

# The Messenger



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## Our Mission

The mission of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and School is to preach and teach God's saving Word in all its truth and purity.

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## Alive!

***“No one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.” John 3:5***

The room was dimly lit. A machine was blinking every so often over in the corner of the room. She was in bed. He was standing next to her, holding her hand. They were alone...for now. As the hours passed, her pain grew more and more intense—and so did their anticipation. Finally, the words they had been waiting to hear: “It’s a boy!” Finally, the sound they couldn’t wait to hear: Baby’s first cry!

The nurse eventually placed the squirming newborn in his mother’s lap. He stretched out his arms and kicked up his legs, but then he quickly curled them back up into a ball. Ten fingers, ten toes, a heart that was pumping, lungs that were breathing—a healthy baby boy. He was very much alive. And yet, as healthy as he was, this child was dead, spiritually dead. No monitor indicated that. No machine would ever detect that. Only the Word of God reveals that we, like King David, have been sinful from birth; sinful from the time our mothers conceived us (Psalm 51:5). More than that, only the Word of God reveals that all of us were born dead in our transgressions and sins (Ephesians 2).

Dead. Spiritually dead. When it came to God or to faith or to obedience, we were more helpless than a newborn baby. We could do nothing. We didn’t love God. We didn’t *want* to love God. We couldn’t believe in God. We didn’t *want* to believe in God. We couldn’t obey his

commands. We didn’t *want* to obey his commands. We weren’t able to make any kind of decision for Christ, accept anyone as Lord, open our hearts up to Jesus, or invite the Spirit in. We were dead, spiritually dead. We were unable to do a thing. We were unable to save ourselves.

So God, in love, stepped in to do something for us, to do something to us, to do something in us. He did it with a splash of water and the proclamation of his Word: a second birth, born now of water and the Spirit—you and I at the font in the waters of Holy Baptism. Alive. Spiritually alive. We are able to love, able to believe, able to obey. We are alive—“born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God” (1 Peter 1:23). Alive in Christ. And God did it all—he did it all by grace and by grace alone.

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## Greeter Schedule

### January 3

8:00am — E14 John & Jane Evers	10:30am — L5 Marcia Rewolinski & Arlene Sennhenn
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### January 10

8:00am — E1 Jeff & Melody Krakow	10:30am — L6 Dan & Laurie Weiland
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### January 17

8:00am — E2 Dave & Kathy Harle	10:30am — L7 Wayne & Darlene Powers
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### January 24

8:00am — E3 Matt & Sue Yaroch	10:30am — L8 Otto & Sheree Mattke
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### January 31

8:00am — E4 Delmar & Carol Vick	10:30am — L9 Bev Herold & Nicole Henning
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If you are interested in being added as a greeter or need to be removed from the schedule, please contact Melody Krakow at (920) 210-6323.

## Usher Schedule

### January 3 and January 10

8:00am Team E3 Lawrence Olson (C) Randy Koehn (A) Waldamar Vick Ty Vick Kevin Vick Joe Grambsch Ben Grambsch	10:30am Team L5 Don Rahn (C) Phil Manteufel (A) Peter Lewke John Cares Jason Langille Marcus Sims
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### January 17 and January 24

8:00am Team E4 Dale Sennhenn (C) Mark Lindell (A) Brian Sennhenn Andrew Bussian Remington Lindell Brett Schraufnagel Scott Brenner	10:30am Team L6 Otto Mattke (C) Paul Kehl (A) Dennis Winter Kyle Winter William Mattke Brandon VerVelde Brian Peck
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### January 31 and February 7

8:00am Team E5 Harold Schaefer (C) Mike Vick (A) Dale Schilling Ron Yerges Bruce Hatzinger James Stadler	10:30am Team L7 Roger Weiland (C) Steve Weiland (A) Dan Weiland Brady Weiland Bryce Weiland Brett Weiland
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If you have any questions about the schedule, would like to be added as an usher or won't be able to serve any longer as an usher, please call Julie Doyle at (608) 846-5103.

