



Calendar

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19
7:00pm Cards

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
9:00am LBW Large Print
1:00pm Weekly Newsletter Deadline
6:00pm Executive
6:35pm Moms in Prayer
7:00pm Church Council


WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21
No Classes
9:15am ZECC Chapel
5:30pm Thanksgiving Dinner Sponsored by Human Care Board
7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22
ZECC Closed
Church Office Closed
10:00am Thanksgiving Day Service

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23
ZECC Closed
Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24
5:00pm Informal Worship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25
8:30am Traditional Worship
9:40am Education—Kids & Adults
10:50am Contemporary Worship
12:00pm - 4:30pm Decorate the Church for Christmas

 **TODAY'S FLOWERS** were given in Celebration and Thanksgiving to the Lord for sending Pastor Krienke and family to Zion.

When We Last Gathered November 10 & 11

Attendance	215
General	\$10,786.69
Missions	\$322.00
Building Fund	\$955.00
Dedicated	\$1,163.76

For Next Week—November 24 & 25

Readers

Craig Ahlman, 5:00pm
Rachel Camann, 8:30am

Altar Care

Joyce Swinjakow & Eveline Haag



Acolytes
Evelyn MacKay, 5:00pm
Sean Lucas Brace, 8:30am



Today at Zion

Message Theme
“What Are You Waiting For?”
Mark 13:32-37

Scriptures
Daniel 12:1-3, p. 750
Hebrews 10:11-25, p. 1006
Mark 13:1-13, p. 849
Mark 13:32-37, p. 850 (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)
Living Faith & Desert Voice (10:50)
Karen Eck, Reader (5:00)
Dan Ahlman, Reader (8:30)
Doug Carroll, Slide Tech (5:00)
Amy Chase, Slide Tech (8:30)
Rhett Dressel, Slide Tech (10:50)
Travis Beal, Acolyte (5:00)
Vince Peterson & Andy Chase, Acolytes (8:30)
Wayne Koester, Elder
Steve Larson, Associate Elder (5:00)
Ray Riethmeier, Associate Elder (8:30)
Matt Kan, Associate Elder (10:50)
Joyce Swinjakow & Eveline Haag, Altar Care

Hymns
5:00pm
P&W 199, P&W 195, P&W 130, P&W 170, LSB 736, LSB 673, P&W 182

8:30am
Prelude: “Gigue on Holy, Holy, Holy”, Ar. Joyce Jones, Organ
LSB 507, LSB 516, LSB 509, LSB 736, LSB 673, LSB 821
Offering: “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”, Sanctuary Choir
Postlude: “Holy, Holy, Holy”, Ar. Weber, Organ

10:50am
Opening: “Let Your Kingdom Come”, Living Faith & Desert Voice
“Trading My Sorrows”, “Our God”, “White Flag”, “Today is the Day”
Communion: “One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)”, Living Faith & Desert Voice

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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: In Celebration and Thanksgiving to the Lord for sending Pastor Krienke and family to Zion.

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, Bill Conard (brother of Nita Larson), Tony Reinitz (son of Trudy Reinitz), Chris Ruggiero (son-in-law of Brenda Walsten), Andrea (friend of David Hester), David Herzan (son of Vangie Herzan & brother of Debi Herzan), Justin & Elizabeth Long and their expected twins (grandson & granddaughter of Carole Arndt), Bruce Loeffler, Chuck Bredemeier (friend of Carole Arndt), Randy Sitter (friend of Carole Arndt).

FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE: family of Lois Zervas (grandmother of Kinlin Schultz).

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: Debbie Montano; Gayle, Ben & Wyatt Morrison; Darleen Mueller; Robert & Helen Mugaas; Pastor Randall Neal and Jessica.

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. December 1st 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: Last week, students received a CD with the Christmas Service music on it. If you did not receive one, check with your child's teacher. We do have class next week. Christmas Service practice will start on December 1st 9:15am and run until 11:00am.



