

“SHARING THE GOOD NEWS”
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Monday, Jan 1st –
Church offices closed

Wednesday, Jan 3rd – All
Committees' mtg @ 7 pm

Monday, Jan 8th –
MayDell Monday 10 am till
noon

Tuesday, Jan 9th – 4-H
club meeting @ 7 pm

Wednesday, Jan 10th –
Confirmation class 4:15 –
5 pm

Thursday, Jan 11th –
Ruth Circle meeting @ 11
am

Wednesday, Jan 17th –
Church Council meeting
@ 6 pm

Wednesday, Jan 24th –
Confirmation class 4:15 –
5 pm

Wednesday, Jan 24th –
Naomi Circle @ 6:30 pm

Sunday, Jan 28th –
Annual Congregation
meeting after worship
service

Homebound

Charlie Bentke
Elverna Borchardt
Gene & JoAnn
Draehn
Dorothy & Bradley
Grimm
John & Darleen
Hardin
Cleo Jaeger
Veradell Lehde
Joyce Marburger
Joyce Meyer
Glenn Schroeder
Nathan & Carolyn
Zibilski

Argent Court

Walter “Butch”
Rodenbeck

**Colonial Living &
Rehab**

(in Bellville)
Alice Macik

**Isle @ Watercrest (in
C/S)**

Alvin & Ruth Free

Kruse Village

LaVerne Blum
Gracy Lange
Evelyn Plueckhahn

**Oak Haven Assisted
Living (Industry)**

Marjorie Krinke
Bernice Vaughn

**Silver Sage Assisted
Living**

Mary Lee Schneider



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Proposed 2024 Council Members

President: Charles Hahn
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Vice President: Craig Blum
(979) 820-2137

Secretary: Melisa Bosse
(979) 251-2740

Treasurer: Joy Fuchs
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Witness: Marvin Spreen
(979) 277-5956

Bldg/Grounds: Paul Cmajdalka
(979) 277-9172

Parish Ed: Sandra Lange
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Worship: Cindy Buck
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Stewardship: Sandy Blum
(979) 830-3839



Monthly Meeting for Zion Lutheran Church Council

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CONGREGATIONAL meeting was held Sunday, December 10th:

Meeting Called to Order: Marvin Spreen, President

Opening Prayer: Marvin Spreen

Agenda Items:

Review and Approval of 2024 Budget:

- Reviewed by Marvin Spreen
- Noted new item under Benevolence associated with Mission Share – training program for lay people initiated by the Synod
- Motion made to accept the 2024 budget as printed; unanimously passed

Presentation and Approval of new Council nominees:

- New Council nominees presented by Marvin Spreen
 - o Craig Blum
 - o Joy Fuchs
 - o Paul Cmajdalka
- No nominations were received from the floor
- Motion made to accept the new Council nominees; unanimously approved

- ☐ Liz Capan, Jason Blum and Matt Supak were thanked for serving as Council members
- ☐ Remaining Council members were thanked for their 2023 service
- ☐ Alignment of 2024 Council members and positions was announced

Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer was led by Marvin Spreen

Meeting Adjourned: Marvin Spreen

REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING was held as a Christmas party Wednesday, December 13th.

Respectfully submitted,
Melisa Bosse, Secretary



Our annual Congregational meeting will be held Sunday, January 28th after worship service.

Note to All Committees: Please have your end of year reports submitted by Friday, January 19th to be included in the annual report.

Thank You



*Iterim
Pastor's
Message*

The Holy Days after the Holi-days!

In January the sun begins to provide a little more light each morning and each evening. The Wisemen (we actually don't know how many there were; we assume 3 because of the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh...could be more or less) followed the light of a star where, epiphany, or manifestation, or revelation, they found the baby Jesus.

These next three months are loaded with opportunities to celebrate, to focus our growth in the Christian faith, upon different areas. Even though the last two months of the calendar year are considered the cultural holiday season, the next three months (beginning on Christmas Day and ending on Resurrection Sunday) may be a more important Holy Day season than the one in the Fall.

We have to be a bit counter cultural, go against the cultural norms, in order to find meaning and celebration during this Holy Day season because it's not about candy, parades, songs of good cheer, sentimental feelings, silent and holy nights, and the birth of a baby. It's about mature, difficult, struggling with stuff, and turning inward to find our truth and God's love.

