

# THE CLARION

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

### From Heaven Above - Advent Series



Our mid-week Advent Services continue. Week 1 was on November 30; Week 2 will be on December 7 and Week 3 on December 14. Services are at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm each week.

Our theme this year is "From

Heaven Above." As the 500th anniversary of the Reformation approaches, let Martin Luther's beloved hymn "From Heaven Above" speak to you in our special Advent worship series. Each service in the series focuses on the divine gifts that come down to us through the birth of Jesus.

**December 7**  
(The Gift of Love),

based on John 3:13-17, looks at how the steadfast love of God is revealed in the gift of His Son and how we, as the redeemed people of God, have the privilege of sharing His love with others.

**December 14**  
(The Gift of Peace), based on John 14:25-27, reminds us that we have peace with God through our Lord and Savior

Jesus Christ, and that we are now ambassadors of that peace to all the world.

Plan to join us each week for the Advent Suppers from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

The LWML will host the meal on December 7.

The Boy Scouts will host the meal on December 14.

### CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

**5:00 pm** - Family Service with Jesus Birthday Cake

**7:00 pm** - Blended Festival Candlelight Service

**9:30 pm** - Candlelight Communion



#### CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 am  
Communion Service

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## Here We Come A Caroling!!!



Mark Sunday, December 18th on your calendar.

Join us for a fun time of Christmas Caroling.

We will meet at the church at 3:30 pm and go out

caroling.

We will return to the church by 6:30 pm for a light supper.

Please contact Judy Schmuck (359-4866) if you would like to join

us for this fun Christmas Activity.

We will need a head count for drivers and also for food so be sure to call Judy!!

## Streets of Bethlehem

**December 2**  
9:00 am – Set Construction

**December 3**  
2:00 pm – Rehearsal

**December 5**  
9:00 am – Set Tear Down



Non-Perishable Food Items for the Sioux Falls Food Pantry appreciated

**Sunday December 4**  
Continuous Tours from 1 - 4pm

Live Nativity; Live Animals, Christmas Music and Refreshments. Everyone Welcome!

## Families in Faith December Event

Our Families in Faith Event for the month of December will be to make Gingerbread Houses.

We will meet at the church on Saturday, December 17 beginning at 4:30 pm.

All the supplies will be pro-

vided - so just bring yourself and your family.

Contact Bridget Ebert at 951-1284 if you have any questions.

Everyone Welcome!



*Zion LWML Christmas Luncheon  
Saturday, December 10 at 11:30 am*

The LWML is extending an invitation to all ladies to join them for their Christmas Luncheon. Plan to bring a friend with you! A free-will offering will be taken.

At **1:00 pm** we will enjoy a musical presentation by Gospel Gold. One of the members of this group is Doug Kraayenhof - so **MEN are INVITED!!**

Reservations may be made by calling either Carol Harms (361-3808) or the Church Office (338-5226). Please RSVP by Monday, December 5.

The RED STOCKING Collections will go to benefit a Zion Family.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Friday, December 2  
9:00 am to help with  
"Streets" Construction

**and**

Monday, December 5  
9:00 am to help with  
"Streets"  
De-Construction



**DEAR LORD JESUS**

Please forgive me for being so grumpy as I trudge through the never-ending tasks set before me this holiday season ... My to-do list seems to keep growing with shopping, church services, and family gatherings--- and I'm running short of time! Restore the joy of Christmas to my heart . . . and help me to relax each day and make time for **YOU**--Amen.

**Kids Praise**

**Our children (preschoolers through grade 5) will be singing their Christmas songs on Sunday, December 11 at the 10:30 church service.**

**We will have regular Kids Praise that day so be sure the students**

**are there to sing at 9:15 for the Opening.**

**Invite relatives, friends and neighbors.**

**Students are excited to tell the Christmas Story through their songs and verses.**

**Potluck Dinner**

A Congregational Potluck Dinner will take place after the late service on December 11.

Following the Dinner, you are invited into the Sanctuary to hear the combined choirs from

Zion Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran (Tea) as they present the Christmas Cantata "Hope is Born Emmanuel."

Please join us!!

*Please join us as  
Trinity and Zion Lutheran Choirs Present:*

# HOPE is BORN Emmanuel

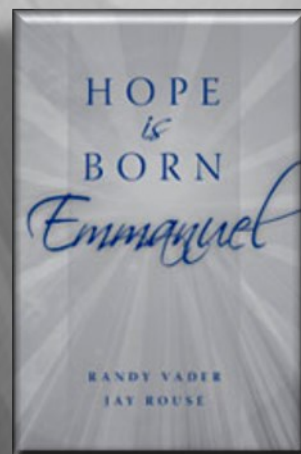
A Christian Musical for the Sioux Empire.

## The Message:

On that first Christmas morning a PROMISE was fulfilled, a SON was given, a CHILD was born and HOPE was delivered to us in a stable, the first born of a virgin.

This musical is a statement of faith – it is a reminder of things eternal – it is a celebration of the coming of God’s only Son, Jesus the Christ. It’s Christmas! We invite you to come. Join the festivities as we proclaim the glad tidings of great joy!

