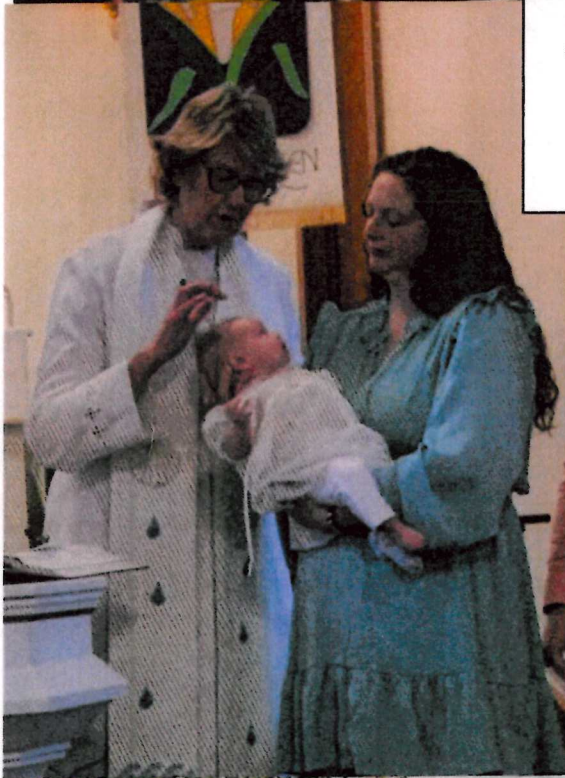




**ZION LUTHERAN
CHURCH
KULM ND**



**ANNUAL
REPORT**





“Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good...” Psalm 107:1



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, KULM ND
ANNUAL MEETING ADGENDA
January 26, 2025

Call to Order

Devotions by Pastor Linda J. Schauer

Secretary's Report for January 21, 2023 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Financial Secretary Report

President Report

Pastor Report

Synod Lay Minister (SLM) Report

SWAG Report

Deacon Tara CIA Youth Report

Zion Youth Group Report

Women of Zion Report

Trustee Report

Zion Food Pantry Report

Christians In Action Reports

Membership List

ELCA Bishop Report

Audit Committee Report

Nominating Committee and Election Justin, Keith H., Amy G., Melanie F.

Nominating Committee for 2026 Keith K., Krista L.,

Delegates to Eastern ND Synod Assembly at Fargo, June 7-8, 2025 Lindsay K.,

New Business

Close with the Lord's Prayer

Feb. 9th - Installation

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

OPENING LITURGY

Confident in God's generosity and gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us praise God and give thanks ...

God, we praise you and give you thanks.

You are good, and your mercy endures forever.

You gave us a garden with good food to eat.

We praise you for food that nourishes us.

You rescued your people from slavery.

We praise you for freedom.

You gave us prophets to correct, rebuke and encourage us.

We bless you for your justice and mercy.

You gave us your Son, Jesus, to love, redeem and save us.

We praise you for his death and resurrection.

You gave us your Holy Spirit to be our Advocate and Comforter.

We bless you for the gifts of every tribe and nation.

Strengthen your church with every spiritual gift
and commission us again to be your servant people.

Multiply in us the fruit of the spirit:
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Send us in your love and mercy,
that the world may know you and praise you.

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voice - es,
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en.



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 840

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you are the giver of every good gift. Bless us with all that we need for ministry in your name, that we might be a blessing to others. In the name of the one who broke bread and fed the multitudes, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Zion Lutheran Church

Annual Meeting

January 21, 2024

President Marla Berntson called the meeting to order at 10:15am.

Thirty-two members are present, need twenty-six for a quorum.

Two members on Zoom

Pastor Linda Schauer opened with Devotions.

Secretaries Report- MSC with change of time from PM to AM Keith Kinzler, Darrel Gackle

Treasurers Report- MSC Keith Kinzler, Pat Rutschke

Envelopes brought in \$64,164.64, expenses of \$112,303.05, ending the year with a deficit of \$41,113.16.

Neal Berntson did an audit of the treasurers' activities

Endowment- \$30,000 available for 2024, took \$30,000 out in 2023 to finish parsonage remodel.

Deann presented a budget for 2024, it included the history from 2019-2023 with projections for 2024. MSC to accept presented budget Jeff Malm, Florian Schnabel

The Following reports were presented, see attached in annual meeting folder.

Food Pantry

Youth Group

WELCA

SWAG

Trustee- verbal report, projects that need to be completed, siding parsonage, replace front steps at parsonage, paint church exterior, recarpeting fellowship hall, Brandon is checking on new LED lights for fellowship hall.

Presidents Report

Synodical Lay Minister

Pastors Report

Christians in Action - MSC to accept Articles of Incorporation for Christians in Action Ministries, Krista Lundgren, Lindsey King

- MSC to have Lucy Malm as Zions representative on the Board for CIA, Krista Lundgren, Dylan Schnabel

Elections- 3 calls for each position

President- Keith Heidinger, Neal Berntson; MSC to cease nominations Keith K, Darrell G.

Secretary- Rhonda Benton, Motion to cease nominations & cast a unanimous ballot MSC Darrell G, Deann B

Deacon- Robin Kinzler, Lynette Terjesen; MSC to cease nominations Phillip King, Jeff Malm

Trustee- Harold Hagen, Phillip King; MSC to cease nominations Keith Heidinger, Keith Kinzler

Pastor offered a prayer before voting, ballots handed out and votes began. Pat Rutschke and Liz Braun counted ballots. President is Neal Berntson, Secretary is Rhonda Benton, Deacon is Robin Kinzler, Trustee is Phillip King.

The installation of new officers will be next Sunday January 28 during service.

January council meeting following potluck today for all new and outgoing council members.

Nominating committee for 2025 will be outgoing deacon- Dylan Schnabel, Keith Kinzler, and Carol Berntson

Eastern ND Synod Assembly will be June 1 & 2, 2024 in Fargo

Motion to adjourn at 11:16am Keith Kinzler, Carol Berntson

Zion Lutheran Church
Custom Summary Report
 January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
General Fund Income	
Fellowship Hall Rent	200.00
Pastoral Supply	334.88
Sunday Offering	57,294.38
Thrivent Income	271.00
Vanco Offering	25,854.63
General Fund Income - Other	818.40
	84,773.29
Total General Fund Income	84,773.29
Interest Earned	1,946.38
Other Income	
Benevolence	1,944.00
Building Fund	12,320.00
Memorial Fund	782.00
Mission Fest	0.00
	15,046.00
Total Other Income	15,046.00
Total Income	101,765.67
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	50.00
Church Expenses	
Janitorial Services	3,020.00
Utilities	
Electricity	6,207.82
Fuel Expense	3,114.59
Telephone	1,294.20
Water Bill	1,133.57
	11,750.18
Total Utilities	11,750.18
Church Expenses - Other	207.44
	14,977.62
Total Church Expenses	14,977.62
Church Service Supplies	1,964.47
Conference/Meetings	2,019.55
Confirmation Expense	24.15
General Fund Expense	40.78
Insurance Expense	4,824.75
Ministry Expenses	
CIA membership	600.00
Mileage Expense	3,542.95
Pastor Cell Phone	327.78
Pastor Personal Expense	1,426.66
Portico	50,301.06
Salary Expense	44,352.66
Supply Pastor	166.00
Youth Director	2,940.00
	103,657.11
Total Ministry Expenses	103,657.11
Miscellaneous	
Christmas Bonus	450.00
Supplies	733.58
Taxes	349.48
Vanco fees	227.47
	1,760.53
Total Miscellaneous	1,760.53
Office Supplies	
Service Prep Expense	480.00
Office Supplies - Other	1,011.41
	1,491.41
Total Office Supplies	1,491.41

