

Zion Lutheran Church

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Announcements, Prayer Concerns and Calendar Sunday, January 7, 2017

LUTHER QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If a man could put out of his mind all that he is and has except the child, and if for him everything - money, goods, power, or honor fades into darkness... so that heaven with its stars and earth with all its power and its treasures becomes as nothing to him, that man would have the true gain and fruit of this message of the angel."

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

The attendance on **December 31st** was **54** at **9:15 am**. Average attendance through **December 31st** at the **first service** is **41**, and at the **second service** is **49**. Average Sunday attendance (post opening) through **December 31st** is **76**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES TODAY

Sunday School classes will resume today at **9:15 am**. We encourage all families to attend the opening of the **9:15 am** service with the children before Sunday school and remain while the children are in class.

BIBLE STUDY THIS TUESDAY

The **Tuesday Bible Study Group** will meet on **January 9th**. Our study focuses on the lectionary passages for the coming Sunday. **All are welcome to join in!** The group meets at **12:00 pm** at **Pezzo Pizza**, in Long Valley, for lunch before our study begins at Zion at **1:00**.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES THIS WEDNESDAY

Confirmation instruction will take place after school on **Wednesday, January 10th** at **3:40 pm**. Our topic of conversation is: ***Did Jesus know he was God?*** If you would like to sign up to be the "second adult" during the confirmation classes, or can volunteer to bring snacks email Pastor Dan at **DRSchroeder54@gmail.com**.

TRANSITION NEWS MEETINGS

Our Church Council is hard at work solidifying a **Call Committee** for the congregation and should have that work done mid-month. In the meantime, the **Transition Team** continues its work and will be hosting discussion groups to further weigh the opinions of the congregation. Those opinions will then be given over to the Call Committee for their work.

We now have two dates set for open discussions that will center on the results of the congregational survey taken before Christmas. The first gathering will be at **7:00 pm this coming Wednesday, January 10th**. In order to accommodate those who find it difficult to get out at night, we will also be offering an afternoon session on **Tuesday, January 23rd at 2:00 pm**. This second session will follow our regular Tuesday Bible Study Group in hopes that some of the participants may stay through for the transition discussion. We want to accommodate and include as many members of the congregation as we can in these discussions. If you have any ideas about dates and times for getting a group together (large or small), please let us know!

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. All ads are due by **January 15th** for printing. Please see the forms in the Narthex to purchase tickets for this event. Tickets sell out fast! More information will be attached to this week’s Happenings email. **For questions, please contact the preschool.**

LONG VALLEY CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the **2018-2019** school year is underway! LVCNS has a new session of **First Friends** (2 1/2 -3 years old) which began **January 4th**, and **Mommy and Me** (19 months -2 1/2) beginning on **January 16th**. Both are great programs to gently introduce your child to school. There will be an **“Open House”** on **January 18th at 9:45am** for anyone who would like to come take a tour of the school, meet the Director, **Meghan Bridge**, and have questions about the program answered. Applications will be available that day as well as at www.longvalleychristian.com. Church members get priority registration on **January 23rd**. If you come that day you will get your first choice of classes and do not have to wait in line to register.

FINANCIAL REVIEWS AND ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Council will have a series of **“Finance and Budget Reviews”**, in advance of the **Annual Congregational Meeting** on **Sunday, January 28th**. The first is scheduled on **January 14th** during coffee hour after the **9:15 am** service, and the second on **January 21st** during coffee hour after the **8:00 am** service. Please plan to attend if you have questions about the finances. This will help us confine the annual meeting to a reasonable time frame. There will be a light lunch **after the 9:15 am** service on **January 28th** before the annual meeting. Please be sure to attend – input from all our Zion Members is valued and important. We do need a Quorum of members to conduct Zion business. If you have any questions please see council **President Fred Humcke**.

