

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2016

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 worship assistants:

Ushers: Jay Nelson, Jed Nelson, Jim Nelson, Ben Nelson 8:30; Richard & Sharon Jorde 10:30

Greeters: 8:30 Wayne Bjerken, Pam Cwikla

Pianist: Laura Rude

Reader: Cathy Golv

Acolytes: 8:30 Kaleb Flaagan, Elise Kalsnes

Tech: JeAnna Lubitz *Smoothies:* Kaleb Flaagan *Communion Assistants:* Zach Hintz, Torie

Bugge, Eryn Benitt

Nursery: Available, but not staffed

Advent Readers: Mike & Jodi Flaagan, Kaleb, Abigail, Ryan

BROADCASTS TODAY are given in memory of Joe Armstrong by Ginny Armstrong.

www.ziontrf.org for November is given by Gladys Hallstrom in honor of her great-grandchildren, Evan, Annaleigh, Charlotte, Lilly, Elyse, Ellsa, Tyler, and Alex. December is given by Wally Sparby in memory of Ione Sparby.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO Ida Nordvall on the death of her son, Charles Nordvall. Vivian Knutson & family on the death of her husband, Harley Knutson. Friends and family of Grace Mayta.

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

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.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER our staff and congregational leaders in your prayers.

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JOIN THE STAFF -Tuesdays at 10:30 AM & Fridays at 9:30 AM for coffee fellowship.

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

ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE—Sunday mornings you can listen to the 8:30AM service online. Go to: www.ziontrf.org. in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

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

Being vaccinated guarantees you won't come down with the flu— FALSE. Vaccines are not perfect but they are the best protection we have. In some years the shot reduced the risk of the flu by 50-60%. One study found a 71% reduction of hospitalization for flu related illness among vaccinated adults. Flu cases can be severe and most of the time the flu shot will lessen the severity.

Flu season is definitely here as some people know only too well. What can we do to decrease the spread of flu to family & friends. Individually, remember to get your flu shot. What can we as a congregation do? Again we will **not be sharing peace with handshaking**. Do share God's peace with a smile and genuine love, or even an elbow bump. We will resume handshaking in April when our flu bugs have lessened. Thank you for doing your part to decrease the spread of the flu and also to keep safe some members that have compromised immune systems for any number of reasons. God's Peace and a smile to all.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES may be picked up in the church office.

SARAH Circle will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 29th at 6:30 PM at Greenleaf Assisted Living. June Swanson is hostess.

8th Annual SPIRIT OF GIVING will be held Saturday, December 3rd in Zion's Fellowship Hall. If you have items to donate, **DONATIONS will be accepted December 1st and 2nd.** *No computers or tv's will be accepted.* **Volunteers are needed** to help with set up on Thursday and Friday, and also during the event on Saturday and with clean up following. All items donated are available free of charge to those in need on Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 8AM –12 Noon.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY will be December 4th. If you are considering membership at Zion, please let the church office know. There will be an orientation on Thursday, December 1st., at 7 PM.

CAROLING on Sunday, December 4th. Meet at the Zion at 4:30 PM. There will be a light lunch served following the Caroling. All ages are welcome to join us!

POINSETTIAS If you wish to share a Poinsettia, or give one in memory/honor of a loved one with us for Christmas worship, please let the church office know by December 19th to be included in the Christmas bulletins. Plants may be dropped off in the sanctuary prior to the Christmas Eve service. If you want to take your plant home after Christmas services, please put your name on the back side of the planter.

MINISTRY NEEDS

Attendance Sunday, Nov. 20: 192

Weekly offering/including Simply Giving Nov. 20: \$9,674.

Envelope/Simply Giving Income thru Nov. 20: \$284,437.

Budgeted income needed thru Nov. 20: \$387,320.(\$8,420./week)

2016 Budget \$437,864.



PLEDGE CARDS: Please turn in pledge cards as soon as possible. If you need a card, there are cards available on the desk by the church office. They may be put in the drop box on the wall.

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!



SUNDAY SERVICE RIDES Call/text Sarah Villanueva at 701-212-2637.

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

BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP SIGN UP LIST FOR 2016 IS LOCATED ON THE WALL BY THE OFFICE DOOR. Cost is \$100 *for entire broadcast*; \$50 *for half*. **The sign-up sheet for 2017 is posted.**

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will resume in January.

Zion's LWR Quilting Workshop will meet December 15th at 1 PM and then resume in January.

YOUTH NEWS

Confirmation Classes Wednesdays: Light supper served at 5:30. (\$3 for meal, \$.50 for pop) **Nov. 30: BBQ's & Tator Tots**

SR High Youth Group (Gr.9-12) meets Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 PM.

2017 CALENDARS are for sale. Large \$8.00, Pocket \$6.00, Magnet pads \$3.00 Notepads \$1.00. Makes checks payable to Zion Youth. Available in Narthex and also Youth Office.

Thank You to our Muffin Makers:

November 27: Denise Johnsrud, Desiree Iverson, Elizabeth Erickson

December 4: Gary Hintz, Ginger Alby, Heather Foster, Heidi Wells

December 11: Holly Maycock & Phillip Nelson, Jared & Krista Alby,
Jarrod & Berta Kalsnes, Jason & Sheena Espeseth

Confirmation Pictures are here, Please see Kelsey to pick them up.

Donations needed for Flapjacks for Faith. Pancake mix, Gluten Free Pancake mix, syrup, and sugar free syrup. **Thank you** for your support of our youth! Donations may be dropped off in the youth office. Next Flapjacks to be held in January.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS CELEBRATION

The Zion Lutheran Church Youth Board welcomes all kids in Little Lambs – 5th Grade along with their parents to attend our 1st annual Christmas Celebration!!! The theme of the celebration is “Happy Birthday Jesus!” We will have a birthday party themed celebration on Sunday, December 18th, 2016 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30p.m. It will take place in the church Fellowship Hall. There will be carnival games, prizes, a treat walk, ornament decorating and much more. We will be serving pizza, pop and birthday cupcakes for lunch. There is no charge for this event. Please encourage your child(ren) to attend. You won’t want to miss this event!!!

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

We need your help please! We are looking for donations of baked goods, candies, muffins, bars, donuts, breads, puppy chow, etc. for the “Treat Walk” we are having at the “Happy Birthday Jesus Party” that is taking place on December 18th in the Fellowship Hall for Little Lambs – 5th Grade. We are looking for baked goods that are packaged in groups of 3 for example: 3 cookies, 3 muffins, 3 donuts, etc. If you are able to help us please drop your items off on 12-18-16 between 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. There will be a table set up in the fellowship hall by the kitchen that you can place your items on. If you have any questions or please contact Becky @ 686-5563

COMMUNITY/AREA EVENTS

FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST will be served at the Eagles on Sunday December 4th. From 9 AM to 1 PM. By the Falls Delivered Meals with a Free will donation to benefit the local home delivered meals program.

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.

MARTIN LUTHER: ART AND THE REFORMATION, October 30, 2016 - January 15, 2017. Special exhibition at Minneapolis Institute of Art. The story of Martin Luther and the Reformation brought to life through astonishing artworks and historical objects, traveling outside Germany for the first time ever. Individual and group ticket packages are on sale now. Call 612-871-3000 or reserve tickets online at artsmia.org/luther.

RSVP HANDYMAN SERVICE Trained volunteers enable seniors to maintain their independence and safety by providing minor home maintenance repairs such as replace batteries, lightbulbs, install grab bars or smoke detectors, weatherization projects, etc. with no charge. Materials or supplies are paid for by the client, scholarships are available for those in need. Call RSVP at 218-281-8288.

“MORNING OUT” LSS CAREGIVER SUPPORT/ DAY RESPITE PROGRAM at Trinity Lutheran Church. Every 1st and 3rd Monday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This service provides a safe enjoyable environment for your loved one (age 60+) so you are able to rest, shop, take care of health needs, or run errands. Participants will enjoy activities in a safe surrounding. For more information contact Loreta Drevlow at 218-681-7454. Please bring a sack lunch. Coffee and water provided.

GROCERIES TO GO Do you need help getting your groceries? Call RSVP at 218-281-8288 or 218-281-8289 to discuss your needs or to volunteer to help people with this need.

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

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.

Dementia/Alzheimer's: Third Monday, 6:30PM at GrandStay Hotel meeting room. Kari 686-4487 FMI.

Gamblers Anonymous: 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.

Parkinsons: Second Thursday 4PM at Valley Home Board Room. Joannie at 681-2914 or Judy 681-6631.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, November 27: Advent 1

8:30 Worship/ Cable 3 Broadcasts
9:30 Education Hour
10:00 Silver Creek Worship
10:30 New Traditions Worship

Monday, November 28:

9 SAIL exercise
3-4:30 Parish Nurse Hours
Johnson recital rehearsals

Tuesday, November 29:

9:30 AM Staff Meeting
10:30 Coffee with Staff
Noon Text Study at Zion

Wednesday, November 30:

9 AM SAIL exercise
4:30 Jubilate Campana
5:30 Confirmation supper
6PM Confirmation
6PM God's Joy Choir
6:45 Senior Choir
7:30 Sr Hi Youth Group

Thursday, December 1:

9 SAIL Exercise
9:30 TRF Ministerial
1 Skylite
2 Riverside Terrace
2 Animate Faith study
7 New member orientation
Spirit of Giving Ingathering

Friday, December 2:

7 AM Men's Breakfast at Biff's
9 SAIL exercise
9:30 Coffee with Staff
Spirit of Giving Ingathering

Saturday, December 3:

9-12 Noon Spirit of Giving

Sunday, December 4: Advent 2

8:30 Holy Communion Worship/ Cable 3
Broadcasts
9:30 Education Hour/ Blood Pressure
Screening
10:00 Silver Creek Worship
10:30 New Traditions Service/ New mem-
bers received
11:30 Potluck Dinner
4:30 PM Caroling
Rude Recital rehearsals