

Announcements for December 26, 2021

Leading Worship Today (8:30 am radio):

Worship Assistant: Saundra Anderson

Organist: Sonya Kempf

Lector: Sue Gates, Sharon Paranto, Marje Kaiser

Leading Worship Today (9:30 am):

Worship Assistant: Nancy Schmidt

Pianist: Sue Gates

Sound: Jena German

PowerPoint: Tobin German

Ushers: Dennis & Julie Beusch

Lectors: Mike Bretsch, Kathy Heffernan, Monica Tietz

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 Dennis & Julie Beusch to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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!

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 - \$73,500.96

Unpaid pledges - \$49,444.51

Total project funds - \$122,945.47

Remaining Pledges needed - \$127,054.53

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!

DIVINE DRAMA will resume on January 9th & 10th.

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 info.

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**.

THANK YOU – Thanks so much for all who bid on the Christmas Villages in that were auctioned for the Organ Restoration. We made \$170.00. Special thanks to Lois Sollie for donating the villages.

MISSION STUDY - Pastor Mark will be presenting a PowerPoint presentation on the "Mission Study Timeline", outlining Phase II in our season of interim ministry and discernment, Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 9:45 AM in the fellowship hall, between worship services.

He will outline the mission study process, that will lead to defining Spirit-led, Word-filled mission goals that will define the next chapter of Zion Lutheran Church's ministry, and also inform the kind of pastor God is leading Zion to call to partner in ministry with Zion.

Please join us for this very special presentation.

END OF YEAR DONATIONS – In order to receive credit for your 2021 donations, please have all final contributions into the church office by noon on Friday, December 31st. Thanks.

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, Karl Kempf

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

We ask for God's loving embrace to hold all who mourn, especially the family of Pastor Robin Schaunaman who passed away this past week.

Zion Calendar

SUNDAY – December 26

9:30 AM Worship

MONDAY – December 27

Office Closed for Christmas Day

WEDNESDAY – December 29

1:00 PM Card making

8:30 PM AA Meeting

THURSDAY – December 30

1:00 PM Quilters

FRIDAY – December 31

Noon – Year end donations due
in the office

SUNDAY – January 2

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with H/C

9:40 AM Fellowship Time

10:45 AM Contemporary Worship with H/C

MONDAY – January 3

Office Closed for New Years Day