

LADIES DEPARTMENT



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Women in Mission - Zion Lutheran Mission Valley



Bible Study times each month....

Esther Circle-2nd Tuesday of the Month-9 am
Ladies Aid-1st Thursday of the Month-2 pm
Rebecca/Ruth Circle-1st Monday of the Month-10 am. Each Bible study group or circle has ongoing activities they are involved in, such as the kits, quilts, Ladles of Love, etc. *But to participate, you do not have to belong to a circle...*



ESTHER CIRCLE

Esther Circle met on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for its regular monthly meeting. Present were Carolyn, Priscilla, Eva, Bettye, Judy, Irene, Cass, Darlette, Darla, Gail, Michelle, Pam and Sherilyn. We had one visitor, Dorothy Smith. We will add her to our membership list.

Hostesses were Michelle and Gail. Bible Leader was Cass.

Business: LWML General Meeting will be January 27 with Esther giving devotion. **Sewing** is January 21. **ChiliFest** is Friday, January 23. **Enter the contest!** Lone Star Women's Renewal Retreat is January 30-February 1. **LOL** will be February 7 served by Esther A.....Sherilyn thru Iris. Menu will be Rotisserie Chicken by Irene, Macaroni Salad, Normandy Vegetables and Rolls by Sherilyn, Cobblers by Eva and Priscilla. Pudding Cups and Valentine Candy.

Cards were sent to Jennifer Henry, Richard Gisler, Ray Buchhorn, Lagal Family, Bea Fuchs and Kern Harper.

Offering: \$131.00

All ladies of Zion are invited to join *Esther* on the second Tuesday of each month as we study the Word of God! Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Hostesses will be Darlette and Bettye.

Sherilyn Arnecke, Secretary/Treasurer

REBECCA/RUTH CIRCLE

Rebecca/Ruth Circle met January 5th at 10am at the church for Bible Study. Denise Afflerbach was Bible Study Leader and there were 6 ladies present: Denise, Seda Weaver, Debbie Meyer, Sherri Bluhm, Jo Nell Martin, Winona Klacman and 1 visitor, Shelia Seipert. The Bible Study was from the Fall Woman's Quarterly Magazine, "We Have Received Grace upon Grace" and Bible Study was opened with Prayer. This was a very good Bible Study, and we closed with prayer and read the hymn, "Rock of Ages".

Debbie Meyer led **business meeting**: Tuesday, January 20th, 9am **Sewing Day**; Tuesday, January 27th, 6:45pm **General Meeting** w/Mite Ingathering. Devotions by Esther Circle and Hostess is the Rebecca/Ruth Circle. Rebecca/Ruth will provide finger food, sandwiches, chips and dips, cookies.

Our next Circle meeting will be **February 2nd** at 10am with Sheron Alex as our Bible Study Leader. Rebecca/Ruth Circle welcomes Shelia Seipert as a new member.

Everybody is invited to come and join us in Bible Study and Fellowship.

Secretary, Winona Klacman



LADLES OF LOVE

Esther A is in charge of Ladles of Love in February. If you would like to participate in a group or form your own group, please talk to Sherilyn Arnecke.

Sherilyn Arnecke, Chairperson



Each month the ladies of the church are collecting a different item as one of their projects for Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry (VCAM). For the month of **February** LWML is collecting **Canned Green Peas**. We are asking the congregation to help with this project. It would be very much appreciated. There is a box in the **Narthex near the Ladies Restroom** for your donated item. Please help restock the shelves at VCAM. If any questions, contact Eva Cooke, project chairperson.

Want to thank everyone for contributing food for all these people in need.

Irene Heinold & Darlette Mathisen, Chairpersons
Thank you, thank you. For the month of December 61 lbs. of Cornbread Bread were collected for VCAM!



SEWING DAY

Sewing Day was rescheduled to Wednesday, January 21st. Those attending were Kay Lagal, Shelley Sharp, Eva Cooke and Irene Heinold. Due to the low attendance, they sorted things out and be ready for next Sewing Day.

Our next Sewing Day will be **Tuesday, February 17th** at 9am in the multi-Purpose Room.

Irene Heinold & Darlette Mathisen, Chairpersons

YOUTH DEPARTMENT



Please join us for Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9am.



SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP FACEOFF DAY

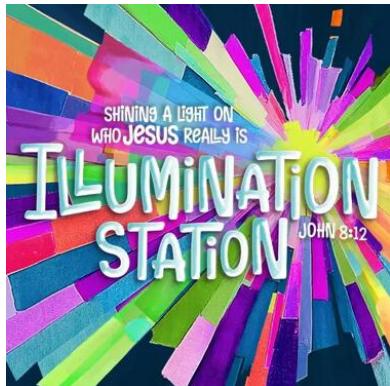
Fellowship Faceoff Day will resume the 2nd **Sunday February 8, 2026**, during the Sunday School/Adult Bible Study at 9am. Fellowship Faceoff is **BACK!** We're playing another round of Discernment at 9am during the Sunday School hour. Bragging rights are on the line—don't miss it!

We plan to meet on the 2nd Sunday each month thereafter. a fun-filled game day during the Sunday school hour! We'll be playing games like Jeopardy, Kahoot, and more — something for all ages, **from our littlest learners to adults**. As we navigate this season of transition between pastors, we'll be hosting a game day once a month to grow in faith, fellowship, and fun together.

For any questions, see Megan. See insert.



VBS NEEDS
VOLUNTEERS!



Mark your calendar! Vacation Bible School is right around the corner – **May 31st– June 4th!**

The theme of Illumination Station VBS is "Shining a Light on Who Jesus Is" **John 8:12**. It focuses on helping kids explore how light reveals the true nature of Jesus, who is described as the Light of the World. Coordinators are Jennifer Henry, Kristy Zarate and Kathy Harryman.



If your children have any news like school recognitions, honors, sports, achievements this year that you would like to share, please submit them to the church office. Throughout the year, please submit special happenings. We love to hear about our children.

COMMITTEE NEWS

CONGREGATION NEWS



OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Teresa Lagal of Victoria who passed away January 7, 2026. She was the sister of Bill (Kay) Lagal.



IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to the proud parent, Cody and Krysta Canham, on the birth of a baby boy, Brooks Paul Canham. He weighed 7 lbs 14oz. and was 21" long. Proud grandmother is Terry Depine.

LENTEN SERVICES



LENTEN SERVICE AND MEALS

On Ash Wednesday after the meal, we will have worship with communion. The next 5 Wednesdays, there will be a 30-minute Bible Study/video in the Fellowship Hall after the meals. Meals begin at 6pm and Lenten Bible Study/video begins at 7pm. The following schedule of Lenten meals & Bible Study/video:

Wed., February 18 Ash Wednesday - Council

Wed., February 25

Wed., March 4

Wed., March 11

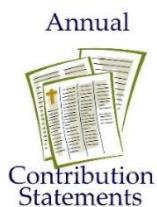
Wed., March 18

Wed., March 25



TREASURER'S REPORTS

A copy of the 2025 Annual Treasurer's report is available in the Narthex on bulletin board for any member who wishes a copy.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2025 Financial Statements are being distributed by Teresa Boswell. If you did not receive one or have a question, please contact Teresa. Financial Statements not distributed personally; you can pick them up in person in the church office.



CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC

Zion is seeking the position of Picnic Coordinator for **after** Easter which is April 5th. You and your committee have the opportunity to decide on events, create the fun, and designate the recipient of the proceeds. Everyone can get involved and make it a time of celebration. We all join in to help. In our history, we were known as the friendly church under the oaks and renown for our picnics. Thank you for your considerations. Please contact the church office.



THANK YOU

God placed so many loving, caring, prayerful people in Zion. Thank you for praying for me as I recover from a stroke.

Ray Buchhorn

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE CARD

Members & Guests, please fill out an attendance card for each worship service attended and place them in the offering plate. These cards help us to keep accurate records and assist with pastoral care. Please list each individual's name attending if in a family. That way each one gets counted.



Malawi, South Africa. With the help of many energetic, volunteers, Orphan Grain Train Houston loaded their first international shipment

December 13. The container was packed with 1,559 boxes of clothes, blankets, linens, coats, hygiene kits along with 10 bicycles, it was then transported to the Port of Houston where it will be shipped to South Africa. *Jesus' Footprints in Africa Ministry* will receive the shipment and share the Good News of Jesus as they distribute these blessings to people who do not have the means to provide for themselves.

OGT Board members are grateful for the continued support of individuals, churches, and community groups who bring donations, volunteer, provide aid for orphans, widows and those less fortunate. Visit ogt.org to learn more about OGT's domestic and international outreach.

**HEARING
ASSISTANCE**
**HEARING ASSISTANCE IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

To assist anyone to hear the discussion at meetings in the Fellowship Hall, the Fellowship Hall is now equipped to use the same hearing assistance devices

that are used in the sanctuary. Just bring one of the devices from the sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall. Contact David Miller or David Pribyl for any assistance.



