

Announcements for December 5, 2021

Leading Worship Today (8:30 am):

Preaching: Pastor Mark Galbraith

Worship Assistant: Sue Gates

Sound: Zach Anderson

Organist: Sonya Kempf

Cantor: Saundra Anderson

Lector: Kathy Brumbaugh

Ushers: Lyle & Lois Chapin

PowerPoint: Kathy Heffernan

Van Driver: Gary Job

Leading Worship Today (10:45 am):

Preaching: Pastor Mark Galbraith

Worship Assistant: Nancy Schmidt

Sound: Saundra Anderson

PowerPoint: Kathy Heffernan

Lector: Phyllis Gab

Ushers: Jim & Norma Miller

Praise Band: Stephanie Hawkinson, Stacy Geffre, Garry Johnson, Phyllis Gab, Vicki Carlson, Mike German, Cadynce German, Kara Pies

Zion's Radio Broadcast is heard each week at 8:30 am on **KSDN radio (930 AM & 102.1 FM)**. Today's broadcast is sponsored by the Zion Lutheran Church Women wishing everyone a happy holiday season!

Zion Worship Opportunities

Worship in the Sanctuary: Traditional worship is available on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Praise Band-led worship is at 10:45 a.m.

Livestreaming of all worship services can be found on our Facebook page, website, and YouTube channel.

Kids' Time will be available during both of the Sunday morning worship services.

ZION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Jena German – 216-3708

Sharon Paranto - 216-7814

Nancy Schmidt – 216-6880

Ed Suchomel – 380-6375

Ways to Give

Zion radio broadcast - Generous sponsors provide for each Sunday's radio broadcast. Would you consider donating either the whole cost or half the cost of a Sunday broadcast? A

whole Sunday service is \$110.00 and one half is \$55.00. You are welcome to donate in remembrance of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion to support this ministry. To sign up as a sponsor, contact the church office at 225-6755. **We are in need of a radio broadcast sponsor for December 12th.**

Electronic Giving - If you have a smart phone, you can simply scan the code you see here and it will take you directly to our "Giving" page on the Zion website. This allows you to easily give online while sitting in the pew or later at home or when travelling. You can also take advantage of the GivePlus mobile app for your smart phone to make giving even more convenient. Just download the GivePlus app, find Zion Lutheran Church, and give! **Do you need an easy, convenient way to contribute to the church?** Text giving is a powerful way to give in a matter of seconds. Send a text with your offering amount to **(844-771-9058)**. It's simple and secure.



The December Special Offering is St. Dysmas St. Dysmas is two congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Church in America) located behind

the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls and Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield. They also support Sunday evening worship at the Yankton Minimum Unit in Yankton. Your support is helpful in sustaining our strong and dynamic ministries.

Noisy Offering will be collected during each service on the second Sunday of the month. Don't forget your coins! A bucket will remain on the offering table at the back of the sanctuary for you to use to donate noisy (or quiet) offering on the other Sundays of the month.

FREEZER MEALS are available in the Zion freezer if you know of anyone in need of a meal. Come to the church office to pick one up.

SUNDAY VAN RIDES AVAILABLE—Our van ride service is available on Sunday mornings for the 8:30 am traditional worship service. If you would like a ride to worship, or are willing to drive, please call the church office @225-6755.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP is available every Sunday from 9:45-10:30 AM in the youth room. Join us for a time of faith and fun and to check out the new space!

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE – The Zion cookbooks are done and they are here! Cost is \$20 and the proceeds support our youth programming. Pick yours up anytime throughout the week in the church office or from the table in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. We have a limited number of gift kits available for \$30—be sure to stop and pick yours up before they are gone!

KESSLER'S & KEN'S RECEIPTS – Our preschool will be collecting grocery receipts from August 15th-May 31st, 2022. Please bring your receipts and place them in the marked box in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your receipts.

