



# Calendar

## MONDAY, JANUARY 15

1:00pm Monthly Newsletter Deadline

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

9:00am LBW Large Print

1:00pm Weekly Newsletter Deadline

6:00PM Executive

6:35pm Mom's In Prayer

7:00pm Church Council

7:00pm Lit n' Latte

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

9:15am ZECC Chapel

6:30pm Confirmation Parent Night, Wednesday Table Talks

Kid's JAM, Living Faith

7:00pm Desert Voice

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

10:00am Staff Devotions/Meeting

11:30am Caring Friends

1:00pm LBW Large Print

6:30pm Festival Ringers

7:30pm Sanctuary Choir

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

1:30pm Church Office Closes

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Life Sunday

5:00pm Informal Worship with Communion

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Life Sunday

8:30am Traditional Worship with Communion

9:40am Sunday School Education—Kids & Adults

10:50am Contemporary Worship

10:50am Sunday School Teacher Meeting

### When We Last Gathered January 6 & 7

Attendance	270
General	\$8,876.72
Missions	\$804.00
Building Fund	\$1,955.00
Dedicated	\$202.49
Initial Offering	\$1,813.00

### For Next Week—January 20 & 21

#### Readers

Karen Eck, 5:00pm

Dan Ahlman, 8:30am



#### Acolytes

Travis Beal, 5:00pm

Ally MacKay, 8:30am

#### Altar Care

Gayle Morrison & Linda Strei



# Today at Zion

### Message Theme

“What Disciples Do”

John 1:43-51

### Scriptures

1 Samuel 3:1-10, p. 227

1 Corinthians 6:12-20, p. 955

John 1:43-51, p. 887

John 1:43-51, p. 887 (10:50)

### Worship Leaders

Pastor Randall Neal, Message & Liturgist

Pastor Dan Schultz, Liturgist (8:30), Praise Leader (10:50)

Brice Petersen, Director of Parish Music

Lori Ebert, Cantor (5:00)

Sanctuary Choir (8:30)

Desert Voice & Living Faith (10:50)

Tim Bodin, Reader (5:00)

Mark Rettig, Reader (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)

Gary Schuette, Elder (5:00)

Brian McCutcheon, Elder (8:30 & 10:50)

Russ Peterson, Associate Elder

Darlene Klug & Nancy Daube, Altar Care

### Hymns

5:00pm

P&W 198, P&W 195, P&W 187, P&W 193, P&W 194

8:30am

Prelude: Favorite Hymn Time

LSB 901, LSB 589, LSB 699, LSB 909

Offering: “Will You Come and Follow Me”, Organ

Postlude: “Prelude (Postlude) in Classic Style”, Arr. G. Young, Organ

10:50am

Gathering: “Wonder Working God”, Living Faith & Desert Voice

“God Is on the Move”, “Here Is Our King”,

“Soul on Fire”, “Thrive”

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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](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:** engagement of Heather Wilson & Chris Mathieu.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALTH, HEALING, AND STRENGTH FOR:** Eric Olson, Allie Skaalerud (granddaughter of Janice Struthers & niece of Gary & Bonnie Shelton), Chris Ruggiero (son-in-law of Brenda Walsten), 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), Dan Damschen, Lori Wildermuth (daughter of Evelyn Wildermuth), Nita Larson, David Mentzer (father of Becky Riethmeier), Greg Holden (son-in-law of Gene & Sylvia Herzan), Bob Shorten, Evelyn Wildermuth.

**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: Karen Swinjakow; Eric Syverson; Janet Thiesse; Dean Thomas; Richard, Holly, Brooklynne & Harper Thorson .


 **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. February 3rd 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:** We got the new year off to a good start. The 3 year old, Pre-K, kindergarten, and 1st grade classes all had perfect attendance. Attendance awards will be handed out in both services on January 28th. A teacher's meeting is scheduled for January 21st at 10:50.

 **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, ext. 21

**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.

 **QUILTING DAYS:** Looking for a mission project??? Come try quilting! We meet the first Wednesday of the month from 9am-3pm. Those of us who come regularly enjoy our time together and would love to see some new faces. Our quilts are donated to the needy around the world through the Orphan Grain Train. Our next quilting day is Wednesday, February 7th. Lunch will be provided. Come when you can, leave when you must. Any questions, contact Jean Brandenburg.

### DEAR PARTNER IN MINISTRY,

You and members of your congregation are invited to attend the following lectures being sponsored by Concordia University. The first features Rev. Dr. Robert Kolb and the second Rev. James Wetzstein. Each is free and open to the public.

*Living as a Christian, Wittenberg Style: Reformation Heritage Lecture*

The Rev. Dr. Robert Kolb, world-renowned scholar of the Reformation, will discuss one of the most powerful changes rendered during the time of Martin Luther: Redefining what it means to live as a Christian and its impact for today. This lecture will be held at 7:00pm on Thursday, February 8, in the Graebner Memorial Chapel at Concordia University, St. Paul. The event is free and open to the public.


*Conversations on Faith and Life: Spring 2018 Hoffmann Lecture.* James Wetzstein, LCMS campus pastor at Valparaiso University, will deliver this year's Hoffmann Lecture, "The Provisional Nature of Truth," at 7:00pm on Tuesday, February 20th. The event is free and open to all students, faculty, staff, and members of the community. The event will be held at the Buetow Music Auditorium at Concordia University, St. Paul.

In His Service, Jane Wilke, Director of Church Relations, Concordia University, St. Paul

## Zion Happenings

**SUNDAY TABLE TALKS - “Israel’s Three Kings”** Sundays at 9:40am in the Fireside Room (#102). Pastor Neal will lead a 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.

**REMINDER -** While in Zion’s parking lot, please lock your car doors and do not leave any valuables in plain sight. Sad to say, we live in a time when even churches are vulnerable to thieves.

 **YOUNG FAMILY POTLUCK:** As one of the ever growing number of young families at Zion Lutheran Church, Hopkins, you are invited to the Young Family Potluck TODAY, Sunday, January 14th at 12:00pm in the Fireside Room (lower level room #102). See Pastor Dan with any questions.

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SUBMITTED THEIR INITIAL OFFERING.** 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 have received \$1,813, exceeding the estimated \$1,340 needed to cover this cost.

### 2018 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**2018 WORK PROGRAM (BUDGET)** The Voters’ Assembly of Zion Lutheran Church approved on 12/10/17 the 2018 budget.

- 2018 budget (non ZECC) = \$800,298 (-\$22,036 less than 2017 budget; -2.7% decrease)
- 2018 projected income = \$ 784,284
- 2018 projected difference between income and expense = - \$16,014
- 2018 budget includes:
  - +1.0% to 2.2% base salary increase (-0.27% decrease for total salary & benefits package)

**2018 FINANCIAL PLEDGES** from members (Stewardship) = \$381,788

- 135 pledges received from 288 total contributors who gave during 2017
- 46.9% of actual 2017 contributors submitted a 2018 Pledge
- \$3,181.57 = average pledge

**MORTGAGE** \$1,048,321 on 12/31/11

- Loan balance \$715,812 on 12/31/17

**PARKING LOT** reconstruction cost = \$225,293 on 12/31/14

- Loan balance \$3,200 on 12/31/17