11:38 AM
01/16/25
Accrual Basis

Zion Lutheran Church
Custom Summary Report
January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24
Organist	430.00
Parsonage Expenses	
Electricity Expense	2,647.45
Water Bill	1,157.65
Parsonage Expenses - Other	233.44
Total Parsonage Expenses	4,038.54
Reconciliation Discrepancies	147.16
Repairs and Maintenance	
Lawn Care	2,100.00
Repairs and Maintenance - Other	1,077.03
Total Repairs and Maintenance	3,177.03
Vacation Bible School	325.00
Total Expense	138,928.10
Net Ordinary Income	-37,162.43
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
General Endowment Earnings	8,355.89
General Endowment Gift Received	0.00
ND Endowment Earnings	109,508.59
Reimbursement	2,158.83
Total Other Income	120,023.31
Other Expense	
Benevolence Expense	3,000.00
Total Other Expense	3,000.00
Net Other Income	117,023.31
Net Income	79,860.88

Zion Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet
 As of December 31, 2024

	Dec 31, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HSB Checking	
Benevolence Fund Total	1,944.00
Building Fund Total	12,320.00
Memorial Fund Total	5,822.53
HSB Checking - Other	3,924.30
Total HSB Checking	24,010.83
Total Checking/Savings	24,010.83
Other Current Assets	
HCU Savings	19,026.25
HSB - MMDA	16,261.11
Mission Investment Funds 1	13,603.17
Mission Investment Funds 2	22,076.93
Total Other Current Assets	70,967.46
Total Current Assets	94,978.29
Fixed Assets	
General Endowment Fund	
General Endowment Earnings	38,197.94
General Endowment Principle	52,390.00
General Endowment Withdrawal	-18,181.15
General Endowment Fund - Other	5,768.02
Total General Endowment Fund	78,174.81
ND Endowment Fund	
ND Endowment Earnings	246,198.87
ND Endowment Principle	336,552.60
ND Endowment Withdrawal	-102,818.85
ND Endowment Fund - Other	112,045.71
Total ND Endowment Fund	591,978.33
Total Fixed Assets	670,153.14
TOTAL ASSETS	765,131.43
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	391,633.16
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	31,099.18
Unrestricted Net Assets	262,538.21
Net Income	79,860.88
Total Equity	765,131.43
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	765,131.43

2024 Zion Lutheran Endowment Funds Report

General Endowment Fund

Edward Jones Account

Principle	\$52,390.00
Previous Earnings/(Loss)	\$29,982.92
Previous Withdrawals	\$5,627.15
2024 Value Adjustment	\$8,355.89
2024 Withdrawals	\$12,554.00
Ending Value	\$78,174.81

North Dakota Qualified Endowment Fund

Edward Jones Account

Principle	\$336,552.60
Previous Earnings/(Loss)	\$218,363.14
Previous Withdrawals	\$60,372.85
2024 Value Adjustment	\$109,508.59
2024 Withdrawals	\$42,446.00
Ending Balance	\$591,978.33

Zion Lutheran Church of Kulm

Accounts Income	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average	2025 Budget
General Fund	\$ 99,379.11	\$ 76,700.99	\$ 67,528.29	\$ 70,121.82	\$ 84,502.29	\$ 82,752.90	\$ 100,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 3,477.00	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,915.00	\$ 12,320.00	\$ 4,805.67	\$ 5,000.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41.67	\$ -
Memorial Fund	\$ 325.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 3,485.00	\$ 782.00	\$ 1,063.67	\$ -
Benevolence	\$ 1,760.00	\$ 2,408.00	\$ 897.00	\$ -	\$ 1,944.00	\$ 2,020.83	\$ 2,500.00
VBS/SWAG	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 294.87	\$ -
Thrivent	\$ 121.00	\$ 117.00	\$ 118.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 271.00	\$ 135.33	\$ 100.00
Interest Earned	\$ 835.50	\$ 431.00	\$ 232.12	\$ 880.63	\$ 1,946.38	\$ 838.10	\$ 750.00
Other	\$ 5.00	\$ 19,346.07	\$ 2,072.09	\$ 187.44	\$ -	\$ 3,601.77	\$ -
Total Operating Income	\$ 106,002.61	\$ 102,828.06	\$ 76,022.50	\$ 77,659.89	\$ 101,765.67	\$ 95,554.80	\$ 108,350.00
Expenses							
Ministry Salary	\$ 35,337.28	\$ 21,437.50	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 41,192.02	\$ 44,352.66	\$ 34,163.99	\$ 45,000.00
Ministry Pension	\$ 30,344.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,088.00	\$ 50,301.06	\$ 25,291.01	\$ 50,000.00
Ministry Education	\$ 195.23	\$ 776.25	\$ 643.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 407.41	\$ 500.00
Ministry Supply Pastor	\$ 900.20	\$ 1,825.05	\$ 1,546.07	\$ 2,440.00	\$ 166.00	\$ 1,146.22	\$ 300.00
Ministry Mileage	\$ 640.32	\$ 1,021.76	\$ 2,418.86	\$ 3,632.27	\$ 3,542.95	\$ 2,338.77	\$ 3,500.00
Ministry Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 661.88	\$ 728.00	\$ 1,426.66	\$ 469.42	\$ 1,000.00
Youth Director	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 925.50	\$ 2,940.00	\$ 1,932.75	\$ 3,000.00
CIA Membership	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 887.50	\$ 600.00	\$ 743.75	\$ 600.00
Total Ministry Expense	\$ 67,417.24	\$ 25,060.56	\$ 26,269.81	\$ 77,523.29	\$ 103,529.33	\$ 66,493.32	\$ 103,900.00
Church Fuel	\$ 2,265.35	\$ 2,272.90	\$ 4,332.75	\$ 2,828.47	\$ 3,114.59	\$ 2,980.20	\$ 3,000.00
Church Electricity	\$ 6,124.95	\$ 5,723.08	\$ 6,126.93	\$ 6,349.12	\$ 6,207.82	\$ 6,109.50	\$ 6,500.00
Church Internet	\$ 1,120.78	\$ 1,305.41	\$ 1,570.37	\$ 1,140.58	\$ 1,294.20	\$ 1,291.76	\$ 1,500.00
Church Water	\$ 871.73	\$ 912.74	\$ 963.38	\$ 1,040.38	\$ 1,133.57	\$ 955.44	\$ 1,000.00
Church Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 435.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72.53	\$ -
Total Church Expenses	\$ 10,382.81	\$ 10,214.13	\$ 13,428.63	\$ 11,358.55	\$ 11,750.18	\$ 11,409.43	\$ 12,000.00
Parsonage Fuel	\$ 1,588.29	\$ 1,514.17	\$ 915.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,061.51	\$ -
Parsonage Electricity	\$ 905.43	\$ 303.51	\$ 475.46	\$ 3,234.61	\$ 2,647.45	\$ 1,415.24	\$ 3,000.00
Parsonage Water	\$ 1,014.92	\$ 767.21	\$ 889.18	\$ 1,096.99	\$ 1,157.65	\$ 992.18	\$ 1,000.00
Parsonage Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,151.49	\$ 777.30	\$ 233.44	\$ 360.37	\$ 500.00
Total Parsonage Expenses	\$ 3,508.64	\$ 2,584.89	\$ 3,431.33	\$ 5,108.90	\$ 4,038.54	\$ 3,829.30	\$ 4,500.00
Benevolence	\$ 5,016.00	\$ 1,675.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 3,305.00	\$ 4,830.00	\$ 3,323.46	\$ 3,000.00
Janitorial Service	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 2,830.00	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 3,075.00	\$ 3,020.00	\$ 2,797.50	\$ 3,000.00
Organist	\$ 360.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 353.33	\$ 1,000.00
Guest Speakers	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ 45.83	\$ 200.00
Insurance	\$ 2,888.25	\$ 3,215.75	\$ 3,528.75	\$ 3,754.25	\$ 4,824.75	\$ 3,469.63	\$ 5,000.00
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 491.70	\$ -	\$ 356.70	\$ 344.34	\$ 349.48	\$ 431.99	\$ 500.00
Vanco Fees	\$ 221.39	\$ 109.97	\$ 98.69	\$ 161.25	\$ 227.47	\$ 136.46	\$ 200.00
Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 1,863.96	\$ 1,183.11	\$ 2,078.33	\$ 324.97	\$ 3,177.03	\$ 1,841.84	\$ 2,000.00
General Supplies	\$ 102.57	\$ 481.50	\$ 393.46	\$ 976.16	\$ 733.58	\$ 524.51	\$ 600.00
Service Prep	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 163.33	\$ 500.00
VBS/SWAG Supplies	\$ 167.39	\$ 665.85	\$ 318.58	\$ 401.15	\$ 325.00	\$ 638.57	\$ 500.00
Confirmation Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 96.13	\$ 563.80	\$ 24.15	\$ 114.01	\$ 500.00
Church Services Supplies	\$ 816.93	\$ 708.79	\$ 1,558.93	\$ 1,312.48	\$ 1,964.47	\$ 1,314.46	\$ 1,400.00
Office Supplies	\$ 609.37	\$ 90.08	\$ 170.16	\$ 717.00	\$ 1,011.41	\$ 562.39	\$ 1,000.00
Conferences/Meetings	\$ 640.00	\$ 514.89	\$ 640.97	\$ 1,398.60	\$ 1,819.55	\$ 1,053.84	\$ 2,000.00
Bank Service Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 119.09	\$ 50.00	\$ 31.52	\$ 100.00
Christmas Gifts	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 295.83	\$ 450.00
Payroll Expense	\$ 535.52	\$ 1,709.68	\$ 1,606.56	\$ 159.26	\$ -	\$ 668.50	\$ -
Benevolence Fund Expense	\$ 1,410.02	\$ 1,147.69	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 2,886.00	\$ 1,001.30	\$ 3,000.00
Building Fund Expense	\$ 2,705.28	\$ 3,523.37	\$ 30,805.51	\$ 22,422.34	\$ -	\$ 11,330.53	\$ 4,000.00
Memorial Fund Expense	\$ 1,098.00	\$ 367.45	\$ 106.99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 353.82	\$ 500.00
Other	\$ -	\$ 1,585.00	\$ 1,721.38	\$ 1,450.00	\$ -	\$ 792.73	\$ 1,000.00
Total Other Expenses	\$ 21,261.38	\$ 20,363.13	\$ 47,081.14	\$ 41,714.69	\$ 26,727.89	\$ 31,245.39	\$ 30,450.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 102,570.07	\$ 58,222.71	\$ 90,210.91	\$ 135,705.43	\$ 146,045.94	\$ 104,222.54	\$ 150,850.00
Net Income	\$ 3,432.54	\$ 44,605.35	\$ (14,188.41)	\$ (58,045.54)	\$ (44,280.27)	\$ (9,909.91)	\$ (42,500.00)

Financial Secretary Report: Reporting on the 2024 year of offering.

We had a good amount of participation on the Vanco App, which is also, administratively, very easy to access and use. We had 12 members use that method of offering in the year 2024. We had 33 Zion members that deposited traditionally in 2024. Zion also received 5 memorials in 2024. We raised for the carpet project and received both free-will, open, and 'square' purchases to completely fund that, and hosted our Thanksgiving community meal, a successful, free-will donation, event.

2024 Year-end statements were totaled, alphabetized and placed at the church from 01/15/2025 through 01/20/2025. The remaining statements will be mailed at this time to ensure January 31st delivery.

I have come to the end of my 3-year term with the council. I will wait until after election and meet the member taking over to go through each of the facets of this position.

Daphne Schlepp

President's Report

Greetings to Kulm Zion Lutheran members.

I would like to thank everyone for the successes of Zion Lutheran this past year. We can reflect back at the role our church has had for each of us, our families, and the community this past year.

Some of the highlights include an active SWAG (Saved With Amazing Grace), youth group, confirmation class, church women's group, community thanksgiving meal, Christians In Action consortium, and more. I appreciate the willingness of our members to take active roles making these activities possible.

Physical improvements for the church include re-siding the church parsonage along with replacing the front steps. This was the final stage for the two-year remodel project. The fellowship hall has been changed over to LED lighting, reverse osmosis filtering has been installed in the church kitchen, and finally, new carpeting for the fellowship hall; it is scheduled for February.

The final point I would like to bring forth is the financial position of our church. As everyone is aware costs continue to rise. The expenses for the church are no different. Having the benefit being served by a pastor is not to be taken for granted and having one who's family is living in and active in the community is even better. Having that blessing is not without financial obligations.

The church has taken on several projects over the years to improve the church and our members have stepped up and raised the funds for them. A prime example is the new carpeting of the fellowship hall. The cost for the project has been fully covered by the many donations from our members and friends. It reflects on a strong and committed membership.

The church has been operating with a shortfall of income to cover our expenses and has needed to make withdrawals from the endowment accounts to make up the difference. This has worked well but we can not expect the endowment funds to carry a majority of our church budget. Now is also a good time to stress the important role the endowments will have in continuing the missions of our church. Please remember the church's endowment accounts and consider gifting money into them. The gift is not spent but kept in the endowment and the interest is available to be used for the needs of the church. This allows the giver's legacy to continue benefiting the church for years to come. This is something to consider also with wills and estate planning.

Please keep the needs of the church in your prayers and let's continue building on our strengths. Thank you again.

Neal Berntson, President of Zion Lutheran Church

**2024 ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, KULM ND
PASTORAL ACTS**

BY: REV. LINDA J. SCHAUER

BAPTISMS-1

Rhea Louise King baptized at Zion on April 7, 2024

FUNERALS AND BURIALS

(Member-2; non- member- 3)

Sharon Hertel, non –member funeral at Zion on Jan 5, 2024 (Rev. Colin Neuhardt, St. Lukes Lutheran, Wishek ND, presided at funeral at Zion.)



Raymond Krueger, non – member funeral and burial at Martin Lutheran Church and Cemetery, Fredonia, ND on Jan 13, 2024. (see photo: burial in the extreme cold!) (Rev. Linda J. Schauer presided at funeral and burial over in Fredonia)



Arlia Wiest, non- member prayer service, funeral and burial at St. Lukes, Wishek on June 7, 2024.

