

JANUARY 2023

VOICE OF ZION

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Sunday Family Worship at 10 am
Sunday School at 9 am

Worship Attendance

Date	In Person	Virtual (est.)
12/4	126	84 devices
12/11	143	97 devices
12/11 Blue Xmas	42	25 devices
12/18	140	93 devices
12/24 Xmas Eve	210	127 devices
12/25	74	60 devices

Virtual Sunday worship is available on YouTube,
both live stream and recorded for later viewing.

Sunday School Average Attendance

December: Adult (18+) = 17
Youth = 11 (includes Confirmation)



With snow, ice, &/or other inclement weather... Should questions arise concerning if Worship/Sunday School will be held on a given Sunday, cancellations will be announced on WFIE, Facebook, and the church's website.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE STREAMED THROUGH YOUTUBE!

You can always join us for worship wherever you might be. To easily view the worship service simply go to our church webpage... www.zionlippe.org... and click on the "Watch Live" tab and you will be able to view the worship service when it goes live

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### ***Greeter Schedule for upcoming Sundays:***

*Thank you to the many folks who have volunteered! Please continue to look for the monthly schedules in the next Voice of Zion newsletters.*

**Jan 1, 2023 – Donna & Nick Hahn**  
**Jan 8 - Janie Cummings**  
**Jan 15 – Miranda & Ryan Daugherty**  
**Jan 22 – Steve & Nancy deClaisse-Walford**  
**Jan 29 – Irma Donner & Pat Elkins**  
**Feb 5 – Nancy Dougan**  
**Feb 12 – Anna Mae Droege**  
**Feb 19 – Jim & Carol Jo Droege**  
**Feb 26 – Larry & Jan Droege**

*We will have magnetic name tags available for our greeters, and hand-shaking is optional. If possible, please try to be here about 9:30 am or so. If you know ahead of time that you can't greet the Sunday you are scheduled, you can let Worship Chair, Rosie Bogard know – but if something comes up and you can't make it that's ok!*



## JANUARY

In order to share in the joys and celebrations of our lives as a congregation we publish a monthly list of birthdays and anniversaries of members and friends of Zion. Numbers in ( ) represent year.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- 1 James Droege, Carla Breiner
- 3 Marvin Redman, Jonathan Schmitt
- 4 Bonnie Walker
- 6 Debbie Schorr
- 7 Steve Schroeder
- 8 Marilyn Smith
- 9 Mike Duncan, Sr.
- 12 Christy Watson
- 14 Eugene Herrenbruck, Suzie Schroeder,  
Chase Will
- 15 Kyle Wallace
- 16 Clayton Hargett, Mitchell Hargett
- 17 Michael Schorr, Rhiannon Anderson,  
Eliza Schroeder
- 18 Darlene Bosse, Claire Lensing
- 19 Geraldine Schweikhart, Janelle Seitz
- 21 Makenzie Perry
- 22 Terry Schroeder, Lindsey Johnson
- 23 Rick LeGrange
- 24 David Schmitz, Kari Hoenert,  
Rosemary Schroeder
- 26 Olivia Parker
- 28 Darlene Breiner, Katy Lang
- 29 Matthew Donner, Sally Noelle
- 30 Henry Warner
- 31 Lori Davenport, Jennifer Elless

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

- 6 Bill and Sandy (Schenk) Esche (1978)
- 8 Keith and Connie (Donner) McCutchan  
(1977)
- 20 Eugene and Sharon Herrenbruck (1962)
- 23 Mike and Kathy Duncan (1965)
- 28 Patrick and Emily Schroeder (2012)
- 31 Earl and Glenda Schroeder (1960)

If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect, or not listed, please call the office at 985-2437 so we may update our records. Thanks!

## **January Special Offering Church World Service Blankets+**

Through CWS, blankets and other relief are sent immediately to people who have suffered disasters. More info at [cwsblankets.org](http://cwsblankets.org) and foyer bulletin board. You may contribute by using Blanket Fund envelopes found at foyer bulletin board or go to [cwsblankets.org](http://cwsblankets.org)

### **Giving Statements**

In most cases we will send 2022 giving statements by email. If we do not have your email address and you need us to print a giving statement for you, please contact Council Treasurer or the church office. You should receive your email by the end of January. If a printed statement is needed please allow a few days after your request to receive your information.



### **2023 Offering Envelopes**

If you haven't done so yet, please pick up your box of envelopes on the cabinets in foyer.

We are happy to have offering envelopes available, use of the envelopes is helpful for ease of recording on the offering report. However if you donate in another way and find you do not use the envelopes assigned to you, please let the church office know. Also let the office know if you do not have a box assigned to you now, but would like one.

Please do not pick up boxes of envelopes for family or friends not living in your household unless they have specifically asked you to do so.



*Thank you to the Sunbeams for the lovely gift bag of goodies. It's so nice to be remembered!*

*Aletha Meeks*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!** The Bible is filled with stories about new beginnings. From the start of Genesis, “In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth . . .” to the final book of the Bible, in which a voice booms from the throne, “See, I am making all things new. . . I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end” (Rev. 21. 5-6). In between, there are stories of people who find forgiveness and freedom; people who are called by God to new beginnings. So with the beginning of a new calendar year, and when people are reflecting upon the year gone by and making resolutions for the new year, the gospel good news is inspiring.

What are your resolutions for the new year?

What new beginnings are you seeking?

How can your faith deepen and grow? **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Here at Zion we will be welcoming the new elected leaders of our congregation as we install new council members at our Annual Meeting following worship on February 5th. They, along with the help of each of you, will be listening and watching for spiritual guidance on how best to follow God's call to us as a congregation.

New beginnings are possible.

New beginnings are exciting. I am looking forward to a new year of adventures in faith with each of you. Serving you!! **PJ**

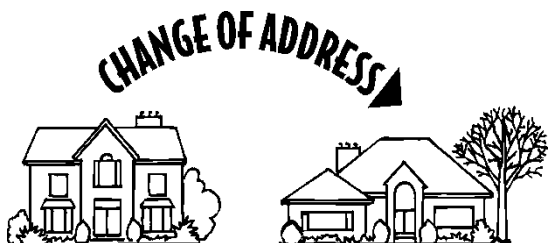
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Thank You... Thank You... Thank You... we can't say thank you enough for all the cards, special gifts, and support that we have received from the Zion Church community this Christmas season and entire year. We are certainly blessed. Thank you all so much for all your unbelievable support.

Pastor Jeff and Kris.



SENIOR FITNESS CLASSES @ ST. PETER'S UMC

We hope you can join us on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings** at 9:00 a.m. For those of you who like to walk prior to class time, the gym will also be available for walking. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Jeff @ zionlippepastor@gmail.com.



Katelyn & Lucas Heidenreich
1336 Carriage Park Dr
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Zion Church will continue to host **[grief support groups](#)** every other week on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Groups will start again on Monday, January 9th.

Each session will be led by Pastor Jeff - Coaching at the End of Life Certified Coach. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one or who are experiencing other life issues that are difficult (loss of a job, change in a relationship, health related issues, etc.) is welcome to attend this grief support group. Please contact the church office or email Pastor Jeff with questions or to secure your spot in one of these groups... [zionlippepastor@gmail.com](mailto:zionlippepastor@gmail.com).

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SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE!

This organization makes bed frames and delivers those frames to homes that have been identified needing beds. All ages are welcome however children under 12 cannot use power tools but can assist in many other ways. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer or you can let Pastor Jeff know if you are interested or have any further questions. The event will go from **8:00 am - 12:00 pm. on Saturday, January 14th at 1167 S. Green River Rd.**

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### **UNHANGING OF THE GREENS!**

Following worship on January 8th, we need your help! We will need volunteers to help take down all the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary, foyer, Sunday School area, and outside. With a lot of help we can accomplish this task easily. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, January 8th and ask that you stay following worship to give us an extra hand. Thank you so much!

