



Calendar

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

ZECC Closed
Church Office Closed
7:00pm Cards

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00am LBW Large Print
1:00pm Weekly Newsletter Deadline
6:00PM Executive
6:35pm Mom's In Prayer
7:00pm Leadership

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

9:15am ZECC Chapel
6:30pm Confirmation, Wednesday Table Talks
Kid's JAM, Living Faith
7:00pm Desert Voice

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

1:30pm Church Office Closes

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00am-10:00am ZIPS (Zion in Prayer)
5:00pm Informal Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:30am Traditional Worship with Communion
9:40am Sunday School Education-Kids & Adults
10:50am Contemporary Worship with Communion

When We Last Gathered December 23 & 24

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| Attendance | 179 |
| General | \$17,842.47 |
| Missions | \$309.00 |
| Building Fund | \$1,927.00 |
| Dedicated | \$419.59 |
| Parking Lot | \$2,000.00 |

For Next Week—January 6 & 7

Readers

Craig Ahlman, 5:00pm
Dee Anderson, 8:30am



Acolytes

Walta Negassie, 5:00pm
Ben Kallerup, 8:30am
Sean Lucas Brace, 8:30am

Altar Care

Joyce Swinjakow & Vivian Goulet



Today at Zion

Message Theme
"Bethlehem Today"
Micah 5:2

Scriptures

Isaiah 61:10-62:3, p. 621
Galatians 4:4-7, p. 974
Luke 2:22-40, p. 857
Luke 2:22-40, p. 857 (10:50)

Worship Leaders

Pastor Howie Krienke, Message & Liturgist
Pastor Randall Neal, Liturgist (8:30 & 10:50)
Brice Petersen, Director of Parish Music
Lori Ebert, Cantor (5:00)
Desert Voice & Living Faith (10:50)
Craig Ahlman, Reader & Associate Elder (5:00)
Judy Miller, Reader (8:30)
Ethan Adam, Worship Assistant (10:50)
Brian Olson, Slide Technician (5:00)
Amy Chase, Slide Technician (8:30)
Teresa Johnson, Slide Technician (10:50)
Libby Jacobs, Acolyte (5:00)
Brian McCutcheon, Elder (5:00)
Lyle Discher, Elder (8:30 & 10:50)
Mark Rettig, Associate Elder (8:30)
Larry Monskey, Associate Elder (10:50)
Darlene Klug & Amy McCutcheon, Altar Care

Hymns

5:00pm

LSB 381, LSB 374, LSB 388, LSB 386

8:30am

Prelude: "Go Tell It on the Mountain", Arr. J.M. Michel, Organ
LSB 386, LSB 367, LSB 389, LSB 381, LSB 388
Offering: "Rise Up Shepherds and Follow", Brice Petersen, Piano Solo
Postlude: "In Dir ist Freude", J.S. Bach, Organ

10:50am

Gathering: "Come People of the Risen King", Living Faith & Desert Voice
"Blessed Be Your Name", "Angels We Have Heard on High (Deo)",
"Soul on Fire", "Let Your Praises Ring"

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December 31, 2017

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News & Notes

FIRST TIME HERE? - Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church! We are so glad to have you worshiping 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: 10th birthday Heritu Negassie, birthday of Jessica Neal, 81st birthday Marty Ditmar, 82nd birthday Gene Herzan, 38th wedding anniversary of Mark & Mary Rettig.

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH, HEALING, AND STRENGTH FOR: Eric Olson, Allie Skaalerud (granddaughter of Janice Struthers & niece of Gary & Bonnie Shelton), Carol Herkenratt (mother of John Herkenratt), Chris Ruggiero (son-in-law of Brenda Walsten), Markus Bachman (grandson of Gene & Carolyn Bachman), Scott Olson (son of Pat Mattson & nephew of Paula Rosengren), Roger Matson (brother-in-law of Wendy Ahles), Brian Olson, Norine Francis-Michels (sister of Nita Ahlman), Mary Hagan, Dan Damschen, Lori Wildermuth (daughter of Evelyn Wildermuth), Leroy Peterson, Carol Larson, Nita Larson, David Mentzer (father of Becky Riethmeier), Elaine Haedtke, Greg Holden (son-in-law of Gene & Sylvia Herzan), Michael Houdak (nephew of Donna Reese).

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:* Gary & Linda Strei; Jean Stringer; Kevin, Reena, Caden & Carter Stripling; Janice Struthers; Richard & Barbara Suchomel.

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
- 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 2017, we received \$520 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 2018.



NO QUILTING IN JANUARY 2018. Please join us again in February.

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.

30 SOMETHING AND 40 SOMETHING SINGLES: The Lutheran Singles Group out of St. Michaels Lutheran Church would like to invite the 30 Something & 40 Something Singles to join them for an upcoming event which will be “Dinner and Movie at MOA” on Saturday, January 6th. For additional details please contact John Strom at jstrom@olsentool.com or 952-556-3104.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH - SAVE THE DATE: On January 20th we'll have a Sr. High event at Escape MSP. 10 people will be placed in an escape room where they need to work together to get out! This promises to be fun night ...topped off with a nightcap at Perkins for pie! This event is MANDATORY for those signed up for the mission trip this summer! Please sign up on the bulletin board so we can get an accurate count for reservations.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on Friday, January 5 from 5-8pm at The Roller Garden in St. Louis Park! We will provide pizza, drinks and part of the admission cost. The cost for your student is only \$5! Please RSVP to Shelby Dore at 952-807-8719, or email speed_dore@comcast.net.

I would like to receive via e-mail:

Messenger of Light

Yearly Financial Statement

Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Zion Happenings

SUNDAY TABLE TALKS - “Israel’s Three Kings” Beginning Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 9:40am in the Fireside room (#102). Pastor Neal will lead a new lively discussion each week based on the eight part DVD series highlighting the beginning of Jewish kings. The ancient Israelites almost 3,000 years ago had been governed by judges who did not have royal powers, and the Jewish folks did not like their situation. They wanted a leader who would sit on a throne and rule with absolute dominion. They wanted a king. When God agreed to give the people a king, did that make having a king okay - or perhaps even a good thing? We will look at some of the ramifications of such a request of the people. Grab a cup of coffee as you join Pastor Neal and your friends around the table for eight lively sessions.



2017 TITHES AND OFFERINGS must be received in the church office on or before December 31st to be credited on your 2017 offering statement. Any tithes and offerings received after December 31st will be credited to 2018. Thank you for your gifts to do the Lord’s work at Zion!



DEAR STAFF & CONGREGATION OF ZION LUTHERAN: Many thanks to you ‘again’ for hosting the annual ICA Turkey Give-away again this year! We gave out 557 turkeys, fixings, produce, and many other items to families in our area, allowing 557 households to have a nice Thanksgiving dinner. ICA and our community are very grateful for your hospitality and generosity. Sincerely, Sheryl Stauss - ICA Holiday Coordinator.



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PACKING AWAY THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS—Sunday, January 7th, following the second worship service (11:50am). Who: You! Please give a hand. Thank you!



ZECC CPR/FIRST AID CLASS—ALL WELCOME. On Saturday, January 27, 2018, from 9:00am to 3:00pm, Minnesota Medical Training Services will be coming to ZECC for their annual CPR & First Aid trainings. These trainings are good for first-time learners or for a refresher class. Zion members are welcome to join us. To sign up or receive more information, contact Paula Hance, ZECC Director at 952-938-7661.

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.