Marvin E. Lange, non-member burial at Fredonia Cemetery on August 8. 2024 (Rev. Linda J Schauer presided at Fredonia burial)

Janice King, member of Zion, memorial service (photo), burial at Zion Church and Hillside Cemetery on Dec 7, 2024 (Rev. Linda J. Schauer presided)
Larry King burial only on December 7, 2024 at Zion Hillside Cemetery



MARRIAGES- (1 non-member)

Trent Brokaw (member of Christ the King Ellendale, ND – CIA) married Gracie Hoffman on September 28, 2024 at Brokaw Ranch



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON Maundy Thursday,

March 28, 2024

Gage Lauren Giesler

Carter Evan Johnson

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM- NONE
NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED INTO ZION—NONE

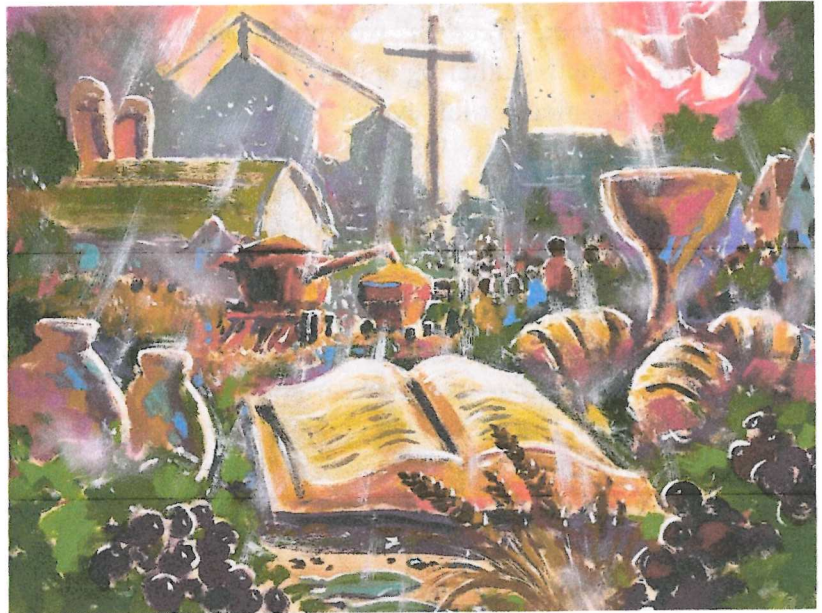
TRANSFERS OUT OF ZION-2

April Berntson and Kirsten (Berntson) Tadych
Both transferred to Peace Lutheran Church, Fargo ND

2024
PASTOR ANNUAL REPORT
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Kulm ND

By: Rev. Linda J. Schauer

(Photo of original painting
by Rev. Paul Oman,
“Harvest of Abundance”)



“Now to him (God) who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Eph 3:20-21).

God is at work in and through the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church, Kulm ND! God has done and will continue to do more than we can ask or imagine! God gives abundant grace upon grace, love and peace! When I saw this original painting by Rev. Paul Oman, I thought of Zion Lutheran Church! What do you see when you look at this painting, called “Harvest of Abundance”?

I see God’s Word and Sacraments- The Bible, bread, chalice, grapes for wine, jars of water turned to wine... all signs of God’s abundance! I see people, a grainery, a combine overflowing with grain... more signs of God’s abundance! I see a church, the cross and a dove... all signs of the Holy Spirit! Zion Lutheran is a wonderful congregation in the rural community of Kulm. Zion is deeply rooted in GOD’S WORD AND SACRAMENTS! I am thankful and grateful for my call here at Zion Lutheran! It is only by the power of the Holy Spirit and God’s grace upon grace that I minister to you and I trust in God’s abundant amazing grace! Thanks be to God!

This has been a year of God’s abundance...here are highlights of God’s actions and missions here at Zion in 2024:

January 2024: Funerals x2. (See Pastoral Acts page) Annual Meeting on Jan 21 with potluck. New Council Installation Jan 28 and Kids Sunday.

Feb 2024: Kids Sunday on Feb.11, we said “Farewell to Alleluia!” Ash Wednesday was on Feb. 14 with worship, ashes and Holy Communion, with awesome attendance of 19 children present! Our Lenten midweek Wed. worship theme was: “God’s Grace is Great” and delicious meals served by youth group three times and council twice. Feb 25 Mission Sunday for local mission of BIO Girls (Beautiful Inside and Out)

March 2024: CIA retreat at Emmanuel in Gackle on March 9; World Day of Prayer service hosted at Zion on March 23. Lent services continued. Holy Week services of Palm Sunday- palms and parade by kids; Maundy Thursday and First Holy Communion for Gage and Carter on March 28, 2024. Community Good Friday worship at Zion hosted by Kulm Ministerial Association. March 31- Community Easter Breakfast at Kulm Community Center hosted by Kulm Ministerial Association; Easter worship at Zion. Thank you to Kris and Keith H. for the awesome, creative large tomb in the sanctuary and all your beautiful seasonal decorations! In March, I began to preside monthly CIA Sunday morning 11:15 am worship with Holy Communion at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Ellendale ND.

April 2024: Rhea Louise King baptized on April 7. Kids Sunday April 21.

May 2024: Kids Sunday Pentecost Parade May 19! Awesome Community Puppet Show for last day of SWAG and confirmation on Wed. May 8. Meaningful Kulm Ministerial Association Baccalaureate service at KHS on May 15.

June 2024: Community VBS at Kulm School hosted by Kulm Assembly of God Church. Eastern ND Synod Assembly in Fargo on June 1-2, Mary Jo, Rhonda B and myself were voting delegates. June 23: Floyd Schnabel 90th Birthday celebration with worship, meal and program in Fellowship Hall. Pastoral care at RWBC on June 11 after receiving news of the deaths of two RWBC camp counselors, as I am on the Board of Directors for Red Willow Bible Camp!

July 2024: “Celebrate Freedom” worship on July 7. On July 13- July 24: four youth from Zion and Phillip King attended ELCA Youth Gathering at New Orleans, LA – along with other youth, adults and Deacon Tara from CIA.

August 2024: planning for fall events, SWAG and confirmation! Red Willow Bible Camp Quilt auction.

September 2024: Rally Day Worship at the Kulm Park was a beautiful day! Awesome attendance over 65 kids, youth and adults! April B led this wonderful service and provided music with guitar and singing! Deacon Tara, Phillip and the four youth that attended ELCA Youth Gathering gave their report! We had a delicious potluck meal and games followed. Organic ND Watermelons grown by Pastor’s family “Melons for Mission!” and donations were to RWBC. “Seasons of Creation” CIA Worship services begin. Sept 11- SWAG and Confirmation begins!

October 2024: “Seasons of Creation” CIA worship services continued for a total of three. October 27, Reformation Day Service was exciting-- people wearing red, SWAG kids sang and 2nd grade Bibles given to four children!

November 2024: WELCA Sunday on Nov 9. Eastern ND Endowment Sunday on Nov 17. Community Thanksgiving service at Zion, hosted by Kulm Ministerial Association on Nov 24. Community Thanksgiving Meal on Nov 28 with Thrivent Action team grant \$250 received! Served total 111 meals!

