

Theme of the Day

Our God is a personal God who desires a real relationship with us. He is not a distant, cosmic being, but a good father who longs to interact with His children. Prayer is a conversation between God and His people. We serve a God who is not threatened by our questions and doubts. We don't have to put on a false persona to please Him. He permits us to be honest about our fears, our feelings and our disappointments. Prayer is not only a practice of our Christian faith; it's a privilege! Why carry life's burdens alone when God invites us to lay them before Him? When we do, we find a peace that "transcends" all understanding.

Key Idea: I pray to God to know Him, to find direction for my life and to lay my requests before Him.

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Regular Worship Hours

Sundays:

8:00 am & 10:30 am
9:15 - 10:15 Education
Hour for all ages
Nursery provided
from 9:15 - 11:45 am

Radio Broadcast
10:05 am - AM 1000

Christmas Worship Schedule



5:00 pm - Family Service with
Jesus Birthday Cake

7:00 pm - Contemporary Service

9:30 pm - Traditional Candlelight
Communion Service

**PLEASE NOTE: NO morning Worship Services
on Sunday, December 24.**

9:00 am Traditional
Communion
Service



.... From your Staff

Pastor Greg, Jacob, Chez,
Dean, Omar, Rusty and Maxine



8:00 am Worship

Opening Hymn: LSB 966
Invocation and Lighting of the Advent Candles
Confession and Absolution
Introit and Kyrie - page 152
Advent Verse: LSB 357 (verses 5-6)
Salutation and Prayer of the Day
Children's Bible Reading: Page 188
First Reading: 2 Kings 19:8-19
The Key Verse: Psalm 66:18-20
Response - page 156
Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13
Children's Message
Sermon Hymn: LSB 770
The Sermon
Nicene Creed - page 159
Tithes and Offering
Offering Hymn: LSB 781
Offertory - page 159
Prayers of the Church
Service of the Sacrament - page 160
Lord's Prayer - Tune: LSB 364
Words of Our Lord
Pax Domini and Agnus Dei - pages 162-163
Distribution and Hymns: LSB 507, 331, 338
Dismissal, Prayer and Benediction
Closing Hymn: LSB 779
Send Off

10:30 am Worship

Opening Praise Song: "Every Giant Will Fall"
Welcome and Announcements
Greet one Another
Invocation and Lighting the Advent Candles
Prayer of Confession
Praise Song: "Lord, I Need You"
Children's Bible Reading: Page 188
First Reading: 2 Kings 19:8-19
The Key Verse: Psalm 66:18-20
Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13
Children's Message
The Message
Apostles' Creed
Tithes and Offering
Special Music: "Christmas Hallelujah"
Prayers of the Church
Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Closing Praise Song: "Savior"
Send Off

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Today

9:00 am - Fellowship - Atrium
9:15 am - Sunday School
9:15 am - Youth
9:30 am - Bible Study - Atrium

Monday

7:00 pm - Boy Scouts

Tuesday

NO Men's Bible Class
8:30 am - Staff Meeting
NO Circles
5:30 pm - Board of Directors

Wednesday

10:00 am - Advent Service
4:30 pm - College Bible Class
5:30 pm - Supper - Boy Scouts Serving
6:30 pm - Advent Service
7:30 pm - Youth

Thursday

9:15 am - Lil Trooper Chapel
NO Ladies Bible Class
6:30 pm - Choir
7:00 pm - Praise Team

Next Sunday—Christmas Eve

5:00 pm - Family Service with Jesus
 Birthday Cake
7:00 pm - Contemporary Service
9:30 pm - Traditional Candlelight
 Communion Service

Christmas Day

9:00 am - Communion Service

UPCOMING EVENTS

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Sunday, January 7
8:00 am and 10:30 am Services

JOINT CIRCLE MEETING

Saturday, January 20
11:30 am

ZION LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Saturday, January 27 - 8:30 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW DIRECTORY: If you haven't signed up yet to have your picture taken for our new Directory you can do so this morning in the Atrium. During the week you can sign-up online or by calling the church office.

THE NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER are in the back of the church and in the rack in the east entryway. Large print copies are available.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the east entryway. If you don't see a packet with your name on it - PLEASE contact the church office. **DO NOT** use these envelopes **until** after the first of the year.

TODAY is the last Sunday before Christmas to purchase Hy-Vee cards at the Welcome Center. They will be available in the office all week. These cards make great gifts and they benefit Zion's Youth at the same time.

THE 2018 FLOWER CHART is posted in the back of the Sanctuary. Please take a few minutes to sign-up to put flowers on the Altar in the New Year! Please include your telephone number. Flowers are \$37.10 for 1 arrangement.

OUR CHURCH LIBRARY now has all 5 books by author Tom Roberts; 'Twas The Night Before Christ, Santa's Prayer, The Little Lost Sock, Return to The Farm – A Christmas Journey and his newest book, The Greatest Gift – The Wise Ones' Journey. Please feel free to check out these books as well as any of the other great books that we are privileged to have in our Library.

OUR MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES continue on Wednesday at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm. Our theme is "What is Your Angle on Angels?" and this week we will look at Heaven's Angle.