This is a much longer and more intense journey that leads to Jesus death and our willingness to die to self as we take up our cross and follow Jesus on a much more difficult journey. The culture, and many Christians too, believe that Christmas ends on Dec. 25. But it's a season. How do we acknowledge that? The season of Christmas, 12 days in fact, ends on Epiphany. Epiphany marks what was likely a 2 to 4 month journey by the Wisemen who followed the light of a star. Although it's become disconnected from the church, the season of Epiphany begins the journey to lent, otherwise known as *Mardis Gras*. The day before lent, the day of *Mardis Gras* or Fat Tuesday, is preparation for a time of fasting. Lent in the early church was a time of education, learning about what it meant to become a follower of Jesus.

Are we willing to put in the hard work? Are we willing to find it within our faith community to be even more intense about the Holy Day season that is Christmas (not just one day), Epiphany, Lent, and Easter? Have we gotten away from what is the most important Holy Day season in our faith tradition, becoming, as Paul says, conformed to this world? Have we conformed to what the world, even other Christians, say was important to Jesus? Do we know what was important to Jesus? Do we talk about things that Jesus talked about, see the sermon on the mount, aka the beatitudes (Matthew 5)?

It's not wrong to experience the Joy of the season that leads to Christmas Day. I still want to visit a German Christmas Market someday and experience the preparation that goes into welcoming the birth of the baby Jesus in my mother land. We can appreciate the warmth of a fire, a hot bowl of chili at the first cold snap, hot cocoa, Christmas parades, family gatherings, the Folgers commercials where the college student wakes up the whole family with the smell of coffee.

An old proverb says 'only dead fish flow with the stream.' It's easy to get into the season when everyone is doing it. To be a live fish in the upcoming seasons takes swimming up-stream against the flow. Let's swim against the flow together. May we be intentional about this Holy Day season in knowing the reason for the seasons and be intentional about how we choose to participate. Happy Holi-days!

Pastor Glenn

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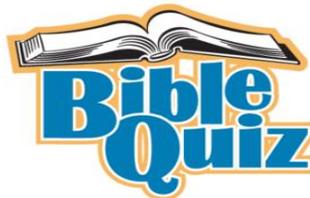


Attendance

| Date | Worship in-house | Worship Mail-out | Sunday school |
|-------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 11/26 | 69 | 26 | 16 |
| 12/03 | 97 | 26 | 14 |
| 12/10 | 89 | 26 | 13 |
| 12/17 | 89 | 26 | 0 |
| 12/24 | 190 | 26 | 0 |

Offerings

| Date | Regular | Memorial |
|-------|----------|----------|
| 11/26 | 1675.00 | 20.00 |
| 12/03 | 13425.68 | 0 |
| 12/10 | 3831.68 | 460.00 |
| 12/17 | 2540.68 | 570.00 |
| 12/24 | 10402.68 | 155.00 |



Questions:

1. What did Jesus say when the Pharisees asked why he ate with publicans and sinners?
2. How did Moses command the Red Sea to divide so the Israelites could cross over?
3. Where was Jonah when he prayed to God with the voice of Thanksgiving?
4. What was Noah's ark made out of?
5. Who brought Elijah bread and meat to eat during the drought?

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| <p>1. They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick [Matt 9:11-12] 2. He lifted up his rod and stretched his hand over the sea [Exo 14:16, 21] 3. In the fish's belly [Jon 2:9] 4. Gopher (cypress) wood [Gen 6:14] 5. Ravens [1 Ki 17:4]</p> |
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Youth activities



On Sunday, Dec. 17, Zion's youth and parents presented "Amazing Grace in a Manger" during the worship service; Participating were:

Readers-

Brazos Supak
Sandy Supak
Emily Lehde
Tyler Ramirez
Pastor Glenn Hohlt

Mary- Madison Maass

Joseph- Chase Neumann

Shepherds-

Tyson Ramirez
Tucker Gurka
Sara Ramirez

Angels-

Addyson Lehde
Kailyn Neumann
Julie Maass

Wise Men-

Chadd Neumann
Nathan Simons
Matt Supak

Accompanist-

Mary Jane Zorn

Thanks to everyone who participated and everyone who helped to put on the program.
Mary Keienburg



