

# ***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)**

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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**

*Isaiah 51:6 – “For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment.”* The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord: they are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather to use for the Lord’s purposes. The things of this world are not ends in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the Kingdom that has no end.

*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**

## **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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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 as the church year comes to a close**, we talk with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann about Divine Calls and the Ministry Family on The Coffee Hour (11/27 at 9:00 a.m. CT), continue in the new Sharper Iron series "The New Covenant" on 2 Corinthians 3-7:1 with Rev. Jonathan Fisk and guest pastors (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), an study more of the book of Revelation on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://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 3: Rev. James Elsner shares from Luke 21:25-36 – **Watching. Waiting. Hoping.** As Christmas draws near, Advent provides a season of preparation for Christ's coming. Knowing that Jesus will reappear, are you fearful? Or, Hoping? *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).

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Do you know a family who is looking for an excellent, Christian school for their 6th through 12th grade student? Invite them to consider Walther Christian Academy. Walther Christian Academy will host a student open house on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Pre-registration is not required. The first placement test will be held Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Please register in advance at <https://bit.ly/2pTyF5X> or call Alma Calleros at 708-344-0404 ext. 245. Tours are available any Tuesday and shadow days can be scheduled throughout the year by contacting the Admissions Department at 708-344-0404 ext. 245 or email [Alma\\_Calleros@walther.com](mailto:Alma_Calleros@walther.com).

## **HINES HOSPITAL COLLECTION**

Zion Ladies Guild is collecting items for Hines Hospital for the month of November. A list of items can be found at the drop off box in the gathering area of the church.

## **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](mailto:pastor.jay.klein@gmail.com).

## **LIKE US! – ZION CHURCH AND ECEC FACEBOOK PAGES**

**CHURCH:** Zion Lutheran Church Hinsdale

**ECEC:** Zion Lutheran Early Childhood Education Center Hinsdale

# This Week at Zion

## Sunday November 25

**9:00 am Worship**

9:00 am Sunday School

## Monday November 26

6:45 pm Ladies Bible Class

8:15 pm A.A.

## Tuesday November 27

6:30 pm Woman's Advent Program

## Wednesday November 28

4:00 pm Confirmation/Religious

Education Classes

7:00 pm Choir



**Welcome Back to Winter!**

## Thursday November 29

6:00 am Men in the Morning

## Saturday December 1

**5:00 pm Worship**

## Sunday December 2

**9:00 am Worship with**

**Holy Communion**

9:00 am Sunday School

## **Advent Soup Supper!**

Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

5:45 pm

Zion Fellowship Hall

Soup

Mac N Cheese

Rolls

Hot and Cold Beverages

Dessert

**Come share a meal and  
join the fellowship!**



**Advent Devotional Books  
are Available in the  
Gathering Area**

Serving Sunday November 25

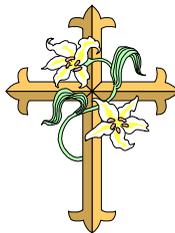
**Pastor:** Jay Klein  
**Organist:** Sherrie Smith  
**Parish Music Associates:** Sam Rose and Kyle Miller  
**Elder:** Bob Barnett  
**Acolytes:** Vincent Ruiz & Anna Pikul  
**Ushers:** Mike & Jackie McCaleb, Amanda Stewart, Phil Albert

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, Gina Hayes, McKenna Hayes Zachary Hayes  
**Altar Guild:** Lois Berg



Spiritual formation and growth is not evolutionary.

It is revolutionary.

Therefore, it must be intentional.

## **THANKS GIVING**

From St. Paul: “I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich” (2 Cor. 8:8-9).

What the Bible commands about our stewardship can sting. It’s law, and the law shows our sins. It calls us to repentance.

The law is meant to expose and accuse for the sake of showing us Christ and His fulfillment of the law. If first-fruits, sacrificial giving has you squirming, that’s the point.

In Mark’s account of the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus took the disciples’ five loaves and two fish and blessed them. It was nothing among so many, but, of course, it was plenty. Jesus makes something from nothing.

Mark doesn’t say that all the disciples gave Jesus all the bread they had. It is quite possible some of them held something back. But even if they did, that didn’t stop Jesus from blessing them. Jesus makes something out of nothing.

He, who fed His people in the desert with Manna every morning, doesn’t need their bread. But they need to give it. And what they give, however little it might be, however grudgingly they do so, He blesses it.

He not only blesses those whom He feeds with it, but He blesses them, the givers – not just in that they wind up with (a basket full for each loaf) but that they learned to trust and rejoice in Him.

The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. The Lord gives abundantly or asks us to fast. We do not know what will happen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

He does all things well and works all things together for good. The disciples don’t give their bread to Jesus because it is a good investment. They give it because He is good, they love Him, and they trust Him. We should do likewise.