

Zion Lutheran Church Weekly News

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Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Worship: Sunday at 9:00 am

2nd and 4th Saturdays at 5:00 pm (with Holy Communion)

Early Childhood Education Center

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Welcome! If you are a visitor and unfamiliar with Zion Lutheran Church, here are a few things that might help you:

- ⇒ First, thanks for coming! Every church is different, so give yourself some time to get used to our practices. We delight in having visitors and everyone around you is happy to help if you are not sure what to do.
- ⇒ Childcare is available during the service in room 2 of our Early Childhood Education Center which is located downstairs. Ask an usher and they will guide you to the nursery. Worship bags for children are located outside the sanctuary, and a soundproof room is located at the rear of the church.
- ⇒ Restrooms are located to your left, down the hall as you come through the front doors (to your right as you exit the church).
- ⇒ During the offering, please take the time to register your attendance by signing the friendship book and passing it down the rest of the row. This helps us to know you better and is a way of seeing who we haven't seen for awhile due to illness or other circumstances.
- ⇒ Communion is offered every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays, and 2nd and 4th Saturdays. After receiving the wafer, you have a choice of wine from either the individual cup or the common cup. In the center of the individual cup tray is non-alcoholic grape juice. It is lighter in color. The used individual cups are placed in the baskets on either side as you return to your seat. If you are physically unable to walk to communion, please let an usher know so that the pastor can personally bring the Lord's Supper to you at your pew. If you have any questions about the significance of receiving the sacrament, please see page 2 of our worship bulletin.

ABOUT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

Zion Lutheran Church is a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). The LCMS is a mission-oriented, Bible-based, confessional Christian denomination headquartered in St. Louis, Mo. Founded in 1847, the LCMS has more than 2.3 million baptized members in some 6,200 congregations and more than 9,000 pastors. Two seminaries and 10 colleges and universities operate under the auspices of the LCMS, and its congregations operate the largest Protestant parochial school system in America. The church broadcasts the saving message of Jesus Christ over KFUE Radio, and it has relationships and active mission work in 89 countries around the world. In the last five years, the LCMS has awarded more than \$35 million through more than 900 domestic and international grants for emergency response and disaster relief. Today, the LCMS is in full doctrinal fellowship with 33 other confessional Lutheran church bodies worldwide and is a founding partner of Lutheran Services in America, a social ministry organization serving one in every 50 Americans. For more information, visit www.lcms.org.

Zion Lutheran Early Childhood Education Center

A Reggio-inspired and Music Together Preschool® for 2-6 years old

Morning Pre School ☺ Afternoon Pre-school Enrichment Programs

K+ (Kindergarten Enrichment) ☺ Childcare Until 4:30 pm

Visitors welcome! Please call the Early Childhood Center: 630-323-0065

www.zionlutheranecec@zionhinsdale.org

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Christine Justema; Administrative Assistant

Confirmation /Religious Classes

Midweek Christian Education program for 3rd and 4th grade.

Zion Congregation offers a Biblically based program for children grades 3-8 every Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. God's Word will help to inform and prepare children with the kind of values needed in these challenging times. Christian fellowship with others, music, snacks, and caring teachers await your child. These classes are open to any child – Lutheran or not. If you know of someone who would like to attend these classes, pick up an informational packet in the gathering area of the church.

Call or write for more information:

Pastor Klein at 630-323-0384 or pastor.jay.klein@gmail.com.

NO CLASSES DECEMBER 27TH OR JANUARY 3RD

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 8:00 AM – In the fellowship hall.

LADIES 1ST, 3RD, 5TH WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 9:45 AM – In the fellowship hall.

THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 6:00 AM – In the lobby of the church.

BEGINNING THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH AT 9:15 AM: BETH MOORE'S "THE INHERITANCE"

During this study you will be asked to explore how you were chosen to be an heir in Gods Kingdom, and you will learn about what that means to be an heiress of Christ. *What are your spiritual gifts? Do you view God as a Giver or a Taker?* Psalm 16:5-6, is the basis for this study.

Sunday School – 9:00 AM

Children gather in church with their parents at the beginning of the service. After the children are invited up front for a short prayer, they are led downstairs to Sunday school by their teacher.

Words of Wisdom

Stewardship

When God wanted to let the world know what was really in His heart He didn't simply send another prophet but instead sent His only-begotten Son to be born as a human being of the Virgin Mary. God's most precious Christmas gift moves us to show our joy and gratitude in works of love. Christian stewards do good things, not to earn God's favor, but as a response to His extravagant love and gift of a Savior.



“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. Isaiah 9:6-7a

In and Around Zion

Celebrating our 125th Anniversary in 2013



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please mark your new 2012 Calendars: There is a Congregational Meeting scheduled after the service on Sunday, January 8th at approximately 10:15 am. Please plan to attend.

Offering Envelopes

Your 2012 Offering Envelopes are ready to be picked up in the gathering area. Please help the church save on postage by taking yours and/or a relative's with you. Thank you!

Sharing Connections

Sharing Connections has a critical need for the following items for low-income families who have been affected by life challenges including fires, floods, illness, and domestic violence:

Dishes

Cleaning Products

Bed Linens

Towels

Silverware

Pots & Pans

Unopened Personal Care Items

Drop off items Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am to noon. Sharing Connections is located at 5111 Chase Avenue, Downers Grove, IL. Their phone number is 630-971-0565.