GERMAN DINNER ORGAN RESTORATION FUNDRAISER will be Sunday, December 12th

from 4-7 PM. Get your tickets today and join us tonight for great food and fellowship. The menu is sausage, sauerkraut, knoepla & potatoes, ice cream, jello, coffee & water. Tickets are \$15.00 for age 15-adult and \$7.00 for age 14 and under.

SHEETS FOR QUILTS – Our quilters are in need new or gently used sheets for making quilts. Making quilts is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need around the world, each one reflecting God's presence. You can drop off any donations at the church office.

PASTOR MARK'S OFFICE HOURS –

***Monday-Thursday** – office hours are 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM. For all church business, emails, meetings, scheduling appts., etc., please call the church office or email me: pastormark@nvc.net.
***Monday-Thursday** outside office hours for those “when-it-just-can't-wait” moments, please email me at the above address or text/call my cell 360-325-2651.

*** Friday and Saturday** – days off – please reserve contacts for true emergencies only.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING BULLETIN BOARD—We are on our way! On the display in the Narthex, you will find more information about the trip and the youth who are attending. We ask you to consider supporting our mission through prayer and donations as we begin preparing for next summer. Thank you!

TREE OF SAINTS—This year, our youth will be putting up a Tree of Saints to remember all of our loved ones during the holiday season.

Ornaments are \$5 each and will be customized with your loved one's name; they will then be placed on the Tree of Saints at the back of the sanctuary and will be displayed through the Christmas season. You are welcome to take your ornaments home at any time, but we encourage you to leave them through the season.

Sales continue through Sunday, December 19th. All proceeds benefit the youth attending the ELCA youth gathering.

ADVENT WORSHIP AND SUPPERS—Make plans now to join us for our Advent Worship services on Wednesday evenings (Dec. 8 & 15). Free will soup suppers will be served from 5:15-6:00 PM with services starting at 6:05 PM.

Supper for December 15th will be cheeseburger soup and chicken tortilla soup and peanut butter & jelly sandwiches. This meal is sponsored by the teens attending the ELCA Youth Gathering.

SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM at Bethlehem Lutheran church, Fireside Room. Join us December 7th, 2021 at 6:00 PM. This is a non-denominational group, and there is no charge. Just come and share.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS - The Portals of Prayer and Christ in Our Home Devotionals are put out each quarter and are located on the backside of the card rack. Remember to get your copy today. Also, you can pick up an Advent Devotional in the office anytime throughout the month of December.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS - Are you interested in becoming a member of our faith family? Or do you know someone who is? Or are you wondering what it means to be a member of Zion? Let Pastoral Assistant Sandra Anderson or Norma Nielsen, Welcome & Outreach chair know of your interest! We'd love to know if you're thinking about becoming a member. Or you can call the church at 225-6755 or by email: zion@nvc.net.

SPECIAL THANKS to the Zion Men's Vocal Group for sharing your musical talent with us this morning at the 10:45 service: Zachary Anderson, Mike Brumbaugh, Garry Johnson, Karlon Kempf & Jeremy Schutter.

CHRISTMAS CARDS DISPLAY - The holidays are upon us! Share some Christmas greetings with

your Zion family by bringing a Christmas card to hang on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. The display will remain through Epiphany in January—bring your cards anytime!

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SHUT-INS - We once again will be mailing Christmas cards to our members who are not able to join us in worship. Please stop at the table in the Fellowship Hall and share some holiday greetings! We will be mailing the cards on Monday, December 13th.

PARENT FREE TIME – The kids attending the ELCA Youth gathering are hosting an afternoon of babysitting on Sunday, December 12th 4-7 PM. Activities will include games, Christmas crafts, movie, homework help, and a supper of hotdogs, chips, and dessert.

Take advantage of this opportunity to shop for your Christmas gifts, wrap presents or enjoy a date night at German Fest!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - The Sunday School children will be holding their annual Christmas program during the 10:45 AM worship service on Sunday, December 19th. Practice for the program will be on Saturday, December 18th from 10-11 AM.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES will be held Friday, December 24th at 3:30 & 5:00 PM. They will include Holy Communion and candlelight.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - Zion's Altar Guild invites members to purchase a poinsettia at a local business and bring it to church between December 19-22. Please put your name on a note with a message "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone and attach the card to your plant. You may take your plant home on Christmas Eve. You may also leave money and your note with Donna in the office if you do not have the opportunity to shop yourself. If you prefer to leave money, please do so by Wednesday, December 22 during office hours.