RECYLING INK CARTRIDGES

How do we get rewards for recycling ink cartridges? As a Reward Member of Office Depot, the church gets \$2 back in program rewards for each ink cartridge that we recycle, up to 10 cartridges per month. Qualifying purchases include any product or service purchase made in store or online. All brands of ink qualify for recycling rewards. This helps with the rising cost of supplies for the church. There is a basket on a shelf in the Narthex between the Men's & Ladies' Restrooms for your cartridges.



Entire Service on: Zion's Facebook page
<http://www.facebook.com/zionmissionvalley/>

*****We are trying to "boost" our social media (Facebook) and internet presence. If you are a Facebook user, go ahead and give us a "Like" at facebook.com/ZionMissionValley. We are posting several times a week with various memes, quotes, Q&A, and interesting articles. "Like" and share what you see, whether it's Sunday's service or a goofy meme! Also, be sure to click on the church webpage, <https://zionlutheranmv.org/> and let it load up. You don't even have to read it! It drives the algorithms to keep us closer to the top when people do searches for churches in the Victoria area.



VISITATION

If you are in the hospital or would like a home visit, please call an Elder or Church office.



Due to the privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify pastors when a member is admitted or treated. If you know of anyone being taken to the hospital (emergency or otherwise), or who is especially ill, please call an Elder or contact the church office.



PRAYER LIST

To add another person's name to our prayer lists, you must be a member or active worshipping guest of Zion and identify yourself as the one requesting prayer for someone else. It is your responsibility to gain this permission! The church office reserves the right to edit prayer requests for publication.



SHUT-INS

Please continue to keep our shut-ins in your prayers and enliven their lives through visits, letters, and cards or phone calls.

Dalhardt & Rose Goebel
3100 S. River Road
Cuero, Tx 77954

James Morris, Sr.
3472 FM 447
Victoria, Tx 77905

Alissa Blount
Arboretum of Winnie
1215 TX-124
Winnie, Tx 77665

Dan & Doris Nugent
5404 FM 236
Victoria, Tx 77905



*****PRAYER REQUESTS*****
Please check names on the Prayer List. Please let the office know should someone be removed.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

1. Bill Lagal
2. Cole Ohrt – friend of Zion
3. Holly Corey
4. Loma Chandler – Karen Wood's sister
5. James Morris, Sr.
6. JoNell Martin
7. Ann Pantel – wife of Curtis Pantel
8. Maudi Garcia – friend of Jacki Cooke
9. Jeanette Laza – cousin of Irene Heinold
10. Lisa Roman – niece of Cass Martignoni
11. Kamryn McDavid – granddaughter of Pribyl's
12. Mai Harwell
13. Rose & Dalhardt Goebel
14. Allie Faulkner – Faulkner's granddaughter
15. Julie Heinold
16. Alissa Blount
17. Jodie Schaefer – friend of Barbara Schmidt
18. Becky Debore – friend of Irene Heinold
19. Glennie Bednorz – friend of JoNell Martin
20. Travis Weaver – brother of Ronny Weaver
21. Ava Soliz – Ann Heller's friend's daughter
22. Jim Krause
23. Priscilla Dornburg
24. Pauline Janak
25. Emily – friend of Ann Heller
26. Charles Krueger – Cass Martignoni's brother
27. Gail Hogan – Barbara Schmidt's cousin
28. Kenneth & Nancy Hahn – Faulkner's friends
29. Cindy & Jennifer Henderson – Randy Carter's sister & niece
30. Jana Ragsdale – niece of Julie Heinold
31. Pam Ficklen – niece of Barbara Schmidt
32. Kim Gisler – relative to Jacki Cooke
33. John Meharg – Calton Arnecke & Darlette Mathisen's cousin
34. Marvin Janak
35. Randy Kersten – Peggy Polster's brother
36. Janie Bolten – Jacki Cooke's friend
37. Ryan Aaron – friend of Cooke's
38. Gary Moses
39. Ray Buchhorn
40. Susan Forsythe – family friend of Alex's
41. Robert Kaiser – friend of Arnecke's



VICTORIA CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

Visit our website at: www.vcamvictoria.org or our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/vcam.org/> for VCAM services or news.

