

# Calendar

## Monday, November 9

8:00 AM Braille  
12:00 PM Braille

## Tuesday, November 10

9:00 AM Braille  
9:15 AM Lifelight  
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline  
4:15 PM Memorial Committee  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Brownie Troop 13354

## Wednesday, November 11

9:15 AM ZECC Chapel  
1:00 PM Braille  
4:00 PM ASAZ  
6:30 PM Confirmation, Faith Lessons, Sr. High Jam, C.I.A., & Living Faith  
7:15 PM Desert Voice

## Thursday, November 12

10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting  
6:30 PM Festival Ringers  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Girl Scout Leader Meeting  
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

## Friday, November 13

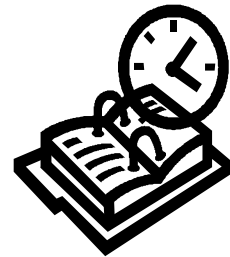
## Saturday, November 14

9:30 AM Youth Raking Project  
5:00 PM Informal Worship with Communion

## Sunday, November 15

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion  
9:40 AM Sunday School Education  
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion

**ICA hosts A Day at Maynards:** Monday, November 30, at Maynards in Excelsior. Lunch & dinner from 10:00am to closing. All proceeds go to ICA. Holiday music, food and fun! Call for reservations: 952-470-1800.



# Today at Zion

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Favorite Hymn Time  
9:40 AM Sunday School & Table Talks  
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with New Member Reception  
12:00 PM Potluck to Welcome Zion's New Members

### Nursery Schedule for November 15

8:30 AM Peter & Amy Chase  
9:40 AM John & Jennifer Selander  
10:50 AM Richard & Holly Thorson

## Christmas Festival Solo

for grades 1-5

Auditions:

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 4:30-5:15pm.

*The audition includes: Warm-ups, One song of your choice (any song you like to sing) and Learning the solo song ("The Friendly Beasts")*



To audition for this solo, you must be available for:

- Wed. afternoon rehearsals (TBD)
- Sunday school rehearsal, Sat., Nov. 21, 9:15-11:30am
- Dress rehearsal, Sat., Dec. 5, 9:15-11:30am
- Christmas Festival services on Sat., Dec. 12, 5pm, and Sun. Dec. 13, 10:50am.

Contact Katie Wareham for more information and to sign up for an audition time. [katie.wareham@zionhopkins.org](mailto:katie.wareham@zionhopkins.org) or 952-938-7661

## Thank You

**Christian Women's Fellowship** wishes to express thanks to those of you who gave funds to the No-Bake Bake Sale. These funds will be used to purchase the needs for our kitchen and the library at Zion.

**Congratulations from ICA:** Zion has been chosen to be the ICA Congregation of the Month for November. For years, Zion has been one of our most supportive congregations. You have allowed us to use your facilities for our holiday food drives, and have provided us with food, financial support, and some wonderful volunteers. We are very grateful for all you have done for us and are delighted to have this opportunity to celebrate you.

November 8, 2009

# 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*

Sunday Worship: Traditional 8:30 a.m.

*first and third weekends.*

Contemporary 10:50 a.m.

Education Hour 9:40 a.m.

**Wednesday Evening:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (September - April)

Confirmation, 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 - November 1	413
Adult Bible Study - November 1	62
Sunday School - November 1	84
Tithes & Offerings - November 1	\$9,763.90
Building Fund - November 1	\$3,454.55
Missions - November 1	\$765.05



## 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:** Jack & Cathy Carlos and children, Raymond & Hannah; Coral Rose; the U.S. Military; the U. S. economy; Sgt. Sam Raiche (stationed in Afghanistan, friend of Debi Herzan); CW2 Christopher Sprung (stationed in Iraq, nephew of Lori Ebert); Sgt. Ryan Butler (stationed in Iraq, son-in-law of Gerry & Chris Formo); and Zion members who have lost their jobs.

**Medical Concerns:** Amy Barau (granddaughter of Bud & Marilyn Gliem); Mary Nieting; Jessica Maas (granddaughter of Bud & Marilyn Gliem); Al Reich; Gordy Phelps; Sandy Berggren (daughter of Helen Berggren); Betty Greenly (friend of Bonnie Shelton); Karlene Discher; Sophia Steeke; Lilita Galveniece (mother of Anita Galveniece); and Sylvia Herzan.

