

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 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*: Junelle Sparby

Reader: Dan Bartsch

Pianist: Laura Rude

Acolytes: Alex Lundgren, Zander Salenty

Nursery: Available, but not staffed

Advent Readers: Robert & Laura, Nora & AJ Fay

OUR SYMPATHY to Pastor John and Cathy on the death of his mother, Ruth Golv. Her funeral was held Wednesday, Dec. 20th at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

OUR PRAYERS to Bruce Koppenhaver who is recovering from surgery

BROADCASTS TODAY are given by Dorothy Jury

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.*

- **Stop to remember** and enjoy the "Reason for the Season." We give thanks for the "gift" we were given in Baby Jesus.
- **Flu Season** is upon us. Due to this we will not be shaking hands 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.

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.

2018 SIGN-UP SHEET For Broadcast sponsorship is on the wall by the church office.

Broadcast sponsorship is \$100 per worship service .

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!

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.

MINISTRY NEEDS

Attendance Sunday, Dec. 17: 143

Weekly offering/Simply Giving for week of Dec 11— Dec 17: \$19,596.

Envelope/Simply Giving Income from 12/1/2017— 12/17/2017: \$35,148..

Total giving Jan.1—**Dec 17**, 2017: **\$379,076**. or **84%** of \$450,956 annual budget.



Give thanks. Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®.

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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 numbered envelopes from a non-current 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/Pledges: \$6,000.**

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.

COMMUNITY/AREA EVENTS

RSVP HANDY MAN SERVICE is seeking volunteers in the Thief River Falls area. Please join them for coffee on Thursday December 28th at 1PM at the Heritage Center to learn about becoming a RSVP Handyperson volunteer. Call Jennifer with any questions at 218-281-8288

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 HANDY MAN 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 24:

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

Monday, Dec. 25:

Christmas Day
Offices/ Building Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 26:

9:30 Staff meeting
10:30 Coffee with the staff
Noon Pastors text study /Trinity

Wednesday, Dec. 27:

9 AM SAIL exercise
No Confirmation
No Choirs

Thursday, Dec. 28:

9 AM SAIL exercise

Friday, Dec. 29:

9 AM SAIL exercise

Sunday, December 31:

8:30 Zion worship; Cable 3 Broadcasts
10 Silver Creek Worship
No 10:30 Worship today

Upcoming Events:

TODAY: Advent Worship at 8:30 AM at Zion

10:00 AM Christmas Eve worship at Silver Creek— All are Welcome

4:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship at Zion

10:00 PM Christmas Eve Holy Communion Worship at Zion

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

January 7: Baptism of our Lord—we celebrate those baptized in 2017