

Calendar

Monday, December 7

7:00 PM Cards

Tuesday, December 8

9:15 AM LifeLight
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline
5:15 PM - 7:00 PM ZECC Christmas Sing-a-long
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Brownie Troop 13354
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 10430
7:00 PM Youth Turkey Dinner Set-up

Wednesday, December 9

12:00 PM Advent Worship
4:00 PM ASAZ
5:15 PM - 6:15 PM Youth Turkey Dinner
6:30 PM Advent Worship
7:15 PM Confirmation, Faith Lessons, Sr. High Jam, What's Up,
Living Faith & Desert Voice

Thursday, December 10

Christmas Festival Set-up
10:00 AM Staff Devotions/Meeting
6:30 PM Festival Ringers
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

Friday, December 11

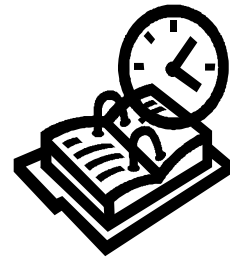
Christmas Festival Set-up

Saturday, December 12

3:00 PM A Night in Bethlehem: A Hands-on Holy Land Experience
5:00 PM A Night in Bethlehem: A Christmas Music Festival

Sunday, December 13

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
9:40 AM Sunday School Education
10:50 AM A Night in Bethlehem: A Christmas Music Festival



Today at Zion

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
9:40 AM Voters' Meeting
9:40 AM Sunday School
10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion

Nursery Schedule for December 13

8:30 AM Todd & Amy Bartley
9:40 AM Phil & Danielle Wentzel
10:50 AM Kirk & Hope Ortloff Hughes

Braille Announcement: Lutheran Braille Workers has requested all work centers - including the one here at Zion - to stop production during December 2009 and January 2010. This is necessary to allow LBW to capture a complete inventory and transition this information into a new computer system. Their hope is that the new system will result in more cost effective accounting practices and tracking manufacturing. All the hard work of our Braille volunteers is much appreciated, but you need to take a break for a couple months!

Thank You



Thank you for all the calls, cards, visits, and prayers. *Al Reich*

Thank you to all who attended, brought dishes, and prepared food for our Christmas Tea. A special thank you to all the men who served. It was a wonderful time and we look forward to next year's event.

Christian Women's Fellowship

Thank you Steve Brueske for scrapping, priming, and painting the windows at 231 5th Ave. They look great! We deeply appreciate your generously volunteering your time and labor. Also, we would like to thank Lisa Day for helping with the clean-up. Thank you Steve and Lisa! *The Rental Committee and Board of Trustees*

December 6, 2009

Illuminations

Zion Lutheran Church Weekly Update

241 5th Avenue ♦ Hopkins, MN 55343

952.938.7661 ♦ www.zionhopkins.org

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 29	349
Adult Bible Study - November 29	46
Sunday School - November 29	63
Tithes & Offerings - November 29	\$7,517.22
Building Fund - November 29	\$2,897.55
Missions - November 29	\$390.05

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. 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: Paul Hollingsworth (friend of Brad Hassing); Markus Bachman (grandson of Gene & Carolyn Bachman); Ruth Amdahl; Christina Rasar (mother of Diane Ketcher); Suzanne Graft (friend of Jane Lehman); Jessica Maas (granddaughter of Bud & Marilyn Gliem); Sandy Berggren (daughter of Helen Berggren); Karlene Discher; and Lilita Galveniece (mother of Anita Galveniece).

Thanksgiving: 63rd Wedding Anniversary of Bud & Marilyn Gliem and the 2nd Wedding Anniversary of Jaim & Cynthia Zuber.

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: Gary & Carol Pioske; Rick & Kris Pratt; Duane, Cynthia, Katie & Anna Proell; Rebecca Pruse, and Dakota Pruse & Grace Dallmann.

Lutheran Counseling Center serves as a referral counseling agency to the Minnesota South District of the LCMS. Their approach to counseling draws upon the power of our Christian faith. They offer a sliding fee structure that allows those with limited resources and without insurance to find the help they seek. If you would like to speak to someone from LCC they can be reached at 952-894-4828 (Twin Cities); 800-466-0401 (Outstate Minnesota), or www.lutherancounseling.org.