## Video Team Schedule January 2016

6	Gary Schuhmacher
10	Mark Lindell
17	Phil Manteufel
24	Randy Koehn
31	Matt Greiling



## November Church Attendance

Date	Total
29/1	351
8 (Organ Dedication)	315
15	560
19/22	327
25 (Thanksgiving)	190
29	305

## Council Names and Numbers

Rick Gentz, President - 623-2507
Bruce Zander, Vice President - 623-5217
Jason Langille, Secretary - 608-837-2148
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Dan Retzlaff, Education - 623-2623
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Kurt Zander, Property - 920-210-1107
Dalve Harle, Stewardship - 623-3819

# Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

November 2015

<b>Previous Month Assets</b>	<b>\$593,818.50</b>
Total Transactions	\$19,418.16
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$613,236.66</b>

<b>New Church/School Total</b>	<b>\$266,045.68</b>
checking/savings	

		----- Monthly Statements -----			
Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Undesignated Savings	NEW Church/ School Fund Savings	NEW Church/School Checking	
Previous Balance	\$11,350.30	\$307,846.78	\$243,472.70	\$5,674.26	
Monthly Transactions*	\$2,719.44	(\$200.00)	\$17,105.57	(\$206.85)	
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$14,069.74</b>	<b>\$307,646.78</b>	<b>\$260,578.27</b>	<b>\$5,467.41</b>	
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<b>Transactions</b>	<b>(\$150.00)</b> Joan Marks	<b>(\$200.00)</b> transfer to general fund	<b>(\$4,623.38)</b> church loan	<b>(\$100.00)</b> Video - Todd Hackbarth	
	(\$75.00) Lutheran Military Support Group		(\$1,548.29) American National Bank organ loan	(\$100.00) Lakeside Video Department	
	(\$200.00) Zion Scrip - gift		(\$4,623.38) American National Bank church loan	(\$6.85) Caldwell Lumber Co. Pew insall materials	
	(\$8,200.00) fund transfer to general		(\$4,623.38) American National Bank church loan		
	\$1.49 Interest		\$8,027.00 Deposit		
	\$11,342.95 Donation for Bell Tower project from Clara Sennhenn in memory of her sister, Verola		\$3,464.00 Deposit		
			\$6,625.00 Deposit		
			\$1,487.00 Deposit		
			\$6,720.00 Deposit		
			\$1,500.00 Deposit		
			\$3,671.00 Deposit		
			\$1,030.00 Deposit		
<b>Monthly Transactions TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,719.44</b>	<b>(\$200.00)</b>	<b>\$17,105.57</b>	<b>(\$206.85)</b>	
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<b>TOTAL TRANSACTIONS</b>	<b>\$19,418.16</b>	<b>Plus:.....</b>	<b>Two CD's</b>		
		CD F&M 12-mo	\$10,474.46	\$15,000.00	
		Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Interest Received</b>	<b>\$1.49</b>		\$10,474.46	\$15,000.00	

## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Financial Statement

	Nov 15	Jul - Nov 15
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Building Fund Donation	202.00	288.00
Church Library Donation	0.00	57.59
General Fund Offerings	42,656.65	180,547.98
LLHS Building Income	355.00	1,375.00
LLHS Income	2,509.21	10,619.29
Other Donations	338.28	13,888.78
Other Reciepts	20.00	41.71
Sub teaching reimburse	0.00	45.00
Synod Missions Income	5,260.43	23,220.58
Transferred from Undesignated	8,400.00	36,600.00
WLCFS Income	915.00	3,472.00
WLIM Income	215.00	834.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>60,871.57</b>	<b>270,989.93</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
ACH fee	0.00	0.00
Building Fund Expense	202.00	288.00
Called Workers Salaries	21,835.82	105,277.14
Church Supplies	1,223.48	1,871.33
Convention/Cont' Education	39.50	88.40
Copier	0.00	678.15
Guest Pastor	200.00	450.00
Health Insurance	4,887.90	24,439.50
Housing	635.00	3,175.00
Janitors	333.57	3,085.48
Liability Insurance	0.00	325.00
LLHS Building Expense	355.00	1,375.00
LLHS Expense	2,509.21	10,619.29
Maintenance	3,581.83	16,508.21
Meditation/Forward in Christ	105.00	825.92
Mileage	484.65	2,264.20
Miscellaneous	0.00	55.00
Organists	251.52	1,045.62
Outreach Board	0.00	810.20
Payroll Expenses	206.80	1,138.48
Payroll Taxes	5,928.86	29,350.83
Pension Insurance	0.00	6,300.00
Postage and Delivery	72.45	674.98
Secretaries	1,676.06	8,284.83
Stewardship Board	438.86	2,278.35
Substitute Teaching	419.31	464.31
Sunday School/VBS	0.00	949.27
Synod Mission Expense	5,260.43	23,220.58
Telephone & Internet Expense	234.88	1,197.38
Utilities	4,728.97	19,227.60
WLCFS Expense	915.00	3,472.00
WLIM Expense	215.00	834.00
Worship	60.00	759.11
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>56,801.10</b>	<b>271,333.16</b>

