

Calendar



Monday, December 3

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Girl Scouts
4:00 PM - 6:30 PM Girl Scouts

Tuesday, December 4

9:00 AM Braille
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Girl Scouts
6:00 PM Sunday School Christmas Service Practice (speaking parts only)
6:00 PM ZECC Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 5

8:00 AM Braille
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Zion Quilters
10:00 AM Advent I Worship
4:00 PM ASAZ
6:15 PM - 6:50 PM WAZ (Confirmation (Fireside Room), Adv. Club, Sr. High Bible Study & Adult Bible Study)
7:00 PM Advent Concert
8:00 PM Coffee & Conversation

Thursday, December 6

9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study - D.W.
10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting
5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal
6:30 PM Festival Ringers
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

Friday, December 7

5:00 PM Super/Zuber Wedding

Saturday, December 8

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Sunday School
Christmas Service Rehearsal
5:00 PM Informal Worship with Favorite Hymn Time
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM Sr. High Christmas

Sunday, December 9

Advent II
8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Favorite Hymn Time
8:30 AM Dedicate new LSB hymnals
9:40 AM Sunday School Education
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship



Nursery Schedule for December 9

8:30 AM	Joseph & Deb Jacobs
9:40 AM	Brian & Karen Ringsven
10:50 AM	David & Janet Sandford



Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The custom of the Advent wreath was started by Lutherans in East Germany in the 16th century. They borrowed the idea from pagan tribes who decorated a cart wheel with greenery and lights in celebration of the return of the sun god in the month of Yule (December). Christians wait for the blessings of the son of Righteousness, Jesus Christ. The circle of greenery symbolizes life – eternal life - without beginning and

without end. The four violet or blue candles symbolize the four weeks of Advent (preparation time) which leads to Christmas and the celebration of the coming of the Light of the world, Jesus. The white (for purity, godliness) candle in the center of the wreath (Christ candle) represents Jesus, the giver of life and salvation.

Special Christmas Services

<i>Advent Concert</i>	Wednesday, December 5	7:00 p.m.
<i>Adventure Club Program</i>	Wednesday, December 12	6:30 p.m.
<i>SS Christmas Service</i>	Dec. 15 & 16	5:00 p.m. & 10:50 a.m.
<i>Christmas Drama</i>	Wednesday, December 19	6:30 p.m.
<i>Christmas Eve Worship</i>	Monday, December 24	4:00 p.m.
<i>Candlelight Worship</i>	Monday, December 24	10:00 p.m.
<i>Christmas Day Worship</i>	Tuesday, December 25	10:00 a.m.

Zion's Happenings



Would You Like to Know More about Zion? If you would like to know about what we believe and what the Bible teaches you are invited to attend the *Discovering the Faith* class. The 10-week class led by Pastor Neal begins Sunday, January 27, 2008 from 9:40 to 10:35 a.m. in Room # 208 upstairs in the educational wing. All prospective members as well as interested current members of Zion are invited to attend this class. Materials are provided. If you are interested or know someone who might be please give the name to the church office, 952/938-7661 or www.zionhopkins.org. for further details and to pre-register.

As I See It – Padre

Congratulations to Lydia Kan for her academic achievements and recognition at Concordia High!

Jolly Ramblers Christmas Bash On Sunday December 2nd from 1-5 p.m. Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers put on their Christmas Dance and Dinner at the Plamoer Ballroom in Glencoe. Please contact Harold or Corrine Gust or Padre for car pool rides! The music, fun, and food are absolutely excellent.

Meetings Optional Night on Tuesday, December 4th: Because Sunday, December 2nd is our annual Voters' Assembly meeting and all boards of the congregation will be present at that meeting no scheduled Leadership night will take place on December 4th unless a particular board has a need to meet. If your board does not need to meet – don't meet.

December 2, 2007

Illuminations

Zion Lutheran Church Weekly Update

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Welcome to Zion

It is a joy to have you with us today. We pray that through God's Word and through the love of His people, you will be connected to God's love and be empowered to live as God's child this week.



ZION

Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center

Our Vision:

To become an outreach center for Christ centered health and wholeness.

Our Mission:

To encourage one another to discover or rediscover a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Weekend Schedule:

Saturday Worship: Informal 5:00 p.m.	<i>Holy Communion is celebrated the first and third weekends.</i>
Sunday Worship: Traditional 8:30 a.m.	
Contemporary 10:50 a.m.	
Education Hour 9:40 a.m.	

Wednesdays at Zion (WAZ): 6:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Confirmation, Adventure Club, Sr. High Bible Study, and Adult Bible Study

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(952)938-7661
Visit us on the web at www.zionhopkins.org.

Zion Early Childhood Center (ZECC)

A nurturing and loving environment for the growth and development of your child.

Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
(952)938-7661 ext. 21

When Last We Gathered

Attendance - November 25	340
Sunday School - November 25	63
Adult Bible Class - November 25	59
Tithes & Offerings - November 25	\$8,305.37
Building Fund - November 25	\$1,713.50
Missions - November 25	\$623.50