FIRSTSUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 28, 2014 Announcements

WELCOME VISITORS! Zion's Lay Ministry/Evangelism Board says a special welcome to you this morning and may you be fed spiritually during this time of worship.

OUR THANKS to those assisting at worship this morning:
Greeters: 8:30; 10:30
Ushers: Judy Melby, Rodney and Sandy Knutson, Tom Wold 8:30
Judy Melbye and Peggy Genereux 10:30
Organist/Pianist: Phyllis Dalager 8:30 & 10:30
Acolytes: Ty Johnson, Gunnar Fellman 8:30
Tech Director: Jared Smith *Smoothie Counter:* Brady Hoffard ; *Lector: Worship Leader:*
Lay Reader: Marie Engen
Nursery: Available, but not staffed

BROADCASTS TODAY are given in memory of Cliff & Carmen Larson by family & friends

BUSY BAGS for preschoolers are available from an usher at the back of the sanctuary.

LISTENING DEVICES & LARGE PRINT worship folders & bulletins are available from an usher.

WE WELCOME the following into the family of God today through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:

- ***Jemma Faye Olson***, daughter of Alissa Wagner & Cole Olson. Her sponsors are: Devin Veselka, Andrea Jorstad, Nick Jorstad, Laurel Britten.
- ***Abbott Marc Wilson***, son of Cassandra Vettleson & Jody Wilson. His sponsors are: Jeremy Gibson, Andy & Ana Bramer, Jaime & Ashlee Miramontes.
- ***Jase Jerome Walseth***, son of Alisha & Kevin Walseth. His sponsors are: Jamie & Rynae Harder.

REMINDER to those hospitalized to please notify Zion as the hospital does not alert us.

PREVIOUS SUNDAY BULLETINS are available outside the church office and Sunday announcements are also posted on our website.

www.ziontrf.org December: DelRay and JoAnn Offerdahl in memory of loved ones.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL December 28 & January 4th. Wishing everyone a Great Christmas break and we will see you back on January 11th!

PLEASE DO NOT TAKE IT PERSONALLY! Passing the Peace and shaking hands is an effective way to spread the flu virus. With that in mind we will not be shaking hands until the last Sunday in March 2015.

PLEASE REMEMBER our staff and congregational leaders in your prayers.
Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation
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Griffin Newland, *Custodian*

JOIN THE STAFF -Tuesdays, 10:30 AM & Fridays, 9:30 AM for coffee, tea, etc.

PARISH NURSE: *Parish Nurse hours are Mondays from 3-4:30 PM.*

- Sleep can be healing. People 50 or older who get 6-9 hours of sleep a night think better. Sleep strengthens brain cell connections, which helps older adults process information and think more readily. (courtesy or RSVP Red River Valley) Sleep well, be good stewards of your body and have a healthy 2015 with God's Love.
- Thank you for doing your part during this flu season, to minimize this exposure to the many people in our congregation that have a decreased ability to fight the flu. Get a flu shot, stay home if you are ill, cover your cough and yes, say peace and smile with God's love.

THE HERALD is available online at Zion's site or by mail. You must contact the church office if you would like it by mail. Extra copies are available on tables in the narthex or by the church office.

WHEN AWAY FROM ZION on Sundays, you can listen to the 8:30AM service. Go to ziontrf.org, click Listen Online; click TRF radio link; click Listen Live in upper right hand corner, then click KTRF.

STOCK PLEDGES: If you purchased stock from the youth for the National Gathering, please turn in your donation to Jay today to be included in mailings. 18 stocks have not been paid.

CONTRIBUTIONS for 2014: Contributions intended for 2014 giving need to be in the church office by noon December 31st or postmarked Dec. 31. The date on your check is not the determining date. Contributions received after that time will be designated for 2015 contributions.

PLEDGE CARDS for 2015: If you have not turned in a pledge card and wish to do so, please have it in to the church office by Dec. 28th. If you need a pledge card they are available in the office.

OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES for 2015 are on the tables in the narthex. If you cannot find yours, please contact the church office.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS If you are a Thrivent Financial member with Choice dollars to direct, you can help our church continue with its ministry, simply direct your Choice dollars to Zion. You can make your direction online at Thrivent.com or call Thrivent at 1-800-

847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Zion received over $4900 in Choice dollars in 2013.

