

WEEK OF JANUARY 1ST, 2017

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, December 24, 2016

Unified Envelopes	\$2,930.00
Loose	\$269.00
From Lutheran School	\$542.00
Roofing Fund	\$75.00
Carpet Fund	\$2,000.00
Total:	\$5,826.00

Attendance: 241

Sunday, December 25, 2016

Unified Envelopes	\$2,465.00
Loose	\$57.00
Total:	\$2,522.00

Attendance: 73

ONLINE GIVING

If you're ever unable to come to church, but still would like to give an offering, try out Zion's Online Giving Program! Go to ZionLutheranWELS.com, and click the "Online Giving" button that is on the home page; the site will guide you through the rest. All transactions are guaranteed to be secure through PNC Bank.

Due to banking restrictions, we are unable to record the gifts given through this Online Giving program on the yearly offering reports that are handed out in January.

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Sunday, January 1

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8:00 am	Worship
10:30 am	Worship
9:00 am	Odd Job Club

Monday, January 2

Tuesday, January 3

Wednesday, January 4

Thursday, January 5

Friday, January 6

Saturday, January 7

Sunday, January 8

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

8:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
9:00 am	Coffee Hour
9:15 am	Sunday School NO BIBLE CLASS
10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Today, Kayla List will be received into membership at Zion by Adult Confirmation. She has been taught the saving truth of sins forgiven in Jesus Christ and is convinced that God's Word is taught here in its truth and purity. She wishes to publicly declare her faith in Jesus and her unity of beliefs with Zion and the other members of the WELS. Please welcome her to our congregation. We pray that her membership at Zion will be both a blessing to her and to us. Kayla is married to Joshua List and the two have a son, Adler List.

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES: The offering envelopes for 2017 have been labeled and set out in the church basement, so please feel free to grab these any time. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Mac Neill at 989-891-6395.

THANK YOU: “Thank you very much for the generous congregational and individual gifts given to us this Christmas. They are very much appreciated. May the Lord grant our congregation members and their families and friends a blessed New Year!”

- The Zion Lutheran Church and School Faculty

SNOW-BLOWING SIGN-UP SHEET: We’ve already had a few big snowstorms this year, which means it’s time to get the snow-blower out again. If you would like to volunteer some of your time to snow-blowing and/or shoveling the church and school sidewalks for one week this winter, please sign-up on the sheet in the church entryway. The duties are listed on this sheet. The dates are listed from the end of December through the end of March. Any help you could give would be very greatly appreciated! Thank you!

PASTOR OUT OF TOWN...AND COUNTRY: Pastor Thomford will be gone January 2-16, 2017 for a Continuing Education trip to Israel through Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Retired Pastor Fred Zimmerman will be conducting services on Sunday, January 8 and Sunday, January 15. Pastor Dave Mielke from Christ Lutheran, Oakley will be covering emergencies and hospital calls during Pastor Thomford's absence. **You can reach Pastor Mielke at Christ Lutheran Church, 989-845-2600 or his cell phone, 989-289-2097, from January 2-16, 2017.**

NO JANUARY BOARD MEETINGS: There will be no Elders Board, School Board, Property Board, or Coordinating Council Meetings on January 10, 2017. Our next set date for meetings is February 14, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Thomford.

NEW BIBLE INFORMATION CLASSES IN 2017: A New Bible Information class will be held on Mondays beginning January 23, 2017. The class will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at **church in the upstairs of the Education Wing**. This class reviews the basic teachings of Christianity and enables someone to become a member of Zion. Several people are already planning to attend. If you know of someone who would like to know more about the Christian faith, please speak with Pastor Thomford.

TWO PRE-HUNG DOORS AVAILABLE TO GIVE AWAY: There are two pre-hung doors, with frames, hinges and lumber, left from a closet which was removed when the new furnaces were installed. The doors are approximately 36" in width. We no longer have use of them. They are free for the taking and will be given away on a "first come, first served basis" with the stipulation that you take all of the materials. If you are interested, please see Pastor Thomford.

TAX-FREE IRA DISTRIBUTIONS: As of 2016 anybody 70.5 years or older has a new option for making gifts to the Lord’s work at church, a local WELS-affiliated ministry, and/or a WELS area of ministry: your IRA! A provision of the PATH Act allows IRA distributions to charity of up to \$100,000 to be made tax-free (at the federal level and in most states). This may be an especially useful gifting tool for those who do not need their yearly required minimum distributions. To learn more, talk to one of our district’s WELS Christian giving counselors: John Graf (john.graf@wels.net, or 414-899-8173) or John Kenyon (john.kenyon@wels.net, or 414-405-9226).