

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

Luke 2:38 – “*And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.*” Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus, in this case). Thankfulness toward God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say, and do?

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!

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 ereilleyzionecec@gmail.com.

LUTHERAN RADIO STATION WORLDWIDE KFUO

This week on KFUO.org, we wish our listeners a blessed New Year! Continuing this week, celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas on KFUO 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. January 6: Rev. Thomas Eggold shares from Ephesians 3:4-6 – *The Mystery of Christ Made Known*. The mystery of Christ is the inclusive and universal message that Jesus Christ entered our humanity, lived a perfect life under the Law, died on a cross for the sins of the entire world and was raised from the dead, conquering death and giving all of humankind the certain promise of everlasting life. This is the Gospel that the Church has been commissioned to communicate!

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.

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 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!

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 ereilleyzionecec@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

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!

SOUTHWEST LUTHERAN CHORUS

The Southwest Lutheran Chorus would like to invite you to their Epiphany/Christmas Concert on January 6, 2019 at 3:00 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church located at 4660 W. 94th St., Oak Lawn, IL. The chorus is directed by Ruth Sievers and accompanied by Dianne Johannes. There will be refreshments served after the concert.

AGING CARE CONNECTIONS

Aging Care Connections is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of older adults and their families through community-based services that promote dignity, self-respect and independence. Founded in 1971, Aging Care Connections provides comprehensive services to adults sixty years of age and older in five suburban townships located within Cook County. Each year, more than 8,000 older adults and their families receive services. For many older adults, Aging Care Connections offers an opportunity for them to share their knowledge and experiences and receive the assistance they need to remain vital members of the community. There are many programs available at no cost, including exercise classes, field trips, painting classes and more. Check out their website for programs, times and places at www.agingcareconnections.org or call them at 708-354-1323.

UNITED MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

United Marriage Encounter is an international Christian ministry working to strengthen and build marriages in accordance with God's plan for marriage as revealed in His Holy Bible. Presentations deal with all areas of married life: Spiritual, emotional, physical, etc. For more information on what a United Marriage Encounter is like, see the brochures in the gathering area or contact Zion members Jackie & Mike McCaleb for more information.

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 30

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

Monday December 31

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday January 1

Happy New Year!
NO SCHOOL
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday January 2

NO SCHOOL
9:30 am Ladies Bible Class
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday January 3

NO SCHOOL
6:00 am Men in the Morning

Friday January 4

NO SCHOOL

Saturday January 5

5:00 pm Worship

Sunday January 6

**9:00 am Worship
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9:00 am Sunday School



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

Serving Saturday January 5

Pastor: Jay Klein
Organist: Sherrie Smith
Elder: Clint Fuller

Serving Sunday January 6

Pastor: Jay Klein
Organist: Sherrie Smith
Parish Music Associates: Sam Rose and Kyle Miller
Elder: Colin Fuller
Worship Assistant: Steve Berg
Acolytes: Olivia Fuller & Grace Schubkegel
Ushers/ Greeters: The Ruiz Family, Jerilyn & Vivienne Fuller
Altar Guild: Donna Ellefsen, Carol Wahlgren, Cathy Groenewold



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