

Announcements for December 17, 2023

Leading Worship Today (9:00 AM):

Preaching: Pastor Jim Holthus

Lector: Harper Bretsch

Sound: Zach Anderson

PowerPoint: Wanda Wagemann

Communion Server: Chastity Madsen; Brent Stanek

Ushers: Lois Chapin, Lenny Berger, Carter Moser, Dominic Kolb

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

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:

Ed Suchomel – 380-6375

Chastity Madsen – 252-0523

Brent Stanek – 712-302-5252

Joel Albrecht – 226-2853

Ways to Give

Zion radio broadcast - Generous sponsors provide for each Sunday's radio broadcast. Would you consider donating either the whole

Zion's Radio Broadcast is heard each week at 9:00 am on **KSDN radio (930 AM & 102.1 FM)**. Today's broadcast is sponsored by the Zion Lutheran Women wishing everyone a blessed holiday season.

\$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.

DECEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING IS ST. DYSMAS -

St. Dismas is an ELCA congregation located behind the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, SD and Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, SD. 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. We welcome you to worship with us. We would not be here without your generous and faithful financial support.

Thanks for helping us help them.

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.

NOISY OFFERING will be collected during each service on the second Sunday of each 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.

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.

THRIVENT CHOICE - Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars - A heartfelt thanks to all of you who have used Thrivent's generosity programs to support Zion. The outreach funding we receive from both you and Thrivent helps us to continue our important mission. Thank you for your support. Eligible Thrivent clients with membership: Please consider directing Choice Dollars to us. You can make a profound impact! * For more information about the Thrivent Choice program and Choice Dollars:

- Visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
- Call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.
- Contact your Thrivent financial advisor

PUZZLE CHECKOUT - Puzzles are back! In Classroom C, there is a table with puzzles available for Checkout. Simply write your name, phone number, puzzle title, and checkout date on the sheet. When you return the puzzle, please put the check in date. If you have any new or gently used puzzles of 500 pieces or more (with all pieces) that you would like to donate, please bring them to the office.

ORGAN KEYS SALE - Stop by the table in the Narthex and check out the finished engraved keyboard that has been delivered from J.F. Nordlie for our organ key sale. You may purchase a key for \$50 or a pedal for \$250. They will be engraved in honor or memory of, in celebration of or simply with your name to support the effort to fund our organ restoration.

If you would like to purchase a key or a pedal or have questions, please contact a member of the committee.

Zachary Anderson: 252-1229; Sue Gates: 290-1684; Nicole Kempf: 228-5218; Sonya Kempf: 228-2490; Sharon Stroschein: 228-1299

KESSLER'S & KEN'S RECEIPTS—We will again be collecting Ken's and Kessler's receipts. These receipts will be donated to the Bethesda Learning Academy, as we are a partner congregation in their organization. Receipts have to be collected for and donated to an established school or preschool. Receipts can be dated from August 15, 2023 - May 31, 2024. Thank you for your donations in support!

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

Ornaments are \$5 each and will be customized with your loved one's name; they then will be placed on the Tree of Saints at the back of the sanctuary and will be displayed through the Christmas season.

Sales will continue through Sunday, December 17th. Ornaments will be angels. All proceeds from the ornament sales benefit the youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – The ZLCW are hosting a Christmas Luncheon (in honor of the SS children) following the Sunday School Christmas Program on December 17th at about 10:45 AM. Everyone is invited as well as any guests. We are asking everyone to bring a plate of Christmas Goodies for dessert. There will be a free will offering given to the Sunday School. Please come and enjoy the Christmas Fellowship.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES will conclude on Wednesday, December 20th at 6:05 PM. Chicken wild rice soup, sandwiches & dessert will be served from 5:15-6:00 PM.

PASTOR JIM ~ CARD APPRECIATION—The basket is in the church office for cards brought in during the week thru the month of December. PJ's last day with us is December 31st. Hope you can come to wish him well in his new endeavor.

ALLEVITY FUN NIGHT - Mark the date on your calendar on Wednesday, December 27 from 6-9 PM, Zion will be having a night out at Allevity Entertainment! 10% of all sales during this time will be given to the youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer. The event is open to all! Grab some friends and family, and stop down to have some fun while supporting our youth programming!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - The Sunday School children will be holding their annual Christmas program during the 9:00 AM worship service on Sunday, December 17th. Following the program, there will be a meal hosted by the Zion Women with free will offering benefitting Sunday School programming.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES will be Sunday, December 24th at 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM. Both services will include holy communion and candle light.

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 20 during office hours. Your generosity in beautifying the sanctuary for Christmas Eve is greatly appreciated!

ORGAN RESTORATION QUILT RAFFLE

Special thanks to Julie Beusch for the donation of a beautiful quilt to be raffled off with proceeds to go towards the Organ Restoration. Ticket sales begin today will be sold all of December. Tickets can be purchased during the week in the church office. The quilt will be

raffled off on Sunday, December 31st during the coffee hour.

Tickets will be 1 for \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00. Grab your tickets soon for a chance to win this beautiful quilt!

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are out on a table in the Fellowship Hall. Please take time to find yours and keep them in a safe place until January when you can begin using them. Please don't use the new ones until January 2024. THANKS!

TABLE OF PLENTY – The TOP Meal for December is **Thursday, December 21st from 5:30-7:00 PM.** (Note date change due to the holiday). Make plans to join us for the meal of ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll & corn, sponsored by Mike Miller Elementary.

We are asking for the congregations help with dessert. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to help by bringing a dessert for the meal. (Thanks to those who have signed up). Please bring your dessert to the kitchen by noon on Thursday the 21st. Thanks!

If you are interested in supporting this ministry by volunteering, please contact Nicole Schutter at 670-6216 or Marissa Jondahl at 228-3524. Thanks to all who have volunteered.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

On Wednesday, December 27th at 8:00 PM, there will be a men's meeting at Dempsey's for an opportunity for fellowship. This is intended to be extremely informal and an opportunity to get to

know one another. Please feel free to invite a friend, and we will see you there!

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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:** Joyce Mentzer, Bob Mentzer, Lyle Chapin, Sharon Wagemann, Leo Schumacher, Michael Luitjens, Lois Leicht, Marlys Luitjens, Duane Mullner

*** For those diagnosed with cancer or other long-term illness:** Jerry Gab, Connie Sorenson, Ken Cordingley, Barb Gardner, Esther Ottenbacher, Greg Hanson

Zion Calendar

SUNDAY – December 17

9:00 AM Worship with H\C &
Sunday School Christmas Program
10:00 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM Church Council
10:45 AM Christmas Luncheon

MONDAY – December 18

1:00 PM Quilter's
7:00 PM GA Meeting

WEDNESDAY – December 20

5:15 PM Advent Supper

6:05 PM Advent Worship

8:00 PM AA @ Zion

THURSDAY – December 21

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

1:00 PM Quilter's

5:30 PM Table of Plenty Meal

FRIDAY – December 22

OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY – December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

9:00 AM Worship with Candle light & H\C

4:00 PM Worship with Candle light & H\C