SIMPLY GIVING. If you would like a convenient way to make regular offerings, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, you may find electronic giving is the way to go. It takes just a few minutes to setup a recurring giving plan. Visit the church website, **www.ziontrf.org** and locate the donation link or complete a paper authorization form & return it to the church office.

Donate from your smart phone! *Zion Lutheran Church now offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Quick Response (QR) code reader!*

MINISTRY NEEDS

SUNDAY, December 21: Attendance 340 Offering: $19,156. (includes Simply Giving)
Budgeted Income received through December 21: $351,848.
Budgeted Income needed through December 21: $376,074 ($7374/week 51 of 52)
2014 Budget: $383,458.00

THE SENIOR CHOIR is always open to new members, Wednesdays, 6:45PM, choir room.

SENIOR CHOIR ACCOMPANIST Contact Diane Johnson at 964-5034 if interested.

SOUND SYSTEM operators for weddings & funerals. Contact Pastor John if interested.

9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION SMALL GROUP LEADERS Interested? Contact Jay.

BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP SIGN UP LIST FOR 2015 is located in the hallway on the kiosk. Cost is $100 for entire broadcast; $50 for half.

SUNDAY SERVICE RIDES Call/text Sarah Villanueva at 701-212-2367.

TAB COLLECTION Leave tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Fargo on the table outside the church office. Thank you for sharing.

YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to our Muffin Makers:

December 28: Trevor & Monica Swanson, Vicki Thompson, Wade & Kathy Selvig, Wade & Koni Johnson, Wayne & Jeri Nomeland, Wesley & Dawn Brinkman
January 4: Amanda Jeworrek, Amber Holtan, Andy & Heather Harbott, Ben & Jennifer Myers, Beth Nelson, Bob & Nancy Fladeland

CONFIRMATION CLASSES— No Class until January 7th.

YOUTH—Check out online newsletter for details.

CALENDAR & NOTE PAD SALES 2015 Calendars are NOW $5.00, Magnetic note pads are $2.00, Pocket calendar refills are $1.00, please see Jay to purchase.

CONFIRMATION PICTURES Please see Jay or stop in the church office to pick them up.

COMMUNITY/AREA EVENTS

HOSPICE OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY is seeking individuals to join its volunteer team as companionship volunteers. Hospice provides a flexible schedule. To apply, go to www.hrrv.org/volunteer or contact Nikki Dukart at 701-740-0370 or ndukart@hrrv.org.

HERITAGE COMMUNITY CENTER first Monday of the Month fundraiser supper, 5-6 PM. Minimum donation $7; proceeds to running the Center. This is open to all ages.

LSS RESPITE SERVICES is for families caring for individuals 60+ with chronic health conditions. They provide a volunteer to come into the home to assist a loved one while the Caregiver can run errands, attend appointments or just get some needed time away. Call coordinator Brandi Halland at 218-280-3773 for more info.

SUPPORT GROUPS IN THIEF RIVER FALLS

Brain Injury: Third Thursday, 7 PM at United Methodist.
Cancer: First Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 PM at Sanford Medical. Alicia at 683-4380 FMI.
Caregiver: Second Thursday, 10 AM at Heritage Center. Lori at 218-945-6808 FMI.
Gamblers Anonymous: Tuesdays, 7 PM. Mary at 218-684-0813 FMI.
Grief: First Tuesday, 1-2:30 PM, Hospice of the RRV. Jennifer at 888-237-4629 FMI.
Overeater's Anonymous: Mondays, 6:30 PM at United Methodist.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, December 28:
8:30 AM Worship: Olson Baptism; Cable3/KTRF Broadcasts
9:30 AM Ed Hour
10:00 AM Silver Creek Worship
10:30 AM New Traditions Worship/ WilsonBaptism /Walseth Baptism

Monday, December 29:
9:00 AM Bone Builders Exercise

Tuesday, December 30:
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
10:30 AM Coffee Time w/Staff
Noon Text Study/Zion

Wednesday, December 31:
9 AM Bone Builders exercise
Office closes at 12 noon

Thursday, January 1
New Years Day—offices closed

Friday, January 2:
7 AM Men's Breakfast
9 AM Bone Builders
9:30 AM Coffee w/ Staff

Sunday, January 4:
8:30 AM Worship/ HC; Cable3/KTRF Broadcasts
9:30 AM Ed Hour; No SS; BP screening
10:00 AM Silver Creek Worship
10:30 AM New Traditions Worship
12:30 Snowmobile Ride—if snow