



Calendar

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00am LBW Large Print
1:00pm Weekly Newsletter Deadline
5:30pm–8:00pm Laundry Ministry @ MegaWave
6:35pm Mom's In Prayer

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

12:00pm Advent Worship
6:30pm Advent Worship
7:15pm Confirmation, Wednesday Table Talks,
Kid's JAM, and Living Faith & Desert Voice

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

10:00am Staff Devotions/Meeting
1:00pm LBW Large Print
6:30pm Festival Ringers
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

1:30pm Church Office Closes

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

5:00pm Children's Christmas Service—followed by reception

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:30am Traditional Worship with Communion
9:40am Sunday School Education—Kids & Adults
10:50am Contemporary Worship with Communion



TODAY'S FLOWERS are given in honor of their wedding anniversary by David & Carol Peterson.

When We Last Gathered December 2 & 3

Attendance	276
General	\$13,488.86
Missions	\$1,073.00
Building Fund	\$1,744.00
Dedicated	\$1,510.90

For Next Week—December 16 & 17

Readers

Craig Ahlman, 5:00pm
Vicki Peterson, 8:30am



Acolytes

Marcus Johnson, 5:00pm
Bethany Cacka, 8:30am
Travis Beal, 8:30am

Altar Care

Darlene Klug & Amy McCutcheon



Today at Zion

Message Theme

"I Hate Waiting"

Matthew 24:36-44

Scriptures

Isaiah 40:1-11, p. 599
2 Peter 3:8-14, p. 1019
Mark 1:1-8, p. 836
(10:50)

Worship Leaders

Pastor Randall Neal, Message & Liturgist
Pastor Dan Schultz, Liturgist (8:30); Praise Leader (10:50)
Carol Krueger, Piano (5:00)
Lori Ebert, Cantor (5:00)
Brice Petersen, Director of Parish Music
Sanctuary Choir (8:30)
Desert Voice & Living Faith (10:50)
Craig Ahlman, Reader & Associate Elder (5:00)
Dan Ahlman, Reader (8:30)
Ethan Adam, Worship Assistant (10:50)
Brian Olson, Slide Technician (5:00)
Amy Chase, Slide Technician (8:30)
Maddie Wagner, Slide Technician (10:50)
Jonah Schultz, Acolyte (5:00)
Brian McCutcheon, Elder
Ray Riethmeier, Associate Elder (8:30)
Matt Kan, Associate Elder (10:50)
Joyce Swinjakow & Vivian Goulet, Altar Care

Hymns

5:00pm

Prelude: Favorite Hymn Time
P&W 179, P&W 130, P&W 39, P&W 128, P&W 111

8:30am

Prelude: Favorite Hymn Time
LSB 347, "Light One Candle", LSB 357, LSB 338, LSB 344, LSB 515, LSB 343
Offering: "And the Glory of the Lord" (from Handel's Messiah), Sanctuary Choir
Postlude: "Rejoice, Rejoice", M. Sedio, Organ

10:50am

Gathering: "Even So Come", Living Faith & Desert Voice
"Everlasting God", "Advent Hymn",
"Prepare Ye the Way", "Build Your Kingdom Here"

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News & Notes



FIRST TIME HERE? - Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church! We are so glad to have you worshipping with us. We hope your experience today connects you to the life-changing love of Jesus Christ. Please let us know you're here by filling out the "Friendship Register" located at the end of each pew. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you find what you're looking for right here.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday Worship: Informal 5:00pm *Holy Communion is celebrated*
Sunday Worship: Traditional 8:30am *the first and third weekends.*
Contemporary 10:50am

Education Hour: 9:40am

CHILDREN AT WORSHIP

We are pleased to have children at worship. We have quiet activity bags for use during worship. They are available in the entry area at the rear of the church. There is also a "Children's Room" in the rear of the church for those wishing to stay with their children and still participate in the worship service. A nursery is open but unstaffed on the lower level on Sunday mornings.

ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM—Hearing enhancement devices are available at all services; obtain one by asking an usher to direct you to one of our Elders.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER (ATTENDANCE)

Please take a moment to clearly fill in the attendance sheet located in the maroon folder found near the center aisle in each pew so we may know how best to serve you.

