

Announcements for December 4, 2022

Leading Worship Today (9:00 AM):

Preaching: Pastor Jim Holthus

Worship Assistant: Monica Tietz

Sound: Steve Ottenbacher

PowerPoint: Judy Albl

Communion Server: Marcie Andersh

Lector: Marcie Andersh

Ushers: Lenny Tietz, Karl Kempf, Glenn Denning

Organist: Sonya Kempf

Soloist: Zach Anderson

Zion Worship Opportunities

Fall 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 \$55.00. You are welcome to donate in

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 Gwen Heyd & Pat Ackerson to wish everyone in person and at home a Merry Christmas!

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.

DECEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING is

St. Dymas, 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!

ORGAN RESTORATION GIFTS – As you remember your loved ones this year, 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.

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!

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE—The Ministry Site Profile for calling a new pastor has been completed, approved by the church council and the synod. Our information is now available online through the ELCA for viewing by interested pastors. Continue to pray for our congregation and an answer to our call.

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.

HAT & MITTEN DRIVE sponsored by the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce is October 13 thru December 12. Requested items include: winter hats, mittens scarves, warm socks, underwear, undershirts, and school supplies. For more information go to Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce Website. See the Zion kiosk for a list of drop off locations.

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.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES - Join us as we wait in anticipation of our Savior's birth! Midweek Advent worship services will be held on **Wednesday, December 7th at 6:05 PM**; services will be livestreamed. There will be freewill suppers before worship from 5:15-6:00 PM.

MEN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Join us today 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!

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.

FELLOWSHIP EVENT WITH NSU LUMIN - There will be a service and fellowship event for our middle and high school youth on Sunday, December 4 starting at 4:00 PM. We will be making protein balls to deliver to our essential workers and enjoying supper and games with

members of the college Lumin (campus ministry group). Join us for a night of faith and fun!

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

FREEZER MEAL SALES - The busy holiday season is quickly approaching - let us cook for you! The youth are selling homemade freezer meals of chicken alfredo and pizza bake for you to take home just in time for Christmas. Simply thaw and bake for an easy meal to feed a crowd!

Sales run through Wednesday, December 7, and meals will be ready for pickup on Sunday, December 18 after worship.

Cost is \$20 a pan, and each 9x13 pan also includes a side of garlic toast. To purchase, please stop at the table in the narthex or call the church office.

HOLIDAY DITCH - Do you have gifts to shop for? Errands you just have to get done? Baking to do? Presents to wrap? Do you just need a couple of hours to grab a cup of coffee with a friend or time to watch your favorite holiday movie? We've got you covered!

"Ditch" your kids with our top-notch preschool teacher and responsible helpers for a couple hours of free time on Sunday, December 11 from 2-4 PM! Kids will enjoy their time playing

games, watching a short holiday movie, making crafts, coloring, and enjoying snacks while you get to do whatever you want!

Cost is a free-will offering (suggested minimum \$5/child) and proceeds will benefit our Zion Preschool and Youth programs. This event is for children in grades PreK-5, and all children need to be potty trained.

Please call the church office (225-6755) to register your child(ren) by Wednesday, December 7. A limited number of walk-in spots will be available on the day of.

FELLOWSHIP TIME ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 11th

is sponsored by the Zion Altar Guild. They will be providing Christmas goodies for a freewill offering to fund Altar Guild projects, such as oil for the candles, candles for the Eternal Light candle, wafers, wine and cups for communion.

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 TO OUR SHUTINS

Christmas cards will be mailed 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 Thursday, December 15.

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.

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

***This week we pray especially for God's comfort, healing, protection, strength, and peace to be with:** The family of Dan Hadley who passed away this past week.

Zion Calendar

SUNDAY – December 4

9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 AM Men's Pancake Breakfast
10:10 Intergenerational Sunday School
10:15 AM Adult Mission Trip Meeting in Classrooms A&B
4:00 PM MS & HS joint event with Lumin

MONDAY – December 5

1:00 PM Quilters
5:30 PM Preschool Committee mtg.
7:00 PM GA meeting

TUESDAY – December 6

1:15 PM Staff mtg.

WEDNESDAY – December 7

5:15 PM Advent Supper

6:05 PM Advent Worship

8:30 PM AA Meeting

THURSDAY – December 8

Kitchen in use

FRIDAY – December 9

Kitchen in use

5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal

6:15 PM Rehearsal Dinner

SATURDAY – December 10

3:00 PM Wedding @ Zion

SUNDAY – December 11

9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion

10:10 Sunday School – Advent Fair

10:15 AM Altar Guild mtg.