

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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AS WE GATHER: Our Bible Reading of the Day is Exodus 7. God guides Moses to release His people from their slavery in Egypt, but Pharaoh proves less than cooperative. A series of plagues—foretold by Moses and sent by God—brings destruction and pain upon the Egyptians but only serves to harden Pharaoh's heart against Moses and the Israelites. We make idols when we put our trust in creation and not the Creator. Jesus is true God, and He has delivered us from our bondage to sin, death, and the devil through the cross.

THE LEAD ELDER TODAY is Jameson Collin. Please contact him if you have any questions about Zion Lutheran and he will be glad to help you out. Jameson's favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 40:31.

A Voter's Meeting

Will be held today in the Atrium at 9:15. We will be voting on the 2026 Budget

AND

Whether to extend a call to a potential Pastoral candidate.

THE FLOWERS on the altar this morning are given by Judy Schmuck in honor of what would have been her and Ken's 65th wedding anniversary and by the family of Mary Lou Giddings in celebration of her 80th birthday. We thank Judy and the Giddings family for providing the flowers for our services today.

ZION KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be on Sunday, December 14th 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!

OPEN HOUSE in celebration of Mary Lou Giddings' 80th birthday is today in the Atrium starting at 2:00 pm.

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

THE RUTH GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on Saturday, December 13 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.

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

ADVENT DEVOTIONS from Lutheran Hour Ministries are on the table at the back of the church. This year's theme is "Born to You... A Savior."

MIDWEST HONOR FLIGHT UPDATE

2,416 veterans have flown on 28 Honor Flight missions through the end of this year. Honor Flight crews and volunteers are working on funding for 5 more flights for 2026. 500 veterans remain on the waiting list. Thank you Zion for your support in sending a veteran on an Honor Flight Mission!

ZION LUTHERAN FOOD DRIVE continues during the month of November. This week we are asking for pasta/sauces and Mac & Cheese. Last week we delivered 357 pounds of food to "Feeding South Dakota!"

THE YOUTH 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!



ADVENT MIDWEEK SERIES: "PROPHECY FORETOLD- PROPHECY FULFILLED"

Advent is a time to prepare- to prepare our hearts for the celebration of our Savior's birth – to prepare ourselves for the Second Coming of our Lord. Our focus is on the many Old Testament prophecies about both events. During these Advent services, we will look at the prophecies foretold and fulfilled concerning our Savior's birth, remembering again that with God all things are possible. We will see the great faith of the participants examples for us in our own faith walk with our Savior.

10:00 am and 6:30 pm

***Wednesday Dec 3:** 1st Advent Midweek: "*Let it Be*" (Luke 1:38)

***Wednesday Dec 10:** 2nd Advent Midweek: "*He Did as Commanded*" (Matthew 1:24)

***Wednesday Dec 18:** 3rd Advent Midweek: "*Adopted Sons and Daughters*"
(Galatians 4:4-5)

ADVENT SUNDAY SERMON SERIES: "KING'S ARRIVAL"

Advent is the season of holy anticipation. Christ arrives in three ways: He came in humility at Bethlehem, He comes now in Word and Sacrament, and He will come again in glory. Each week we live in eager expectation, moved to sing with the shepherds and the saints: Behold your King's arrival, rich with grace on grace!

November 30 - ANTICIPATION: PREPARING FOR THE KING: Advent begins in longing. God stirs our anticipation with promises of comfort, a voice crying in the wilderness, and the pledge of a coming King.

December 7 - THE KING WHO WILL COME IN GLORY: The same King who came in humility and who comes even now will come again as Judge and Deliverer. Advent directs us to prepare in repentance and hope for the trumpet that will peel back the sky.

December 14 - THE KING WHO COMES IN WORD AND SACRAMENT: The King is not absent ... He arrives here and now in preaching, water, bread, and wine. In these "commonplace" things God delivers extraordinary miracles of forgiveness and new life.

December 21 - THE KING WHO CAME IN HUMILITY: The Child of Bethlehem comes in lowliness yet carries heaven's majesty. The shepherds' astonishment and haste mirror our anticipation of grace fulfilled in flesh.

Wednesday Advent meals will be served at 5:30 in the Atrium, beginning December 3