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Newsletter

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Keeping you informed and
staying connected



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1. Devotional from Pastor Kyle Eddy: "Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us." (Psalm 62:8).

Lutheran Church and Christian School,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

Happy New Year!

The New Year is famous for New Year's Resolutions. People take the new year as an opportunity to start fresh. They determine to make this year better. They're going to stop doing this or start doing that. It's a time of new resolve.

However, New Year's is also notorious for failed resolutions. The gyms that are full in January begin to empty out in February. That extra double chocolate cookie somehow finds its way back into your hand. Sometimes we succeed in our resolutions. But often, we don't.

Thankfully, we have a God who never fails. He consistently does what He sets out to do. At the end of his life, Joshua, who led Israel out of the desert into the promised land, told the people:

"And now I am about to go the way of all the earth, and you know in your hearts and souls, all of you, that not one word has failed of all the good things that the Lord your God promised concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one of them has failed." (Joshua 23:14).

In His holy Word, God has promised you many good things. Chief of all, He has promised you forgiveness and eternal life. In Christ Jesus, these come to pass for you and will not fail.

We may fail, but our God does not.

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." (Psalm 73:26)

We may or may not keep our New Year's resolutions, but God's resolve to love you forever remains unshaken. No matter what troubles come this year, His steadfast love is a safe refuge, and His faithfulness endures through all circumstances.

So this new year, whatever may happen (or not happen), "Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us." (Psalm 62:8).

--Pastor Kyle Eddy

2. Services and Events:

Sunday, January 4th, 2026

- **9:30 a.m.**

Bible Study: Journey Through God's Word – Book of Revelation

This week: **The 144,000 – Part Two**

Everybody is welcome to find comfort and answers to many questions.

- **10:30 a.m.**

Second Sunday after Christmas Worship Service, Holy Communion.

Jesus grows in wisdom, learning the Scriptures and seeking His Father's house, where He is found in the midst of God's Word. He comes to us in His Church through the Gospel, by which we are adopted, redeemed, and sealed by the Spirit. In Him we receive true wisdom for our callings and gather before His presence, especially in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.

Thursday, January 8th, 2026

- **7:00 p.m.**

Monthly Meeting of the **LWMLC Prince George Society** in the downstairs meeting room at ZLCS; all ladies are welcome! Please contact Penny if you need a ride.

Friday, January 9th, 2026

- **7:00 p.m.**

Youth Group for Teenagers Grade 8 to 12

Games, Bible Study, and Fellowship

Sunday, January 11th, 2026

- **9:30 a.m.**

Bible Study: Journey Through God's Word – Book of Revelation

This week: **The Seven Bowls and the Prostitute – Part One**

Everybody is welcome to find comfort and answers to many questions.

- **10:30 a.m.**

Baptism of our Lord Sunday Worship Service, Holy Communion.

At His Baptism, Jesus reveals the Triune God as the Father speaks, the Spirit descends, and the Son stands with sinners in the Jordan.

He takes our sin upon Himself to fulfill all righteousness and to redeem us through His death and resurrection. In our Baptism, we are united with Him, given His Spirit, and named the beloved children of the Father.

- **Extraordinary General Meeting immediately after the Service.**

The future of Zion Lutheran Christian School will be on the agenda.

Sunday, January 18th, 2026

- **9:30 a.m.**

Bible Study: Journey Through God's Word – Book of Revelation

This week: **The Seven Bowls and the Prostitute – Part Two**

Everybody is welcome to find comfort and answers to many questions.

- **10:30 a.m.**

Second Sunday after the Epiphany Worship Service.

God reveals Jesus as the Savior promised from the womb, the light for all nations whose glory is shown in His sacrificial cross. John points to Him as the Lamb of God who takes away the world's sin, anointed by the Spirit at His Baptism. Through our own Baptism, we share this same Spirit, His fellowship, and the sure hope that He will sustain us guiltless to the end.

