Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 23, 2018 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:* Charlie & Kittie Cornell, Krista Johnson, Millie Reierson
Greeters: Mike & Kami Spears *Acolytes:* Isabella Ek, Caitlynn Ellison
Organist/Pianist: Sheila Nelson *Reader:* Charlie Cornell
Advent Readers: Amber Holtan, Tristan & Alex Hanson

OUR PRAYERS TO: Phyllis Dalager,who is recovering at TRCC.

BROADCASTS TODAY are sponsored in memory of Loved Ones by Delores Laliberte

ZION'S WEBSITE for December is sponsored by Ginny Armstrong in memory of Joe Armstrong.

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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Tiffany Sterry & David Lee, *Custodians*

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 HOURS Mondays 3:30—4:30 PM
Let us celebrate the greatest Birthday of all! The eve of Jesus birth will be tomorrow. Celebrate life and rejoice!

NO HANDSHAKING during the flu season. Elbows only! This will continue thru the winter season.

WATER TO THRIVE Wells in Ethiopia Mission project. The cost of each well is $5,000. Funds for the 1st well was sent in August. **Donations are currently at $3,275.26** toward a 2nd well. If you would like to contribute to this mission project, checks can be made out to "Zion Lutheran Church." Please designate funds for "Water to Thrive" on the memo line.

THE EVANGELISM /LAY MINISTRY BOARD is seeking volunteers to bring home communion to shut-ins on Communion Sundays. This is a very simple yet wonderful way to serve our fellow members of our congregation. Please contact the church office or Marijo Nabben at 686-4277 if interested. If you are in need or know someone in need of, or would like home communion, please contact the church office.

END OF YEAR DONATIONS: Any donation received after December 31, will be credited to 2019 giving. *Any donations mailed that are not received **before** January 1st will be credited to 2019 giving.*

ANNUAL REPORTS: Please turn in by January 11, 2019 typed and ready to print.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES, **SHARING SERVANT BOOKLETS AND ZION WOMEN BOOKLETS** are available to pick up on the table in the narthex. Please take a minute to pick them up. *Those enrolled with Vanco Giving do not receive boxed envelopes*.

REMINDER Poinsettias shared for Christmas Eve may be picked up following the 10PM service, if you wish to take yours home.

MINISTRY NEEDS
Attendance Sunday, Dec. 16: 145
Weekly offering/Simply Giving for week of Dec 10-Dec 16: $12,686.
Envelope/Simply Giving Income from **January 1– Dec. 16: $363,285.**
2018 Budget $422,168. ($8,118 needed per week to meet expenses)

Pledge Cards received to date: 80
Last Year : 101

GIVEHUB KIOSK is available in the narthex for credit/debit card contributions. You can set up an account with a log-in or choose a one-time donation without creating an account. A receipt will be emailed to you, if you provide an address. Giving through the kiosk is recorded on your annual giving statement.

ELECTRONIC SIGN Current donations/Pledges: $6,190.
The approximate cost is $37,000. The properties board and the PPC will proceed 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. **Pledge cards** for the electronic sign are available on the desk outside the church office.

VANCO electronic funds transfer forms are available in the church office and on the desk outside the office, for those interested in automated giving.
Sign up is also available thru the link on zion's website.

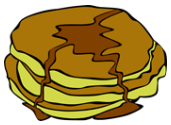
WORSHIP CARDS are available in the pews. Use as needed to let the pastors or office know of any items/ concerns/ address /phone changes etc.. Please leave in the offering plate or the office drop box.

BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP sign up is located on the wall next to the office door. Cost is $100 *for entire broadcast;* $50 *for half*. **The 2019 Broadcast sheet is now available**.

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®.
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.

YOUTH NEWS

- Noisy Offering for December: Christmas for Pennington County
- Please see Sunday School/Youth bulletin boards for current information
- Confirmation resumes January 2nd
- Zion Youth are selling 2019 Calendars, pocket calendars, cards and note pads. Contact a youth or Kami Spears to purchase.



- **FLAPJACKS FOR FAITH**
- **January 20 -Help is needed.** Contact Amber to sign up

COMMUNITY/AREA EVENTS

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.

HOSPICE OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY welcomes 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.

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.

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.

SUPPORT GROUPS IN THIEF RIVER FALLS
Caregiver: Second Thursday, 10 AM at Zion. Julie at 218-686-6228 FMI.
Dementia/Alzheimer's: Kari 686-4487 FMI.
Gamblers Anonymous: Mary at 218-684-0813 FMI.
Grief: Hospice of the RRV. Jennifer at 888-237-4629 FMI.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, December 23: Advent 4
8:30 Zion Worship/Cable 3 Broadcasts
No Silver Creek Worship
No 10:30 Worship

Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve
4:00 Candlelight Worship at Zion
5:30 Candlelight Holy Communion Worship at Silver Creek
10:00 Candlelight Holy Communion Worship at Zion

Tuesday, December 25:Christmas Day
Church offices closed

Wednesday, December 26:
NO SAIL Exercise Group

Thursday, December 27:
9 AM SAIL Exercise Group

Friday, December 28:
9 AM SAIL Exercise Group

Sunday, December 30:
8:30 Zion Worship/Cable 3 Broadcasts
No Sunday School
10:00 Silver Creek Worship
No 10:30 Worship

Christmas Eve Worship
4:00 Zion
5:30 Silver Creek
10 Zion

December Choirs
Dec. 23: Senior Choir
Dec 24: Jubilate Campana
Senior Choir

The Staff of Zion wishes a blessed Christmas to you and yours -
Rev. John Golv
Rev. Ale Tulu
Linda Hamrick
Sandy Knutson
Tiffany Sterry
Dave Lee
Laura Rude