

ZION'S BRIEF TIDINGS

Sunday, December 20, 2009

"God's Work, Our Hands" This Week at Zion

Sunday, December 20, 2009 Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. Rotational Sunday School Format (BLAST)
Adult Sunday School Class (*Lounge*)
10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (*Sanctuary*)
Children's Christmas program
Cookie Walk
6:30 p.m. Luther League

Monday, December 21, 2009

- 6:00 p.m. Food Pantry Packing
7:00 p.m. Catechism

Tuesday, December 22, 2009

- 9:00 a.m. Food Pantry Pick Up
7:00 p.m. MA (*Teen Room*)

Wednesday, December 23, 2009

Thursday, December 24, 2009 Christmas Eve

- 7:00 p.m. Family Christmas Worship (*Sanctuary*)
11:00 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Worship (*Sanctuary*)

Friday, December 25, 2009 CHRISTMAS

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

Saturday, December 26, 2009

- 11:30 a.m. MA (*Teen Room*)

Sunday, December 27, 2009

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

It's Christmas Cookie Time Today!



Cookie Walk

Today is the Zion Luther League's annual Cookie Walk, where you can purchase a small, medium, or large size can and fill it with an assortment of homemade cookies for the holidays.

Available before and after the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall for \$3.00, \$5.00, or \$8.00 a can.

Come on down and enjoy these baked treats. Proceeds support the Luther League.

Many, many thanks to all the bakers who donated their time & the delicious treats available downstairs!

A Christmas Brunch

Join us for brunch on Friday December 25th at noon here at Zion. Everyone is invited! RSVP to Martha Poole at 248-616-0788



Christmas Brunch

Participants and Acknowledgements for Today's Worship

Presiding Minister	Pastor Paul F. Gateman
Preaching Minister	Pastor John Meulendyk
Assisting Minister	Tom VanDeGrift
Lector	Children Program
Organist, pianist	Scott Schroeder
Chancel Choir	Roger Smith
Adult Bell Choir	Megan Hagle
Greeters	Barb and Tony Benedict



Altar Flowers

There are no flowers on the altar. None were ordered/requested.

If you would like to sponsor flowers sign up on the Flower Chart in the Narthex.

Once you put your name on the chart—**please leave a note in the office if you**

would like a dedication in the weekly Tidings and any flower preference. Envelopes are available in the Narthex. **2010 dates available now!**

Gratitude at Christmastime

As we approach Christmas we celebrate the birth of Christ and we remember all of our blessings from God our creator. One of these blessings is our special church -- Zion. She is a most unique and unusual church who accepts all who enter her sanctuary. With so much dissension and divisiveness in the world today, we appreciate that Zion has been an RIC Church for many years. May we do all we can to insure the future of Zion for ourselves, and our future members yet unknown, with our gifts, time, and talents.

Consider bringing a special gift, time or talent to the manger this year so that Zion's future survival can be securely cast. Liturgical Arts Committee

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.



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

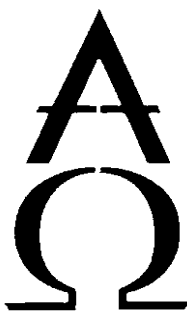
Attendance on December 13th was 152

Attendance on December 16th was 39

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A Reconciling in Christ Community



Zion Staff

Pastor	Paul F. Gateman	ext. 101
Pastor	John Meulendyk	ext. 102
Secretary	Sonya Ferris	ext. 100
Organist	Scott Schroeder	
Adult Choir	Roger Smith	
Youth Choir & Bells	Megan Hagle	
Nursery	Julie Baaki	
Custodian	Fred Reed	
Office Volunteer	Carol Wunderlich	

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: zionoffice@earthlink.net

**Please note these are for specific requests, not to be added to the printed list on the right..*



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.

Kenny Anderson - *member*
Anton Anderssen - *member*
Chris Binkowski - *friend of Charles Sensman*
Margaret Bukoski - *mother of Ann Rogers*
Dorothy Caddell - *member*
Shirley Cannon - *aunt of Carol Wunderlich*
Robbie Cay - *mother of Jerry Miles*
Julie Estigoy - *daughter of Shirley Nesseth*
Edward Fitzpatrick - *father of Susan Radzilowski*
Jeanette Forton - *friend of Carol & Dave Wunderlich*
Alice Garlock - *mother to Sandy Ayers*
Lee Hetrick - *member*
Vernice Jackson - *member*
Walter Jackson - *member*
J.C. Leach - *member/Barbara Leach*
Betty LePage - *member*
Larry McBride Sr. - *father of Larry McBride Jr.*
Betty Mostellee - *sister of Ann Rogers*
Elsie Niemi - *member*
Marion Smith - *mother of Roger Smith*
Helen Steinke - *member*



***Please note ~ Prayer requests may be turned into the office at any time. When prayers are no longer needed, please let us know so that a prayer of thanksgiving may be offered.*

The end of the year is coming...Are you Current?

