



Calendar

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31
Church Office & ZECC Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1
Church Office Closed
ZECC Closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2
9:15am ZECC Chapel
1:00pm Weekly Newsletter Deadline
6:30pm Living Faith
7:00pm Desert Voice

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3
10:00am Staff Devotions/Meeting
1:00pm LBW Large Print
6:30pm Festival Ringers
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4
1:30pm Church Office Closes

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5
9:00am—4:00pm ZECC First Aid & CPR Class
9:00am—10:00am ZIPS
5:00pm Informal Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6
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 celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary by Ray & Dee Anderson.

When We Last Gathered December 22 & 23

Attendance	250
General	\$24,046.74
Missions	\$1,520.00
Building Fund	\$4,743.00
Dedicated	\$527.13
Clean-up	\$300.00

For Next Week—January 5 & 6

Readers

Karen Eck, 5:00pm
Dee Anderson, 8:30am

Altar Care

Darlene Klug & Naomi Wold



Acolytes

Marcus Johnson, 5:00pm
Andy Chase, 8:30am
Jonah Schultz, 8:30am



Today at Zion

Message Theme

“What a Year”

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-22

Scriptures

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15, p. 55

Colossians 3:12-17, p. 984

Luke 2:22-40, p. 857

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-22, p. 808 (10:50)

Worship Leaders

Pastor Randall Neal, Message & Liturgist

Kevin Koester, Liturgist (8:30 & 10:50)

Brice Petersen, Director of Parish Music

Marcia Randall, Cantor (5:00)

Lori Ebert, Solo (8:30)

Living Faith & Desert Voice (10:50)

Andrea Cacka, Reader (5:00)

Bob Shorten, Reader (8:30)

Barb Volker, Slide Tech (5:00)

Debi Herzan Parker, Slide Tech (8:30)

Rhett Dressel, Slide Tech (10:50)

Vince Snyder, Acolyte (5:00)

Andy Chase, Acolyte (8:30)

Kyle Johnson, Elder

Steve Larson, Associate Elder (5:00)

Bruce Loeffler, Associate Elder (8:30 & 10:50)

Darlene Klug & Naomi Wold, Altar Care

Hymns

5:00pm

LSB 381, LSB 367, LSB 374, LSB 388, LSB 386

8:30am

LSB 381, LSB 374, LSB 388, LSB 386

Offering: “Hallelujah”, Lori Ebert, Solo

10:50am

Opening: “Hallelujah”, Lori Ebert, Solo

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

“Soul on Fire”, “My Lighthouse”

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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: 60th wedding anniversary of Ray & Dee Anderson; 11th birthday of Heritu Negassie, birthday of Jessica Neal, Rachel Holst (neighbor of Lehman's).

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), 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:* Russ, Vicki & Kate Peterson; Tonya Peterson & Vince Snyder; Gary & Carol Pioske; Julie Pletcher; Duane & Cynthia Proell.

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

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.

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.

COMING SOON TO MINNESOTA! Main Street Living is a TV program that has been airing throughout South Dakota for 17 years. It offers a worship experience to the many who cannot, will not, or do not attend worship regularly. They're expanding into surrounding states—including Minnesota! Main Street Living will begin airing Sundays on KFTC, channel 29/9-2, from 10 :00 - 11:00am, in January. The one-hour program will include re-mastered episodes of Lutheran Hour Ministry's "This is the Life" and a modified Lutheran worship service led by local Minnesota pastors. The first episode on January 6th will feature Minnesota South District President Lucas Woodford. Pastor Neal will be the featured speaker on February 3rd (Super Bowl weekend). For more information, check out the Twin Cities tab at www.mainstreetliving.com.

CHRISTIAN DATING SPEAKER OPPORTUNITY - Pam Stenzel, a world-renowned speaker on Christian dating and the real-life consequences of breaking the sixth commandment, will present in our area on April 24th. More information is available at 303-888-6876."

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.

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!



SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Zion has committed to serving three times at a soup kitchen (Loaves & Fishes) during the months of December 2018 through February 2019. (January 9th and February 13th). The task is fairly simple - SERVE FOOD AND THEN CLEAN UP AFTERWARDS. We are looking for 8-10 individuals to serve as a team (made up of adults, high school and college students, families, children ages 8-15 who are accompanied by a parent). The serving location is Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Minneapolis. The time is 4:45pm - 7:00 pm. We will drive by car from Zion to the food site. The first team who went on December 5th came back with a sense of having been part of something very special. If you would like to be a part of this special opportunity please contact Pastor Neal.



POINSETTIAS Poinsettia's are available for pick-up after each service today. Elders have the lists if you don't remember what you ordered.



PACKING AWAY THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

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



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The Church Office will be closed on Monday, December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st. We will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd.