

THE HERALD

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Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In, with Faith and Love

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Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

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Services

- Saturday 5:30 PM
- Sunday 8:00 AM
- Sunday 10:00 AM
- Sunday 10:00 AM - Online (YouTube and Facebook)
- Monday 7:30 PM - Online Prayer Service

An open book with text overlaid. The text is in a large, elegant, black serif font. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with a subtle texture, possibly wood or parchment. The book is open, showing two pages, and is placed on a wooden surface.

A Message from our Pastor

"After they had heard the King, they went on their way...when they saw the star, they were overjoyed...they saw the child, and they bowed down and worshipped him."
Matthew 2:9-11.

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Over the years, the story of the Epiphany has inspired our imagination and has filled us with wonder and awe. Matthew's Gospel tells us very little about these Magi- they would have been people who studied the stars. Yet we picture them as royalty travelling with royal power to worship the Newborn King.

The power of this story is that the Magi who are Gentiles (non-Jews), come to worship the King of all nations. Jesus is born for all people. And like the Magi, we too need to stop, look for directions, as we seek the good news of God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

Our Christmas season will soon come to an end, but our journey is only beginning. Like the Magi, we follow the star which leads us to Jesus, and then, we continue to follow Jesus as our Lord and Savior. May we follow faithfully as this new year begins and as our journey of faith continues.

Your Sister in Christ,
Pastor Janyce



Thank
You
*Your generosity
Made a difference*

- Due to the generosity of Zion and Joyful Noise Preschool over 100 children will receive a Christmas gift this year!
- 15 residents of Sprengle Village will have a Merry Christmas because of Zion members sharing Jesus's love by becoming a Holiday Angel!
- One York Community Family will wake up to a joyous Christmas because of all those who donated to Zion's sponsor family and donated to Zion has Heart. Thank you for sharing God's love with the York community
- Olivia's House will receive \$555 dollars to assist with their mission to facilitate healing through grief and loss education
- Thank you to all those who purchased poinsettia's to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas Eve Services.

The Herald is Sponsored By

Mary Jane McCluskey

*May 2024 be a year filled with Light
for all of us as we shine the love of
Christ into the world.*





Faith Formation

Adult Bible Studies

Sundays

9:00 AM—9:45AM

Reading thru the Bible

This group is reading through the Bible. Join them in Zion's Parlor!

Life with Jesus

Are you looking to grow your faith in the new year? Would you like a space to participate in engaging dialogue with other believers? Maybe you want to hang out somewhere while your children are in Faith Formation? If so, the adult Faith Formation class, "Life with Jesus" may be the answer. Each Sunday we gather in the choir room (first door to the left past the bathrooms, across from the nursery). We discuss questions based on scripture and share our insights and life experiences, offering support and encouragement to one another, grow in our own understanding, and practically apply the principles of how to live each day, according to Jesus. We will begin a study of the book of James. Most scholars believe the author of this book of the Bible, with its practical and to-the-point guide on how we should live, was Jesus' brother.

James combines lessons from the Sermon on the Mount and the book of Proverbs for his commentary. Pop in any Sunday and check it out. Each week is a stand-alone discussion, so come when you can. Notes from the discussion are emailed to the group weekly, so you will know what's going on whether you are physically present or not. All adults are welcome!

As a follow through on what we have learned from prior study, this group is launching a project to aid the homeless in our community.

Gather and Grow

January 22

6:00PM

This month we will gathering together for a pot-luck. Watch the announcements for details on location signing up.

Lunch Bunch

January 17

12:00 Noon

Join Pastor Janyce at Friendly's on Loucks Rd for food & faithful discussion.

Children, Youth & Family Ministry



What an amazing year 2023 has been! We had a phenomenal kickoff to our youth year in 2023 with a brand-new youth group launching (Kidz Konnection) as well as Club 456 and ZLCY. We have had four great months under our belts with thanks going out to the families that have made lunch for our youngest group and thanks to the congregation as a whole for your continued support.

