

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF December 3 - 10, 2017

*These announcements support Zion's on-going ministry throughout the week.  
We encourage each family to take a copy home for reference.  
An electronic copy is available online at [www.zionalbion.org](http://www.zionalbion.org).*

**Welcome to worship!** Whether you are joining us for the first time or have been a life-long member, we pray that you experience God's presence in Worship.

**All God's Children are Welcome!** If you have children, know that all of you are welcome in worship. Little people sounds tell us that everyone is here. There are busy bags and children's bulletins with the ushers. If your little one becomes upset, feel free to step out for a moment. There is closed circuit broadcast of worship in the Lounge.

**About the Bulletins.** The bulletin is produced in two sections. This section has the weekly announcements. Each family is encouraged to take a copy home. The other section has the order for worship. That section may be returned to the ushers at the end of the service for re-use or recycling.

**Information cards** are in the pew holders. You can use these to let us know you are in worship, especially if you plan to receive Holy Communion.

**Pastoral Concerns** occasionally come up. In cases of severe illness, hospitalization, death, birth of a child, marriages, joys and sadness, many people would like a pastor to visit with them. Please be sure to call Zion's office to let us know of your desire.

**Offering** is received at each worship service both as a response to God's grace and blessing and as an expression of our faith. Jesus tells us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

**Holy Communion** is celebrated nearly every Sunday. Christ is present in Holy Communion, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. At the table, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Children who are in fifth grade and younger may come forward for a blessing. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of our Lord are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Gluten free wafers are available for those who are allergic or gluten intolerant. Grape juice is available on request for those who cannot have wine.

**Joining Zion** can happen by transfer of membership, by affirmation of baptism or by baptism. If you have questions about what it means to enter into our shared ministry as a member of Zion, feel free to call Pastor Frerichs or Pastor Meg.

## SERVANTS OF THE LORD

**Pastors:** Rev. David Frerichs, Rev. Meg Sander

**Altar Guild:** Dorothy Young\*, Kent & Mary Kay Tisthammer, Jerry & Barb Tisthammer

**Accompanist:** Tami Texley

8:00 a.m.

Worship Assistant: Pam Young  
Acolytes: Grant Addison, Colby Addison  
Greeters: Chuck & Julie Long  
Communion Assistants: Ellen Frey, LaVonne Mills  
Ushers: Don Thorberg, Chris Nelson, Pat Cleveland  
Audio/Video: Bob Sandman  
Powerpoint: Marcia Seier

10:30 a.m.

Worship Assistant: Barb Tisthammer  
Acolytes: Camden Moser, Cade Moser  
Greeter: Shelby Reigle  
Communion Assistants: Vicki Rother, Amy Olnes, Taylor Olnes  
Ushers: Eric Johnson, Bill Becker, Jr.  
Audio/Video: Norm Brugger  
Powerpoint: Marcia Seier

**In Our Prayers:** JC Delamore, Becky Michael, Diane Bolin (sister of Dallas Choot), Dick Smith (brother of Sharon Waters).

**Our Christian Sympathy** to Drew and Kim Schaefer and their families on the death of Kim's father Mike Aalbers who passed away Thursday, November 1 and on the death of Drew's great-uncle Larry Koehn who passed away Wednesday, November 29.

**The Adult Class** will begin a new course, "Gospel of Mark" this morning. Additional classes for this session will be December 10 and 17. All classes will meet in the Adult Sunday School classroom located in Zion's east education wing.

**Affirmation of Christian Vocation** for volunteers and retirees will be offered this morning at both worship services. Please come to receive this blessing.

**Zion's Women of the ELCA's** annual Christmas luncheon will be held Wednesday, December 6, at 12:00 noon, in the church fellowship hall. Please bring a hot dish or a salad, and a friend, along with an offering for MOSAIC. The program for the day is entitled "The Innkeeper's Key".

**Sign up today to provide a poinsettia** in honor or memory of a loved one for the Christmas season at Zion. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the office. They are \$12.50 each and payable to the church office or put the gift in the offering plate and mark it for the poinsettia.

