



Calendar

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00pm Cards

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:00am LBW Large Print

1:00pm Weekly Newsletter Deadline

4:30pm Memorial Committee

6:30pm–8:00pm Laundry Ministry @ MegaWave

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:15am ZECC Chapel

6:30pm Confirmation, Wednesday Table Talks

Kids JAM & Living Faith

7:00pm Desert Voice

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:00am Staff Devotions/Meeting

1:00pm LBW Large Print

6:30pm Festival Ringers

7:30pm Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

1:00pm Monthly Newsletter Deadline

1:30pm Church Office Closes

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

5:00pm Informal Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:30am Traditional Worship with Communion

9:40am Sunday School Education—Kids & Adults

10:50am Contemporary Worship with Communion



TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Russ & Vicki Peterson in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary.

When We Last Gathered September 2 & 3

Attendance	202
General	\$18,818.05
Missions	\$841.00
Building Fund	\$1,837.00
Dedicated	\$882.72

For Next Week—September 16 & 17

Readers

Craig Ahlman, 5:00pm

Children Reading, 8:30am

Children Reading, 10:50am

Altar Care

Joyce Swinjakow & Nita Ahlman



Acolytes

Tori Turgeon, 5:00pm

Travis Beal, 5:00pm

Grace Dallmann, 8:30am

Sean Lucas Brace, 8:30am



Today at Zion

Message Theme

“Love Is Not Easy”

Romans 13:1-10

Scriptures

Ezekiel 33:7-9, p. 721

Romans 13:1-10, p. 948

Matthew 18:1-20, p. 823

Worship Leaders

Pastor Randall Neal, Message & Liturgist

Pastor Dan Schultz, Liturgist (8:30)

Brice Petersen, Director of Parish Music

John Herkenratt, Cantor (5:00)

Sanctuary Choir (8:30)

Living Faith & Desert Voice (10:50)

Annica Schultz, Acolyte (5:00)

Cassie Swinjakow, Acolyte (8:30)

Beryl Schultze, Reader (5:00)

Mark Rettig, Reader & Associate Elder(8:30)

Ethan Adam, Reader & Worship Assistant (10:50)

Brian Olson, Slide Technician (5:00)

Amy Chase, Slide Technician (8:30)

Maddie Wagner, Slide Technician (10:50)

Dave Erdmann, Elder (5:00)

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

Richard Thorson, Associate Elder (5:00)

Rudy Niemiec, Associate Elder (10:50)

Nancy Daube & Brenda Walsten, Altar Care

Hymns

5:00pm

Preservice: Favorite Hymn Time

P&W 111, P&W 230, P&W 49, P&W 48, P&W 30

8:30am

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Prelude: Favorite Hymn Time

LSB 700, LSB 695, LSB 696, LSB 697

Offering: “With a Voice of Singing”, Martin Shaw, Sanctuary Choir

Postlude: “Festival Voluntary”, Flor Peeters, Organ

10:50am

Gathering: “Build Your Kingdom Here”, Living Faith & Desert Voice
“God Is On the Move”, “Sing Sing Sing”, “Trust in You”, “Unstoppable God”

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September 10, 2017

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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 Lu Dixon, 47th wedding anniversary of Russ & Vicki Peterson.

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH, HEALING, AND STRENGTH FOR: Daryl Bell, Eric Olson, Allie Skaalerud (granddaughter of Janice Struthers & niece of Gary & Bonnie Shelton), Chris Ruggiero (son-in-law of Brenda Walsten), Gladys Groth (mother of Sue Weibert), Roger Henke, Elizabeth Barker (granddaughter of Karl & Diane Holtz), Julie Hendrickson, Cheyenne Hulscher (great niece of John Herkenratt), Peyton Shedd (friend of Samantha Lehman), Andrea Cloud (niece of Sue Weibert), Ann Mellema (friend of Carole Arndt), Barb Augustin (mother of Jody Boyd), Lu Schuette.

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: Jennifer & Lindsay Okindo; Anita Olson; Brian & Janet Olson; Eric, Lee Ann, Kaitlyn & Michelle Olson; Phyllis Olson.


 **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. October 7th 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 Edna Peterson at 952-681-2831.
- 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.


 **PLAY CARDS** - Come join us on the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Due to Labor Day in September we will be playing cards the 2nd & 3rd Monday, September 11th & 18th. Everyone is welcome to come. Call Alice Anderson at 952-938-5144 with any questions.


Zion Happenings

 **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Classes start today. We look forward to welcoming all new and returning students. The curriculum we are using is called Bible in Life where students learn the teachings of the Bible and how they are relevant to each of us today. Classroom locations will be posted at the Information Center and in the education wing. If you have any questions, contact Janet Sandford or Jessica Wagendorf.