ANNUAL ALL-ZION CHRISTMAS PREPARATION EVENT AND LUNCHEON Sponsored by Altar Care Ministry. Mark your calendar - Sunday, November 25th from 12:30pm - 2:30, lunch provided at noon. Every year our Sanctuary looks fabulous for Christmas. It's a tradition! How does it all happen? It happens when you and your fellow Zion family members come together to make it happen. Make it part of your families' Christmas tradition. Come, everyone, enjoy the blessings of fellowship and food! SIGN-UP at the Information Center.

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.



HELP NEEDED The Trustees are looking for a few good folks to assist in snow removal on a periodic basis. It is necessary to remove snow in a timely fashion to allow access to ZECC for the teachers and daycare kids, and to provide parking for worship services and other weekly activities. For the past few years, we have eliminated the cost of snow removal for Zion by over \$2,500 per year by operating our own equipment and providing volunteer hours. No experience is necessary for this position, (we can/will train), just have a willing heart (a healthy back is preferred). Contact John Herkenratt @ 612-719-4580 or Jherken1@netzero.net, see Rick Tupa in the office, or call the church office at 952-938-7661. Many thanks in advance!

SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG - (Psalm 96) LSB 736. Consider How The Birds Above singing new beautiful songs to the Lord is one our missions. In November, at the 8:30am service, we will be learning a new hymn: LSB 736 "Consider How the Birds Above". (Tune: Northcroft). This hymn text was created by Stephen Starke, born in 1955; and the music written by Daniel Zager, born in 1951. Much of the text is based on Matthew 6:25-34.

CELEBRATE HIS HARVEST Mayer Lutheran High School Field House, invites you to Celebrate His Harvest during an evening of community, support, and dedication to the future of Mayer Lutheran High School students and their mission to prepare the next generation of Christian leaders. Friday, November 30th. 5:30pm early registration; 6:00pm Social Hour & Silent Auction; 7:30pm Dinner; 8:30pm Dessert Dash; 9:00pm Live Auction; 10:00pm Evening Conclusion. Semi-formal attire admired but not required. Purchase tickets online at www.CelebrateHisHarvest.org.

Zion Happenings

TABLE TALKS - "Right in the Eye". Pastor Neal will be leading a new six part Bible Class series "Right in the Eye" beginning Sunday, November 18th 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.



STEWARDSHIP Our theme for this coming year's annual Stewardship focus is "Ask and you will receive so that your joy will be the fullest possible joy", and is based on John 16:24. Material will be provided to help you make your 2019 financial support plan for the ministries of Zion Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center. Please pick up your stewardship letter and personal commitment card, located in the Gathering Area (Lobby).



ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES Our midweek Advent theme this year is "Countdown to Christmas". It all begins on Wednesday, December 5th and will continue for the next two weeks (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 three evening worship experiences. The intention is to include all ages and groups here at Zion - Sunday school, Youth, Adults, and ZECC families.

HUMAN CARE COMMUNITY—THANKSGIVING DINNER A free of charge Thanksgiving meal for area seniors and families in need hosted by Zion's Human Care Ministry on Wednesday, November 21st at 5:30 pm. We provide a free ride too! Please RSVP by Monday, November 19th, 952-938-7661.



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.

SENIOR CHRISTMAS DINNER Thrivent is having a dinner for Zion's Seniors on Saturday, December 1st at 12:00pm. Reservations are needed by Monday, November 24th. Please RSVP to Alice Anderson at 952-938-5144 or June Lundgren at 952-935-2327.

CHRISTMAS IN WORD AND SONG Come and hear a concert filled with the music and scripture of the season. Get yourselves in the spirit of Christmas! Featuring all of Zion's adult musical groups: Festival Ringers, Sanctuary Choir, Living Faith Singers and Desert Voice Band, as well as the Van Daalen pipe organ and instrumentalists.