

THE CLARION

DECEMBER 2023

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SPECIAL SERVICES

Advent Worship Services

10:00 am and 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 6 - "Our Two-Minute Drill"

Wednesday, December 13 - "You've Got a Ticket to Ride!"

Wednesday, December 20 - "Faithful Watching and Waiting"

SS Christmas Program

Sunday, December 10 - 4:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

(PLEASE NOTE: NO Morning Services)

4:00 pm - Family Service with Jesus Birthday Cake

7:00 pm - Blended Celebration Service

9:30 pm - Communion Service

Christmas Day

9:00 am - Communion Service

New Year's Eve

9:00 am - Communion Service

6:30 pm - Communion Service

... and he is named
Wonderful
Counselor,
Mighty
God,
Everlasting
Father,
Prince
of Peace.
 Isaiah 9:6, NRSV

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec 1 Meredith Ebert
 Dec 2 Sharon Geister
 Dec 3 Amelia Ebert
 Dec 3 Steve Hendry
 Dec 4 Cody Breck
 Dec 4 Lenix Locke
 Dec 5 Harrison Collin
 Dec 5 April Hauck
 Dec 6 Illa Biteler
 Dec 6 Ellie Boettcher
 Dec 6 Enid Farmer
 Dec 6 Dennis Werner
 Dec 8 Eric Boyce
 Dec 8 Benny Sipes
 Dec 9 Kyle Stotts
 Dec 9 Roger Wagner
 Dec 10 Rachel Aamold
 Dec 10 Ashley Doerksen
 Dec 10 Logan Hall

Dec 10 Trish Heng
 Dec 10 John Kritzmire
 Dec 10 Kinsley Martin
 Dec 10 Sharon Petheram
 Dec 11 Warren Eilertson
 Dec 11 Jody Huebert
 Dec 11 Scott Raabe
 Dec 11 Liz Ramert
 Dec 11 Tatum Thorpe
 Dec 11 Teagan Thorpe
 Dec 13 Suzi Fitterer
 Dec 13 Bruce Hamilton
 Dec 14 Kayleen Hoeck
 Dec 14 Cynthia Hunter
 Dec 14 Betty Schultz
 Dec 15 Emersyn Hagen
 Dec 15 Parker Strain
 Dec 16 JoAnne Baer
 Dec 16 Elijah Dressler

Dec 16 Parker Pidde
 Dec 16 Logan Pusch
 Dec 17 Matthew Kludt
 Dec 18 Craig Grams
 Dec 19 Lonny Boehrns
 Dec 19 Kyle Boehrns
 Dec 20 Jeannette Jensen
 Dec 21 Brad Clow
 Dec 21 Debbie Hepper
 Dec 21 Evie Meier
 Dec 22 Wayne Tanke
 Dec 23 Debra Green
 Dec 23 Philip Langner
 Dec 23 Finley Ober
 Dec 23 Lillian Ober
 Dec 23 Brooks Pidde
 Dec 23 JessaLee Thompson
 Dec 24 Christopher Boettcher
 Dec 24 Roger Corkill

Dec 24 Elise Ober
 Dec 24 Pam Strain
 Dec 24 Heidi Vilhauer
 Dec 24 Chad Wall
 Dec 25 Amanda Graff
 Dec 25 Inez Hayes
 Dec 26 Noble Kritzmire
 Dec 27 Adam List
 Dec 27 Dave Wright
 Dec 28 Carol Ekse
 Dec 28 Annie Farmer
 Dec 28 Patrick Frenz
 Dec 29 Precious Gaye
 Dec 29 Jetzen Kok
 Dec 30 Tammie Schultz
 Dec 31 Joseph Tisher

TOM and TAMMY ROBERTS will be our guests on Sunday, December 3. Tom will do the Children's Message at both Services and they will have Books available for purchase before, during and after our services.

RUTH GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 16
 11:00 am

All the ladies of the Congregation are invited to attend.



There will be a
 Catered Potato Bar
 and special
 entertainment by
 L' Attitudes

Please sign-up at the Welcome Center
 so we order enough food.

Cost: \$10.00 per person to help
 cover expenses.

The free-will Red Stocking Donations will
 go to the St. Francis House.

"STREETS OF BETHLEHEM"
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
1:00 – 4:00 PM
Free Admission
Non-Perishable Food Items for Feeding SD appreciated

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES DURING ADVENT

"The Clothing of a King"

For this series, we will take some of the best-known mentions of clothing in Scripture to proclaim Christ. Interweaving Old Testament stories like that of Adam and Eve's clothing in exile and Joseph's coat of many colors with Christ's redemption on the cross, these sermons give texture and shape to the threads of Scripture.

