

ZION  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
ASHLEY, ND

# ECHOES

Krystina office hours  
for March:

March 2—9am-12pm  
March 4—2pm-5pm  
March 9—9am-12pm  
March 11—2pm-5pm  
March 15—9am-12pm  
March 18—2pm-5pm  
March 23—9am-12pm  
March 30—9am-12pm

Subject to change

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March 2026

## Offerings in February 2026

### February 1:

Offering: \$650.00

Attendance: 48

### February 8:

Offering: \$930.00

Attendance: 54

### February 15:

Offering: \$1,668.00

Noisy Offering: \$161.32

Attendance: 93

### February 4:

Offering: \$75.00

Attendance: 32

### February 11:

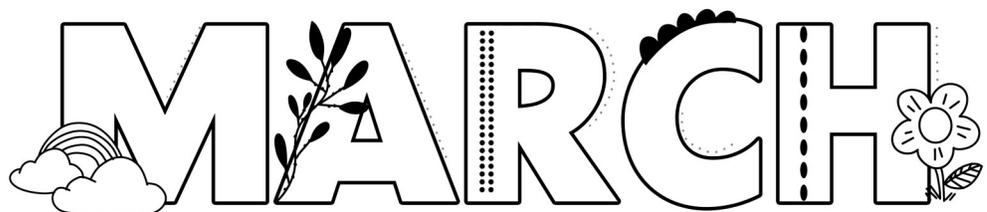
Offering: \$85.00

Attendance: 35

### February 22:

Offering: \$548.00

Attendance: 48



# A Letter From Our SAMs

Dear Fellow Members in Christ

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

As we enter the sacred season of Lent, we are invited into a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal. Lent is the forty-day journey leading us toward the joy of Easter—a season that reminds us of Christ's sacrifice, His deep love for us, and the hope we have through His resurrection.

In the example of Jesus Christ, who spent forty days in prayer and fasting in the wilderness, we too are called to draw closer to God. This is a season to slow down, to examine our hearts, and to realign our lives with His will. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, we make room for the Holy Spirit to work within us.

Lent is not meant to be a time of sorrow alone, but a season of transformation. As we lay aside distractions and burdens, we open ourselves to God's grace. Whether you choose to fast from certain foods, limit distractions such as social media, or commit to a daily devotional time, I encourage you to approach this season intentionally and prayerfully.

As a congregation, let us also use this time to strengthen our unity, extend compassion to those in need, and deepen our love for one another. May our worship be more heartfelt, our prayers more fervent, and our service more joyful.

Let us walk this Lenten journey together with humility and hope, keeping our eyes fixed on the promise of Easter morning.

If you have any prayer needs or would like guidance for your Lenten journey, please reach out to the church office. We are here to support one another every step of the way.

May God bless you and keep you during this holy season.

Sending God's Love this Lenten Season

Amanda Nitschke



## Monthly Spotlight

**LYO Soup & Sandwich**

**Sunday, March 8**

**11:00am-1:00pm**

**Zion Lutheran Church**

**Free Will Donation**

**Everyone Welcome!**



**Labor Auction**  
**Starting at 12: 15pm**  
**Purchase our youth**  
**For 4 hrs of LABOR**

# Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting

December 7, 2025 10:43 am

## Agenda

**Meeting called to order:** President Gary Wolff

Present: Donna Eszlinger, Savannah Lippert, Megan Rau, Gary Wolff, & Amanda Nitschke  
Not Present: Eric Heupel & Devonia Meidinger

**Treasurer's Report:** Look into FSA & Health Ins expenses on balance sheet – Krystina. Motion to approve treasurer's report and current bills by Donna Eszlinger and second by Megan Rau.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve November 2<sup>nd</sup> secretary's report by Savannah Lippert and second by Donna Eszlinger.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Devonia will lead service on December 21<sup>st</sup> if Amanda isn't back.
- Christmas Eve service is on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.
- Announce and print new member paperwork in January. New member class on January 11<sup>th</sup>.
- New member Sunday is on January 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Sermon – Church members would like to hear Amanda's sermons more often. Starting in January Amanda will prepare the sermons, and we will still have the videos if Amanda is gone.

Confirmation Class – Would like to have communion more often. We will start having communion the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month starting in January. The confirmation class will start helping with preparation.

**Committee Reports:**

Building & Parsonage Committee: We are still looking for a renter for the parsonage.

**Old Business**

- December usher – December 21<sup>st</sup> – Megan Rau & December 28<sup>th</sup> – Amanda Nitschke
  - Budget and Audit committee updates
    - Lyle Fey will represent the church members for the budget committee. A meeting will be set up soon. Megan will help with the budget as well.
- Floor completion – Baseboard needs to be installed yet.

**New Business**

- Noisy Offering – Will be right after the kid's song and regular offering will be at it's normal time in the service.
- Nominate committee

Krystina found someone to join in January. Need two more volunteers.

**Next Meeting Date:** December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 11:00 am.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Donna Eszlinger and second by Savannah Lippert.

# March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday Service 9:30am Council Meeting	2	3	4 Modern Worship 6:45pm Bible School 7:15pm	5	6	7
8 Sunday Service w/ Communion 9:30am Soup & Sandwich	9	10	11 Modern Worship 6:45pm Bible School 7:15pm	12	13	14
15 Sunday Service 9:30am Amanda Gone	16	17	18 Modern Worship 6:45pm Bible School 7:15pm	19	20	21
22 Sunday Service 9:30am Amanda Gone	23	24	25 Modern Worship 6:45pm Bible School 7:15pm	26	27	28
29 Palm Sunday Ser- vice w/ Kid's Sun- day 9:30am 7&8 Confirmation	30 Food Pantry 6pm- 7pm	31 Food Pantry 9am- 10am		Amanda gone March 11-23 Please contact church office while she is gone.		

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