

New to Zion?

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**ZION**  
Lutheran Church

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*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.***

**Website:** [www.ziongr.org](http://www.ziongr.org)

**Social Media:** [facebook.com/ZionGR](https://facebook.com/ZionGR)

We are a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) [elca.org](http://elca.org)

## Worship

***All are welcome at Zion!  
We join as a community of believers to worship God.***

Check the *Zion Weekly News*, Zmail or website for the current worship schedule.

**Online Worship**—Available every week in Zmail, on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) and Facebook.

**In-person Worship**—During this time of COVID, we are adding in-person, physically distanced worship as we are able. That schedule is adapting depending on the situation at the time.

Communion is open to all regardless of age or church affiliation.

## Staff

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

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## How Can I Become Involved?

Make yourself at home! In response to God's many gifts to us, we help support the church and our community of neighbors here and in the world. 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 with worship, education, youth, other programs/ministries, administration, etc. See opportunities in the *Zion Weekly News* or on the Time & Talent form. To share your passions, 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.
- 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.
- Photos help us become more acquainted with you! Email one to [office@ziongr.org](mailto:office@ziongr.org) for our new member board and database/online directory, or we can scan or take one.
- Membership is a connection with 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 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, you will get an email invite to set up an account on Breeze, our church management 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 done through Breeze. There is also a mobile app—find Breeze ChMS in your app store and then Ziongr. Other members can only see basic info—names, address, phone, email—unless you mark it private. 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. There is a 3-ring mailbox directory binder to the right of the boxes—they are not completely in alphabetical order.

## 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

We have six service teams which members are placed into (unless unable due to health). Each team is assigned two months mostly to help with bringing bars or serving for funerals. You may be called to see if you could help for a particular event—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 during the warmer months.)