Hope is not lost. Hope is not out of reach. Hope is not gone. HOPE IS BORN – EMMANUEL!



## The Invitation:

Zion Lutheran Church of Sioux Falls invites you to join us for this joyful Cantata as we present this special benefit for unemployed or underemployed members of our community!

**Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.** Please join us for a potluck at 11:30am in the Atrium prior to the concert.

**Trinity Lutheran Church in Tea on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm & Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am**

## Offering:

All gifts received will be directed to households dealing with financial hardship this Christmas. Many in our community are struggling with unemployment and health related challenges. We want them to know what God’s grace is, how he loves and cares for them and all his people. If you know of an individual or family who should receive this gift of kindness during Christmas please submit their name in the offering plate with contact information or you may call the church office at 605-338-5226.



## New Year's Eve Worship

A New Year's Eve Communion Service will be held at 6:30 pm.

This year, Memorial Lutheran will host this special service. Pastor Aaron Asmus and Pastor Corey Aker will conduct the service. Plan to attend to worship and

commune with our brothers and sisters from Memorial and Faith Lutheran Churches. A time of fellowship will be held following the service.

Plan now to join us for Worship on New Year's Eve!!

## December Birthdays

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Meredith Ebert      | 15 Emersyn Hagen     |
| 1 Brad Grave          | 15 Parker Strain     |
| 1 Frank Grave         | 16 Elijah Dressler   |
| 1 Justin Rehms        | 16 Parker Pidde      |
| 2 Sharon Geister      | 17 Matt Kludt        |
| 3 Amelia Ebert        | 18 Karen Boehrns     |
| 3 Steve Hendry        | 19 Lonny Boehrns     |
| 5 Harper Beaner       | 19 Gloria Storm      |
| 5 Rod Ellingson       | 19 Zeke Weiss        |
| 5 Barb Guthmiller     | 20 Jeannette Jensen  |
| 5 Kirsten Trautman    | 21 Brad Clow         |
| 6 Illa Biteler        | 21 Evie Meier        |
| 6 Ellie Boettcher     | 21 Carter Trautman   |
| 6 Enid Farmer         | 22 Irene Axlund      |
| 6 Alex Helling        | 22 Wayne Tanke       |
| 6 Dennis Werner       | 23 Phil Langner      |
| 7 Eleanor Baak        | 23 Brooks Pidde      |
| 7 Jo Langner          | 23 JessaLee Thompson |
| 8 Irene Anderson      | 24 Chris Boettcher   |
| 8 Eric Boyce          | 24 Roger Corkill     |
| 9 Kyle Stotts         | 24 Pam Strain        |
| 9 Roger Wagner        | 24 Elise Van Hove    |
| 10 Ashley Doerksen    | 24 Heidi Vilhauer    |
| 10 Trish Heng         | 25 Gatran Gatnoor    |
| 10 John Kritzmire     | 25 Inez Hayes        |
| 10 Sharon Petheram    | 25 Norm Meinke       |
| 11 Warren Eilertson   | 27 Adam List         |
| 11 Jody Huebert       | 27 Dave Wright       |
| 11 Florence Malthesen | 28 Carol Ekse        |
| 11 Scott Raabe        | 28 Annie Farmer      |
| 13 Suzi Fitterer      | 28 Patrick Frentz    |
| 13 Bruce Hamilton     | 29 Jetzen Kok        |
| 14 Cindy Huntimer     | 30 Tammie Schultz    |
| 14 Betty Schultz      | 30 Yvonne Van Wyhe   |
| 14 Morgan Werner      | 31 Joe Tisher        |

## Serving for Advent Services

### USHERS

#### **Advent Services**

#### **December 7**

Faith, Jeff and Braedon Thompson, Bob Kuntz

#### **December 14**

Brian Frentz, Hal Frentz Lyle Dabbert, Jeff Bickel

### ELDERS

#### **Advent Services**

#### **December 7**

10 am - Roger Corkill

6:30 pm - Dennis Werner

#### **December 14**

10 am - Roger Corkill

6:30 pm - Pat Huntimer

## November Givings

### **HOME GIVING**

Envelopes.....	\$40,832.02
Plate .....	974.00
Mission.....	90.00
Lutheran School .....	330.00
Treasure Chest.....	75.07
Radio .....	140.00
Flowers .....	185.50
Coffee/Donuts.....	381.00
<b>Monthly Total .....</b>	<b>\$43,007.59</b>
<b>Monthly Giving Needed.....</b>	<b>\$54,600.00</b>

### **OTHER GIVING**

Debt Retirement .....	\$1,069.00
Reimbursement/Suppers .....	482.64
Food Sunday/Love Kitchen .....	30.00
Youth Missions .....	77.31
Lutheran High School.....	30.00
Sudanese/Gaat South Sudan .....	530.00
Wedding/Funerals .....	420.00
Memorials/Agape.....	210.00
MSL/LWR/LHM .....	75.00
<b>Monthly Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,923.95</b>