LISTEN TO WORSHIP ONLINE OR WITH A CD—A free CD of today's 8:30 traditional worship service is available during the week in the Coat room, or sermons are available at www.zionhopkins.org under the "Online worship" *Quick link*.

MOBILE FINANCIAL GIVING TO ZION (Smartphone Users)

- Online: Scan Zion's QR code which takes you to Zion's web page then click on Donate Online.
- Give by Text: Send a text message to 952-260-0635 with the dollar amount you want to give; wait for a reply message, click on the link, enter your details. For future donations send text message to the same text number.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 4:30pm
Friday 9:30am - 1:30pm
952.938.7661 Visit us online at www.zionhopkins.org.

ZION EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (ZECC)

A nurturing and loving environment for the growth and development of your child, ages 6 weeks to Pre-K.
Monday - Friday 7am - 6pm
952.938.7661 ext. 21

Prayers

In your personal devotions, please pray for those in our Body of Christ who have requested your prayers and praises:


PRAYERS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING FOR: 99th birthday of Florence Michaletz, 95th birthday of Irene Lobitz, Wedding Anniversary of David & Carol Peterson.

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH, HEALING, AND STRENGTH FOR: Gene Bachman, Eric Olson, Allie Skaalerud (granddaughter of Janice Struthers & niece of Gary & Bonnie Shelton), Roger Henke, Julie Hendrickson, Cheyenne Hulscher (great niece of John Herkenratt), Isabel Kloss, Roberta Seefeldt (friend of Phyllis Olson), Carol Herkenratt (mother of John Herkenratt), Chris Ruggiero (son-in-law of Brenda Walsten), Denise Stover, Markus Bachman (grandson of Gene & Carolyn Bachman), Scott Olson (son of Pat Mattson & nephew of Paula Rosengren), Margaret Riley, Roger Matson (brother-in-law of Wendy Ahles), Brian Olson, Norine Francis-Michels (sister of Nita Ahlman), Mary Hagan, Katie Tidler (niece of Bruce & Herman Loeffler), Jan Loehr, Darlene Best, Dan Damschen, Lori Wildermuth (daughter of Evelyn Wildermuth).

PRAYERS FOR ZION: That God would continue to bless Zion Lutheran Church and allow us to be a blessing to our community; that He would abundantly provide the resources needed for faithful ministry.

PRAYERS FOR SPECIAL CONCERNS FOR: Missionaries: Rev. Cullen & Deaconess Jacqueline Duke; for those in the Armed Forces; for all people in this current economic downturn, especially those for whom employment, credit, investments and housing have been adversely affected; for those affected by natural & manmade disasters.

PRAYERS FOR ZION MEMBER FAMILIES: Each week the Ministry Team at Zion meet to coordinate the many different ministries here at Zion and to pray for individual families. This past week we prayed for: Susan Silliman; David & Peggy Simonson; Barbara Smith; Darrell Smith; Daniel, Katie & Wyatt Smith.

 **PRAYER WARRIORS: (ZIPS)** “Zion in Prayer on Saturday” meets monthly on the 1st Saturday from 9:00am–10:00am in the Fireside Room (#102) where they pray for everyone on our prayer list and then some. Everyone is welcome. January 6th is the next gathering. Contact Karen 952-935-4356 or Carolyn 952-935-5909 with questions.

MOMS IN PRAYER Our children need our prayer support. Come pray with other women for one hour each week. We will be praying each Tuesday evening at 6:35pm in Room 205. More information is available at the Information Center or from Barb Kan.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

- Submit in writing, phone into the church office, by email, or via our website at www.zionhopkins.org
- Prayers may also be submitted to the prayer circle by calling Corrine Gust at 952-974-3846.
- Anniversary, birthday, wedding, and thanksgiving prayers will normally be included for one week.
- Medical and special concerns may be included for longer as needed. Be sure to keep us informed on any updates or changes to your loved ones condition.

Zion Happenings



SUNDAY SCHOOL: We have completed all rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Service. This service will be held on December 16 at 5:00pm. Children should arrive by 4:35pm to prepare for the service. Join us for a treat following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Class will be held as usual on December 17. We will have a speaker come and tell us about the blessing bags that went to Guatemala to support families in the bunk bed program.

