

**February 16, 2024 – February 22, 2025**

**Please call the church office, 829-4317, at any time with any need you may have.** You may leave a voice mail during times the office is not staffed. We will forward your message to the appropriate person. If there is an emergency, please contact Pastor Benson, 218-821-9784, or one of the Elders. Please contact the church office if you wish to include someone on the Weekly Prayer Card. Announcements are printed on Thursday afternoon. Please have requests submitted to the office before noon on Thursday.

**Those who have requested prayers this week.**

<b>Barb</b>	<b>Joanne</b>	<b>Tim</b>
<b>Judy</b>	<b>Jamie</b>	<b>Walt</b>
<b>Carl</b>		<b>Dellis</b>
<b>Jeanette</b> <i>Pam's friend</i>	<b>Mike</b> <i>Mary's brother</i>	<b>Beth</b> <i>Daughter-in-law of Steve</i>
<b>Derrick</b> <i>Doro's son</i>	<b>Barb</b> <i>Cousin of Mary</i>	<b>Charlie</b> <i>Great-grandson of Charlie &amp; Sharon</i>
<b>Ryan &amp; Molly</b> <i>Friends of Todd</i>	<b>Karen</b> <i>Friend of Minna</i>	<b>Faye</b> <i>Ali's future grandmother</i>
<b>Joy</b> <i>Kenneth's mother</i>	<b>Clayr</b> <i>Judy's niece</i>	<b>Lillian</b> <i>Granddaughter of Steve &amp; Lisa</i>
<b>Victoria</b> <i>Daughter of Les</i>	<b>Kris</b> <i>Friend of Mary</i>	<b>Cathi</b> <i>Niece of Barb &amp; Carole</i>
	<b>Laurie</b> <i>Friend of Jim</i>	<b>Lori</b> <i>Friend of Pastor Steve</i>

**Birthdays**

<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>Feb 21</b>	<b>Feb 22</b>
Richard	Steve Jesslynn	Alliahna	Arik Karen	MikeStowe	Dianna

**Other Prayers**

- God's wisdom for President Trump and his staff, Governor Walz and all elected officials as they grapple with our community, state, nation, and world.
- Comfort for all who struggle with depression and anxiety, especially those who are contemplating suicide. Help them find their value in You.
- Comfort for those who mourn.
- Comfort and strength for those who are imprisoned or incarcerated and their families.
- Prayers for the Lord's guidance as Pastor deliberates his call.
- Comfort for the Marshall and Matrick families at the passing of Aunt Barb on Wednesday.

**The Congregations of the Brainerd Circuit**

Vacancy - St. John, Aitkin

Rev. Steve Benson – Zion, Brainerd

Rev. Don Klatt – Zion, Crosby & Immanuel, Iron Hub

	<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>RSST</b>	<b>ACOLYTES</b>	<b>READER</b>
Sun, 9 am	Josh K & Todd W	All available	Anna & Ally	Judy E
Mon, 6 pm	Rob L & Collin R	All available		

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE LORD**

General	\$3,279.00	Weekly Budget Needs	\$7,107.30
Online Giving – General	\$936.10	<- Total General Offering	\$4,215.10

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS**

Sunday School	\$9.00	Youth Activities	\$75.00
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**ANNUAL BUDGET**

2025 Annual Budget	\$369,580.00	1 month (Jan) Budget	\$28,429.00
		Received toward budget	\$16,549.00
		Total short of budget	(\$11,880.23)

**\*\*\*Upcoming Events\*\*\***

- Sun, Feb 16 @ 11:30 am – Potluck & Puzzle Tournament
- Sun, Feb 23 @ 11:30 am – Endure Youth Manditory Meeting/Bible Study & Potluck
- Tue, Feb 25 @ 5:00 pm – Holy Hungry Happy Hour at Yesterday’s Gone



Would your group be willing to serve a Lenten meal?

Please consider signing up on the sheet in the Gathering Hall.

The Youth are sponsoring a Hurricane Drive. Please check out the insert.  
 If you feel you can help out, a drop box will be located in the Lounge.  
 Thank you for your generosity and support!

***ZION'S WEEKLY CALENDAR***		
Sun, Feb 16	9:00 am	<i>Worship w/LS</i>
	10:15 am	<i>Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</i>
	11:30 am	<i>Potluck &amp; Puzzle Tournament</i>
Mon, Feb 17	6:00 pm	<i>Worship w/LS</i>
Tue, Feb 18	6:00 pm	<i>RSST meeting</i>
Wed, Feb 19	10:30 am	<i>Bible Study</i>
	6:30 pm	<i>Confirmation &amp; SHY</i>
Sun, Feb 23	9:00 am	<i>Worship</i>
	10:15 am	<i>Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</i>
	11:30 am	<i>Mandatory Endure Youth Meeting/Bible Study/Potluck</i>

### Help Thy Neighbor

Some members in our congregation are suffering health issues and could use a hand. If you're ever willing and able to help someone in need, please sign up on the list in the Gathering Hall and let us know what you're good at. There are many ways to help. You could be a blessing to someone who's struggling. 😊



Join us for potluck and puzzle tournament following Service on TODAY from 11:30 - 2 pm.

Today's Light Devotional Bible Readings: Everyone is invited to join in reading the Bible in a 2-year church plan. Each week we will list the daily passages to read. There are no readings assigned for Sunday, it is a day of rest and worship.

The next week's readings are:

*Monday, Feb 17: Jeremiah 29:1-32*

*Tuesday, Feb 18: Jeremiah 30:1-32:44*

*Wednesday, Feb 19: Jeremiah 33:1-26*

*Thursday, Feb 20: Jeremiah 34:1-35:19*

*Friday, Feb 21: Jeremiah 36:1-37:21*

*Saturday, Feb 22: Jeremiah 238:1-40:16*

*Sunday Church*

Our Chili Cook Off is coming up Sunday, March 2 from 11:30 - 12:45pm. Start putting your teams and recipes together. \$5 to enter a chili. \$10 for 10 tickets. Ticket sales before and after service and at the event. If you have questions, contact the office. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Hall.



Annual Contribution Statements have been moved to your mailbox for you to pick up. If you have requested yours to be emailed, it has been sent. If you have any questions or corrections or would like to have yours emailed in the future, please contact Colleen.