

Calendar

Monday, December 21

1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline
7:00 PM Cards

Tuesday, December 22

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Brownie Troop 13354

Wednesday, December 23

No Classes

6:30 PM Festival Ringers
7:30 PM Christmas Choir

Thursday, December 24

ZECC Closed

12:00 PM Church Office Closes

4:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Worship
10:00 PM Candlelight Worship

Friday, December 25

ZECC Closed

Church Office Closed

10:00 AM Christmas Day Worship

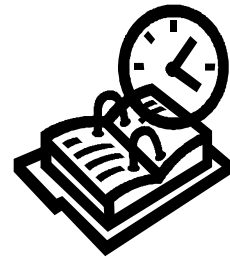
Saturday, December 26

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Women of Destiny
5:00 PM Informal Worship

Sunday, December 27

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

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.



Today at Zion

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion

9:40 AM Table Talks

9:40 AM Sunday School

10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion

Nursery Schedule for December 27

8:30 AM Josh & Christina Krienke

9:40 AM Mitch & Jennifer Mason

10:50 AM Kyle & Teresa Johnson

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!

How to become a member of Zion Lutheran Church

Step 1: Come and worship at Zion Lutheran Church. "Check it out", participate in worship, observe, and ask questions.

Step 2: Set an appointment with one of the pastors to get acquainted and discuss expectations of membership. (952-938-7661 or www.zionhopkins.org)

Membership can be by:

- **Transfer** – from another LCMS congregation where you are currently a member.
- **Adult Confirmation** – completing a six (6) week class of background information about beliefs and practices of the Lutheran Church.
- **Profession of Faith** – formerly an LCMS member but not currently one.

December 20, 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 9	93
Attendance - Turkey Dinner	100
Attendance - December 13	748
Adult Bible Study - December 13	59
Sunday School - December 13	87
Tithes & Offerings - December 13	\$8,756.21
Building Fund - December 13	\$1,661.55
Missions - December 13	\$660.05

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: Joe Devore (friend of Sanden Shelton); Suzanne Graft (friend of Jane Lehman); Anna Brown (great niece of Janet Olson); Evelyn Day (niece of Lisa Day); Kathleen Undestad; Jessica Maas (granddaughter of Bud & Marilyn Gliem); Sandy Berggren (daughter of Helen Berggren); Karlene Discher; and Lilita Galveniece (mother of Anita Galveniece).

Thanksgiving: 36th Wedding Anniversary of Dan & Lil Ahlman, 34th Wedding Anniversary of Rich & Mary Daniels, and the 23rd Wedding Anniversary of Rick & Donna Tupa.

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: Francis & Betty Rathbun; Dorothy Rathmanner & family; Denise, Alyssa & Julia Rauchman; Bud & Gloria Redburn; and Lee & Donna Reese.



Flowers are given by Rich & Mary Daniels in honor of their 34th Wedding Anniversary and flowers are given in memory of Florence Pahl, age 97, who went to heaven 12/5/09; aunt of Diane Phimister, Pat Mattson, and Paula Rosengren.

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

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.

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

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.

World-Wide Nativity Exhibit, Church of St. Joseph, Hopkins: Starting in December, Father Gerald Dvorak will host his 8th annual display of Nativity Exhibits from around the world at the Church of St. Joseph, 1300 Main Street in Hopkins. The exhibit of over 200 nativities includes crèches from many countries of the world. New to Father Dvorak's exhibit this year are nativities from Nepal, Ghana and Uganda as well as additions to his beautifully detailed French Santons collection. Nativities will be on display after all weekend Masses from December 12 through January 10, 2010. Mark your calendars and invite friends, neighbors and family to come with you as part of your journey to receive the Christ Child this Christmas. For more information and directions to the church, visit the Church of St. Joseph web site at www.stjoeshopkins.org.

Christmas Worship Services

Christmas Eve Family Worship – 4:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 10:00pm

Christmas Day Worship – 10:00am

LWML Zone Prayer Service: Everyone in the congregation is invited to attend a prayer service on Saturday, January 16, 2pm, at Victory Lutheran Church, 16200 Berger Drive, Eden Prairie, 952-934-0956. Pastor Brendan Prigge from Victory will lead the service. The service is titled, "Beautiful Feet" based on Isaiah 52:7. The Reverend Philip Esala, Senior Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Kettering, Ohio, authored this service. He wanted to provide the readership the encouragement to spend time in prayer, to look for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with people in our communities in everyday situations, proclaiming the peace only He provides as He brings us salvation. Refreshments will be served after the service. Bring your friends too!

Student Ministry News

Confirmation Classes – We will not meet on December 23 & 30. Classes will resume on January 6.

Sr. High Retreat @ Camp Omega – Tuesday/Wednesday, December 29/30. This two-day event will 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 for 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.

Sr. High Winter Snow Retreat – January 15-17: 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 Youth Lock-In will be on Friday, January 8 starting 8:00pm and ending at 8:00am. Youth are asked to bring a canned food donation for ICA and snacks to share for the evening. Sign up on the sheet in the Youth Room. Adult chaperones are needed throughout the evening. If you can help please contact Lisa Day.



December 24, 10:00pm - Dan Ahlman

December 25, 10:00am - Beryl Schultze

December 26, 5:00pm - Steve Brueske

December 27, 8:30am - Diane Ketcher

December 27, 10:50am - Denise Rauchman