

# Zion Lutheran Church

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## **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

- Sunday at 8:00am—Traditional Worship
- Sunday at 10:30am—Festive Worship
- Education Hour for All Ages at 9:15am (Sept.-May)

## **SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES**

- Ash Wednesday—Noon & 7pm
- Lenten Wednesdays Services—Noon & 7pm
- Maundy Thursday—Noon & 7pm
- Good Friday—Noon & 7pm
- Easter Services—8am & 10:30am
- Thanksgiving Eve—7pm at a Midtown Church
- Christmas Eve—4pm (Family) & 11pm(Candlelight)

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*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*



# ZION MINISTRIES

Here is an overview of the various ministry areas at and beyond Zion Lutheran Church.

The purpose of this booklet is to provide you with the basic description and contact information regarding various areas of the church including the ministries of the church and the community partnership we have outside the church.

You are welcome to use your time, talent and treasures to support these ongoing activities of Zion. There are brochures available for some of these activities on the brochure rack near the Welcome Center in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please call the contact listed with the activity or the church at 815.964.4609 or email the church at [zion@zionrockford.com](mailto:zion@zionrockford.com).

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Friends in Christ,

I give God thanks and praise for the ways we serve in the various ministries at and beyond Zion Lutheran Church. Our mission is to be *"A mosaic community sharing the grace of Christ with all."*



In these pages, you will discover the many ways that you can get involved in the life of our church community. These various ministries provide us with the opportunity for fellowship, discipleship, service, outreach or worship. We are all called to serve at and beyond Zion Lutheran Church by being equipped to use our gifts and talents to serve others.

If there is any activity not listed or information that needs to be corrected or updated, please let the office know. If there is an activity you feel called to start, please let us know.

We continue to serve at and beyond Zion in many ways as we are generous with our time, talents and treasures. With your prayerful support and participation, we continue to grow into the fullness of the body of Christ.

Peace to you,

Rev. Dr. Michael E. Thomas

# Mission – Values – Vision

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Zion Lutheran Church is a mosaic community sharing the grace of Christ with all.*

## VALUES OF ZION

Grace: Unconditional love and mercy

Outreach: Building bridges and partnerships at and beyond Zion to express Christian community with words and actions

Discipleship: Daily following the ways of Christ

Stewardship: We respond to the grace of Christ by sharing our time, talent and treasures

Community: Strengthening Christian relationships at and beyond Zion

Justice: Intentional advocacy, reconciliation, and building a community of peace

Inclusivity: Multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi-class, intergenerational

## VISION FOR ZION

Discipleship – to foster spiritual growth with people connected to Zion through intentional discipleship training for all ages

Equipping Leadership – to identify, equip, and nurture leadership at and beyond Zion

Neighborhood Community Development – to strengthen and grow community partnerships by defining the roles and responsibilities for Neighborhood Community Development

Mosaic/diversity permeates and influences all – to celebrate, grow, and teach our diversity that it will permeate the life and leadership of the church

Worship –to expand opportunities for seeker friendly worship

Increase Participation – to develop, discover, deploy the gifts and talents of all those who are connected to Zion’s mission

Facility Modification –to form a task force to do a feasibility study and prioritize capital improvements

## WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

Coordinates Sunday worship leadership and special worship services.

- Contact: Laura Short, Office Manager
- Phone: 815-964-4609
- Email: laura@zionrockford.com

## YOUTH MINISTRY—CROSSROADS CONFIRMATION

Seventh-Eighth graders gather Wednesdays, September through May, from 5:00-7:00pm.

## YOUTH MINISTRY—SENIOR HIGH

Senior High teens meet Sundays at 10:30am at Zion.

## YOUTH MINISTRY—TEENS GROWING IN FAITH (TGIF)

One week during the summer, our 6-12th graders along with the other Midtown Lutheran Churches get together to grow in leadership by serving at Zion during VBS and in the community in several venues.

## ZION DEVELOPMENT

A Zion created 501(c)3 non-profit organization that builds community which enriches lives as a response to God’s love.

- Contact: Brad Roos, Executive Director
- Phone: 815-964-8280
- Email: bradroos@ziondevelopment.com

## ZION OUTREACH

A Zion created 501(c)3 non-profit that provides uplifting programs supporting education, nutrition, recreation, social development, safety and spiritual development for residents served by Zion. This board works with the Food Pantry; WOW Program and the Tutoring Program.

- Contact: Betty Morgan, President
- Phone: 815-282-0717
- Email: bboop2@aol.com



## **WELCA**

Women of the ELCA who meet in small groups.

