

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 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

On this first Sunday after Christmas we rejoice that at the right time God sent His Son to be the best Christmas gift that any human being could ever receive. This gift moves us to be Christian stewards who relate to others in God-pleasing and people-blessing ways.

“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed;
a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions” (Luke 12:15).

*May the Lord bless you and keep you, and make His face
to shine upon you and give you peace.*

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!

Monday Night Women's Bible Class

"Great Women of the Bible from the Wives of David to Esther"

In this four-session, small-group women's Bible study, we will look at the lives of the wives of David (Michal, Abigail, Bathsheba), Jezebel, The Shunnamite, and Esther. We will see God's grace in action as He calls and leads these women in their daily lives. Through their God-given faith and their faith-filled deeds, you will be inspired by these women of the Bible. And, we will learn from one of the most wicked women in the Bible how dangerous it is to take sin lightly.

The Bible not only gives us the names of these great women, but also describes their sorrows and joys, their defeats and victories, their intense private moments and important public duties. In contrast to the inaccurate myth that the Bible is an antiquated piece of misogynistic literature, the Bible portrays women as God's creatures, different yet fully equal with men, fallen in sin yet redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.

Come join us on Monday nights from 6:45 to 8:15 in the gathering area of the church as we let God's Word speak to us and encourage one another in our Walk with God. We will meet Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 13. Cost for this class will be \$4. Please call the church office at 630-323-0384 to let us know you are coming so we can get the materials to 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.

Global Links

Zion Lutheran is linked to Hong Kong, where GEO* missionary Matt Fick serves. He writes, “While in Hong Kong for a conference recently, a high school student asked a fellow missionary and me, ‘Why do you believe in God?’ I explained that I was blessed to have been raised in a Christian home. I heard Bible stories even before I can remember. But I know that I do bad things. Because of this, I know I need someone to save me, and Jesus did this for me. Because God loves us so much, Jesus died for all the bad things I do. I don’t do good things all the time, but I know that God sees me through Jesus’ goodness. I’ve also seen people change – they try to do good after they believe in God. That’s what’s so amazing about God – He changes people. At this point, I asked her and her friends about their beliefs. While none of them believe in God, they are at least hearing about God’s Word in the Lutheran school they are attending. Pray that they may continue opening their hearts to God and that the Holy Spirit uses moments such as these to bring them to faith.”

**Note: GEO missionaries serve for one- to two-year terms in locations around the world.*

Volunteers

It’s a new year and we need new volunteers for Childcare during the Sunday morning worship services, Sunday School teachers, coffee hour donations and Childcare volunteers on Thursday mornings for 9 weeks beginning January 12th. Sign-up sheets are located in the gathering area. All of us working together can make it work! Thanks!

This Week at Zion

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sunday January 1, 2012

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

Monday January 2

Church Office Closed
ECEC Closed

Tuesday January 3

ECEC Classes Resume

9:00 am Quilters

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

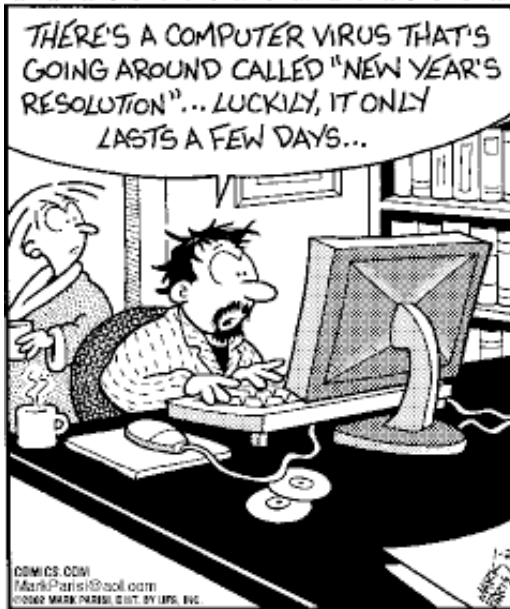
Wednesday January 4

9:45 am Ladies Bible Class

Thursday January 5

6:00 am Men's Bible Class

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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 God's 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.

SERVING TODAY

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

SERVING SUNDAY JANUARY 8

Pastor - Jay Klein

Director OF Parish Music - Debra Miller

Organist - Diane Grover

Greeters - Mike & Jackie McCaleb

Elders - Colin Fuller

Acolytes - Charlie Justema, Sandro Rodriguez

Ushers - Ken & Ann Foody, Tony & Linda DeFranco

Altar Guild - Joan Gray, Ruth Schech, Linda DeFranco

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

For the Word of the Lord is right and true;
He is faithful in all He does. Psalm 33:4

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