

# Calendar

## Monday, January 7

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Girl Scouts  
7:00 PM Cards

## Tuesday, January 8

9:00 AM Braille  
9:15 AM Lifelight  
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Girl Scouts  
6:00 PM Executive  
6:00 PM ZECC Staff Meeting  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Girl Scouts  
7:00 PM Leadership



## Wednesday, January 9

8:00 AM Braille  
9:15 AM ZECC Chapel  
1:00 PM Braille  
6:15 PM - 8:00 PM Confirmation  
6:15 PM - 8:00 PM WAZ (Wednesdays at Zion)  
7:00 PM Desert Voice

## Thursday, January 10

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting  
5:30 PM Bethesda  
6:00 PM Gathering Area Task Force  
6:30 PM Festival Ringers  
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

## Friday, January 11

9:00 PM Jr High Lock-in begins

## Saturday, January 12

9:00 AM Jr High Lock-in ends  
5:00 PM Informal Worship with Favorite Hymn Time  
5:00 PM Sr. High Movie, Pizza & Game Night

## Sunday, January 13

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Favorite Hymn Time  
8:30 AM Sunday School Teacher Meeting  
9:40 AM Sunday School Education  
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship



### Nursery Schedule for January 13

8:30 AM	Kyle & Teresa Johnson
9:40 AM	Josh & Christina Krienke
10:50 AM	Brett & Amy Werger

# News from the Church Office



**Flower Chart Availability** – Do you have a birthday, anniversary or special celebration coming up? Consider providing flowers for a worship service. The 2008 Flower Chart is now available in the Gathering Area.

**Lost and Found:** We have accumulated a lot of items that we think may belong to you. We have everything from buttons to really nice sunglasses!



Please check with Teresa or Bonnie, Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Also, please check the coat room – several coats, scarves, and yes, even shoes have been left!

## Today at Zion

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion  
9:40 a.m. Sunday School Education  
10:50 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Communion

*Please join us for coffee and treats, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, between services.*



## Church Staff

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January 6, 2008

# 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** *a place to belong*

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.

*Holy Communion is celebrated the first and third weekends.*

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](http://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 - December 30	287
Sunday School - December 30	23
Adult Bible Class - December 30	42
New Year's Eve - December 31	75
Tithes & Offerings - December 30	\$12,730.58
Building Fund - December 30	\$847.00
Missions - December 30	\$321.23



## Prayer Page

Jesus said, "If two of you agree down here on earth concerning anything you ask for, My Father in heaven will do it for you."

Matthew 18:19

Requests for prayers may be submitted in writing, phoned into the church office (952-938-7661) or by email at [www.zionhopkins.org](http://www.zionhopkins.org). Prayers may also be submitted to the prayer chain by calling Al Reich, 952-960-4352. Anniversary, birthday, wedding and thanksgiving prayers will normally be included for one week. Medical and special concerns may be included for longer as needed. *Please take this newsletter with you* and remember the following people in your personal prayers this week:

**Special Concerns:** Serving in Iraq: Lt. CMDR Jay Johnson (brother of Dave Johnson), Eric Emery, SPC Ryan Butler (son-in-law of Gerry & Chris Formo), PFC Nathan Ruth (son of Linda Ruth), SPC Thomas Miller; Paul Hassing (brother of Brad Hassing), and the U.S. Military.

**Medical Concerns:** Irene Gust, Gerda Ralls, Francis Rathbun, Stan Herrmann, Dave Erdmann, Matthew Rhode, Alice Barman (mother of ZECC's Judy Fuhrman), Gerri Loder (mother of Chris Ahlman), and Dorothy Lieder (mother of Carol Krueger).

**Thanksgivings:** 88th Birthday of Dottie Michaletz.

**Bereaved:** Sidney F. Thronson

**Zion Member Families:** Each week the Ministry Leadership Team at Zion (pastors and staff) meet to coordinate the many different ministries here at Zion and to pray for individual families. This past week we prayed for Tricia Moeller; Lee Mondloh; Larry, Anna, Ben & Gabe Monskey; Debbie Montano; and Gayle & Ben Morrison.

## Life Thoughts

### January 6 – The Epiphany of Our Lord

The thick darkness of sin fell upon us all. (Isaiah 60:2) Perhaps more than anyone else, those who have sinned against life can understand the oppressive nature of this darkness. Perhaps more than anyone else, they need to hear "Arise, shine, for your light has come" (60:1) applied to them and their sin. That's the Epiphany message! The Christ Child came to shine upon *all* sinners!

