

Zion Lutheran Church Weekly News

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

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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

Luke 19:31 – “If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, “The Lord has need of it,” and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life – in our homes, in the Church, and in our communities. In each calling we have good work to do, and that comes from the Lord’s hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

*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

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank all who sent cards, prayers and well wishes after my recent illness. A special thanks to Pastor Klein for his visits. All we greatly appreciated! *Jeannette Ertl*

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 ereilleyzionecec@gmail.com.

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. Orders placed by Monday, December 3, should be here by the 9th, in plenty of time for Christmas. The prices are good through December 31 and we will place another order if there is enough interest.

ALTAR GUILD CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

The Altar Guild is planning a Christmas Cooke Sale on Sunday, December 16th. If anyone would like to donate cookies, you may leave them in the kitchen upstairs the night before.

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, December 3rd. 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!

LUTHERAN RADIO STATION WORLDWIDE KFUO

This week on KFUO.org, we wish our listeners a blessed Advent! Hear midweek Advent service broadcast live from Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, MO, on 12/5 at 12:00 p.m. CT, continue in “The New Covenant” series on Sharper Iron about living as New Testament Christians with Rev. Jonathan Fisk and guest pastors (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and talk about finances and budgeting in the ministry family with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann on The Coffee Hour (12/4 at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

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 9: Rev. Shane Jonker shares from Luke 3:4b – **Prepare the Way**. Repentance and forgiveness. This is the pattern of the Christian life. This is the daily death and resurrection of those baptized into Christ. And this is how we prepare to meet the Lord Jesus in His coming to us. *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.

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!

PARISH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

For anyone interested in the minutes of the August Parish Executive Council meeting, copies are available in the church office.

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.



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CHURCH: Zion Lutheran Church Hinsdale

ECEC: Zion Lutheran Early Childhood Education Center Hinsdale

This Week at Zion

Sunday December 2

**9:00 am Worship with
Holy Communion**

9:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Elders

Monday December 3

10:00 am Zion Knitterz
6:45 pm Ladies Bible Class
8:15 pm A.A.

Tuesday December 4

9:00 am Quilters
9:10 am ECEC Chapel
7:00 pm ECEC Board Meeting

Wednesday December 5

9:30 am Ladies Bible Class
11:15 am Advent 1 Morning Worship
12:00 pm Senior Pot Luck Lunch
4:00 pm Confirmation/Religious
Education Classes
5:45 pm Souper Supper
7:15 pm Advent 1 Evening Worship
8:00 pm Choir

Advent Soup Supper!

Wednesday, December 5th
5:45 pm

Zion Fellowship Hall
**Come share a meal and
join the fellowship!**



Thursday December 6

6:00 am Men in the Morning

Saturday December 8

**5:00 pm Worship with
Holy Communion**

Sunday December 9

9:00 am Worship
9:00 am Sunday School

Midweek Advent Services

Wednesdays
December 5th, 12th and 19th
11:15 am & 7:15 pm

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

Please Note:

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

Serving Saturday December 1

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

Serving Sunday December 2

Pastor: Jay Klein
Organist: Sherrie Smith
Parish Music Associates: Sam Rose and Kyle Miller
Elder: Clint Fuller
Worship Assistant: Enrique Ruiz
Acolytes: Zach Hayes & Ashley Berg
Ushers: Jay Baker, Arnie Berg, McKenna Hayes Zachary Hayes
Altar Guild: Lois Berg

Serving Wednesday December 5

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

Serving Saturday December 8

Pastor: Jay Klein
Organist: Sherrie Smith
Elder: Rolly Geiger
Altar Guild: Lois Berg

Serving Sunday December 9

Pastor: Jay Klein
Organist: Sherrie Smith
Parish Music Associates: Sam Rose and Kyle Miller
Elder: Randy McGivney
Acolytes: Zach Hayes & Ashley Berg
Ushers: Clint Fuller, Brooklyn Fuller, Brent Herron, Carter Herron,
Greeters: Jerilyn & Vivienne Fuller

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

THANKFULNESS DURING ADVENT

Throughout his epistles and his preaching recorded in the Book of Acts, St. Paul refers, in one way or another, to thanksgiving and thankfulness nearly 50 times. Whether vertically toward God, or horizontally toward the neighbor, thanksgiving is a major theme within St. Paul's body of work.

What does this mean? It means thankfulness is intrinsic to the life of those baptized into Christ. In other words, giving thanks is what Christians do as they live out their lives in this world.

The problem is that we often forget this. Consider your average, run-of-the-mill, normal day. When you get home, and your parents, your spouse or your children ask about your day, what first comes to your mind? After 99 percent of things went right, went exactly as planned, were enjoyable and blessings, we tend to focus on and remember the 1 percent of things that went poorly, that didn't go as planned, and that were nuisances.

We remember the bad things. We focus on discontent. And we fail to give thanks in all circumstances for everything (Eph. 5:20) and to rejoice in the Lord always (Phil. 4:4).

Thankfulness and contentment go together. We are content with things for which we are thankful. St. Paul could be content with having plenty or when in need because He gave thanks to the Lord for all things. He thanked the Lord for those who had prayed for him and listened to his proclamation of the Gospel. He gave thanks for their good works in and for the Church of Christ. He gave thanks for the grace of God in Christ Jesus and found that God's grace was sufficient for him.

So, during this season of Advent, give thanks for all things and in all circumstances dear brothers and sisters in Christ. For you have been saved from sin, death, and hell by the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. You have been added to the very family of God in an adoption of grace through Holy Baptism. God is your Father. Our Lord, Jesus Christ is your brother.

But He not only provides for your spiritual well-being, He cares also for this body and life. Your Father in heaven provides food and clothes, house and home, husband, wife, and children. He gives you reason and all your senses. He has given you the raw talents that you have developed into careers. Everything you are and everything that you have is a gift from His fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in you.

Give thanks for these things. Make a list – every morning if you must. Say them out loud. Sing about them within the congregation of the saints. And remember this: God has given you these things so that you may be of service to those around you – your family, your neighbors, your brothers and sisters in Christ. For to whom much is given; much shall be required (Luke 12:48).