

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 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

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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.

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

By the same power of God that raised Jesus from the grave we are by virtue of our baptisms empowered to live renewed lives that demonstrate we really are the redeemed people of God. Our words and works of love as God’s stewards are the proper responses to God’s great love for us in Christ and a blessing to those around us.



“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).

In and Around Zion

Celebrating our 125th Anniversary in 2013

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There is a Congregational Meeting after the service today. Please join us downstairs in the fellowship hall.

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. Come hear what God has to say about these women and God's grace in action as He calls and leads these women in their daily lives. 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.

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 630-323-0384 to let us know you are coming so we can get the materials to you.

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!

MEN'S RETREAT

“Men of Courage & Encouragement” – a retreat for all men will be held April 20-22, 2012 at Camp LuWiSoMo in central Wisconsin. Rev. Ken Klaus, Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour will be leading the sessions. Cost of the retreat is \$100. Deadline for registration is February 29th. Brochures are available in the gathering area of the church.

Volunteers Needed

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!

MISSIONS AND HUMAN CARE

Global Links

Zion Lutheran is linked to Kenya, where GEO* missionaries Tim and Megan Dooms serve. They write, “The Atemo and Matongo health clinics provided facilities for a Mercy Medical Team from the United States to arrive and help administer health check-ups and diagnose symptoms of more than 1,400 Kenyan patients. Sent by LCMS World Relief and Human Care, the team was made up of a pastor, nurses, an occupational therapist, pharmacists and a doctor. We joined the team to assist in any way needed. Megan quickly became trained to take patient vitals and identify a chief complaint. Tim aided in crowd control, troubleshooting and running errands. Each clinic site attracted more and more patients as the days wore on. On the last day of clinic in Matongo, we treated nearly 400 patients. We even jumped into the fire that was the pharmacy on the last day to help the pharmacists distribute the hundreds of prescriptions written.”

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

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, Towels, Cleaning products, Silverware, Bed Linens, Pots & Pans, Unopened Personal Care Products.

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.

You Make all the Difference in the World to Us!

I want to personally thank everyone who has graciously supported LCC in our 12/31 Appeal. It is your support that allows us to continue to move forward in Serving those suffering and in Need. For LCC to do their Dollar In/Dollar Out giving program where 100% of your gift goes to what you donated to, your 12/31 support once a year allows us to continue to offer that service along with everything else we do. I am personally touched and overwhelmed at the sacrificial gifts that have been made, especially during these tough economic times! On Behalf of the entire staff at LCC, THANK YOU for the Difference You Have Made! Serving Together, Serving Christ, so we can Serve Others IN HIS NAME. *Tim Hetzner, President Lutheran Church Charities*

This Week at Zion

Sunday January 8

8:00 am Adult Bible Class

9:00 am Worship

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Congregational Meeting

Monday January 9

9:00 am ECEC Chapel

1:30 pm Pastor at Sunrise Assisted Living

7:00 pm Elders

Tuesday January 10

9:00 am Quilters

4:00 pm 3rd-8th grade Religious

Education Classes

Wednesday January 11

8:30 am Cemetery Board Meeting

7:00 pm Property Board Meeting

Thursday January 12

6:00 am Men's Bible Class

8:15 am Evangelism & Church Growth Meeting

9:00 am Beth Moore Bible Study

6:30 pm Bells

7:30 pm Choir

Saturday January 14

9:00 am ECEC Open House

5:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday January 15

8:00 am Adult Bible Class

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

9:00 am Sunday School

Zion's Early Childhood Education Center Presents:



An Open House with Music Together & Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, January 14th from 9:00 – 11:00 am



And on Friday, January 20th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Friday Night Flicks (Winnie the Pooh) & Dinner – Free of Charge!
Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti & Salad – Bring a dessert to share!
For reservations call Christine at 630-323-0065

SERVING TODAY

Pastor - Jay Klein
Director OF Parish Music - Debra Miller
Organist - Diane Grover
Greeters - Mike & Jackie McCaleb
Elders - Colin Fuller
Reader - Ken Foody
Acolytes - Charlie Justema, Sandro Rodriguez
Ushers - Ken & Ann Foody, Tony & Linda DeFranco
Altar Guild - Cindy Crutchfield, Cathy Gronewold, Sandy Timmermann

SERVING SATURDAY JANUARY 14

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SERVING SUNDAY JANUARY 15

Pastor - Jay Klein
Director OF Parish Music - Debra Miller
Organist - Diane Grover
Greeters - Amanda Stewart, Sara Kurr
Elders - Rolly Geiger
Worship Assistant - Steve Berg
Reader - Randy McGivney
Acolytes - Anthony Fuller, Maggie Groenewold
Ushers - Amanda Stewart, Sara Kurr, Elaine Kurr, Ben Klein
Altar Guild - Cindy Crutchfield, Cathy Gronewold, Sandy Timmermann

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

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



Ladies:

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Do you view God as a Giver or a Taker?*

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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 at no additional cost.

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

