

ZION'S BRIEF TIDINGS

Sunday, January 4th, 2009

This Week at Zion

Sunday, January 4th, 2009 - 2nd Sunday of Christmas

9:00 a.m. Rotational Sunday School Format (BLAST)
10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (*Sanctuary*)

Monday, January 5th, 2009

7:00 p.m. Catechism (*Pastor Gateman's office*)

Tuesday, January 6th, 2009

6:00 p.m. TWC (*Nursery*)
6:30 p.m. Church Council Potluck/meeting
7:00 p.m. MA (*Teen Room*)

Wednesday, January 7th, 2009

7:00 p.m. Bible Study (*lounge*)

Thursday, January 8th, 2009

7:30 p.m. Adult Chancel Choir (*Fellowship Hall*)

Friday, January 9th, 2009

6:45p.m. NA (*Fellowship Hall*)

Saturday, January 10th, 2009

9:00 a.m. Committee and Treasurer Audits
12:00 p.m. MA (*Teen Room*)

Sunday, January 11th, 2009 - Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 a.m. Rotational Sunday School Format (BLAST)
10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (*Sanctuary*)



EVERYONE

Please sign the red attendance book at the end of the pew and pass it down. Also remember to fill out a communion card when you receive communion.

Lessons for Next Sunday 1/11/2009

(Baptism of Our Lord)

Genesis 1:1-5 (1st reading)
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7 (2nd reading)
Mark 1:4-11 (Gospel)



FLOWER CHART

The 2009 Flower Chart is now hanging in the Narthex. Please take time to check it out and sign up for that special date to honor or remember an important person or event in your life.

Participants and Acknowledgements for Today's Worship

Presiding Minister Pastor Paul F. Gateman
Preaching Minister Pastor John Meulendyk
Lector Rick Jacobi
Organist Scott Schroeder

Zion's Mission Statement

Zion Lutheran's commitment is to glorify God by reaching out to our family and community to provide a Christian atmosphere through spiritual growth, learning and service.

As a community of the people of God, the members of Zion Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ, "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (*Galatians 3:28*). Christ has made us one.

Don't miss ZION CABARET NIGHT Saturday, January 17th 7:00 PM In Zion's Fellowship Hall



Come join us for an elegant evening of music from Zion's many talented musicians. Appetizers, dessert and beverages will be served.

Ticket Price: \$10 adults,
\$7 students & seniors



Tickets on sale today and next Sunday in Fellowship Hall or contact Stephanie Melnick at (248) 543-4060
Proceeds to benefit Luther League



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A Reconciling in Christ Community



Zion Staff

Pastor	Paul F. Gateman	ext. 101
Pastor	John Meulendyk	ext. 102
Secretary	Jackie Koivu	ext. 100
Organist	Scott Schroeder	
Adult Choir	Roger Smith	
Youth Choirs & Handbells	Megan Higle	
Nursery	Julie Baaki	
Custodian	Fred Reed	

Prayer Requests

If you have a specific prayer request, please contact one of the following Prayer-Ring Members:

Rosie Draudt (248) 399-2147
Shirley Nesseth (248) 435-6744
or e-mail: fernzionoffice@earthlink.net

**Please note these are for specific requests. In order to be added to the printed prayer list, see prayer list below.*



If you would like to be added to the prayer list or know of someone, please submit their full name in writing and include your name and relationship. We will be updating the prayer list at the beginning of each month so someone you may have added to the list may disappear. However, just resubmit their name if prayers are still needed.

- Kenny Anderson - *member*
- Dorothy Caddell—*member*
- Robbie Cay—*mother of Jerry Miles*
- Julie Estigoy - *daughter of Shirley Nesseth*
- Alice Garlock - *mother to Sandy Ayers*
- Vernice Jackson—*member*
- Natalie Melnick—*member*
- Irene Motson - *mother of Sherry Fremont*
- Gordon & Marion Smith—*parents of Roger Smith*
- Helen Steinke—*member*

***Please note ~ Prayer requests may be turned into the office at anytime. When prayers are no longer needed, please let us know so that a prayer of thanksgiving may be offered, and then the name may be removed from the list.*

EUCHRE NIGHT AT ZION



The last Saturday of each month beginning in January will now be Euchre Night at Zion in the Fellowship Hall. Come at 6:30 p.m. And bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert,

and we will begin playing at 7:00 p.m. Entrance fee is \$5.00 and there will be cash prizes. You don't need a partner and all levels of playing ability are welcome. Friends and neighbors are welcome, also!

FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY...

...Envelopes for 2009 will have a new format. Every two months you will receive by mail from the envelope company regular and special envelopes for a two-month period, along with a message from the pastor. Around Christmas you will receive the envelopes for Jan. and Feb. You may want to save your 2008 envelope box to store your envelopes. If you do not receive envelopes, please call the church office.



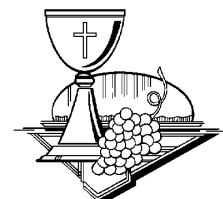
...Since there has been no pledge drive this fall, your 2008 pledges to budget and building will carry over to 2009, unless you notify the Financial Secretary, Sandy Ayers, with a change. Zion's 2009 budget is bare bones and depends on more than the current level of giving. If you didn't pledge, please make a commitment and contact the Financial Secretary. In these tough economic times, if you are fortunate to have a steady income, please consider increasing your giving as you are able. Zion held fast during the depression of 1929 and 1930's. Let's be just as dedicated now to Zion's future.

STATISTICAL HOUSEKEEPING

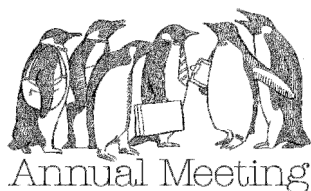
Offering Envelopes



The end of the year brings up some statistical housekeeping for January reports. A voting (active) member of Zion is a confirmed member who communes AND makes a contribution of record during the current or preceding year. Please fill out a communion card when you receive the sacrament and identify contributions you give, either with your 2008 envelope or a pew envelope. It's important that everyone is counted.



ZION 2009 ANNUAL MEETING AND REPORTS



Zion Annual Meeting Sunday January 25th at 11:45 a.m. Immediately following Worship followed by a Potluck.

All Annual Reports are due to Jackie in the church office by Sunday, January 11th.. Email submissions are preferred but, will accept whatever format is available.



2009 ANNUAL CHURCH RETREAT

January 23rd—January 24th
Cost will be available next week

*** Please Note * this is for ALL ZION MEMBERS especially Church Council and, Committee members.**

Mark your calendars and plan now to attend our Church Retreat on Friday, January 23rd—Saturday, January 24th. At St. John's Retreat Center located in Plymouth. Cost will include lodging on Friday and meals on Saturday. Friday evening we will meet for dinner before beginning the retreat. This meal will be on your own. Please let Jackie or Pastor Gateman know if you will be joining us for any or all of the retreat by Sunday, January 18th. Maps and details will be provided to all of those attending.