



Calendar

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:30pm - 8:30pm Westside 4H Club

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00am LBW Large Print

1:00pm Weekly Newsletter Deadline

6:30pm - 8:00pm Laundry Ministry @ MegaWave

6:35pm Moms in Prayer

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

12:00pm Advent Worship

6:30pm Advent Worship

7:15pm ICA Service Event (ages 8-100), GLOW,

Living Faith & Desert Voice

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

10:00am Staff Devotions/Meeting

1:00pm LBW Large Print

6:30pm Festival Ringers

7:30pm Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

1:30pm Church Office Closes

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

4:30pm Children's Pre-service Concert

5:00pm Children's Christmas Service—followed by reception

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:30am Traditional Worship with Communion

9:40am SS Education - Kids & Adults

10:50am Contemporary Worship with Communion

When We Last Gathered December 1 & 2

Attendance	188
General	\$11,442.99
Missions	\$540.00
Building Fund	\$1,444.00
Dedicated	\$718.94

For Next Week—December 15 & 16

Readers

Tim Bodin, 5:00pm

Judy Miller, 8:30am

Altar Care

Darlene Klug & Naomi Wold



Acolytes

Evelyn MacKay, 5:00pm

Ben Kallerup, 8:30am

Katie Kallerup, 8:30am



Today at Zion

Message Theme "On the Threshold"

Psalm 66

Scriptures

Malachi 3:1-7b, p. 802

Philippians 1:2-11, p. 980

Luke 3:1-14, p. 858

Psalm 66, p. 480 (10:50)

Worship Leaders

Pastor Dan Schultz, Message & Liturgist, Praise Leader (10:50)

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

Carol Krueger, Piano (5:00)

Lori Ebert, Cantor (5:00)

Kathy Koelbl, Organ (8:30); Piano (10:50)

Living Faith & Desert Voice (10:50)

Amy Logue, Violin (8:30)

Andrea Cacka, Reader (5:00)

Dee Anderson, Reader (8:30)

Barb Volker, Slide Tech (5:00)

Amy Schmeling, Slide Tech (8:30)

Rhett Dressel, Slide Tech (10:50)

Bethany Cacka, Acolyte (5:00)

Craig Ahlman, Elder (5:00)

Doug Carroll, Elder (8:30 & 10:50)

Steve Larson, Associate Elder (5:00)

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

Vivian Goulet & Darlene Klug, Altar Care

Hymns

5:00pm

P&W 176, P&W 72, P&W 75, P&W 64, P&W 66

8:30am

Prelude: Favorite Hymn Time

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

Offering: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding", Cassler, Violin & Organ

Postlude: "Prepare the Royal Highway", Manz, Violin & Organ

10:50am

Opening: "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)", Living Faith & Desert Voice

"Prepare Ye the Way", "In Christ Alone",

"The Lion and the Lamb", "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: 100th birthday of Florence Michaletz, birthday of Alice Anderson.


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), 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), Yvonne Lewis (friend of Barb Volker), Darlene Gates (mother of Janelle Gates), Rob & Crystal Icenogle (family of the Shelton's).

FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE: family of Helen Eggerth (aunt of Gary Shelton), family of Aurelia Strei (mother of Gary Strei), family of Vicki Berg (Ann Hanke's brother-in-laws mother).

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: Jennifer & Lindsay Okindo; Anita Olson; Eric, Lee Ann, Kaitlyn & Michelle Olson; Janet Olson; Phyllis Olson.

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL: Children's Christmas Service rehearsals are now complete. There is a dress rehearsal for children participating in the hand mime at 6:00pm tonight (12/9). DVD's of the service can still be ordered. We invite the congregation to come see our children present the story of our Savior's birth in word and song on December 15th at 5:00. Preservice music will be provided by the students starting at 4:30pm.



ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES Our midweek Advent theme this year is "Countdown to Christmas". Join us Wednesday 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 evening worship experiences. The intention is to include all ages and groups here at Zion - Sunday school, Youth, Adults, and ZECC families.



COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES (Noon & 6:30pm)

A Chance to Make a Difference.

As Christians prepare for the coming of our Savior in a manger, we remember the awesome blessings we enjoy - like faith, hope, community and salvation! During this Advent season, Zion could use your help to share our blessings with others.

Our midweek theme is "Countdown to Christmas" and we will have opportunities for every one of you to be the "hands and feet" of Jesus to our area. Keep reading to see how you can be involved.

Our midweek noon services will feature organ music along with singing by our ZECC Angel Choir. Each of the evening services will feature one of our adult music groups.

Come with your family for the worship and music and then stay to SERVE.

December 12th

Enjoy evening worship music with our Contemporary groups Living Faith and Desert Voice. After both services we will be assembling personal care bags for the ICA Food Shelf.

Items needed: Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Bar soap

December 19th

The Sanctuary Choir will be leading our evening music. After the noon service, we will load up the bus and head to the Chapel View Apartments for some Christmas caroling. After the evening service, we will carol at the Chapel View Care Center.

We hope that you and your family can join their brothers and sisters at Zion for one, two or all three of our midweek services and then help us make a real and relevant impact in the lives of our community.

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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.



VOTER'S MEETING -The semi-annual Voters' Meeting is scheduled for TODAY 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.

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?

THANK YOU to the many people who gave of their time and energy to put up the Christmas decorations on Sunday, November 25th. It is no small task to get those garlands, wreaths and trees up. Zion is so blessed by 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!

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.