Safety & Self Defense Class for Women

The Hinsdale Police Department is presenting a Safety & Self-Defense class designed for female high school and college aged women. This 2 ½ hour class will address awareness, alertness, preparation and self-defense techniques that will help in many situations. The class will be held on Thursday, December 29th from 9-11:30 am at the Hinsdale Police Department, 121 Symonds Drive. For more information contact Office Mike Coughlin, 630-789-7084 or email at mcoughlin@villageofhinsdale.org.

Global Links

Zion Lutheran is linked to Russia, where Rev. Alan Ludwig serves. He writes, "Every Reformation Day, I marvel as I hear how clearly and purely the Gospel is proclaimed here. How can this be when less than a generation ago no one preached the Word of grace at all? And yet, the Lutheran church is no stranger here. The Reformation came to Russia already during the 16th century, and continues today, despite decades in the 20th century when its public voice was silent. Like a vigorous plant, the Lutheran confession has sprouted, grown, budded and blossomed after being cut down. The difference now is that in the old days, Lutherans were ethnic Germans, Scandinavians and other foreigners transplanted to Russia, with liturgies and hymns in the languages of their motherlands. Now, the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church is ethnically Russian and is Russian-speaking. It is made up almost entirely of people who have no ethnic Lutheran heritage, but whom the Spirit has led to the conviction that the Gospel of God's grace in Jesus Christ is the truth that sets them free."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JOPLIN MO

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Joplin Missouri is looking for help in January and February. There are 5 homes under roof they need help finishing. While their 1st request is for skilled help, they may also need laborers who could lend a hand. Some men from Zion are looking into getting a group together. Interested workers are asked to contact Pastor Klein. Volunteers can call the church office at 630-323-0384.

NID Pastor's Fund

A Christmas fund for NID pastors has been established this year at Zion to assist 3 ministers who are experiencing financial distress. **Thank you** to all who have contributed to this fund so far. Contributions are still welcome. Please mark your contribution "NID Pastor Relief" and place it in the offering plate or deliver it to the church office. Thank you!

Lutheran Church Charities

Lutheran Church Charities connects needs with resources, working with more than 400 congregations to help Christians "Make a Difference in People's Lives and in God's Kingdom." You can help Lutheran Church Charities continue their work in 2012 by donating to Lutheran Church Charities, 333 W lake Street, Addison IL 60101. Dollar for dollar goes to help with many, many causes. Visit their website for more information: www.lutheranchurchcharities.org.

This Week at Zion

Sunday December 25

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

Monday December 26

Church Office Closed

Tuesday December 27

9:00 am Quilters

4:00 pm **NO** 3rd – 8th Grade Religious Education Classes Today

Thursday December 29

6:00 am Men's Bible Class

Friday December 30

Church Office Closed at Noon

Saturday December 31

5:00 pm New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion and New Year's Eve Fellowship Afterwards

Sunday January 1, 2012

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

Beth Moore's
"The Inheritance" – Psalm 16:5-6

Ladies:

What are your spiritual gifts?

Do you view God as a Giver or a Taker?

During this study you will be asked to explore how you were chosen to be an heir in Gods Kingdom, and you will learn about what that means to be an heiress of Christ.

When:

Thursdays, beginning January 12th
for 9 weeks

Time: 9:15 – 11:00 am

Where: Zion Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$30.00 covers all materials

Childcare will be provided.

To register, pick up a registration form
in the gathering area.

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

**What Are You Doing
For New Year's Eve?**

Whatever it is -

Why not begin it here at Zion?
Worship with Holy Communion
at 5:00 pm

New Year's Eve fellowship
after the service.

Sparkling Punch & Appetizers
will be served.

Come and join us!

SERVING SUNDAY DECEMBER 25 @ 9:00 AM

Pastor - Jay Klein
Director OF Parish Music - Debra Miller
Organist - Diane Grover
Greeters - Phil Albert, Amanda Stewart
Elders - Jon Sletten, Randy McGivney
Acolytes - Anthony Fuller, Sandro Rodriguez
Ushers - Phil Albert, Jim Klotz, Dave Bertermann, Marion Sletten
Altar Guild - Linda DeFranco, Marilyn Zimmerman, Donna Ellefsen

SERVING SATURDAY NEW YEAR'S EVE DECEMBER 31

Pastor - Jay Klein
Director of Parish Music - Debra Miller
Organist - Diane Grover
Elder - Rolly Geiger

SERVING SUNDAY NEW YEAR'S DAY JANUARY 1 @ 9:00 AM

Pastor - Jay Klein
Director OF Parish Music - Debra Miller
Organist - Diane Grover
Greeters - Phil Albert, Louise Smith
Elders - Steve Swenson, Bob Barnett
Ushers - Phil Albert, Steve Swenson, Ed & Sandra Timmermann
Altar Guild - Joan Gray, Ruth Schech, Linda DeFranco

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

IRS regulations require that all contributions for 2011 must be received by midnight, December 31, 2011. Also, if you have any outstanding bills to be paid for 2011 kindly turn in prior to December 31, 2011. Thank you!

Rejoice Glory

IN THE OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, December 24th

5:00 pm Twilight Family Worship
10:30 pm Caroling from the Balcony
11:00 pm Candlelight Service

Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 25th

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

New Year's Eve Worship

Saturday, December 31st

5:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion
New Year's Eve Fellowship following the Service

New Year's Day Worship

Sunday January 1st 2012

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