December 3 "The Foretaste of Fashion" Genesis 3:14-21

December 10 "An Envious Style" Genesis 37:1-4

December 17 "Clothed in Conviction" Jonah 3:6-10

NOVEMBER INCOME

Envelopes and Electronic Giving	\$37,481.47
Plate	899.79
Missions/Radio	125.00
Lutheran School	60.00
Treasure Chest	58.27
Flowers	161.00
Coffee/Donuts.....	258.00
Wedding	125.00
Youth Missions	24.48
Wednesday Suppers	697.75
Main Street Living	25.00
Total Received	\$39,915.76
1 Month Need	\$64,100.00

THE SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT is sponsoring a Men's Retreat on December 1 and 2 at Peace Lutheran Church in Brookings. One of the featured speakers will be John Stiegelmeier, Retired SDSU Football Coach and member of Peace Lutheran. Go to www.sddlcms.org to register and then please sign-up on the sheet on the table in the back of the church. There is NO cost for the Retreat.

STREETS OF BETHLEHEM

Friday, December 1 - 9:00 am

Set Construction

Saturday, December 2 - 2:00 pm

Rehearsal

Sunday, December 3 - 1:00—4:00 pm

Streets of Bethlehem

Monday, December 4 - 9:00 am

Set Tear Down

OTHER INCOME

Designated Memorials (Radio)	\$5,000.00
Undesignated Memorials	
Honor Flight	1,018.00
Lutheran Hour	
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Total Received	\$6,018.00

FAMILIES IN FAITH ANNUAL EVENT**Gingerbread Houses**

Sunday, December 17 – after Late Service

**Pizza will be provided –
please bring a side dish to share**

Gingerbread Houses—2 per family

There's a sign-up sheet on the back table in the Sanctuary.

If you have any questions, please contact Bridget Ebert at 605-951-1284.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THIS FUN FAMILY EVENT!



NEW FLOWER CHART: The 2024 Flower Chart is posted in the back of the Sanctuary. Please take a few minutes when you're in church, to sign-up to put flowers on the Altar in the New Year! Please include your phone number on the chart. Thank you!





Please join us!