**Thanksgiving:** 26th Birthday of Sanden Shelton and Zion's new members.

**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: Doug & Irene Palmer; Tom, Debi, Angela & Laura Parker; Bob, Angie, & James Parker; Donna Pashina; and Eileen Pashina.



Flowers are given by Gary & Bonnie Shelton in honor of their son's, Sanden, 26th Birthday.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church** in Excelsior (23290 Highway 7) is hosting a free, one session grief group, "Surviving the Holidays" on Sunday November 8 from 2-4pm. No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there's hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover reasons to enjoy them again. Call 952-474-5181 for more details.

## Zion's Happenings

### New Member Reception and Potluck

**TODAY**, at the 10:50 service Zion is new members into the congregation! We are encouraging you to join us at the potluck and your warmest smile to greet and welcome them. This is such a fun and neat way to have time to visit with our newest members and show our welcome.

### Table Talks – Micah – The Old Testament Prophet of God

Join Pastor Neal at 9:40am in the Fireside Room (#102) as he leads us through a new study on the Old Testament book, "Micah." The prophet of God, Micah, emphasized the need for justice and peace. Like a lawyer, he set forth God's case against ancient Israel and Judah, their leaders, and their people. Micah makes it clear that God hates unkindness, idolatry, injustice, and empty ritual – and he still hates these today. But God is very willing to pardon the sins of any who repent. Grab a cup of coffee and join your friends around the table for a lively session each Sunday.

**Congregation Meeting:** On Sunday, November 22, 2009 an **Informational Forum** for the congregation will be held during the Educational hour (9:40am – 10:35am) downstairs in room # 102 (Fireside room). The purpose is to present various options for filling the **New Associate Pastor Position** created when in 2007 Pastor Howie Krienke announced his retirement.

**Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner:** Are you going to be alone for Thanksgiving? Zion is again this year cooking and serving a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings for our neighbors in the Hopkins and nearby area as well as Zion members. The dinner will be on Wednesday, (Thanksgiving Eve) November 25 at 5:30pm. A special Thanksgiving worship service will be held immediately following (7:00pm) as well as on Thanksgiving Day (10:00am). Please call the church office (952-938-7661) for your dinner reservations because seating is limited.

**Advent Decorations:** We'll do it! Once again, we are putting up Zion's Christmas decorations on the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 27. We need a crew at 10:00am to move decorations from the garage into the church. Then, the decorations must be prepped and put up. The final effort begins at 5:30pm. We are having a potluck lunch and dinner for all workers. Please consider joining us and taking part in the joy of seeing Zion transformed for the Advent season.

**Christmas Poinsettia:** Help us decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas by ordering a Poinsettia before Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Order forms in November MOL and in the Gathering Area. Thank you!



Today, we begin our annual Fall Stewardship focus. This year's theme is "**Excelling in the Work of the Lord**" and is based on I Corinthians 15:58. Scripture is clear we are called to be faithful stewards (*managers*) and to share generously with others. We give, not because God needs our money, but because we have a need to give. Giving is our response to God's love and grace. **Please pickup your fall stewardship letter and commitment card in the Gathering Area of the church today.** Please bring your 2010 commitment card to church during one of the next week-end services or return it to the church office at your convenience.



**Simply Giving** is an automated giving program from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. It is designed to help you conveniently, consistently and joyfully give financial gifts to our congregation's ministry. By participating in Simply Giving, you can use **electronic funds transfer** to give your weekly, semimonthly or monthly offering to our congregation. To learn how you can participate in Simply Giving, contact the Church office. Let Simply Giving help you build better stewardship by turning a simple choice into a generous response.

**Zion Needy Families Thanksgiving Fund:** We are again asking for financial donations to help make this a special Thanksgiving for some families who have been affected by the recent economic downturn. Please put your donation in a pew envelope and mark it "Zion 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.

**Christian Women's Fellowship Tea:** CWF is celebrating the coming Holiday Season by serving an afternoon High Tea, and all women of Zion are invited! Our Christmas Tea is **Sunday, November 29, 2009 at 2:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Tea sandwiches, dainty cookies or scones are on the menu. Also, the Bravo Singers will entertain us with carols and Christian songs. If you wish, this is an opportunity to wear your fancy hat, white gloves, etc. from years ago! If you care to display your special teapots, please call Isabel Kloss at 952-938-6930 or Doris Waterman at 952-938-1602. Tickets will be on sale soon!



November 14, 5:00pm - Steve Brueske  
November 15, 8:30am - Dan Ahlman  
November 15, 10:50am - Karen Eck