

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/>

The Lord's Supper at Zion.

- All first-time visitors are asked to talk to Pastor or Usher before the Supper.
- If not notified, Pastor will give you a blessing.
- If you are not a member in good standing of an LCMS Church, please come forward **with your arms crossed** to indicate your desire for a blessing.

St. Paul writes that, before someone receives the Lord's Supper, "let a man examine himself..." (1 Cor 11:28). He also writes concerning the office of the holy ministry (apostles and pastors), "Let a man so account of us, as... stewards of the mysteries of God" (1 Cor. 4:1)

Therefore, it is our practice not to admit anyone to the Lord's Table whose confession of faith and life are unknown to our Pastor until adequate time is given for teaching, self-examination, and pastoral care.

Thank you for helping us to take care of you and the distribution of our Lord's Gifts.

This Week at Zion Dec. 21 – Dec 28, 2025

Sunday

9:00 am Divine Service – Fourth Sunday in Advent

10:00 am Coffee Hour – Altar Guild

10:15 am Sunday School

10:20 am Adult Bible Class

Tuesday

7:00 pm Bells Practice

Wednesday

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

11:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thursday

10: 00 am Christmas Morning Service

Sunday

9:00 am Divine Service – First Sunday after Christmas

Mortgage Balance: \$155,365.00



Worship **SCHEDULE**

Divine Service Schedule

Sunday 9:00 AM & Wednesday 7:00 PM

We are streaming live on 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.

Supplies Needed

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

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.

Church Envelopes 2026

The new envelopes for 2026 are in and are ready to be picked up on the table in the hallway by the lounge.



Subject to Change:

Thursday, Jan. 1 **Happy New Year**

Thursday, Jan. 8 **Board of Education Meeting @ 6:30 pm**

Thursday, Jan. 15 **Board Meetings and Council Meeting**

Monday Jan. 19 **No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Jan. 26-30, **Lutheran School Week**

Friday, Jan. 30 **VIP ½ day of school**

Wednesday Feb. 18 **Ash Wednesday**

