

Zion Lutheran Church Weekly News

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Worship: Saturday at 5:00 pm (Holy Communion 2nd & 4th Saturdays)

Sundays at 9:00 am (Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

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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.
- ⇒ Sunday school for children is available during the 9:00 am Sunday service in the conference room of the church which is located on the main level to your left as you enter the front doors of the church. Or feel free to ask an usher and they will guide you. Worship bags for children are located outside the sanctuary, and a soundproof room is located at the rear of the church for those times when children are distressed and you wish to take them out of the sanctuary.
- ⇒ 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 a while due to illness or other circumstances.
- ⇒ Communion: 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. Please see page 3 for our statement of belief on the Lord's Supper.

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, which includes more than 1,200 early childhood centers and pre-schools. 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 2-5 years old

2, 2 1/2, 3, 4 & 5 year-old programs ☺ Before and after school child care

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Confirmation /Religious Classes

Zion Congregation offers a Biblically based program for children grades 3-8 every **Wednesday** afternoon (September – May) from 4:00 to 5:00 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, 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, please let us know.

Call or write for more information:

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

“LORD, I LOVE THE HABITATION OF YOUR HOUSE AND THE PLACE WHERE YOUR GLORY DWELLS.” – PSALM 26:8

Bible Classes

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN at 9:00 am.

LADIES' MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS at 6:45 pm.

LADIES' 1ST, 3RD, 5TH WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS at 9:30 am.

MEN IN THE MORNING THURSDAY MORNINGS at 6:00 am.

Stewardship

Phil. 4:5b-6 – “*The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*” Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

*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.*

Giving thanks to God for . . .

- ☺ My time with God (**Growing** in faith through Word and sacrament)
- ☺ My talents serving God (**Going** out and living & sharing among His people)
- ☺ My treasures/money honoring God (**Sowing** into His field of harvest: Kingdom vision!)

The Lord's Supper

Holy Communion is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and confidence that, as the Lord says, He gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words and repent of all sin, that they may show forth His death until He returns.

Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed at this altar, any who have not yet been instructed, are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

We are building and strengthening relationships with Jesus Christ and each other!

Worship † Education † Fellowship † Evangelism

IN AND AROUND ZION

Offering Envelopes

Your 2019 Offering Envelopes are ready to be picked up in the gathering area. Please help the church save postage by taking yours and/or a relative's with you. Thank you!

LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS?

Check out the CPH Christmas catalog in the gathering area. CPH (Concordia Publishing House) is the LCMS publisher. The catalog has Christmas devotionals and children's books, Reformation gifts, Bibles on Sale, Bible studies, and the new Catechism with updated explanation.

Place your order in the folder, with your name and phone number. The prices are good through December 31 and we will place another order if there is enough interest.

ZION KNITTERZ

The Zion Knitter's appreciate the anonymous monetary donation as well as yarn donations. Total items made to date: 261 lap robes; 8 shawls; 281 hats; 20 pairs of booties; 37 Phil's Friends hats; and 150 NICU items. All items are donated to VTAAS Hospice and Health Care Facilities. Their next meeting is Monday, January 7th. They would enjoy having more ladies join them. They meet in the Conference room of the church at 10:00 am. Can't knit? No worries, they'll be happy to teach you!

NID LIFE MINISTRY MARCH FOR LIFE CHICAGO 2019

Join area Lutherans at the March for Life Chicago on January 13, 2019. LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison is among the featured speakers. Meet on Federal Plaza (50 W. Adams Street, Chicago) at 1:55 p.m. under the LOVE AFFIRMS LIFE and the EYES FOR LIFE banners. RIDE A BUS LEAVING FROM TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN LISLE, 1101 Kimberly Way, Lisle, at 1 p.m. FREE WILL DONATIONS are received to cover cost for the round-trip bus ride. Call Kris Blackwell at 630.234.1491 to reserve your seat. Space is limited.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

Let your friends, family and neighbors know about our early childhood center. Take a tour and find out for yourself what a great place it is. Call Elizabeth Reilley for information you might desire, to take a tour or to get information to pass along to someone you think might be interested. She can be reached at: 630-323-0065 or ereilleyziencec@gmail.com.

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to all at Zion Lutheran Church from the Pediatric Staff for the gifts shared with our unit. The smile on a sick child's face, and the gratitude of a parent who may be exhausted, sad, or worried, is what we see when we share your gifts with others. The days are long for those unfortunate to be here so any opportunity to make the hours go by and see the children snuggle or play is appreciated. Your gift most of all, of your time and effort to help the children on Pediatrics, is an example to all around you who witness these acts of generosity and compassion. This is what our lives should be about and many thanks for the reminder. Thank you once again for thinking of us and wishing you all a happy and healthy winter and holiday season.

The Pediatric Staff of Hinsdale Hospital

LUTHERAN RADIO STATION WORLDWIDE KFUE

This week on KFUE.org, join Rev. Jonathan Fisk and guest pastors as they continue digging into what The New Covenant is all about on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), stave off your theological boredom on Cross Defense as Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller and his guest bring a curious topic for your consumption (12/17 at 2:00 p.m. CT), and tune in to the final midweek Advent service from Village Lutheran in Ladue, MO (12/19 at 12:00 p.m. CT). Next week we begin our special programming for the 12 Days of Christmas, including readings, prayers, special music broadcasts, and in-depth insights into our Christmas liturgy and hymns. Tune in at kfue.org!