- Contact: Betty Morgan
  - Phone: 815-282-0717
  - Email: bboop2@aol.com
- Katherine Circle, contact Gerry Swan, 399-8784  
Lydia Circle, contact Dorothy Kollberg  
Phoebe Circle, contact Karen Kermgard, 398-4460  
Rachel Circle, contact Linda Reinhardt, 332-3373  
Sarah Circle, contact Sandy Swenson, 399-1288

## **WELCOME CENTER**

Provides our guests with information regarding our church and assists in ordering educational materials for all.

- Contact: Darlene Spitzer
- Phone: 815-962-3340
- Email: spitzer001@comcast.net

## **WORSHIP MUSIC**

Share musical abilities at worship through vocal or instrumental offerings of gifts and talents.

- Contact: Jodi Beach or Robert Leonhardt
- Phone: 815-979-1937 or 815-967-0487
- Email: jodette9@aol.com or htaobob@yahoo.com

## **WOW**

Children from Kindergarten-fifth grade meet every Wednesday from 4:00-7:00pm for activities, lessons, music, prayer and a fellowship dinner.

- Contact: Ruth Larson, WOW Coordinator
- Phone: 815-964-4609
- Email: wow@zionrockford.com

# LEADERSHIP TEAM

## **Our Ministers**

All the people of Zion  
Senior Pastor Michael Thomas - pmethomas@zionrockford.com  
Custodian - Victor Jelnov; zion@zionrockford.com  
Financial Secretary - Arnie Swenson, swenas@att.net  
Food Pantry Coordinator—Kathy Hand; katahand3@yahoo.com  
Food Pantry Assistant - Leona Foster; zion@zionrockford.com  
Music Ministry Coordinator - Jodi Beach; jodett9@aol.com  
Nursery Coordinator - Tiffany Pleasant; nursery@zionrockford.com  
Office Manager - Laura Short; laura@zionrockford.com  
Organist - Robert Leonhardt; htaobob@yahoo.com  
Outreach Coordinator - Ruth Fairchild, ruth.fairchild@lssi.org  
Transportation Staff - Gary Fulkerson  
Tutor Coordinator - Alice Persaud  
Wedding Coordinator - Kathy Hand; katahand3@yahoo.com  
WOW Coordinator - Ruth Larson; wow@zionrockford.com

## **Our 2011 Church Executive Committee**

Council President - David Bippus  
Council Vice President - Denise Rivera  
Council Treasurer - Wayne Spitzer  
Council Secretary - Heidi Early

## **Ministry Leaders**

Adult Ministries Committee - Jim Rasch & Linda Reinhardt  
Archives Committee - Mary Norman  
Buildings & Grounds Committee - Roger Steder & Torg Hallin  
Children's Ministry Committee - Charmaine Logwood  
Communications Committee - Jim Rasch & Heidi Early  
Finance Committee - Wayne Spitzer  
Funeral Coordinator - Ingrid Tryggestad  
Long-Range Planning Committee—Scott Steingraeber & Torg Hallin  
Men's Ministry - Darrell Lindstrom  
Memorial Committee - Kathie Ayres  
Multi-Cultural Committee - Charmaine Logwood, Miguel Luna & Chad Vorravong  
Prayer Ministry - Mary Norman & Judy Lindstrom  
Special Ministries - Betty Morgan & Don Janssen  
Stewardship Team - Denise Rivera  
Wedding Coordinator - Kathy Hand  
Welcome Center - Darlene Spitzer  
WELCA - Betty Morgan  
Youth Committee - Roger Steder

## 2011 CALENDAR

- March 9 - Ash Wednesday Services at Noon & 7pm  
Wednesday Lenten Services at Noon at Zion  
and 7:00pm at Specified MidTown Parish Church
- March 19 - Synod Congregational Resourcing Event
- April 15-16—WELCA Retreat at Bishop Lane
- April 21- Maundy Thursday Worship at Noon & 7pm
- April 22 - Good Friday Services at Noon & 7pm
- April 24 - Easter Sunday Worship at 8:00am & 10:30am
- June 17-18—Northern Illinois Synod Assembly
- Summer, 2011 - Vacation Bible School
- Summer, 2011 - Teens Growing In Faith Week

### TUTORING PROGRAM

Evening sessions after school and during the summer are offered to further expand the education of our youngsters including teaching English to the Burmese children. This program includes music, drama, crafts, snacks and games.

- Contact: Alice Persaud, Tutor Coordinator
- Phone: 815-964-4609
- Email: apersaud@att.net



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Every morning for one week during the summer, children are engaged in music, drama, Bible stories, crafts, snacks and games. This is a Midtown Lutheran Parish partnership program.

- Contact:
- Phone:
- Email:

### VISITATION TEAM

People who visit shut-ins in their homes.

