

Calendar

Monday, December 14

Tuesday, December 15

9:15 AM LifeLight
1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline
1:00 PM Messenger of Light Deadline

Wednesday, December 16

9:30 AM Morning Glory Circle
12:00 PM Advent Worship
1:00 PM Loving Care Circle
4:00 PM ASAZ
6:30 PM Advent Worship
7:15 PM Confirmation, Faith Lessons, Sr. High Jam, What's Up,
Living Faith & Desert Voice

Thursday, December 17

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 Christmas Choir

Friday, December 18

Saturday, December 19

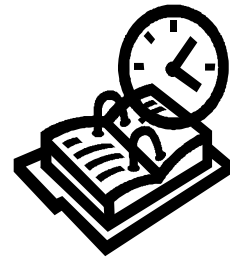
5:00 PM Informal Worship with Communion

Sunday, December 20

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

The Church Office Holiday Hours

Closes at 12 Noon Thursday, December 24
Closed Friday, December 25
Closes at 12 Noon Thursday, December 30
Closed Friday, December 31



Today at Zion

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Favorite Hymn Time
9:40 AM Table Talks
9:40 AM Sunday School
10:50 AM A Night in Bethlehem: A Christmas Music Festival

Nursery Schedule for December 20

8:30 AM John & Jennifer Selander
9:40 AM Richard & Holly Thorson
10:50 AM Christina Zafft

Zion Needy Families Christmas Fund: We are again asking for financial donations to help make this a special Christmas 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.

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 to 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

Dear Zion Lutheran Church: On behalf of ICA-Your Local Food Shelf, thank you for your generous donation of \$1000. With your gift, ICA will provide nutritional food, basic financial assistance, and transportation for people in need. We believe that our presence in the community makes our neighborhoods more stable and secure; your generosity means Hope, Love, and Strength to neighbors in need as they move toward self-sufficiency. Thank you for your loyalty to ICA and your charitable support of our mission. With gratitude, *Cathy Maes*, Executive Director

December 13, 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 - December 2	103
Attendance - December 6	393
Adult Bible Study - December 6	Voters' Meeting
Sunday School - December 6	85
Tithes & Offerings - December 6	\$14,098.01
Building Fund - December 6	\$2,992.00
Missions - December 6	\$504.00

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: Anna Brown (great niece of Janet Olson); Bonnie Shelton; Evelyn Day (niece of Lisa Day); Kathleen Undestad; Paul Hollingsworth (friend of Brad Hassing); Markus Bachman (grandson of Gene & Carolyn Bachman); Jessica Maas (granddaughter of Bud & Marilyn Gliem); Sandy Berggren (daughter of Helen Berggren); Karlene Discher; and Lilita Galveniece (mother of Anita Galveniece).

Thanksgiving: 91st Birthday of Florence Michaletz; 73rd Birthday of Alice Anderson; Birthday of Barb Bohach; 57th Birthday of Steven Nelson; and the 13th Birthday of Evelyn Day (niece of Lisa Day).

Bereaved: Jan Lentz (mother of ZECC's Denise Lentz); and David McGuire (son-in-law of Lu Dixon).

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: Claire Rabus; Gerda Ralls; Michael, Marcia & Gabe Randall; Nathan & Travis Randall; and Shania & Tyler Rasmusson.

Christmas Worship Services

Christmas Eve Family Worship – 4:00pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 10:00pm
Christmas Day Worship – 10:00am

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.

Morning Glories Circle will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 9:30 AM. We will meet at the home of Vangie Herzan with Dorie Waterman presenting the topic.

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.

Sunday School: Praise the Lord! And sing alleluia! Three Sunday School classes had perfect attendance last week:

1st Grade: Teachers-Barb Dore, Shelby Dore, and Jessica Wagendorf. **Students:** Grace Dallmann, Quincy Goulet, Tori Turgeon, Julia Rauchman, Brynn Langaard, Josiah Wright, Evan Ortloff, Ella Dressel, Annica Schultz, Cassie Swinjakow, and Max Wagner.

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

4th & 5th Grade: Teachers-Sarah Oberlander and Marcie Kirby. **Students:** Kasondra Ford, Josh Betterman, Eric Ittel, James Jorde, Jake Kirby, Jordyn Wentzel, Bobby Wilson, Joseph Ahles, and James Bier

Way to go kids and teachers! Congratulations.

Sunday December 27th and January 3rd: For the Sunday School Children's classes, there will be a modified class on Dec. 27th and Jan. 3rd. Grades K-5th will meet in Room 207. Under Kindergarten please use the Nursery.

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.

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

Coins for Christ - As a way of supporting individuals studying to become new Lutheran pastors, the loose coins (nickels, dimes, and quarters) which are put into the weekly offering plate are joined with coins from other local Twin Cities suburban Lutheran congregations. These funds are then sent to one of our seminaries for the benefit of a student from the Twin Cities area.

Student Ministry News

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

Planning Ahead - SR. HIGH WINTER SNOW RETREAT – January 15-17 – the results are in... We will be traveling to Lutsen this year. Cost is \$160 (plus ski/board rental) and includes 2 days of skiing, 2 nights lodging, meals from Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch. 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.

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 16 12:00pm - Mark Rettig
December 16, 6:30pm - Denise Rauchman
December 20, 8:30am - Dan Ahlman
December 20, 10:50am - Karen Eck