Prayers thru the last month of December have gone out to:

Family & friends of:

Phyllis Vaughn
Rosa Bentke
Lavonne Hegefelfd
Marian Wills (Helfrich)
Adeline Kelm
Stanley Klekar
Annette Luedke
Roger Sommerfeld

Those in our prayers:

Robyn Bentke
West Blum
Liz Capan
Allison Crowson
Gene Draehn
Tucker Gurka
John & Darleen Hardin
Mary Keienburg
Beth Kunkel
Cindy Lyles
Mark Marburger
Penny Spreen
Dean Winkelmann
Nathan & Carolyn Zibilski
Charlotte Chavez
Luke Grimm & family
Gloria Hanath
Lavonne Hegefelfd
Pat Joswiak
Lynlee Kocurek
Albert & Caroline Linke
Shawnda Saunders
Diana Williams

And continue to hold in your prayers:

*Zion's Call Committee;
Shane Bentke, Trey Hardy,
Melonie Rau, Gary Wagner,
and Lori Wittner.

*The Future Called Pastor of
Zion and his/her family.



Gary Lehde

Berlin, Zionsville Fire Dept

Phyllis Vaughn

Women of Zion
M/M Allan Niemeyer
Marvin Spreen
Elvera Drews

Marian Wills (Helfrich)

John & Marilyn Kieke
Ron & Judy Ahlhorn
Ricky Kieke family
Marvin Spreen
Women of Zion
Patti Bishop Gonzales
Mike & Mary Kay Randall
Sally Boe

Annette Luedke

M/M Rodney Wittner
Bernadine Blum
Dippel & Alfred Interests
M/M Craig Blum
Carolyn Heidemann

Rex & Anna Herrington
Bobbie Ising
M/M Allan Niemeyer
M/M Dennis Roehling
Marvin Spreen
Bobby & Judith Finke
Veradell Lehde
M/M Charles Hahn
Charles & Jodell Hodde &
family
Cleo Jaeger
E.F. & Doreen Marburger
Bob Whitener
Judy Rudloff
Charlyn Schoenvogel

Lavonne Hegefelfd

M/M Larry Koehler

Billie Jasinski

M/M James Vaughn

Stanley Klekar

Elvera Drews
M/M James Vaughn
William & Karen Klingsporn

Darcille Mueller

M/M Allan Niemeyer
Cleo Jaeger

Michael Nugent

M/M Allan Niemeyer

Roger Sommerfeld

Sara, Tyler & Tyson Ramirez



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES



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|--------|--------------------|
| 6-Jan | Bernice Vaughn |
| 7-Jan | Rocksann Marburger |
| 8-Jan | Brandon Keller |
| 9-Jan | Sheila Muske |
| 9-Jan | Dayne Wunderlich |
| 10-Jan | Tracy Lehde |
| 13-Jan | Dotsy Luhn |
| 13-Jan | Tristan Smith |
| 14-Jan | Wayne Fuchs |
| 15-Jan | Lee Elledge |
| 16-Jan | Nathan Simons |
| 17-Jan | Lisa Conner |
| 17-Jan | Hayson Mantey |
| 18-Jan | Joyce Boeker |
| 18-Jan | Mary Keienburg |
| 19-Jan | Alli Crowson |
| 20-Jan | Evelyn Buck |
| 21-Jan | Cara Davis |
| 21-Jan | Dorine Marburger |
| 24-Jan | Sandy Supak |
| 26-Jan | LaVerne Ganske |
| 27-Jan | D. Wiley Crowson |
| 27-Jan | Elroy Dannhaus |
| 27-Jan | Colt Niemeyer |
| 27-Jan | Marvin Spreen |
| 28-Jan | Aubrey Crowson |
| 28-Jan | Bill Keienburg |
| 29-Jan | Jenna Hardy |
| 30-Jan | Gene Draehn |
| 30-Jan | Jason Maass |
| 30-Jan | Ethan Pohorelsky |
| 31-Jan | Melisa Bosse |

