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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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#### **Apostles: The Rock**

Simon was his given name. In a land full of Simons, he was often called Simon son of Jonah. But today, Christians the world over know him better as Peter, the name that Jesus gave him the first time they met.

The name in Greek means "rock" and refers to a movable rock. It would seem to be a fitting title for a solid believer who quickly became the de facto leader of the Twelve. Yet a quick read of the gospels reveals a man who seemed much less than rock steady.

One moment Peter was so full of faith in Jesus that he was willing to try walking on water; the next moment windblown waves washed away that confidence, and he nearly drowned. One minute he gave voice to the divinely revealed truth that is the bedrock foundation of the Church: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16); the next minute he was the mouthpiece of Satan, trying to dissuade Jesus from suffering and dying. In the Garden of Gethsemane, he stepped forward against an armed mob and swung his sword in a misguided attempt to defend his Savior; but that same night in the courtyard of Caiaphas, he crumbled under the questioning of a servant girl and cursed himself in an unconvincing attempt to deny his Savior. Who is

Just like you and me, Peter was both sinner and saint at the same time. He may have been a bit more outspoken and impulsive than some, but that only gives us a wider window into a heart that looks very similar to ours. Inside each Christian, a constant battle is waging between sinful flesh and Spirit-given faith; the result looks a lot like Peter. Within the same hour, we can both ascend to pinnacles of nobility and sink into pits of evil. In the same conversation, we can both speak by the Spirit and utter devilish ideas. At the same time, our hearts can both trust our Lord and doubt his power.

Where can we find solid ground? The same place Peter did. From the day the Lord gave Peter his name, he taught him where his strength was to be found—not in himself but in the Christ he so beautifully confessed, the Savior who willingly suffered and died for him and for us. When Peter relied on his own strength, he crumbled. When he rested on Jesus, the "living Stone" (1 Peter 2:4), he was like granite.

Let us be rocks hewn from the same quarry, standing strong on the immovable Rock that is Christ.

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the real Peter?

#### **Usher Schedule**

#### December 28 and January 4

8:00am 10:30am **Team E4 Team L2** 

Dale Sennhenn(C)
Mark Lindell (A)
Brian Sennhenn
Andrew Bussian
Remington Lindell
Brett Schraufnagel
Scott Brenner

Dale Schultz (C)
George Peeper (A)
Daniel Schultz
Matt Ganser
Dylan Schultz
Michael Hallberg
Zach Parpart

#### January 11 and January 18

8:00am 10:30am **Team E5 Team L3** 

Harold Schaefer (C)

Mike Vick (A)

Dale Schilling

Ron Yerges

Bruce Hatzinger

Jim Kluetzman (C)

Matt Huber (A)

Dave Harle

Michael Uttech

Rodney Cooley

Gary Schuhmacher

#### January 25 and February 1

8:00am 10:30am **Team E6 Team L4** 

Kim Schilling (C)
Don Lamb (A)
Ronald Knudson
Tracy Busse
John Zandler
Brian Steffen

Bruce Zander (C)
Kurt Zander (A)
Kane Browskowski
Wyatt Browskowski
Bradley Sennhenn
Neal Sennhenn
Zach Beyer

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 2015

4 Matt Greiling

11 Gary Schuhmacher

18 Phil Manteufel

25 Randy Koehn



#### **November Church Attendance**

Date	Total
30/2	462
6/9	400
13/16	387
20/23	387
27 Thanksgiving	216
30	368



#### **Greeter Schedule**

#### January 4

8:00am—E1 10:30am—L6

Jeff & Melody Krakow Dan & Laurie Weiland

January 11

8:00am—E2 10:30am—L11
Dave & Kathy Harle Sarah Brey
Suzanne Lloyd

January 18

8:00am—E3 10:30am—L12 Matt & Sue Yaroch Janell Allar Sara Hanna

January 25

8:00am—E4 10:30am—L13

Grambsch Family Nils & Lara Johansson

If you are interested in being added as a greeter or need to be removed from the schedule, please contact Melody Krakow at 623-4346.

