

**“SHARING THE GOOD NEWS”**  
**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**



**Monday, Jan 1<sup>st</sup> –**  
**Church offices closed**

**Wednesday, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> – All**  
**Committees' mtg @ 7 pm**

**Monday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup> –**  
MayDell Monday 10 am till  
noon

**Tuesday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup> – 4-H**  
club meeting @ 7 pm

**Wednesday, Jan 10<sup>th</sup> –**  
Confirmation class 4:15 –  
5 pm

**Thursday, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> –**  
Ruth Circle meeting @ 11  
am

**Wednesday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup> –**  
Church Council meeting  
@ 6 pm

**Wednesday, Jan 24<sup>th</sup> –**  
Confirmation class 4:15 –  
5 pm

**Wednesday, Jan 24<sup>th</sup> –**  
Naomi Circle @ 6:30 pm

**Sunday, Jan 28<sup>th</sup> –**  
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  
(979) 289-2600

**Witness:** Marvin Spreen  
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**Bldg/Grounds:** Paul Cmajdalka  
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**Parish Ed:** Sandra Lange  
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**Worship:** Cindy Buck  
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**Stewardship:** Sandy Blum  
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## Monthly Meeting for Zion Lutheran Church Council

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**CONGREGATIONAL meeting was held Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>:**

**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 13<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melisa Bosse, Secretary



**Our annual Congregational meeting will be held Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> after worship service.**

**Note to All Committees: Please have your end of year reports submitted by Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 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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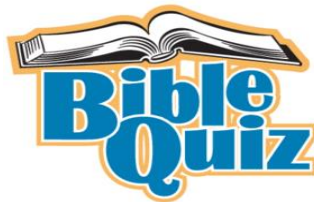


# Attendance

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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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick [Matt 9:11-12]</li><li>2. He lifted up his rod and stretched his hand over the sea [Exo 14:16, 21]</li><li>3. In the fish's belly [Jon 2:9] 4. Gopher (cypress) wood [Gen 6:14] 5. Ravens [1 Ki 17:4]</li></ol> |
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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





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

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

3-Jan	Paul & Katy Wunderlich
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Articles for the February newsletter must be submitted by January 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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

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### **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](mailto:britvw@gmail.com).

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### **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.

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### **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](mailto: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:

Email Brit Russell [britvw@gmail.com](mailto:britvw@gmail.com)







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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 <b>Confirmation Class 4:15 – 5:30</b>	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  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23	24 <b>Confirmation Class 4:15 – 5:30</b> Naomi Circle meeting @ 6:30 pm	25	26	27
28 Annual Congregational Meeting	29	30	31	 <b>ALTAR FLOWERS:</b> Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> – Jan 14 <sup>th</sup> – Jan 21 <sup>st</sup> – Jan 28 <sup>th</sup> -		

# JANUARY 2024 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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