

January 5 & 6, 2019



Zion Lutheran Church

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As We Gather

A warm and hearty welcome to you! It's a privilege and honor to worship the Crucified, Risen, and Ascended Jesus with you today! The believers of Zion are a caring community, and we're glad to have you here! As always, please make yourself at home; you are among the family of Christ

Service Notes . . .

In Preparation for Worship: Please take some time to greet the people you are worshipping with! The order of worship for today is on the back of this page. You may want to take a few minutes to look it over and place a ribbon on the Psalm assigned for today as well as the Divine Service Liturgy we'll be following in the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) as you prepare to receive the gifts of God and sing His praises. May God seriously bless your worship with us this day...a new day of salvation!

To Stand or Sit: There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to kneel or stand. Sometimes, "wrestling" with kids, or a personal health condition makes kneeling or standing uncomfortable...please know: It is okay to kneel, stand, or sit. All are appropriate! So please, make yourself comfortable, receive the gifts God loves to give and **BOLDLY** sing His praises!

THE OFFERING: If you are our guest today, you are not expected to contribute monetarily to God's work at Zion...you are our guest! Please remember to fill out the Friendship Book (located at the end of the Pew) and sign our Guest Book in the narthex so we can thank you for your visit...and come soon to see us again! If you choose to give an offering, know this: The gifts we give back to God are used by His church to transform lives.



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**The Epiphany of Our Lord
Divine Service Setting One, page 151.**

(Complete your preparation for the Lord's Supper using pp. 329f. in L.S.B.)

Welcome *We invite and encourage all communicant members of Zion, or one of our sister LCMS churches, to commune with us later in the service.*

Opening Hymn 722 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

Invocation/Confession of Sins, Forgiveness p.151
(please kneel as you are able)

Psalms 72:1-11 (in front of Hymnal.) Spoken responsively by half verse

All Say: "Glory be to the Father..."

Kyrie p.152ff

Isaiah 60:1-6 (ESV) Scripture Readings

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord. R: This is the word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

Ephesians 3:1-12 (ESV)

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

R: This is the word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

Rise for the Alleluia

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Matthew 2:1-12(ESV)

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ “ ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ” ⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. P: This is the Gospel of the Lord C: Praise to You, O Christ

Nicene Creed

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★ ★ *Children Come forward for the message: “Born A King”
(Ushers collect Prayer Requests and bring them to Pastor)*

Hymn of the Day 839 “O, Christ, Our True and Only Light”

Sermon “After Christmas Presents”– (Matthew 2:1-12)

Our Prayers: Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy, **People: hear our prayer**

Opportunity for Offering: Please record your attendance and communion participation in the black Friendship book. Return book to the outside of the pew.

Offertory p.159f. “What Shall I render...”

Preface to Holy Communion p.160

★ ★ Distribution Hymns 395 & 555

Post Communion Canticle p.164 “Thank the Lord...”

Closing Collect, Benediction p.166

★ ★ *Sunday School children are excused*

Closing Hymn 409 “Hail, O Source of Every Blessing” (vs 1-2)

Announcements

★ ★ *Join us for coffee and treats in the Fellowship Hall following the service*

★ ★ Sunday Only

ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION/THE LORD'S SUPPER

Here at Zion Lutheran we believe that Christ's true body and blood are received by everyone in the Lord's Supper (Real Presence). All that participate here believe the same Biblical truths noted on the top cover of the Friendship booklet (Closed Communion).

Visitors, please consult with Pastor Hendrickson or the Elder before receiving the Lord's Supper. Complete your preparation for Holy Communion by completing the Friendship book by checking, "Communion."

Only communicant members of Zion or one of our sister LCMS churches are invited to receive the Communion elements. If you don't meet this criterion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by our pastor. Simply fold your hands across your chest when the bread and the wine are distributed, and our pastor will speak a blessing over you. All children are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Our Communion practices are to have four adults (with children standing in front of the adults) on each side of area in front of the chancel (Altar area) as our Pastor and Elder are serving the elements. The Ushers are instructed to limit the communicants to four. Inform the Usher if you desire NOT to be separated from someone and he'll adjust the groupings of four accordingly.