Services Provided for December 2025

Households Served – 1388, Total Number in households – 3439, Food Boxes – 1255, Basic Needs – 2897, Home Delivery – 22, Homeless Served – 137, Homeless Visits – 523, New VCAM Households Served – 38

Purchase Food Bk	290,763	61%		
Purchase Other	19,898	4%		
Free Food Bank	63,202	13%		
Donated HEB/DG	72,875	15%	H-E-B Grant	4707 lbs
Donated Other	29,788	6%	JCCLDS Grant	17500 lbs
TOTAL LBS.	476,526			

Food Bank Lbs **353,965** **74%** of lbs.
(Purchase & Free)

YTD COST					
*Food Bank Cost	\$ 63,653.84	70%	of expense	74.28%	of lbs.
Other Food Cost	\$ 27,557.92	30%	of expense	4.18%	of lbs.
Total Cost	\$ 91,211.76				
<i>*subtract \$2687 Food Bk credit</i>					
\$88524.76 Actual Food Cost					

*There were two very generous donations towards the purchase of food commodities: \$25,000 from the Jesus Christ Church of Latter Day Saints (JCCLDS) towards the purchase of \$17,500 lbs. of commodities & \$10,000 in H-E-B Gift Cards, of which \$7,200 was utilized towards commodities. In addition, VCAM received a \$2,687 credit toward the purchase of FB commodities. As a result, over **600,000 lbs. of food commodities were involved in the 2025 VCAM operation** (Food Bank & retail).

In 2025, over 3,600 households were served on a monthly basis, encompassing 9,000 members in those households. That resulted in **53,700 services provided** (food, clothing, basic needs, some form of financial assistance). There were **833 new households**, by far the VCAM has signed up in a one-year span.

Staple inventory items always in dire need in the pantry:

Rice (1 or 2 lbs. bags – uncooked), cereals (box or bag), 1lb. bag beans, pastas, tomato sauce.

Please consider donating these bags to VCAM. This will greatly assist in maintaining our expenses.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE	
Sunday, December 28 th	79
Sunday, January 4 th	81
Sunday, January 11 th	110
Sunday, January 18 th	95
Sunday, January 25 th	Cancel

**VCAM IS ALWAYS IN NEED
OF T-SHIRT BAGS FOR ALL
PHASES OF OUR
OPERATION
PLEASE RECYCLE TO VCAM**



Of course, the most spiritual & practical way to give is in the form of monetary donations:



Blessings...*Marc*

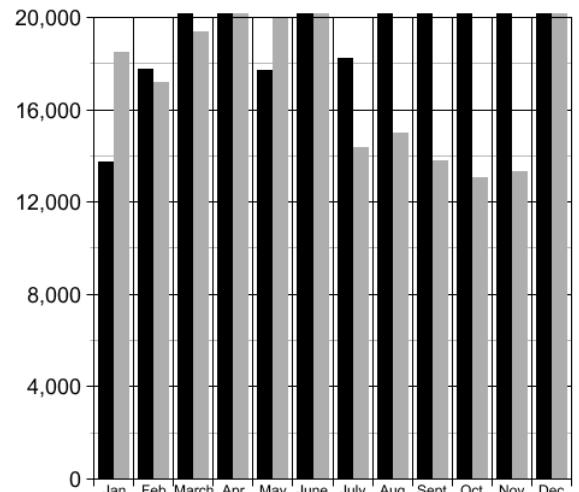
Clients come on a once-a-month basis, while our homeless population is served on a daily basis.

All services are provided free.

Please continue to refer those who require our services to VCAM & please continue to support.

“Providing hope when things seem hopeless...”

General Fund - 2025 Income vs Expenses



In the above chart, you can see our expenses and offerings. We share this with you so you are aware of how this is continuing to impact our overall ministry. Even as we continue to thank God for the many blessings He gives to Zion, including those of the financial offerings of His people, the Church Council and Church Office are being as mindful as possible about the stewardship of the church budget.



ERRORS AND/OR OMISSIONS

The Messenger Staff wants to correct any errors and/or omissions. Please let the church office know promptly.

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES FOR FEBRUARY

February 6 – Michelle Wendel
February 7 – Twila Wendel, Kelley Mundy
February 8 – Justin Heinold, Pauline Janak
February 9 – Teresa Boswell
February 10 – Kimberly Ramirez
February 14 – Brittainy Harwell, Chloé Blount, Sherry Hornstein
February 16 – Ray Buchhorn, Joseph Burns, Haley Willemin, Hayden Webel Radonna Brown
February 19 – Wayne Polster
February 20 – Brittney Woytasczyk, Adalynn Woytasczyk
February 22 – Gene Rydell, Pastor Les Judge, David Stockton
February 23 – Kay Lagal
February 26 – Debbie Gras, Darla Sifford, Aria Raby
February 28 – Brandon Alex



