

Zion Lutheran Church

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Announcements, Prayer Concerns and Calendar Sunday, December 17, 2017

LUTHER QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The Son, who is proclaimed to be a Lord and Savior, is my Savior; and if you can confirm the message of the angel and say yes to it and believe it in your heart, then your heart will be filled with assurance and joy and confidence, and you will not worry much about even the costliest and best that this world has to offer.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

The attendance on **December 10th** was **107** adults and children during the opening at **9:15 am**, and **68** post opening. Average attendance through **December 10th** is **41** at the first service, and **46** at the second service (post opening). Average Sunday attendance (post opening) through **December 10th** is **73**.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the holiday season by the Rochotte family, and for Cantata Sunday by the Koeppen family.

ONE SERVICE ONLY AND NO SUNDAY SCHOOL DECEMBER 24TH AND 31ST

Because **Christmas Eve** and **New Year's Eve** both fall on Sundays, we will be holding **one** morning service **only** at **9:15 am** on both of these Sundays. Come and celebrate the season with us as we gather for worship each week! We encourage our children to come and enjoy the beautiful music and these special services with the congregation in the Sanctuary during this time. **Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, January 7th.**

POINSETTIAS

It's not too late to order and dedicate poinsettias for the altar this Christmas season! We have ordered **60** poinsettias for the altar, but have only received orders and dedications for **47**. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the red order form in the Narthex, or contact Laura in the office as soon as possible. If you have already ordered poinsettias, we thank you and please remember to place your donations in the offering plate. The profits for the sale of the poinsettias this season will benefit the **LVCNS** playground fund.

2018 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

Our Luther Rose is improving! Please help us to return it to full color by putting your financial pledge for **2018** into the box in the Narthex. If you forgot to bring in your card, there are extras beside the box. We are also attaching the **2018 Time and Talent Sheet** to this issue of Happenings. Please print it out, fill it in and return it to the pledge box as well. If you have a talent that you are willing to share that is not on the sheet, please write it in!

BIBLE STUDY THIS TUESDAY

The **Tuesday Bible Study Group** will meet this coming **Tuesday, December 19th** at **12:00 pm** at **Pezzo Pizza**, in Long Valley, for lunch before our study begins at Zion at **1:00**. There will be **no Bible Study on December 26th** while the group takes a break for the Christmas Holidays.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The newly formed bereavement group "**Comfort My People**" and members of the Stephen Ministry will be hosting a special ecumenical service of worship for those who have suffered loss AND for those who would simply appreciate a quiet and contemplative service during the "hustle and bustle" of the Christmas season. The service will be held at Zion on **Thursday, December 21st at 7:00 pm**. Father Mike from St. Luke Parish, and Pastor Amy Lincoln from Highland Presbyterian Church will be joining us. The service will include scripture readings, storytelling and the lighting of candles in memory of those who we have lost. Everyone from the greater Long Valley community is welcome and encouraged to attend. If you would like more information on this or the "**Comfort My People**" bereavement group, please contact Pastor Dan at DRSchroeder54@gmail.com.

LET YOUR OPINION BE KNOWN!

The church council is looking for church members to fill positions on the **Church Council** for 2018 **AND** positions on the **Call Committee** that will interview new pastoral candidates. We will be passing out "suggestion slips" this coming Sunday in your church bulletins and ask that you fill out the slip with **ONE** suggested person for council and **ONE** suggested person for the call committee. Slips can then be deposited in the appropriate box in the narthex of the church and will be reviewed by our current council as we seek volunteers for both sets of positions. *If you can't be at church this coming Sunday, feel free to email or call Pastor Dan with your suggestions.*

SPONSOR A WREATH FOR LVCAP

You can help the **Long Valley Community Assistance Program (LVCAP)** by donating **\$20** to sponsor a wreath that will adorn the white fences in our township as a reflection of your generosity. An informational poster and stamped donation envelopes will be located in the Narthex throughout the holiday season.

2018 GIVING ENVELOPES

If you have donated significantly in the past, are a member or a family with children in Sunday school, **2018** "Giving Envelopes" have been printed for you. The envelopes are available in the Narthex, and we would appreciate it if you could pick these up as soon as possible. If you prefer to donate online, please let Barb Schulz know so she does not print your boxes next time. Thanks!

LONG VALLEY CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL TRICKY TRAY

The **LVCNS** is offering advertising in the "*Tricky Tray*" fundraiser program to friends and families who own or run their own family businesses. For more information, please contact the preschool.

Worship Assistants

Please let **Laura Hamilton** in the office know if you cannot, or don't want to serve in the slot you have been assigned. You may also contact **Malainie Hibler** with questions about worship assistants at best-omaha@live.com.

Coffee Hour Hosts/Hostesses:

December 3: Vi Muriello; **December 10:** Christine Stabile; **December 17:** Helga Schwartz; **December 24:** Donut Sunday; **December 31:** Cookie Sunday.

Eucharistic Ministers:

December 3: Linda and Gale Tucker; **December 10:** Linda and Gale Tucker, and Judy and Brian Bumpus; **December 17:** Denzler, Tucker and Bumpus families **December 24 and 25th:** Tucker and Bumpus families; **December 31:** Linda and Gale Tucker

Singers:

December 3: Ann Rahmann and Malainie Hibler; **December 10:** Christine Stabile and Linda Tucker.

Please contact **Vi Muriello** if you can volunteer to help with Coffee Hour at gingermom123@aol.com. Please contact Linda Tucker at bluberyboo1@gmail.com if you would like to be part of the team that visits our homebound members to administer communion and support.

December Worship Assistants—8:00 AM
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DECEMBER	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Lector	Ushers	Greeters
3	Joe Seewald	Catherine Stabile	Jeff Naglestad	Ryan and Christine Stabile	Emily and Diane Rochotte
10	Linda Tucker	Emily Wallace	Sue Koeppen	Bob Meling and Barb Schulz	Dave and Kerri Bataille

Note: *There is no 8:00 am service, Sunday, December 17, 24 and 31.*

December Worship Assistants—9:15 AM
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DECEMBER	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Lector	Ushers	Greeters & Presenters
3	Yeong Jan	Zion Member	Craig Dise	Annie Clay and Brian Bumpus	Marianne and Craig Dise
10	Brian Bumpus	Zion Member	Larry Salvatore	Malainie Hibler and Yeong Jan	Dottie Weis
17 Cantata	Craig Dise	Zion Member	Sarah Ochocki and Sue Koeppen	Malainie Hibler and Yeong Jan	Marcia Davidson and Cathy DiLello
24 Christmas Eve	Malainie Hibler	Zion Member	Burt Horner	Larry Salvatore and Helga Schwartz	Linda Tucker and Ann Rahmann
25 Christmas Day	TBD	Zion Member	TBD	TBD	Dottie Weis
31 Lessons and Carols	Reinhard Schwartz	Zion Member	Paul Litwiller	TBD	Dottie and Bob Weis



We Remember In Our Prayers

Those who are in nursing homes: Kenneth Winterfeldt

ONGOING NEEDS:

Amanda Seabeck
Margie Muller
Vi Muriello

Courtney Derr
Anna Secka
Charlie Burd

Sue Koeppen
Rachel Sauer
Annie Clay

Joyce Shakespeare
Pearl Tauscher
Barry Blaine

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Kevin Dean, nephew of Kerri Bataille
Sally Young, sister of Rob Johnson
Rhonda Smith and Vicky McIntyre, sister
and aunt of Cheryl Fritsch
Tom LaPointe, friend of Marcia Horner
Joy Carducci, former Zion member
Anna Kennedy and Emmett Kennedy
Norman, family of Judy Bumpus
Carol Johnson, cousin of Dottie Weis
Katie Antonaccio, LVCNS teacher
Carter Manley, Peter Jensen, William von
Minden, Amy Vincent, family and
friends of Jeanette Baker
Emily Mancuso, granddaughter of Betty
Rush
Ron Guzinski and Gwen Long, friends of
Ellen Miller
Lori Biernacki and family, daughter of Vi
Muriello
Barbara Macholz, Mary Beth Bocksel, Jack
Steffen, family and friends of Jeanne
Howell
Joseph Vacca, friend of the Koeppens
Wilma Weiss and Irma Koeppen, mothers of
Sue and Doug Koeppen
The Mancuso Family, Justin Fogarty, Charlie
and Sue Burd, Karen, and Eleanor
Smith, former Secretary at Zion, family
& friends of Betty Rush
Great-nephew of Barbara Gunderson
Rennie
Mary Janeski, mother of Karen Sauer
Stu Gutman, friend of Yeong Jan
Allie Henkel and Andy Ellmann, friends of
Courtney and Corey Derr
Barbara and Joseph Seewald Sr., parents of
Joseph Seewald

Trevor & Rebecca Weiss, friends of Reg
Tauscher
Michael Derr, uncle of Corey Derr
Dolores Davidson, sister-in-law of Charlie
and Marcia Davidson
Laura Glowincki, friend of Meghan Callow
William Cross, Mandy Brunkow, the
Bordner family, Randy, Karen, &
Sarah, family & friends of the
Tauschers
Blanca Oliveras, mother-in-law of Jeff
Naglestad
Judy Friend, mother of Diane Domareki
Ruth Dise, mother of Craig Dise
William Holloway, brother of Annie Clay
Ryan Sullivan, friend of Malainie Stoma
Luke Senner and Jane Lee Forrester,
friend of the Hibleers
Wally & David Kreutzer, mother and
brother of Pam Meling
Rosalee Carroll, friend of Vi Muriello
Wayne Carter, Ray & Michele Kramer,
Susan Robinson, Lori Larsen, Mark &
Kara Pfunke, Jerry Edelen, friends
and family of the Horners
Charlie Noll, friend of Helga & Reinhard
Schwartz
Don Winkler, brother-in-law of Rob & Mickey
Johnson
Ann Marie Simpson, friend of the Staadas
Hannelore Seitz, family of the Stabile family
Bill Friedrich, brother-in-law to Rick Kohler
Geraldine, Jamie & Joseph Capodiferro,
Valerie Patitucci, Peter & Linda
Cooper, Rose Vaz, Gary & Kevin
Brenner, family and friends of Ed &
Rose Galandak

If you have prayers you would like included on this list, or if there are updates needed, please contact the church office.