This brings me to our January meeting. This has become one of our most loved sessions of the year. It is the month where the youth groups draw their Epiphany star words for the new year. You aren't sure what I am talking about? Let me explain. Just as the wise men followed the star to find Jesus and present him with their gifts, the youth draw an Epiphany star from a box randomly (I like to think it is the Holy Spirit at work). This star has a word on it. This word then helps to guide them through their life through the next year. This is their guide word in every aspect of their life whether it is their school life, family life, sports life, work life and faith life. The word is meant to be a daily reminder to them so they are instructed to keep it somewhere that they will see it daily. I know some keep it on their nightstand or on a bathroom mirror. Some, like me, keep it inside their phone case as a constant reminder.

Some of the words drawn last year by our youth were pardon, sharing, awareness, wonder and determination. My personal word for 2023 was "Friendship". I used this word as a guide to look deeper at the friendships that I had. Some friendships were unhealthy, and I was able to heal or prune those friendships. I also was open to new friendships this year and have made some significant new bonds over the last 12 months. Please feel free to ask me how I had the same word two years in a row and how that was a tough 2nd year.

All in all, the youth have really taken to this practice over my four years here. While the Epiphany of our Lord is January 6th, we will be drawing our new words for the 2024 year on January

14th. If any of you would like to join in on this practice, please send me a note or see me the following week after our meetings.

I want to wish you the best possible new year and may God remain a powerful presence in your life as you and your children are a powerful presence in mine. Happy New Year!

Chuck



Oh, the weather
outside is frightful.
But the chili is so
delightful.
And since there's no
football game,
Winning the cookoff
is your claim to
fame!

The Firehouse may have you hopping.
The Unique may cause some bopping.
Traditional is best, cooked low and slow.
The best cornbread has us saying whoa!

It's best to come with your appetite.
And loose pants for they're sure to get
tight.

The date is February 4th at noon,
With a chili so good you'll hum a tune!



Please sign up on the bulletin board.
Bring your family and enjoy the fun.

Previous year winners, please wear your
chili-pepper necklace. May the best chili
and cornbread win!



Jan

5-7
LSS Winterfest
2024 Retreat

Jan

14
11:30 Kidz Konnektion
3:00 456
6:00 ZLCY

Feb

11
11:30 Kidz Konnektion
3:00 456
6:00 ZLCY

Mar

10
11:30 Kidz Konnektion
3:00 456
6:00 ZLCY

Mar

29-30
6pm-11am Jr/Sr
High Lock-in begins

Mar

30
10 am Zion LC
Annual Easter Egg

Lectionary Scriptures for January



January 7, 2024

The gospel this Sunday is about Jesus being baptized by John the baptizer. The voice of God speaks from heaven, and the Spirit descends like a dove. This story is also about us: we too have been baptized, we have heard God's loving call, and we have received the Holy Spirit. What is God's voice like? Psalm 29 says that God's voice can break the cedars and strip the trees bare, but also give a blessing of peace.

Readings and Psalm

Genesis 1:1-5

God creates light God creates light

Psalm 29

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

January 14, 2024

Last Sunday we heard about Jesus' baptism, and now we hear about his calling of the disciples. It is the same with us: after baptism we are called to follow him, whom this Sunday's gospel reading calls Jesus, son of Joseph, Rabbi, Son of God, King of Israel, and Son of Man. To speak the mystery of Christ, we need many titles.

