



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Connecting with God; Connecting with Others; Connecting others with God

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WeekE-Newsletter: December 15

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Friday, December 15

Saturday, December 16

Sunday, December 17 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

* The flowers are sponsored by Brenda Stover in memory of Nick Schmalhofer, Michael Rutt, Adam Ocker, and Ashley Bukeavich.

* The communion elements are sponsored by Al Ramer in celebration of Diane's birthday on Monday!

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfi2cSw

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Class (An Advent Study) – Parlor

Wired Word Class – Zone & Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>)

Holiday Concert (Hempfield H.S. Chamber Choir – 2 p.m. [**NOTE TIME CHANGE**] (Sanctuary)

Monday, December 18

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Council – 7 p.m. (Zone)

Tuesday, December 19

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

Social Outreach – 6 p.m. (HotZ)

Scouts – 6:30 - 8 p.m. (Scout Room, Classrooms, and Social Room)

Wednesday, December 20

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday, December 21

Choir – 6 p.m.

Friday, December 22

Saturday, December 23

Sunday, December 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded)

Livestream/Recorded Link

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Adult Sunday School

Advent Study – 10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

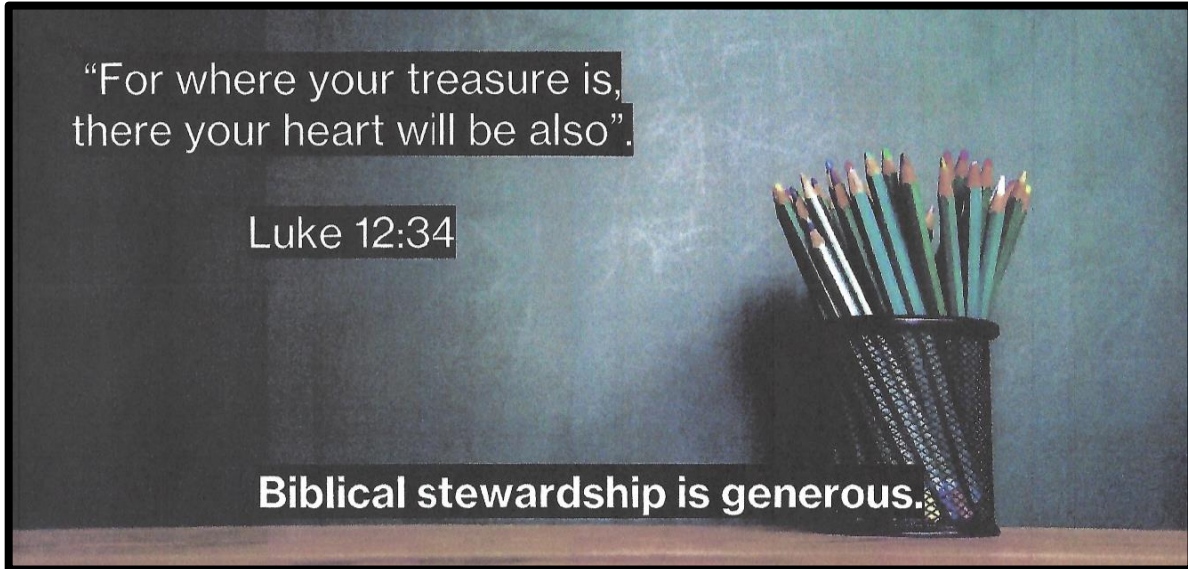
No Wired Word class today or next Sunday (12/31)

Christmas Eve Worship – 7:00 p.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded)

Livestream/Recorded Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



In the New Testament, Jesus talks a lot about money and possessions. He is blunt: "our hearts follow the money."

In this season of gifting and getting, are we relying on what is under the tree (or in the checkbook) to save us? Or are we listening to the voice speaking from the wilderness who points us back to the manger, not the market.

Where we invest our treasure determines where our ultimate loyalty will be.