## GOT FITNESS

### Returns

GOT FITNESS will resume on Thursday, January 7th at Zion School's gym. If you've been thinking of trying GOT FITNESS, now is a great time! Just bring an exercise mat, a pair of hand weights, and energy for a great workout. Workout moves can be modified to fit a variety of fitness levels. All adults high school age and older are welcome. Schedules for January are available at the school office. Contact Becca Kramer with any questions. See you then!



## Ministrations

### Baptisms

8. Olivia May Tooley. Born 5/8/15, Baptized 11/5/15.
  9. Alexis Tooley. Born 11/20/08, Baptized 11/5/15.
  10. Devin Tooley. Born 8/27/04, Baptized 11/5/15.
- All children of Jason Tooley & Becky nee Geils.

### Deaths

9. Darlene Gentz. Born 9/24/1931, Died 11/4/2015.



Joan Herzberg	1st	82 years
Ruth Lienke	11th	88 years
Selma Dykstra	20th	87 years

## Ladies' Aid

There is no Ladies' Aid meeting scheduled for January.

## Women's Open Gym

Any women high school age and over that are interested in playing basketball just for fun are welcome to come to Zion School's gym on Wednesday evenings starting January 6th at 7:00pm.

If you have any questions, contact Becky Weidner at (920) 319-6956.

## Sims Farewell Open House

Our wonderful pastor, Dan Sims, will be preaching his last sermon at Zion on Sunday, January 3rd, 2016. We will gather for our goodbyes in between the services on that day. We will provide coffee and cool beverages, and will be serving refreshments to all. Please bring a snack that you think the Sims family would enjoy. In appreciation for Pastor's 14 years of faithful service, we will also be presenting him with a gift. If you would like to contribute you can do one of three things. You can turn in any donation to the office in a marked "Sims Farewell" envelope, we will take a door collection on January 3rd, or you can bring your card or gift to the Sims Farewell Open House and place it on the gift table. *"Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"*(1 Thessalonians 5:12,13, 16-18)



## Job Opening

Do you have a heart for helping seniors? WLCFS-Christian Family Solutions In-Home Care is seeing compassionate and dependable caregivers to provide non-medical home care in the Dodge County area. If you enjoy working with seniors and are looking for a job where you can make a difference, In-Home Care is the place for you. Duties include assistance with ADLs, light housekeeping, meal preparation, ambulation assistance, medication reminders, personal cares, and companionship. Schedules are flexible and include weekday, weekend, and/or evening hours. If interested, please contact Cheryl at [choelz@wlcfs.org](mailto:choelz@wlcfs.org) or call 888-685-5922. For full information, visit the Employment page of our website at [www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org](http://www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org).



## Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **January 22nd**. Contact Sue Henning at 920-623-2569 or [suehenning25@gmail.com](mailto:suehenning25@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## Elders Board by Jeff Krakow

World peace is often asked for by many and we hear about it more and more at this time of year. What does God say about world peace? There will be wars and rumors of wars. There will be earthquakes and pestilence. **When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.” Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.** (Luke 21:9-11 see also Matthew 24 & Mark 13)

He also tells us that we will have family conflict. **They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.** (Luke 12:53) He doesn't stop at family quarrels, He also tells us we will suffer as His followers, **Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me.** (Matthew 24:9) Doesn't really sound like peace does it? We even have a war within ourselves as Paul says in Romans 7: 21- 24; **So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?**