Friday, January 23rd, 2026

- **7:00 p.m.**

Youth Group for Teenagers Grade 8 to 12

Games, Bible Study, and Fellowship

Sunday, January 25th, 2026

- **9:30 a.m.**

Bible Study: Journey Through God's Word – Book of Revelation

This week: **The Fall of Babylon and the Triumph of the Lamb – Part One**

Everybody is welcome to find comfort and answers to many questions.

- **10:30 a.m.**

Third Sunday after the Epiphany Worship Service.

Jesus brings light to those in darkness through His preaching, miracles, and the calling of His first disciples. He sends them to proclaim the Gospel and to draw people into the joy of His kingdom as “fishers of men.” Through this preaching of Christ's cross—the power and wisdom of God—the Church is united in one mind and faith.

- Enjoy good food in good company at our **Fellowship Potluck after the Service**. Please bring a dish to share if you can.

Sunday, February 1st, 2026

- **9:30 a.m.**

Bible Study: Journey Through God's Word – Book of Revelation

This week: **The Fall of Babylon and the Triumph of the Lamb – Part Two**

Everybody is welcome to find comfort and answers to many questions.

- **10:30 a.m.**

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Worship Service, Holy Communion.

God redeems His people not by worldly strength but through the humility and weakness of Christ crucified. In Him we receive forgiveness, righteousness, and true wisdom, so that we learn to walk humbly with our God. By His cross the blessings of the kingdom are ours, even amid persecution, for we are God's beloved children in Christ.

Friday, February 6th, 2026

- **7:00 p.m.**

Youth Group for Teenagers Grade 8 to 12

Games, Bible Study, and Fellowship

Sunday, February 8th, 2026

- **9:30 a.m.**

Bible Study: Journey Through God's Word – Book of Revelation

This week: **Victory over Satan – Part One**

Everybody is welcome to find comfort and answers to many questions.

- **10:30 a.m.**

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Worship Service.

Jesus fulfills the Law perfectly, giving His own righteousness to His people so their lives shine with His light and flavour the world as salt. Through the preaching of Christ crucified, God grants His hidden wisdom and the Spirit's power. This righteousness moves us to true fasting—freeing the oppressed, feeding the hungry, and caring for the poor.

Thursday, February 12th, 2026

- **7:00 p.m.**

Monthly Meeting of the **LWMLC Prince George Society** in the downstairs meeting room at ZLCS; all ladies are welcome!

Please contact Penny if you need a ride.

Sunday, February 15th, 2026

- **9:30 a.m.**

Bible Study: Journey Through God's Word – Book of Revelation

This week: **Victory over Satan – Part Two**

Everybody is welcome to find comfort and answers to many questions.

- **10:30 a.m.**

Transfiguration Worship Service, Holy Communion.

On the mountain, Jesus reveals His divine glory, confirming the prophetic word and fulfilling the Law and the Prophets. The Father declares Him the beloved Son, whose shining majesty points to the cross where He seals the new covenant with His own blood. In Him we behold God's gracious glory and share communion with Him in His body and blood.

Friday, February 20th, 2026

- **7:00 p.m.**

Youth Group for Teenagers Grade 8 to 12

Games, Bible Study, and Fellowship

Thursday, February 26th, 2026

- **6:30 p.m.**

ZLCS Science Fair

Come and see what our students have prepared for you.

