

WEEK OF DECEMBER 13TH, 2015

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATS

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

December 6, 2015

Unified Envelopes	\$6,389.00
Loose	\$44.50
Sunday School	\$7.00
Mission	\$300.00
Debt	\$75.00
From Lutheran School	\$989.00
One In Christ	\$20.00
Memorial Funds	\$370.00
Facility Improvements	\$10.00
Total	\$8,204.50

Advent December 2, 2015

Unified Envelopes	\$1,095.00
Loose	\$25.60
Debt	\$10.00
Total	\$1,130.60

HOW THE LORD STRENGTHENED HIS PEOPLE THROUGH THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Sunday, December 6, 2015

Attendance: 176

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Attendance: 74

NEXT WEEK

The judgment is coming, yet
the Lord's deliverance for
every generation is at hand.

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Sunday, December 13

8:00 am

9:00 am

9:15 am

9:25 am

10:30 am

1:00 pm

Monday, December 14

6:30-8:00 pm

7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 15

6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 16

7:00 pm

Thursday, December 17

Friday, December 18

Saturday, December 19

10:00 am

Sunday, December 20

8:00 am

9:00 am

9:15 am

9:25 am

10:30 am

5:00 pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Installation of new
officers

Worship with Holy
Communion

Coffee Hour

Sunday School

Adult and Youth Bible
Classes

Worship with Holy
Communion

Elders' Visitation

Boys' and Girls' Pioneers
Bible Information Class

WSC Potluck and gift
exchange

Advent Service with Holy
Communion

Children's Christmas
Service Practice
ZEL Meeting

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship

Coffee Hour

Sunday School

Adult and Youth Bible
Classes

Worship

Children's Christmas
Service

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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PRACTICES AND SERVICE: The Zion Lutheran School and Zion Sunday School children will be performing in their annual Christmas service on December 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. They have already had one practice that took place yesterday and will have another practice next Saturday, December 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. The practice will last about an hour. Our winter ZEL Meeting will take place after practice and pizza will be provided during this meeting.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR: The flowers on the altar last week were donated by Patty Goodrich in loving memory of June and Elb Thiel.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: It's time to order Christmas poinsettias! They will be available for purchase in the church entryway today, 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: This Wednesday will be the last midweek Advent service of the year. Pastor Phil Bigelow from St. John in Hemlock will be preaching his sermon based on the theme, "Wait for Jesus in Stillness", concluding this year's Advent theme, "My Soul in Stillness Waits". Please join us as we celebrate this Advent season!

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!

MEN ALIVE: Men Alive is a group of Christian men who encourage one another to live their lives in service to our Savior. They sponsor an annual conference for men, and this year it will be held on February 20, 2016 at DoubleTree Hotel in Bay City from 7:15 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The theme is "Be Strong and Courageous" with keynote addresses and workshops on that topic. The cost is \$40 for young men (ages 14-22) and \$60 for all other men. The deadline is January 20, 2016. Registration materials are in the office, or you can register online at www.menalivebalm.org. Email all questions to revrdstarr@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING FINANCE CLASS: If you have wondered how to prioritize paying bills and saving for retirement OR what the difference between blue chip company and a small cap company is OR if you wonder if you should protect your family with whole life or term life insurance; then you are the perfect participant for Financial Peace University. This 9-week personal finance course was created by Dave Ramsey and is sure to help anyone with a young family or someone with an empty nest nearing retirement. The course has been hosted by dozens of our Lutheran churches and over 2 million people have graduated the course nationally at various churches. See Matthew Augustine for more information or register online via zionlutheranwels.com (discounts available for early registrants).

SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING: The Semi-Annual Voters Meeting was held on Sunday, December 6, 2015. Twenty men attended this meeting. Various reports were given. It was reported that the total cost of the new furnace was \$51,152.00. Treasurer, Robert Wille, reported that there were enough donations given to cover the cost of the furnace, but we are still waiting for the cost of the mechanical drawings. The voters approved the Concealed Weapons Policy that was brought forward by the Council. They also approved the Statement on Marriage and Marriage Policies brought forth by the Council. The summer service times were discussed at this meeting and the voters agreed to change the Sunday service times during the summer so that, starting in the summer of 2016, there will be only one service Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. The new men elected for office at this meeting are as follows: **Treasurer** - Joe Ruthig; **Elders' Board Chairman** - Neil Schulz; **Elders' Board** - Carl Mose; **School Board Chairman** - Bill Hedrich; **School Board** - Jamie Van Wagner and Bill Frelitz; **Evangelism Board Chairman** - Jeff Barancik; **Evangelism Board** - Dave Huggard; **Property Board** - Marti Hook and Clayton Barancik; **Adult Discipleship Board Chairman** - Bill Bleisner; **Adult Discipleship Board** - Tim Bleisner.

OFFICER INSTALLATION: The newly elected officers will be installed next Sunday, December 20, 2015 in either service. Pastor will install the officers in both services but you only need to attend one of the services.

POSTAGE DONATIONS: Our church is looking for donations for the cost of postage required to send out Christmas cards to invite people to our church. If you would like to donate or have any questions, please contact Paula Huggard at 989-274-7206. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S SERVICE DONATIONS: Every year, gift bags full of candy and other treats are given to the children who participated in the Children's Christmas Service. Donations to purchase the items for these bags would be very greatly appreciated! If you would like to donate, please contact Kathy Mahoney at 989-845-2295. Thank you!