KIDS JAM (Jesus and Me) starts on Wednesday, September 13th from 6:30pm to 7:45pm! We will be learning about God’s love for us through bible lessons, crafts and games! All children ages 4 thru 5th grade are welcome.

LWML FALL RALLY - Please Save the Date for the LWML Fall Rally at Trinity Lutheran Church, 601 E. 2nd Street, Waconia on October 2, 2017, at 7:00pm, 6:30pm refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Guest Speaker: Rev. Fred Hinz, Public Policy Advocate, MN South District LCMS. Gifts from the Heart: TBD. Questions: Contact Carol Hubert 952-443-2695


 **SUITCASE FOR HAITI!** I have been given the awesome opportunity to serve with Food for the Poor in Haiti and will be traveling there September 18-22. There are two ways you can also help the people in Haiti. First, please pray for the spiritual wisdom, loving service, safety, health and travel for my mission team. Secondly, I would like to take a suitcase full of items that are needed for everyday life for the people of Toirac, Haiti. I would love your help in filling up my suitcase. The suitcase will be placed outside the church office until September 17th. The following items would be appreciated: Hygiene items (travel sized are great: toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, bar soap, shampoo); small toys for the kids (bouncy balls, toy cars, hair clips, plastic bracelets, etc.); Children’s books in Creole or French; Hats for children or adults; Underwear (new only, please!); Feminine hygiene products (disposable are welcome; washable/reusable even better!) Thank you so much for your prayerful support! -Kinlin Schultz

 **LIBRARIAN NEEDED FOR ZION’S LIBRARY** Do you have a love of books? Do you have a few hours free a month? Please consider volunteering to be Zion’s Librarian. Duties include: entering donated materials in the library records, preparing catalog cards and labels, shelving returned materials, maintaining shelves in order by category and setting up displays of books by season, category or subject. Please contact the church office for more information.


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 beginning September 12th. More information is available at the Information Center or from Barb Kan.

IGNITING A PASSION TO PRAY—This is a DVD based study produced by Moms in Prayer International to help develop us into people who pray. It is a 12 week course beginning Sunday, September 17th between worship services (9:40am) in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome!

Zion Happenings

 **VALUES THAT LAST** - “It really doesn’t matter what you believe so long as you are sincere.” Is that statement true? Do your personal beliefs and values matter or have any impact on your life or the culture in which you live? Beginning Sunday, September 24, 2017, Pastor Neal will be sharing a seven part sermon series addressing the current cultural struggle over the question of what is “moral”, “right”, “personally and socially acceptable”. (Politically, business, entertainment, educationally, sexually, religious). Come prepared to think and be challenged.

SUNDAY TABLE TALKS - “The Book of Revelation” Pastor Neal will be leading a new eight part Bible Class series “Revelation A Testament of Hope” beginning Sunday, September 24th at 9:40 am in the Fireside Room (#102). There is perhaps no more misunderstood book of the Bible than Revelation. Yet it has a clear message of hope for all who take time to read and reflect upon it. Join Pastor Neal as he leads us in digging deeper into this mysterious book. We will learn important lessons about our life and relationships from this unique and special book of God. Grab a cup of coffee and join your friends around the table for a lively session each Sunday.

 **INTERESTED IN POSSIBLE MEMBERSHIP AT ZION?** A new 7-week “Discovering the Faith” course (DTF) will begin Sunday, September 24th from 9:40am to 10:40am in Room #204 (Council Room) upstairs behind the Information Center. Mr. Gary Shelton will be leading this overview of the Christian faith series. Upon completion, participants will be invited to become part of the Zion congregational family as formal members. All materials are provided free of charge. There are no tests nor will anyone be asked to read aloud. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact the church office at 952-938-7661 to pre-register.

NEW MEMBERS will be formally received on Sunday, November 12, 2017. If you would like to be a member of Zion Lutheran Church, please contact the church office. A brochure on how to become a member is included in the “Welcome” packet located at the Information Center in the lobby area.

STUDENT MINISTRY continues to need facilitators or co-facilitators to guide discussions with Junior and Senior High Sunday School this year. The program is dependent on having adult facilitators to volunteer their time each week. Discussion will focus on how faith applies in real life. Topics are flexible, but students have expressed interest in things like evolution, sex & marriage, and identity in social media. Curriculum and training will be provided. This is a 1 hour commitment for 3-6 weeks at a time. Please send an email to youth.ministry@zionhopkins.org if interested or for questions.

LIT N’ LATTE—meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, September 19th is the next meeting. We will be discussing “Take Me With You”. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Krienke at 612-709-0510.