



# Calendar

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00pm Cards

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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, NOVEMBER 22

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

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

ZECC Closed  
Church Office Closed  
10:00am Thanksgiving Day Service

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

ZECC Closed  
Church Office Closed

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

5:00pm Informal Worship

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:40am Sunday School Education—Kids & Adults  
10:50am Contemporary Worship  
12:00pm—4:30pm—Decorate the Church for Christmas

### When We Last Gathered November 11 & 12

Attendance	269
General	\$7,623.90
Missions	\$251.00
Building Fund	\$1,149.00
Dedicated	\$953.38

### For Next Week—November 25 & 26

#### Readers

Beryl Schultze, 5:00pm  
Dan Ahlman, 8:30am



#### Acolytes

Libby Jacobs, 5:00pm  
Walta Negassie, 8:30am

#### Altar Care

Darlene Klug & Nita Ahlman



# Today at Zion

### Message Theme

“A Child of the Light”  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

### Scriptures

Zephaniah 1:7-16, p. 788  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, p. 987  
Matthew 25:14-30, p. 830  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, p. 987 (10:50)

### Worship Leaders

Pastor Dan Schultz, Message & Liturgist  
Trackside Bluegrass  
Craig Ahlman, Reader & Associate Elder(5:00)  
Bob Shorten, Reader (8:30)  
Allyn MacKay, Acolyte (5:00)  
Sean Lucas Brace & Conor Brace, Acolytes (8:30)  
Ethan Adam, Worship Assistant (10:50)  
Barb Volker, Slide Technician (5:00)  
Amy Schmeling, Slide Technician (8:30)  
Ben Monskey, Slide Technician (10:50)  
Gary Schuette, Elder (5:00)  
Dave Erdmann, Elder (8:30 & 10:50)  
Brian McCutcheon, Associate Elder (8:30)  
Richard Thorson, Associate Elder (10:50)  
Darlene Klug & Nita Ahlman, Altar Care

### Hymns

5:00pm; 8:30am; 10:50am  
Prelude: “Life’s Railway to Heaven”, Trackside Bluegrass  
LSB 770, “Give Me Oil in My Lamp”, “A Mansion for Me”,  
“This World is Not My Home”  
Communion: “Are You Washed in the Blood”, Trackside Bluegrass

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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 FOR HEALTH, HEALING, AND STRENGTH FOR:** Gene Bachman, Daryl Bell, Eric Olson, Allie Skaalerud (granddaughter of Janice Struthers & niece of Gary & Bonnie Shelton), Roger Henke, Julie Hendrickson, Cheyenne Hulscher (great niece of John Herkenratt), Isabel Kloss, Connie Cundy (friend of Phyllis Olson), Carol Herkenratt (mother of John Herkenratt), Chris Ruggiero (son-in-law of Brenda Walsten), Denise Stover, Markus Bachman (grandson of Gene & Carolyn Bachman), Scott Olson (son of Pat Mattson & nephew of Paula Rosengren), Lyle Schuette (brother of Gary Schuette), Margaret Riley, Roger Matson (brother-in-law of Wendy Ahles), Joe Taylor, Brian Olson, June Lundgren, Pastor Randall Neal, Ed & Faith Schmidt (parents of Rick Schmidt), Norine Francis-Michels (sister of Nita Ahlman).

**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: Pamela Schmidt; Rick Schmidt; Gary & Lu Schuette; Pastor Dan, Kinlin, Annica, Jonah & Elliott Schultz; James, Jo Taylor & Logan Schultz.

**PRAYERS FOR COMFORT AND PEACE FOR:** family of Joe Goodlander (grandfather of Kevin Stripling), Bill Hassing (friend of Rick Johnson).

 **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 2nd 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:** Congratulations to the Pre K Class and the 2nd/3rd grade class on perfect attendance last week. We do have class next week. Rehearsal for the Children’s Christmas Service starts on Saturday, December 2nd at 9:15am. Please help your child with reading parts and words to songs. Each child should have received a CD with music for all the songs.

**OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT YOU!** Check out these opportunities to serve God here at Zion:

1. If you’re **strong**, able to **climb** a ladder and can work well with another person, please consider becoming a member of the Banner Team. The banners running the length of the sanctuary need to be changed to reflect the church season. The outdoor 5th Avenue banners also need to be changed periodically.
2. If you can be **available** a Saturday and a Sunday 4 - 6 times a year, consider becoming a member of Altar Care. You will be trained in the preparation of the sacraments for Holy Communion. Responsibilities also include changing the Altar parament (colored cloth on the altar) and the parament on the Ambo (pulpit) to reflect the changes of the church seasons.
3. If you are regularly **available** on Thursdays, consider Flower Care. You would be an “on-call” person taking special altar flower orders for last-minute changes to our standing Bachmans’ order and then contacting Bachmans’. Talk to Judy Johnson (952)938-0216.

For any of these opportunities, you will receive training until you feel comfortable. Whenever you are working in the church building, you will not be alone. Plus, help is a phone call away. Talk to Barbara Kan (952)938-9079.

**COMING SOON IS THE ALL ZION ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DECORATING AND LUNCH EVENT** on Sunday, November 26th after the 10:50am service. Contact Barbara Kan with any questions.



**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 22nd at 5:30 pm. We provide a free ride too! Please RSVP by Monday, November 20th, 952-938-7661.

**SENIOR CHRISTMAS DINNER**—Thrivent is having a dinner for Zion’s seniors on Saturday, December 2nd at 12:00pm. Reservations are needed by November 27th. Please DO NOT call the church office. RSVP to Alice Anderson at 952-938-5144.

**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.

## Zion Happenings

**SUNDAY TABLE TALKS**—Pastor Dan will continue the 5-part conclusion to the “A Man Named Martin” series with “Part 3: The Movement”. The Reformation has had an enormous influence on every area of life—on religion, politics, education, family life, and the world of work. Most of this was unintentional, at least on a human level, and both good and evil came of it. Yet God was doing His work, bringing thousands and, ultimately, billions of people to the knowledge of their Savior Jesus Christ and to saving faith in Him. Join us in the Fireside Room (#102) between services during the Education Hour for an exciting look into how the Reformation has shaped you and me.



**ISRAEL TRIP**—Pastor Krienke & Linda will be accompanying 14 individuals to Israel November 28th thru December 7th. Please keep them in your prayers.

**JOIN THE MUSIC AT ZION FOR CHRISTMAS**—Interested in singing in the choir but a full year commitment is more than you want? Consider singing just for the Christmas season! Talk with anyone in the choir or Brice.



**THE NATIVITY STORY**—December 6th, 13th, 20th—Following the Advent Services in the Fireside Room. Advent is the season of celebration and preparation for Jesus’ birth. Come worship with us at the 6:30pm Advent services and then stay to watch the movie “The Nativity”. See the faith of Mary and Joseph and the plots of King Herod in the months leading up to the coming of the Messiah. Hot chocolate and cookies provided!

**2018 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN** Please pick up your stewardship informational letter and personal commitment card in the Gathering Area (Lobby) of the church today. Return your completed 2018 personal commitment card in the offering plate at one of the next weekend services or return it to the church office. This year’s theme is “My God will meet all your needs...” and is based on Philippians 4:19.

*Financial pledges are not binding. It is your best estimate of what you will be able to offer to the Lord’s work in 2018. If your financial situation changes during the year and your giving ability changes, you do not need to contact the church.*



Included with your general stewardship letter will be another information sheet regarding “Simply Giving”. This free program allows you, if you choose, to use automatic electronic funds transfers from your checking or savings account as a way of regularly giving your offering and gifts to the Lord.

**SPECIAL EVENT:** EVERYONE is invited to hear two guest speakers, Tom Lundquist and a former prison inmate, from Prison Fellowship Academy, will be speaking about prison, Bible-based change, mentoring, and life outside prison. The presentation will be Monday November 27th at 7:00pm, in the Fireside Room (#102). (Sponsored by the Men’s Group).