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| 4-Jan | Shelby McKee |
| 7-Jan | Joyce Marburger |
| 8-Jan | Emily Pohorelsky |
| 11-Jan | Lanette Pledger |
| 12-Jan | Jerry Kunkel |
| 12-Jan | Arabella Maitland |
| 12-Jan | Hudson Mantey |
| 13-Jan | Lance Lehde |
| 14-Jan | Harper Bender |
| 14-Jan | Kourtney Cook |
| 16-Jan | Holly Lehde |
| 16-Jan | Kade Rau |
| 16-Jan | Rodney Wittner |
| 17-Jan | Steven Capan |
| 17-Jan | Patricia Donnell |
| 19-Jan | Pamela Zibilski |
| 21-Jan | Marjorie Krinke |
| 25-Jan | Nickolas Neumann |
| 26-Jan | Sandra Blum |
| 26-Jan | Gracy Lange |
| 28-Jan | Randy Hodde |
| 31-Jan | Megan Weirich |

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| 3-Jan | Paul & Katy Wunderlich |
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Articles for the February newsletter must be submitted by January 22nd. Thank You





Dear Church friends,

Our hearts are full with the blessings you have shared with our neighbors over the past few months. The Advent bundles that we distributed in December brought about smiles, hugs, prayer circles and even the shared singing of a century-old spiritual. One delighted client exclaimed that she had not had ketchup in her house for over a year!

In partnership with Washington County Toys for Tots, we distributed new, unwrapped gifts to 25 Burton area children. We are so thankful for your generosity, and we are certain these families felt God's love on Christmas morning.

For those who collected nonperishable foods or volunteered at the KBTX Food for Families Food Drive, please know that we are grateful. Our pantry has been restocked with two pallets piled high with a variety of boxed and canned goods. This is so important as the foods we purchase wholesale are very limited in their selections.

We hope that you will continue to support our Manna food pantry by donating canned soup and chili, as well as new socks, as we participate in the annual Souper Bowl of Caring during the months of January and February.

With gratitude,
Debbie Schroeder, Executive Director
Bridge Ministry of Burton Texas

Burton Storytime on January 19

Parents and grandparents are invited to bring their toddlers and homeschoolers to the next Burton Storytime on Friday, January 19 at 9:30 a.m. on the front porch of The Corner Shoppe, 307 North Brazos. Guardians must remain with children at all times. For information or to be a guest reader, contact Brit Russell at britvw@gmail.com.

Senior Fellowship and Meal

We welcome anybody 55 and older to join us most Fridays for the Senior Fellowship and Meal. No reservations are necessary for dine-in service, and the suggested price is \$4.

Where: St. John's UCC, Family Life Center, 516 N. Colorado
When: Fellowship and games from 10 a.m. until noon
Bingo at 11 a.m.
Lunch is served at noon

Upcoming Menus:

- January 5:** Cheese enchiladas, charro beans, Mexican rice (catering by Juanita's Tacos, with volunteers from Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church)
- January 12:** King Ranch casserole, salad, bread (catering by On Deck, with volunteers from St. Paul Lutheran Church of Rehburg)

January 19: Fried chicken, baked beans, vegetable (chicken catered by Brookshire Bros., with volunteers from Greenvine Baptist Church)

January 26: Fried fish, mac-n-cheese, cole slaw, hush puppies (catering by The Cannery, with volunteers from St. John's United Church of Christ)

If you want a "to go" meal, call 979-337-3370 no later than the Tuesday before Friday. We suggest you arrive at 12:10 p.m. to pick up your meal.

If you're 55+ or have health issues that require you to stay home, let one of our volunteers deliver a hot meal to you each Friday at no charge. Call Lois Mooney at 979-421-0617 for more information. Our delivery area is limited to Burton.

The Corner Shoppe

Burton Bridge Ministry's boutique thrift store accepts gently used donations of clothing, goods and household décor. These items are lovingly curated and sold at affordable prices to the community.

January 4-6

Even if you were on Santa's "nice" list, you might not have received everything you wanted for Christmas. Come join us as we reopen after the holiday break and save big on jewelry, as well as clothing for men, women, children and toddlers.

January 11-13

These are a few of our favorite things: purses, handbags, clutches and satchels— in colorful fabrics, metallics and quality leathers — and they're all on sale for 50% off this week at The Corner Shoppe. But don't let your accessory upgrade stop there, because shoes, boots, pumps, kicks, sneakers and flats are also on sale.