#### **Church Council Names and Numbers**

Rick Gentz, president - 623-2507

Bruce Zander, vice president - 623-5217 Jason Langille, secretary - 608-837-2148 Brady Weiland, treasurer - 920-285-7362

Dan Retzlaff, education - 623-2623

Jeff Krakow, elders - 623-4346

Matt Vosberg, outreach - 920-210-3817 Kurt Zander, property - 920-210-1107 Dave Harle, stewardship - 623-3819

#### **January Birthdays**

Joan Herzberg 1st 81 years Ruth Lienke 11th 87 years Selma Dykstra 20th 86 years



## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Financial Statement

	Nov 14	Jul - Nov 14
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
<b>Building Fund Donation</b>	0.00	346.77
Extended Care Reimbursement	443.30	1,148.30
General Fund Offerings	40,386.35	174,210.70
LLHS Building Income	496.00	1,962.90
LLHS Income	2,524.15	10,888.18
Other Donations	733.00	2,598.65
Other Reciepts	281.31	14,672.97
Sub teaching reimburse	0.00	1,385.30
Sunday School Income	0.00	2,000.00
Synod Missions Income	7,892.44	33,934.51
Transfered from Undesignated WLCFS Income	20,500.00 290.00	64,500.00 1,090.30
WLIM Income	260.00	1,006.80
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Total Income	73,806.55	309,745.38
Expense	0.00	270.00
Accounting Service	0.00 32.50	370.00 162.50
ACH fee	0.00	346.77
Building Fund Expense Called Workers Salaries	21,971.45	109,224.97
Church Library Expense	227.98	557.48
Church Supplies	73.56	1,157.86
Convention/Cont' Education	0.00	225.17
Copier	0.00	488.77
Elders Board	0.00	209.98
Extended Care Expense	340.12	1,759.75
Guest Pastor	90.81	570.76
Health Insurance	6,188.75	30,629.75
Housing	635.00	3,300.00
Janitors	266.66	3,867.69
Liability Insurance	0.00	3,330.00
LLHS Building Expense	876.00	2,310.90
LLHS Expense	4,873.79	13,153.26
Maintenance	1,902.35	12,116.24
Meditation/Forward in Christ Mileage	127.92 90.45	1,239.60 722.25
Miscellaneous	315.58	1,570.16
Organists	258.52	1,222.40
Outreach Board	0.00	2,286.22
Payroll Expenses	145.98	1,016.14
Payroll Taxes	5,876.03	28,107.18
Pension Insurance	0.00	6,240.00
Postage and Delivery	71.28	584.98
Secretaries	1,212.81	8,275.39
Stewardship Board	0.00	1,484.94
Substitute Teaching	263.11	263.11
Sunday School/VBS	896.57	1,915.64
Synod Mission Expense	15,096.34	40,779.74
Teachers Hot Lunch	0.00	117.60
Telephone & Internet Expense	563.27	2,728.71
Utilities	6,604.33	23,768.32
WLCFS Expense	421.00	1,230.30
WLIM Expense	395.00 348.80	1,151.80 1,177.44
Worship		1,177.44
Total Expense	70,165.96	309,663.77

#### Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

November 2014 New Church/School Total Report for the Month of: checking/saving \$245,200.93 Previous Month Assets \$418,538.14 -\$20,578.38 \$109,379.11 Total Transactions Total Current Assets \$397,959.76 included in Savings ----- Monthly Statements Breakdown of NEW CD's (Lunn/ Undesignated Undesignated NEW Church/ School NEW Church/School WELS CEF Elva Rahn CD F&M Special Accounts Funds Estate Checking Fund Savings Checking 12-mo Lenz) Savings Accounts (deposited into new savings) Previous Balance \$7,447.78 \$72,579.84 \$214,822.39 \$34,525,33 \$60,044.26 \$3,644.08 \$10,474.46 \$15,000.00 Chairs (\$11,430.67 Monthly Transactions\* \$7,283.88 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$295.00 \$5,516.19 \$58,079.84 \$203,391.72 \$41,809.21 \$60,044.26 \$3,644.08 \$10,474.46 \$15,000.00 Pew Chairs \$1,120.00 Breakdown Transactions Organ Refurbishing \$6.533.00 \$3,809.60 (\$150.00) (\$14,500.00) (\$682.20) (\$180.00) \$2,911.33 (\$4,031,59) Tables (\$533.53) \$20,525.00 (\$400.80) \$2,504.00 \$2,994.50 Cooktop (\$62.63) (\$9.560.00) \$1,000.00 \$807.49 \$3,605.50 (\$127.02) Stained Glass Windows \$1,000.00 \$42,940.00 (\$1,453.50) (\$5,566.05) Wall Ovens (\$5,000.00) (\$164.64) (\$5,000.00) (\$1,470.00) \$2,742.49 Bell Tower \$7,490.54 \$842.42 (\$102.01 Dishwasher (\$224.52 \$40,000.00 \$1,019,99 Projection - Sanct (\$902.61) \$8,400.00 (\$51.44) Projection - Fellow H (\$51.09) \$2,000,00 Screen Paint \$0.41 \$800.00 \$5,000.00 **Hearing Loop** \$5,000.00 \$75.00 (\$830.00) \$2,500.00 **Pulpit Paraments** TOTAL \$0.00 \$0.00 (\$14,500.00) (\$11,430.67) \$7,283.88 \$0.00 \$0.00 (\$1,931.59) \$2,275.00 Total Transactions \$2,900.00 Donations for New Church 50 Joan Marks retirem 682.20 Badger Disposal Explanation \$2,900.00 Thank you for your donations! 180 Top Notch 6533 2911.33 20525 4031.59 American National Cross & Christ Two accounts: 533.53 Hunzicker 2994.50 1000 3605.50 400.80 H&H Fire & Security \$149.42 \$6,500.00 1000 \$59,894.84 Future Proj Tech 62.63 Kendell Doors 9560 Encompass \$3,800.00 \$60,044.26 transfer to Undesignated Checking 5000 2050 Reynolds Transfer Undesignated for New 127.02 reimburse Pam Zande 1255.88 Dodge Concrete 191.38 reimburse Pam Zande \$12,000.00 checking 40,000 1453.5 Kunkel Engine 5566.05 Dixon Drywall \$2,500.00 164.64 Gould Plumbi 1470 Best Sound 262 Austad & Sons 7972.62 Fearings TOTAL \$109,379.11 808.68 Caldwell Lumber 3363 Rketek #45 102.01 True Value 842.42 Deposit 224.52 Menards 40000 transfer from savings 902.61 Dauman Electric Zander 51.44 reimburse Pam Zander 51.09 WI Built 290 H&H Fire & Security 1650 Dixon Drywall .51 interest transfer 5,000 two times Interest Received

#### **Messenger Articles**

Please submit your articles by **January 23rd**. Contact Becky Weidner at 623-5796 if you have any questions.

#### **Thank You**

Thank you very, very much for all the wonderful donations for the "Cheer Boxes" that were packed and delivered on December 8th. We were able to deliver 42 beautiful boxes of food to our shut-ins. A sincere thank you to all the ladies of the "Cheer" committee and all the members who also helped pack and deliver.

Lois White and Shirley Knudson

#### **Church Basketball Team**

Members of Zion that are 18 years of age and older are welcome to play on our church basketball team. Basketball provides an opportunity for exercise and fun with Christian friends. Typically, the style of play can be considered "old man competitive":). The team plays weekly games on Sunday afternoons against area WELS churches and begins at the end of January. Interested? There is a sign up sheet on the information counter in the back of church. The cut-off date for signing up is December 31st. We hope to see you there!

