Trumpet Newsletter
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Church News

If you, or someone you know, are not receiving the Trumpet, please let the church office know (573-769-2739). You will be added to a "call list" of members to be contacted if needed.

Midweek meets on Wednesday, January 12 from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. This is for kids from Kindergarten up to 8th Grade. Supper will be provided. This event happens on the second Wednesday of each month.

SONshine Due to inclement weather, our Sonshine meeting was postponed until Thursday, January 13th at 7 pm. We will meet in the church basement. Roxie Bunk is to have the devotion and furnish the refreshments. We will be discussing several ideas for future plans for 2022. We always welcome guests who would like to visit and consider ways they could serve their Lord and share His love through LWML.

LYF Date Night Dinner: On Saturday, January 15th, the LYF will host a Date Night Dinner in the school basement. This will be a semi-formal sit down dinner served by the LYF. Menu includes: spaghetti or chicken alfredo with sides. Serving time will be 5:00 – 8:30 pm. Childcare will be provided in the church basement (supper provided for them too). Reservations will be accepted (but not required) by text at 573-795-7299 (Janet) or by calling the school office. This will be for a free-will donation.

There will be **ONE Service** on Sunday, January 30 at 9 am, followed by a time of fellowship.

The Board of Worship is looking for volunteers for Children's Sermons, Ushers and Greeters. If you're interested in serving in any of these ways, contact Joyce Williams, the Chairman of the Board of Worship.

Super Bowl Fundraiser: LYF will be offering sandwiches & a variety of snacks for the Super Bowl on February 13. There will be a bulletin insert on January 30 and February 6 for you to mark what food you'd like to get and will be available for pick-up in the church basement on the morning of the 13th of February. There will be a limited supply of food available, so pre-ordering is recommended. This will also be for free will donation.

Food Pantry focus for January is personal care items as well as canned meats/protein items. Current needs are: plastic bags. Donations can be dropped off at the church basement.

The Palmyra Senior Nutrition: If you know anyone that would like to help, please contact Belinda Hicks at the center 573-769-3358.

175th Anniversary! Next year, 2022, is Zion's 175th Anniversary. We are asking members and former members to begin thinking about and writing down and sharing their favorite memories and stories.

2022 Contribution Envelopes are on the counter in the church basement. If you don't see your name, please let the church office know.

Contribution Statements for 2021 are on the counter in the church basement.

Sign up for flowers on the **2022 Flower Calendar** Chart. It's located on the bulletin board in the south entrance to the church.

Sunday School Christmas Program 2021

Chairman's Report

Zion's church boards and officers met on Monday, January 3rd, 2022, for a light dinner, social time, as well some planning and discussion for the years ahead. Church council followed at 7:30. Below is a brief summary

Pastor Wes opened with devotion.

Board of Education / Regina Boyer reported the Sunday school Christmas program went well. The birthday party for Jesus followed. There will be no Sunday school January 30th as it's the 5th Sunday with one church service at 9:00 a.m. Pre-school enrollment is 59 with one new one starting in January.

Board of Stewardship / Amanda Meyer They continue to watch the monthly financial reports.

Board of Trustees / Tim Myers reported they are waiting for the elevator inspection, and the chair lift in the school is
waiting on parts. The cooler in the school is in need of replacement. Motion was made & approved to replace the cooler. The parsonage is in need of plumbing repairs, Tom Giese plumbing is getting some figures together
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Board of Spiritual Life / Abby Whiston reported they will have the mid-week program on January 12th. They will take care of the fellowship January 30th.

Board of Evangelism / Madonna Watters reported Christmas went well and they are starting to plan for Easter.

Board of Worship / Joyce Williams reported they have picked out new candle holders for the altar. They are in need of help with children's message on Sunday Mornings, and altar committee for the month of August.

Board of Deacons / Steve Begley reported Official Acts were: Transfer in- Barbara Drebes, and Julie, Julius, Jayden, and Lily Sharrow from Holy Cross in Golden, Illinois, on December 9th, 2021

Pastor Wes / All of the Christmas programs in December went very well, as did the Adopt a Child gift program. Confirmation will begin on Wednesday. LYF will be hosting some Fund raisers on January 15 and Super Bowl Sunday. More information will be coming. January 30th will be one service at 9:00 a.m. with fellowship following. February 6th Pre-school will be singing at the 10:30 service along with the American Legion guests in honor of Four Chaplains Sunday.

