

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### AS WE GATHER:

The Reading of the Day is Mark 15:16-16:8. After mocking and beating Jesus, the Roman guards take Him to be crucified. As Jesus hangs on the cross, the crowds continue to hurl insults. As Jesus gives up His life, the curtain of the temple splits from top to bottom. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus see Joseph of Arimathea lay Jesus' body in the tomb. When the two Marys and Salome come to the tomb on Sunday morning, they find it empty except for a young man in white, who tells them Jesus has risen from the dead.

### THANKSGIVING EVE COMMUNION SERVICE and PIE SOCIAL Wednesday- 6:30 pm

**THANK YOU** to everyone who purchased a HyVee gift card last Sunday! \$3,385 in gift cards were sold—that means our Youth received 5% of the sales or \$169.25! Please continue to get your gift cards through the holidays - they will help you buy that holiday dinner or they also make great stocking stuffers!

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS** from Lutheran Hour Ministries are on the table at the back of the church. This year's theme is "Come Let Us Adore Him."

**STREETS OF BETHLEHEM** cast sign-up sheet is in the east entryway of the church or online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4EACA729A2F94-52994161-2024>  
The "Streets" will come alive on Sunday, Dec. 8th from 1:00-4:00.

**PARADE OF LIGHTS:** Zion will have a float in the Parade of Lights advertising our **Streets of Bethlehem**. The Parade is Friday, November 29th at 7:30 pm. **We are in need of people to walk alongside the float.** You will need to pick up a "Streets" Shepherd costume from the church and you will also need a string of battery powered lights to drape around yourself. If you'd like to join us - sign up at the "Streets" table in the east entryway.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** this morning are given by Ken and Judy Schmuck in honor of their 64th wedding anniversary and by Dennis and LeAnn Werner in memory of LeAnn's mom and dad, Reg and Elaine Olson and her nephew Jeremy. Also remembering Dennis' mom and dad, Harry and Marion Werner and his brother-in-law Bryon. We thank the Schmucks and Werners for providing the flowers for our services today.

**THE RUTH GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be held on Saturday, December 14 starting at 11:00 am in the Atrium. All the ladies of the congregation are invited. There will be a **sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center**, so they have a head count for the food.

**JOY** (Just Older Youth) will meet Tuesday, Dec. 10th at 10:30. Come for a time of devotions, fellowship and a soup lunch. Please also bring cookies or Christmas goodies in packages of 6 for a cookie exchange. JOY is open to anyone 55 or older. A sign-up sheet is in the Atrium.

**ZION KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will be on Sunday, December 15th at 4:00. Christmas cookie decorating and pizza with Families in Faith will follow the program. Please sign up on the Welcome Wall so we have enough cookies and pizza for everyone!

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be **closed Thursday and Friday**. Happy Thanksgiving from your Zion Office Staff!



## **ADVENT 2024 MIDWEEK SERIES**

We began our Advent Midweek time together in Genesis with God's promise that one day the Seed of the woman would be born, a child to destroy the serpent. Week two we will hear how God preserved His Seed through the life of Isaac, the promised son of Abraham and the bearer of the promise of the Seed of the woman.

As the story God's promise continued on through the centuries, God continued to protect and rescue His erring and sinful chosen line. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and eventually Jesse. Week three we will see the promise passed from Jesse to David, God kept his promise of the Seed generation after generation.

From Jesse's tree came the life of the world, and now in Jesus, through the tree of His cross, His life comes to you!

**\*Wednesday Dec 4:** 1st Advent Midweek: "Jesus, the Seed of Jesse's Tree"  
Genesis 3:8-15; Romans 5:12-21

**\*Wednesday Dec 11:** 2nd Advent Midweek: "Jesus, the Root of Jesse's Tree" Genesis 22:1-18; Hebrews 11:17-22

**\*Wednesday Dec 18:** 3rd Advent Midweek: "Jesus, the Life of Jesse's Tree" Matthew 3:13-17; Romans 6:1-11

## **ADVENT SUNDAYS' THEME: WHO IS JESUS?**

Who is Jesus? That's the question we're asking this Advent, using Matthew 1 to guide us. Who is Jesus? It's the most important question that we can ever ask.

**Sunday Dec 1** Advent 1: Jesus Is The Son Of David (Matthew 1:1, 6, 17)

\*We continue our theme Who is Jesus? on these four Advent Sundays. Today we learn that Jesus is the Son of David. Christ is our King!

**Sunday Dec 8** Advent 2: Jesus Is The Son Of Abraham (Matthew 1:1)

\*Who is Abraham's famous son? That would be Isaac. With Abraham and Isaac we see Jesus... the Son of Abraham and our Son of Sacrifice.

**Sunday Dec 15** Advent 3: Jesus Is The Son Of Solomon (Matthew 1:6)

\*Who is Jesus? Jesus is the Son of Solomon. And what does Solomon teach us? It's easy as pie to begin. It's tougher than nails to finish.

**Sunday 22** Advent 4: Jesus Is The Son Of Mary (Matthew 1:18-25)

\*Who is Jesus? Jesus is the Son of Mary. Meaning what? With Jesus and Immanuel we are given all of God's love, grace and mercy!