WELCOME VISITORS! We wish to welcome all visitors and guests to worship the Triune God with us. May He go with you during the week, and we invite you to worship with us again. Our restrooms are located near the East entrance door – across from the church mail boxes.

"OUR PURPOSE IN ZION is to be a growing, caring, community of believers in Christ who help strengthen one another through prayer and fellowship in Word and Sacrament to bring others to Christ"

A NURSERY is provided on the lower level of the education unit for families with infants and small children; a television is available in the nursery, so you may listen and watch the worship service. There is a Changing Table located there.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are available in the narthex. We ask that the activity bags be returned after the worship service. *Thank you!*

PERSONAL SOUND RECEIVERS: If you have a hearing problem you may use Zion's Personal Sound Receivers that can be found on the bulletin stand in the Narthex.

"PRAYER CHAIN" contact person is Gloria Irwin. Call her at 632-8044 or Lydia Posch @ 632-6228 for any prayer concerns or questions.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: Diane Colombe, Lonnie Davis



EVENTS AT ZION THIS WEEK

MON	9:00a	Weekly Women's Bible Study
	5:00p	Board of Elders
	7:00p	Evangelism Meeting
TUE	9:00a	Circuit Meeting @ Good Shepherd in Sauk Rapids
	5:00p	Adult Bible Study led by Dan Hughes
	6:30p	Board of Education Meeting
WED	9:00a	Quilting Group – Anyone Welcome!
	6:30p	Jr. Confirmation
	6:30p	Choir Practice
THUR	6:00p	"How to Manage Your Money" led by Peter Keyes
SAT	10:30a	CenterShot Archery Program
	6:30p	Worship
SUN	9:00a	Worship
	10:15a	Sunday School
	11:15a	Creative Worship

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Topic for today is, *"The Word Turned Toward"* Next week, *"Reason to Believe"*

Sermons can be heard on Sunday at:

6:05am @ WCCO 830AM

7:05am @ KFML 94.1FM

6:10am @ KLTF 960AM

5:00pm @ KCFB 91.5FM

6:30am @ KEYL 1400AM –

(Sermons are posted on our church website (worship/music page)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS – January 6

In Sunday School today, the students will study the story of "Jacob's Dream," a story that shows God renewing His promise to bless all people through Jacob's family. God kept His promise by giving Jesus to be our Savior. *What reminders does God give us of His promises to us?*

LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE

The deadline for subscribing to the monthly Lutheran Witness magazine is **February 1st**. If you would like to receive this magazine, please contact Barb in the office by phone, email or a note on the desk. The cost for the magazine is \$22.56 for the year. Please make your check payable to Zion Lutheran Church and note that it is for the LW magazine subscription.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY ~ December 29 & 30, 2018 (24/68) = 92)

Current	\$1,947.00	Building Fund.....	 \$209.00
Loose	\$85.25	Alter Flowers	\$30.00
Mission	\$67.00		
Christmas Eve	\$110.00		
Christmas.....	\$5.00		
New Year's Eve	\$176.00		

TOTAL OPERATING:..... \$2,390.25 TOTAL ADDITIONAL GIFTS:\$239.00

NEEDED FOR EXPENSES: \$3,185.00

Altar flowers were 12/16/2018 in memory of Gloria Wolters

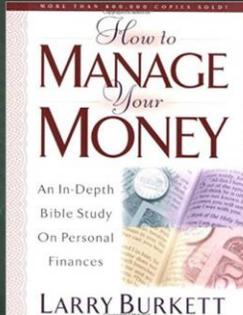
OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN JANUARY

*Women's Weekly Bible study will meet on Mondays, **January 7 (#12)**, 14 (#13), and 28 (#14) at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We will complete our study "1 Corinthians: One in Christ" this month. A new study is planned to begin in February.