- Contact: Doris Johnson
- Phone: 815-399-2096

### WEDDING SUPPORT TEAM

Provides the planning and support of the wedding logistics that take place at the church with the bride and groom.

- Contact: Kathy Hand, Wedding Coordinator
- Phone: 815-964-4609
- Email: katahand3@yahoo.com

### **PUPPET MINISTRY**

Puppet program every Wednesday during our WOW program from 4:00-7:00pm.

- Contact: Roberta Nielsen
- Phone: 815-399-3516
- Email: lorenlnielsen@comcast.net

### **RAISED BED GARDENS**

A group of people who help plant and maintain the vegetable beds around the church neighborhood.

- Contact: Kathy Peterson
- Phone: 815-399-3494

### **RALM (Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries)**

- Contact: Mariel Heinkem Executive Director
- Phone: 815-962-4279
- Email: ralmmail@aol.com

### **STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE**

Coordinate the general ministry fund appeal and provide training on financial stewardship.

- Contact: Denise Rivera
- Phone: 815-986-8519
- Email: riveravines@comcast.net

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Children 3 years old through 6th grade meet Sundays at 9:15am from September-May.

- Contact: Heidi Early and Katrina Steingraeber
- Phone: 815-885-1724 or 815-636-2136
- Email: hearly1@comcast.net or musikkat@aol.com

### **ADULT FORUM**

Sunday from September through May, adults can gather for a time of learning at 9:15am in the Library or Cloak Room

- Led by Steve Stark
- Phone: 815-703-2308



### **ADULT MINISTRIES COMMITTEE**

This committee oversees Fellowship, New Members Orientation, Worship, Hospitality, Bible Studies, Prayer Ministry and Stewardship

- Contact: Jim Rasch
- Phone: 815-399-0550
- Email: jikara3@ameritech.net

### **ALTAR GUILD**

Weekly preparation of the altar for Communion and Baptisms at both services.

- Contact:
- Phone:
- Email:

### **ARCHIVES**

This team gathers, organizes and files all documents and materials of historical interest and value to Zion.

- Contact: Mary Norman
- Phone: 815-654-0363
- Email: marynorm2@comcast.net

### **BAPTISM 101**

Adults and children attend a Baptism 101 class led by Pastor. Call the office for the next class or to pick up a brochure.

- Contact: Pastor Thomas
- Phone: 815-964-4609
- Email: pmethod@zionrockford.com

### **BIBLE DEDICATION**

Second and sixth graders receive age-appropriate Bibles. If your child doesn't have one, let us know. If you would like to donate a Bible for dedication, please contact the office.

### **BIBLE STUDY - Monday**

We gather on Monday at 9:30 am in the Narthex.

- Contact: Linda Reinhardt
- Phone: 815-332-3373
- Email: richrein2@comcast.net



### **BIBLE STUDY - Tuesday**

We gather Tuesday at 7:00am at Stockholm Inn

- Contact: Wayne Spitzer
- Phone: 815-962-3340
- Email: spitzer001@comcast.net

### **BIBLE STUDY - Thursday**

We gather Thursday in the Library at 10:30am

- Contact: Pastor Thomas
- Phone: 815-964-4609
- Email: pmethomas@zionrockford.com

### **BIBLE STUDY - Friday**

We gather Friday at 9:30am at Karen Kermgard's home, 2316 Evanston Drive.

- Contact: Mary Norman
- Phone: 815-654-0363
- Email: marynorm2@comcast.net

### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Maintain church interior and exterior; make repairs and coordinate support for various building needs

- Contact: Roger Steder
- Phone: 815-289-2006
- Email: rsteder82@yahoo.com

### **MULTI-CULTURAL COMMITTEE**

Support for those who are relocating in the area with housing, English education, worship, fellowship and medical.

- Contact: Charmaine Logwood
- Phone: 815-988-3714

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Coordinates the Good Friday Passion and Christmas Cantata.

- Contact: Jodi Beach or Bob Leonhardt
- Phone: 815-979-1937 or 815-967-0487
- Email: jodette9@aol.com or htaobob@yahoo.com

### **OFFICE VOLUNTEERS/MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

Supports the staff and office volunteers as well as coordinates general office requests and responsibilities.

- Contact: Laura Short, Office Manager
- Phone: 815-964-4609
- Email: laura@zionrockford.com

### **PATRIOTS' GATEWAY CENTER**

- Contact: Jim Flodin, Executive Director
- Phone: (815) 316-3023
- Email: jflodin@patriotsgateway.org

### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Provides knitted or crocheted shawls for those who are healing or in need of comfort.

- Contact: Heidi Early
- Phone: 815-885-1724
- Email: hearly1@comcast.net

### **PRAYER MINISTRY**

This team meets for prayer at various times; supports Sunday morning prayer requests and shares them by phone or email.

