on December 3rd at 5:30p. Church and School groups will be serving.

- ✝ December 3rd - Board of Education
- ✝ December 10th - Stewardship/Youth
- ✝ December 17th - Zion Middle School

DECEMBER 14TH EVENING SERVICE

Due to the K-8 School Christmas Service, the evening service will be at **6:00pm**.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We will meet on Saturday, December 6 at 10:30am to decorate for Christmas and all are welcome. Men and other strong folks are needed especially to set up the Christmas tree in the chancel.

LOWER YOUR TAXES WHILE SUPPORTING ZION

In 2025, our members aged 70½ and older can make qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) of up to \$108,000 directly from their traditional IRAs to Zion Lutheran, which can help satisfy required minimum distributions (RMDs) *without increasing taxable income*. Additionally, a new reporting requirement will mandate the use of Code Y on IRS Form 1099-R for QCDs. Should you decide to exercise this option, please notify the church office of your QCD amount and the name of the depositing organization as some checks may come to the church without the name of the donor. This donation will appear on your annual Zion statement of your offerings. The donor must list this donation on your tax return. **Please contact your accountant or financial planner to learn if you are qualified and how this might benefit you.**

MARY MARTHA

Mary Martha Group will be meeting on Monday, December 8th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our Group Christmas Party.

ALL ladies of the congregation are invited to come. You may bring a Finger Food to share if you wish. Bring a favorite ornament and the story that goes with it.

Zion Lutheran Church

THIS LITTLE CHILD, OF
LOWLY BIRTH, SHALL BE
THE JOY OF ALL THE
EARTH.

Advent Services:
December 3rd, 10th & 17th
@ 7pm

Advent Meals @ 5:30pm
in the Fellowship Hall

CHRIST CAME FOR YOU.

Come join us to receive His forgiveness,
life and salvation.

2025 CONTRIBUTIONS

Just a reminder for contributions to be counted as 2025 they must be dated December 31, 2025 and put in the plate by December 31, 2025.

ADULT CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT

Adult choir will meet December 3rd, 10th and 17th in the balcony at 6:30pm before Advent Vespers instead of 8:00pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE PRACTICE

Christmas Eve service practice will be on 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20 from 9am to 10 am. We will have a party after the practice on December 20th. We will go bowling at the Big Apple and then return to the church for pizza and soda. We will also be sending a note out to the Sunday school children to get a count of who will be attending. Please let your child(ren)'s Sunday school teacher or Adam Herrera (308-708-1576) know if your child(ren) will participate in the Christmas Eve service and attend the practices and party.

THURSDAY MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Once again, the Thursday Men's Bible Class will be having a holiday dinner before this month's lesson on Thursday, December 18th at 6:00 pm. Main course to be determined. Please bring sides and desserts.

LAWN & SNOW EQUIPMENT FUND

To keep our grounds looking their best year-round, we're in need of a new lawnmower, snowblower, and other maintenance equipment.

We're asking for your help to raise about \$10,000 to purchase reliable equipment that will help our trustees care for our property in every season. Donations can be made at the church office or Sunday offering—be sure to note "Lawn & Snow Equipment Fund".

YEAR END REPORTS

Chairman Grant Dahlgren would like all Boards and committees to submit a brief yearly report to be turned in to the Church office by the end of January. The most convenient way to submit these is by email. school@zionkearney.org

ANNUAL FOOD COLLECTION

Our annual food collection has started. It will go until Christmas. Please only donate non-perishables and unopen items! If you would like to help deliver these items to the Jubilee center, contact Holly.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

David & Kay Banner	12/10
Eric & Beth Rosenthal	12/18
Reese & Jade Florang	12/21
Dennis & Gwen Holtz	12/21
Dale & Lynette Johnson	12/21
Fred & Jana Flessner	12/27

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Michael Dulitz	12/1
Makenna Starkey	12/1
Adam Herrera	12/5
Victoria Crow	12/9
Alexandra Splittgerber	12/9
Kristian Arevalo	12/13
Vaughn Albrecht	12/14
Wanda Glanzer	12/15
Marion Richmond	12/17
Judy Tadlock	12/17
Anthony Ahrens	12/18
Kambree Mockenhaupt	12/18
Cameron Junge	12/20
Annaka Stoltenberg	12/20
Wesley Hockemeier	12/21
Miles Hockemeier	12/22
James DeLoach	12/22
Dennis Bartels	12/23
Tiffany Davis	12/23
Jana Flessner	12/26
Lyn Hoffman	12/26
Alec Mockenhaupt	12/26
DyAnn Altwine	12/27
Allison Wilkens	12/27
Zachariah DeLoach	12/28
Jackie Zehendner	12/28
Chelsea Herrera	12/29
Betty Mustard	12/30

ALTAR FLOWERS

Date	Flowers
12-7	Waunita DeLaet
12-14	Poinsettias
12-21	Poinsettias
12-28	

DECEMBER RADIO BROADCAST

Date	Radio
12-7	Waunita DeLaet
12-14	
12-21	Jan Blasingame & Kathi Hoffman In honor of Holtz's 46 th Anniversary
12-28	Lenny Hodgson, in memory of Diane

Please help Zion spread the Gospel! Consider sponsoring (or going in with another family) one of our radio broadcasts. The cost is \$162.

