## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29TH, 2015

# ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

## STAT

HOW GOD'S PEOPLE RESPONDED TO THE LORD'S GOODNESS

#### November 22, 2015

Unified Envelopes	\$4,148.00
Loose	\$14.01
Sunday School	\$10.17
Facility Improvements	\$20.00
Charity	\$30.00
Memorial Funds	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total	\$4,252.18

HOW THE LORD STRENGTHENED HIS PEOPLE THROUGH THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Sunday, November 22, 2015 Attendance: 168

#### NEXT WEEK

The judgment is coming, prepare the way for the Lord's salvation.

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#### <u>Sunday, November 29</u>

	8:00 am
	9:00 am
	9:15 am
	9:25 am
	10:30 am
<u>Monday, November 30</u>	6:30-8:00 pm 7:00 pm

9.00 am

7:00 pm 7:00 pm

9:00-10:00 am

<u>Friday, December 4</u>

Tuesday, December 1

Wednesday, December 2

Thursday, December 3

<u>Saturday, December 5</u>

<u>Sunday, December 6</u>

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8:00 am 9:00 am 9:15 am

10:30 am 11:30 am

9:25 am

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Adult and Youth Bible

Boys' and Girls' Pioneers

**Adult Discipleship Board** 

**Bible Information Class** 

Worship with Holy

Worship with Holy

Communion Coffee Hour

Communion

**Advent Service** 

LES Grades 5-8 Sing

**Church Decorating** 

Classes

Sunday School

Worship Coffee Hour Sunday School Adult and Youth Bible Classes Worship Pioneer Pancake Breakfast Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting Bake and Craft Bazaar

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

**CARDS FOR SALE:** Christmas cards are on sale in the church entryway. If you have any questions about this, please contact Harriet Kukulis at 989-845-2676 or Mary Ann Schoch at 989-845-2435.

**BAKE AND CRAFT BAZAAR:** Women Serving Christ is having the Annual Bake and Craft Bazaar in the Church Basement on Sunday, December 6, 2015, between the early and late services. If you would like to donate any items, please have your items priced and in the kitchen by early service, 8:00 a.m., on that Sunday. The Flower Committee is also selling vases on this day. They ask that you would please give money for each vase you wish to purchase based upon how much you think the vase is worth.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR:** The flowers on the altar today were donated by Marilyn Gross, Yvonne Neumeyer, and Ron Dankert in loving memory of Fred Dankert.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:** The members of the Altar Guild plan to put up the Christmas decorations in church on Thursday morning, December 3, 2015. They will begin between 9:00-10:00 a.m. If you would like to come and help, it would be very much appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Schmiege at 989-845-7301. The Odd Job Club plans to put up the trees on Monday, November 30 so they will be ready to decorate on December 3.

**PIONEER PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** The Pioneer Pancake Breakfast will be held at 11:30 a.m. on December 6, 2015, after second service. Following this will be the Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting, which will be held in the church sanctuary.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The Chesaning-Brady Fire Department is hosting a blood drive Thursday, December 3 and Friday, December 4, 2015 from 12:00-6:00 pm on both days. It is preferred that you make an appointment ahead of time, but walk-in donors are welcome! To schedule an appointment, please call 866-642-5663.

**NEW BIBLE CLASS:** Our new Bible Class begins today, November 29, 2015: "Where the Bible Came From". How did the early Christians know which books to include in the 66 books of the Bible? How can we be sure that the Bible we have today is the same Bible from thousands of years ago since the Bible has been copied so many times? How do we know that there might not be other books which should have been included in the Bible? If you have had these questions or have been challenged by someone with these same questions, please consider coming to our new Bible Class, "Where the Bible Came From". We will discuss the following chapters: 1) When Were the Books Written? 2) Who Should Establish the Cannon? 3) Which Books Should Be Included in the Old Testament? 4) Which Books Should Be Included in the New Testament? 5) Who Has Preserved and Copied the Canonical Books?

**ALTAR GUILD HELP:** The Altar Guild would like to add some more members to its list. One of our members recently had to resign, so we are in need of a replacement and it would be nice to have some substitutes to call when needed. We work in pairs and are on duty two months out of a year. Duties are to prepare for communion services, change the altar paraments according to the church calendar, fill candles with oil and take care of altar flowers. If you are interested, please contact Thelma Parshall at 989-845-6806 or the church office at 989-845-3006.

**THANK YOU:** "I am very thankful for the prayers said for me during my recent stay at the hospital, and during my recovery at home. Thank you also for your visits, cards, and well wishes. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness." - Your Brother In Christ, Carl Mose

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** It's time to order Christmas poinsettias! They will be available for purchase in the church entryway on Sunday, December 6, 2015 and Sunday, December 13, 2015. Remember, you can always purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a person or event. Thank you for making our church look festive this Christmas season!

**CHRISTMAS POTLUCK:** Women Serving Christ would like to invite the entire congregation to a potluck supper on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Table service and drinks will be provided. Please bring a passing dish. We are also having a \$5.00 gift exchange. If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift. It doesn't have to be Christmas related, but it certainly can be. Homemade gifts are welcome too. After supper, we will be playing Bunco. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Barancik at 989-845-7777.

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES:** With the start of a new church year comes a new church season—Advent! This year, the midweek Advent sermons will follow the theme, "My Soul in Stillness Waits". The theme, "Wait for Jesus in Sureness," will be Wednesday, December 2 and will be preached by Pastor Thomford. "Wait for Jesus in Seriousness," will be on Wednesday, December 9 and will be preached by Pastor Mielke. "Wait for Jesus in Stillness," will be on Wednesday, December 16 and will be preached by Pastor Bigelow. All services begin at 7:00 p.m. Join us this Advent season to prepare for the coming of our Lord!

**CHRISTMAS TREE FOR LIFE:** In the church entry is a special Christmas tree. The tree is decorated with star shaped ornaments with gift suggestions for helping out the families served at the Flint and Saginaw Pregnancy Counseling Centers. Please choose whichever ornament(s) you like, purchase the item, and place it in the collection box in the Mother's room by January 3, 2016. Gift cards or checks, payable to Pregnancy Counseling Center, can be given to Terry Barancik. The volunteers at the PCC will combine your gifts of love with God's Word to help meet both physical and spiritual needs of the families who come to us for help. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Barancik at 989-845-7777. Have a blessed Christmas!