Readings and Psalm

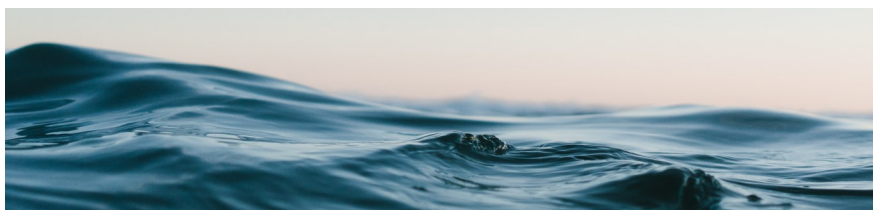
1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1)

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51



January 21, 2024

The word “Epiphany” means “the showing forth of God,” and the readings on the Sundays after Epiphany and our participation in the sacrament continue to show forth Jesus to be our God. This Sunday, Jesus calls the disciples—and us—to repent, believe, and follow him. And Jonah, after trying to run away, finally heeds God’s call and preaches repentance in Nineveh, the capital city of Israel’s enemy Assyria.

Readings and Psalm

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12

God alone is my rock and my salvation. (Ps. 62:6)

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

January 28, 2024

In the Gospel of Mark, the first person healed by Jesus had “an unclean spirit.” So do we all; yet in baptism we receive instead the Holy Spirit. The second reading this Sunday is Paul’s interesting discussion about whether Christians could eat meat that had been first offered to gods or goddesses. Since nearly all meat available in Corinth at that time had been first offered in a pagan religious rite, Paul offers his advice in this dilemma.

Readings and Psalm

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. (Ps. 111:10)

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28



2023 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements will be emailed to those that have an active email address on file with us. If you do not have one on file and want yours emailed or think your email

address needs to be updated please email info@zionyork.org no later than January 28. For those that do want a hard copy you may request one by: · US Mail -provide us with a self-addressed stamped envelope · Pick up at church – add your name to the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex by January 28.



Celebrating January Birthdays

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| 1 | Roan Molinar | Brock Fogle |
| | Charlotte Wright | Parker Lam |
| 2 | Jennifer Kessler | 15 Jenny Dreisbach |
| | Taggert Schanbacher | 16 Sabrina Anderson |
| | Richard Wingerd | Barbara Bricker |
| 3 | Christine Scott | Beverly Strine |
| 4 | Robert Falkenstine | 17 Anna Davis |
| 5 | Sharon Grandstaff | Debora Steiner |
| | Rodney Kershaw | 18 Ben Reed |
| | Diane Lutz | 19 Janice Little |
| | David Portner | 20 Katie Lundy |
| | Brett Schoonover | Sara Strayer |
| 6 | Ella Katz | 24 Kaden Graham |
| | Courtney Spickler | Emmy Hilty |
| 7 | Cathy Aguilar | Timothy Mechler |
| 8 | Julie Brown | David Miller, II |
| | David Ream | 25 Karen Mechler |
| 10 | McKenna Molinar | 26 Carolyn Kern |
| | Pastor Kevin Stout | 27 Makenna Zellers |
| 11 | Richard Sheibley | 28 Caitlyn Frey |
| 12 | Mysta Johnston | Reid Hotham |
| | Susan Smith | Joseph Reed |
| 13 | Eric Glusco | Bryson Rhoades |
| | Kimberly Gruver | 29 Madison Matylewicz |
| 14 | Owin Anderson | 28 Elizabeth Villarose |
| | Clayton Brosend | |
| | Kevin Drawbaugh | |

Happy Anniversary

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| 2 | Troy and Nicole Smyser |
| 3 | William and Susan Renz |

UNDECORATE




**Sunday, January 7
11:00AM**



What goes up must come down. Come out on the 7th and help to undecorate the church and store everything for another year. Any and all help appreciated. Sign up in the Narthex.



Church Office is closed Monday, January 1

January 2024

	Mon	Tue
	1 New Year's Day Office Closed 	2
7 Baptism of Our Lord • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Faith Formation-9am • Worship Times Online *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am	8 • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm	9
14 2 Epiphany • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Faith Formation-9am • Worship Times Online *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am • Kidz Konnection-11:30am to 1:30pm • Club 456– 3 to 4:30pm • Jr/Sr High Youth Group-6 to 8:30pm	15 • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm	16 • Council Meeting-7pm
21 3 Epiphany • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Faith Formation-9am • Worship Times Online *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am	22 • Gather & Grow-6pm • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm	23
28 4 Epiphany • Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am • Faith Formation-9am • Worship Times Online *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am	29 • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm	30

Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat	
3		4		5		6	
				 Winterfest 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship- 5:30pm 	
10		11		12		13	
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship- 5:30pm 	
17		18		19		20	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch Bunch Friendly's-12noon 						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship- 5:30pm 	
24		25		26		27	
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship- 5:30pm 	
31						<p>Deadline to submit items for the February Herald is January 14.</p>	

Zion Lutheran Council Meeting November 14, 2023

Attendance:

Al Abruzzese, Kim Alloway, Christy Bucks, Andrew Doerr, Ryan Engelman, Trevor Hoffman, Wade Markel, Denise Moyer, Regina Peckmann, Amy Schanbacher, Krista Zellers, Jill Lordan

Missing: Pastor Janyce Jorgensen

Opening Devotions: (By Wade Markel). A call on Monday evening changed his presentation and is now based on Thessalonians. Believers continue to progress in their faith. “The day of the Lord’s return will come unexpectedly like a thief in the night For all children are the light of the day and do not belong to the darkness.” There is an analogy here to the use of a calendar. Some people use a calendar only for big events and some guide their entire lives by a calendar. However, you cannot ever put some things on a calendar. Some of the biggest events cannot be calendared with precision ... a child’s birth or a child’s wedding or the death of a loved one. We cannot plan for some of the biggest days of our lives ... we need to remember our faith in God and if we live in the light, God will bring us through it. “Lord, help us give an amen to Your calendar” ... and “progress in faith.

For December: Regina Peckmann

Reports.

Thank You Cards.

- Kim took care of the Call Committee, Bishop Dunlop
- Kim identified several men who relined the parking lot and they should receive thank you notes. Wade volunteered to write these thank you notes.

Minutes from October 2023 (Amy J. Schanbacher).

- Trevor Hoffman motioned to approve October minutes, which was seconded by Wade Markel. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Wade Markel)

- Disseminated prior to the meeting. October: The 10th month of the year and we are 83% through the calendar year.
- Total income is \$32,960.06, which is 91% of the budget and expenses are \$40,249.02, which is 87% of the budget. Current deficit is (\$78,263.23) and we were budgeted to have a deficit of (\$71,499.00).
- October deficit is (\$7,288.96) and we were budgeted to have a deficit of (\$10,225.13).
- Andrew Doerr moved to approve the October Treasurer's Report and this was seconded by Jill Lordan. Motion carried.

Investment Treasurer's Report (Trevor Hoffman.)

- Disseminated prior to the meeting.
- Most of the funds have been transitioned to Janney at this point and the final funds will be transitioned shortly.
- \$40,559.00 was transferred to the operating budget to cover the deficit through the end of the year.
- This transfer was taken *pro rata* from all unrestricted funds.

Membership Report/Pastor Janyce's Report.

- Pastor Janyce recommended for membership: Richard Zendarski to be received by affirmation of faith. Motion to approve by Jill Lordan and seconded by Regina Peckmann. Motion carried.
- Remainder of report accepted as written.

Parish Administrator's Report (Denise Moyer). Report accepted as written. Action items discussed below.

- We still have a need for snow removal this coming winter. Denise obtained three quotes. They are listed in her report. It would appear that Albright Lawn & Snow is the cheapest at this time. Albright was recommended by the person handling the lawn during the summer months. Council agrees on Albright.

- Janitorial concerns – not turning in hours in a timely fashion, not doing what has been asked and this is not the first time these issues have arisen. Denise to give a warning and likely to place an ad for a janitorial service.

CYFM Report (Ryan Engleman).

