



# Calendar

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
6:00pm ZECC Staff Meeting

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
9:00am LBW Large Print  
1:00pm Weekly Newsletter Deadline  
6:00pm Executive  
6:35pm Mom's In Prayer  
7:00pm Leadership

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**  
9:00am—3:00pm Zion Quilters  
12:00pm Advent Worship  
6:30pm Advent Worship  
7:15pm Confirmation, Wednesday Table Talks,  
Kid's JAM, and Living Faith & Desert Voice

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

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
1:30pm Church Office Closes

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
9:15am—11:00am Children's Christmas Service Practice  
5:00pm Informal Worship with Favorite Hymn Time

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
Youth Worship Roadtrip  
8:30am Traditional Worship with Favorite Hymn Time  
9:40am Sunday School Education—Kids & Adults  
10:50am Contemporary Worship  
12:00pm Young Family Potluck

## When We Last Gathered November 25 & 26

Attendance	273
Thanksgiving	103
General	\$7,403.15
Missions	\$350.00
Building Fund	\$1,088.00
Dedicated	\$219.55

## For Next Week—December 9 & 10

**Readers**  
Don Ahlman, 5:00pm  
Dan Ahlman, 8:30am



**Acolytes**  
Jonah Schultz, 5:00pm

**Altar Care**  
Joyce Swinjakow & Vivian Goulet



# Today at Zion

**Message Theme**  
"Choosing Teams"  
1 Corinthians 12:7,11

**Scriptures**  
Isaiah 64:1-9, p. 623  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9, p. 952  
Mark 11:1-10, p. 847  
1 Corinthians 12:7,11, p. 959 (10:50)

**Worship Leaders**  
Pastor Randall Neal, Message & Liturgist  
Pastor Dan Schultz, Liturgist (8:30); Praise Leader (10:50)  
Carol Krueger, Piano (5:00)  
Dan Stover, Cantor (5:00)  
Brice Petersen, Director of Parish Music  
Festival Ringers (8:30)  
Desert Voice & Living Faith (10:50)  
Denise Stover, Reader (5:00)  
Mark Rettig, Reader & Associate Elder (8:30)  
Ethan Adam, Worship Assistant (10:50)  
Brian Olson, Slide Technician (5:00)  
Amy Schmeling, Slide Technician (8:30)  
Teresa Johnson, Slide Technician (10:50)  
Leah Rindal, Acolyte (5:00)  
Margo Brettin & Sean Lucas Brace, Acolytes (8:30)  
Lyle Discher, Elder (5:00)  
Wayne Koester, Elder (8:30 & 10:50)  
Craig Ahlman, Associate Elder (5:00)  
Larry Monskey, Associate Elder (10:50)  
Joyce Swinjakow & Vivian Goulet, Altar Care

**Hymns**  
5:00pm  
P&W 242, P&W 140, P&W 195, P&W 170, LSB 355, LSB 334, P&W 123

8:30am  
Prelude: "Num Komm der Heiden Heiland", Organ  
LSB 343, "Light One Candle", LSB 357, LSB 332, LSB 341,  
LSB 349, LSB 335, LSB 334, LSB 387, LSB 331  
Offering: "Come Thou Unexpected Jesus", Mokelbust, Festival Ringers  
Postlude: "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns", M. Burkhardt, Organ

10:50am  
Gathering: "Advent Hymn", Living Faith & Desert Voice  
"I Am Free", "Days of Elijah", "My Lighthouse", "Rising"

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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 FOR HEALTH, HEALING, AND STRENGTH FOR:** Gene Bachman, Daryl Bell, 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), Joe Taylor, Brian Olson, June Lundgren, Ed & Faith Schmidt (parents of Rick Schmidt), Norine Francis-Michels (sister of Nita Ahlman), Mary Hagan, Katie Tidler (niece of Bruce & Herman Loeffler), Jan Loehr.

**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: Sharon Shearer; Gary & Bonnie Shelton; Sanden Shelton; Joy Sichak; David Sieving.

**PRAYERS FOR COMFORT AND PEACE FOR:** family of Lyle Schuette (brother of Gary Schuette).

 **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](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 the 3 year old/Pre-K class on perfect attendance last week. The first rehearsal for the Children's Christmas Service has been completed. The last rehearsal is scheduled for December 9th from 9:15am to 11:00am. The service will be held on December 16th at 5:00pm. Children should arrive by 4:40pm for the service. Class will be in session on December 17th. No classes are scheduled on December 24th or December 31st.

**THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR** Christmas Festival: “No Room?” with the National Lutheran Choir. This cherished annual event creates a holy experience for audiences in the awe-inspiring Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis. In 2017, the birth of Christ as a refugee story is more poignant and relevant than ever. In this time of unwelcome, discord, and deepening division, is there room for Christ to be born today? Friday, December 8, 4:30 & 8:00pm & Saturday, December 9, 8:00pm. Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis Tickets: Adult \$30 | Senior \$27 | Student \$10 | 17 and under FREE. Call Brown Paper Tickets 1-800-838-3006 or order online at [NLCA.com](http://NLCA.com).



**YOUNG AT HEART** is going to Perkins in Hopkins on Monday, December 4th at 1:00pm. Any questions call Alice Anderson at 952-938-5144.

**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

**THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION** takes place today. Those desiring to be guests at the Lord's Table must 1) Believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord; 2) Confess their sin, seek the assurance of forgiveness, and intend, with God's help, to amend their sinful life; 3) Believe that Christ is really present in this Sacrament. *If you are unsure of what has been stated here, or if you have not been baptized, or if you are unable to answer yes to any of these questions, please speak with the pastor before communing. For the benefit of communicants who are allergic to alcohol or who have dependency problems, several individual cups containing white grape juice with a slight tincture of wine are included in the center of each communion tray (5:00pm & 8:30am) or the center chalice [large cup](10:50am). If you would like more information you may pick up a brochure on the subject at the Information Center tract rack in the Gathering Area.*



## Zion Happenings

**SUNDAY TABLE TALKS**—Pastor Dan will continue 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.



**ISRAEL TRIP**—Pastor Krienke & Linda are accompanying 14 individuals to Israel now thru December 7th. Please keep them in your prayers.



**THE NATIVITY STORY**—December 6th, 13th, 20th—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 scheduled for Sunday, December 10th, 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



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