WORSHIP ANEW

Worship Anew is a unique program led by a Lutheran pastor with the message focused toward those who are at home or in the hospital. December 23: Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer shares from Luke 2:9 – **God Comes Near!** “The hopes and fears of all the years” came together over two thousand years ago in the “little town of Bethlehem.” God came near. What are your hopes this Christmas? Your fears? God comes near! “O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!” *Worship Anew* can be found in the Chicago area on WPWR-CW 50 AT 8:00 am Sunday morning. Visit their website for more information: www.worshipanew.org.

SAVE YOUR STAMPS PLEASE!

The ladies of LWML need your help. We collect used stamps nationwide as a fundraiser. They are sold online to stamp collectors. Please consider cutting off your stamps and leaving a half inch or greater border around the edges. There is a temporary collection box in the church narthex. Our ladies will trim them to the appropriate size and send them on to the LWML district offices. Thank you for your help!

KARE 9 MILITARY 22 PROGRAM

The LCC Kare 9 Military Ministry invites you to join us for the "**22**" program and meal. Each month we gather to remember those 22 veterans who choose to end their lives each day. We must never abandon the effort to bring this number to zero.

When: Saturday, December 22, 2018

Where: Lutheran Church Charities Headquarters
3020 Milwaukee Avenue Northbrook, Illinois

As always "22" is offered at no charge. If you plan to attend or have any questions please RSVP to jimmorrison@lutheranchurchcharities.org.

YOUTH CAROLING

Zion Youth will be Caroling on Saturday, December 22nd. Meet at the church at 11:00 am. We will proceed to The Birches Assisted Living in Clarendon Hills and then to Baldinelli Pizza in town. Church members are welcome to come sing too! We will be back to the church by 12:40 pm.

PASTOR'S WEEKLY EMAIL DEVOTIONS

For anyone who is interested in receiving pastor's weekly email devotion, let him know by writing him at: pastor.jay.klein@gmail.com.

ZION'S CUDDLY COMFORT CRITTERS PROJECT

The Cuddly Comfort Critters Project is going strong for young patients at Hinsdale Hospital! Stuffed 8 to 10 inch animals can be left in the basket in the gathering area of the church. This is an ongoing project and donations are always welcome!

PRESCHOOL KITCHEN AIDE

Our growing Early Childhood Education center is looking for a new kitchen aide. The ideal candidate should have some food service experience, able to work independently, dependable and organized. All training provided, for this part time morning position.

Interested? Please contact Elizabeth Reilley at 630-323-0065 or by email ereilleyziencec@gmail.com.

TEACHER ASSISTANT

Zion Lutheran Early Childhood Education Center is looking for a loving person to assist our early childhood teachers. This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved in Lutheran Education and share your faith. This is a part -time position M-F that follows our school calendar. Zion ECEC serves children ages 2-6 years old.

Please email resume to EReilleyZionECEC@gmail.com

This Week at Zion

Sunday December 16

**9:00 am Worship
with Holy Communion**
9:00 am Sunday School
Altar Guild Cookie Sale

Monday December 17

6:45 pm Ladies Bible Class
8:15 pm A.A.

Tuesday December 18

9:00 am Quilters

Wednesday December 19

9:30 am Ladies Bible Class
11:15 am Advent 3 Morning Worship
12:00 pm Senior Sandwiches
4:00 pm Confirmation/Religious
Education Classes
7:15 pm Advent 3 Evening Worship
8:00 pm Choir

Christmas Around the World

Sunday, December 16th – 3:00 pm
Christ Church of Oak Brook Sanctuary
31st Street & York Road, Oakbrook

Special Guest Artists:

Winfred Brown – Soprano
Star of the Metropolitan Opera

John Conception – Tenor
Chicago Lyric Opera

Michelle Wright – Mezzo Soprano
Chicago Lyric Opera

Award Winning Chicago Brass Band

Thursday December 20

6:00 am Men in the Morning

Saturday December 22

**No Service Tonight Due
To The Holiday Weekend**

Sunday December 23

9:00 am Worship
9:00 am Sunday School

Please Note:

**There will be NO Services
on Saturday December 22nd
or Saturday December 29th**

Christmas Services



Monday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Twilight Worship
10:00 pm Candlelight Service

Tuesday December 25th

Christmas Day

9:00 am Worship with
Holy Communion

Serving Saturday December 15

Pastor: Jay Klein
Organist: Sherrie Smith
Elder: Steve Swenson

Serving Sunday December 16

Pastor: Jay Klein
Organist: Sherrie Smith
Parish Music Associates: Sam Rose and Kyle Miller
Elder: Bob Barnett
Worship Assistant: Steve Berg
Acolytes: Olivia Fuller & Ella Folkmann
Ushers: Beth Folkmann Family
Altar Guild: Lois Berg

Serving Wednesday December 19

Pastor: Jay Klein
Morning Pianist: Kailey Rockwell
Evening Organist: Sherrie Smith
Elder: Clint Fuller

Serving Saturday December 22

No Service Tonight Due To The Holiday Weekend

Serving Sunday December 23

Pastor: Jay Klein
Organist: Sherrie Smith
Parish Music Associates: Sam Rose and Kyle Miller
Elder: Rolly Geiger
Acolytes: Zachary Walsh & Zach Hayes
Ushers: Sara Fuller, Carol Lewis, Tony & Linda DeFranco



**Spiritual formation and growth is not evolutionary.
It is revolutionary. Therefore, it must be intentional.**