December 2024: The First Sunday of Advent was very special as Amanda Ellison gave us beautiful special Christmas music and we decorated the tree in the sanctuary! A Community Christmas Concert by Amanda E. was hosted by Kulm Ministerial Association at 3pm Dec 1 at Congregational Church! This was a beautiful beginning to the Advent season! Dec 8 was Zion Ladies Christmas program. Dec 18 was a wonderful SWAG Christmas program! Christmas Eve Candlelight and Holy Communion Worship! Bells were rung on Christmas Day by my grandchildren! Next year, 2025 – we will have Christmas Day worship too! Yes, God is abundant and is at work here through you!

Monthly meetings I attend: Kulm Ministerial Meetings; Jamestown Conference Rostered Leaders meetings; CIA ZOOM; Red Willow Board Meetings by ZOOM; church council; Worship & Music meeting with Pat and Lucy.

Pastoral Visitation: I am here as your pastor for pastoral visits, prayers and Holy Communion. Please call me (701-535-1632) if you needed! I really enjoy visiting people in their homes, at church, by phone, email and text messages! Pat and I have monthly worship and Holy Communion at Edgeley Manor. Mary Jo is available for this worship service on my weeks off. I have visited members in Bismarck, Jamestown and Edgeley for Holy Communion.

SWAG, Confirmation and Youth: This fall we started to have SWAG and Confirmation youth gather together in the sanctuary for opening devotions and prayer by myself and music by Pat! I thank Andrea and Casey for teaching SWAG. Thank you Pat R for teaching the SWAG /Confirmation the old songs! I teach Confirmation 1-2x a month. Thank you to Lindsay and Phillip K for teaching confirmation 1-2x a month. Thank you to Liz and Bob B for leading the monthly youth activity the last Wednesday of each month. Deacon Tara is to be in charge of one youth event and youth CIA event hosted by Zion. Last year CIA youth event was cancelled due to lack of attendance, Thank you to all for your support and commitment to our awesome youth here at Zion!

Kulm Community Events: I attended KHS girls and boys basketball games and tournaments, football games, OneAct play. Prayer at Hometown Credit Union Annual Meeting; Kulm Lions; Firemen’s Fundraiser and Zion Youth Bingo; Kids School Easter Egg Hunt; Leroy and Joyce K Retirement Open House; Buffalo Supper; School concerts; KHS Awards Night; WAFL nights at Uptown Café; KHS Graduation; Wind Fest activities; Kulm youth baseball games; Kulm Block Party; Junior High Football games; Homecoming Coronation; Coffee with Kids at Elementary School; Kulm Grocery Appreciation meal; Homecoming parade, tailgating and football game.

Continuing Education events for this year: “Discern by Doing” by ZOOM; Synod mandatory “Power and Boundaries”. Synod “Acts”: Bible Study by ZOOM; Joint Theological Day; Eastern ND Synod Assembly; Stewardship for Rural Congregations ZOOM; Suicide Prevention by ZOOM. Eastern ND Synod Fair Hills Rostered Leaders Fall Conference.

THANK YOU for God’s abundance- our carpet fund goal was reached! **Thank you to ALL!**

Thank you to Mary Jo, we make a great team together in ministry here at Zion!

Thank you to ALL our Zion Council for their excellent leadership and time! Especially thank you to President Neal! Thank you to the outgoing council members: Deann- Treasurer; Dylan- Head Deacon, and Brandon- Head Trustee. Thank you to our music ministry of Lucinda, Pat and Amy! Thank you to Altar Guild: Justin and Lynette. Thank you to Travis for preparing our bulletins and vacuuming and Robin for your janitorial ministry here at Zion!

Thank you to each and every one for your ABUNDANT service to the mission of Zion and the community of Kulm! God’s is abundant and God will do more than we can ask or imagine! Amen! Amen! Amen!

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, KULM, ND
SLM'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

Thank you to everyone for your encouragement and support in 2024! Thank you to each and every one of you who helped in any way as we continue to be God's hands and feet in this world. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated! I thank God for Pastor Linda as she continues to serve as our pastor and am grateful to be working together as Zion Lutheran Church continues to carry out God's Mission in the world.

Pastor Linda, Rhonda Benton, and I attended the EaND Synod Assembly on June 1 and 2. Summary of the 2024 Synod Assembly: On June 1-2, 2024, the Eastern North Dakota Synod, ELCA gathered together at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, ND for the thirty-seventh annual Synod Assembly under the theme of "Challenge: Learn, Discern, Respond." There were a total of 296 people in attendance (183 Lay Voting Members; 80 Rostered Minister Voting Members; 33 Visitors). The business items included hearing reports from officers, adopting the 2025 Synod Mission Plan (budget), elections for Synod Council, Committees, and Voting Members to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly, and adopting two resolutions. The resolutions were on Compensation and Benefit Guidelines for 2025 and a Reconciling in Christ Welcome Statement. Participants also heard a State of the Synod from Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth and State of the ELCA from our churchwide representative, Kristen Opalinski. We had two worship services with an emphasis on our indigenous ministries in Opening Worship and care for creation at our Closing Worship with the Rev. Deborah Blood, UCC Conference Minister, preaching. Two keynote presentations were shared by Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy, Native Theologian. There were seven workshops offered for participants on a variety of topics. Rostered Ministers and Congregations celebrating significant anniversaries were acknowledged. The Strategic Plan for the Synod was launched thanks to a year-long process of listening and discerning across the synod. A reception was held to celebrate five new Endowment Funds that have been created. The 2025 Synod Assembly will be held on June 7-8 at the Holiday Inn. I would encourage you to consider being a part of this event...as a delegate or as a visitor. As a delegate, you are a part of the decision-making body of the church.

Zion hosted its 14th Annual Thanksgiving Day on November 28, 2024. We offered dine-in, take-out, and delivered meals. At noon 93 people gathered to eat in the fellowship hall; 14 take-out meals were picked up; and 4 meals were delivered. Twenty-one more meals were served at suppertime for a total of 132 meals served. We received \$1420.00 in donations, used \$101.00 to cover expenses (We also had a \$250 Thrivent card to cover expenses.), and have \$1319.00 to donate to Kulm Ambulance. Thank you to everyone involved for making this day such a success!

I am looking forward to this year and the work that God has for us to do. Let's remember how blessed we are, and all the ways we can be a blessing to others! To God be the glory!!!

Mary Jo Künzler SAM (Synod Authorized Minister of the EaND Synod of the ELCA)

SWAG Annual Report 2024

Pre-School – 1	Kindergarten – 4	1 st Grade – 3	2 nd Grade – 4
3 rd Grade – 2	4 th Grade – 4	5 th Grade – 4	6 th Grade – 2

TOTAL SWAG ROSTER = **24 CHILDREN** (18 of which are Zion Lutheran kids)

In February & March, Children once again participated in the Wednesday night Lenten Services at Zion Lutheran in lieu of meeting separately for SWAG. Spring SWAG nights resumed as normal for April & May with our last night of Spring SWAG on May 8th. A puppet show was held May 8th for community.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) was hosted by the Assembly of God church this year as part of our rotational partnership with the local churches. It was held June 2nd-5th at the Kulm Public School with a theme of “SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God”.

Fall SWAG resumed on September 11th and finished for the year on December 18th, 2024.

