

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 KFYO 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

Matt. 8:8 – “**But the centurion replied, ‘Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.’**” The Word of the Lord is powerful and effective. What God says, goes. “Let there be light.” And there was light. His Word is still effective and creative for us: “This is my Body given for you.” “Your sins are forgiven.” This is why it is no burden for us to live according to the Word of God: we know that His Word is always bent on our blessing.

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!

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 ereilleyzionatecec@gmail.com.

LUTHERAN RADIO STATION WORLDWIDE KFUO

This week on KFUO.org, continue studying The New Covenant in 2 Corinthians on Sharper Iron with Rev. Jonathan Fisk and guest pastors (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), join us for chapel services celebrating the season of Epiphany (weekdays at 10:00 a.m. CT), and discover curious topics to ignite your theological mind on Cross Defense with Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller (2/4 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.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.

February 3, 2019 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Psalm 71:1-12; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13; Gospel: Luke 4:31-44 “Christ Is the Real Thing!” - Sermon Text: Luke 4:32 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer The words and actions of Jesus Christ communicated astonishing authority to people accustomed to timid and contrived religious teaching. Can He do the same to us in 2019? Listen to His words. Consider His actions. Christ Is the Real Thing! *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.

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.

BAPTISM

Benjamin Sitkowski, infant son of Steven and Susan, is being baptized on Sunday morning. We pray for God's continued blessings on Ben and the Sitkowski family as we rejoice in the Lord's promises!

VOTERS MEETING

There will be a Voters Meeting at 10:15 am next Sunday, February 10. Your thoughts and suggestions are always welcome. Please plan on attending!

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!

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!

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.

ZION KNITTERZ

The Zion Knitter's appreciate the anonymous monetary donation as well as yarn donations. All items are donated to VTAAS Hospice and Health Care Facilities. Their

next meeting is Monday, February 4th. 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!

LCC KARE 9 MILITARY MINISTRY

The LCC Kare 9 Military Ministry is a ministry by veterans for veterans. We strive to serve our military, veterans and their families. The Kare 9 Military Ministry dogs and their trained veteran handlers visit many places, including VFWs, VA hospitals, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Care Centers, homes of veterans that are home bound, Expos, Vet Clinics, Yellow Ribbon Ceremonies and various other activities to help spread the mercy and compassion of Christ Jesus.

Become a Veteran/Kare 9 Military Ministry team sponsor. If you would like more information on how to sponsor a Kare 9 Military Ministry team, please contact Tim Hetzner, President of Lutheran Church Charities, at 866-455-6466 or email him at TimHetzner@LutheranChurchCharities.org

LCMS STATEMENT AFFIRMS LIFE

Our Christian faith teaches us to value life and to love each and every person as our neighbor. Love is life, and life is the great gift of love.” – President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s Life Ministry is devoted to upholding the sanctity of human life, both in our church body and the culture at large.

LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison denounced the abortion expansion laws in New York and Illinois signed on Jan. 22, 2019 — the 46th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in a statement. In it, he offers a continued confession of the LCMS’ position opposing abortion.

Excerpt: “And we will continue to work to love and support the women who face difficult choices or suffer from the consequences of abortion. We support young mothers who have chosen life for their children. We work to provide adoption and other opportunities to care for children in need. And we continue to show God’s mercy to all, just as He, in Jesus, has mercy on all.”

Numerous resources for congregations, schools, and individuals supporting the sanctity of human life are available at www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/life-ministry

This Week at Zion

Sunday February 3

9:00 am Worship with Communion

9:00 am Sunday School

10:30 am Altar Guild

Monday February 4

Knitterz 10:00 am

6:30 pm Ladies Bible Class

8:15 pm AA

Tuesday February 5

9:00 am Quilters

9:10 am ECEC Chapel

Wednesday February 6

4:00 pm 3-8 grade Weekday

Bible and Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Choir

Thursday February 7

6:00 am Men in the Morning

Saturday February 9

5:00 pm Worship with Communion

Altar Guild

Sunday February 10

9:00 am Worship

9:00 am Sunday School

10:30 am Voter's meeting

Serving Saturday February 2

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

Serving Sunday February 3

Pastor: Jay Klein
Organist: Sherrie Smith
Parish Music Associates: Sam Rose and Kyle Miller
Elder: Rolly Geiger
Worship Assistant: Enrique Ruiz
Acolytes: Ashley Berg and Olivia Fuller
Ushers/ Greeters: Robin and Jacob Boland, David Pequet, Sara Fuller
Altar Guild: Linda DeFranco, Suzanne McGivney, Mae Webb

Serving Saturday February 9

Pastor: Jay Klein
Organist: Sherrie Smith
Elder: Randy McGivney
Altar Guild: Linda DeFranco, Suzanne McGivney, Mae Webb

Serving Sunday February 10

Pastor: Jay Klein
Organist: Sherrie Smith
Parish Music Associates: Sam Rose and Kyle Miller
Elder: Jon Sletten
Acolytes: Zach Hayes and Zachary Walsh
Ushers/ Greeters: Clint and Brooklynn Fuller, Brent and Carter Herron