#### Church and School Rental Agreement

The school gym, kitchen, and church fellowship hall are frequently used for various family functions. We do not mind if families and organizations use these spaces, but we have updated our procedures for renting out the space. Periodically, we will be putting a friendly reminder in the Weekly Word and Messenger about these procedures to make sure that things are done in an orderly fashion. Please remember that all individuals and organizations that would like to use our facilities should contact the school office and fill out an agreement form. This form should be filled out at least 2 weeks in advance. The purpose of the agreement form is to ensure that the space is ready on the requested date and so groups know about liability issues and clean-up procedures. Thanks for your cooperation.

#### **LLHS Fleet Need**

Lakeside Lutheran High School requests that our Federation members and friends prayerfully consider an end-of-year donation of a van or car to supplement our aging fleet. The donated vehicle could be any year or size as long as it's in good condition. Interested donors, please contact our Director of Building & Grounds, Leon Jaeger, at 920-648-2321 x2214 or ljaeger@llhs.org.

#### **LLHS Evening Custodian Employment Opportunity**

Lakeside Lutheran High School is currently accepting applications for a part-time evening custodian. The position is weeknights with approximate hours of 6-10 PM, with some flexibility depending on scheduled events. Interested candidates should pick up an application in the LLHS office, or use the online application located at www.llhs.org/about\_llhs/information.html. Completed applications can be mailed, dropped off, or e-mailed to Todd Grundman at grundman@llhs.org.

#### **New Look for the Calendar**

You'll notice our calendar layout has changed. In an effort to use time more efficiently, we have switched to using a Google calendar and its printable format. Thank you for your understanding.



### Lakeside Lutheran High School Warrior Events January

6th (Tu) Classes Resume after Winter Break

8th (Th) V B Basketball 6p vs. Lake Mills

9th (Fr) V G Basketball 6p vs. Lodi

13th (Tu) V B Basketball 6p vs. Poynette

16th (Fr) V B Basketball 6p AT COLUMBUS

20th (Tu) V G Basketball 6p vs. Poynette

21st (W) No School-It's '4th gr. Warrior for a Day'

27th (Tu) V B Basketball 6p vs. LPS

29th (Th) V G Basketball vs. Lake Mills

**30th** (Fr) V B Basketball vs. Lake Mills



#### **Elders Board** by Jeff Krakow

I wish all of you a very Merry and Christ-filled Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year.

As 2014 comes to a close, let's reflect on what the year has been like and look ahead to the enjoyment we can share in 2015. You must admit that 2014 was a very exciting year for Zion. We moved from our old building for worship on Mill Street to our brand new worship facility on Western Avenue. We made it so we could reflect on the old as we enter the new. I would like to reflect back a few more years than just 2014.

There was a time, some years back, that we sang the first two verses of hymn 485 (back then it was number 441) as the offering was brought forward. I'm sure a number of us sang it from heart, but did we really consider the words we were singing?

- 1. We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2. May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

We are admitting that everything we have and everything we give is really God's to begin with whatever the gift may be. He trusts us to do what is God-pleasing with it. Everything good in our lives can be traced directly or indirectly back to the triune God. Flaming sunsets, summer rain, grand canyons, purple mountain majesties--all from him! Our amazina human bodies, families and friends, constantly replenished food supply--all from him! Our spiritual rescue on Calvary; our triumph over sin, death, hell, and Satan; the everlasting home waiting for us--all from him! Lemme hear you! Are you ready for some worship? (from Time of Grace devotion, December 11)

Then, in verse two, we ask Him to help us <u>gladly</u> take the wonderful and numerous blessings He has given us and return them to Him in proportion to what He has given us. "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. (Luke 16:10) Though this is a very brief explanation of the verses, let's take some time to think about that as we reflect on our previous

giving and also as we prayerfully consider our giving for the future.

