

Announcements for December 18, 2022

Leading Worship Today (10:00 AM):

Presiding: Pastor Jim Holthus

Worship Assistant: Phyllis Gab

Sound: Steve Ottenbacher

PowerPoint: Judy Albl

Communion Server: Zach Anderson

Lector: Sunday School Program

Ushers: Lyle & Lois Chapin; Leonard Berger

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

Zion Worship Opportunities

Winter Worship: There will be one worship service available on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM. This worship service will include Holy Communion each week, will be livestreamed, and will include a live radio broadcast on KSDN radio: 930 AM and 102.1 FM. As a general rule, traditional music will be featured on the first and third Sundays of the month; contemporary music will be on the second and fourth Sundays.

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

Kids' Time will be available during the Sunday morning worship service.

ZION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Jena German – 216-3708

Ed Suchomel – 380-6375

Joel Albrecht - 216-4633

Nancy Schmidt – 216-6880

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

Zion's Radio Broadcast is heard each week at 9:30 am on **KSDN radio (930 AM & 102.1 FM)**. Today's broadcast is sponsored by Dennis & Julie Beusch in memory of Julie's sister, Anita Lines, who passed away four years ago.

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.

DECEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING is

St. Dysmas, which is an ELCA congregation located behind the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls and Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield. We also support a Sunday evening worship at the Yankton Minimum Unit in Yankton, SD. Your support is crucial to sustaining our strong and dynamic ministries. Thanks for supporting their work!

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 9:00 AM worship service. If you would like a ride to worship, or are willing to drive, please call the church office @225-6755.

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE – The Zion cookbooks are almost gone! 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.

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.

MATERIAL NEEDED - The quilters are in need of children's themed material to make quilts for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace". Please bring to the church if you have any or find any at the store. Thanks so much!

WITH TWO HOSPITALS – PLEASE CONTACT US: Sanford and Avera St. Luke's– our area health care facilities - do not contact the church about admissions. It is vital that patients and families contact the church to notify us of pastoral care needs. If you or a loved one is hospitalized, or in need of a pastor, call the church office at 225-6755.

WE ARE IN NEED OF ONE MORE POWER POINT AND SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR, ALONG WITH COMMUNION SERVERS - If you would be

interested in being in the rotation for running the power point or soundboard for our Sunday for worship at 9:00 AM, please let Sandra, or Kathy Heffernan know or call the church office at 225-6755. No experience necessary - training is provided!

MEAL KITS - Do you shop at Ken's and often find yourself turning down the 'Deal of the Week' that is offered to you? If so, please consider accepting these usually free items and donating them to the Mission and Outreach committee. In addition to our freezer meal ministry, we are also putting together meal kits that include all of the ingredients to quick, easy meals for families in need.

ORGAN RESTORATION FUNDRAISER - The Organ Restoration committee is selling squares for \$5 a square for the opportunity to win one of 9 gift cards in denominations from \$25 to \$100. Once all 150 squares are sold, winners will be randomly selected with the first person drawn getting a \$100 Ken's gift card then from highest value to lowest. Each square may only win once.

Thank you to Ken's Superfair Foods, CorTrust Bank, and Primerica for the donation of the gift cards. If you have any questions, reach out to any member of the Organ Committee.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES – Your 2023 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Fellowship Hall. Please do not begin using these until **January**.

BEDDING DRIVE - Mission and Outreach is planning a bedding drive for Sleep in Heavenly Peace which will be held in January, 2023. We are collecting new or gently used kid themed twin-sized items. Keep this in mind as you do your holiday shopping.

TREE OF SAINTS - Again 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 Epiphany.

Sales continue through Sunday, December 18th. All proceeds benefit the youth attending the Denver service trip next summer.

SERVICE TIME CHANGE (Sunday, December 18th)

- The Zion Council voted at their November meeting to hold one worship service on **Sunday, December 18th at 10:00 AM.** This change is for one Sunday only and to allow all the opportunity to enjoy the Sunday School Christmas Program that will be held during worship on that day. Holy Communion will still be served, and the radio broadcast for that day will be pre-recorded.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - The Sunday School children will be holding their annual Christmas program during the 10:00 AM worship service on Sunday, December 18th.

Practice for the program will be on Saturday, December 17th from 10-11 AM.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - 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 Narthex. The display will remain through Epiphany in January—bring your cards anytime!

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion services will be Saturday, December 24th at 3:30 & 5:00 PM. Christmas Day service is at 9:00 AM with a live radio broadcast.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - Zion's Altar Guild invites members to purchase a poinsettia at a local business and bring it to church between **December 18-21.** 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 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 21 during office hours. Your generosity in beautifying the sanctuary for Christmas Eve is greatly appreciated!

FREEZER MEAL SALES – Thank you to all who purchased freezer meals to support our youth programming! Meals will be ready for pickup after church TODAY! Cost is \$20 per meal and can be picked up from the kitchen.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Wednesday, December 21st at 8:00 PM, there will be a men's meeting at The One Legged Pheasant for an opportunity for fellowship. Please feel free to invite a friend, and we will see you there!

MAKE A WISH – New Year's Eve Benefit Dance will be Saturday, December 31st at the Best Western Ramkota; 1400 8th Avenue NW at 7:30 PM. Tickets available at the door. Adults; \$35, kids 12 & under; \$15, Kids 5 & under are free. See the kiosk for more information. Join us for an evening of fun as we support a good cause.

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:**
Delbert Lunzman, Lois Leicht, Natalie Geffre, Julie Beusch, Marilyn Thoreson, Michael Chapin, Wade Nibble

*** For those diagnosed with cancer or other long-term illness:** Jerry Gab, Connie Sorensen, Duane Wagemann, Barb Gardner, Ken Cordingly & Esther Ottenbacher

Zion Calendar

SUNDAY – December 18

9:00 AM Sunday School Practice
10:00 AM Worship with SS Program
11:00 AM Fellowship Time

MONDAY – December 19

1:00 PM Quilters
7:00 PM GA meeting

TUESDAY – December 20

3:30 PM Office closed
6:30 PM Church Council

WEDNESDAY – December 21

10:00 AM Preschool Christmas Program
2:00 PM Preschool Christmas Program
8:00 PM Men's Fellowship Event
8:30 PM AA Meeting

THURSDAY – December 22

10:00 AM Preschool Christmas Program

FRIDAY – December 23

OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY – December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

3:30 & 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship with
candlelight and Holy Communion

SUNDAY – December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

9:00 AM Worship

MONDAY – December 26

OFFICE CLOSED