

ZION'S BRIEF TIDINGS

Sunday, December 6, 2009

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

- Sunday, December 6, 2009** Second 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*)
Altar Guild Meeting (*following Worship service*)
- Monday, December 7, 2009** Pearl Harbor Day
6:00 p.m. Youth Choir
7:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Catechism
- Tuesday, December 8, 2009**
6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. Elijah Foundation (*Library*)
7:00 p.m. MA (*Teen Room*)
- Wednesday, December 9, 2009**
6:00 p.m. TWC
6:15 p.m. Supper
7:00 p.m. Mid Week Advent Service
- Thursday, December 10, 2009**
6:15 p.m. Chancel Bell Choir (*Balcony*)
7:30 p.m. Adult Chancel Choir (*Fellowship Hall*)
- Friday, December 11, 2009**
6:45 p.m. NA (*Fellowship Hall*)
6:45 p.m. Al-anon
- Saturday, December 12, 2009**
11:30 a.m. MA (*Teen Room*)
- Sunday, December 13, 2009** Third Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m. Rotational Sunday School Format (BLAST)
10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (*Sanctuary*)
2:00 p.m. Zion Holiday Music Concert

Noisy Offering

This month's noisy offering collected at the beginning of the service, will go towards our budget items. Each month we will focus on a part of the budget or ministry. Please save and bring your change on Sunday.



DECEMBER 7, 2009 Remember Pearl Harbor Day! 68th Anniversary of a day that changed the world. Hug a Veteran !!

Checked the Zion web site lately?

Check it out Many news items including the News and Events & Bulletin Board pages-post items needed or for sale, ads, or announcements. Contact davemacines@comcast.net with all items. Visit: www.fernzion.org.



Participants and Acknowledgements for Today's Worship

Presiding Minister	Pastor John Meulendyk
Preaching Minister	Pastor Paul F. Gateman
Assisting Minister	Stacey Jamison
Lector	Ron Krasa
Organist, pianist	Scott Schroeder
Chancel Choir	Roger Smith
Adult Bell Choir	Megan Higle
Greeters	Dave and Dana Smith and Family



Altar Flowers
Flowers on the altar this week are from Muriel Hucul, in memory of her Mother, Geneva Vagts.

If you would like to sponsor flowers there are still December dates to fill, 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 for your convenience.

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.

Lessons for Next Sunday 12/13/2009

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3: 7-18



EVERYONE

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 November 29th =115
Attendance on Dec. 2=31



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www.fernzion.org - Check it out!

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 Higle	
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*
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*



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 signup 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.

The Season of Advent

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

Zion observes this time of year with four Sundays, one of which is the Children's Christmas Program and December 20th and the lighting of the Advent candles each Sunday. Family devotions for Advent are available in the narthex .

We also gather for worship at 7:00 p.m. on the three Wednesdays of Advent. On the first Wednesday (Dec 2) you will receive an Advent cube. With the addition of your own votive light you will have a way to remember the REAL meaning of the Christmas we await.

Before the Wednesday services, at 6:00 p.m. a light supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall.



MEN'S GROUP

The Zion Men's Group will be meeting December 18th starting at 6:30 p.m. until 9 or later. Come and join us!

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.



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.

Second Sunday of Advent



Downtown Ferndale will hold its annual **Holiday Ice Festival Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009 from 9:00 am. to 9:00 p.m.** throughout downtown. More than 40 sculptures, a cookie challenge, free photos and more.



GLBTQ Planning Meeting

Join us on Sunday Dec 13th, to prepare for a Diversity Celebration for Sunday, January 17th. We need EVERYONE to attend since this will be a major event. Please meet in the library after the service.

It's Christmas Cookie Time!

Don't miss 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.

Sunday, December 20th

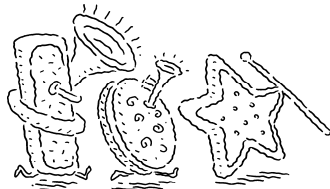
Before and after the Worship Service in Fellowship Hall (church basement)

\$3.00 for small can

\$5.00 for medium can

\$8.00 for large can

Proceeds support the Luther League.



Cookie Walk

Calling all Zion bakers – if you would like to donate a few dozen cookies for the sale, we would be **most** grateful. Drop your cookies off in the kitchen by **9:00 a.m.** on **December 20th**. Thanks for your help!

You can help Zion's budget while doing your online shopping. Go to **www.goodsearch.com**, designate **Zion Lutheran - Ferndale**, and shop through the goodshop link. There are special offers available for your benefit 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.

In addition, if you use the goodsearch page to search for information through Yahoo and designate Zion, one cent will come to Zion for every search. Over a month or year, with many people participating, Zion could receive a nice check. A small check for the past year was just received. Let's make the next one a much larger one. Try it out!!



Zion Needs You!

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!