So, what is the peace we hear about in Luke 2:14 (KJV) **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men?** God has given us a peace that the world doesn't understand. **And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.** (Philippians 4:7) **Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.** (John 14:27) He redeemed us to our Father in heaven. **And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel. (Genesis 3:15) Paul understood that peace also as he continued with verse 25 in Romans chapter 7; Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

So, we know there will be wars and rumors of wars at the end times and we know they must come as they are the beginning of birth pains. We know we will have conflicts in our families and even within ourselves. How do we find the peace that is found in Jesus? **Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.** (Isaiah 55:6) We have been given the greatest gift of all, by God Himself, eternal life through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ **For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God** (Ephesians 2:8) The Holy Spirit calls us to faith, which is that peace, by the Gospel in Word and sacraments. So hear His Word, meditate on it day and night, pray, praise, and give thanks. I'll see you in worship, receiving that peace that transcends all understanding.

**Heavenly Father, thank you so very much for the wonderful gift of salvation and eternal life. We look forward to spending eternity with you. Keep us from getting anxious this Christmas season. Thank you for the wonderful lesson of Martha, teaching us that Your Word is what is important. Thank you for sending your Son and in His name we pray. Amen**

## Lakeside News - Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

At its regular quarterly meeting on November 24, the General Board of Lakeside Lutheran High School approved a recommendation for the school to apply to the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) for 2016-2017. This follows a six month study by an ad hoc committee of the Board of Regents to determine whether Lakeside families might benefit from the WPCP.

The WPCP is a program in which families may apply to the state of Wisconsin to have their student's tuition fully covered. Schools in the program designate the number of seats that they will open each year. Recipients are randomly selected by the state from all eligible applicants to the school. Eligibility is determined by family income and size. Further information on the WPCP is found on the [Wisconsin Parental Choice Program](#) page of the Department of Public Instruction's website.

In the coming weeks, Lakeside will pursue the necessary steps for families of its incoming Class of 2020 to be able to apply. Also, students who will enter grades 10-12 next year may apply for the program if they are transferring from a public school. Current Lakeside students are not eligible for the WPCP.

There should be more specifics regarding the application process for the WPCP by mid-January. Check Lakeside's website ([www.llhs.org](http://www.llhs.org)) or call the school ([920-648-2321](tel:920-648-2321)) for for additional information.

# kids page

## GUIDING LIGHT

Make this flashlight to remember that God, our light, always shows us the way.

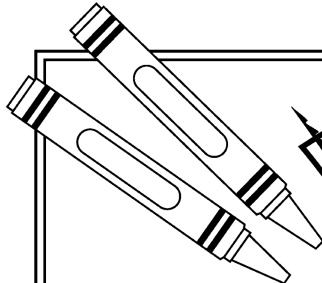


### What you need:

- Flashlight with handle strap
- Yarn (6 to 8 inches)
- Colorful pony beads
- Stickers (including foam letters)
- Batteries

### What you do:

1. Tie the yarn through the flashlight's handle strap so two equal lengths hang down.
2. String the pony beads onto the two yarn lengths, and secure the ends with knots.
3. Decorate the flashlight with stickers. Use letters to spell "God is light."
4. Keep the flashlight by your bedside as a reminder of God's guidance. Use the flashlight to read a Bible verse before bed each night!



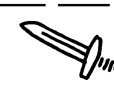
# PUZZLE

## LET THERE BE LIGHT



In a world of darkness, God guides us so we can walk in his ways.

*Directions: Write the name of each picture, subtracting and adding letters as indicated. Then fill in the blanks to complete 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV.*

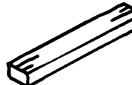

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2 SAMUEL 22:29, NIV

Answer: "You, LORD, are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light." 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV

## Lutheran Military Support Group

It was reported a while back that our congregation has become a member of the Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG). This is a Synod run group and is concerned for the spiritual and physical (especially PTSD help) needs of our active duty members and veterans. Here is a short history of the start up of this group:

**In the beginning:** Pastor Paul Ziemer, WELS National Chaplain, first conceived the idea of a national para-synodical auxiliary which is independent of, but operates in concert with the WELS Committee for Military Services, and also with the appropriate ELS leadership. As National Chaplain, Ziemer was well positioned to understand the needs for more support for our active duty service members, their families, and veterans within our respective congregations.