Presidents Report: Dudley Powell reported the 175th Anniversary will be August 14th.
Old business: Motion was made and passed to move $280,000 of the Herb & Carl Drebes Trust to the Community Foundation when the C.D's come due this month. We will keep $17,000 in the Scholarship fund.

Zion's Choir December 19, 2021

Sunday School News

Sunday School will resume again on Sunday, January 9th from 9:15 – 10:15 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the church for any volunteers that are interested in helping with the Sunday School. You may also contact Regina Boyer or the Church Office.

LYF at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Preschool News

Last month was an exciting month! We celebrated Christmas with our class parties and Christmas programs.

One of our preschool teachers, Kim Dexter (along with husband, Chris, and son, Carson), welcomed their son, Kaden William Dexter into the world on December 28th at 12:44pm. He weighed 9lbs 7oz, and was 21 inches long.

Upcoming Preschool Dates:
Monday, January 17th - NO SCHOOL (MLKJ Day)
Sunday, February 6th – Preschoolers Sing at the 10:30 am service
Monday, February 7th - NO SCHOOL (Teacher In-Service)
Monday, February 17th - NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day)
Friday, February 25th - Seuss on the Loose

Zion hosted the Fourth Advent PAMA luncheon. Pastor Wes talked about the Chrismon (shortened form of “Christ monograms”) Tree and the meaning behind some of the symbols used as Chrismons.

Thank You Notes

Thank you so much for all of the thoughtful items in Wren’s baby basket!

Tony & Danielle Hudson

Thank you all so much for the baby basket full of wonderful things for Tate. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is truly a blessing. God’s Blessings, Matthew, Anna & Tate Hoenes

Thank you to all who participated and donated items for the Adopt-A-Family program. Your overwhelming response and generosity is greatly appreciated.

I just wanted to thank everyone for all of the cards, gifts, goodies, and generosity shown to me this Christmas. Merry Christmas and God’s Blessing in the New Year!

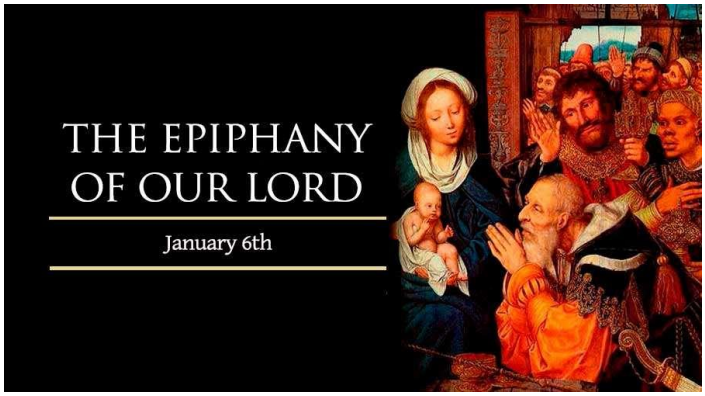
--Pastor Wes

Thank You so much for the wonderful gifts! River loves them! God Bless, Zach, Nicole & River Gottman

Thank you to the board of worship and board of evangelism as well as individuals who provided refreshments after the advent services, Sunday school program and the cantata. They were greatly appreciated.

Contact Info Update

The church office would like to update our member records. Please contact the church office to update any information (cell phone numbers, addresses, etc.) Your help is greatly appreciated.



What Is Epiphany?

The Greek word epiphany means “appearing,” and in ancient times it was used usually about the appearing of a god or a great king. Epiphany is Christmas 2.0. Its place following the nativity narrative in Matthew’s Gospel presents it as the “other Christmas,” the “Christmas of the Gentiles.” At the first Christmas we find a swaddled baby in a manger visited by shepherds from the fields summoned by angels. In the “other Christmas,” we find a toddler at His mother’s feet in a house visited by Magi, Wise Men from the East guided by a star. The first Christmas was announced to Israel, the fulfillment of God’s promise to Abraham; the second Christmas was for the world, the nations, the Gentiles, the fulfillment of God’s promise to Adam. “*Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising,”* God said (Isaiah 60:3).