



Calendar

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00am Circuit Pastor Meeting at Zion
9:00am LBW Large Print
1:00pm Weekly Newsletter Deadline
6:00PM ZECC Staff Meeting
6:30pm–8:00pm Laundry Ministry @ MegaWave
6:35pm Mom’s In Prayer

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

1:30pm Church Office Closes

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

5:00pm Informal Worship with Favorite Hymn Time

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Youth Worship Roadtrip
8:30am Traditional Worship with Favorite Hymn Time
9:40am Sunday School Education–Kids & Adults
10:50am Contemporary Worship
12:00pm Young Family Potluck

When We Last Gathered December 30 & 31

Attendance	169
General	\$13,956.06
Missions	\$3,074.00
Building Fund	\$8,550.00
Dedicated	\$1,092.92
Parking Lot	\$500.00

For Next Week—January 13 & 14

Readers

Tim Bodin, 5:00pm
Mark Rettig, 8:30am



Acolytes

Leah Rindal, 5:00pm

Altar Care

Darlene Klug & Nancy Daube



Today at Zion

Message Theme
“Worth Waiting For”
Mark 1:14-20

Scriptures
Genesis 1:1-5, p. 1
Romans 6:1-11, p. 942
Mark 1:4-11, p. 836
Mark 1:14-20, p. 836 (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
Dan Stover, Cantor (5:00)
Desert Voice & Living Faith (10:50)
Craig Ahlman, Reader & Associate Elder (5:00)
Dee Anderson, Reader (8:30)
Ethan Adam, Worship Assistant (10:50)
Brian Olson, Slide Technician (5:00)
Dan Ahlman, Slide Technician (8:30)
Rhett Dressel, Slide Technician (10:50)
Walta Negassie, Acolyte (5:00)
Ben Kallerup & Sean Lucas Brace, Acolytes (8:30)
Wayne Koester, Elder
Ray Riethmeier, Associate Elder (8:30)
Richard Thorson, Associate Elder (10:50)
Darlene Klug & Nancy Daube, Altar Care

Hymns

5:00pm

P&W 30, P&W 183, P&W 182, P&W 40, LSB 400, LSB 636, P&W 179

8:30am

Prelude: “Oh Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”, Arr. Burkhardt, Organ
LSB 394, LSB 395, LSB 400, LSB 636, LSB 397
Offering: “Wie Schoen Leuchtet”, Arr. Niles Gade, Organ
Postlude: “As With Gladness Men of Old”, Arr. Burkhardt, Organ

10:50am

Gathering: “Here I Am to Worship”, Living Faith & Desert Voice
“My Lighthouse”, “By Faith”,
“God Is On the Move”, “Your Grace Is Enough”

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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: birthday of Phyllis Olson.

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), 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), Dan Damschen, Lori Wildermuth (daughter of Evelyn Wildermuth), Leroy Peterson, Carol Larson, Nita Larson, David Mentzer (father of Becky Riethmeier), Greg Holden (son-in-law of Gene & Sylvia Herzan), Michael Houdak (nephew of Donna Reese), Bob Shorten, Irene Lobitz.

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 COMFORT AND PEACE FOR: family of Carol Herkenratt (mother of John Herkenratt).

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: Gail Summers; Linda L. Swanson; Paul & Linda Swanson; Una Swanson; Jason, Joyce & Cassie Swinjakow.


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
- 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:** Class resumes today. Attendance awards will be presented on January 28th at both services.

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.

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.

THANKS FROM JOHN HERKENRATT - My family and I want to thank Zion for the many prayers offered for the well-being of my mother, Carol Herkenratt. Mom passed away peaceful on December 29th surrounded by family, and she’s now in her Saviors arms. Funeral services have been set for Saturday, January 13th at Farmington Lutheran Church in Farmington, MN at 11:00am. ~John Herkenratt and Family

 **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

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.


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SUNDAY TABLE TALKS - “Israel’s Three Kings” Beginning TODAY, 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.

 **LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE.ORG** Your radio station for practical Lutheran talk, daily Bible and Confession studies, daily worship opportunities, and current issues from a Lutheran worldview. Programs are archived at KFUE.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. You can also find our programming wherever you get your podcasts! Have a question or comment? Find us at @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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

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.

 **IS GOD’S WORD RELEVANT TODAY?** Do God’s promises speak truth to the world we live in? Does the Holy Spirit work in hearts and minds as Scripture is read, taught, and preached. If you answered “YES!”, then Zion has a perfect opportunity for you. We are looking for additional readers for all of our worship services. Please see Pastor Dan or e-mail dan.schultz@zionhopkins.org if you are interested in serving Zion in this way.

 **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 Sunday, January 14th at 12:00pm in the Fireside Room (lower level room #102). See Pastor Dan with any questions.

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.