

# ***Zion Lutheran Church Weekly News***

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**Worship: Saturday at 5:00 pm (Holy Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays)**

**Sundays at 9:00 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)**

## ***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.
- ⇒ 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](http://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](mailto: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 1:45 – “*And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.*” The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord’s own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord’s commands in the face of the world’s anger and resistance. The same faithfulness in God gave Mary the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.

*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!

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Altar flowers are from the wedding of Grace Claussen and Nicholas Punzio who were united in holy matrimony here at Zion yesterday afternoon.

## **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](mailto: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**, we wish our listeners a blessed Christmas! Hear Christmas worship service live from Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, MO, on 12/25 at 10:00 a.m. CT. For the next two weeks, celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas on KFUE Radio with exceptional Christmas and Epiphany music selections, readings and prayers for the season, stories from our missionaries, and a special look at the Christmas hymnody of the church. Regular programming resumes January 7, 2019.

## 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. Walter Maier III shares from Colossians 3:12-17 – ***In the Name of Jesus***. As we face a new year, or at any time in the year, what is the best advice as to how we are to live? Do everything in the name of Jesus! We can live in such a manner, because of Jesus' name! ***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](http://www.worshipanew.org).

## BRONCO BENEFIT DINNER: JANUARY 26

Tickets are now on sale for A Bronco Benefit Dinner: Funding Education and Scholarships at Walther Christian Academy. You can also support Walther students by placing an ad in the program book, being an event sponsor or donating an item for the auction. To purchase your ticket or to learn about other ways to participate, visit [Walther.com/dinner](http://Walther.com/dinner) or call 708-344-0404 ext. 225.



## **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!

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:EReilleyZionECEC@gmail.com)



**Our church books will be closed midnight, December 31, 2018. IRS regulations require that all contributions for 2018 must be received by midnight, December 31, 2018. Thank you.**

# This Week at Zion

## Sunday December 23

**9:00 am Worship**

9:00 am Sunday School

## Monday December 24

5:00 pm Twilight Worship

10:00 pm Candlelight Service

## Tuesday December 25

**9:00 am Worship**

**with Holy Communion**

## Wednesday December 26

NO SCHOOL

## Thursday December 27

NO SCHOOL

6:00 am Men in the Morning

## Friday December 28

NO SCHOOL

## Saturday December 29

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

## Sunday December 30

**9:00 am Worship**

**with Holy Communion**

9:00 am Sunday School

**Please Note:**

**There will be NO Service on  
Saturday December 29<sup>th</sup>**



## **Christmas Services**



Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Eve**

5:00 pm Twilight Worship

10:00 pm Candlelight Service

Tuesday December 25<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Day**

9:00 am Worship with

Holy Communion

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

Serving Monday December 24

**Pastor:** Jay Klein

**Organist:** Sherrie Smith

**Parish Music Associates:** Sam Rose and Kyle Miller

**Elder 5:00 pm:** Randy McGivney

**Elder 10:00 pm:** Jon Sletten

**Ushers/Greeters 5:00 pm:**

Jerilyn & Vivienne Fuller, Brent & Carter Herron, Arnie berg, Clinton Fuller

**Ushers/Greeters 10:00 pm**

Mandy Stewart, Phil Albert

Serving Tuesday December 25

**Pastor:** Jay Klein

**Organist:** Sherrie Smith

**Parish Music Associates:** Sam Rose and Kyle Miller

**Elder:** Steve Swenson    **Worship Assistant:** Keith Larson

**Ushers/Greeters:** Vince DeFranco, Mike & Jackie McCaleb, Mandy Stewart

**Altar Guild:** Lois Berg

Serving Sunday December 30

**Pastor:** Jay Klein

**Organist:** Sherrie Smith

**Parish Music Associates:** Sam Rose and Kyle Miller

**Elder:** Bob Barnett    **Worship Assistant:** Enrique Ruiz

**Acolytes:** Anna Pikul & Vincent Ruiz

**Ushers:** Mike & Jackie McCaleb, Amanda Stewart, Phil Albert

**Altar Guild:** Lois Berg