



Calendar

MONDAY, JANUARY 7
7:00pm Cards

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8
9:00am LBW Large Print
1:00pm Weekly Newsletter Deadline
6:00pm Executive
6:30pm–8:00pm Laundry Ministry @ MegaWave
6:35pm Moms in Prayer
7:00pm Leadership

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9
9:15am ZECC Chapel
6:30pm Confirmation, Bible Explorer's Club, GLOW & Living Faith
7:00pm Desert Voice

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11
1:30pm Church Office Closes

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12
5:00pm Informal Worship with Favorite Hymn Time

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13
8:30am Traditional Worship with Favorite Hymn Time
9:40am Sunday School Education - Kids & Adults
10:50am Contemporary Worship



TODAY'S FLOWERS are given in celebration of the birthday of Phyllis Olson by her children and grandchildren.

When We Last Gathered December 29 & 30

Attendance	206
General	\$9,372.84
Missions	\$418.00
Building Fund	\$639.00
Dedicated	\$143.91
Other	\$30.00

For Next Week—January 12 & 13

Readers

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

Altar Care

Darlene Klug & Naomi Wold



Acolytes

Bethany Cacka, 8:30am



Today at Zion

Message Theme

“Why Come (Back) to Church?”
Psalm 72:1-14

Scriptures

Isaiah 60:1-6, p. 619
Ephesians 3:1-12, p. 977
Matthew 2:1-12, p. 807
Psalm 72:1-14, p. 485 (10:50)

Worship Leaders

Pastor Dan Schultz, Message & Liturgist
Pastor Randall Neal, Liturgist (8:30 & 10:50)
Carol Krueger, Piano (5:00)
Marcia Randall, Cantor (5:00)
Brice Petersen, Director of Parish Music
Living Faith & Desert Voice (10:50)
Karen Eck, Reader (5:00)
Dee Anderson, Reader (8:30)
Barb Volker, Slide Tech (5:00)
Amy Chase, Slide Tech (8:30)
Teresa Johnson, Slide Tech (10:50)
Marcus Johnson, Acolyte (5:00)
Andy Chase & Jonah Schultz, Acolytes (8:30)
Doug Carroll, Elder
Craig Ahlman, Associate Elder (5:00)
Ray Riethmeier, Associate Elder (8:30)
Matt Kan, Associate Elder (10:50)
Darlene Klug & Naomi Wold, Altar Care

Hymns

5:00pm

P&W 176, P&W 65, P&W 248, P&W 218, LSB 397, LSB 411, P&W 14

8:30am

Postlude: Variations on “Wie Schoen Leuchtet”, Ar. Burkhardt, Organ
LSB 400, LSB 395, LSB 412, LSB 397, LSB 411, LSB 367
Offering: “O Morning Star”, Ar. N. Gade, Organ
Postlude: “For the Beauty of the Earth”, Ar. Burkhardt, Organ

10:50am

Opening: “Open Up the Heavens”, Living Faith & Desert Voice
“Marvelous Light”, “Lion and the Lamb”,
“Here Is Our King”, “1000 Tongues”

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January 6, 2019

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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: birthday of Phyllis Olson, birthday of Trudy Reinitz.


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), Karen Eck.

FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE: family of Darrell Smith, family of Gerry Boschwitz (family friend of Ittel's).

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: Rebecca & Dakota Pruse & Grace Dallmann; Claire Rabus; Gerda Ralls; Gabe, Randi & Bryn Randall; Michael & Marcia Randall.

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. February 2nd 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: Classes resume today. A teacher's meeting is scheduled for January 13th. Attendance awards will be handed out at the end of the month.

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.

LIT 'N LATTE Meets January 15th at 7:00pm in the Fireside Room. We will be discussing "The Life She Was Given" by Ellen Marie Weissman. Call Linda Krienke for more information at 612-709-0510.


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.

LWML ZONE CHRISTIAN LIFE RETREAT Join your sisters in Christ at the Lake Minnetonka LWML Zone Christian Life Retreat on Saturday, January 26th. Join us for registration (\$2) and refreshments at 8:45am and the retreat from 9:15am - 11:30am. Join us for Bible study led by Pastor Mike Michalk followed by a servant event for The Dwelling Place women's shelter. It will be held at Victory Lutheran Church, 16200 Berger Drive, Eden Prairie, 952-934-0956. Invite a young person to join you for this event. For questions, contact Elaine at elainetagatz62@aol.com.

Zion Happenings

TABLE TALKS - "Right in the Eye". Pastor Neal continues the 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.

 **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.

 **PACKING AWAY THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**
When: TODAY, Sunday, January 6, 2019, following the second worship service (11:50am).
Who: You! ... please give a hand.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY *A Longer Look at the Lessons.* Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Council Room (#204). Bring your Bibles and come to discuss the readings for the upcoming weekend services. Questions? Contact Barbara Kan.

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.*