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

February 1 – Wyatt Jaeger
February 2 – Gina Jaeger
February 3 – Ricky Roessler, Diane Lassman
February 4 – Pat Harper
February 7 – Cheryl Carter
February 8 – Sherilyn Arnecke, Sherri Bluhm, Lance Woytasczyk
February 9 – Keegan Heller
February 13 – Judy Garman
February 14 – Dianna Zmeskal
February 16 – Everett Mitchell
February 19 – Curtis Pantel, Jordan Klesel, Ashton Kelly
February 25 – JoNell Martin
February 27 – Sara Foster

THE LOVE GOD DESIRES



God's love is never meant to stop with us; it's meant to flow through us. When we love others, we reflect his very heart. As 1 John 4:12 (NIV)

reminds us, "If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

This is the true mark of a Christian — love that reaches beyond comfort zones, opinions and differences. Jesus said in John 13:35 (NIV), "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

The world is watching, not to see how loudly we profess our faith but how deeply we practice it. Every act of compassion, every gentle word and every moment of grace reveals something divine — God's love at work in us. The more we give that love away, the more it grows within us, mirroring the heart of Christ, who gave Himself for all.

So ask yourself: Does the world recognize you as his disciple by the way you love?



BIBLE QUIZ

The New Testament uses several Greek words to describe love. Which of the following best represents the selfless, sacrificial love that God shows to humanity?

- A. Eros
- B. Phileo
- C. Agape
- D. Storge

Answer: C (See John 3:16 and 1 Corinthians 13)

LENT

STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN

Why should we observe Lent?

We observe Lent because it causes us to STOP. Lent says, "Stop and rest awhile." Lent says, "Stop doing wrong."

We observe Lent because it tells us to LOOK. Look inward for an honest self-examination. Look upward to see the cross of Christ with healing and love. Look forward to the hope of the Resurrection.

We observe Lent because it tells us to LISTEN. Listen to the words of Christ. Listen to the voice of God. Listen to the winds of the Spirit of God.

Stop, look and listen. These three words are important for our safety in travel, but they may also be helpful for our journey through the days of Lent.

FYI

CHURCH CONTACTS

Sunday School – Board of Education/Youth

Lutheran Youth Fellowship – Board of Education/Youth

Altar Guild, Pauline Janak

Blood Drive, Church Office

Leaders Of Compassion, Eva Cooke
Judy Faulkner

Ladies of Love, Sherilyn Arnecke

Library, Sherita Miller

Memorials, Seda Weaver

LWML President, Michelle Wendel

Esther, Iris Heller

Ladies Aid, Eva Cooke

Rebecca/Ruth, Debbie Meyer

Worship/Music Bd., Hilbert Nagel

Church Secretary, Seda Weaver

Sound System, David Miller

Kitchen Cartel, Darla Sifford

Board of Elders, David Miller

Board of Trustees, Pauline Janak

Board of Outreach, Judy Faulkner

Board of Education/Youth, Jacki Cooke
Candice Clay

Board of Fellowship, Priscilla Dornburg

Security & Safety, David Pribyl

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

President, Pat Zmeskal

Vice-Pres., Pauline Janak

Secretary, Terry Depine

Treasurer, Seda Weaver

Financial Sec, Teresa Boswell

Elder, David Miller

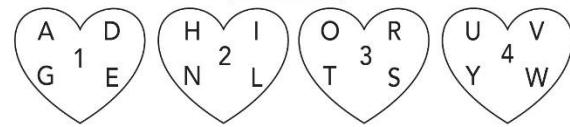
Elder, David Pribyl

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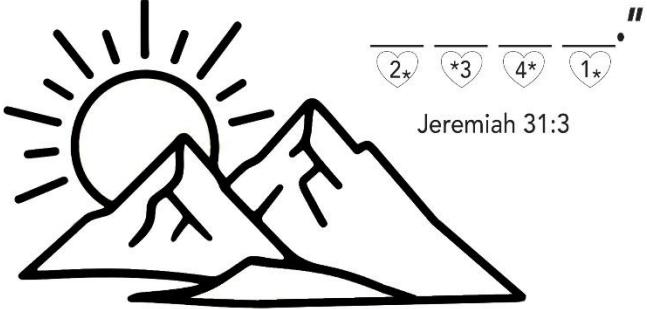
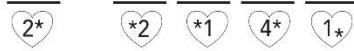
We see hearts everywhere and love sharing cards and greetings with friends and family.

Use the code to discover a special message from God — perfect for any day, any month.

CODE:



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Answer: "I have loved you with an everlasting love."