ORGAN RESTORATION GIFTS - As you remember your loved ones this holiday season, please consider making a gift in their memory to our Organ Restoration fund. No gift is too small to help us complete the project, and it is a great way to honor their memory.

Organ Restoration Fund

Cash on Hand - \$68,613.15

Unpaid pledges - \$51,120.47

Total project funds - \$119,733.62

Remaining Pledges needed - \$130,266.38

SILENT AUCTION – There are Christmas Villages in the Narthex that we are auctioning for the Organ Restoration. Please take a moment to look at these and place your bid. Bids close on Sunday, December 19th @ noon. Special thanks to Lois Sollie for donating the villages.

ORGAN RESTORATION PURA VIDA BRACELET FUNDRAISER—Bracelets will be available for sale in the Narthex today and in the church office during the week. Bracelets are \$10 each and all proceeds go to the organ restoration. Stop and get yours today!

THANK YOU to Norma Miller, Elaine Schumacher, and Lois Chapin, Zion's quilting group, for making and displaying all the beautiful quilts in the sanctuary. They made a total of almost \$1,200! Thank you also to all who purchased a quilt.

DIVINE DRAMA for this week will only be held on Monday, December 13th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM so all can attend the German Fest.

MAKE A WISH NEW YEAR'S EVE BENEFIT AND DANCE will be on Friday, December 31st at City Lights. Doors open at 7:30 PM with music starting at 9:00 PM. Come enjoy the dance, silent auction, penny raffle, hors d'oeuvres, party favors, and more. Tickets available at the door. See the poster on the kiosk for more information.

ALTAR GUILD will meet Sunday, December 19th at 9:40 AM in Classrooms A & B. Grab your coffee and snack and join us!

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES are out in the Narthex. Please take yours, but do not use them until **JANUARY 2022**.

Praying for One Another

As a community of faith in Christ, we are connected through joy, sorrow, worship, and prayer. Please pray for the people listed below:
Deb Graves, Harold Hoffman, Barb Gardner, Robin Schaunaman

For those diagnosed with cancer or other long-term illness: Richard Anderson, Duane Wagemann, Connie Sorenson

*** We ask for God's loving embrace to hold all those who mourn, especially:**
Greg & Carol Rutherford at the death of Greg's father, Harold Rutherford, this past week.

Zion Calendar

SUNDAY – December 12

8:30 AM Traditional Worship

9:30 AM Fellowship Coffee Hour

9:40 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM MS & HS Youth Group

10:45 AM Contemp. Worship

4-7 PM GERMAN FEST

4-7 PM Parents' Free Time (child care)

MONDAY – December 13

10:00 AM Divine Drama Fellowship

10:30 AM Divine Drama class

1:00 PM Quilters

7:00 PM GA meeting

TUESDAY – December 14

11:30 AM Book club at Minerva's

1:15 PM Staff meeting

6:00 PM Worship & Music committee

WEDNESDAY – December 15

1:00 PM Cardmaking
5:15-6:00 PM Advent Soup supper
6:05 PM Advent Worship
8:30 PM AA Meeting

THURSDAY – December 16

1:00 PM Quilters

SATURDAY – December 18

10-11 AM Sunday School Christmas
Program practice
11:00 AM Education committee
11:00 AM Lexy Becker blood drive
Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY – December 19

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Baptism
9:30 AM Fellowship Coffee Hour
9:40 AM Sunday School
9:40 AM Altar Guild meeting – Classrooms A&B
9:45 AM MS & HS Youth Group
10:45 AM Contemporary Worship with
Sunday School Christmas Program
1-4 PM Fellowship Hall in use