- National Youth Group meetings have started for youth planning on attending this trip in 2024. Parents met on November 13, 2023, to discuss fundraising ideas. It is anticipated that 9-10 youth from Zion will be attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Youth Groups being held on November 19, 2023.
- Question from Christy Bucks re: holding a Paint Night but checking with Council if it could be held as a BYOB function. Council generally decides on a case-by-case basis and usually requests that the group hosting the events cleans up and removes all evidence of alcohol. Trevor Hoffman motioned that the Paint Night could be a BYOB event with the stipulation that all evidence of alcohol is cleaned up and removed from the premises. Seconded by Andrew Doerr. Motion carried. Hoping to do in January 2023. Hoping to use Central York Middle School art teacher.
- Regina Peckmann also suggested that they look into a coffee fundraiser. Regina and Christy Bucks to discuss this as an option.

Old Business.

Annual Meeting.

- Packets went out.
- Nominations for Council: Sara Strayer, Mary Jane McCluskey (two years), AnMarie Hazelton and Dr. David Schneider. Andrew Doerr will hold a second term (three years) and Jill to hold another term (three years).
- Budget – with the intent cards, we have already achieved most of the increase in giving budgeted for 2024.
- Looking at the last six (6) years, three (3) of those years have been surplus years and three (3) have been deficit years.

Stewardship (Amy Schanbacher).

- Members have been submitting Intent Cards. To date, at least 76 received, with 24 indicating the increase in giving could start immediately.
- Giving is up 15% and annual fund increased by approximately \$30,000.00.
- Discussion on using Christmas offering to be used to pay for projectors (approximately \$7,000.00).

Panther Pantry Food Drive.

- Amazing donations – Panther Pantry received over thirty (30) full bags of groceries. Drive was very successful.

Church Directory.

- This was printed in a smaller format and placed in the pews at the beginning of the month.

New Business

Pastor Kevin Stout.

- We will need to plan installation. Given that we no longer have a budget to host events, we will likely hold a Pot Luck event.

Council Vacancy Updates/New Officers.

- Kim Alloway cannot serve as President again as a result of new position. She can finish her term on Council but not as an officer. We will need a slate of officers. Adam Strayer is interested in being the Investment Treasurer and we do not view this as a conflict of interest with Sara Strayer joining Council. Trevor Hoffmann to discuss whether Adam is willing to take on this role. We need a President, Vice President, Secretary and Parliamentarian.

December Meeting. Moved up to December 12th and will be a Pot Luck meeting.

Well Food Drive. To be held on November 19th. Looking primarily for diapers and formula.

Andrew Doerr moved to close the Council Meeting. Seconded by Regina Peckmann. Meeting adjourned and closed in prayer.

Next meeting: December 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Annual meeting: November 19, 2023, at 10:00 AM

THE WELCOME TABLE

Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God.

Luke 13:29

All are welcome, friend and stranger at the banquet of the Savior All are welcome, all are welcome here

"All are Welcome" by Dakota Road



Imagine a long, expansive, banquet table, with a place for everyone at the table. No one is turned away; everyone will enjoy the feast. This is a powerful image of life as people of God. All are welcome- there is always room at the table.

Guiding Principle #1 for our congregation is: As the Body of Christ, we welcome, accept and embrace everyone. With that in mind, we rejoice to be together at the table of our Lord.

We rejoice this month that:

- * **Carson Mohn, son of Brandon and Chelsea Mohn**
- * **Madelyn Jane Jorgensen, daughter of Mark Jorgensen and Rachel Liegey**
- * **Evelin, Mason and Henry Otterson, children of Benjamin and Lindsey Otterson**

were received into membership through the sacrament of Holy Baptism



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Pastor Kevin C. Stout

Christy Bucks - President*

Al Abruzzese - Vice President*

Regina Peckmann - Secretary*

Sara Strayer - Assistant Secretary

Dave Schneider - Parliamentary

Wade Markel -Treasurer*

Adam Strayer - Investment Treasurer

(non-council member)

Kim Alloway

Andrew Doerr

Anmarie Hazelton

Jill Lordan

Mary Jane McCluskey

Krista Zellers

Ryan Engleman - Youth Representative

*Executive Team

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