

WEEK OF DECEMBER 20TH, 2015

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATS

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

December 13, 2015

Unified Envelopes	\$4,658.00
Loose	\$81.05
From Lutheran School	\$1,600.00
One In Christ	\$120.00
Charity	\$25.00
Basement Rental	\$60.00
Children's Christmas Service	\$5.00
Facility Improvements	\$60.00
Total	\$6,609.05

Advent December 9, 2015

Unified Envelopes	\$615.00
Loose	\$55.95
Debt	\$20.00
Total	\$690.95

HOW THE LORD STRENGTHENED HIS PEOPLE THROUGH THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Sunday, December 13, 2015

Attendance: 187

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Attendance: 86

NEXT WEEK

Jesus came to share in our
humanity and destroy the
power of death.

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Sunday, December 20

8:00 am
9:00 am
9:15 am
9:25 am

10:30 am
5:00 pm

Monday, December 21

6:30-8:00 pm
7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 22

Wednesday, December 23

Thursday, December 24

5:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Friday, December 25

10:00 am

Saturday, December 26

Sunday, December 27

8:00 am
9:00 am
10:30 am

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship
Coffee Hour
Sunday School
Adult and Youth Bible
Classes
Worship
Children's Christmas
Service

Boys' and Girls' Pioneers
Bible Information Class

Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Day Service
with Holy Communion

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Worship with Holy
Communion
Coffee Hour
Worship with Holy
Communion

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.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR: The flowers on the altar today were donated by Jodie and Tyler Danek in loving memory of Charles Tyler Danek.

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!



PRIVATE BAPTISM: The Lord graciously blessed Tyler and Jodie Danek with the gift of a baby girl, on Monday, December 14, 2015. The Lord granted to their daughter new life, forgiveness of sins and eternal life through the waters of Holy Baptism on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at Covenant Hospital in Saginaw. Please keep this child and her parents in your prayers.

OFFICER INSTALLATION: The newly elected officers will be installed today, December 20, 2015 in either service. Pastor will install the officers in both services but you only need to attend one of the services. **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 Chairman** - Brain Rohac; **Property Board** - Marti Hook and Clayton Barancik; **Adult Discipleship Board Chairman** - Bill Bleisner; **Adult Discipleship Board** - Tim Bleisner.

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!

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 church 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).

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE: On Christmas Eve, December 24, 2015, worship will be held at Zion at 5:00 & 7:00 pm. What better way to understand the full, real meaning of Christmas than by spending part of Christmas Eve surrounded with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE: Zion will hold worship on Christmas Day, December 25, 2015, at 10:00 am. There will be communion. Come worship our King, Immanuel, humbled in a manger to save us all!

NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP SERVICE: On December 31, 2015, at 7:00 pm Zion will hold a joint New Year's Eve worship service with the congregation of Christ, Oakley. The service will be at Zion this year. Pastor Thomford will be doing the whole service as Pastor Mielke will be gone at this time. Bid farewell to 2015 in Jesus' name!

BOOKS FOR SALE: There are a couple of books for sale in the church office. The first book is titled *Forgive Us Our Sins: Homosexuality in the Light of God's Truth*. This book was written by Scott Barefoot, who has spoken at our church before, and Richard Starr. It discusses Scott's journey as he fell into the gay lifestyle for a decade and how the Holy Spirit worked in his heart to lead him away from that sinful path. The second book is titled *WELS & Other Lutherans* which describes what has been happening doctrinally in recent years with major Lutheran church bodies. If you would like to purchase one or more of these books, please stop by the church office. If you have any question, please contact the church office at 989-845-3006.