January 18-20

Sewers, crafters and quilters will find fabric, yardage, linens and more on sale this week at The Corner Shoppe. Find fabulous prints and focus fabrics to finish off that quilt top, or get creative with one of your favorite garment patterns.

January 25-27

It's a "Manager's Choice" weekend so check out our Facebook page for special deals on select items, or stop by and enjoy the surprise in person. We're so grateful for your continued donations of clothing, shoes and home goods – and it's always a pleasant surprise to see what's ready for sorting, curating and merchandising. Come and share the joy of discovery.

Be sure to like and follow the Burton Corner Shoppe on Facebook. Preview selected merchandise prior to each Thursday's opening on Facebook. All sales exclude "red dot" merchandise.

The Corner Shoppe

307 North Brazos, Burton

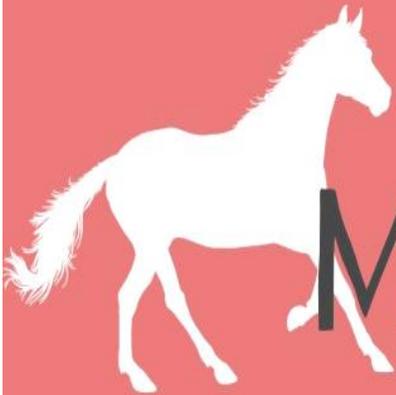
Open 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thursdays-Saturdays

979-289-2223

Facebook.com/burtoncornershoppe

BURTON STORYTIME POP-UP



MRS. LOULOU

BURTON WHITE HORSE
400 N MAIN

Mon. Jan. 8th 9:15am

ANY QUESTIONS OR IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO VOLUNTEER &/OR HOST AT YOUR
LOCAL BURTON BUSINESS

Email Brit Russell britvw@gmail.com



BURTON STORYTIME



BURTON CORNER
SHOPPE PORCH



307 N BRAZOS BURTON

Friday Jan.
19th 9:30am

ANY QUESTIONS OR IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO BE A GUEST READER:

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January 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|--|--|----------|
| | 1 <i>Church Offices Closed</i> | 2 | 3 All Committees' meeting @ 7 pm | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 Monday w/MayDell 10- 12 noon | 9 4-H Club meeting @ 7 pm | 10 Confirmation Class 4:15 – 5:30 | 11 Ruth Circle @ 11 am | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Church Council meeting @ 6 pm | 18 | 19 Deadline to submit EOY Committee Reports | 20 |
| 21 | 22  | 23 | 24 Confirmation Class 4:15 – 5:30 Naomi Circle meeting @ 6:30 pm | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Annual Congregational Meeting | 29 | 30 | 31 |  ALTAR FLOWERS: Jan 7 th – Jan 14 th – Jan 21 st – Jan 28 th - | | |

JANUARY 2024 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

| DATE | Jan 7 th | Jan 14 th | Jan 21 st | Jan 28 th |
|-----------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| Ushers | Trey & Stacy Hardy | Michael & Allison Bentke | Ricky & Melisa Bosse | Matt & Bobbi Jo Supak |
| Greeters | “ | “ | “ | “ |
| Acolytes | Brazos Supak | Emily Lehde | Tyler Ramirez | Madison Maass |
| Lector | Susan Bame | Allison Bentke | Sara Ramirez | Bobbi Jo Supak |
| Altar Guild | Gladys Hodde & Jennifer Lorenz | Elvera Drews & Kim Cmajdalka | Judy Jeske & Carol Gaskamp | Don & Alice Studhalter |
| Bread | Joy Fuchs | Elvera Drews | Judy Jeske | Ruth Maass |
| Communion Assistants | Trey & Stacy Hardy and Jennifer Lorenz | Michael & Allison Bentke and Shonda Ziese | Ricky & Melisa Bosse and Charles Hahn | Matt & Bobbi Jo Supak and Beverly Roehling |
| Coffee Servers | Don & Alice Studhalter | Jason Blum | Ricky & Melisa Bosse | Carol Spreen |
| Media Production | Steve Capan | Kim Cmajdalka | Steve Capan | Kim Cmajdalka |
| Media Operator | Melisa Bosse | Kim Cmajdalka | Bobbi Jo Supak | Carol Gaskamp |
| Sound System | Steve Capan | Bruce Muske | Steve Capan | Bruce Muske |
| Altar Flowers | | | | |