

This Week at Zion...

Sunday, December 17

Traditional Worship †	8:00 a.m.
Bible Class/Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Sunday School Christmas Service	10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 18

Scrip Orders Due	9:00 a.m.
Monday Sewing	1:30 p.m.
7/8 Home BB Game vs. OABCIG	4:00 p.m.
Operation Barnabas	6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19

Newsletter Assembly	1:00 p.m.
Tuesdays at Two Bible Study	2:00 p.m.
Basketball Game @ Paullina	4:00 p.m.
Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20

Women's Bible Class @ Cronks	6:30 a.m.
Zion School Christmas Service	8:30 a.m.
Zion School Christmas Service	6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 21

Bible Class	10:00 a.m.
Nifty Needles	1:00 p.m.

Friday, December 22

Men's Bible Class @ Cronks	6:30 a.m.
Prayer Party	7:30 a.m.
No PM Preschool	
Early School Dismissal	1:20 p.m.

Saturday, December 23

NO Worship Service

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services † 10:30 a.m., 4:30 & 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day Service † 9:00 a.m.

Church Statistics Dec. 9 & Dec.10:

Attendance: 417
 Communion: 96
 Offering: \$15,821.34
 Sunday School Attendance: 74
 Sunday School Offering: \$27.75



Serving at Zion This Week...

Elders	6:30	Dick Erickson
	8:00	Bob Matthiesen, Larry Berner
	10:30	Marc Gosch
Acolytes	6:30	Volunteer Needed
	8:00	Teryn & Ty Fink
	10:30	Morgan Winey
Projector	6:30	Carson Wight
	8:00	Kaiden Krajicek
	10:30	Adalis Boeck
Greeters	6:30	Juan Morales, Glen & Edrie Wellendorf
	8:00	Lauren Bowker, Lanah Boeck, Pat Jorgensen
	10:30	Emma & Gracie Schurke, Brian & Liz Kempfert
Ushers	6:30	Gavin Miller, Jeff Arn, Jason Arn, Jim Neumann
	8:00	Delaney Lutz, Mike Krajicek, Mike Bunde
	10:30	Brooklyn Winey, Dave Nemitz, Craig Frehse, Scott Meyer

Serving at Zion Next Week (Christmas Eve):

Elders	10:30	Mark Feller, Butch Munson
	4:30	Marc Gosch, Dick Erickson
	7:00	Jim Asmus, Brian Christensen
Acolytes	10:30	Volunteer Needed
	4:30	Volunteer Needed
	7:00	Volunteer Needed
Projector	10:30	Volunteer Needed
	4:30	Volunteer Needed
	7:00	Volunteer Needed
Greeters	10:30	Sophia Mujica
	4:30	Sophie Sonnichsen
	7:00	Morgan Winey
Ushers	10:30	Tucker Bailey, Volunteers Needed
	4:30	Volunteers Needed
	7:00	Brooklyn Winey, Volunteers Needed

Serving Christmas Day:

Elders - Dave Nemitz, Larry Berner
 Greeters - Ashlyn Herrig
 Ushers - **Volunteers Needed**
 Acolyte - **Volunteer Needed**
 Projector - **Volunteer Needed**



*The
 Word
 became
 flesh and made
 his dwelling among us.*

John 1:14



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Third Sunday of Advent
December 16 & 17, 2017

Announcements...

As we gather... In today's Gospel lesson, we are reminded that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Christ did it all for demoted, devalued, and dismissed people. He lived in the flesh. He came to teach, heal, love, forgive, suffer and die for us. He did it all for us!

Stewardship Corner... We can enjoy the celebration surrounding Jesus' birth because He blesses us. Celebrate Jesus' joy and hope and the wonderful people He has brought into your life. Spread the love He places in your heart to those around you at Christmas!

Scrap The last order before Christmas goes in Monday morning. Please have your order in by 9:00 a.m. Check in the office...we keep a lot of gift cards on hand. Thank you to everyone for supporting this wonderful program!

