

Calendar

Monday, December 28

ZECC Closed

1:00 PM Illuminations and Bulletin Deadline

7:00 PM Cards

Tuesday, December 29

ZECC Closed

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Jr. High Daze @ Camp Omega

5:00 PM Sr. High Retreat @ Camp Omega

Wednesday, December 30

No Classes

ZECC Closed

5:30 PM Return from Sr. High Retreat

Thursday, December 31

ZECC Closed

12:00 PM Church Office Closes

5:00 PM New Year's Eve Worship with Communion

Friday, January 1

ZECC Closed

Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 2

5:00 PM Informal Worship with Communion

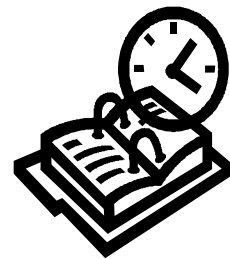
Sunday, January 3

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Communion

9:40 AM Sunday School Education

10:50 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion

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

9:40 AM Table Talks

9:40 AM Sunday School

10:50 AM Contemporary Worship

Nursery Schedule for January 3

8:30 AM Phil & Danielle Wentzel

9:40 AM Kirk & Hope Ortloff Hughes

10:50 AM Dan & Kinlin Schultz

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!

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)

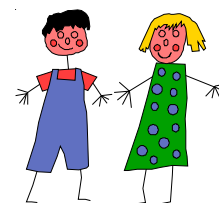
Membership can be by:

- **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.

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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.

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Visit us on the web at www.zionhopkins.org.

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Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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When Last We Gathered

Attendance - December 16	108
Attendance - December 20	378
Adult Bible Study - December 20	57
Sunday School - December 20	62
Tithes & Offerings - December 20	\$17,525.67
Building Fund - December 20	\$3,435.38
Missions - December 20	\$1,196.55

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: Red Burg; Michael (foster baby of Brad & Teresa Hassing); Suzanne Graft (friend of Jane Lehman); Anna Brown (great niece of Janet Olson); Evelyn Day (niece of Lisa Day); Kathleen Undestad; Amy Bureau (granddaughter of Bud & Marilyn Gliem); Sandy Berggren (daughter of Helen Berggren); Karlene Discher; and Lilita Galveniece (mother of Anita Galveniece).

Thanksgiving: 65th Wedding Anniversary of Harvey & Ruby Thielke; 55th Wedding Anniversary of Alf & Marcella Harfield; 30th Wedding Anniversary of Mark & Mary Rettig; 60th Birthday of Terry Wackerfuss; and the 20th Baptismal Birthday of Carolyn Kan.

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: Al Reich; Trudy Reinitz; Mark Rettig; Margaret Riley; and Rick & Kathy Riley.



Flowers are given by Harvey & Ruby Thielke in honor of their 65th Wedding Anniversary and flowers are also given by Alf & Marcella Harfield in honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

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 TODAY and January 3rd. Grades K-5th meet in Room 207. Under Kindergarten, please use the Nursery.

Lifelight: Study of Ministry. Will continue Tuesday, January 12, in the Fireside Room at 9:15am.

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 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 Decorations: Your help is needed! On Sunday, January 3, we will gather in the Sanctuary to lovingly take down our Christmas decorations. We will start after the 10:50am service and continue until we are done. Please consider setting aside this time to join hands with other volunteers to effectively accomplish this task. Thank you.

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.

New Year's Eve Worship Services
5:00pm

West Metro Grief Support Groups are moving to the next location beginning Saturday, January 9. The new location is Union Congregational United Church of Christ, 3700 Alabama Ave S, St. Louis Park. The church liaison is Pr. Wes Syverson 952-929-6465. For more info please contact Darcie Rodman at 763-546-4404.

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 30. Classes will resume on January 6.

Sr. High Retreat @ Camp Omega–Tuesday/Wednesday, December 29/30. We'll leave Zion at 5:00pm on Tuesday night and return at about 5:30pm on Wednesday evening.

Jr. High Winter Daze @ Camp Omega - Tuesday, December 29. We'll leave Zion at 8:30am and return at about 4:30pm.

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 31, 5:00pm - Cynthia Zuber
January 2, 5:00pm - Tim Bodin
January 3, 8:30am - Mark Rettig
January 3, 10:50am - Karen Eck