- Contact: Judy Lindstrom
- Phone: 815-654-7123
- Email: dajulind@yahoo.com



### **IN THE BAG**

Fellowship luncheon for men attending Pastor's weekly Bible study on Wednesdays at 10:30am.

- Contact: Ruth Fairchild
- Phone: 815-988-3465
- Email: ruth.fairchild@lssi.org

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Website development and computer support for the church.

- Contact: Dave Francisco
- Phone: 815-961-9750
- Email: davidhf03@yahoo.com

### **KATIE'S CUP**

Zion's partnership with the coffee-bar that provides community, conversation and coffee.



- Contact: Brad Roos, ZDC Executive Director
- Phone: 815-964-8280
- Email: bradroos@ziondevelopment.com

### **MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

Donations are used for the ministry and mission of Zion.

- Contact: Kathie Ayres
- Phone: 815-877-0324
- Email: kathie0211@comcast.net

### **MEN'S MINISTRY**

Men of Zion gather twice a year for a dinner fellowship and other programs.

- Contact: Darrell Lindstrom
- Phone: 815-654-7123
- Email: dajulind@yahoo.com

### **MIDTOWN LUTHERAN PARISH**

Coordinates the activities for the seven Midtown churches.

- Contact: Dave Bippus and Richard Johnson
- Phone: 815-332-1452 or 815-877-6640
- Email: dave@bippy.net or djohnson@rljarch.com

### **CHARTER SCHOOL**

CICS Charter School held at Patriots' Gateway Center

- Contact: Charo Cheney, Principal
- Phone: 815-316-0093
- Email: Charo.chaney@cics.edisonlearning.com



### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COMMITTEE**

Oversees our programs for the children: Sunday School at 9:15am and First Communion preparation.

- Contact: Charmaine Logwood
- Phone: 815-988-3714

### **CHOIR—TRADITIONAL**

This choir performs at the 8:00 Worship.

- Contact: Bob Leonhardt
- Phone: 815-967-0487
- Email: htaobob@yahoo.com

### **CHOIR—FESTIVE**

Practice for 10:30 Worship choir is at 9:15am on Sundays.

- Contact: Jodi Beach
- Phone: 815-979-1937
- Email: jodette9@aol.com



### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Coordinates the focus of Zion by spreading the word of God verbally and visually to our community.

- Contact: Jim Rasch
- Phone: 815-399-0550
- Email: jikara3@ameritech.com

### **COINS FOR KIDS**

We help support our WOW Program held on Wednesday evenings from 4:00-7:00pm.

- Contact: Pastor Thomas
- Phone: 815-964-4609
- Email: pmethomas@zionrockford.com

### **CROP WALK**

This annual walk held in October raises funds for our food pantry and global food programs.

- Contact: Kathy Hand
- Phone: 815-964-4609
- Email: katahand3@yahoo.com



### **ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**

This group coordinates the investments of the church received from various donations of Zion supporters.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- Contact: Wayne Spitzer
- Phone: 815-962-3340
- Email: spitzer001@comcast.net

### **FIRST COMMUNION**

Second grade and older children attend this one-day class. Call the church office to sign up for the next class.

- Contact: Pastor Thomas
- Phone: 815-964-4609
- Email: pmethomas@zionrockford.com



### **FOOD PANTRY**

Our food pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:00am. This is a Zion Outreach 501(c)3 program.

- Contact: Kathy Hand, Food Pantry Coordinator
- Phone: 815-964-4609
- Email: katahand3@yahoo.com



### **4-H**

- 4-H is a positive youth development organization that empowers young people to reach their full potential through hands-on learning, programs and adult mentorship.
- Contact: Betsy Carlson
- Phone: (815) 963-7960
- Email: betsy.carlson@burpee.org

### **FUNERAL SUPPORT TEAM**

Providing support at a time of loss by coordinating the logistics of funeral services, meals to follow the services, and/or visitations that may be held at church.

- Contact: Ingrid Tryggestad
- Phone: 815-299-9299
- Contact: Pastor Mike Thomas
- Phone: 815-964-4609
- Email: pmethomas@zionrockford.com

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Yearly work projects for local Habitat groups

- Contact: Mariel Heinke-RALM
- Phone: 815-962-4279
- Email: ralmail@aol.com



### **HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Holy Communion is brought to our shut-ins.

- Contact: Nancy Warden
- Phone: 815-637-1377
- Email: nancy.warden@comcast.net

### **HUNGER APPEAL—ELCA**



Donations support immediate needs and develop food and agricultural programs worldwide.

- Contact: Pastor Thomas
- Phone: 815-964-4609
- Email: pmethomas@zionrockford.com