One of my sons-in-law said he would prefer we call them tools instead of blessings. His reasoning is that, as sinful human beings, we tend to keep blessings to ourselves, but use tools to help or fix. With that in mind, let's use the blessing of our home as a tool to invite family, friends and neighbors in to a Christ-centered home. Let's also share the blessing of some of our constantly replenished food supply. As we give them some food for their bodies, let's use that time as a tool to feed their soul. Let's use the blessings of a vehicle and our somewhat good health as a tool to visit the straying or unchurched. Let's use the blessing of work as a tool to show a Christ-like attitude which may open a door to share the Gospel Truth. Let's use the blessing of family and friends as a tool to worship together. Let's use the abundant blessing of wealth as a tool to help spread the blessing of triumph over sin, death, hell, and Satan through Jesus Christ our Lord!

#### **Church Building**

The final budget for Zion's new church is approximately \$3,122,520.45. Gifts/donations through November 2014 came to \$123,423.19. An additional gift for the new church recently came in at \$8,500.00.

\$35,000.00 was allocated on the budget for assistance by Rketek with the project. Marty Sell wrote me last week and said he is not charging for his assistance with the project. That was great news and a generous donation that will be used for overages on the project.

The total amount borrowed from American National Bank is \$1,996,443.07. Monthly payments to American National Bank will be \$9,246.76.

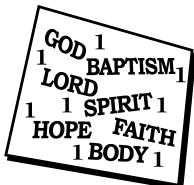
After the final new church invoices are paid there will be approximately \$220,000.00 of funds remaining in the New Church & School Savings and Checking accounts.

Bruce Zander

## kíd's page

# "ONE" PAINTING

Ephesians 4:4-6 talks a lot about *one*. Create one painting that says it all.

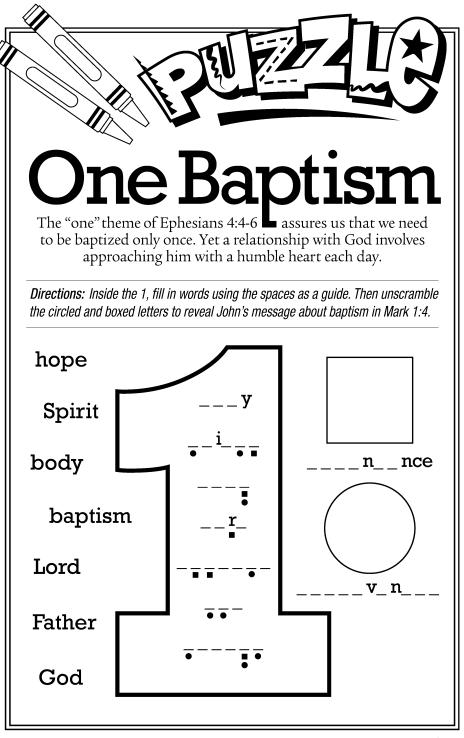


#### What you need:

- Foam letters or letter stickers
- White painting canvas
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrush or sponge
- Water

#### What you do:

- 1. Place letters on the canvas to spell out the "ones" in Ephesians 4:4-6 (one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God).
- 2. Paint over the letters, using various colors.
- 3. When the paint is dry, peel off the letters to reveal words that explain important Bible truths.
- 4. If desired, finish by painting some number 1's in any blank spots.



forgiveness

Answers: body, Spirit, hope, Lord, baptism, God, Father, repentance,

#### **PASTORAL LETTER**

Read to the congregation on Sunday, December 14, 2014.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Another call has come and gone. A month of prayers and conversations, emails and letters is at an end. What a testament to the grace of God that a sinful man like me is allowed to consider not just one but two invitations to serve Jesus in gospel ministry! What a privilege it is to remain here at Zion serving you all with God's powerful Word and Holy Sacraments! The call to Petoskey has helped me to appreciate the many blessings I and my family have here at Zion. Right now hundreds of those blessings are seated before me.

The call to Petoskey, like all divine calls, has helped me in another way. It has given me the opportunity to think about our ministry and to crystalize in my mind some issues that I believe need our prayerful consideration. I'll call them the three M's – Momentum, Mission and Maturity.