The SWAG Christmas Program was held at Zion Lutheran Church on December 18th @ 7pm with 24 SWAG and 3 Confirmation children who were able to participate that evening. Pastor Linda, Pat Rutschke & Lucy Malm assisted with the program and music.

SWAG kids voted to use a substantial amount of their savings balance to fulfil the final fellowship hall carpet fundraising efforts!

SWAG resumed regular Wednesday night meetings on January 8th, 2025.

Andrea Kjergaard
Casey Jans



CHRISTIANS IN ACTION: CHILDREN AND YOUTH REPORT

Deacon Tara Longden

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”-Lamentations 3:22-23

It is hard to believe that I have been serving the Christians in Action Ministry for over a year and a half. I am continually learning and navigating what my role is as the Director of Children, Youth, and Family for this ministry.

I have been busy teaching and prepping our Bible Confirmation class with Pastor Stephanie which is made up of approximately 30 youth from St. Johns, Trinity, and Atonement. I also prep the Sunday School lessons for Atonement, help coordinate the intergenerational Sunday School lessons on the first Sundays of each month and led this year's Christmas program which was a pop-up Christmas program.

This summer, I led a group of 15 youth and 3 adult leaders as we traveled to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana. This group was comprised of youth from English, Medina; Zion, Kulm and Trinity; Jamestown. We had a bit of an adventure on the train getting to New Orleans, but the gathering was a great educational experience for all who attended. Summer worship services were held at English in July and at Kulm on September 8th so the youth could share about their experience at the gathering. The next youth gathering will be in Minneapolis, MN in 2027.

Twenty-five youth and four adult leaders attended the annual Eastern ND synod retreat at Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes MN September 20-22nd. These youth were from English, Medina; Atonement, Jamestown; Trinity, Jamestown; and St. John's; Jamestown.

Whenever there is no school in Jamestown, I hold an event at Babb's Coffee House called Coffee and Conversation. It's a laid-back time for youth to come hang out. We discuss questions found through Faith Talk cards. We color, play games, and so much more. I always buy the youth's first drink. Coffee and Conversations were held on October 17, November 11, and December 23 as well as throughout the 2023-2024 school year.

Monthly youth events have been held at Atonement. Two youth have consistently been attending these events. On November, a Friendsgiving event was held. On December 15, a Youth Christmas party was held. Youth played Christmas Name that Tune, Christmas Danger words, and blind-folded gift wrapping. I am continually encouraging these youth to invite other friends to our youth events.

This school year, we also started holding monthly Kids Afternoon Out events at Atonement. We held an October Fall Festival (October 26), November cookie decorating (November 16) and a December Advent party (December 7). There has been a consistent number (10-12 youth) attending these events including some neighborhood children. It is such a joy to watch these events unfold and to see how much fun the kids are having when they attend them.

A Christians in Action event was held at Emmanuel Gackle on September 29th. However, there were only youth from Gackle at that event. CIA events are scheduled through the rest of the year from Jan-May 2025. These events are open to all youth and churches in Christians in Action. In addition, each congregation gets a Deacon Tara led event. Events were held in Gackle on October 13th and in Medina on November 30th as well as several other events last Spring.

In addition to planning several events, I attended a couple of continuing education events: the Synod Vital Conversation titled “Kids These Days” on October 12th and the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in January 2024.

As we continue to learn, grow and navigate our partnerships together, one thing is certain we can truly proclaim God’s faithfulness as we share God’s love and the message of the Gospel with all God’s people!

Sincerely

Deacon Tara Longden

Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Christians in Action Partnership



Zion Youth Group Report by Bob and Liz Braun

Checking Balance: \$1737.42

Savings Balance: \$1097.80

Feb- March- Youth served three Lenten Wed

July - ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans
4 youth and 1 adult from Zion attended along
with Deacon Tara and CIA group. Photo of
Deacon Tara giving blessing before the trip.



September 25th - Scavenger hunt at the Kulm park and finished at the church with snacks and played Spoons and Twister.

October 16th – Pumpkin carving, watched the new movie Twister, ate pizza and cookies.

November – Pastor Linda hosted youth group, the kids helped with the Thanksgiving meal preparations, unload food for Food Pantry and put up the Christmas tree in the sanctuary,



December 8th – Youth group did Bingo at KVFD soup & sandwich fundraiser. Money raised from Bingo \$520

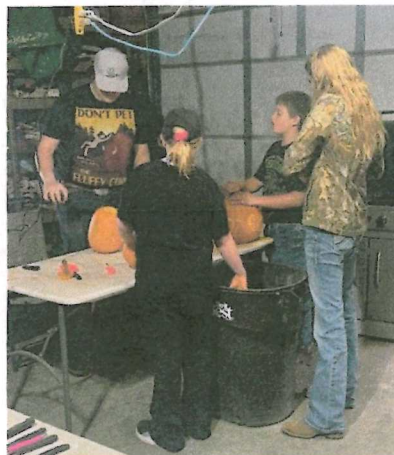
Upcoming CIA Event

January 12th – Deacon Tara will be having Minute to Win games for youth hosted by Zion Youth at 1 pm and all who wants to attend the Waddington Brothers at the school at 3 pm. The 6th graders were invited to this event.

The CIA event will be postponed due to roads and dropping temperatures.

Other Upcoming CIA Events:

- *Sledding at Fort Ransom – February 16th (Backup Date Feb 22) TBD Hosted by English Medina
- *Movie @ Trinity Jamestown – March 23rd @ 6 pm Hosted by Trinity Jamestown
- *Bowling at Buffalo Lanes Jamestown – April 16th or 23rd (TBD), 4-6 pm Hosted by Atonement
- *Star Wars Event – May 4th @ 4 pm Hosted by St. Johns Jamestown



Thank you for all your support!



Women of Zion Report by Lucinda Malm

In 2024, Zion Women hosted:

- Community World Day of Prayer Service
- Community Good Friday held at Zion by KMA, coffee served.
- Community Thanksgiving services were held at Zion by Kulm Ministerial Association (KMA) coffee and sweets were served.
- We held our annual Christmas party.
- We served lunch for the funerals of Sharon Hertel and Janice King.
- Church potlucks



Card Ministry Report by Pat Rutschke

Cards sent and signed Zion Lutheran Church: 32 Sympathy cards; 36 Get Well cards; 3 Easter cards; 45 Valentines cards to Edgeley Manor and Lisbon Veteran's Home.

2024 Financial Report by Audrey Fregien

Thankoffering received and sent out to WELCA - \$282.17

Income: Funeral \$150; Stamps \$55.60; Cards \$376.50

Expenses: Christmas gifts \$500 (\$100 to each: Designer Genes, ND State Hospital, Anne Carlson, Kedish House, Red Willow Bible Camp); Cards \$244.70; Groceries \$41.60

Memorials: Total \$45 in memory of Hertha Timm and Janice King

Balance on hand: \$592.45



2024 Trustee Report by Brandon Giesler

Completed Projects

- Cemetery Lawn Mowing
 - o Bradon Kinzler
- Church Lawn Mowing
 - o Benet Giesler
- Work on the overhead garage door in parsonage due to closing issues.
- Replace the door handle on the front screen door (Northeast Screen Door).
- Install hand railing going downstairs in the parsonage.
- Replace the hose on the outside sump pump.
- Replace the PVC pipe on the southwest corner of fellowship hall sump pump.
- Kulm Hardware installed a new water heater in parsonage in December 2024.
- Install Copper sewer vent defroster on fellowship hall and church sewer vents.
- Replace T8 bulbs with LEDs in fellowship hall and church entry in November 2024.
- Installed new siding on the parsonage.
- Reverse osmosis installed in fellowship hall kitchen.