To be sure to remain a voting (active) member of Zion please be sure you have turned in a communion card and a recorded contribution in one of the envelopes provided. It's important that everyone is counted so that our membership record is accurate.

Offering Envelopes

Boxed offering envelopes will return for 2010. They will be available by Christmas Eve for you to pick up in the narthex. Please take any others that you can deliver. If you do not see a box for yourself, please contact the church office. Statements of 2009 giving will be in your church mailbox by Jan. 31.

The Stars Above You

The lengths of fabric above you form a cross in black and white, inspired by the Isaiah 9:2 passage "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." The light of the world is Jesus. If one follows the North-South direction of the white fabric toward the large star between the pulpit and the lectern, continuing to look south--one sees the Altar followed by the Cross. The cross, a Christian symbol reminds us always that Christ is the bright light who brings us out of our walk in the darkness-to a new life of Faith.

The Season of Advent

Anticipation...waiting, expectation, hope, longing—all words used to describe the season of Advent—the four weeks before Christmas.

Family devotions for Advent and an Advent cube are still available in the narthex. Add a votive and reflect on the REAL meaning of the Christmas we await. Finally join us Christmas Eve to celebrate the birth of Jesus at our candlelight services at 7 & 11:00 p.m.



COFFEE HOUR

We have coffee hour every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Please join us and get caught up with your fellow Zion family members and visitors.

***** PLEASE SIGN UP*****

A sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall- please take time to sign up to sponsor a coffee hour. Check the kitchen refrigerator and cupboards to see what is available, (napkins, plates, utensils, cups, coffee, juice, sugar, cream(er), etc.) To be more eco-friendly, use mugs and stainless flatware. We are seeking donations of 7-9 oz. plastic tumblers to use instead of disposables as well. If you have any to contribute please leave them in the box in the kitchen.

Christmas Cards—Let them know we care! Inquire in office for current addresses. Remembrance suggestions: Edith Bender, June Couzens, Claire Schwartz, J.C. Leach, Lee Hetrick, Elsie Niemi.



Christmas Cards

Share your Christmas greetings with everyone at Zion by posting a card in Fellowship Hall. Donations of saved postage can be given to Zion's budget or a program area.

Luther College (ELCA) presents its Christmas musical program on **PBS 56**. "Christmas at Luther – Night of Glory, Dawn of Peace" on Christmas Day from 1-2 am (shortly after Zion's late Christmas Eve service) and again from 4-5 pm. Luther is well known for its music department & this show won a regional Emmy award for the Best Special Event Coverage for Twin Cities Public Television. With several choirs, orchestra, and bell choir, this program will add inspiration to your Christmas celebration.

Sandy & Russell Ayers and former Pastor Deane Peterson and his wife are alumni and Shirley Nesseth and Mur Hucul grew up in the area.

Short Term Work available for Mature Individuals

Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine is looking for people willing to work with medical students as they practice their interviewing and history taking skills. Individuals are needed for both MSU-COM's new locations at the Detroit Medical Center and at Macomb University Center.

Eligible individuals have had a medical issue and feel comfortable talking about the issue (heart problems, recent surgeries, etc.) All simulated patients will be trained and compensated financially. For more information, please pick up a brochure and application in the church office, or feel free to talk with Pr. John (248) 398-5510 Ext 102

Help Zion while shopping online. Go to www.goodsearch.com, designate **Zion Lutheran - Ferndale**, and shop through the goodshop link. There are special offers for you and Zion will receive a donation of varying percents of your online order. Over 1000 stores participate, but you must start your shopping at goodsearch.com. Also use goodsearch.com for internet searches and Zion will receive one cent each time! Try it out!



Lessons for Next Sunday 12/27/2009

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Psalm 148
Colossian 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52



Zion Needs You!

A new year is fast approaching. There are so many ways to be involved in worship here at Zion— from coffee hour hosts, ushers, greeters, readers, worship participants and more. Please consider signing up for one of these on the sign up sheets or leave a note in the office. Thanks!