**History:** Two years ago, Chaplain Ziemer reached out to several veterans and active duty servicemen around the country whom he had crossed paths with during his ministry. These men formed the first LMSG Board. I believe there were eight of us on that first call. Since we were scattered across several time zones it was an exercise to get everyone on the same page.

This group conferenced twice a month with the top people from the synod's Committee for Military Services when their busy schedules permitted. It took approximately eighteen months to build the strong foundation that the LMSG's governing Board functions under today.

Our good and gracious Lord provided us with just the right man to be our President, Mr. Philip Mowry. Without Phil's legal expertise and steady hand at the wheel, I doubt that LMSG could have navigated the red tape to become a 501c nonprofit with the appropriate bylaws and such. Currently, there are over 60 congregations on board, representing almost 19,000 congregational members.

Now, what does Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church have to do with this? First, we need current information on any member that is on active duty. This is needed whether they are serving stateside or abroad. What is needed is:

- First and last name
- Permanent address (Military families are also supported)
- Branch of service

This information should be given to our liaison, Jeff Krakow, at [krakow.jw@gmail.com](mailto:krakow.jw@gmail.com) or 920-210-2388 or send to N4252 Oak Grove Drive, Columbus, WI 53925 or you can give it to him in church. We are trying to get the info for our active duty members so our National Chaplain, Pastor Ziemer, can deploy Chaplains or Military Contact Pastors where they are needed.

Second, we would like the same information on all members that are veterans. When sending that information in, please include any needs you may have at this time.

There are also weekly devotions that can be found at: <http://www.lutheranmilitary.org/>



# Zion Lutheran Church

# January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Items preceded by * take place at school.</i>						
					1 No School - Christmas Break 6:00 am No Bible Breakfast	2
3 <b>No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study</b> 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am Farewell to Sins 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	4	5 3:45 pm 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class	6 4:00 pm 6th-7th Grade Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir	7 6:15 pm *Got Fitness 6:30 pm Worship	8 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 5:00 pm *BB Games Home vs. St. John's, Waterloo	9 9:00 am B-Boy's BB Tournament St. John's, Pardeeville B2 Girl's BB Game at Eastside
10 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am *Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	11 6:15 pm *Got Fitness 6:30 pm *Board of Ed Meeting	12 3:45 pm 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class	13 4:00 pm 6th-7th Grade Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Meeting Night 7:30 pm Zion Choir	14 6:15 pm *Got Fitness 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	15 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 5:00 pm BB Games Away vs. St. John's, Juneau	16 B-Girl's BB Tournament St. John's, Pardeeville
17 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am *Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	18 6:15 pm *Got Fitness	19 3:45 pm 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class	20 7th Grade Warrior for a Day 4:00 pm 6th-7th Grade Public School Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir	21 6:30 pm Worship	22 No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences <b>MESSENGER DEADLINE</b> 6:00 am Bible Breakfast 5:00 pm BB Games Away vs. Holy Cross, Madison	23
24 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am *Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	25 6:15 pm *Got Fitness	26 3:45 pm 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class	27 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Zion Choir	28 6:15 pm *Got Fitness 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion	29 5:00 pm *BB Games Home vs. St. John's, Waterloo	30 B-Boy's BB Tournament St. John's, Juneau
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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Thursday Worship.....6:30pm  
Friday Bible Breakfast.....6:00am  
Sunday Worship at Church.....8:00, 10:30am  
Sunday Adult Bible Study at Church.....9:15am  
Sunday School at Zion School.....9:15am

*Church and School located at 822 Western Avenue*

## Upcoming Events

**Fri., Jan. 1** - No School - Christmas Break  
**Sun., Jan. 3** - Farewell to Sims, 9:00am  
**Mon., Jan. 11** -Board of Ed Meeting, 7:30pm  
**Wed., Jan. 13** - Meeting Night, 7:00pm  
**Fri., Jan. 22** - No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences  
**Mon.-Fri., Jan. 25-29** - Spirit Week