



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMOR

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**ZION'S MISSION STATEMENT:** We are claimed, gathered, and sent forth to serve and witness in Jesus' name.

**ZION'S VISION STATEMENT:** Zion is a welcoming church where all people will experience a vibrant lifelong journey in faith through worship, education, mission and service.

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**WELCOME!** It is a pleasure to have you worship with us this morning. Let us worship the Lord with gladness! If you are a visitor, interested in membership, would like to receive our newsletter, or would like a pastoral visit, please check the appropriate box on the fellowship pad. We hope to see you often. **You are welcome at Zion**

*"Everyone needs help at some time"*

At Zion, we have many ways to help you, a loved one, a friend or a neighbor. Here are a few:

- ❖ **We can pray.** Studies have shown that knowing that someone is praying for you relieves stress and promotes healing. Have a prayer request? Call or email the office/Pastor Jim with your request at 495-2563 or [zionamoroffice@prtcl.com](mailto:zionamoroffice@prtcl.com).
- ❖ **We don't go thru life alone – so when you find yourself in a difficult time, let us walk beside you.** **Stephen Ministers** are lay people trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation. Stephen Ministers are available for anyone who has a need. Information On Stephen Ministry is located in the pews and in the kiosk in the narthex/lobby. Please call Pastor Jim at 495-2563 to discuss Stephen Ministry.
- ❖ Do you have hardships due to disability, loss of income, or medical needs? Do you need some short term projects done around the house caused by age-related issues? Or maybe you need community services but don't know where to start? **Helping Hands may be right for you.** Contact the office at 495-2563 for more information.

**The Cry Room:** It's great to have children in church! That's the sound of a healthy congregation. If you ever feel as if you would like to step out with your children, our cry room has a window and speakers to keep you involved with the service while caring for your child(ren)'s needs.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

*We welcome 10 new members to Zion today. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our new members during coffee fellowship. Watch for their pictures in Zion's newsletter, The Tidings, and on our website [zionamor.org](http://zionamor.org).*

### 2017 GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE

Please pick up your statement in the narthex/lobby and save Zion a stamp!

### PRAYER WALL

Prayer works. Add your prayers to the Zion Prayer Wall.  
The Prayer Wall is just inside the double doors leading to the fellowship area.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.*

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**Pastor James Gronbeck** Home phone....  
495-2450

**Ministers:** Congregation

**Today's Lead Musician**.....Sonja Holmgren

**Choir Pianist**.....Sandra Sedivy

**Choir Director**.....Sonja Holmgren

**Contemporary Music Director**.....Sonja Holmgren

**Office Manager**.....Lynn Melchior

**Office Assistant**.....Lynn Cave

**Education Coordinator**...El J Arntson

### ANNUAL MEETINGS

**January 28, 2017**

The meetings will begin immediately following the worship service. Join us in an informational and beneficial discussion of 2017 as well as elections, approval of 2018 budget and spending \$20,000 on property maintenance projects. The maintenance projects include asphalt repair and sealing, sheet rock repair and painting the sanctuary. Sunday School students will have a special event during the Annual Meetings.

**Zion Lutheran Church Of Amor Foundation Annual Meeting**

**Zion Lutheran Church Of Amor Annual Meeting**

**Note:** Council has approved of the 2018 budget. Copies of the budget are available in the office.

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

TODAY <i>Communion</i>	8:40 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Sunday School Worship - Contemporary Coffee Fellowship February Action Group Youth Roller Skating & Pizza
MONDAY	8:30 a.m. 7:15 p.m.	Quilting Evening Circle
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study Mutual Ministry
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Pr Text Study Confirmation
NEXT SUNDAY <i>Annual Meetings</i>	8:40 a.m.  10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Sunday School NO Adult Forum Worship – Traditional Coffee Fellowship Annual Meetings Council Retreat at Zion

Thank you to the Praise Team for the special music this morning.



### Youth Roller Skating and Pizza TODAY

Skating from 3-5 p.m. at The PACC in Perham. Pizza and hanging out at Zorbaz on Little Pine afterwards.

### Save the date!



Sunday School students will sing in church on Sunday, Feb., 11<sup>th</sup> during the 10 a.m. service. Please come and support our Sunday School children!

**Help needed:** Our website administrator has resigned. We are looking for someone to keep our website up to date. For more information, please contact the office.

### By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism

Our Tuesday Morning Bible Study brings the Catechism into today's world. Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.



### TOOTHBRUSHED NEEDED!

Westhaven Children's Home for Disabled Jamaicans is short on toothbrushes. They have asked Zion's Mission Jamaica participants to bring hundreds of them. Donations can be placed in the basket in the narthex/lobby.

### Feeling Lucky? Want to feel like you won the lottery? Signup for 1 week of snow removal! (and hope for no snow!)

Zion is looking for able bodied people (or teams) that will remove snow from the entryways. A snow blower is in the shed and we have lots of shovels. This process worked very well last year. Sign up calendar and more information is in the narthex/lobby.



### ADULT FORUMS

Sunday, Feb 11 at 9:15 a.m.: **Abe Lincoln and the Will of God**

Presenter: Pastor Vetter

Sunday, Feb 25 at 9:15 a.m.: **Battle Lake Area Child Care Center Update**

Presenter: Gary & Karalyn Harrington

**Today's Stewardship Thought:** *"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - MARK 1:17*

Jesus' call to *"Follow me"* is a call to all Christians. The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

### Central Market's "We Care" Program



Central Market of Perham and Detroit Lakes will donate .5% of your receipt totals to Zion. When checking out, ask for a "We Care" stamp on your receipt and then turn the receipt into the office. The funds for the first year will support the youth and the community garden.

**Missions Reflection:** "The Wilderness is a place where little food grows, where there are few people, and seemingly little life. Where does God work? In the wilderness! God meets us in the wilderness of life with news of hope and new life. We also need to see God working in the wildernesses of our lives. We live in a world that bombards us with the need for more "likes" and "approval", and we need to hear the Gospel of God's grace in order to say "no" to that pressure and choose to love the unlikeable, to forgive the sinner, to proclaim the work of God in the wildernesses of our lives." - - - *The Wilderness*. Read *Mark 1:4-11*.

#### The Central Minnesota Boys Choir

will be singing at Zion on Sunday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> during the 10:00 a.m. service. It is a not-to-miss opportunity to hear some talented young men.

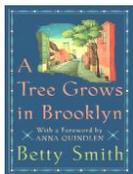
#### Beer & Hymns: A Spirited Sing-A-Long

Sunday, February 11 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
The Rusty Nail in Battle Lake

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### Monthly Book Discussion: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith.

Thurs., February 1, 1:30 p.m.



The author was born in 1896 and grew up in Brooklyn. As a German immigrant family, growing up in poverty, as did the rest of the neighborhood, we are afforded the chance to learn of a life in another time and place. This classic novel has been respected and recommended for many years, and never goes out of style. Please join in the opportunity to learn and share this long popular novel.

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### Equal Exchange Sunday is February 11<sup>th</sup>

Equal Exchange chocolate mini-bars will be available on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> to sample. The February action group will also be providing other love day treats along with our coffee; Pink lemonade for lemonade lovers.



Equal Exchange involves Lutheran communities in supporting small farmers around the world. Equal Exchange buys directly from small scale farmer's cooperatives, owned and run by the farmers themselves. Equal Exchange is committed to supporting sustainable farming methods that help green the earth through reforestation, natural resource conservation and organic practices. Equal Exchange coffee and chocolate bars will also be for sale.

