

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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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.

BIBLE CLASSES

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS AT 8:00 AM

In the fellowship hall.

LADIES MONDAY NIGHT BETH MOORE BIBLE CLASS AT 6:45 PM

In the lobby of the church beginning January 23rd

LADIES 1ST, 3RD, 5TH WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS AT 9:45 AM

In the fellowship hall.

MEN IN THE MORNING THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 6:00 AM

In the lobby of the church.

BETH MOORE'S "THE INHERITANCE" THURSDAYS AT 9:15 AM

In the fellowship hall

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

Whether we are married or single, young or old, we are God's children through Christ and we are empowered to show our devotion to God by all that we say and do. That is really at the heart of Christian stewardship.

Tithes are our regular, top priority (first fruits giving), proportionate, and grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the Gospel and to the furtherance of His mission at Zion Church. Offerings are our gifts for special causes over and above our tithes.

The Epiphany of God's nature has taken place in various ways throughout history, yet one consistent Epiphany continues: the revelation of God through His Word. Without this revelation, we would know nothing of any other. Therefore it is important that we treasure, study, believe and obey God's Word, for it is the means by which He reveals Himself to us.

In and Around Zion

Celebrating our 125th Anniversary in 2013

Senior Fellowship

Senior Fellowship will resume with a luncheon on Wednesday, February 1st at **12:00 pm**. Pastor Kirst and his wife Gerrie are coming to talk to us about their M.O.S.T. trip to Uruguay in connection with the Lutheran Hour Ministries Center. The luncheon will be in the fellowship hall of the church.

The Scripture text from Sanctity of Life Sunday was from Deuteronomy 30:14, which says: "The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it." The Word, which is living and active (Hebrews 4:12), shows forth in God's people of all ages. In Mrs. Sherrie Smith's 3rd and 4th grade religious education class, Baptism was the theme of the day. The class had a list of the people that had been baptized at Zion Congregation in 2011. The class assignment was to write a letter to the babies that had been baptized and each letter was lovingly decorated with heart stickers. Then came the best part. Each student prayed for "their baby." Here is one of those letters: *Dear Jesus, please keep Trevor healthy. Please let him have a good life. Let him be safe. Please let him walk soon. Please let Trevor learn about Jesus. Amen.*

Senior Citizen's Invited to Defer Property Taxes

Qualified senior citizens, aged 65 years and older are invited to apply for the Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program. The program allows participants to defer property tax payment until the property is sold. The deferral is treated as a loan and accrues 6% simple interest until paid. To qualify, the applicant's household income cannot exceed \$50,000. Additionally, the property must be used exclusively for residential purposes. The application period closes March 1, 2012. For more information, contact Gwen Henry, Treasurer, DuPage County Treasurer's office at 630-407-5900 or www.dupageco.org/treasurer.

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.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS

A HUGE thanks to all the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans who directed their Choice Dollars to Zion Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Education Center:

Jean & Phil Albert

Audrey & Herman Begeman

Dorothy Blake

Garald McMahan

Judy & George Mueller

Norm Gurgel

Vi Weerts

Charlotte & Marion Sletten

Suzanne Holtz

George Zirzow

\$3,777.00 was donated in 2011. You have until March 1, 2012 to direct your Choice Dollars for 2011. If you are uncertain if you have Choice Dollars to donate, or if you are interested in designating your Thrivent Choice dollars to Zion, we urge you to login to the Thrivent website at www.thrivent.com for instructions on how to complete this process or speak to Sandra Gurgel or Jean Albert for further assistance. As you can see, the dollars can add up. Again, thank you all.

Renovaré Essentials Conference at Christ Church, Oak Brook

At a Renovaré Essentials Conference you will learn the essential elements of a vibrant Christian life from engaging Renovaré team members. If you need your faith refreshed, your interest awakened or your spiritual life deepened, this conference is for you. The conference will be held on March 3, 2012 from 8:00 am – 5:30 pm at Christ Church, 31st and York Road in Oak Brook. Brochures are available in the gathering area.

Volunteers Needed

Childcare during the Sunday morning worship services

Sunday School teachers

Coffee hour donation,

Sign-up sheets are located in the gathering area.

STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN SONGS & STORIES TOUR

7:00 pm February 9, 2012

Pfeiffer Hall 310 Benton Avenue North Central College, Naperville, IL

Tickets: iTickets.com or call 1-800-965-9324

For more date and ticket information about Steven Curtis Chapman and the upcoming “Songs & Stories” tour, please visit <http://stevencurtischapman.com/>.

MISSIONS AND HUMAN CARE

Global Links

Zion Lutheran is linked to Hong Kong, where GEO missionaries Alan and Shirley Piepenbrink serve. They write, "One of The Lutheran Church – Hong Kong Synod schools of where we serve is Euon Lutheran Church, which has tried to start a Sunday school with little success in the past. We were very eager to help the Sunday school program. It was advertised that there would be an English Sunday school, and everyone was overjoyed and stunned with the blessing of 76 students who attended on the first Sunday! Praise God that 20 new parents have begun to attend the church service while their children are at Sunday school. Everyone is looking forward to the children presenting the Christmas message of Jesus' birth to the church members through a play on Christmas Day."

Battered Woman's Shelter Collection

Woman's toiletries (samples, hotel and travel size, creams, hairspray, nail polish, emery boards, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, perfumes, lotions, soaps, unused makeup, etc.) and clean costume jewelry are being collected by the Thursday morning Beth Moore Woman's study. The items will be sent to a local women's shelter for Valentine's Day. There is a box in the gathering area for donations. Your donations would be greatly appreciated! Donations will be collected until Wednesday, February 8th and packaged on Thursday morning the 9th.

Voice of Care Silent Auction

You are invited to enjoy music and dancing, appetizers, desserts and refreshments on Saturday, March 31, at the Hyatt Hotel in Lisle. Tickets are \$30 each. A silent auction will be held throughout the evening. For more information and tickets go to the VOICE OF CARE website (www.voiceofcare.org) and click on event, or make reservations by calling 630-231-3862.

Hunger Issues

Hunger is something people have to deal with worldwide. There are many ways we can help, but it takes coordination and someone willing to seek out ways for us to help. Are you one of those people? If you have a heart for the hungry talk to Pastor Klein and let him know about your interest. Together, we CAN make a difference.

JOPLIN MISSOURI

Are you willing to share your time and labor rebuilding Joplin with other Christian men? If you have not yet participated in this kind of labor of love, you may want to give this a try! We will need to provide our own food, towels, blankets etc. and probably tools, too. A group from Zion is blocking out the week of February 11-17 to make the trip. Lodging will be at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's facility, a short drive from LCC Disaster Headquarters at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Joplin. If a week is too long, they will be pleased with as many days as you can stay. More information is available at the LCC website at www.lutheranchurchcharities.org and scroll down to disaster relief. Zion's contact person is Jim Paul: 630-986-8731.

This Week at Zion

Sunday January 29

8:00 am Adult Bible Class

9:00 am Worship with Holy

Communion

9:00 am Sunday School

Monday January 30

6:45 pm Women's Evening

Bible Class

Tuesday January 31

9:00 am Quilters

4:00 pm 3rd-8th grade Religious
Education Classes

Wednesday February 1

12:00 pm Senior Luncheon

Thursday February 2

6:00 am Men's Bible Class

9:00 am Beth Moore Bible Study

6:30 pm Bells

7:30 pm Choir

Sunday February 5

8:00 am Adult Bible Class

9:00 am Worship with Holy

Communion

9:00 am Sunday School



Happy
Groundhog Day!



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Elder - Steve Swenson

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Organist - Diane Grover

Greeters - Mike & Jackie McCaleb

Elders - Jon Sletten, Steve Swenson

Reader - Mike Henshaw

Acolytes - Gretchen Groenewold, Sandro Rodriguez

Ushers - Marion Sletten, Mike Henshaw, Mike & Jackie McCaleb

Altar Guild - Cindy Crutchfield, Cathy Gronewold, Sandy Timmermann

SERVING SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5

Pastor - Jay Klein

Director OF Parish Music - Debra Miller

Organist - Diane Grover

Greeters - Doug & Jan Brooks

Elders - Bob Barnett

Worship Assistant - Evan Kenney

Reader - Jon Sletten

Acolytes - Charlie Justema, Maggie Groenewold

Ushers - Doug Brooks, Dave Bertermann, Grant Goss, Enrique Ruiz

Altar Guild - Joan Gray, Rugh Schech, Linda DeFranco

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