3. Notices:

- * All Sunday Services are livestreamed at:
<https://www.youtube.com/@zion-vanderhoof-lutheran/streams>
- * **Details of events can change on short notice.**
Please check the Upcoming Events page on our website for Updates.
<https://zionpg.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/>
- * Find us on **You-Tube:** <https://www.youtube.com/@zion-vanderhoof-lutheran>
if you are unable to attend in person and want to watch our **live-streamed worship services**, or if you want to rewatch a previously recorded service.
- * You can now find **Written Sermons on our Website under the Resources tab.**
<https://zionpg.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/>

4. Prayer Requests and Praise Reports

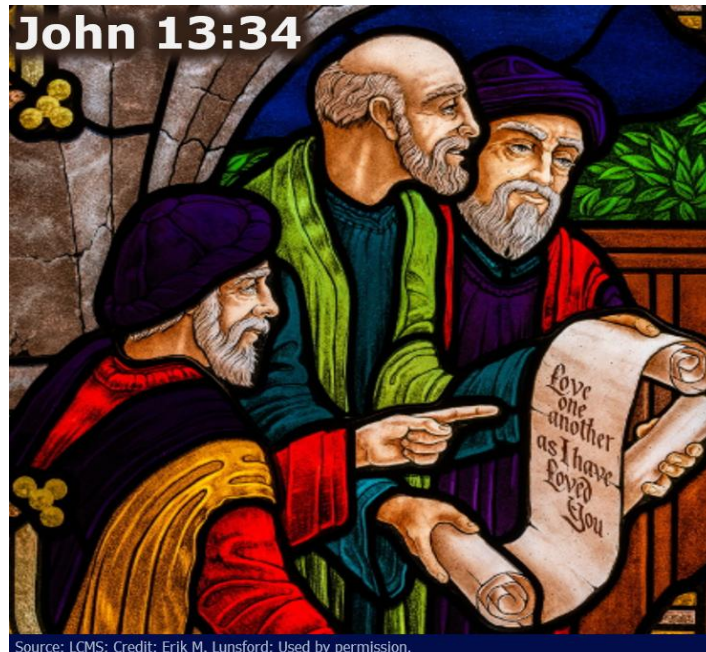
Father in heaven, strengthen us by Your Spirit in life and in death, in times of joy and in times of sorrow.

Teach us to put aside our own wills and to trust in Your good and gracious will.

We commend to Your mercy all who have asked for our prayers.

Be with them and with all who are in need. Hear our prayer, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Please continue to keep your brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers.



If you have prayer requests you would like to share with the congregation, please call the office at 250-562-2777 or send an email to zion@zlcs.com.

The **Prayer Chain** is a line of communication among Christians who are willing to be 'On Call' and will pray for any specific need for anyone who requests their prayers.

The members of the prayer chain will keep your prayer requests **strictly confidential** unless you explicitly allow us to share them with the congregation!

If you would like to participate in the prayer chain, or want to know more about it, please contact Penny Bobier or the church office.

If you are in need of prayer, please don't hesitate to call the office at 250-562-2777 or Shirley at 250-964-3411.

We don't want anyone to be in need or suffering, so, please let us know if we can help in any way.

5. Did you know – The Seasons of the Church Year –

Part 1: from Advent to Epiphany

The Christian year includes six seasons and four key holy days:

Christmas Day, Epiphany, Easter, and Pentecost.

Each holy day marks a transition between seasons, and each season is associated with a liturgical colour that symbolizes the spirit of the time.

These colours adorn sanctuaries and worship spaces as visible reminders of the Church's journey through the Christian year.

Here is part one of a brief look at the seasons and the holy days that accompany them.

Advent and Christmas

The word **Advent** comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming.”

Advent is a time of preparation to celebrate the arrival of Christ into the world.

With Advent begins the Christian year, even as it coincides with the end of the secular calendar.

Advent starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, and in Advent, the Church eagerly awaits Christ's past, present, and future coming—in the past His birth as a child, in the present as He comes to us in His Word and Sacraments, and in the future when He returns to judge the world.

Each Sunday, a new candle is lit on the **Advent Wreath** to represent hope, peace, joy, and love.

On **Christmas Eve**, the **Christ Candle** is lit to mark Christ's birth.

The colours of Advent are purple and blue. Purple signifies both penitence and royalty, reflecting both the solemnity of the season and the coming of the King.

