



Calendar

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00am LBW Large Print
1:00pm Weekly Newsletter Deadline
6:35pm Moms in Prayer

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

12:00pm Advent Worship
6:30pm Advent Worship
7:15pm Caroling at ChapelView (ages 8-100), GLOW,
Living Faith & Desert Voice

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

10:00am Staff Devotions/Meeting
11:30am Caring Friends
1:00pm LBW Large Print
6:30pm Festival Ringers
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

1:30pm Church Office Closes

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

5:00pm Informal Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:30am Traditional Worship
9:40am Table Talks & Christmas Cookie Potluck
10:50am Contemporary Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Church Office & ZECC Closed
4:00pm Family Christmas Eve Worship
10:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Church Office & ZECC Closed
10:00am Christmas Day Worship

When We Last Gathered December 8 & 9

Attendance	256
General	\$12,138.31
Missions	\$898.00
Building Fund	\$1,889.00
Dedicated	\$1,881.70

For Next Week—December 22 & 23

Readers

Beryl Schultze, 5:00pm
Amy Schmeling, 8:30am



Acolytes

Vince Snyder, 5:00pm
Sean Lucas Brace, 8:30am

Altar Care

Darlene Klug & Naomi Wold



Today at Zion

Message Theme

“Joy in Times of Stress”
Philippians 4:4-9

Scriptures

Zephaniah 3:14-20, p. 790
Philippians 4:4-7, p. 982
Luke 7:18-28, p. 863
Philippians 4:4-9, p. 982 (10:50)

Worship Leaders

Pastor Dan Schultz, Message (5:00); Liturgist, (8:30); Praise Leader (10:50)
Pastor Randall Neal, Message (8:30 & 10:50)
Children’s Christmas Service (5:00)
Brice Petersen, Director of Parish Music (8:30 & 10:50)
Living Faith & Desert Voice (10:50)
Judy Miller, Reader (8:30)
Amy Chase, Slide Tech (8:30)
Maddie Wagner, Slide Tech (10:50)
Ben Kallerup & Katie Kallerup, Acolytes (8:30)
Lyle Discher, Elder (5:00)
David Sieving, Elder (8:30 & 10:50)
Craig Ahlman, Associate Elder (5:00)
Mark Rettig, Associate Elder (8:30)
Matt Kan, Associate Elder (10:50)
Darlene Klug & Naomi Wold, Altar Care

Hymns

5:00pm

LSB 387, LSB 357, LSB 370, LSB 388, LSB 368
“Who Would Imagine a King?”, Joyful noiZ
“Happy Birthday, Lord”, King’s Kids

8:30am

Prelude: “Comfort, Comfort”, Ar. Burkhardt, Organ
LSB 344, LSB 347, LSB 338, LSB 332, LSB 621, LSB 818
Offering: “The Moon of Wintertime and Gentle Mary”, Ar. Ryan, Festival Ringers
Postlude: “In Thee Is Gladness”, J.S. Bach, Organ

10:50am

Opening: “Angels We Have Heard (Deo)”
“Days of Elijah”, “Advent Hymn”,
“Only King Forever”, “Blessed Be Your Name”

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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: Rich & Mary Daniels 43rd wedding anniversary, Amy McCutcheon birthday, Steven Nelson 66th birthday, Nahom Negassi 12th birthday.


FOR HEALTH, HEALING, AND STRENGTH: Dan Damschen, Eric Olson, Mike Ebert (brother of Brian Ebert), Glazigi Kifle (uncle of Ruth Gebres), Phyllis Olson, Connor Schultz (neighbor of the Turgeon's), Tonya Peterson, Sandy Charles (daughter of Dee Lennander), Brooklynne Thorson, Chris Ruggiero (son-in-law of Brenda Walsten), David Herzan (son of Vangie Herzan & brother of Debi Herzan), Justin & Elizabeth Long and their expected twins (grandson & granddaughter of Carole Arndt), Andrew Sendejo (brother of Jina Nelson), Mary Nieting & Nieting Family, Betty Brinkman, Davi McWright Sr. (friend of Robert & Angela Parker), Jim Wagner, Glen Zobel (uncle of Ray Riethmeier), Ken Dagen (son of Betty Dagen), Danielle Rudd (granddaughter of Isabel Kloss), Yvonne Lewis (friend of Barb Volker), Darlene Gates (mother of Janelle Gates), Rob & Crystal Icenogle (family of the Shelton's), Rachel Holst (neighbor of Lehman's).

FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE: family of Staci Worm (friend of Ethan Adam).

FOR SPECIAL CONCERNS: For those in the Armed Forces; police, fire, and emergency response services, for people for whom employment, credit, investments and housing have been adversely affected; for those affected by natural & manmade disasters.

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: Doug Palmer; Bob, Angie & James Parker; Tom, Debi, Laura & Angela Parker; Donna Pashina; Eileen Pashina.

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 personal and financial resources needed for faithful ministry.

 **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 5th is the next gathering. Contact Karen 952-935-4356 or Carolyn 952-935-5909 with questions.

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 hope you enjoyed the Children's Christmas Service. Thanks to all our students and leaders for their hard work. Congratulations to the 2nd and 3rd grade class on perfect attendance. Do you know the type of light an angel held up guarding the entrance to the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:24)? How about the light guiding the children of Israel wandering to the promised land (Exodus 13:21)? These are some of the questions our older students are exploring in their Advent devotions. Our younger students are creating a manger scene while learning about John, Zechariah, angels, and sheep. There will be no class for the next two weeks (12/23 & 12/30).



ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES Our midweek Advent theme this year is "Countdown to Christmas". Join us Wednesday December 19th. Our worship services, which will be at 12:00pm and 6:30pm, will be musically-based. Along with the music and short devotion, we want to provide real, relevant, and practical opportunities for our people to serve the community. We will be "doing" 'hands and feet' servant events after each of the evening worship experiences. The intention is to include all ages and groups here at Zion - Sunday school, Youth, Adults, and ZECC families.

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS



ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES (Noon & 6:30pm)
A Chance to Make a Difference.
As Christians prepare for the coming of our Savior in a manger, we remember the awesome blessings we enjoy - like faith, hope, community and salvation! During this Advent season, Zion could use your help to share our blessings with others.

Our midweek theme is "Countdown to Christmas" and we will have opportunities for every one of you to be the "hands and feet" of Jesus to our area. Keep reading to see how you can be involved.

Our midweek noon services will feature organ music along with singing by our ZECC Angel Choir. Each of the evening services will feature one of our adult music groups.

Come with your family for the worship and music and then stay to SERVE.

December 19th

The Sanctuary Choir will be leading our evening music. After the noon service, we will load up the bus and head to the Chapel View Apartments for some Christmas caroling. After the evening service, we will carol at the Chapel View Care Center.

We hope that you and your family can join their brothers and sisters at Zion for one, two or all three of our midweek services and then help us make a real and relevant impact in the lives of our community.

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TABLE TALKS - "Right in the Eye". Pastor Neal is leading a six part Bible Class series "Right in the Eye" Sundays at 9:40am in the Fireside Room (#102). "It's my life. I can do what I want, when I want, with whom I want...as long as nobody gets hurt." It didn't work for ancient Israel. It isn't working for modern America. Join Pastor Neal as we explore a provocative 6-part DVD series presented by Pastor Andy Stanley. We'll explore the moral mayhem depicted in the Old Testament book of Judges and evaluate our own twenty-first century culture. Grab a cup of coffee and join your friends around the table for a lively session each Sunday.

ZION'S NEEDY FAMILY THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS FUND We are again asking for financial donations to help make this a special Thanksgiving/Christmas for some families who have been affected by the economic downturn. Please put your donation in a pew envelope and mark it "Zion's Needy Families Fund". You may place the envelope in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Thanks for your concern and willingness to support your fellow members and friends of Zion.



JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS COOKIE POTLUCK on Sunday, December 23rd 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?

2018 TITHES AND OFFERINGS must be received in the church office on or before December 31st to be credited on your 2018 offering Statement. Any tithes and offerings received after December 31st will be credited to 2019. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord's work at Zion!

SHUT-IN DELIVERIES NEEDED Looking for a maximum of 7 people to deliver a service CD to our shut-ins on Sunday, December 23rd, so they receive it before Christmas. Please contact the church office if you are able to help. Thank you.

DEAR CONGREGATION & STAFF OF ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thank you so much for hosting the ICA turkey give away again this year on November 15th. With your help we were able to provide Thanksgiving groceries and turkeys to 600 families in the Hopkins/Minnetonka/Excelsior area. Our community is very blessed by your generosity! Thank you! -Sheryl Stauss, ICA Holiday Coordinator



CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND POTS at Zion's 5th Avenue entrance was donated by Trudy Reinitz in memory of her husband Don Reinitz.