

This Week at Zion...

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship † 10:30 a.m.
4:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day Worship † 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 26

Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27

Women's Bible Class @ Cronks 6:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 28

Nifty Needles 1:00 p.m.

Friday, December 29

Saturday, December 30

Traditional Worship † 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 31

Traditional Worship † 8:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship † 10:30 a.m.
New Year's Eve Worship † 6:30 p.m.

Church Statistics Dec. 16 & Dec.17:

Attendance: 425
Communion: 145
Offering: \$9,923.89
Sunday School Attendance: 52
Sunday School Offering: \$30.00

Serving at Zion This Week...

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 Elizabeth Christensen

Projector 10:30 **Volunteer Needed**
4:30 **Volunteer Needed**
7:00 Juan Morales

Greeters 10:30 Sophia Mujica
4:30 Sophie Sonnichsen
7:00 Morgan Winey

Ushers 10:30 Tucker Bailey
4:30 **Volunteers Needed**
7:00 Brooklyn Winey

Serving Christmas Day:

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

Serving at Zion Next Week (New Year's Eve):

Elders 6:30 Jim Asmus, Butch Munson
8:00 Brian Christensen
10:30 Dave Nemitz

Acolytes 6:30 **Volunteer Needed**
8:00 Juan Morales
10:30 Kaylie Baker

Projector 6:30 Gavin Miller
8:00 Omaha Biliew
10:30 Terra Winey

Greeters 6:30 **Volunteers Needed**
8:00 Chloe Koch
10:30 **Volunteers Needed**

Ushers 6:30 Tucker Bailey
8:00 **Volunteers Needed**
7:00 **Volunteers Needed**



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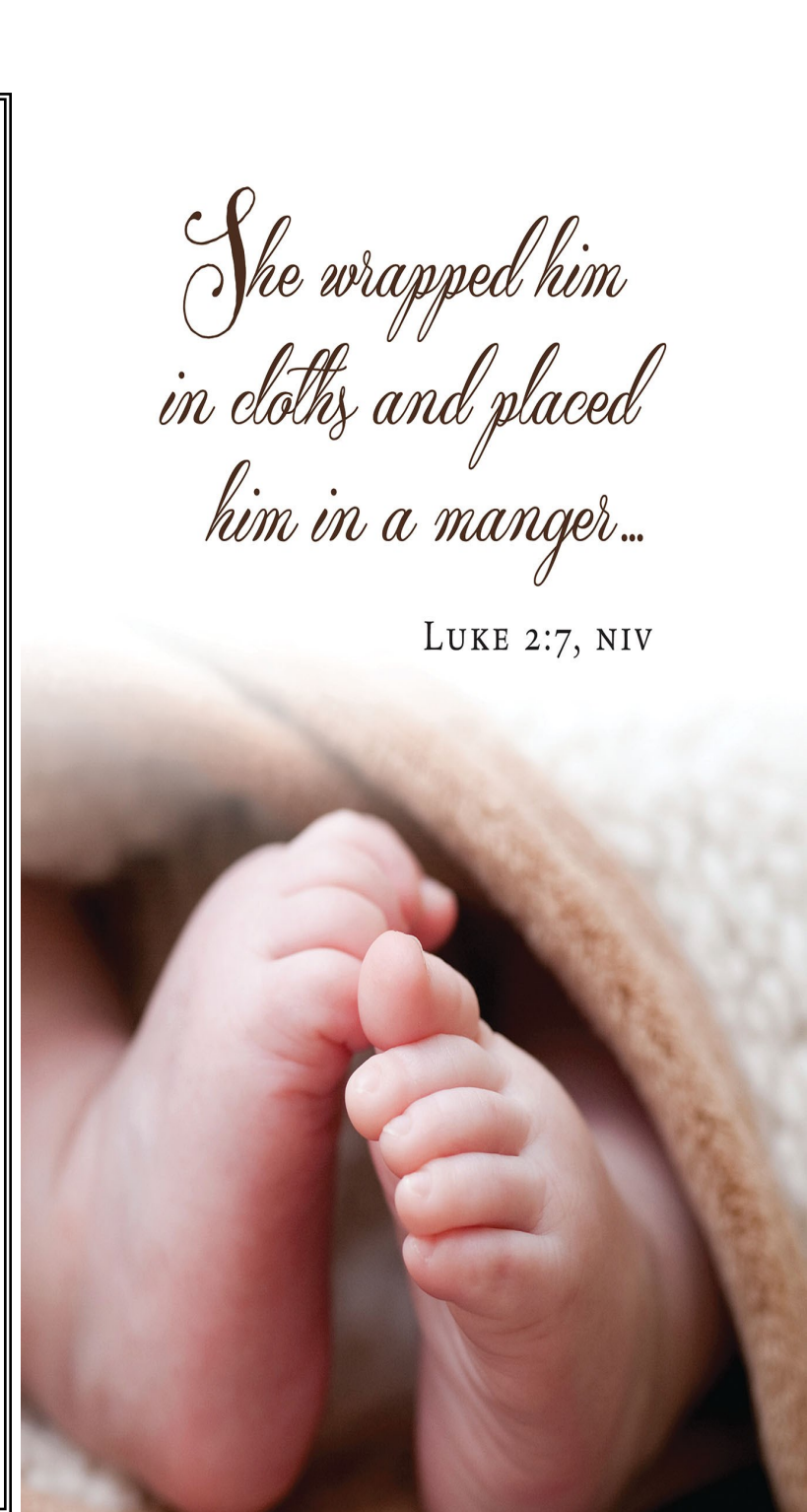
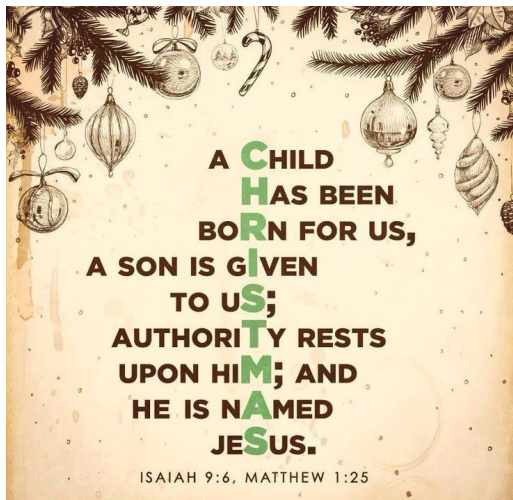
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Rev. Kurt Kaiser
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Organist - Karen Kahl