Blue is often used to express hope and anticipation.

While Advent is celebratory, it is also a time for prayerful reflection and spiritual readiness.

Advent culminates in the celebration of Jesus' birth on **Christmas Day**, December 25.

In keeping with Hebrew tradition, many churches mark Christmas beginning at sunset on December 24.

Christmas Season begins on December 25 and continues for 12 days, ending with Epiphany on January 6.

The liturgical colours of the Christmas season are gold and white, symbolizing Christ's royalty and purity.

Epiphany

The word **Epiphany** means “manifestation” or “revealing.” It comes from the Greek word epiphaneia.

Epiphany begins with the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord, which celebrates the visitation of the Magi to the infant Christ (Matthew 2:1–12).

Epiphany also marks the first time the Messiah was shared with those outside of Israel, the Gentiles, it commemorates the revelation of Jesus to the world.

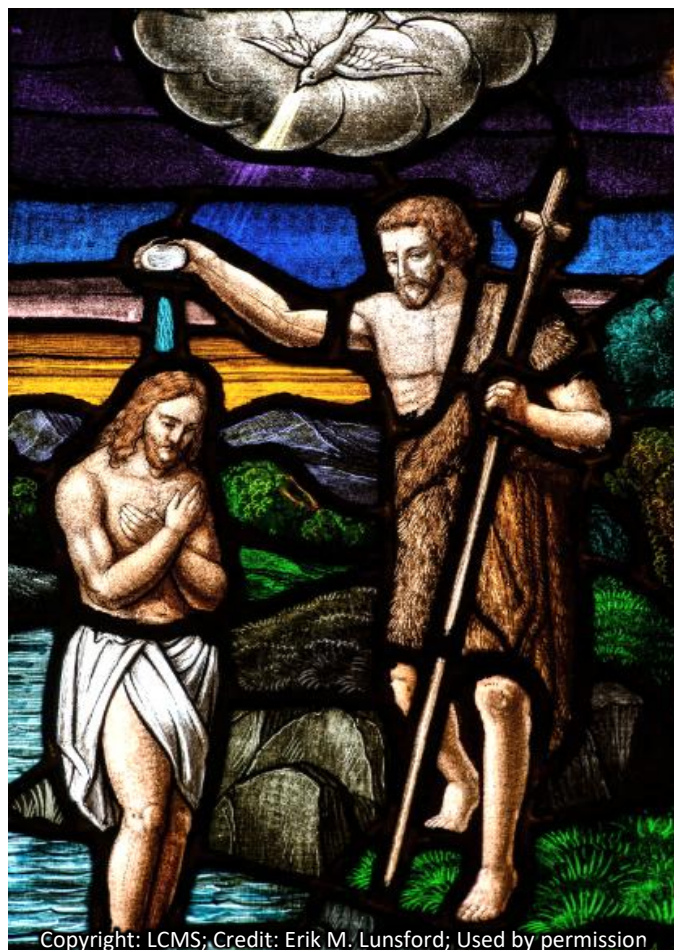
The colour for the feast of Epiphany is white.

Ordinary Time after Epiphany runs from the day of Epiphany until Ash Wednesday. Its liturgical **colour green** symbolizes growth, vitality, and spiritual development.

The First Sunday after Epiphany is the Feast of the **Baptism of Our Lord**, which celebrates Christ taking on the sins of Israel and all mankind and modeling repentance for our wayward world.

The final Sunday during Epiphany celebrates **Christ’s Transfiguration**.

It commemorates the day when Christ shared a glimpse of His divinity to the disciples Peter, James, and John up on a mountain. Appearing between Moses, a symbol of the Law, and Elijah, a symbol of the prophets, Christ showed Himself to be the fulfillment of both.



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6. Zion Lutheran Church and Christian School Contact Information:

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, except statutory holidays.

School Hours: 8:40 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. on school days (Office closes at 12:30 p.m.!))

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