**The new audio/video system installation** begins tomorrow, December 4 and will last throughout the week. Disruptions can be expected in the worship space and basement until the project is complete.

**Do you love decorating for the Christmas season?** Plan to join your friends at Zion Wednesday, December 13 at 6:15 p.m. for a few hours of relaxation, conversation and fun as we put up the Christmas tree and decorate the church for the Christmas season. Contact Amy Zaruba or the church office with any questions.

**Zion's Sunday School Christmas Program** will be Sunday, December 17 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

**Luther League Candlelight Service** will be Sunday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. Thanks for adding this worship service to your holiday activities.

**The Sunshine Committee** will be fixing and delivering the Christmas cookie plates on Saturday, December 9. Please bring your gifts of cookies, candy, etc. to the church kitchen by 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Please mark them "Christmas Plates." Help to fill and deliver the plates will also be appreciated. Monetary gifts are always welcomed. Thank you! Contact Beverly Rieck with any questions.

**The family of Delbert Niewohner** invites members of Zion to an open house in honor of his 90th birthday on Sunday, December 10, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Albion Country Club. You may also send cards to 1313 W Church St., Albion, NE 68620.

**If you have a musical talent** that you would like to share on Christmas Eve for the pre-service music, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the offices. Vocal and instrumental solos or groups are welcome. The early service music begins at 5:00 p.m. and the late at 7:15 p.m.

**Needed: Men of Zion Lutheran Church.** The women of Zion (WELCA) are seeking men to assist in funeral hospitality. This would include setting up/taking down of tables and chairs, possible serving, and doing dishes. If this is a service you would like to be a part of, please provide the church office your name and phone number and/or sign up on the bulletin board outside the office.

**The Property Committee** is in need of those who would like to help with snow removal. A sign up sheet for snow removal is located on the bulletin board outside the offices. The schedule will run monthly. Even if you indicated on your Ministry Response Form that you would assist with snow removal, the committee would like you to sign up for specific month(s). If anyone has any questions please call Pat Zaruba at 402-649-8535.

### Online Giving:

Check out Zion's online Giving page. Manage electronic gifts to Zion. Visit [www.zionalbion.org](http://www.zionalbion.org) or scan the QR code from a smart phone.



### Agnus Day

by James Wetzstein



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MARK 13:24-37

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## THIS WEEK AT ZION

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 8:00 a.m.     Worship
- 9:15 a.m.     Sunday School
- 9:15 a.m.     Adult Class: The Gospel of Mark
- 10:30 a.m.    Worship
- 11:45 a.m.    Mission Endowment Committee

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

- Pastor Meg's Day Off
- 7:00 p.m.     Worship Committee

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 4:00 p.m.     Staff Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 12:00 p.m.    WELCA Luncheon
- 1:00 p.m.     Lutheran Communion - GSS Estates
- 1:30 p.m.     Lutheran Communion - GSS Wolf Home
- 3:30 p.m.     Confirmation Warm-Up
- 5:30 p.m.     Parish Education
- 5:30 p.m.     Confirmation Meal
- 6:00 p.m.     Confirmation
- 6:15 p.m.     Luther League
- 7:00 p.m.     Senior Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 7:00 p.m.     Bible Study

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

- Pastor Frerichs' Day Off

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 8:00 a.m.     Worship
- 9:15 a.m.     Sunday School
- 9:15 a.m.     Adult Class: The Gospel of Mark
- 10:30 a.m.    Worship

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2017

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8

### ATTENDANCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2017

8:00 a.m. – 78  
10:30 a.m. – 77

Fund	Last Week	Weekly Need	Year to Date	YTD Budget Need
General	\$3,046.00	\$5,235.00	\$187,110.27	\$240,810.00
Building	\$293.00	\$283.00	\$10,734.00	\$13,301.00
NE Synod	\$568.00	\$566.00	\$23,732.74	\$26,602.00
World Hunger	\$293.00			
LWR / LDR	\$5.00			
Gifts in the Office	\$60.00			