

# Trumpet Newsletter

## February 2025

### Zion Lutheran Church – Palmyra, Missouri

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## Church News

**Church Office Hours** are Monday - Friday from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

**2025 Member Contact Directory:** Please contact the church office if you have new contact information such as a new phone number or a new mailing address. You can call or email the church office with that updated information. Thank you in advance for your help!

**2025 Flower Chart:** Next year's calendar is ready for you to sign up!

**Church Boards:** If any of the church boards are storing items for their boards in the church or school basement, please mark the items with your board name on it.

**Midweek** will be held on Wednesday, February 12 from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. Midweek meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. It is for youth from Kindergarten up to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Supper is provided!

**Choir** plans to resume practices on Wednesday, February 5 at 7 pm.

**Snack Food / Bake Sale:** LYF will be having a snack / bake sale on Sunday, February 9, in between services to raise money for the National Youth Gathering that will be held July 19-23. For more information contact Susan Schwanke.

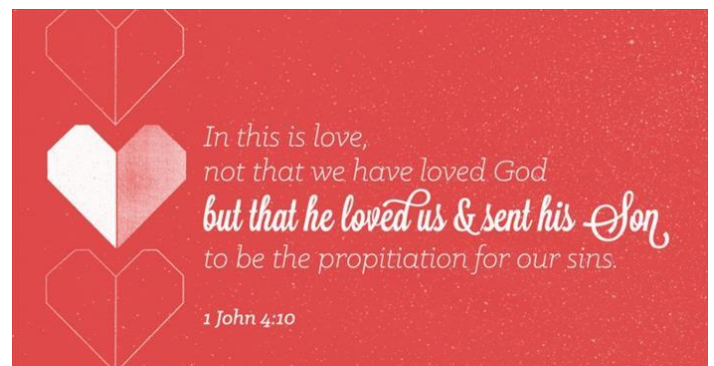
**Food Pantry for February:** Personal Care items. There is a current need for canned goods, detergent, paper products (napkins, paper towels, toilet paper), shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and plastic bags are always needed.

**LYF** will meet on Sunday, February 16 at 6 pm in the church basement. Bring your favorite card or board game to play!

**Men's Bible Study** will meet on Sunday, March 2 at 6:30 pm at David Nix's home.

**The Season of Lent** begins on Wednesday, March 5 with the Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm. During the service, there will be an imposition of ashes.

**Lenten Suppers** will begin on Wednesday, March 12 and continue to Wednesday, April 9. The suppers will be from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm in the church basement prior to the Lent Services at 7 pm. A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the back of the church.





*Bev Cook was welcomed as a new member of Zion on January 19!*

24. Began early enrollment due to other preschools. Reviewed proposed Calendar and budget (rates) for the 2025-2026 school year. Beginning annual review of policies and handbooks and developing Angel Fund guidelines.

**Upcoming Dates:**

- Thursday, Feb 13: T/TH Valentine's Day Party
- Friday, Feb 14: M/W/F Valentine's Day Party
- Monday, Feb 17: NO SCHOOL, President's Day
- Week of Feb 24: Seuss on the Loose Spirit Week
- Monday, Feb 24 & Tuesday, Feb 25: Seuss inspired breakfast for the students
- Friday, Feb. 28: NO SCHOOL

**Board of Stewardship – Pauline Crane**

Reviewed current budget and Bank Statements. The board will begin working on new budget in March.

**Board of Trustees – Dan Gottman**

**Jan 2** – Conducted monthly Fire Extinguisher / Smoke Detectors / Co2 Sensors / Emergency Lighting tests and inspections.

**Jan 8** – Looked at church basement west exterior door keypad lock not working correctly when outside temperatures were very cold. Council approved replacement quote from Doors-n-More of keypad and is scheduled to be installed Feb 11(Tuesday) at 12:15 pm. The new keypad will have the same code as the old one and we will reuse the key lockset insert so the existing keys will unlock the door as well.

**Jan 9** – Doors-n-More replaced the school basement west exterior steel stairwell door as part of the security upgrade covered under the ARPA fund grant. We replaced the school girls and boy's bathroom towel dispensers to standardize towel inventory.

**Jan 15** – Repaired thermostat for Classroom 3 and Secretaries Office, was intermittently turning off furnace responsible for heating those two rooms. Also met with Brightspeed technician who repaired the telephone circuit for emergency call button in the church elevator.

## Chairman's Report

Zion's Church Council met on Monday February 3, 2025. Below is a summary:

Pastor Wes opened with devotion and prayer.

We reviewed and approved the Secretary and Financial Income reports.

### Board Reports

**Board of Education – Jackie Serbin**

*Sunday School:* Children are making crosses for congregation for Lent. At the Palm Sunday service, Sunday School children will wave palm branches. Pancakes with Pastor will be after Palm Sunday Service.

*VBS 2025:* (July 7-10) will be a farm theme.

*Preschool:* Enrollment is currently at 37 students. The preschool received \$1,215.24 from the Quincy Community Foundation. This money is being designated for painting and repairing the climbing apparatus on the playground. Parent-Teacher Conferences are on March 24 and March 25. Seuss on the Loose week of February

We are still waiting for the six backordered White Strobe Units to complete Security System, distributor says they should be shipped 2/13/24. Once installed Zion will receive training on the Command Module connected to these as well as training on the Security Camera System.

***Motion to amend previous motion in January to replace mechanical keypad lock on church basement door with either a mechanical keypad lock or an electric keypad lock from Doors-N-More from \$1,060 to \$1,180 to be used from the building maintenance fund***

***– Motion carried.***

#### **Board of Spiritual Life – Megan Gottman**

Six children were at January's Midweek (lower numbers due to change of schedule and sickness). Next Midweek is February 12. Pancakes will be served. The theme for this Midweek will be love for Valentine's Day.