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 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.

Zion's Christmas Choir: You're invited to join Zion's Christmas Choir. Christmas is a wonderful time to join with other Christians to sing music proclaiming the birth of Jesus Christ! The Christmas Choir will rehearse on Thursday, Dec. 17 and Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 7:30pm and will sing for the Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 10pm (warm-up starts at 9pm). Contact Katie Wareham with any questions you have.

The Blessing Tree: Zion has something to help us thank God for our blessings. We have a tree placed in the Gathering Area and the only decorations on the tree are lights. However, under the tree are baskets full of Christmas ornaments, as you enter the Gathering Area, think about the blessings you received during the week. Place an ornament on the tree in remembrance of your blessings. And yes, we can place an ornament each week that we enter God's house. Let's fill the tree with ornaments as we thank God for all He has done for us!

Lifelight: Study of Lectionaries, Series C. Each Tuesday in the Fireside Room at 9:15am.

WAY TO GO! Sunday, November 22, we had two of our Sunday School class have perfect attendance.

Pre-K & Pre-school: Teachers Kathy Fox, Carol Yohnke and Jennifer MacKay. Students: Ben Kallerup, William Krienke, Emma Ditty, Travis Beal, Jonah Schultz, Marcus Johnson.

3rd Grade Class: Teachers Teresa Hassing and Kim Kallerup, Students: Nicholas Kallerup, Payton Mason, Amanda Stover, Michael Adam, Madison Wagner, Laura Lehman, Anna Dressel.

Church Basement Ladies Christmas: Young At Heart is going to the Plymouth Playhouse to see "Away in the Basement" Thursday, January 7, 2010. We are also planning to eat there before the play. Cost is \$33.99 for both. Bus leaves church at 10:45am. For reservations call Alice Anderson at 952-938-5144 before December 21, 2009. Money is also due at this time. All are welcome.

Student Ministry News

Confirmation Classes – We will be meeting in the Fireside Room from 7:15-8:00pm following Advent worship on Wednesdays, December 9 & 16.

Zion's Youth Annual Turkey Dinner Fundraiser – Wednesday, December 9. Make plans now to be here to help with this huge fundraising event. All Youth are encouraged to help with this big event. How can you help? 1) Bring a Pumpkin Dessert; 2) Tuesday, December 8 from 7:00-8:00pm to help set Up/Decorate; 3) Wednesday, December 9 get here as soon as you can after school and there will certainly be projects for you to work on.

Sr. High Retreat @ Camp Omega – Tuesday/Wednesday, December 29/30. This two-day event will give you a chance to continue to grow in the Christian faith while having a blast with other youth from around Minnesota. Activities include snow tubing with tow rope, broomball, Christian growth, games, singing and devotions. Cost is \$32.00. We'll leave Zion at 5:00pm on Tuesday night and return at about 5:30pm on Wednesday evening. Register directly with Camp Omega – find the registration form on Zion's website or at campomega.org

Jr. High Winter Daze @ Camp Omega - Tuesday, December 29. Activities include snow tubing with tow rope, broomball, Christian growth, outdoor games, singing and devotions. Cost is \$12.00. We'll leave Zion at 8:30am and return at about 4:30pm. Registration forms are available from Lisa Day or on Zion's website.

Planning Ahead – Sr. High Winter Snow Retreat – January 15-17 @ Welch Village. Cost is \$140 (plus ski/board rental) and includes 2½ days of skiing, 2 nights lodging, meals from Friday supper through Sunday lunch. Ski/board rental for 2½ days would be \$65. Registration and a \$50 deposit is due by December 20. The remaining balance is due by January 15. If you want to go but don't want to ski/board, talk to Lisa about special pricing.



December 9, 12:00pm - Mark Rettig
December 12, 5:00pm - Steve Brueske
December 13, 8:30am - Diane Ketcher
December 13, 10:50am - Daryl Laub