*The Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Bible study will meet on Monday, **January 21** at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. The study, "Shh! Peace! Be still." can be found in the LWQ Winter 2018 issue on page 18. Join us!

*The ZLW will meet on Monday, **January 21** at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We will discuss ZLW activities and the yearly budget. The ZLW is Zion's connection to the LWML, so come and share your ideas!

*Women's Day Out will be on Monday, **January 21** at the Black and White in Little Falls. We will meet there at 11:15 a.m., so call Bev Messenger at 360-0518 to let her know you will join us. We will celebrate January birthdays!



COMING SOON!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY EVENINGS
@ 6:00PM
BEGINNING JANUARY 10TH

LED BY: DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH
PETER KEYES

How to
MANAGE
Your
MONEY

An In-Depth
Bible Study
On Personal
Finances

LARRY BURKETT



Center Shot Sports
Presented by Tim Stroming

January 12th
10:30-Noon

Pizza following the presentation

Family Ministry / Outreach Announcements

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BORN A KING

- > **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Welcome to the New Year... classes will be resume following the 9:00 worship in the education building. Closing will be in the sanctuary at 11:05am. All children are welcome to attend.
- > **"KID'S PRAISE" CREATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE** will restart TODAY at 11:15am in the Fellowship Hall..

YOUTH MINISTRY --- Fund Raising and Support

- > We currently have two youth and two adults who are planning to attend the National Youth Gathering in July 2019. They are raising support through the following items...
 - **COOK BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE - \$10.**
 - **ZION LUTHERAN T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR SALE – DISCOUNTED NOW ONLY \$10 EACH.** Limited sizes ... youth through adult.

ADULT / FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

- > **"NEW" Adult Bible Class: "How To Manage Your Money"** (Larry Burkett) led by DCO Peter Keyes. Starting January 10 - Thursday evenings at 6pm – 7pm. Sign up for class is on the ministry table.
- > **FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:** www.facebook.com/zionlf
- > **STAY INFORMED ON OUR WEBPAGE:** www.zionlf.com

BRING IT HOME

- > New reading plans are pinned to the community bulletin board each week.

OUTREACH

- > **January – Friendship Club...** guest speaker, Mary Kokula, from CHI Home and Hospice, will talk about grief support for those who have recently suffered a loss in their family.
NOTE CHANGE OF DATE... JAUARY 25, AT 1:00 PM.
- > **FARE-FOR-ALL...** We have posted the new 2019 schedule for the Fare-for-All food share program on the community bulletin board. This program provides food packages at discounted prices to help stretch your grocery budget. Open to all people, no income restrictions.
- > **CENTERSHOT...** What is it? How would we use it? Who will benefit?
Reserve Saturday, January 12 on your calendar for an informational meeting about the program.
DCE Tim Stroming from Cohasset will be our guest presenter.
MEET IN ZION FELLOWSHIP HALL at 10:30 – NOON --- Pizza to follow... tell others, join us.

DCO PETER KEYES CONTACT INFORMATION:

- > Phone (call / text) 320-232-3108 or email mrpjkeyes@yahoo.com

Saturday, January 5, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 6, 9:00 a.m.

Gary Hendrickson Pastor Gary Hendrickson
Peter Keyes Director of Christian Outreach Peter Keyes
Greg Rausch Elders Sheldon Prozinski
Carol Prozinski Organist Carol Prozinski
Marie Holey & Jennifer Hanson Ushers Eugene Doucette & Dennis Hollermann
Jennifer Hanson Readers Don Stover
Marie Holey Visitor Hosts Julie Doucette
Acolyte Patrick Holtz
Choir Director Jerry Knafla
Handbell Directors Peggy Dolney & Carol Prozinski

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Sunday, January 13, 9:00 a.m.

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Mark Hengenmuhle Ushers Harvey Axel & Marcell Bellefeuille
Colleen Duncan Readers Katie Schumann
Paul Gulsvig Visitor Hosts Darlene Axel
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