# Serving in December

## ELDERS

**Dec. 4:** \* Jeff Sebesta

Roger Corkill, Lonny Boehrns, Ed Dunlap

**Dec. 11:** \* Pat Ebert

Pat Huntimer, Shannon Johnson, Ed Dunlap

**Dec. 18:** \* Roger Corkill

Pat Huntimer, Dennis Werner, Jeff Thompson

**Dec. 25:** \*

## GREETERS

**Dec. 4:** 8:00 am - Steve and Nancy Bott

10:30 am - Brad and Jill Powell

**Dec. 11:** 8:00 am - Renee Lehr, Susan Krank

10:30 am - John and Mary Lou Giddings

**Dec. 18:** 8:00 am - A. Anderson, S. Muldbakken

10:30 am - Eileen Sturzenbecher, Janice Haas

**Dec. 25:** 9:00 am - Hal and Jan Frenz

## USHERS

**Dec. 4:** 8:00 am - Paul Marvin, Doug Callies

Chuck McCarthy, Dennis Stene

10:30 am - Evie Meier, Mike Dressler

Wendell Bouwman, Jim Bosley

**Dec. 11:** 8:00 am - Judy Bittner, Jerry Gibson

Craig Stember, Steve Bott

10:30 am - Joe Simonson, Sam Castetter

Steve Hendry

**Dec. 18:** 8:00 am - Ken Schmuck, Steve Stember

Dan Fick, Paul Marvin

10:30 am - Mike Berg, Teresa Berg

Dave Rames, Dennis Werner

**Dec. 24:** 5:00 pm - Faith Thompson, Jeff Thompson

Braedon Thompson, Chuck McCarthy

7:00 pm - Dennis Stene, Judy Bittner

Evie Meier, Mike Dressler

9:30 pm - Jerry Gibson, Craig Stember

Joe Simonson, Sam Castetter

**Dec. 25:** 9:00 am - Jeff Bickel, Steve Bott

Wendell Bouwman, Jim Bosley

## READERS

**Dec. 4:** 8:00 am - Lisa May

10:30 am - Heather Kellenberger

**Dec. 11:** 8:00 am - Joe Simonson

10:30 am - Suze Frenz

**Dec. 18:** 8:00 am - Jody Bymers

10:30 am - Mary Hoon

**Dec. 25:** 9:00 am - Shelly Simonson

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Dec. 4:** Todd and Danica Schettler

**Dec. 11:** Ashley Eilertson, Lisa Stotts

**Dec. 18:** Regan Lehr, Leah Pidde

**Dec. 25:**

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

**8:00 am**

**10:30 am**

**Dec. 4:**

Parker Strain

**Dec. 11:** Annie Farmer

Logan Kendig

**Dec. 18:**

Madison Hofer

**Dec. 25:**

## POWERPOINT

**8:00 am**

**10:30 am**

**Dec. 4:** Natasha Baer

Brad Powell

**Dec. 11:** Linda Wagner

Josie Lorang

**Dec. 18:** Chad Zinnel

Will Kulzer

**Dec. 25:** No PowerPoint

## MUSIC LEADERS

Mary Dunlap  
Jane Kurth  
Carrie Johnson  
Jacob Shoup  
Rusty Willson

## BROADCASTERS

**Dec. 4:** Paul Farmer

**Dec. 11:** Jeff Flaten

**Dec. 18:** John Kritzmire

**Dec. 25:** Paul Farmer

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## Pastor's Corner

*"But... an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.'" (Matthew 1:20-21)*

Selecting a name for a newborn child can be difficult. It seems expectant parents spend many months writing lists of 'boy names' and 'girl names.' Maybe that's why God designed the human gestation period to be nine months in duration...because it usually takes that long for the mother and father to agree on mutually acceptable name.

Mary and Joseph probably didn't make a list of name ideas for their baby. It isn't that they were careless about naming their child it's that the name of their child had been preselected. In separate dreams, an angel had appeared to Joseph and to Mary. And baby Jesus didn't lack for nicknames either.

About four hundred years earlier, the prophet Isaiah had declared that the child born to be the Messiah would also be known by four other distinctly royal titles. Look at what these names reveal about the kind of man the baby Jesus would become...

**Wonderful Counselor** – 'Wonderful' typically referred to supernatural, so the Messiah was one who was characterized by perfect wisdom.

**Mighty God** – This is a term that predicted the Messiah's ultimate triumph over evil.

**Everlasting Father** – The Messiah is a protective Father who guards His children for all eternity.

**Prince of Peace** – He brings peace in the sense of wholeness and reconciliation with God for every person.

That wasn't just the baby Jesus in the manger...it was the Savior of the world. And He had the names to prove it!

It's my prayer for you that the hectic pace of your life this Christmas will slow enough that you can see God in the details of the season. Reminders of His presence are all around you. You'll enjoy Christmas all the more when Jesus is at the center of your celebration.

Peace and Joy in the Baby Jesus, Pastor Greg Lehr