



# Calendar

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:00PM ZECC Staff Meeting

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00am LBW Large Print

9:00am–3:00pm Zion Quilters

1:00pm Weekly Newsletter Deadline

6:30pm Executive

6:35pm Moms in Prayer

7:00pm Leadership

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

12:00pm Advent Worship

4:45–7:00pm Loaves & Fishes Service Event

6:30pm Advent Worship

7:15pm 363 Sandwich Service Event (ages 8-100), GLOW,  
Wednesday Table Talks, Living Faith & Desert Voice

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

10:00am Staff Devotions/Meeting

1:00pm LBW Large Print

6:30pm Festival Ringers

7:30pm Sanctuary Choir

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

1:30pm Church Office Closes

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:15am–11:00am Children' Christmas Service Practice

5:00pm Informal Worship with Favorite Hymn Time

5:00pm NYG Event

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:30am Traditional Worship with Favorite Hymn Time

9:40am - 10:40am Voters' Meeting (Budget); SS Education–  
Kids only

10:50am Contemporary Worship

12:00pm Zion Family Potluck

6:00pm - 7:00pm Joyful noiZ Hand Mime Practice

### When We Last Gathered November 24 & 25

Attendance	245
General	\$10,605.61
Missions	\$410.00
Building Fund	\$2,342.00
Dedicated	\$909.58

### For Next Week—December 8 & 9

#### Readers

Andrea Cacka, 5:00pm

Dee Anderson, 8:30am

#### Altar Care

Vivian Goulet & Darlene Klug



#### Acolytes

Bethany Cacka, 5:00pm



# Today at Zion

## Message Theme

“Unprepared”

Matthew 25:1-13

## Scriptures

Jeremiah 33:14-16, p. 662

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, p. 987

Luke 21:25-36, p. 987

Matthew 25:1-13, p. 830 (10:50)

## Worship Leaders

Pastor Randall Neal, Message & Liturgist

Pastor Dan Schultz, Liturgist, 8:30; Praise Leader, 10:50

Brice Petersen, Director of Parish Music

Marcia Randall, Cantor (5:00)

Dan & Denise Stover, Duet (8:30)

Living Faith & Desert Voice (10:50)

Don Ahlman, Reader (5:00)

Mark Rettig, Reader (8:30)

Barb Volker, Slide Tech (5:00)

Dan Ahlman, Slide Tech (8:30)

Maddie Wagner, Slide Tech (10:50)

Andy Chase & Jonah Schultz, Acolytes (8:30)

Wayne Koester, Elder (5:00)

Brian McCutcheon, Elder (8:30 & 10:50)

Craig Ahlman, Associate Elder (5:00)

Rudy Niemiec, Associate Elder (8:30 & 10:50)

Vivian Goulet & Darlene Klug, Altar Care

## Hymns

5:00pm

P&W 111, P&W 68, P&W 130, P&W 128, LSB 624, LSB 620, P&W 123

8:30am

Prelude: “Wachet, auf ruft uns die stimme”, J.S. Bach, Organ

LSB 515, LSB 516, LSB 514, LSB 624, LSB 620, LSB 349

Offering: “Wonderful, Merciful Savior”, Dan & Denise Stover, Duet

Postlude: “Hark the Glad Sound”, Ar. Burkhardt, Organ

10:50am

Opening: “Advent Hymn”, Living Faith & Desert Voice

“Prepare Ye the Way”, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”,

“One Way”, “Let the Praises Ring”

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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](http://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](http://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:*

**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), Chuck Bredemeier (friend of Carole Arndt), Randy Sitter (friend 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), Amy McCutcheon, Danielle Rudd (granddaughter of Isabel Kloss).

**FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE:** family of Leo Esget (former member), Matt Parker (nephew of Debi Herzan Parker).

**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: Christopher, Sara & Addison Niccum; Rudy & Jean Niemiec; Cindy Nogosek; Dan, JoAnne & Chelsey Nordstrom; Sarah Oberlander.

**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. December 1st 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](http://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:** Congratulations to our 2nd and 3rd graders on perfect attendance last week. One of the rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Service has been completed. We have another one on December 8th from 9:15am - 11:00am. The Children's Christmas Service will be on December 15th at 5:00pm with pre-service music presented by the children starting at 4:30pm. Please join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus. DVD's of the service can be pre-ordered at rehearsal where a copy of last year's program can also be viewed as a sample.



**HELP NEEDED** The Trustees are looking for a few good folks to assist in snow removal on a periodic basis. It is necessary to remove snow in a timely fashion to allow access to ZECC for the teachers and daycare kids, and to provide parking for worship services and other weekly activities. For the past few years, we have eliminated the cost of snow removal for Zion by over \$2,500 per year by operating our own equipment and providing volunteer hours. No experience is necessary for this position, (we can/will train), just have a willing heart (a healthy back is preferred). Contact John Herkenratt @ 612-719-4580 or [Jherken1@netzero.net](mailto:Jherken1@netzero.net), see Rick Tupa in the office, or call the church office at 952-938-7661. Many thanks in advance!



**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?



**TUESDAYS FOR QUILTERS.** Please note the quilters have decided to change the date to Tuesdays. Our first Tuesday will be Tuesday, December 4th. We will be meeting from 9am until 2pm. Come for the full day, or even a few hours. If you can tie a knot, we'd love to have you join the group. Besides creating quilts for Grain Train, there is a lot of talking, sharing, laughing and eating! Men are welcomed! This is a great way to meet others from Zion...not just on Sundays. The group will not meet in January and February.

**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.

**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!

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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.



**ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES** Our midweek Advent theme this year is "Countdown to Christmas". It all begins on Wednesday, December 5th and will continue for the next two weeks (December 12th & 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 three evening worship experiences. The intention is to include all ages and groups here at Zion - Sunday school, Youth, Adults, and ZECC families (see insert)

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY** *A Longer Look at the Lessons.* Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Council Room (#204). Bring your Bibles and come to discuss the readings for the upcoming weekend services.



**CHRISTMAS IN WORD AND SONG - TODAY at 4:00pm** - Come and hear a concert filled with the music and scripture of the season. Get yourselves in the spirit of Christmas! Featuring all of Zion's adult musical groups: Festival Ringers, Sanctuary Choir, Living Faith Singers and Desert Voice Band, as well as the Van Daalen pipe organ and instrumentalists.



**VOTER'S MEETING** -The semi-annual Voters' Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 9th, at 9:40am in the Fellowship Hall. The agenda includes the 2019 Budget and other congregational business. Proposed budget materials are available at the Information Center Desk.

**POINSETTIA ORDERS** The final day to submit your orders for poinsettia's is Thursday, December 6th. Extra forms are at the Information Desk.

**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.