



# Calendar

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

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

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

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

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

ZECC Closed  
No Classes  
9:30am Morning Glory Circle  
1:00pm Loving Care Circle

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

ZECC Closed  
10:00am Staff Devotions/Meeting  
1:00pm LBW Large Print  
1:00pm Ruth Circle

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

ZECC Closed  
1:30pm Church Office Closes

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

5:00pm Informal Worship

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:40am Coffee Hour & Table Talks  
10:50am Contemporary Worship

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

Church Office & ZECC Closed

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

Church Office & ZECC Closed

### When We Last Gathered December 15 & 16

Attendance	360
General	\$7,249.43
Missions	\$384.00
Building Fund	\$725.00
Dedicated	\$945.69

### For Next Week—December 29 & 30

#### Readers

Andrea Cacka, 5:00pm  
Bob Shorten, 8:30am



#### Acolytes

Vince Snyder, 5:00pm  
Andy Chase, 8:30am

#### Altar Care

Darlene Klug & Naomi Wold



# Today at Zion

## Message Theme

“Do You Feel Blessed?”

Luke 1:39-56

## Scriptures

Micah 5:2-5a, p. 779

Hebrews 10:5-10, p. 1006

Luke 1:39-56, p. 856

Luke 1:39-56, p. 856 (10:50)

## Worship Leaders

Pastor Dan Schultz, Message & Liturgist; Children’s Message, Praise Leader (10:50)

Pastor Randall Neal, Liturgist (8:30 & 10:50)

Brice Petersen, Director of Parish Music

Dan Stover, Cantor (5:00)

Sanctuary Choir (8:30)

Living Faith & Desert Voice (10:50)

Beryl Schultze, Reader (5:00)

Amy Schmeling, Reader (8:30)

Doug Carroll, Slide Tech (5:00)

Dan Ahlman, Slide Tech (8:30)

Teresa Johnson, Slide Tech (10:50)

Vince Snyder, Acolyte (5:00)

Sean Lucas Brace, Acolyte (8:30)

Gary Schuette, Elder

Russ Peterson, Associate Elder

Darlene Klug & Naomi Wold, Altar Care

## Hymns

5:00pm

P&W 176, P&W 90, P&W 76, P&W 75, P&W 123

8:30am

Prelude: “Nun Kumm der Heiden Heiland”, J.S. Bach, Organ

LSB 380, LSB 933, LSB 361, LSB 367

Offering: “Holy Is Your Name”, D. Haas, Sanctuary Choir

Postlude: “Angels We Have Heard on High”, Burkhardt, Organ

10:50am

Opening: “Heaven Everywhere”, Dan & Denise Stover, Duet

“Angels We Have Heard on High (Deo)”, “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”,

“Prepare Ye the Way”, “Days of Elijah”

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December 23, 2018

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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:*


**PRAYERS OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING FOR:** Rich Daniels 71st 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), Sandy Charles (daughter of Dee Lennander), Chris Ruggiero (son-in-law of Brenda Walsten), Andrew Sendejo (brother of Jina Nelson), Mary Nieting & Nieting Family, Davi McWright Sr. (friend of Robert & Angela Parker), Jim Wagner, Glen Zobel (uncle of Ray Riethmeier), Ken Dagen (son of Betty Dagen), Yvonne Lewis (friend of Barb Volker), Darlene Gates (mother of Janelle Gates), Rachel Holst (neighbor of Lehman's), Katie Siekert (granddaughter of Roy & Betty Karner), Brian Schmidt (son of David & Carol Peterson).

**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: Nancy Paulson; Brice Petersen; David & Carol Peterson; Edna Peterson; Leroy & Lois Peterson.

**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](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:** There is no class today. Class resumes on January 6th. Our Advent devotions included angels, Mary and Joseph, and Jesus as our Shepherd. Older students answered the following questions: What kind of light warms us up on cold winter nights? (John 18:18), What lights welcome people and Jesus into our homes during this holiday season? (Matthew 21:9), What evergreen living thing with branches is in many homes? (Isaiah 11:1,10).

### EVER WONDERED WHAT THE INITIAL OFFERING ENVELOPE IS FOR?

In the January-February offering envelope packet, there is an envelope marked Initial Offering. The funds collected from the Initial Offering are used to offset the cost of printing and mailing offering envelopes. In 2018, we received \$2,047 for the Initial Offering. The total annual cost for offering envelopes is approximately \$1,340. If everyone who receives offering envelopes gave \$4 for the Initial offering, we would have the funds to pay for offering envelopes for all of 2019.



**NO QUILTING IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2019.** Please join us again in March. We will also be moving to the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Please join us on Tuesday, March 12th.

**WINTER WOMEN'S QUARTERLY'S** are in. Pick up your copy from the kiosk upstairs by the elevator or downstairs next to the confirmation pictures.



### PACKING AWAY THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

When: Sunday, January 6, 2019, following the second worship service (11:50am). Who: You! ... please give a hand.

**THE COLD AND FLU SEASON IS UPON US.** Please remember to be considerate of your fellow worshippers when you are not feeling 100%. We have hand sanitizer containers at all entrances for your use. If you would prefer not to shake a hand during our regular greeting time perhaps a simple wave or elbow "bump" would be an appropriate greeting.

### DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE:

*Christmas Eve Services:*

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

*Christmas Day Service:*

Tuesday, December 25: 10:00am

*Please note:* We will have regular weekend services December 29-30

**POINSETTIAS** Please leave poinsettias until after the Christmas Day Service. Poinsettia's will be available for pick up after the Christmas Day Service, during office hours next week, or next weekend.

## Zion Happenings

**TABLE TALKS** - Lessons about Christmas from the Old Testament. The Christmas story of the baby Jesus born in Bethlehem is one most people would say they know pretty well. We've heard of the shepherds in the fields, the Magi following the star, and the angels lighting up the night sky. What sometimes gets lost in the shuffle is the fact that this story was many years in the making. Starting in Genesis and continuing throughout the whole Old Testament, God was giving us pieces of what our Savior would be like when He came into the world and what it means. Knowing the whole picture can give us an even richer understanding of what happened on that night when Christ was born. Join Seminarian Kevin Koester for Bible Class on December 23rd and December 30th as we reflect on some lessons we can learn about Christmas from the Old Testament.

**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 30th to be credited on your 2018 offering Statement. Any tithes and offerings received after December 30th will be credited to 2019. Thank you for your gifts to the Lord's work at Zion!

### 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 were donated by Trudy Reinitz in memory of her husband Don Reinitz.

**THANK YOU** to David Erdmann for updating our handheld candles for Christmas Eve.



**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are given in memory of John Kallerup by Dan & Kathy Dettman.