MISSIONS

Zion's fourth quarter mission project, October through December, will be supporting a fund for Zion students who want to go to school for church work. Please consider funding this meaningful mission.

OUR MEMBERS RESIDING IN CARE FACILITIES

Broadwell Senior Living - 617 22 nd Ave	Betty Mustard
Central NE Veterans' Home - 4510 E. 56 th St.	Ivan Bombeck
Homestead - 4205 6 th Ave	Pat Flodine
Mother Hull-125 East 23 rd	Evelyn Heiden
	Pauline Jacobson
Mt. Carmel - 412 West 18th	Vaughn Albrecht
St. Luke Good Samaritan - 2201 E 32 nd St	Gary Albers

SCHOOL NEWS

- ✝ **Give Where You Live:** Zion will be participating in Give Where You Live Campaign. It will be December 4th (giving day), but donations will be accepted before then. To contribute online go to: <https://www.givewhereyoulive.net/organization/ZionLutheranSchool>. If you would rather give in person feel free to stop by the office. Please share this with family and friends.
- ✝ **K-8 Christmas Program** will have two performances: Friday, December 12th at 1:00p (school polos and khakis) and Sunday, December 14th at 4:00p (dress attire). The Sunday performance will follow with a cookie and bar social in the gym. We ask that each family bring 1-2 dozen cookies. Please drop these off either on the Friday the 12th or before the program on the 14th. Thank you!
- ✝ **Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year** is open to all Zion church members and current Zion school families on December 8th. It will open to the public January 6th. Please enroll early to have your spot. Tell your family and friends about our wonderful school and encourage them to enroll.
- ✝ **No School** Monday, December 22nd-January 5th, 2026 for Christmas break.

2025

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	01	02	03	04	05	06
			8:30a Chapel 5:30p Advent Meal 6:30p Adult Choir 7:00 Advent Service			9:00a Christmas Eve Practice 10:30a Christmas Decorating
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School 10:30a Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM 5:00 Divine Service	7:00p Mary Martha	1:30p Sleeping Mats 7:00p Bd of Ed 7:00p Bd of Elders 7:00p Bd of Trustees	8:30a Chapel 5:30p Advent Meal 6:30p Adult Choir 7:00 Advent Service			9:00a Christmas Eve Practice Hockemeier Family - Gym
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School 10:30a Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM 4:00p K-8 Christmas Program 6:00p Divine Service		1:30p Sleeping Mats	8:30a Chapel 5:30p Advent Meal 6:30p Adult Choir 7:00 Advent Service	7:00pm Men's Bible Study	Last Day of the Semester	9:00a Christmas Eve Practice
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK						
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28	29	30	31	01	02	03
NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK						
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Zion Service Calendar

Time of Service	Acolyte	Elder	Usher Captain	Engineer	Announcer	Altar Guild
Wednesday, December 3 7:00 Vespers	Asher Splittgerber	Keith Nuttelman	Ed DeLaet	Eric Rosenthal		Beth Rosenthal Shirley Helmbrecht
Sunday, December 7 9:00a.m. Divine Service	Harper Florang	Bruce Brooks	Steve Junge	Jamie Marquardt	Lonna Gronewoller	Beth Rosenthal Shirley Helmbrecht
Wednesday, December 10 7:00 Vespers	Jamie Wilkens	Bruce Brooks	Steve Junge	Jamie Marquardt		Beth Rosenthal Shirley Helmbrecht
Sunday, December 14 9:00 a.m. Divine Service	Emma Rosenthal	Dan Oertwig	Andy Wollberg	Jared Nuttelman	Carol Kreutzer	Beth Rosenthal Shirley Helmbrecht
Wednesday, December 17 7:00 Vespers	Titus Gaunt	Dan Oertwig	Andy Wollberg	Jared Nuttelman		Beth Rosenthal Shirley Helmbrecht
Sunday, December 21 9:00 Divine Service	William Hodgson	Eric Rosenthal	Mike Wilkens	Eric Rosenthal	Brooke Fisher	Beth Rosenthal Shirley Helmbrecht
Wednesday, December 24 7:00 Christmas Eve Worship	Amelia Halvorsen	Eric Rosenthal	All Captains	Eric Rosenthal		Beth Rosenthal Shirley Helmbrecht
Thursday, December 25 10:00 Christmas Day Service Crucifer	Landen Eckhoff Grady Fisher	Ken Hockemeier	Mike Wilkens	Matt Hodgson		Beth Rosenthal Shirley Helmbrecht
Sunday, December 28 9:00a.m. Divine Service	Bailey Helmbrecht	Nathan Gaunt	Steve Junge	Matt Hodgson	Lonna Gronewoller	Beth Rosenthal Shirley Helmbrecht