#### **Momentum**

Let's talk about momentum. Right now is an exciting time at Zion. After many years of hard work we have completed our new building. Because of this it is also a dangerous time at Zion. Now that the building is up, the pews are in place and the dishes are put away in the pantry we are tempted to sit back, breathe a sigh of relief and relax for a while. Now is not the time for a siesta. Now is the time to put the pedal to the metal. A friend of mine aptly described our new church as a "launch pad" for our ministry. Now that we have this beautiful, accessible, functional, Christ-centered building on the same campus as our school the time is ripe for gospel ministry. As our Savior said, we need to work while it is day (John 9:4-5) or as the farmer says, to make hay while the sun shines. There is nothing wrong with enjoying the fruit of our labors – or more accurately, the fruit of God's gracious blessing. But I can think of no better way to enjoy this new church than using it for aggressive gospel ministry to both Zion members who know Jesus as their Savior and to those in our community who don't. It's time for us to get to work!

#### Mission

Let's talk about mission. I don't put much stock in rumors. However, as I deliberated the call word got back to me that I would never take the call to Petoskey because we just built the new church. Let me assure you: I did not stay because of this building. I stayed for mission and ministry. Our mission is clear: Proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Baptize and teach. Make disciples. But how do we go about doing that? What's the best way to use the time, talent and treasure the Lord has entrusted to this little body of Christ in Columbus for gospel ministry? Those are questions that we dare never stop asking. To help us examine our ministry and carry out our mission, we will soon begin a six-month self-assessment, goal-setting and planning process. Your input will be important in this process. We will work hard to grow in those areas where we identify weaknesses and to build on our God-given strengths. It's still all about excellence for Christ. In gratitude for our Lord's forgiving love let's give him our very best!

#### Maturity

Let's talk about maturity. I'm getting older. Hair is going away in places I want it, but showing up in places I don't. My hearing and vision aren't getting any better. There are bifocals in my future. And the battle of the bulge is no longer just an interesting piece of World War II history about which I enjoy reading. As I grow older am I getting wiser? I wonder. We need to grow. All of us. Including yours truly. It's amazing how many of our congregational and personal problems can be traced back to a simple lack of maturity, a basic failure to grow. Hurt feelings, budget deficits, missed opportunities, poor attendance, ruined marriages, lost friendships, broken families, apathy, greed, materialism – all come back to a failure to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). I am convinced that we need to redouble our efforts to do just that. God has given us powerful tools for our growth – his Word and Sacraments. It is my prayer that through well-planned, Christ-centered worship, well-prepared Bible studies, habitual Bible reading and frequent family devotions we will all grow in Christian faith and godly living. Of course, these things don't just happen. We must preach and teach and encourage, plan and prepare, train and model. And we have to do this together. We must hold one another accountable. May God fill each of us with a desire to grow in the Word and to help others do the same.

So that's it. My big speech. I thought it was important to lay before you the kinds of things that were keeping me up at night for the past few weeks as I deliberated. Now it's your turn to deliberate a bit. Think about momentum, mission and maturity. Pray about these issues. The Spirit will bless you every moment you do!

Again, I want you to know that I consider it a privilege to remain here in Columbus as your pastor. I am excited to continue serving with my brother, Pastor Wilke, with our excellent faculty, our dedicated leaders, and with all of you, my dear partners in ministry. Let's get to work. And let's remember for whom we work and why: It's all about the glory of our Savior-God!

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Daniel Sims

# Zion Lutheran Church

# January 2015

No School - Christmas Break  pm Got Fitness pm Worship  pm Worship  pm Worship with Holy Communion
Thursday  1 No School - 2 No Christmas Break  6:00 pm Got Fitness 6:30 pm Worship 6:00 pm Got Fitness 6:30 pm Worship with Holy 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 8:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm



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## The Messenger

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#### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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

Church and School located at 822 Western Ave.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Mon., Jan. 5 • School Resumes

Wed., Jan. 14 • Meeting Night

Fri., Jan. 23 • No School—Inservice

Fri., Jan. 23 • Newsletter Deadline

Fri., Jan. 30 • Zion School Spelling Bee