

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)

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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 KFUD 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

Peggy Farrell; Director

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.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

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

THE LAST TIMES

What happens when a follower of Christ leaves this world?

What occurs when an unbeliever leaves this life?

How near are we to the end of the world?

What will occur in the last days before the world ends?

What will happen when Jesus Christ returns? Then what? What will we be like?

Come and ponder what great things the Lord will do in the last times!

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

LADIES MONDAY EVENING 6:30 PM – In the lobby of the church.

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

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

Watch and wait with joyful expectation! St. Peter reminded the people of his day and us as well that the Lord will come again to receive His people into a new heaven and a new earth where we will live in peace and righteousness forever. May God's Spirit bless us so that we may live lives worthy of our high calling as stewards of all that God has given to us to manage for His purposes.

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad”

(2 Cor. 5:10).

In and Around Zion

Celebrating our 125th Anniversary in 2013

Zion Christmas Cards Available

It's time to buy Christmas cards and Ladies Guild is making it easy for you. They have a nice selection of cards that depict the historic Heyne nativity story paintings that decorate the exterior of Zion during advent.

The cards are packaged 12 to a bag, mixed or single images for \$6.00. Note cards also available – 6 for \$3.00. Either may also be purchased individually at 50¢ per card. You may put your payment in the envelopes provided and deposit the envelope in the offering plate or give to Jean in the church office.

EASY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Have you checked out the display in the gathering area yet? There is lots of information about Christmas presents to order from CPH! We will order on Dec 5 and orders should be here by Dec 11th.

Check out the Christmas catalog for: Children's books for Christmas, Decorations for your home, Advent wreaths, Ornaments, Stocking stuffers, Devotional books, CDs of Christian music, Children's Bibles, Presents for everyone: men, women, teens, kids!

Also on sale is The Lutheran Study Bible (TLSB), an ESV Bible with all Lutheran commentary and notes and Concordia's new Complete Bible Handbook for Students: for "students" of all ages.

To Be Given Away . . .

Someone has a twin size water bed in very good condition that they are willing to give away to anyone who would like it. Call the church office (630-323-0384) if interested.

Garage Space Needed

If you or someone you know has space in a garage to lease for a pick-up truck, please contact George Mueller at 630-964-3376.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF NEW DRIVERS

Have a new driver or "soon-to-be" driver in the household? Sign them up for the upcoming "Alive at 25" defensive driving class hosted by the Hinsdale Police Department. The class will be held on Tuesday December 20, 2011 at The Community House. To register go to: www.villageofhinsdale.org/pd/Informationalalert.php.

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Students from Mrs. Kowalski's 3-year-old class help decorate their classroom Christmas Tree!

MISSIONS AND HUMAN CARE

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

Christmas items needed:

New toys for children up to 12 years old

Board games for families

Stocking Stuffers

Gift cards for teens

These items help a family keep their home and themselves with dignity this holiday season. 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.

Global Links

Zion Lutheran is linked to Nigeria, where Rev. David and Joyce Erber serve as missionaries. They write, "From Sept. 5-11, the Lutheran Church of Nigeria (LCN), an

LCMS sister/partner church, celebrated its 75th anniversary. In 1936, the first Lutheran missionaries came to Nigeria at the request of the Ibesikpo people. Over the years, many LCMS missionaries served in Nigeria. Some missionaries who came to this land, once known as ‘the white man's grave,’ are buried at the church's headquarters in Obot Idim. We praise God who sent His Son that whoever believes in Him is not lost but celebrates new life for today and all eternity! May God grant that many more join the celebration!”

This Week at Zion

Sunday December 4

8:00 am Adult Bible Class

9:00 am Worship with Holy

Communion

9:00 am Sunday School

Monday December 5

6:45 pm Women’s Evening Bible Class

7:00 pm ECEC Board Meeting

7:00 pm Elders

Tuesday December 6

9:00 am Quilters

4:00 pm 3rd – 8th Grade Religious

Education Classes

Wednesday December 7

9:45 am Ladies Bible Class

11:15 am Advent Worship

12:00 pm Senior Pot Luck Lunch

7:15 pm Advent Worship

Thursday December 8

6:00 am Men’s Bible Class

6:30 pm Bells

7:30 pm Adult Choir

Saturday December 10

9:00 am Altar Guild Meeting

9:00 am ECEC Sitter Service

5:00 pm Worship with Holy

Communion

Sunday December 11

8:00 am Adult Bible Class

9:00 am Worship

9:00 am Sunday School

11:30 am ECEC Christmas Program

Zion's Early Childhood Education Center Presents:

**SATURDAY SITTER SERVICE, SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 10TH, 9AM – 12PM**

Activities, music, games, snacks & more for
children aged 1-10.

Free of Charge – For Reservations
Call 630/323-0065

*2nd Sunday in
Advent*

SERVING SUNDAY DECEMBER 4

Pastor - Jay Klein
Organist - Diane Grover
Greeters - Mike & Jackie McCaleb
Reader - Mike Henshaw
Elder - Rolly Geiger
Worship Assistant - Evan Kenney
Acolyte - Charlie Justema
Ushers - Doug Brooks, Mike Henshaw, George Zirzow, Don Riehm
Altar Guild - Linda DeFranco, Marilyn Zimmerman, Suzanne McGivney

SERVING WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7

Pastor - James Haberkost
11:15 am Director of Music - Debra Miller
7:15 pm Organist - Diane Grover
7:15 pm Elder - Steve Swenson

SERVING SATURDAY DECEMBER 10

Pastor - Jay Klein
Organist - Diane Grover
Elder - Randy McGivney

SERVING SUNDAY DECEMBER 11

Pastor - Jay Klein
Organist - Diane Grover
Greeters - Louise Smith, Sue Holtz
Reader - Jon Sletten
Elder - Jon Sletten
Acolyte - Gretchen Groenewold, Colin Fuller Jr.
Ushers - Arnie, Adam, Alex Berg, Amanda Stewart
Altar Guild - Linda DeFranco, Marilyn Zimmerman, Donna Ellefsen

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Midweek Advent Worship

Wednesday, December 7th

11:15 am & 7:15 pm

Senior Pot Luck after the 11:15 am morning worship

Wednesday, December 14th

11:15 am & 7:15 pm

Senior Soup & Dessert after the 11:15 am service

Blue Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 21st at 7:15 pm

This time of year is a joyful one for most people, but there are many for whom it is difficult period because they are dealing with job loss, death or estrangement in the family. Clinical depression and other life challenges. This year, Zion is sponsoring a “Blue Christmas,” a quiet, reflective service designed for those who have a hard time finding joy in the holiday season.

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

We would like to give a special thanks to all the woman who helped with the Woman’s Advent Program last Tuesday. It was a calming, enjoyable night and much appreciated by the many women who attended. *“Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.”* – Psalm 95:2. We’ll see you next year!