## **Zion Lippe UCC Council Highlights 12/13/22**

**Attendance:** Jeff Long, Russell Roehr, Rosie Bogard, Brian Crase, Bob Klenck, Michelle Heneisen, Laura Droege.

Regular Offering: \$164,283.65

11/30 YTD General Fund Total Income: \$172,540.42

11/30 YTD General Fund Expense: \$178,359.84

Difference: (-)\$5,819.42

Tina Spears and Tom Lang will do the audit in January.

Thanks to the Junckers for Christmas decorations out front and the Barchets for Nativity set on altar.

Blue Christmas service by Pastor Jeff and 42 attended plus live streaming.

Communion will be served on both Christmas and Eve services.

A sign will be put up asking people to not bring any drinks other than water into the sanctuary.

Completed property projects this month are:

continuing to rebalance foyer and office air flow with minimal luck. Recommending an additional unit to deliver both heat and AC for office area, a quote has been requested from Becker.

The pew pads were shampooed with extra spot cleaning after initial drying, completed by Steve Martin/Russ.

New receptacle installed in SS basement.

Warmer unit in kitchen was evaluated, none of the wires/connectors showed any signs of overheating so the warmer was put back in service, electrical work was completed by Ron Strupp/Russ.

Lights in the church are functioning normal, circuit breaker turned off/tripped.

All furnace filters were replaced. Service has been requested for both gas furnaces.

Work team of several guys completed- attaching gutter on front of SS, stained picnic tables at shelter house, painted dug out, cleaned out fallen plaster from furnace room under the church.

New property concerns are an elevator inspection is required and the price has gone up substantially.

Yet to do items are paint sanctuary doors (may wait till post winter), SS hall north vent hoods need painting (may wait till post winter), SS formica, handicap door switch, and the shelter light.

We had 26 people attend the Peppermint Pops concert including 3 confirmands on December 4th. From reports Carl thinks everyone attending enjoyed the program.

The Thunderbolts Hockey are having Faith Night at their game on Friday January 27th. Carl is looking into options for Zion for this event. We will need to get an idea how many people may be interested in attending this event to better understand our options.

Following up on emails concerning the use of money from the recreation budget to supplement the mowing on the ball field, there is not enough money left in the budget for this year to make up the normal amount paid for ball field mowing. If we pay the full amount we will be considerably over budget. A possible suggestion was the amount could be paid from the Miscellaneous Expenses. The miscellaneous expense is already over due to buying the church directories. The council decided to take \$1,000 out of the Property Maintenance Budget to pay Gary and Stacey Vogel \$500 each. If we receive a donation from the Youth Club the money will go into the Property Budget.

Possible future projects from the church dream list are solar panels and a new church sign. Date for the annual meeting is February 5th.

Terry Schroeder would like to make a list of volunteers for work projects and is developing a list of people who would be willing to sit with shut ins.

Elwood Deal suggested we consider replacing the alter candles with battery operated candles. We just ordered a new supply of oil for the candles so we will hold off on the decision for now.



## **Annual Congregational Meeting** **will be held following worship on** **February 5**

All Zion members are encouraged to attend.

At this meeting we will review the 2022 church year, elect new council members, approve our operating budget for 2023, and hear special reports from other ministries of the church.

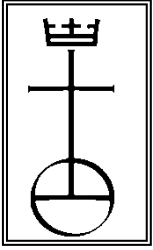
We will also work to make the meeting available through our Zoom platform. Please watch for more announcements as we get closer to the Annual Meeting date.

Please submit all written reports for the meeting to the church office by Monday January 30.

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### **New Council Nominees for 2023 are:**

Robert Juncker  
Patrick Schroeder  
Stacy Wagner



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