As disciples, we seek to be generous so that our hearts will be loyal to Jesus.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

In the spirit of Zion's Stewardship Initiative and being generous followers of Jesus, be sure to pick up your offering envelopes in your church mailbox! [Please note that some envelope numbers have changed in 2024 from what they were in 2023. Make sure you use the correct box number!]

OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS

The December-February devotional booklets are available on the ushers' table in the narthex, on the window ledge in the back hallway, and on the kiosk across from the mailboxes. Advent devotionals are there as well.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

There are a variety of Advent devotionals on the ushers' table in the narthex. In addition, there are also copies of the Advent Prayer cycle for the Middle East and the Holy Land from the ELCA and her ecumenical partners. Help yourself!

~HOLIDAY CONCERT COMING UP~



NOTE TIME CHANGE!



**This Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
Featuring the Hempfield H.S.
Chamber Choir**

*Contact John L. with questions or if you would like to be a sponsor for
this year's concerts!*

johnplandis@gmail.com 717-875-6182

ANNUAL REPORTS: ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY TEAMS!

It is Annual Report time! All ministry teams need to email your report about what was accomplished this year and what is on your to-do list for 2024 to Anne (adminzelc@comcast.net).

JOYFUL NOISE



The Joyful Noise offering through December will go to Bethany Christian Services' Safe Families for Children program. For more information about this program, visit: <https://bethany.org/help-a-child/emergency-care/safe-families>

2024 FLOWER, BULLETIN, AND COMMUNION ELEMENTS SPONSORS

The sign-up sheets for all three of these sponsorship opportunities next year are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex across from the mailboxes. This is a great way to help offset the church's cost for these worship service expenses and a special way to honor, remember, and celebrate someone or an occasion! Cost is \$40 for flowers, \$40 for bulletins, and \$35 for communion elements.

FLOWER VASE DONATIONS

Do you have any altar flower vases from the church? The Altar Guild (and Nancy M. in particular!) would love it if you could return them so they can use them to deliver arrangements to others! ALSO, if you have any clear vases with about a 6-inch diameter that could use a new home, the Altar Guild will be more than happy to take them off your hands! They thank you in advance! Questions about size or type? Talk with Nancy (717-278-1556).



THIS SUNDAY! HOLIDAY TRIVIA!

Classes will meet together in the Social Room for Holiday Trivia! All are welcome to come join the light-hearted fun (and yes, maybe a little bit of friendly competition)!

** The Wired Word class will not meet next Sunday or 12/31.*

** The class that meets in the parlor will complete an Advent next Sunday (12/24) and will meet on 12/31 as well. They will begin a new study in January...Stay tuned for more information!*

**SPECIAL
CHRISTMAS
EVE
PRELUDE
MUSIC
BEGINS AT
6:30 p.m.**

Jamie Marrs Smith, cello
Lisa Nelson, piano
Lisa Nelson & John Landis, piano 4-hand duet
John Landis, organ



ADVENT BANNERS

As we prepare for the coming birth of Jesus, the anticipation builds as a banner in front of the Sanctuary is added each week. The 3rd banner design is of an angel holding a heart above its head with swirls ascending, extending upward to God and the heavens. The 2nd banner has a candle with a heart in its flame and a swirl rising upward symbolizing prayer and commitment to God. This banner represents our turning to God. The 1st banner has a large, open hand of God with a heart in the middle of the hand and a swirl descending to us. The idea is that God chooses us in grace and stirs our hearts in love and power.



First Banner



Second Banner



Third Banner



Be Ready



***ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
AT A GLANCE***

Sun., 12/17 at 9 a.m.

Worship (Advent 3)

Sun., 12/17 at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Trivia (Zone)

Sun., 12/17 at 2:00 p.m.

Hempfield Chamber Concert

Sun., 12/24 at 9 a.m.