2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING SHAREHOLDER DINNER JANUARY 20TH

Make your reservations for the **2018 Youth Gathering Roast Beef Shareholder Dinner NOW!** We are taking reservations for the dinner to be held on **Saturday, January 20th**. Suggested donation is \$25 per person for this fine, served meal, accompanied

by appetizers, salad, dinner and dessert. **Bring a friend!** Payment not due until the evening of the event. Reservations are needed so we make the proper amounts of food. Reservations can be made by emailing, calling or texting **Jance Denzler** at jance.denzler@experian.com or (908) 672- 9747. **Thanks for your support of the 10 high school students attending this trip!**

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES AND PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICANTS

Zion Church has sent out invitations to all fifth grade students enrolled in our Sunday school program to join Pastor Dan for two special classes to prepare them for their first communion in the church. The classes will be held at **10:00 am on Saturday, February 3 and Saturday, February 10th**. Parents are also invited and urged to attend. The congregation will then welcome these students to the sacrament with a special ceremony on **Sunday, February 11th at our 9:15 am service**. As we have noted in past times, if you know of someone who we may have missed or a student of any age who has a solid understanding of the sacrament who would like to join us for the classes and celebration, please call or text **Pastor Dan at (860)539-3478**, email him at drs Schroeder54@gmail.com, or simply stop by the office and have a conversation with him!

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. Malainie is the council member in charge of "Worship and Music".

Coffee Hour Hosts/Hostesses:

January 7: Betty Rush and the "Red Hatters"; **January 14:** Marcia Horner and **TBD**; **January 21:** Deena Salvatore; **January 28:** Annual Meeting luncheon.

Eucharistic Ministers:

January 7: TBD; **January 14:** TBD; **January 21:** TBD ; **January 28:** TBD.

Singers:

January 7: Doug Koeppen and Malainie Hibler; **January 14:** Linda Tucker and Betty Rush; **January 21:** Ann Rahmann and Jeanne Howell; **January 28:** Christine Stabile and Marcia Horner

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.

January Worship Assistants—8:00 AM

January	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Lector	Ushers	Greeters & Presenters
7	Marge Scudese	Luke Scudese	Marge Scudese	Tom and Sarah Scudese	Ann Rahmann and Linda Tucker
14	Joe Seewald	Catherine Stabile	Burt Horner	Jance Denzler and Rick Kohler	TBD
21	John Zeier	Emily Wallace	Marcia Horner	Ryan and Christine Stabile	Dave and Kerri Bataille
28	Burt Horner	Jacqui Fritsch	Jeff Naglestad	TBD and Barb Schulz	Emily and Diane Rochotte

January Worship Assistants—9:15 AM

JANUARY	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Lector	Ushers	Greeters & Presenters
7	Brian Bumpus	Zion Member	Judy Bumpus	Malainie Hibler And TBD	Martina and Sarah Frommeyer
14	TBD	Zion Member	Paul Litwiller	Larry Salvatore and Malainie Hibler	Dottie Weis
21	Yeong Jan	Zion Member	Peggy Humcke	TBD	Vi Muriello and Paul Litwiller
28	Brian Bumpus	Zion Member	Jeanne Howell	Malainie Hibler and Bob Motylenski	TBD

This Week at Zion

SUNDAY: Baptism of Our Lord

(1/7/17)	8:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Adult Forum

MONDAY:	11:30 AM	Adult Gentle Yoga
	12:30 PM	Adult Gentle Yoga
	4:00 PM	Worship Committee Meeting
	7:00 PM	Stephen Ministry Meeting

TUESDAY:	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Garden Club
	7:00 PM	Lyme Support Group
	7:00 PM	Executive Council
	7:00 PM	Sarah's Fight for Hope Board

WEDNESDAY:	9:30 AM	Boost Your Mind
	3:40 PM	Confirmation Class
	6:00 PM	Pack 136—Den 7
	7:00 PM	Transition Team Update

THURSDAY:	4:30 PM	GS Troop 95645
	6:00 PM	Kids4Kindness
	6:00 PM	Hand Bell Choir
	6:30 PM	LVJWC
	7:00 PM	Choir

FRIDAY:	6:30 PM	Pack 136—Den 2
	7:30 PM	Pack 136—Den 1
	8:30 PM	AA Meeting

SATURDAY:	8:30 AM	Praise Choir Rehearsal
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SUNDAY: Second Sunday After Epiphany

(1/14/17)	8:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	9:15 AM	Traditional Service
	10:30 AM	Adult Forum
	3:00 PM	GS Troop 96346
	4:15 PM	GS Troop 95641



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

Walker Walker and Nancy Walker
Anna Kennedy and Emmett, Craig Bercaw
and family, all family of JudyBumpus
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 Glowinski, 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 &

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