

ECHOES

December 2025

Offerings in November 2025

November 2:

Offering: \$1193.00

Attendance: 60

November 9:

Offering: \$2,695.00

Attendance: 54

November 16:

Offering: \$2010.00

Attendance: 141

November 23:

Offering: \$734.00

Attendance: 58

November 5:

Offering: \$142.00

Attendance: 36

November 12:

Offering: \$85.00

Attendance: 47

November 19:

Offering: \$47.00

Attendance: 39

November 23 (Community Service)

Offering for Food Pantry: \$330.00

November Memorials

Given in Memory of

Olga Kempf

Olga Kempf

Shirley Arends

Olga Kempf

Olga Kempf

Olga Kempf

Olga Kempf

Olga Kempf

Olga Kempf

Olga Kempf

Given with Love by

Josephine Fentress

Stan & Sonja Schnabel

Janice Schnabel

Friends & Family

Joan Overbo

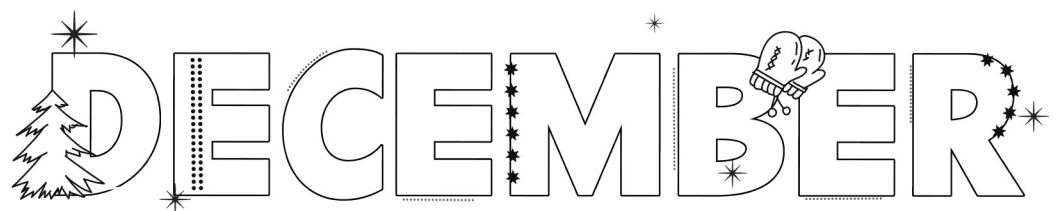
Rhonda Piatz

Tony Wahl

Peggy & Steven Salwei

Lavern Albrecht

Friends & Family



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A Letter From Our SAMs

Dear Fellow Members in Christ,
December is here, and that means the Christmas season is upon us. During all the hustle and bustle of the holidays, I hope you can stop and remember the true meaning of Christmas, Jesus.

During this advent season we will take a look at “A way in the Manger.” Our Christmas series will take us through the season of Advent. The Christmas story has such a deep meaning. It’s about “The Way” God’s grace enters the world. We will discover how “The way in the Manger” gives you and me-and all the world-real and lasting hope, whatever your season.

December is a busy month for the church. Please look at the calendar, and join us for all the Christmas programs, Christmas services, and other activities. Important dates to remember.

Dec 7-church service with communion. Our Community VBS is that day. Program at 4:30pm with pizza and cookies to follow. Dec. 21-church service with our youth Christmas program. Dec 24-our Christmas Eve candlelight service with communion.

May you experience the light of laughter, the warmth of love, and the joy of gratitude this holiday season.

From my family to yours-we wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas, and a wonderful holiday Season.

Sending God’s Love this Christmas Season

Amanda Nitschke

Monthly Spotlight

On November 13, we had six students take their first communion.

Left to right: Amanda Nitschke SAMs, Kaleb Harriman (son to Tyler and Ali Harriman), Garrett Schauer (son to Steve and Heidi Schauer), June Schlepp (daughter to Matt and Amy Schlepp), Harper Litsey (daughter to Ross and Kayla Litsey), Ari Stone (daughter to Marco Stone), and Levi Stone (son to Marco Stone)



Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting

September 14, 2025 10:33 am

Agenda

Meeting called to order: President Gary Wolff at 10:33

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

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve August 17th treasurer's report by Savannah and second by Donna.

Motion to pay the current bills by Donna and second by Savannah.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve August 17th secretary's report by Megan and second by Devonia.

- Pastor's Report:
 - Amanda will be gone September 28th.
 - Amanda will be gone October 2nd – 4th at a Led by Faith Class.
 - October 26th is confirmation and reformation Sunday. There will be communion on this day.
 - October 11th there will be the Lindgren wedding.
- Committee Reports:
 - Building & Parsonage Committee: Flooring to be leveled October 20th and installed on October 24th. Flooring in the sanctuary will need to be replaced in the next 2-4 years.
 - Education Committee: To be discussed in new business.
- Old Business
 - Parsonage renting update
 - Amanda visited with the SYNOD state's attorney and we can rent out the parsonage and it won't change our 501c3. We will have to start paying property taxes which will be around \$2,700 per year.
 - Kitchen Committee meeting – Devonia met with the kitchen committee and Krystina will type up a list of responsibilities that were discussed. Amy Schlepp, Jackie Schlepp, Rhonda Piatz, & Karen Himmerich attended the meeting.
 - McCleary update – There will be another meeting on September 23rd with the judge and the other creditors. The bankruptcy was not fully filed during the meeting on September 9th. HCU & MCB were the only other creditors on the call. Devonia and Megan attended the zoom meeting.
 - Make sure church app has been set up prior to winter for notifications if church is canceled.
- New Business
 - TV – There is \$5,000 in the projector fund. Amanda is asking for approval to purchase a 72 or 85 inch TV to be placed in the fellowship hall for the Wednesday church services. Motion to purchase the TV by Savannah and second by Megan. The TV mount will be donated.
 - Accepting Resignation from Michele – Motion by Megan and second by Donna. Donna and Eric are both off committee in January. We will wait to find a replacement for Michele until then.
 - Need someone to volunteer to be the second on education committee. Megan volunteered to be the second on the education committee.
 - December Usher – Will wait to schedule until closer to December.
 - Alter Guild – Banners
 - Amanda would like to remove the long banners except for reformation Sunday and major holidays. Amanda will mark on the calendar for the specific Sundays when the banners need to be hung.

Member Question – The website doesn't show Ashley on the list for a pastor. Amanda contacted the SYNOD to check into it.

Next Meeting Date: October 5th at 10:30

Adjournment – Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Savannah and second by Devonia.

Closing Prayer

December 2025

Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

	1 Food Pantry 6pm -7pm Krystina gone	2	3 Modern Worship 6:45pm Bible School 7:15pm	4	5	6
7 Sunday Service w/ Communion 9:30am Council Meeting Community Christmas VBS 1pm	8	9	10 Modern Worship 6:45pm Bible School 7:15pm	11	12	13
14 Sunday Service 9:30am	15	16	17 Modern Worship 6:45pm Bible School 7:15pm	18	19 Food Pantry 9:30am-10:30am	20
21 Kids Sunday & Bible School Christmas Pro- gram during Sunday Service 9:30am	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service w/ Com- munion 7pm	25	26	27
28 Sunday Service 9:30am	29	30	31	Amanda will be gone after Sun- day Service Dec 14 to Dec 21.		

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