

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2017

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:

8:30 *Ushers:* Craig & Marcy Mickelson, Ron & Ruth Ostby; *Greeters:*

Reader: Charlie Cornell;

Pianist: Laura Rude

Acolytes: Ethan Lunsetter, Daniella Niebuhr

Nursery: Available, but not staffed;

10:30 *Ushers:* Peggy Genereux, Junelle Sparby

Communion Assistants: Andrew Selvig, Kyler Hoverson, Ethan Lunsetter

Tech Director: ; *Smoothie counter:* Aliyah Alby

Advent Readers: Ryan & Jamie, Andraya, Karena Bakken

BROADCASTS TODAY are given in memory of Kory Joppru by Dean & Pam Joppru.

Zion's Website Sponsor for December is Gladys Hallstrom, given in honor of her great-grandchildren, Evan, Annaleigh, Charlotte, Lilly, Elyse, Ellsa, Tyler & Alex.

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.

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

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.

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.

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE DURING SERVICES—THANK YOU!

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

- **Managing Grief** in times of celebration can be overwhelming. Suffering the loss of a loved one is difficult any time of the year, but the Holiday season can intensify feelings of loss. Take time out of your busy schedule to reach out to someone you know that is experiencing a loss during this Holiday season.
- **Flu Season** is upon us. Due to this we will not be sharing peace by handshaking during this time. Please share God's peace with a smile and genuine love, or an elbow bump. We will resume handshaking in April when the flu has lessened. Thank you for doing your part to decrease the spread of the flu and also keep members with compromised immune systems safe. God's Peace and Smiles to all.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY & LWR WORKSHOP DAYS will resume January 4th.

ALL ARE INVITED to a Christmas Voice Recital performed by students of Laura Rude. The recital entitled "God Bless Us Everyone" will be at Zion on December 10th @ 5:00pm. Zion members performing are Trista Spears, Julia Rude & Kendal Rantanen.

The Holiday Train will be coming to Thief River Falls on Tuesday, December 12th. Area pastors will be serving cookies and cider at City Hall from 6:30—8:30 pm. The train is scheduled to arrive around 7PM. This event is a Fund-raiser for the Food Shelf. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING, DEC. 17 Get in the Christmas spirit and join other Zion singers on Sunday, Dec. 17, as we visit Valley Home, TRF Care Center, Oakland Park and Greenleaf to share songs of the season with the residents. We will meet at Zion at 4:30 p.m. for carpooling. After the caroling, we will return to church for BBQ's, hot chocolate, and holiday goodies. All ages and voices are most welcome.

POINSETTIAS If you wish to bring a poinsettia to share for Christmas Eve services, please call or email the church office by Monday, December 18th. It may be in memory or in honor of a loved one and will be acknowledged in the Christmas bulletin.

Women of Zion will meet Tues., Dec. 12th at 2PM for Christmas Tea. Installation of officers will be held. Executive board will meet at 1PM. Program: Executive board, Hostess: all circles (10 goodies from all who attend) (2 kitchen helpers from each circle). Visitation: send Christmas Cards.

There will be no coffee after 8:30 services on Dec. 24 and Dec 31. There is no 10:30 services those days.

MINISTRY NEEDS

Attendance Sunday, Dec. 3: 166

Weekly offering/Simply Giving for week of Nov 27– Dec 3: \$8,417.

Envelope/Simply Giving Income from 11/1/2017— 11/30/2017: \$32,229.

Total giving Jan.1—**Dec 3**, 2017: **\$351,131**. or **77%** of \$450,956 annual budget.



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Eligible Thrivent Financial members: Show your appreciation for Zion Lutheran Church by directing Choice Dollars. The individual recommendations you make through Choice Dollars directions can make a profound impact.

2018 ENVELOPES— are available to pick up in the narthex area. A couple reminders: All current contributors will have a new giving number in 2018. Those who give electronically through Vanco will not receive boxed envelopes unless they ask for them. Pew envelopes are available for special offerings and additional giving and are available for anyone to use at any time. Please mark or write your designation on the envelope. **NOTE:** Please do not use boxed envelopes *from a previous year*— Giving is recorded by number on those envelopes, and if a name is not written on the envelope it will be designated to the current contributor assigned to that number.

ELECTRONIC SIGN for Zion—Several members have expressed interest in donating towards an outdoor electronic sign for the church. The sign would be programmable so events, announcements and schedules could be displayed. The approximate cost is \$37,000. The properties board and the PPC decided to go ahead with the sign if 80% of the cost is raised before the project is started. Donations or pledges toward this project are appreciated. Any questions, contact Joel Rude at joelrude@mncable.net or Tim Numedahl at numedahl@mncable.net. **Current donations: \$1,000.**

*** Pledge cards for the electronic sign are available on the desk outside the church office. If you choose to make a pledge toward this project, you can fill out a card and leave it in the office or in the drop box on the wall.***



YOUTH NEWS

**December Noisy Offering:
Food Shelf**

Calendar Sales!