Christmas Eve Christmas Day 2017

Joy TO THE
World
THE LORD IS
Come

*She wrapped him
in cloths and placed
him in a manger...*

LUKE 2:7, NIV



Announcements...

As we gather... Merry Christmas! We have seen His glory! When we think of Jesus' glory, we think of Him walking on water, feeding the 5000 and healing the sick, just to name a few. Christ's greatest glory is to love us and forgive us. If you need a Savior from sin, a Friend who loves at all times, and a Redeemer who restores and renews, it's time to open your eyes and this night join the faithful in saying, "We have seen His glory!"

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.

Thank You to everyone who brought goodies and gifts to the office this Christmas season. We appreciate it all!

Meetings If your group cancels a meeting or changes the date, please call the Zion office to let them know. Thank you!

NO Bible Class on Thursday, December 28 at 10:00, no 6:30 a.m. men's class at Cronk's Friday, December 29, and no Tuesdays at Two on Tuesday, December 26.

Mentors We are still in need for mentors for 8th grade Confirmation students. Needed are mentors for 3 boys and 2 girls. If you can volunteer, please call the Zion office.

Financial In order to have offerings posted to the 2017 year, offerings must be received or postmarked by December 31. If you are thinking of using automatic offering withdrawals from your checking or savings account, you may sign up at any time. This is free to you and Zion. Call or stop by the Zion office.

Thank You to Jen (Goslar) Ritter for blessing us with her performance of "O Holy Night" and to Larry and Annette Boeck and Renee Miller for their performance of "Angels We Have Heard on High."

Blessings to Norman and Lorraine Christiansen as they celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary, and to Bob Wiedmann as he celebrates his 90th birthday. May God bless you all!

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. Richard Merrill, St. John, Charter Oak.

Channel 13 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: As you celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior, please also remember those who are struggling this time of year, right here in Iowa. Lutheran Family Service is here to help all year long as an extension of our church's ministry. On behalf of those we serve, in Jesus' name, thank you and God bless you! (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, Ruby Lorenzen, Raymond Schuldt, Bernie Jorgensen and Jennifer Preul (*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 Lorraine Bral

Happy Birthday to... Charles Bandow, Bob Wiedmann, Larry Denker, Frances Plagge, Traci Preul, Brian Boeck, Alison Dorhout, UnaBell Frehse, Greyson Henningsen, Jack Rath, Brandon Scherff, Ainsley Arn, Janice Weltz, Andrew Dammen, Larry Pieper, Tonya Eller, Tina Gress, Caden Herbst, John Keim, Barb Preul, Ambrose Sharp

Happy Anniversary to... Norman & Lorraine Christiansen, Kristin & Ryan Webb, Lowell & Sharen Kleckner

Families and Zion Staff including... John & Mickey Bernholtz, Dan & Sharle Grill, Jeanette Nemitz, Jim & Carol Segebart and Marcella Schneller

Today's Bible Readings...

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13-18

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 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 - Luke 1:26-38 - The birth of Jesus foretold
Monday - Titus 2:11-14 - God's kindness
Tuesday - Isaiah 9:2-7 - The coming king
Wednesday - Titus 3:4-7 - The mercy of God
Thursday - John 1:1-14 - The word became flesh
Friday - Isaiah 52:7-10 - Message of hope
Saturday - Psalm 96 - Sing a new song
Sunday - Luke 2:22-40 - Jesus presented in the temple

Hymns:

Christmas Eve - 387, 376 (vs. 1, 2, 4), 358 (vs. 1-5), 367, 370, 365, 380, 363
Christmas Day - 379, 380, 386, 364, 366, 370, 361, 359

Join a Bible study!

Bible studies at Zion include: Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the church dining hall; Mothers of Toddlers Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the parenting room by the narthex; Tuesdays @ Two in the parish hall basement; Womens' study at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at Cronks; Thursday mornings at 10:00 in the church dining hall; Mens' study at 6:30 a.m. on Fridays at Cronks; and Prayer Party at 7:30 a.m. on Fridays during school. Join us for one or all!