Projects Not Completed

- Carpet needs to be installed in fellowship hall.
- Outside church needs to be painted (received bid from Justin Hazelton).
 - o Will need to be rebid before completed.
- Tile partially removed in basement of the parsonage due to water issues.
- Carpet removed in basement due to being wet and a concern of molding from water issues.

Reoccurring issues

- Fellowship hall gets a damp mildew smell when there the water table is high (Make sure filter is changed in AC System)

Zion Lutheran Food Pantry 2024 Report

There were 22 Food Pantry boxes and vouchers delivered. 10 vouchers for the grocery store were mailed out separately from boxes.

Food drives were held by Hometown Events and Hometown Credit Union.

Offered to make payments on outstanding lunch bills, but at that time there were no outstanding bills.

The current balance is 3949.71.

There is abundance of food in the pantry. Recipients seem to appreciate the vouchers over boxes as then they can buy what they need and want.

Submitted by Sherri Pesek

2025 Christians in Action Board Annual Meeting Report

Christians in Action is a non-profit consisting of Atonement, Trinity and St. John's in Jamestown, Christ the King in Ellendale, Emmanuel in Gackle, English in Medina, Montpelier, and Zion. Meetings are held over Zoom on the first Sunday of the month, from 6:00-7:00 pm with occasional exceptions. Pastor Kristi leads the meetings. Officers were elected at the first meeting. Terms are for one year, with the option of re-election. The main purpose of the board is to oversee the operations. Meetings consist of approving financial statements, supporting plans the pastors have in place, and offering up questions and concerns. An annual retreat was held in March (the next one is planned for March 15, 2025 in Gackle) for some face-to-face time among board members. However, anyone is welcome to attend.

Congregations are challenged to create and work on a goal. Zion's goal is increasing young people's participation in worship, through Kids in Sunday Service worship services.

Goals were set at the first retreat and continue to be our focus:

Core Personnel: A single call committee was formed with Christ the King, Emmanuel, Montpelier, and Zion to seek an additional pastor. The congregations can decide how to move forward with the call process. Pastor Erik Weber and Brad Skogen (from synod office) will assist. Atonement continues to search for a pastor. For January 10-February 28, Andrew Stephens will serve as a Synod Lay Minister for Ellendale, Gackle, and Montpelier. Deacon Tara and her husband are moving into the parsonage at Medina.

Sharing Resources: The Treasure Chest of resources is being utilized.

Recruit and Equip Lay Leaders: Each congregation is to recruit members willing to serve as lay minister, local worship leader, local visitation, etc. Specific pastors in CIA will support and train these individuals.

Expand Area Outreach: The guiding question is "How can Christians in Action be more visible in our communities?"

Marketing: The website is NDChristiansAct.org. A facebook page is in the planning stages.

Administration and Support: Details for the non-profit status are being worked out. The wording of electronic files and financial records is changing to simplify the day-to-day operations. (We have a bookkeeper to conduct the financial business who is not an elected board member.)

Lucinda Malm

CHRISTIANS IN ACTION
Profit & Loss
January through December 2024

Income	
Administrative fees	8,347.07
DONATIONS	0.00
Mileage	3,802.93
Pastoral Internship	36,725.36
Pulpit supply	19,604.74
Youth	7,621.29
Youth Director	44,679.88
Total Income	<u>120,781.27</u>
Expense	
Administrative expenses	7,549.74
Mileage	3,904.00
Pastoral Internship	35,977.33
Pulpit Supply	18,745.00
Youth Director	44,388.31
Youth Events	7,004.92
Total Expense	<u>117,569.30</u>
Net Income	<u><u>3,211.97</u></u>

CHRISTIANS IN ACTION
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2024

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

BANK FORWARD checking (CIA) 6,231.99

Checking - Choice Financial 0.00

Total Checking/Savings 6,231.99

Other Current Assets

Due to CHRIST THE KING -50.00

Total Other Current Assets -50.00

Total Current Assets 6,181.97

TOTAL ASSETS 6,181.97

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Unrestricted Net Assets 2,970.02

Net Income 3,211.95

Total Equity 6,181.97

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 6,181.97

CHRISTIANS IN ACTION MINISTRY
2025

Administrative fees
Synod Lay Minister (salary / travel / 2 mo
SLM housing)
...plus Payroll admin fees (2 mo)
Director CIV Ministries (salary / benefit)
CIVL housing

	TOTAL	ATONEMENT	CHRIST THE KING	EMMANUEL	ENGLISH	MONTPELIER	ST JOHN'S	TRINITY	ZION
Administrative fees	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Synod Lay Minister (salary / travel / 2 mo SLM housing)	\$ 6,898.18		\$ 2,037.19	\$ 2,835.19		\$ 2,037.18			
...plus Payroll admin fees (2 mo)	\$ 1,334.00			\$ 1,334.00					
Director CIV Ministries (salary / benefit)	\$ 100.00		\$ 79.45	\$ 71.10		\$ 79.45			
CIVL housing	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 28,700.00		\$ 4,600.00	\$ 1,800.00		\$ 11,600.00	\$ 29,700.00	\$ 3,600.00
	\$ 17,000.00				\$ 12,000.00				
	\$ 106,133.48	\$ 30,300.00	\$ 2,681.64	\$ 4,107.20	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 2,681.64	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 30,300.00	\$ 4,200.00
monthly billings	\$ 2,575.00				\$ 700.00		\$ 875.00	\$ 2,575.00	\$ 250.00
JAN			\$ 873.09	\$ 1,641.65		\$ 873.09			
FEB			\$ 1,738.64	\$ 2,094.61		\$ 1,738.64			
MAR - DEC			\$ 10.91	\$ 470.94		\$ 56.27			

Zion Lutheran Membership List

Benton, Brad & Rhonda

Berntson, Cole

Berntson, Deann

Berntson, Lowell & Carol

Berntson, Neal & Marla

Berntson, Phyllis

Boyer, Diane

Braun, Bob & Liz

B-Ollivia

B-Sophia

Braun, Max

Braun, Wyatt

Braun, Zoe

Filbert, Melanie

B-Hunter

Fregien, Audrey

Foley, Josh

Gackle, Darrell

Gackle, Ruby

Giesler, Benet

Giesler, Bradon

Geisler, Brandon & Amy

B-Gage

Haag, Keith & Kathy

B-McKenzie

Haag, Jacob

B-Roland

B-Valentina

Arwen

Hagen, Harold & Karen

Heidinger, Dustin

B-Cade

Bentlee

Scottie

Heidinger, Keith & Kris

Heidinger, Ryan & Marlene

Jans, Brad & Casey

B-Kendal

B-Elin

Johnson, Trent

Johnson, Troy & Amy

B-Carter

King, Phillip & Lindsay

B-Maeve

B-Everett

B-Rhea

Kinzler, Aaron & Robin

B-Rylan

B-Norah

Kinzler, Braeden

Kinzler, Emily

Kinzler, Keith & Mary

Kinzler, Rodney & Geri

Kinzler, Thelma

Kinzler, Vangie

Kjergaard, Cody & Andrea

B-Drake

B-Bailey

Lundgren, Egan & Krista

B-Astrid

B-Hazel

B-Iris

Malm, Jeff & Lucinda

Martinson, Ruby

Nill (Caleb, Jacey Land)