**Sunday School Christmas Program
Today
December 10, 2017 at 8:30am**

December 10th is the last day of Sunday School for 2017. Sunday School will resume on January 7, 2018 at 9:30 am.

Happy Birthday Jesus! - Today

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to celebrate Jesus's Birthday. There will be games, prizes, crafts, pizza, pop and snacks.

We hope all our Little Lamb - 5th grade friends and their parents will be able to join us!

The Zion Youth now have beautiful Calendars, notepads, and cards for sale! The youth will be selling before & after church services. You can also purchase these items during the day, please see Linda. When you purchase on Sunday's the proceeds will go to the youth selling that morning, and if you stop in and purchase during the week, please specify if you would like the proceeds to go to a particular youth, if you don't designate a particular youth it will go towards the chaperone fund.

The following youth of Zion will be attending the 2018 National Youth Gathering!

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| Rebeka Alemayehu | Logan Hintz |
| Joshua Berzinski | Zachary Hintz |
| Dayle Dahlen | Jonah Kalsnes |
| Madelynn Dakken | Trista Spears |
| Tristan Hanson | Jerica Turner |

Chaperones: Roberta Kalsnes, Noah Peters



Hugo's Coupon Books

Our National Youth Gathering youth will be selling Hugo Coupon books for \$10. If you are not familiar with the coupon book, it pays for itself in just 3 coupons (\$5 off \$50 purchase, & two \$2.50 off \$25 purchase) plus many more deals!

**Flap Jacks For Faith
December 17th @ 9:30.
A great way to support the
youth going to National
Youth Gathering!**



THIRTY-ONE FUNDRAISER

Help support our youth that will be attending the National Youth Gathering by shopping our Thirty-One Fundraiser 20% of all catalog orders will go to the youth. If you have any questions contact Laura Fay. Cell: (507)319-7480.

Email: laurafay@gmail.com

Special offers available with every \$35 spent. See website for details.

Last day to order online is December 10.

COMMUNITY/AREA EVENTS

GROCERIES TO GO Do you need help getting your groceries? Call RSVP at 218-281-8288 or 800-862-6466 to discuss your needs or to volunteer to help people with this need.

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.

STAY ACTIVE AND INDEPENDENT FOR LIFE (SAIL) Offered by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) This is a FREE class for seniors. You will improve balance, feel stronger, remain independent, & have more energy. This is a 1 hour class 2x per week. You can stand or sit, weights are provided at no cost. Registration is required. Contact Tammy or Jennifer at RSVP or the RRV at 218-281-8289 to sign up.

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.

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 is located on the wall next to the office door. Cost is \$100 *for entire broadcast*; \$50 *for half*.

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, December 10: Advent

8:30 Sunday School Christmas Program

at Zion; Cable 3 Broadcasts

9:30 Education hour; Jr hi YG, Coffee fellowship; January Sharing Servants in lounge

10 Silver Creek Worship, Holy communion

10:30 New Traditions Worship

10:30 K-5 Christmas event in fellowship hall

5 PM Rude Voice Recital

Monday, Dec. 11:

9 AM SAIL exercise

(Stay Active & Independent for Life)

3-4:30 Parish Nurse Hours

5:45 –6:45 Girl scout recruitment mtg

7-8:30 Girl Scouts

Tuesday, Dec. 12:

9:30 Staff meeting

10:30 Coffee with the staff

Noon Pastors text study /Zion

1PM Executive Board

2PM Women of Zion

Bible Study Leaders

Wednesday, Dec. 13:

9 AM SAIL exercise

4:45 PM—Jubilate Campana

5:30 Confirmation Supper

6:00 Confirmation Classes

6:00 God's Joy choir

6:45 Senior Choir

Thursday, Dec. 14:

9 AM SAIL exercise

9:30 Pastors Conference/Goodridge

3 Oakland Park

Friday, Dec. 15:

7 AM Men's Breakfast at Biff's

9 AM SAIL exercise

9:30 Coffee with Staff

2 Valley Home

3:15 Oakland Park

4 TRCC

Sunday, December 17: Advent

8:30 Zion Holy Communion worship/

Jubilate Campana; Cable 3 Broadcasts

9:30 Education hour; Jr hi YG, Coffee fellowship; Flapjacks for Faith

10 Silver Creek Worship

10:30 New Traditions Worship/Baptism

4:30 Caroling

Upcoming Events:

December 10: 8:30 AM Sunday School Christmas Program

December 17: Caroling at 4:30

December 24: Advent Worship at 8:30 AM at Zion

10:00 AM Christmas Eve worship at Silver Creek

4:00 PM & 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship at Zion