

Zion Cares 4 Concord Kids (ZC4CK)

The ZC4CK fund allows members of the congregation to make financial contributions to a protected fund. This account is held by the school for families that endure financial hardships that prevent their children from attending our school. This financial hardship might be as simple as funding extended care while a family works or providing a month's tuition for a temporary hardship or as extensive as providing a yearlong tuition break for a family that needs it. The funds are distributed by the assigned committee. Please mark your offering envelope ZC4CK or donate online at <https://zionconcord.churchtrac.com/give>

The Churches-Stained Glass Windows

This is an ongoing project where we do one set of windows as funds are raised. The cost per set is \$6,300.00. We currently have \$2000.00 towards the next set. Online contributions can be made at: <http://zionconcord.churchtrac.com/give>

Flowers & Eternal Candle

Sign-up sheets are posted outside the office. Sign up to honor a loved one or celebrate a special day. The cost for the flowers is \$45.00. If you would like to light the candle in memory of a loved one, the cost is \$10.00.

GIFT CARDS

Looking for a quick gift for someone special? Consider purchasing a gift card through the Zion-Concord PTO and a percentage of the purchase will go to support the school. The service that we use is called Raise Right. We have a limited supply of cards available for immediate purchase in the office or you can also order ones through various ways. More information can be found at <https://links.zionconcord.org/scrip>. There you will find more information about Raise Right's mobile app, online links, and paper order forms that can be used to purchase gift cards. Any questions, please contact pto@zionconcord.org

Teacher Giving Tree

This year, the school has updated the **Giving Tree** near the front door with which each teacher may wish for extra supplies for their classroom (i.e., to do a special project/ add an enhancement to a chapter of the curriculum, etc.) Teachers have filled out a tag with an item they are wishing for. Simply take a tag, purchase the item, and deliver it to the school office with the tag.

Lutheran Singles site

LCMS Connections is a newly launched free service available to marriage-minded confessional Lutheran singles hoping to connect with others like them throughout our Synod. Visit - <https://www.lcms-connections.com/>

This Week at Zion Nov. 30 - Dec. 7, 2025

Sunday

9:00 am Divine Service – First Sunday in Advent
10:00 am Coffee Hour
10:15 am Sunday School
10:20 am Adult Bible Class

Tuesday

7:00 pm Bells Practice

Wednesday

7:00 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday

9:00 am Christmas Bazaar

Sunday

9:00 am Divine Service – Second Sunday in Advent

Mortgage Balance: \$ 155,365



(subject to change) "Please Mark your Calendar as follows."

Wed Dec. 3, **Advent Matins** @ 11:00 am,

Advent Evening Service @ 7:00 pm

Fri. Dec. 5 **Christmas Bazaar Set up** @ 1:00 pm

Sat. Dec. 6 **Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale** @ 9:00 am

Wed. Dec. 10 **Lessons & Carols Morning service** @ 11:00 am,

Lessons & Carols Evening service @ 7:00 pm,

Advent Reception @ 8:00 pm

Thurs. Dec. 11 **Board of Education Meeting** @ 6:30 pm

Wed. Dec. 17 **Advent Matins Morning Service** @ 11:00 am,

Advent Evening Prayer Service @ 7:00 pm

Thurs. Dec. 18 **School Christmas Program** @ 6:30 pm

Dec.22-Jan. 4 **Christmas Break No School**

Wed. Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** @ 5:00 pm,

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 11:00 pm

Thurs Dec. 25 **Christmas Day Morning Service** @ 10:00 am

Worship **SCHEDULE**

Divine Service Schedule

Sunday 9:00 AM & Wednesday 7:00 PM

We are live streaming Sunday at 9:00 am (10:00 am Church, Holiday, Weekends). Below is the link to view services online. You can also watch it on our Facebook page. The link will also lead you to previous services, buttons to view and/ or print the order of service.

<https://www.zionconcord.org/onlineservices>

Online Giving

Your tithes and offerings continue to be very important for the viability of our church and school. Please mail them to the church or use the link for online giving at: <https://www.zionconcord.org/churchtrac>

Zion Concord Lutheran School

Enrollment is now open for the 2025-2026 school year! Please go to our website, zionconcord.org, to fill out the application for enrollment. Spread the word to family and friends about Zion-Concord Lutheran School.

Adult Bible Classes

Saturday Ladies Bible Studies @ 10:30 am. See or contact Susan Das for any information. **Sunday** at 10:20 am in the lounge, Pastor Greg will be leading one combined Adult Bible Class,

Bells Practice and Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday Bells Practice 7:00 pm, **Wednesday**, Choir Rehearsal from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm. If you have any questions, you can contact Kantor Mark Trapp.

Beautiful Feet Club – Bags for Housing Challenged

Beautiful Feet Club will be making bags for housing challenged community members on December 10th.

They would be grateful for travel size donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, and bar soap. There is a box on the table in the hallway.

The school can use some Clorox wipes, 10" paper plates, and Bounty paper towels

Zion-Concord PTO Fundraiser

November 19-December 5, 2025

The students at our school will be selling World's Finest Chocolate bars to help raise funds for our school. This year, we will be selling the larger \$2 bars. If anyone is interested in helping sell a box of chocolate bars, please email-the PTO at: pto@zionconcord.org

Annual Food Drive- Bensenville- Wood Dale Food Pantry

Our church and school are collecting non-perishable food items—both canned and dry goods—to support the Bensenville-Wood Dale Food Pantry. The food drive will continue through Christmas. Students in the upper grades will deliver the donations twice: once before Thanksgiving and again before Christmas. Please place your contributions on the tables located by the school's main entrance. *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."* — Matthew 25:35

Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale

*The Ladies Aid Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale is on December 6th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafters and vendors are needed. **Bakers and volunteers** are needed for the Christmas Bazaar on December 6th. There is a sign-up sheet posted by the office. We are still accepting crafters and vendors. Baked goods for the Christmas Bazaar can be dropped off at the church/school office on Friday, December 5th during the school day or Saturday, December 6th from 7 - 9 am. Items should be packaged on paper plates in clear plastic bags or containers The registration form can be found on zionconcord.org under the News and Events heading. Or contact Fran Dellar (847-903-4570) or ladiesaid@zionconcord.org.*

HELP NEEDED – After School Clubs

Do you like to play board games or Legos? Are you good at chess, card games, or checkers? The school is looking for a couple volunteers that would like to spend an hour with our students, after school once a month, to teach them how to play and have some fun. If you have another idea, we'd love to hear it! For more information, please contact Mr. Feddersen in the school office at 630-766-0228 or pfeddersen@zionconcord.org.