

## Announcements for December 5, 2021

### **Leading Worship Today (8:30 am):**

**Preaching:** Pastor Mark Galbraith  
**Worship Assistant:** Kathy Heffernan  
**Sound:** Steve Ottenbacher  
**Organist:** Sonya Kempf  
**Deacon:** Monica Tietz  
**Lector:** Monica Tietz  
**Ushers:** Lenny & Monica Tietz  
**PowerPoint:** Wanda Wagemann  
**Van Driver:** Jerold Gehring

### **Leading Worship Today (10:45 am):**

**Preaching:** Pastor Mark Galbraith  
**Worship Assistant:** Monica Tietz  
**Sound:** Sandra Anderson  
**PowerPoint:** Shelley Fischbach  
**Lector:** Sandra Anderson  
**Ushers:** Harvey & Deb Hardy  
**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 Doug and Sharlene Wanttie to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

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### **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

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### **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 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 SD Multicultural Ministries—Woyatan and Pine Ridge.** 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!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - We are in need of volunteers for both the 8:30 & 10:45 AM worship services. If you would be willing to usher, lector, do sound board, PowerPoint or worship assist, please indicate this on your Welcome Sheet that you can find in the middle rack of your pew, or talk to Sandra or Kathy

Heffernan. Training will be provided in all areas.

**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 next weekend for great food and fellowship. The menu is sausage, sauerkraut, knoephla & potatoes, ice cream, jello, coffee & water. Tickets are \$15.00 for age 15 through 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](mailto: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.

**BULLETINS** – We continue to try to be good stewards of God's gifts in our congregation. We are trying to condense our bulletins, and we will be making less to help save costs and resources. All worship services are projected on the screens in the sanctuary. Printed bulletins are still available; however, if you are comfortable following along using the screens, please only take the announcement page instead of a whole bulletin. Large print bulletins are still available

to those that need them.

**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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> will be knoephla and vegetable soup and peanut butter & jelly sandwiches. This meal is sponsored by the Organ Restoration committee.

**SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP** meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM at Bethlehem Lutheran church, Fireside Room. Join us December 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:zion@nvc.net).

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

**JOIN THE COUNCIL FOR COMMON GROUNDS** - Members of the Zion council will hold a monthly open forum - "Common Grounds" to encourage discussion of recent council items and how the congregation is carrying out our vision for mission. Common Grounds is today, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 in the fellowship hall. Bring your coffee & snacks and spend some time with your leaders!

**MEN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST** - Join us today at 9:30 AM as the men of Zion prepare a breakfast of pancakes & French toast, sausage, milk, coffee and water. Come eat and enjoy some great food and fellowship. Special thanks to the men of Zion! The men serve breakfast the first Sunday of the month.

**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 19th. Time to be announced.

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.

**HOLIDAY YOUTH EVENT** - On Saturday, December 11th, middle and high school youth are invited to shop for Angel Tree gifts at 5:00 PM. Supper will be served after shopping. Then, we will load up in the church van and drive around town to view the beautiful Christmas light displays and drink hot cocoa! Bring a friend. Please let Sandra know if you are plan on attending the event (and if you're bringing a guest) so we know how much food to prepare.

**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 - \$67,231.15

Unpaid pledges - \$51,205.47

Total project funds - \$118,436.62

Remaining Pledges needed - \$131,563.38

**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.

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

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### **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

**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:**  
Vernetta Jangula at the death of her husband, Norbert; Lynae Poel on the death of her husband, Eldean.

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## **Zion Calendar**

### **SUNDAY – December 5**

8:30 AM Traditional Worship with H/C  
9:30 AM Men's pancake breakfast  
9:40 AM Sunday School  
9:45 AM MS & HS Youth Group  
9:45 AM Common Grounds  
10:45 AM Contemp. Worship with H/C  
5:30 PM Divine Drama Fellowship  
6:00 PM Divine Drama class

### **MONDAY – December 6**

10:00 AM Divine Drama Fellowship  
10:30-noon – Divine Drama class  
1:00 PM Quilters  
2:00 PM Prayer Shawl  
7:00 PM GA meeting

### **TUESDAY – December 7**

1:15 PM Staff meeting

### **WEDNESDAY – December 8**

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

### **THURSDAY – December 9**

1:00 PM Quilters

### **SATURDAY – December 11**

5:00 PM Angel Tree Shopping & Christmas lights

### **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