## Zion's Happenings

**What goes up...Must come down!** On Sunday, January 6, 2008, we plan to take down the lovely Christmas decorations and carefully store them for another year. We will start after the second service. Please consider joining us so that the work can be efficiently and effectively completed. Thank you so much!

**How the Church Grew!** Padre's study of the book of Acts begins today at 9:40 a.m. It is a brand new year and we are taking a brand new look at Luke's continuation of his Gospel. Won't you join him in the Fireside Room for this exciting study?

**Lifelight** continues the Study of Worship on Tuesday, January 8 at 9:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

**Sunday School Teachers' Meeting:** There is a Children's Sunday School teacher's meeting January 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. in Room 208. Teacher's please mark your calendar! We will review September–December 2007 and look ahead to some designated "fun" days.

**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 # 204 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](http://www.zionhopkins.org) for further details and to pre-register.

**Lent 2008 - A Journey of Promise** Do you sense God's presence in your journey through life? Or do you sometimes feel alone, deserted and perhaps a bit overwhelmed by the difficulties and problems of the modern world in which you live? You are not alone nor are you the first if you do have those feelings. The focus of our Lenten *Journey of Promise* will be to look at how God has been with and met the needs and concerns of men and women over the centuries. Join other journeyers each Wednesday beginning **February 6, 2008 at 12:00 noon or 6:30 pm** as we explore how God can make a difference in your life today. Our 12:00 noon service begins with a **½ hour devotional time** followed by a **soup and sandwich lunch** provided by Zion Lutheran Church.

**Old Blue Hymnals (Lutheran Worship) FREE** - Since Zion now is using the new Lutheran Service Book (Maroon) hymnals all the old blue ones are available to anyone who would like to have one or more. They (blue hymnals) are located in the meeting room (#206 upstairs, education wing). Please help yourself. We will be offering them until they are gone or until the end of January, 2008.

**The Sanctuary Choir invites you to join!** Do you enjoy making a joyful noise to the Lord? If so, we need you in the Sanctuary Choir. We are particularly in need of male voices, but everyone is welcome to join. If you hear someone sitting behind you in worship who has a nice voice, invite them to join the choir! Contact Katie Wareham, (952)938-7661, for more info.

**Looking for a Bass Guitar player:** Desert Voice (10:50 worship band) is looking for another bass guitar player. If you or anyone you know plays bass, please contact Katie Wareham, (952)938-7661, ext. 15.

**Worship Team Vocalists:** The worship team is looking for two more singers to join Living Faith, the 10:50 a.m. choir/vocal group. Vocalists must be able to sing independently and/or sing in parts. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m. If you are interested, please call Katie Wareham, (952)938-7661.

**"I Promise"** a marriage seminar conducted by world renowned Christian marriage expert, Dr. Gary Smalley, will be in Minneapolis on February 22-23, 2008. Registration may be made through Zion Lutheran Church (group rate discount) or directly to the Smalley Relationship Center website. ([www.garysmalley.com](http://www.garysmalley.com)) Registration forms may be picked up in the Zion church office.

## Youth News

**Jr. High Youth (grades 6-8)** Jr. High Lock-In at Zion! Friday January 11 from 9pm to 9am all Jr. High Youth are invited to Zion for a night of God, Games and Grazing (food). Bring a friend if you would like, but please sign up on the bulletin board in the Youth Room if you are planning on attending. Other items to bring – a clothing donation for Bethesda (blanket, coat, mittens, hat....), a snack to share during the night and, if you want, a game that you might want others to enjoy. Confirmation resumes with our regularly scheduled Wednesday evening on January 9. We begin, as always, in the church at 6:15pm.

**Sr. High Youth (grades 9-12)** Sr. High Pizza/Movie/Game evening at Lisa's house. All Sr. High youth are invited to show up at Lisa's house on Saturday night, January 12 anytime after 5pm. We will order pizza and have a movie or two available to watch, and, if you want, you can certainly bring a game or two to play. Bring a friend if you would like too! It's a "come when you can, leave when you have to (no later than 10:30pm)" type of evening. Here's what to bring... money for Pizza, any additional snack (optional), a game or two (optional), a sled if you want to help make my backyard a sledding hill, and warm clothes/boots if you want to play in the snow. Wednesdays at Zion resumes January 9 at 6:15pm in the church. Sr. High youth are led by Kate Dressel. Join the Sr. Highers on Wednesdays and find out what you are missing!