

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 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: Marie Engen; *Organist:* Phyllis Dalager; *Acolytes:* Isabella Ek

Communion Assistants:

Nursery: Available, but not staffed;

10:30 *Ushers:* Peggy Genereux, Krista Johnson

Communion Assistants: Janae Erickson, Jerica Turner; *Tech Director:* ; *Smoothie counter:*

Advent Readers: Amber Holtan, Tristan & Alex Hanson

FLOWERS TODAY are in memory of Don Narverud who passed away Dec. 17, 2005, given by his family.

TODAY WE WELCOME THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: (10:30)



† Adrian Marie Robson, daughter of Darin & Lisa Robson

Adrian's sponsors are Kyle & Whitney Gerardy, and Dallas & Leah Bothum

BROADCASTS TODAY are given in memory of Kenneth & Michael Muzzy by Delores Laliberte.

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.

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation

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

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

- **Make your** snacks contain both fiber and protein for nutrients to help with fullness, stable blood sugar, and energy levels. Pistachios are one of our favorite go-tos because they are crunchy and satisfying. They are also one of the lowest fat, lowest calorie snack nuts and among the highest in protein and fiber.
- **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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING, TODAY Get in the Christmas spirit and join other Zion singers on Sunday, Dec. 17, as we visit Valley Home, TRF Care Center 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.

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

MEALS-ON-WHEELS Volunteers are needed to deliver January 15-19, 2018. If you are available and willing to help, please call Koni Johnson at 681-1344 (evenings)

2018 Zion Women's booklets are available to pick up at the back of the church.

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

DORCAS CIRCLE meets at Ruth Ostby's home, December 19th at 9:30 AM

ANNA CIRCLE will meet on Wed., Dec. 20, 12:00 noon at Glenice Johnson's home, 811 Main Ave N, for their annual Christmas potluck dinner. All circle members welcome.

MINISTRY NEEDS

Attendance Sunday, Dec. 10: 367

Weekly offering/Simply Giving for week of Dec 4— Dec 10: \$8,348.

Envelope/Simply Giving Income from 12/1/2017— 12/10/2017: \$15,552.

Total giving Jan.1—**Dec 10**, 2017: **\$359,479**. or **79%** of \$450,956 annual budget.



Give thanks. Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®.

Thrivent Choice® can have a tremendous impact on an organization.

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.

Donations received after Sunday, December 31st will be credited to your 2018 giving statement.

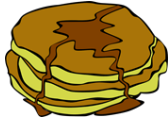
THANK YOU to the Zion Women (ZLCW) for their generous contribution of \$8,000. to our church budget.



YOUTH NEWS

**December Noisy Offering:
Food Shelf**

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



Calendar Sales!



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!**

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!

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 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

Monday, Dec. 18:

9 AM SAIL exercise
(Stay Active & Independent for Life)
3-4:30 Parish Nurse Hours

Tuesday, Dec. 19:

9:30 Staff meeting
10:30 Coffee with the staff
Noon Pastors text study /Trinity
2:30 Greenleaf Holy Communion
5:30 PPC

Wednesday, Dec. 20:

Newsletter Deadline

9 AM SAIL exercise
4:45 PM—Jubilate Campana
5:30 Confirmation Supper
6:00 Confirmation Christmas party/
Service event
6:45 Senior Choir

Thursday, Dec. 21:

9 AM SAIL exercise

Friday, Dec. 22:

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

Sunday, December 24:

8:30 Zion Advent worship; Cable 3 Broad-
casts
10 Silver Creek Christmas Eve Worship
4:00 Zion Christmas Eve Worship; Cable 3
Broadcasts
10 PM Zion Christmas Eve Worship with
Holy Communion

Upcoming Events:

TODAY: 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

December 31: 8:30 worship only at Zion; 10:00 Silver Creek