

# Calendar

## Monday, November 16

1:00 PM Messenger of Light Deadline  
7:00 PM Cards

## Tuesday, November 17

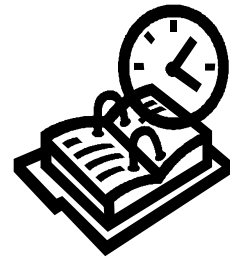
8:30 AM Bethesda  
9:00 AM Braille  
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline  
6:00 PM Executive  
7:00 PM Church Council

## Wednesday, November 18

9:15 AM ZECC Chapel  
9:30 AM Morning Glory Circle  
1:00 PM Loving Care Circle  
1:00 PM Braille  
4:00 PM ASAZ  
6:30 PM Confirmation Parent's Night, Faith Lessons,  
C.I.A., Sr. High Jam, & Living Faith  
7:15 PM Desert Voice

## Thursday, November 19

10:00 AM - 7:00 PM ICA Turkey Distribution  
10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting  
11:30 AM Caring Friends  
1:00 PM Ruth Circle  
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Join in Prayer  
6:30 PM Festival Ringers  
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir



## Friday, November 20

## Saturday, November 21

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Christmas Festival Practice  
5:00 PM Informal Worship

## Sunday, November 22

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

# Today at Zion

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion  
9:40 AM Sunday School & Table Talks  
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion

### Nursery Schedule for November 22

8:30 AM Christina Zafft  
9:40 AM Josh & Christina Krienke  
10:50 AM Kyle & Teresa Johnson

**Zion's Annual Food Drive:** During these tough economic times when so many people are losing their jobs, the ICA has reported a drastic increase in the number of people needing to use the food shelf. Zion is having its Annual Food Drive through November 22. Please bring in your non-perishable food items or put your cash donation in a pew envelope and write ICA on the outside and place in the offering plate. Also, please consider making a donation to the ICA Homeless Fund that you can place in the birdhouse in the Gathering Area. Thank you. *The Human Care Board*

**Morning Glories Circle** meets Wednesday, November 18 at 9:30am. We are meeting at the home of Doris Waterman. Addy Malvey is leading the topic from page 21 of the Fall Quarterly.



**Ruth Circle** meets Thursday, November 19 at 1:00pm. in the Fireside Room. Mary Burg is the hostess.

**Senior Christmas Dinner:** Thrivent is having a dinner for Zion's seniors Saturday, December 5 at 12:00 noon. Reservations are needed by November 27 so we know how much food to order. Please do NOT call the office. Please RSVP to Alice Anderson at 952-938-5144 or June Lundgren at 952-935-2327.

**Tape Ministry:** Tapes from the 8:30am Traditional Worship Service can be mailed to individuals who are unable to come to church any more. If you know of someone who would enjoy listening to each week's service, please call Alice Anderson at 952-938-5144.

## Thank You

**Thank you** to everyone for all your prayers, calls, and concerns, and especially to Pastor Krienke for his concerns and rides. God bless each of you for your help. Much appreciated, *Red & Mary Burg*

November 15, 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 first and third weekends.*  
Sunday Worship: Traditional 8:30 a.m.  
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.

### 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 8	362
Adult Bible Study - November 8	78
Sunday School - November 8	77
Clean-up - November 8	\$175.00
Tithes & Offerings - November 8	\$15,438.95
Building Fund - November 8	\$2,525.38
Missions - November 8	\$703.05



## 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:** Suzanne Graft (friend of Jane Lehman); Orren Silliman (father of Susan Silliman); Lois Zitzow; Jeffrey Krunce (son of Nita Shonka); Amy Barau (granddaughter of Bud & Marilyn Gliem); Mary Nieting; Jessica Maas (granddaughter of Bud & Marilyn Gliem); Al Reich; 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:** 80th Birthday of Peggy Nesheim; Birthday of Janet Olson; Birthday of Bonnie Wildburg; Birthday of Isabel Kloss; Birthday of Helen Kruse; and the Baptism of Cecilia Christina Hanson (daughter of Matt & Katie Hanson; granddaughter of Keith & Diane Ketcher; niece of Emilie Ketcher and Heidi McGuinn; goddaughter of Ronald Ketcher, Emilie Ketcher, and Amanda Hanson-Stafford.

**Bereaved:** The family of Lisa Vinup (friends of Mel & Alice Carrigan) and the family of Wilbur Schmeidel (brother of Monica Goede & Alfie Schmeidel, and uncle of Vicki Peterson).

**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: Robbie, Julie & Michael Pashina; Lisa Paulson; Nancy Paulson; Deanna Pellon; and Susan Peltier.



Flowers are given by Paul & Barb Bohach in honor of Isabel Kloss' Birthday.

## Zion's Happenings

### 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 Fireside Room (#102). 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 Wreaths & Swags:** The 25" wreaths and the door swags should be available on Thanksgiving weekend. They will be dispensed from the south door of the bus garage between/after services. Questions? Call Harold Gust 952-935-1873.

**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 conclude 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. God's grace and love enable us to be faithful and generous in our giving. We are blessed to be a blessing. May the Lord bless each of us with the spirit of the Macedonian Christians 2,000 years ago who gave beyond their ability because they first gave themselves to the Lord (2 Corinthians 8:3-5). When we give, God fills us with more so we can keep on giving and, in the process, give honor and praise to God. Please bring your 2010 commitment card to church during one of the next weekend 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 3:00pm** 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 are available in the Gathering Area.



November 21, 5:00pm -  
November 22, 8:30am - Mark Rettig  
November 22, 10:50am - Denise Rauchman