

Zion Chronicle

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Finding God?

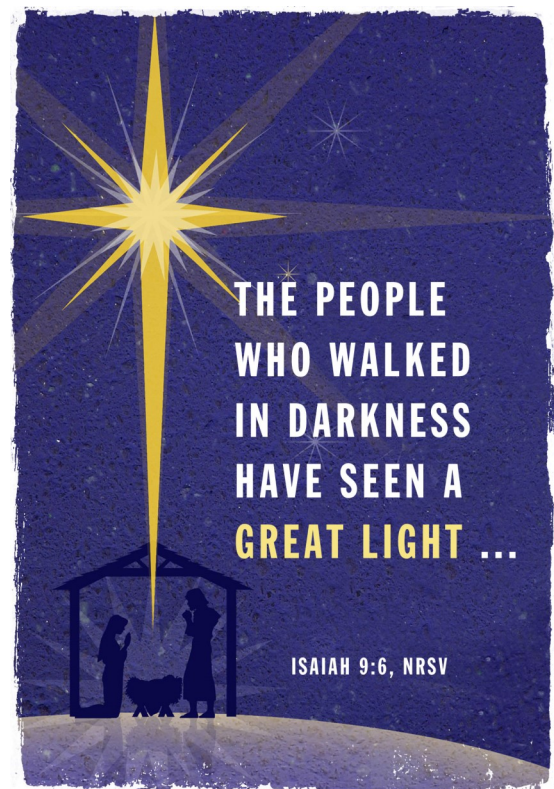
Occasionally, a troubled person may say something like, "My life's a mess. I've tried to handle my problems alone, but without success. Maybe I need to find God."

The truth is that God has been seeking them. That's the message of the Bible. The story after Adam and Eve sinned is the tale of God's searching for them. God called, "Where are you?" (Genesis 3:9, NRSV). Their guilt made them fearful of God, yet God sought them out — as a parent searching for his children.

When we spurn God, attempting to live life on our own terms, we alienate ourselves from the loving Creator. We suffer the consequences: guilt, shame, lack of inner peace, joylessness. Our lives lose real meaning and hope.

Christmas reminds us that God makes every effort to keep in touch with us. The arrival of Jesus Christ was God's most dramatic act of reaching out to us.

Jesus said, "I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in darkness" (John 12:46, NRSV). God was in Christ seeking us that we might find the fullness of life which is the great gift for each of us.



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Stewardship

Jesus, in His Sermon on the Mount, is teaching those who follow Him that worrying about the necessities of life is idolatry: worshipping a false god. This is because worry and anxiety show what we care about. Our anxiety reveals what we love and to what we're devoted. It reveals what we trust in.

This is why our Lord begins this section with an overarching principle: "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

But you say: "I must eat and drink. I must have clothing to wear and have a home in which to dwell." Yes, all these things you need. And Jesus says that your Father in heaven will ensure that you have them. He demonstrates this with a simple argument.

Your Father in heaven feeds the birds of the air, who neither sow, nor reap, nor gather into barns. He clothes the lilies of the field, who neither toil nor spin but are arrayed more luxuriously than Solomon in all his glory. If, then, your Father in heaven feeds the birds and clothes the lilies, how will He not also feed and clothe you when you are worth more than they are?

For you know that you are worth more than them. You are worth infinitely more. You are worth the price of the eternal Son of God. Did the Son of God come down from heaven and become a lily? Did he descend and take on the form of a bird? No!

He came down from heaven and became a man: flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone. He is one of us, our brother. And what did He do when He became flesh to dwell among us? He gave His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death, that you might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom forever.

God became man in Christ Jesus. He lived the life we failed to live, and He died the death we deserve because of it. He was raised again on the third day to overcome sin and death ... for us. He was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification. So, if your Father in heaven has given His Son to die for us in order that we might live with Him eternally, how will He not also give us all things to support this body and life?

To be anxious about the necessities of life, to devote yourself to food and clothing, to care about this and find security in it, is to serve another god. It is to deny that you will live forever because Jesus, the Son of God is risen from the dead, lives and reigns for all eternity. It is to believe that God – who created you, redeemed you by the death and resurrection of His Son, and sanctifies you by His Spirit – will not keep His promises of sustaining you in this life.

Jesus says this: Seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness. God's kingdom is His rule among us. His rule among us comes when our Father in heaven gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity. This is what we ask God to do for us in the prayer Jesus taught us.

Your Father in heaven knows what you need – food and clothing, house and home, etc. – and He promises to give it to you. Chief of the things you need is His grace and mercy in His Son, Jesus Christ. So, seek after that. Those who seek will find. And all the necessities of life, our Lord says, will be added to you.





Join us for Christmas Eve
The Nativity of Our Lord

Tuesday, December 24
3:30 PM and 6:00 PM

"Bethlehem: Place of Birth"
Luke 2:1-7

Services filled with Carols, Lessons, and Candlelight
all celebrating the birth of the Christ Child!

Join us for Christmas Day
The Nativity of Our Lord

Wednesday, December 25
9:00 AM

"Bee-Line to Bethlehem: Story of the Shepherds"
Luke 2:8-20



A simple festive celebration Carols, Lessons, and Holy Communion!

After the birth of Jesus, the shepherds returned to the same old world from whence they came. Yet, there must have been a new excitement in that familiar world. Life must have taken on new meaning, for no one is ever the same again after being in the presence of the Lord.



Celebrate the close of the year with us
New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31
Prayer Service --- 5:30 PM
Game Night Fellowship --- 6:30 PM

Join us as we remember and give thanks to God for all the blessings received in 2019 and ask God's gracious blessing to be upon us in 2020!

Don't sit at home alone! Plan on attending Game Night and enjoy some yummy food, fellowship and play your favorite games that your family won't play at home!
Bring snacks or dinner potluck items, beverages, and games! It will be a night of fun with friends!

Happy New Year!

Ladies Society



Pam Doss led the Oct. Monday morning Bible study, Pam has led many studies and always does a great job. Thank You!

Many thanks to all who helped clean the church. This was proof that many hands make light work.

Plan to attend the Ladies Society Christmas Brunch Saturday, Dec. 7 at 9:30 A.M. Entertainment will be provided by Karen VanWert who will be playing several Hand Bell melodies. It's a great way to start the Christmas season. Invitations are in the mail boxes and a sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. See you there.

The circles will be hosting an Advent meal on December 18 between services. Join us for soup, bread, crackers and bars.



HANNAH CIRCLE

Dec. 3 at 9:30am @ Main
Street Family Restaurant

LADIES EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dec. 30 at 3:30 pm @ Zion

MARTHA CIRCLE

Dec. 3 at Noon @
Wedgewood Cove



RUTH CIRCLE

Dec. 3 at 5:30 pm @
Wedgewood Cove

Check out the LWML Websites.

The National LWML Website:

www.lwml.org

The LWML Minnesota South District

Website: www.mnslwml.org

Why Jesus Is Better than Santa Claus

Santa lives at the North Pole...
JESUS is everywhere.

Santa rides in a sleigh...
JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa comes but once a year...
JESUS is an ever-present help.

Santa fills your stockings with goodies...
JESUS supplies all your needs.

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited...
JESUS stands at your door and knocks, then enters your heart when invited.

You need to wait in line to see Santa...
JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.

Santa lets you sit on his lap...
JESUS lets you rest in His arms.

Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is hi little boy or girl, what's your name?"...
JESUS knew our name before we were born.

Not only does He know our name,
He knows our address too.
He knows our history and future and
He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.

Santa has a belly like a bowl of jelly...
JESUS has a heart full of love.



All Santa can offer is HO HO HO...
JESUS offers health, help and hope.

Santa says "You better not cry"...
JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you".

Santa's little helpers make toys...
JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.

Santa may make you chuckle but...
JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.

While Santa puts gifts under your tree...
JESUS became our gift and died on a tree...The cross.

We need to put Christ back in CHRISTmas, JESUS is still
the reason for the season.



"For GOD so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Thoughts from an Elder

GIVER OR TAKER?

Growing up as a child and also, my adult life, Christmas has always been a big celebration spent with family, while making memories every year. My parents were never selfish. We always had many gifts under the tree. They were always the givers and not the takers. To this day, in their later years of life, they haven't changed. That has been instilled in my heart. To be like that is a gift from God. Their home has always been the go-to place for fun and laughter. I thank God for the gift of my parents. So my point is they taught us to follow the biggest gift there is, Jesus Christ.

There isn't a tree big enough for all the gifts he has given us. Because we are all sinners we need to be a TAKER and open our hearts to the gifts he has given us.

GRACE

The greatest gift that humanity was given on that blessed day when Christ was born.

PEACE

Knowing we can have peace in our hearts through Christ our Savior.

FORGIVENESS

Knowing he does forgive your sins if you ask for it.

JOY

Having joy in your heart every day knowing you have been baptized through the Holy Spirit.

LOVE

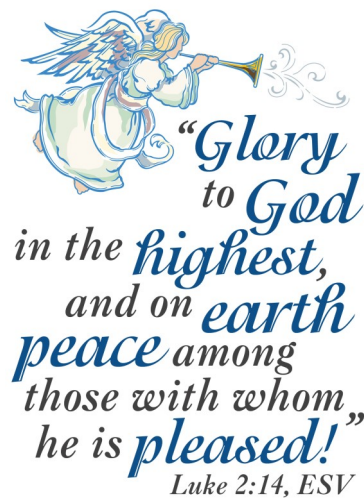
Love him with all your heart as He has given you JOY, PEACE, FORGIVENESS, GRACE, and LOVE

I hope you find meaning and joy while going about your Christmas activities. There is never a wrong time to be grateful.

Have a blessed, and Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

Jim Viktora



SHE WAS RIGHT AFTER ALL!

Small children were putting on a Christmas program. The entertainment proceeded without a hitch until near the end of the event. Each child held a large card with a letter printed on it. The letters were turned away from the audience. One by one each child turned the card he or she was holding to reveal a letter. First was the child with the "C," then the one with the "H," and so on down the line. When it was time for a little girl to hold up the "M," it was upside down. The "M" appeared to be a "W."

Quiet giggles rippled through the audience. Nevertheless, the kids continued one by one to reveal the rest of the cards. When the last card was shown, the cards were meant to spell out: C H R I S T M A S L O V E

Instead, they spelled: C H R I S T W A S L O V E

What first seemed to be a mistake wasn't one after all.



DECEMBER MEMORY GEMS

Make time during this festival season to memorize these awesome Bible passages from the book of Isaiah.

- ♦ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)
- ♦ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. (Isaiah 11:6)
- ♦ The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. (Isaiah 35:1)
- ♦ Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)
- ♦ The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. (Isaiah 9:2)

THE SAME OLD SONG

Meeting a parishioner on the street, a pastor asked why he had not seen the fellow at worship very often. "Well," the man complained, "it seems like every time I go to church you sing the same old hymns."

"Oh," replied the preacher. "What hymns are those?"

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."





Sundays in Advent

First Sunday in Advent – Dec. 1

Theme: "Prophecy of Peace"

Text: Isaiah 2:1-5

Lessons: Psalm 122; Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:8-14; and Matthew 24:36-44

Second Sunday in Advent – Dec. 8

Theme: "Prophecy of Hope"

Text: Isaiah 11:1-10

Lessons: Psalm 72:1-7; Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13 and Matthew 3:1-12

Third Sunday in Advent – Dec. 15

Theme: "Prophecy of Promise"

Text: Isaiah 35:1-10

Lessons: Psalm 35; Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-11; and Matthew 11:2-15

Fourth Sunday in Advent – Dec. 22

Theme: "Prophecy for the Long Haul"

Text: Isaiah 7:1-14

Lessons: Psalm 24; Isaiah 7:1-14; Romans 1:1-7; and Matthew 1:18-25

Worship for Kids

Did you notice that the color of the altar paraments and the pastor's stole changed? The paraments change as the season of the church year changes. December 1 marks the beginning of a New Church Year! *Blue* is a color of hope and the sky. The story of Advent is the story of hope we have in remembering Jesus coming into the world as our newborn King! Yes, Jesus Christ, who came assuming our flesh, will also return on the Last Day from that same blue sky he ascended long ago. Our Advent prayer is, "Come, Lord Jesus. Amen."

Midweek Advent Services

"Bethlehem"

This year we will be learning about the historic town of Bethlehem and the Biblical events that took place in and near this little town of Judah. Before each worship service, we will have a time of singing some favorite Advent and Christmas hymns.

Midweek Advent I – December 4

Theme: "Bethlehem: A House of Bread"

Midweek Advent II – December 11

Theme: "Bethlehem: A Field of Dreams"

Midweek Advent III – December 18

Theme: "Bethlehem: A City of Tears"

Advent Midweek Schedule

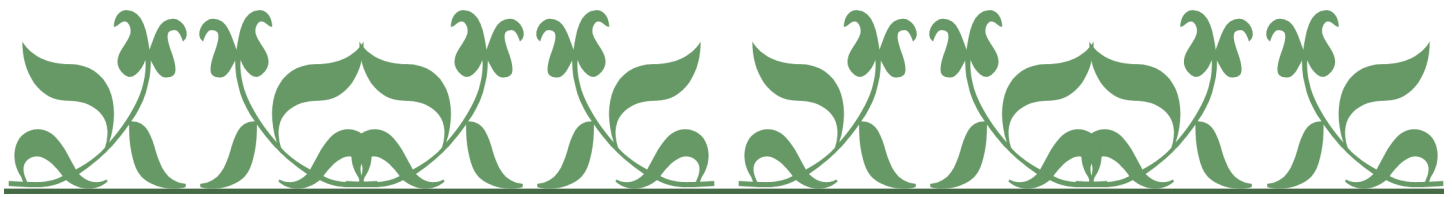
4:30 PM ----- Midweek Worship

5:30 PM ----- Advent Supper

6:00 PM ----- Confirmation

7:00 PM ----- Midweek Worship





Dear Loved Ones of God,

Do you feel it? Do you sense it? The holiday rush is on! As the Halloween decorations came down, up went Christmas trees and lights. So much for Thanksgiving, the most overlooked of all holidays. The question posed for you: "Are these holidays or holy days?" For God's people, the days leading up to, and including, Christmas can be both. These days are filled with joyful preparation, frenetic anticipation, and grateful giving. But they can also be days that are merely "filled," with no real sense of Christ's presence in our hearts. I sincerely pray that it is not so for you!

Knowing all-too-well how easy it is to allow this season to become a time when we just want to be done with it! When Christmas Day arrives, unfortunately, the Christmas tree will be taken down, tossed into a snowbank, and the Christmas lights will cease to twinkle. Now that is heartbreaking. For there are eleven more days of Christmas to celebrate the wondrous birth of Christ!

I want to invite you to join us for our Advent and Christmas worship services. Our worship services, for the most part, are to be meditative, reflective, quiet, and peaceful; especially, our evening services on Christmas Eve. Christmas Day is a jubilant celebration of the newborn King, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Savior! On January 5, the twelfth day of Christmas, the Sunday School children and the youth will present a special Christmas program.

Be sure to participate in these precious times; and nourish your spirit and soul during these holidays, for they are holy days, above all! Be sure to invite family and friends. It's the time of year to celebrate and to reach out in the love of God!

God's blessings!

Pastor Matt

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS





Christmas Songs

Mark Lowry, who wrote the lyrics to the Christmas song "Mary, Did You Know?" says he's always been amazed by Mary's silence at the cross, as her son was being crucified. Maybe she was remembering back to that first Christmas, he wonders, when she counted Jesus' fingers and toes.

"I wonder if she realized then that those were the same fingers that had scooped out the oceans and formed the seas. I wonder if she realized those were the same feet that had walked on streets of gold and been worshiped by angels. Those little lips were the same lips that had spoken the world into existence. When Mary kissed her little baby, she wasn't just kissing another baby; she was kissing the face of God."

Mary silently watched her son die 33 years later, Lowry notes — not just for the world but also for his own mother. "The baby boy she had delivered on that first Christmas was now on a cross delivering her."



German pastor Paul Gerhardt (1607-76) authored many hymns, including "O Sacred Head Now Wounded," a hymn churches often use during Lent. Below are two verses from his hymn "Oh Lord, How Shall I Meet You?" At Christmas this hymn can help us recapture the true spirit of the joyous holy day.



O Lord, how shall I greet You, how welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You, my hope, my heart's delight.
O kindle, Lord, most holy, a lamp within my breast,
To do in spirit lowly, all that may please You best.

A glorious crown You give me, a treasure safe on high,
That will not fail nor leave me, as earthly riches fly.
My heart shall bloom forever, for You with praises new,
And from Your name shall never, withhold the honor due

In 1865, Phillips Brooks, an Episcopal preacher from Boston, went on a Holy Land pilgrimage. Riding horseback from Jerusalem to Bethlehem for Christmas Eve worship at the Church of the Nativity was so moving that he wrote "O Little Town of Bethlehem." The hymn's final stanza addresses the town's most famous newborn:

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!



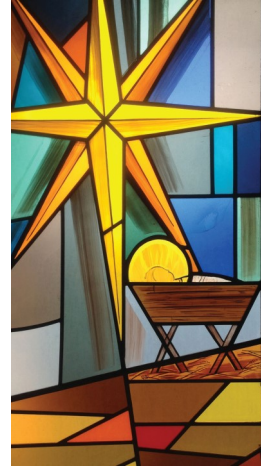
Martin Luther wrote the hymn "From Heaven Above" for his 5-year-old son, Hans, to be sung each year at their family Christmas celebration. A man dressed as an angel would enter, singing the first (at least seven!) verses.

A lesser known and tender verse is this one:

These are the tokens ye shall mark,
The swaddling clothes and manger dark;
There shall ye find the young Child laid,
By Whom the heavens and earth were made.

The children would then sing: "Welcome to earth, Thou noble Guest! ..." and after still more stanzas, one imagines everyone joining in final praise:

Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto [us] His Son hath given;
While angels sing with tender mirth,
A glad new year to all the earth.



Somehow, not only for Christmas,
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others,
Is the joy that comes back to you.
And the more you spend in blessing
The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart's possessing
Returns to you glad.

—John Greenleaf Whittier

At Christmas, shivers in the spine have nothing to do with climate. Songs are sung not with the lips but with the heart. And light comes not from utilities but from the heavens.

—Author unknown



The Serious Side of Christmas

The brilliant German clergyman, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who opposed Adolf Hitler and was killed because of it, made many insightful statements. Concerning Christmas, Bonhoeffer said that modern Christians take only "the pleasant and agreeable out of it and forget the serious aspect, that the God of the world draws near to the people of our little world and lays claim to us."

He meant that when the presence of the holy light of God is revealed, we should see the seriousness of the magnificent revelation. Bonhoeffer put it this way: "The coming of God is truly not only glad tidings, but first of all frightening news for everyone who has a conscience."

An example of this is found in Luke's description of the shepherds' encounter with an angel: "... the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified" (Luke 2:9, NRSV).

Christmas is about God's immeasurable love invading Earth. It is also about the holy God being revealed among Earth's people, all of whom fall short of the glory of God.

Outreach Thought

Actively invite family members, friends, or co-workers to church for a worship service or an activity during these holy days of Advent and Christmas. The Christmas season is one of the two times each year when Americans are especially receptive to such invitations. The other time is Easter. Let us always as God's family continue "Share the Good News of Jesus Christ!"

Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is a symbol of watchfulness and increasing joy as we anticipate Jesus' birth. The wreath's circular shape symbolizes eternity, or life without end. The candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World — He brought light and life to a dark world (see John 1:4-5). On each of the four Sundays of Advent, we light a new candle. As the light grows, so do our hope and joy.



1. Which prophet said, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son"?
 - a. Isaiah
 - b. Jeremiah
 - c. Micah
 - d. Ezekiel
2. What did the prophet Micah say about Jesus' birth?
 - a. He would be laid in a manger
 - b. He would be born in Bethlehem
 - c. He would be raised in Nazareth
 - d. He would be visited by shepherds
3. What was the name of the old prophetess who saw Jesus in the temple when he was presented to the Lord after his birth?
 - a. Huldah
 - b. Deborah
 - c. Hannah
 - d. Anna
4. Which Caesar decreed that all the world should take part in the census?
 - a. Claudius
 - b. Julius
 - c. Augustus
 - d. Nero
5. Which prophet said, "Out of Egypt have I called my son"?
 - a. Hosea
 - b. Jeremiah
 - c. Malachi
 - d. Isaiah
6. What sacrifice did Mary and Joseph offer when the days of purification were complete after Jesus' birth?
 - a. A young lamb and two pigeons
 - b. A young goat
 - c. A young lamb
 - d. Two turtledoves or pigeons



The Children's Christmas program will be on January 5th.
The time will be announced at a later time.

Practices will be held on Saturday afternoons from
2:00pm—3:30pm. Starting on December 14.

If there is any change in the schedule you will be notified.

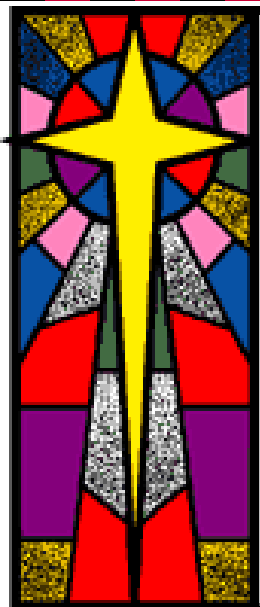
Jenny Overland

Starting January 1, 2020 There will
be new office hours.

The office will be open **Monday-
Thursday** from 9:00 am until 1:00
pm.

The office will be closed on Fridays

**CHANGES
ARE
COMING**



Christmas Eve Music Program

on KATE

6:00-9:00 pm

Will be sponsored by Zion Lutheran Church

Listen for the advertisement of our
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day services.

Good News on the Airways

Lutheran Hour

The Good News of Jesus Christ is proclaimed across the airways each Sunday on WCCO (830 AM) at 6:05 am or KJLY (93.5 FM) at 6:00 am. Join the Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler as he shares the powerful Word of God!

December 1

"Enough with the Self-Talk"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We are not always who we say we are. What you say to yourself about yourself may or may not be what's true. Dr. Michael Zeigler says, "Enough with the self-talk!" Who does God say you are? You'll find that you are worse than you thought, and yet, more loved than you could ever imagine.

(Luke 18:9-14)

December 8

"God's Yes"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Loved and Sent Series - "If we say that God's purpose is simply to take our souls to heaven when we die, we might miss God's bigger 'yes' ... God's 'yes' to putting bodies and souls back together again in the resurrection; God's 'yes' to creation as He intended it to be."

(Romans 8:18-39)

December 15

"Love Is Enough"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Loved and Sent Series - God shows us a different kind of love. It's love for the world that is not of this world, love that is focused outward, love that gives without requiring anything in return.

(Matthew 22:35-40)

December 22

"Christmas"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Matthew 1:18-25)

December 29

"Dreams"

Guest Speaker: Pastor John Nunes

(Jeremiah 23:24)



*Thank
You!*



Thank you so much for all your lovely recipes! This gift means the world to me, to see how many people in our church community wanted to support us in our marriage is amazing. We are so grateful to have each and every one of you. Thank you so much for always supporting us and all of your love.

With much love,
Amanda and Jacob Allen

Thank you to the Trustees, for building shelves for our flower and altar storage closet.

The Flower and Altar
Committee

Thank you so very much for everything. The cards, phone calls, flowers and visits from friends and Pastor Matt were greatly appreciated.

Fern Vietze

Activity Page

Puzzle!

Unscramble the Christmas-themed words below, writing each extra letter on the blank to the right. Then place those extra letters in the correct spots below to discover what we receive at Christmas.



1. TGLBEHHEME _____
2. NEAGLO _____
3. NRMEDAG _____
4. ODEKSNY _____
5. AMGYR _____
6. OHESJIP _____
7. EFJUSS _____
8. ITEENMSW _____
9. SPHHDSREEO _____
10. EMCFAL _____
11. TLSRA _____
12. CSSNUEO _____
13. HEVSPE _____
14. ENIN _____

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

9 10 11 12 13 14

Answers: Bethlehem (G), angel (O), manger (D), donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), wise men (O), shepherds (O), camel (F), star (L), census (O), sheep (V), inn (E), God's gift of love



Symbols of the season

Many traditional decorations convey the meaning of Christmas.

Directions: Use the picture clues to the right to complete the words. Then write the boxed letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV.



- shepherd's staff ☐ ☐ _____ ☐
- tree that keeps its leaves _____ ☐ _____
- shines to lead the way _____ ☐
- green for eternal life, ☐ _____ &
red for Jesus' blood _____ ☐ ☐ _____
- sounds to announce ☐ _____
good news
- has no beginning or end _____ ☐ _____

Th ☐ ☐ ks b ☐ to ☐ od fo ☐ ☐ is
indesc ☐ ☐ ba ☐ le gif ☐!

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15, NIV

Answer: candy cane, evergreen, star, holly & berries, bell, wreath; Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV



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Mission Statement: Sowing the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Mission: Zion exists to enthusiastically share the Good News of Jesus with all in our community by connecting people with the Word and serving others with Christ's love.

Vision: All of Zion's members actively reaching out with God's love to connect the community with Jesus.

“Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world.”
—C.S. Lewis





December 2019



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
First Sunday in Advent 1 8:00 am Traditional Worship w H.C. 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship w H.C.	2 6:30 am Men's Bible Study	3 9:30 am Hannah Circle Noon Martha Circle 5:30 pm Ruth Circle 7:00 pm Elder's Meeting	4 9:00 am Quilters 4:30 pm Advent Service 5:30 pm Advent Meal 6:00 pm Confirmation & JAM 7:00 pm Advent Service	5	6 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	7 9:30 am Women's Christmas Brunch & Annual Meeting 10:00 am Youth Shopping
Second Sunday in Advent 8 8:00 am Traditional Worship w H.C. 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship w H.C.	9 6:15 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Safety Comm.	10 9:00 am Circuit Pastors Meeting-Austin 6:45 pm All Boards Meet 7:30 pm Church Council	11 9:00 am Quilters 4:30 pm Advent Service 5:30 pm Advent Meal 6:00 pm Confirmation & JAM 7:00 pm Advent Service	12	13 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	14 2:00 pm Christmas Program Practice
Third Sunday in Advent 15 8:00 am Traditional Worship w H.C. 9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship w H.C.	16	17	18 9:00 am Quilters 4:30 pm Advent Service 5:30 pm Advent Meal 6:00 pm Confirmation & JAM 7:00 pm Advent Service	19	20 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	21
Fourth Sunday in Advent 22 8:00 am Traditional Worship w H.C. 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship w H.C. 1:00 pm Children to Play in Austin	23 2:30 pm Ladies Exe. Bd. meeting	Christmas Eve 24 3:30 pm Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	Christmas Day 25 9:00 am Christmas Day Worship w H.C. <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>	26	27 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	28
First Sunday after Christmas 29 8:00 am Traditional Worship w H.C. 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Contemporary Worship w H.C.	30	31 5:30 pm New Year's Eve Service 6:30 pm Game Night	New Year's Day 1 <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>	2	3 <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i> <i>Pastor's Day</i>	4 2:00 pm Christmas Program Practice



Serving in December



Sunday	12/1		12/8		12/15		12/22		12/25	12/29	
	8:00am	10:30am	8:00am	10:30am	8:00am	10:30am	8:00am	10:30am	9:00am	8:00am	10:30am
Acolyte:	Carly Hoffman	Samuel Houle	Hailey Bera	Claire Stockwell	Hailey Bera	Layla Prestholt	Cohen Drescher	Samuel Houle	Claire Stockwell	Travis Overland	Layla Prestholt
A-V Team:	Wayne Prudoehl Nancy Golde	James Hedin	Wayne Prudoehl Fred Rennpferd Willa Olivier	David Kelly	Robin Pettit Fred Rennpferd Wayne Prudoehl	James Hedin	Robin Pettit Brooks Drescher Nancy Golde	David Kelly	Wayne Prudoehl	Jim Viktora Brooks Drescher Willa Olivier	James Hedin
Lector:	Kelly Schultz	Lois Palmer	Ann Estes	Bill Morris	Kelly Schultz	Dawn Dace	Ann Estes	Chandra Whelan		Kelly Schultz	Dana Nelson
Elder:	Jim Viktora	Dana Nelson	Rick Ashling	Dana Nelson	Rick Ashling	Dana Nelson	Rick Ashling	Dana Nelson	Dana Nelson	Rick Ashling	Dana Nelson
Greeters:	J & J Domes	D & L Palmer	Jerry Kruckeberg	Bonnie Westbee	Roger Panzer	Hod Bolinger	Jean Prescher	B & P Bonfy		J & D Viktora	B & D Drescher
Ushers:	Clint Miller Chris Olivier Jock Wenzel Dwight Meyer	Jeff Brown LeAnn Houle	Ron Timm Jim Viktora Truman Gullord Dwight Meyer	Bruce Hayden Natalie Nelson	Dave Overland John Domes Fred Rennpferd Dwight Meyer	Tim Kasper Dick Mucha	Bruce Bakken Orlo Willmert Jerry Kruckeberg Dwight Meyer	Bruce Hayden Natalie Nelson	Dwight Meyer Dick Mucha Bruce Bakken Orlo Willmert	Clint Miller Chris Olivier Jock Wenzel Dwight Meyer	Jeff Brown LeAnn Houle
Comm. Assist:	Jerry Kruckeberg	Jeff Brown	Ron Timm	Bruce Hayden	Wayne Prudoehl	Tim Kasper	Chris Olivier	Bruce Hayden	Tim Kasper	John Domes	Jeff Brown

Flower & Altar: Nancy Golde, Natalie Nelson
Financial Assistants: Marie Hinkley, Elaine Nelson



Advent	12/4		12/11		12/18		12/24		12/31
	4:30 pm	7:00 pm	4:30 pm	7:00 pm	4:30 pm	7:00 pm	3:30 pm	6:00 pm	7:00 pm
Acolyte	Travis Overland	Samuel Houle	Hailey Bera	Carly Hoffman	Claire Stockwell	Layla Prestholt	Cohen Drescher	Samuel Houle	Samuel Houle
AV Team	Roger Panzer	Keith Kemkes	Roger Panzer	Keith Kemkes	Roger Panzer	Keith Kemkes	Robin Pettit Fred Rennpferd Roger Panzer	James Hedin	Keith Kemkes
Usher	Truman Gullord John Domes Ron Tiimm Dwight Meyer	Keith Kemkes Chris Olivier Kent Dollum Dwight Meyer	Truman Gullord John Domes Ron Tiimm Dwight Meyer	Keith Kemkes Chris Olivier Kent Dollum Dwight Meyer	Truman Gullord John Domes Ron Tiimm Dwight Meyer	Keith Kemkes Chris Olivier Kent Dollum Dwight Meyer	Truman Gullord Fred Rennpferd Jim Viktora Dwight Meyer	Dwight Meyer Dick Mucha Chris Olivier Kent Dollum	Dwight Meyer Ron Timm Keith Kemkes Dick Mucha