THE BOY SCOUTS will host the Advent Supper from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. A Baked Potato Bar is on the Menu.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are given by Dale and Marlys Brockberg in honor of their 29th Wedding Anniversary that they celebrated yesterday. We congratulate Dale and Marlys on their special day and thank them for providing the flowers for our services today.

THANK YOU to the members of the LWML for the Christmas Cheer Basket that was delivered to me. Also, thank you so much for the beautiful cards you send me all year.

~ Wally Anderson

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK the ladies of the LWML for remembering us with a Christmas Cheer Basket. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

~ Phil and Jo Langner

I'M THANKING THE LADIES of the LWML for the goodie bag they gave me. **THANK YOU** to John and Mary Lou Giddings for bringing the bag to me. Also **THANK YOU** to Pastor Greg for all his visits and to all the people that have been sending me such nice cards. It is so nice to be a part of such great and caring Church family.

~ Susan Krank

THANK YOU to the Love Kitchen for the meal. And thank you to all that prayed and thought of me following my recent surgery. I am truly blessed. ~ Paul Farmer

JANUARY CLARION (Newsletter) DEADLINE: If you have something that you would like included in the January 2018 Clarion or on the January Calendar - the deadline for getting this in to the office is **TUESDAY**. We appreciate your promptness during this busy time.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE SIMONSONS! Just as we have done for roughly the last ten years, we are again inviting you to join us for an Open House (201 S Willow—on the corner of W 10th and Willow Ave.) from 12:00 - 5:00 pm on Christmas Day. We have food, board games, video games, fun and fellowship! You can come for a minute on your way to somewhere or stay the entire time! We love our church family and would be honored if you celebrated Christ's birth with us! If you need a ride or have any questions don't hesitate to call Joe 334-0201 or Shelly 370-1296. God's blessings to you all and have a GREAT Christmas!

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS!

**GIVING OPTIONS: Church Envelopes/Offering Plate; Simply Giving (Automatic Withdrawal)
AND Text to Give by texting 605-220-5417**

Home Giving - December 10, 2017

Envelopes	\$11,585.89
Plate.....	542.00
Missions	
Lutheran School.....	55.00
Treasure Chest	42.63
Radio.....	115.00
Flowers.....	40.00
Coffee and Donuts.....	93.25
Total Received	\$12,473.77
Weekly Need	\$13,000.00
RECEIVED to Date	\$549,165.89

Other Giving - December 10, 2017

Debt Retirement.....	\$310.00
Memorials	175.00
Lutheran Hour	10.00
Sudanese.....	60.00
Funeral/Weddings	289.69
Youth Missions	20.00
LHSSF	25.00
Total Received.....	\$889.69

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday: 366



**NO MEN'S BIBLE STUDY until
Tuesday, January 2.
NO LADIES' BIBLE STUDY
until Thursday, January 4.**

MAIN STREET LIVING for NEXT SUNDAY

Kid's Crossing: Miss Lisa and Shiloh are wrapping gifts for Christmas. Lisa uses a variety of scarfs to illustrate what the coming of Jesus has done for us.

Main Street Living: The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of the LCMS. Rev. Harrison's message will be "It Actually Happened, For You" based on Luke 2:10-11.

SERVING TODAY

Altar Team: Larry and Judy Eisenbraun
Elder: * Craig Stember
 Dave Rames, Nathan Gilster, Dennis Werner
Ushers:
8:00 am: Bruce Hamilton, Paul Marvin
 Doug Callies, Chuck McCarthy
10:30 am: Bob Kunz, Faith Thompson
 Jeff Thompson, Braedon Thompson
Acolytes:
8:00 am: Rachel Flaten
10:30 am: Kyle Stotts
Greeters:
8:00 am: Glenda Stene, Lois Jones
10:30 am: Jolene Dyce, Margie Wiebers
Readers:
8:00 am: Brad Tauchen
10:30 am: Mary Hoon
Power Point:
8:00 am: Chad Zinnel
10:30 am: Will Kulzer
Organist: Maxine Farden
Radio Broadcaster: Jeff Flaten
Nursery Assistants: Regan Lehr

SERVING December 31

Altar Team: Larry and Judy Eisenbraun
Elder: (8:00 am) * Nathan Gilster
 Brad Tauchen, Jeff Sebesta, Ed Dunlap
 (10:30 am) * Dennis Werner
 Dave Rames, Shannon Johnson, Brad Tauchen
Ushers:
8:00 am: C McCarthy, D Stene, J Bittner, J Gibson
10:30 am: D Rames, D Werner, B Kunz, J Giddings
Acolytes:
8:00 am: Parker Strain
10:30 am: Carsyn Koster
Greeters:
8:00 am: Steve and Nancy Bott
10:30 am: Brad and Jill Powell
Readers:
8:00 am: Youth
10:30 am: Youth
Power Point:
8:00 am: Youth
10:30 am: Youth
Organist: Jane Kurth
Radio Broadcaster: Paul Farmer
Nursery Assistants: Brooks and Leah Pidde