Worship (Advent 4)

No Parlor Class

Wired Word (Zone and Zoom)

Sun., 12/24: Christmas Eve

Worship at 7:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY!

Join us at the Wittel Farm for our annual Advent/Christmas night. This year, we'll gather around the outdoor fire and have cookies and cocoa in the barn. Lights and decorations!

**December 17
7-8:30 p.m.**

Enjoy Kirchenwald in the winter!

Play broom hockey and other games on the frozen pond.

Have fun sledding, playing snow soccer and other winter games.

Creative Bible studies and worship experiences led by our summer camp counselors are an important part of this retreat.

Meet new friends and catch up with your summer camp friends.

Other indoor and outdoor activities may be included, as the weather dictates.

**January 5-7, 2024
\$170**

**MORE
INFO. & TO
REGISTER!**

**Advent &
Christmas in
a Barn**

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/christmas-in-the-barn-2023/>

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**Youth
Retreat**

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/winter-youth-retreat-2024/>





➤ To everyone who helped decorate the church for the holiday season ... *Thank you! The worship, narthex, and the outside of the church looks absolutely beautiful and message-filled!*

➤ From Lutheran World Relief ... *Thank you for your recent generous gift of \$265.00 to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund! The kindness and love you show your neighbors in Christ is truly transformational. ... LWR is so grateful for the love you are bestowing on our neighbors around the world.*

➤ From Off the Streets ... *Thank you for the gift of \$107 from your Joyful Noise collection! This donation provides the security deposit for our clients to live in a home of their own. Your caring, consideration also enables a person to go from unbelievable living conditions to a life without the stigma of homelessness... Thank you, again, most sincerely. You have made a difference in someone's life.*

➤ To the anonymous donor in the community ... *Thank you for the very generous donation of your \$6,000 year-end bonus to help offset the cost of the food ministries and outreach at Zion.*

**Note: This is the third year that this individual has stopped by the church unexpectedly to give this donation. They do not have any known connections to Zion. Let this example of living in a Christ-like way be a model for us all.*



PRAYER LIST

FOR HEALING

Dave Wauls
Dick Olson
Cindy Blough
Bob Shirk
Tom Grzybowski
Jess Barcaro
Sam King
Bill Grove
Connie Alsedek
Joe Adams
Mary Zimmerman
Marvin Ruch
Kate Donnan
Judie Ingersoll
Joan Mays
Holly Hoover
Barb Williams
Kay Crawford
Dolly Overly
Ed Illick (Husband of Pastor Pam Illick)
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)
Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)
Walter Thalgott (Brother of Thelma Pearson)
William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)
Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)
Jack Taylor (4-year-old son of the niece of Deb Grube)
Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Thelma Pearson
Lucy Davis
Deb McCartney
George Potts
Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)
Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)
Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)

FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

Evan Benedict

Christopher Wright
Chris Andrew
Thom Whitesel
Ryan Stitzel
Doug Kautter
Justin Gorlaski
Tyler Duke (Great Grandson of Jan Reeves)
Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)
David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay, and husband of Liz)

IN CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

18th – Diane Ramer, Nate Deibler
20th – Brenda Stover, Cameron Reed
21st – Todd Reed
23rd – Linda Bear, Don Wierschke
24th – Sue Wise, Holly Hoover

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

17th – Chrissy (Rickert) and Johnny Fenwick



MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers	Members of the Congregation
Pastor	Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown
Music Director	John Landis
Parish Administrator	Anne Rankin
Worship Technology Assistant	David Albin
Lay Ministry Assistant	Diane Gerlach
Council President	Kim Paternoster
Council Vice President	Denise Haun
Sextons	Brian Bourassa (a.m.) Tom Miller (p.m.)

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream & Recorded Link	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfi2cSw
Bible Study Video Series Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except 12/17)
Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except 12/17, 24, & 31) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266
Morning Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
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** The Stewardship slide is adapted from A Litany Prayer for Aleppo by Michael K. Marsh by Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown*