

Zion Lutheran Church

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Announcements, Prayer Concerns and Calendar Sunday, December 24, 2017

LUTHER QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“But rather that he who lies in the virgin’s lap is our Savior, that you accept this and give thanks to God, who so loved you that he gave you a Savior who is yours. And for a sign he sent the angel from heaven to proclaim him, in order that nothing else should be preached except that this child is the Savior and far better than heaven and earth.”

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

The attendance on **December 17th** was **113** at **9:15 am**. Average attendance through **December 17th** at the **first service** is **41**, and at the **second service** is **48** . Average Sunday attendance (post opening) through **December 17th** is **74**.

FLOWERS

Please see the bulletin insert for the dedication of flowers for the Christmas season.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

We hope you will join us for worship at **4:00 pm tonight** for the **Christmas Eve Family Service**, and/or at **8:00 pm tonight** for the **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** . This is a great time to bring a friend or loved one! Our **Christmas Day** service will take place **Monday, December 25th** at **9:15 am**.

Pastor Bruce Davidson will return to Zion on **December 31st** to preside over the **Lessons and Carols** service while Pastor Dan is on vacation. Because **New Year’s Eve** falls on Sunday, we will be holding only **one** morning service at **9:15 am**, and there will be **no** Sunday School. We encourage our children to come and enjoy the beautiful music, and these special services with the congregation in the Sanctuary during this season. **Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, January 7th**.

OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK

The office will be closed on **Monday, December 25th** in observance of **Christmas Day**, and on **Monday, January 1st** for the **New Years’ Day** holiday. Pastor Dan will

be on vacation from **December 25th through January 2nd**. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact **Pastor Dan** on his cell at **(860) 539-3478**.

NOVEMBER GIVING SUMMARY

- **November** Actual Giving was **\$14,958** vs. **November** Budgeted Giving **\$15,544**.
- **YTD** Giving is **\$185,637** vs. Budgeted **YTD** Giving **\$189,532**.
- **Average** monthly giving to date was **\$16,898**; **Average** needed to achieve budget is **\$17,866**; **Average** needed to achieve breakeven is **\$21,464**.

Please contact **Council President Fred Humcke** at fred.humcke@nasdaq.com with any questions.

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. Also remember to fill out the **2018 Time and Talent Sheet** (extras are located in the narthex), 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!

NO BIBLE STUDY NEXT TUESDAY

The **Tuesday Bible Study Group** will take a Christmas break so there will be **no** Bible Study on **December 26th**. The group will meet again on **January 2nd**.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE BUMPUS HOUSE

You're invited to an Open House at the Bumpus home (352 Pleasant Grove Road in Long Valley) on New Year's afternoon - anytime from noon to 5 pm or so, January 1, 2018. Zach will be home between overseas assignments with the Air Force and would love to be able to visit with you in a less rushed setting than at church service. We hope you will be able to drop in for a visit and a bite to eat! Call Judy at (908) 684-0391 to RSVP or for questions.

SURVEY

The **Worship and Music Committee** has prepared a short survey to "take the pulse" of the congregation regarding our recent service time changes. If you did not get one in your email, please take a yellow survey from the narthex and return it to the box in the narthex or to the office. We value your input!

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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will take place on **Sunday, January 28th**. Please stay tuned to the Happenings emails for more details.

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 (bring your Christmas Cookies to share!)

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, Bumpus, and Denzler 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 Eucharistic Ministry team that visits our homebound members to administer communion and support.

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

December Worship Assistants—Christmas Services

DECEMBER	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Lector	Ushers	Greeters
Christmas Eve 4:00	Yeong Jan	Zion Member	TBD	TBD	TBD
Christmas Eve 8:00	Yeong Jan	Zion Member	Peggy Humcke	TBD	Dottie Weis
25 Christmas Day	TBD	Zion Member	Fred Humcke	Fred Humcke	Dottie Weis

This Week at Zion

SUNDAY: Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve

(12/24/17) 9:15 AM Traditional Worship
 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service
 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight
 Service

MONDAY: Christmas Day

Church Office and LVCNS Closed
 9:15 AM Christmas Day Service

TUESDAY: LVCNS Closed

WEDNESDAY: LVCNS Closed
 6:00 PM Pack 136-Den 7

THURSDAY: LVCNC Closed
 6:00 PM Pack 136—Den 6
 6:00 PM Hand Bell Choir
 7:00 PM Choir

FRIDAY: LVCNS Closed
 5:00 PM GS Troop 96762
 8:30 PM AA Meeting

SATURDAY: 8:30 AM Praise Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY: First Sunday After Christmas/New Year's Eve

(12/31/17) Church Office and LVCNS Closed
 9:15 AM Lessons and Carols



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

Craig Bercaw and family, family of Judy Bumpus
Sally Young, sister of Rob Johnson
Kevin Dean, nephew of Kerri Bataille
Rhonda Smith and Vicky McIntyre, sister and aunt of Cheryl Fritsch
Tom LaPointe, friend of Marcia Horner
Joy Carducci, former Zion member
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 Hiblers
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.