55+

JOY

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 12TH
10:30 AM

COOKIE EXCHANGE

PIZZA PARTY TO FOLLOW



JOY

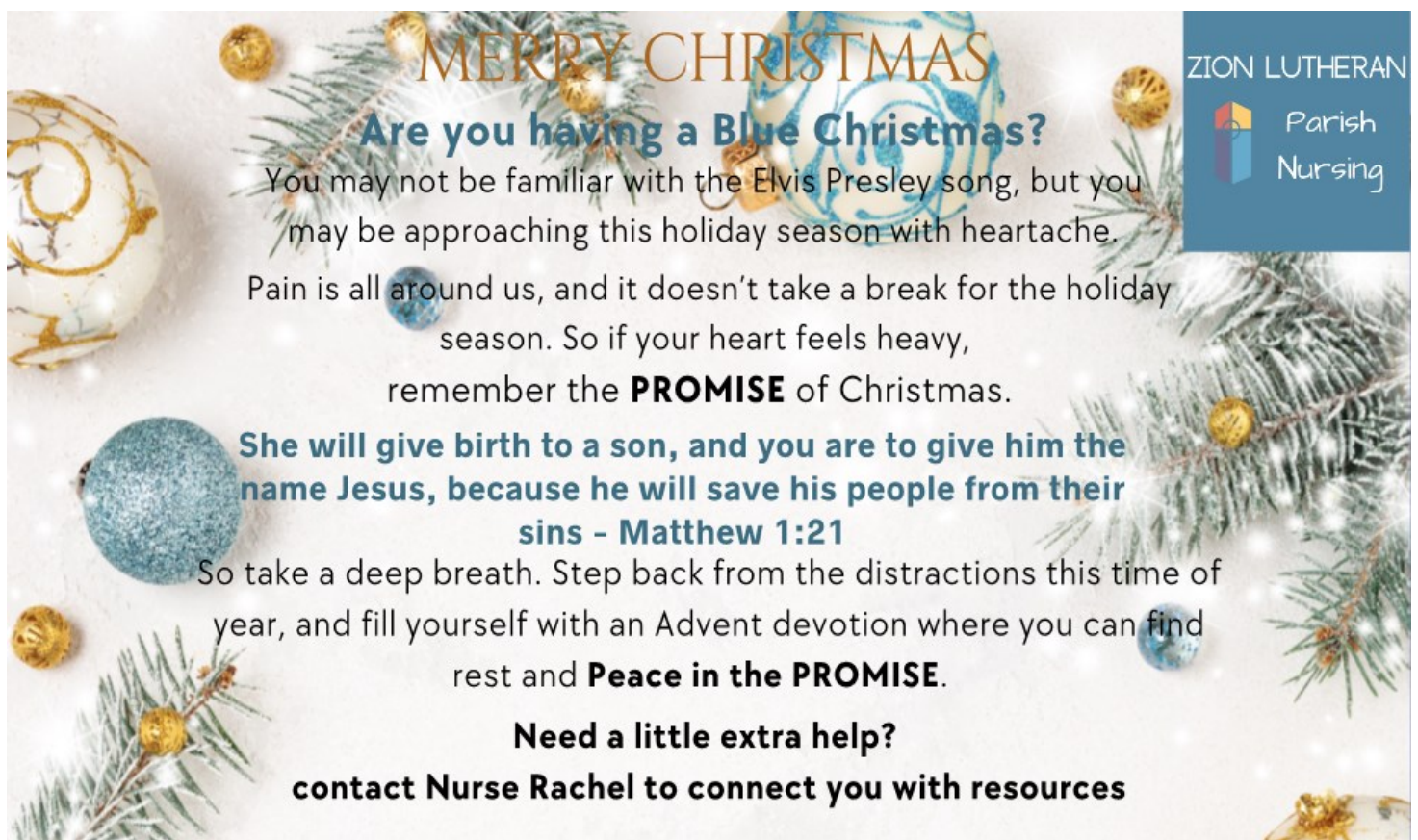
Cookie Exchange

December 12th
10:30am

Bring 3 dozen
Take 3 dozen

please bring in
containers of 6
cookies each

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Are you having a Blue Christmas?

You may not be familiar with the Elvis Presley song, but you may be approaching this holiday season with heartache.

Pain is all around us, and it doesn't take a break for the holiday season. So if your heart feels heavy, remember the **PROMISE** of Christmas.

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins - Matthew 1:21

So take a deep breath. Step back from the distractions this time of year, and fill yourself with an Advent devotion where you can find rest and **Peace in the PROMISE.**

Need a little extra help?
contact Nurse Rachel to connect you with resources

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ZION KIDS FAMILY MINISTRY: DECEMBER

ZION KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 10



- Practice: 9:15-10:15
- Program: be at church by **3:45**
- wear **Zion kids shirt**
- Invite everyone!



upcoming events

Dec 3: Program Practice

Dec 10: Christmas Program

Dec 17: SS Christmas Party

Dec 24 & 31: No SS

Jan 7: SUNDAY SCHOOL
RESUMES

Winter Sunday School

We will finish up the Old Testament and dive into all of God's promises fulfilled in his son, Jesus: his birth, life and miracles that change everything for us. Don't miss your weekly reminder of God's good promises!

ZION YOUTH



Merry Christmas!

December

Dec 6

Serve Advent Meal

5:30 pm

Dec 13

**Youth Christmas
Party**

7:30 - 9 PM

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever."

Isaiah 9:6-7



Zion Youth

Christmas Party

Wed, December 13

7:30 - 9 PM



Games | Snacks | Gift Exchange
Ugly Christmas Sweaters

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www.zionlutheransf.com

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Address Service Requested

At Zion Lutheran, we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved, and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!



Millennium. Revelation. Rapture. Land. Tribulation. Eternity. Antichrist. **So many ideas. So many opinions. What do you believe?**

We live in a confusing world. Our faith and values are being questioned and confronted by the world around us. We are constantly bombarded with information... from the moment we wake until we drop off to sleep. It's difficult to focus on what is important or to know whom to listen to. In His Word, our heavenly Father warned about such distractions and deceptions.

As Lutherans interact with other Christians, we often struggle to explain our beliefs and practices. As Lutherans have learned very well the "what" of Lutheran doctrines, but we don't always understand the "why". Based on God's Word and our traditional Lutheran doctrinal documents this study will help you to state clearly what you believe when it comes to End Times.

We are called to fix our eyes on Jesus as we long and pray for His Second and Final Advent. On that day, He will raise us from the dead and usher us into the new heavens and the new earth. Then Jesus will lovingly gaze upon all the baptized and say, *"I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are always and forevermore mine!"* (Isaiah 43:1)

Please join me starting on Wednesday January 10, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Atrium for a 5-week Bible study on End Times. Our topics will include... **The Mysterious Veil.**

Recognize the Signs. Love His Appearing. The Millennial Reign. Judgment Day. Heaven or Hell?

We will focus on the truths found within God's Word and hopefully come away having something relevant to say to the current issues of the day... specifically in the area of End Times and current events.

Peace and Joy in Jesus!
Pastor Greg Lehr

