

New to Zion?

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ZION

Lutheran Church

2901 S. Hwy. 169, Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Serving Christ by Sharing God's Love

Welcome to Zion!

Zion is a community of faith that worships, teaches and serves the congregation, community and world. We are part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) elca.org.

Website: www.ziongr.org

Social Media: facebook.com/ZionGR

Worship

Below was the general pre-COVID schedule—check the website or the Zion Weekly News for current schedules. We are doing both online worship and physically distanced worship and events. The schedule is adapting depending on the situation at the time.

School Year

Sundays 9:30am—Traditional with organ, piano and choirs—occasionally contemporary with Worship Too Band

Wednesdays 6:00pm—Contemporary with Worship Too Band

Summer

Memorial through Labor Day Weekend

Sundays 9:30am—Varies—Traditional or Contemporary

Wednesdays 6:00pm—Contemporary with piano

Staff

Questions? Feel free to stop in the office, call 326-8553 or email.

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How Can I Become Involved?

In response to God's many gifts to us, we help support the church and our community of neighbors here and in the world. Make yourself at home! Our Zion family works together to make everything happen here. Some people jump right in and others need to get more comfortable. When settled, you may want to become involved in different aspects of worship, education, youth, other programs/ministries, administration, etc. See opportunities in the *Zion Weekly News* or on the Time & Talent form. To share your time and talents, fill out a form online from the website or the paper form at the Welcome Center.

Our tithes and offerings also help keep the church running by supporting our worship, programs, building, mission and staff. There are three ways to support Zion financially: E-giving (online, text or app), Simply Giving (scheduled bank draft) or weekly offering envelopes. Contact the office for more info or choose your method on the New Member Form if you are joining.

More Info

Joining Zion

- Zion welcomes you to participate whether a member or not.
- When want to join, simply fill out a new member form [here](#), on the website or paper form at the Welcome Center. We do not share info outside of Zion.
- Attend an orientation when able—held a couple times a year—watch the *Zion Weekly News* and Zmail.
- Email tjina@ziongr.org a photo for Breeze and our new member board or staff can take one. Photos help us connect a name and face to become more acquainted with you!
- Membership is a connection to our faith community and allows you to vote at congregational meetings.

Communication

Zion Weekly News bulletins are available at worship and in the Zmail—a weekly email overview of announcements and a link to online worship and the *Zion Weekly News*. Some program/event info is also posted on Facebook, our website or the street sign.

Breeze

When you join Zion, you will receive an email invitation to set up an account on Breeze, our church software, where you can:

- Edit your basic contact info as needed
- Search for other members as an online directory
- Upload new photos any time
- See your giving info
- See your volunteer info and block out dates you are gone

Many forms and signups are also done through Breeze. There is also a mobile app—find Breeze ChMS in your app store and then Ziongr. Questions? Contact the office. Other members can only see basic info—names, address, phone, email—unless you mark it private in Breeze. If you want something marked private and don't want to have an account, please note on your New Member Form or contact the office.

Zion Mailbox

Members have a box in the lobby area used for Zion mail, quarterly giving statements (if no email) and nametag storage. We will let you know your number when you join. They are somewhat in alphabetical order, but not totally. There is a 3-ring mailbox directory binder on the right side to help you.

Nametags

Adults members will automatically receive Zion nametags in your Zion mailbox. If you want child nametags, please specify on the new member form or contact the office any time. Child nametags are an individual family decision.

Zion's Service Teams

Zion has six service teams which member families are placed into (unless unable due to health). Each team has two months during the year to help with bringing bars or serving for funerals and rarely for help with church events. You may be called to see if you could help for a particular event if available—no obligation. Older kids are also welcome to help with parental supervision. (If you go away in the winter, please let us know so we can put you on a team for the warmer months.)