B-Art

B-Crew

Pesek, Ben

Pesek, Sherri

Pfeifle, Leona

Roloff, Addison

Roloff, Cherie

Roloff, McKenna

Rutschke, Jim & Pat

Schauer, Gary & Linda

Schlepp, Adam & Daphne

B-Shelby

B-Henry

B-Emery

B-Penny

Schnabel, Dylan

Schnabel, Florian

Schnabel, Floyd

Terjesen, Justin

Terjesen, Lynette

Terjesen, Travis

Wolf, Ellie

Wolf, Ken & Ann

Wolf, Madison

Members Not in Immediate Area

Batsch, Danielle
 B-Charlie
Batsch, Diane
Batsch, McKenna
Batsch, Morgan
Berntson, Kara
Berntson, Maren
Berntson, Sarah
Haag, Eric
Hagen, Phillip
Hastings, Mikel
Hille, Llewellyn & Marian
Just, Ashley
 B-Benjamin
 B-Triston
 B-Spencer
King, Todd
 B-Ashlyn
 B-Trace
Kinzler, Randa
Kocon, Jasmine
Lindgren (Alex)
 B-Lincoln
Magnum, Sherryl
 B-Grayson
Pesek, Dylan
 B-Rhyatt
 Arya
Praus, Megan
Schlenker, Rory
Schnabel, Dalton
Schuldheisz-Gibbs, Sandy
Ukaonu, Heather

Associate Members

Haag, Xandria
Kinzler, Owen
Kinzler, Steve & Joleen
Kinzler, Tabitha
Land, Jacey
Nelson, Wyatt
Nill, Caleb
Nitschke, Nash
Nitschke, Tom & Marsha
Nitschke, Wyatt
Pesek, Stacy & Larson, Dan
 B-Brody Hetlevedt
 B-Colt Larson
Rolloff, Rowen
Schnabel, Jennifer
 Eliyanah
 Emberlynn
 Ensley
 Cael

Inactive Members

Parsley, Adam
Wolf, Darlene
Wolf, Keith & Monica
Wolf, Kris
Wolf, Michael
Wolff, Robin

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON



Dear friends in Christ,

All around us, we see signs of God's love and goodness. A person who has stepped away from church for many years steps back into a congregation, feeling the call of the Holy Spirit. Young adults feeling isolated in a digital-first world start gathering in person in a small group, enjoying the warmth of a hug and a new friend asking about their week. A mother plants a garden, and it yields fruits and vegetables, giving her nutritious food for her kids and extra produce to sell at the local market. Everywhere we look, we see signs of Christ's love. In Psalm 93, we read: "More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord! Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore" (4-5).

God's love is a majestic thing, and it moves us to share it in word and deed. The ministries of our congregations, our synods and the ELCA churchwide organization are all working together to share God's love with people in our neighborhoods, across our country and around the world.

I am so grateful for you, dear church. Your generosity to each of these three expressions of the church — your congregation, your synod and the churchwide organization — has bolstered the church's ability to share the message of God's love to people who are longing for it. Through your

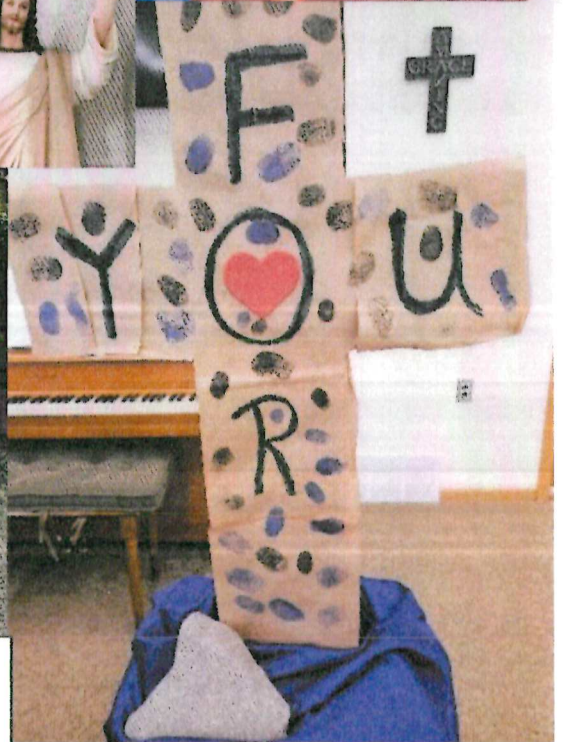
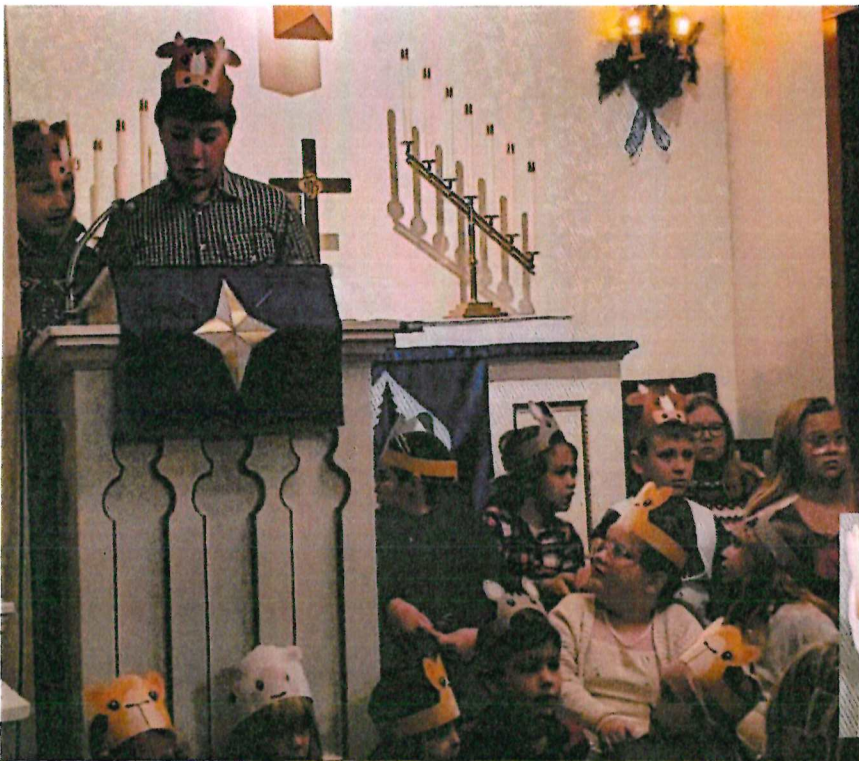
“More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord! Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.”

—Psalm 93:4-5

financial resources, your time volunteering and accompanying others, and your voices, you've helped carry this message of God's majestic love. Thank you, dear church. As we look ahead to the coming year, I encourage you to stand steadfast in God's promises, sure of God's love and goodness.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth A. Eaton".

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



“Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so! Yes Jesus loves me!”

