# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

**December 8, 2024** 

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## **AS WE GATHER:**

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. Today as we ask the question Who is Jesus? We find the answer that 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.

## MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Wednesday at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm

This week's theme is:
"Jesus, the Root of Jesse's Tree"
(Genesis 22:1-8, Hebrews 11:17-22)

ADVENT SUPPERS will be served from 5:30 - 6:15 pm. Everyone is invited and a free-will offering will be taken. This week, the Eve LWML Group will serve a Mexican casserole with the proceeds going to LCMS Pastor Sam Bobby and his family. They are serving the Lord in Riga, Latvia.

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

<u>JOY</u> (Just Older Youth) meets Tuesday, Dec. 10th at 10:30. Come for devotions, fellowship and a soup lunch. Please also bring cookies or Christmas goodies in packages of 6 for a cookie exchange. A sign-up sheet is in the Atrium.

## THE RUTH GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY is

Saturday, starting at 11:00 am in the Atrium. All ladies of the congregation are invited. The guest speaker will be Kathy Junker from "Lunch Is Served," and the Red Stocking will go to that organization. There will also be Christmas Trivia Bingo! Sign up at the Welcome Center.

THE RUTH GUILD LWML has a nice selection of boxed Christmas Cards for sale. The payment box is on the wall next to the cards.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are given in loving memory of Arlyn Schmidt by his family, for our Lord's constant care on this earth, and ultimately, the Gracious Gift of Heaven because of Jesus. We thank Lois and family for providing the flowers for our services today.

GOD BLESS CODY MICAEL STOTTS as he is confirmed during our 10:30 Service. He will be talking about his Spiritual Gifts Project during the Atrium Bible Study today. His confirmation verse is from Psalm 54:4: "Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me."

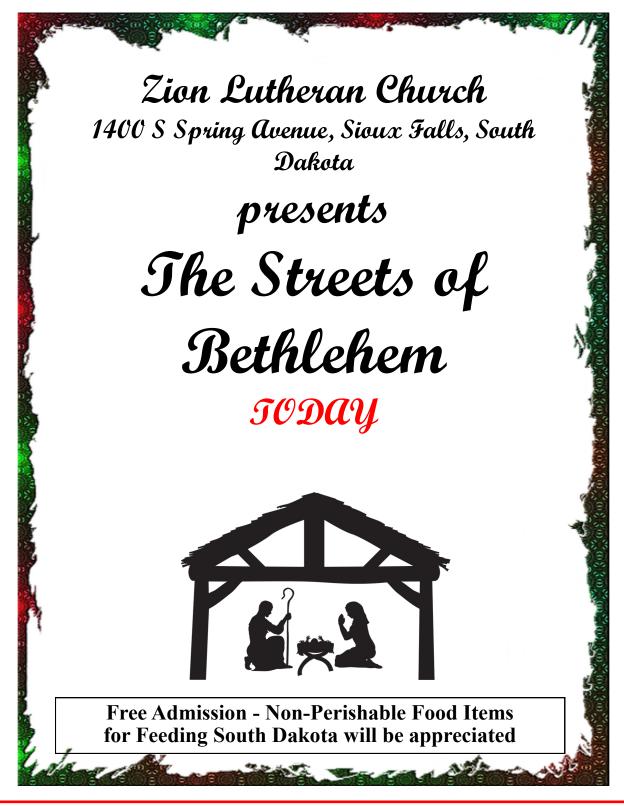
<u>A BIG THANK YOU</u> to all who came to the church the Saturday after Thanksgiving and helped decorate for the Advent and Christmas Seasons!

<u>THE NEW PORTALS of PRAYER</u> for January through March are available this morning in the back of the church and in the East Entryway.

<u>THE YOUTH</u> are selling Hy-Vee cards. 5% of every sale comes back to support the Youth programs. Stop in the Atrium today or the office during the week to purchase the cards for holiday giving!

ZION KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be next Sunday 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!

<u>THE LOVE KITCHEN</u> needs cookies. Please package in bags of 6 or 12 and drop them off at the office.



Merry Christmas from the Simonsons! We have an open house every year on Christmas day from 1 -5 for those who need a place to go or want to visit & spread the joy! We have a big spread of food every year with homemade punch & hot chocolate. Also, we have lots of board games, video games & movies so stop by for a minute, come for an hour or stay all day! We love our church family & would love to spend Christmas with you!