#### **Board of Worship – Roxie Bunk**

Pam Hoenes and Roxie Bunk worked on polishing the communion ware. Steve Lehenbauer is interested in being an usher. Paula Menzel filled an opening on the Altar Committee. Greeters list is filled.

#### **Board of Evangelism – Paula Menzel**

Meeting in March to plan for the Easter Egg Hunt and the Bible Verse Scavenger Hunt. Working with Board of Education and Cindy Miller to plan VBS scheduled from July 7 to July 10.

#### **Board of Deacons – Scott Larsen**

January 2025 Official Acts:

- Ellie Mae Whiston: baptized on January 4, 2025
- Beverly Cook: adult confirmation on January 19, 2025
- Wanda Bunger: death on January 30, 2025

#### **Pastor's Report**

Adult Bible Class continues to meet at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday Mornings. We are going through the Book of Daniel. First Year Confirmands continue to meet on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm. Second Year Confirmands meet for review sessions on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The LYF and SONshine will have a Snack

Food/Bake Sale on Sunday, February 9 between worship services in the church basement LYF will have a meeting on Sunday, February 16 at 6:00 pm in the church basement. The Men's Bible Study will meet on Sunday, March 2, at 6:30 pm at Dave Nix's house.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which is on March 5. *Do we want to have supper and fellowship from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm prior to the Lent Services?* We struggled to have people sign up for the ones during Advent. Council discussion led to the decision to continue with suppers prior to Lent Services. We will have Wednesday Lent Services on March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2, and April 9 at 7:00 pm. This year's theme for the services is "The Good News of a Savior."

We will have two services on Sunday, March 30. We will have 1 service at 9:00 am on April 13, which is Palm Sunday. Following the one service on April 13, there will be Pancakes with Pastor in the church basement

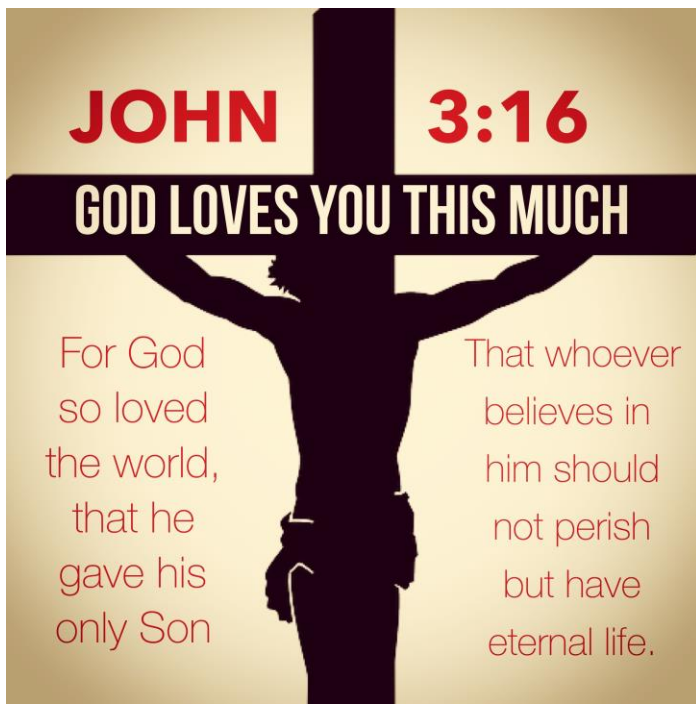
Zion will host PAMA Lent Luncheon on Wednesday, April 16 at 12:00 pm. We will have Maundy Thursday Service on April 17 at 7:00 pm. We will have the Good Friday Service on April 18 at 7:00 pm. On Easter Sunday, which is April 20, we will have worship services at 7:00 am and 10:30 am On Sunday, April 20, we will have the Easter breakfast following the 7:00 am service. On Sunday, April 20, we will have the Easter Egg Hunt at 9:00 am. Confirmation Sunday is planned for April 27.

From May to July, there will only be ONE service at 9:00 am on Sundays mornings with Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:15 am in May and June.

#### **President's Report**

Please continue to keep the Preschool Program in your prayers as we continue to make plans for the future.

Your servant,  
Bob Schreiner



## God's Valentine to Us

Love is a very popular word. We hear a lot about it in our culture. Everybody needs love. Everybody wants to get that valentine that Charlie Brown is always waiting for at the mailbox.

Well, you and I are in luck. We do have a valentine waiting for us — a love letter from God just waiting for us to open and read it.

What is that love letter? It is our Bible. When we open it and read or hear it read to us, God tells us about His love for us. Sometimes He is very specific and to the point when He says:

- *"...I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving kindness" (Jeremiah 31:3).*
- *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall*
- *not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).*
- *"...Christ loved us and gave himself up for us..." (Ephesians 5:2).*

At other times He tells us stories to show us He loves us. We may have to study and think about these to understand the love of God, but it is there for us. The Holy Spirit can help us see it.

## Loaves & Fishes

**Loaves and Fishes:** Zion is signed up for the fourth Wednesday of each month. If you haven't been able to volunteer yet, I highly recommend you do it once! We have a great time in the short 2 hours we are there and everyone is so appreciative. If you are not able to help serve or donate food, there is a monetary donation box in the back of the church that we can use to purchase items we need. The sign up list for Wednesday, January 22 is on the table at the back of the church. Please follow directions given on the sheet. Your participation is appreciated!



## Youth Gathering

The LCMS Youth Gathering is going to be held in New Orleans from July 19 – July 23. The theme for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering is "ENDURE" and is centered around Hebrews 12:1-3.