Mentors are needed for 8th grade Confirmation students. They will join their student at Confirmation classes on the first Sunday of January, February, March and April. If interested in mentoring, please call the Zion office.

Newsletter Assembly is Tuesday at 1:00. Everyone is welcome!

Thank You to everyone who donated towards the Sunday School Christmas sacks and to those who helped put them together!

Interested in membership? Please let one of the pastors or the Zion office know if you are considering membership.

T.A.P. During the month of December, Zion will gather food and other non-perishables for T.A.P. (Temporary Aid Program). Bring to the church narthex or the Zion office.

Thy Strong Word Listen to KDSN (107.1 FM) for these 3-4 minute devotions (Monday-Saturday) at 6:25 a.m. This week's speaker is Rev. David Loeschen of Our Savior, Denison.

Channel 13 Sponsored in celebration of John Neumann's birthday, and in appreciation for all you do and for taking care of mom. Thanks, from your brother, Dick. Call the Zion office for sponsorship opportunities. Shown at 4:30 p.m. on Sundays on local cable channel 121.2 (HD).

Building Healthy Families: Over the coming Christmas season, we will spend more time together than usual with our families. As you gather, keep a watchful eye out for excessive negative talk including complaining, fault-finding, and passing on gossip. Sharing gossip and negative messages of gloom and doom is not only sinful and dishonoring to our Father, it also fosters a depressing atmosphere in the home. Instead, look hard for the positive and talk about it often! (Lutheran Family Service of Iowa - Lynnette Aschinger (712-276-9000)).

Please pray for...

For Healing... Linda Petersen, Lorna Petersen, Tera Fink, Larry Kepford, Elizabeth Neumann, Pastor Ben Dose (Zion, Arcadia), Pastor Andrew Johnson (Trinity, Manilla), Glenda Bielenberg, Bea Snyder, Karen Slechta, Jesse Kempfert and Bernie Jorgensen (*Names will be carried on the list for 3 weeks. Please call the office if you would like a name on for an additional 3 weeks.*)

For Comfort... The family of Shirley Ahart

Happy Birthday to... Boone Meyer, John Neumann, Violet Christensen, Gary Keesling, Terra Winey, Mary Hargens, Zach Lamaak, Tanner Welsh, Josh Yilek, Deb Haase, Kris Janett, Ally Kahl, Delaney Lutz, Helen McCoid, Linda Sharon, Taylor Starman, Betty Bilsten, Darren Slechta, Merrilee Sump, Ryan Anderson, Don Nemitz, Daron Schillerberg, Derek Schillerberg, Doug Haase, Travis Sanders

Happy Anniversary to... Peggy & George Archila, Eldon & Pat Hardekopf

Families and Zion Staff including... Randy Ahrenholtz, Michael, Trisha, Mohrgan, Trenten and Makenna Boettger, Nancy Jors, Dale, Tiffany and Kyson Ransom and Heather Hoffman

Today's Bible Readings...

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 7:11-14**

Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Epistle Reading **Colossians 1:15-20**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Gospel Reading **John 1:14-18**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

This Week's Bible Verses:
 Sunday - John 1:6-8, 19-28
 Monday - Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
 Tuesday - 1 Thess. 5:16-24
 Wednesday - Luke 1:46b-55
 Thursday - Psalm 63:1-8
 Friday - Acts 16:25-34
 Saturday - Psalm 126
 Sunday - Luke 1:26-38



Hymns:
 6:30 - 367, 374, 905, 368
 8:00 - 367, 374, 905, 353, 352, 368



Christmas Worship Schedule:

Zion School Christmas Service
 Wednesday, December 20
 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service †
 Sunday, December 24
 10:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Service †
 Monday, December 25 @ 9:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Service †
 Sunday, December 31
 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. (regular service)
 6:30 p.m. (special service)

**** Please Note: There is NO
 worship service on Saturday,
 December 23 ****

Zion School Christmas Service
 "In Prayer Before Him"
 Wednesday
 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.



**Please sign the Ritual of
 Friendship Book located
 in the pew!**