SUITCASE FOR HAITI UPDATE - Praise the Lord that my trip has been rescheduled! I will be traveling to Haiti with Food for the Poor February 5th-9th! Thank you, all, for the wonderful donations for the people of Haiti! I am confident they will be well received, especially as they recover from the hurricanes that hit an already struggling country! The mission work we will be doing is building a school, ministering to incarcerated women and children in the local church. Please continue to pray for the ministry of Food for the Poor and our safe travels. May God's work be done according to His will and that the love and hope of Jesus Christ be showered on the people of Haiti! ~Kinlin Schultz

30 SOMETHING AND 40 SOMETHING SINGLES: The Lutheran Singles Group out of St. Michaels Lutheran Church would like to invite the 30 Something & 40 Something Singles to join them for an upcoming event which will be “Minnesota Zoo & Dinner in Apple Valley” on Saturday, December 16th. For additional details please contact John Strom at jstrom@olsentool.com or 952-556-3104.

JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS COOKIE POTLUCK on Sunday, December 24th at 9:40am between the morning services in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring one dozen Christmas cookies ready to share. Coffee and apple cider will be provided. What is your favorite Christmas cookie?



CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND POTS at Zion's entrances donated by Trudy Reinitz in memory of her husband Don Reinitz.

DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE:

- **Advent Midweek Services**—Wednesdays, December 13 & 20—Noon and 6:30pm
- **Children's Christmas Service**—Saturday, December 16, 5:00pm

Christmas Eve Services:

- Sunday, December 24:
 - Family Christmas Eve Service, 4:00pm
 - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 10:00pm

Christmas Day Service

- Monday, December 25, 10:00am

New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion

- Sunday, December 31, 5:00pm

Please note: We will have regular weekend services December 23-24 and December 30-31

Zion Happenings

SUNDAY TABLE TALKS—Due to the Voter's Meeting today, next will Pastor Dan concludes the 5-part conclusion to the “A Man Named Martin” series with “Part 3: The Movement”. The Reformation has had an enormous influence on every area of life—on religion, politics, education, family life, and the world of work. Most of this was unintentional, at least on a human level, and both good and evil came of it. Yet God was doing His work, bringing thousands and, ultimately, billions of people to the knowledge of their Savior Jesus Christ and to saving faith in Him. Join us in the Fireside Room (#102) between services during the Education Hour for an exciting look into how the Reformation has shaped you and me.



THE NATIVITY STORY—December 13 & 20—following the Advent Services in the Fireside Room. Advent is the season of celebration and preparation for Jesus' birth. Come worship with us at the 6:30pm Advent services and then stay to watch the movie “The Nativity”. See the faith of Mary and Joseph and the plots of King Herod in the months leading up to the coming of the Messiah. Hot chocolate and cookies provided!



VOTER'S MEETING —The semi-annual Voters' Meeting is TODAY at 9:40am in the Fellowship Hall. The agenda includes the 2017 Budget and other congregational business. Proposed budget materials are available at the Information Center.



Thank you to those who have prayed about and returned your faith and personal financial commitments for 2018. This information is very helpful for planning what we will be able to do next year regarding ministry and staff. If you have not yet done so please return your completed commitment card to the church as soon as possible. This year's theme is “my God will meet all your needs...” and is based on Philippians 4:19. We at Zion are wonderfully blessed by God in so many ways. May the Lord continue to bless each of us as we strive to be a loving and positive witness to our Savior, Jesus Christ



IS GOD'S WORD RELEVANT TODAY? Do God's promises speak truth to the world we live in? Does the Holy Spirit work in hearts and minds as Scripture is read, taught, and preached. If you answered “YES!”, then Zion has a perfect opportunity for you. We are looking for additional readers for all of our worship services. Please see Pastor Dan or e-mail dan.schultz@zionhopkins.org if you are interested in serving Zion in this way.

LUTHER QUOTES—SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT Mark 1:1-8 “There are many things which hinder the ‘way,’ that is, the work of the Lord. Those things must be removed, especially human reason,* self-love, one's own wisdom, one's own righteousness, etc. That preparing then is to make humble and to arrange things so as to allow God to work in one.” LW 18:409 (*Luther was not anti-intellectual, but opposed a reasoning that proudly sets itself in the place of God and His Word.)