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Zion Lutheran Church NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO THE ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Zion is a member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

DECEMBER 2022 **5831 GRUNDY ROAD, HUDSON, IA 50643**

Church & Parsonage: 988-4534 www.zionlutheranhuson.com

Please Join Us in Prayer - Each month, we will publish a list of people who have requested prayers. Please remember them in your regular prayer time:

We pray for: **Dianne Bascom, Judy Schafer, & Eunice Neil & Sharon Dufel.**

Please let us know if wish to add someone as we are starting the list again with most recent requests.

Refreshments and then at 7 p.m, we will have our Candlelight Service, the reading of Christ’s Birth, and the singing of “Silent Night”. Please plan to join us with your families for a wonderful evening celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Painting of the parsonage

Dayne Watson is priming the parsonage. The entry, kitchen, dining and living rooms are completed. He will continue as time permits. Our thanks to Dayne.

Christmas Caroling

We will go caroling on Sunday, December 11 at 2 p.m. We will meet at the church and we will visit those who can’t worship in church and finish in Cedar Falls at New Aldaya. Please help us spread the Christmas spirit.

Sunday School Program

The Sunday School program will be presented during Church on Sunday, December 18th. Practice will be held during Sunday School class.

Parents of the Sunday school and confirmation classes are asked to bring one or two dozen cookies for fellowship on December 18.

Our Next Potluck will be held on Sunday, December 18 following the Christmas program. Plan to stay & join us. The Church Council will then meet following fellowship.

Christmas Eve Service

We will be having our traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, December 24. We will confirm the start time as we approach the date as we are still planning. Stay tuned. We are tentatively planning to have fellowship at 6 p.m. with



Call Committee Update

Pastoral Candidate, Megan Peel, was interviewed during a Zoom call during November. The Call Committee will be conducting a follow-up Zoom Call after Thanksgiving. We are thankful for those members serving the Committee, and continue to pray for a Pastor to shepherd our congregation.

Newsletter Contact

Thank you to Marilu Degener & Karen Wulf for helping to serve as Church Secretary. We appreciate your help and for accepting this position.

Yoga

Anyone is invited to join Lori Gutknecht for yoga in the church basement. Lori leads hour-long sessions from 5-6 pm every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Bring your own mat if you have one. Come and join the fun!

New Member Installation & Reception

will be during church on February 19, 2023.

If You Are Interested in being part of the Outreach Committee, please contact Marian Grover, 319-232-7459 or email mariangrover@aol.com.

If you have changes or need to add to the Birthdays or Anniversaries List or need to fill out the Questionnaire sent out earlier, please. Contact Marilu Degener. 319-939-4326.

List of Zion Contacts

If you have questions in the upcoming months, please contact the following:

Pulpit Supply - Bill Gutknecht / 319-404-5081

Sunday School - Cindy Appleton / 319-231-3857

Music - Lyle Wulf / 319-988-4536

Newsletter Interim - Jane Miller / 319-231-4205

Call Committee - Sammy Meier / 563-528-9450

Parsonage - Marian Grover / 319-231-7459

Facebook - Jenn Brandhorst / 641-799-4321

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Cindy Paige

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December Ushers

- 4 Brett Gutknecht & Sammy Meier
Acolyte Aubrey
- 11 Elwin & Stacy Lee
Acolyte Hayden
- 18 Jim & Marian Grover
Acolyte Dylan
- 24 Christmas Eve - TBD

December Worship Leaders

- 4 Jan Brandhorst
- 11 Lori Gutknecht
- 18 Sunday School Program
- 25 No Service

December Anniversaries

- 19 Garry & Sharon Dufel
- 21 Gerald & Janet Brandhorst
- 21 Ben & Molly Volding

December Birthdays

- 8 Jennifer Laube
- 13 Jenna Brandhorst Beninga
- 13 Paul Knapp
- 14 Roselyn Garbes
- 14 Teri Neil

- 17 Harlan Brandhorst
- 19 Gerald Brandhorst
- 21 Barb McCulley
- 24 Brett Gutknecht
- 24 Phil Laube
- 27 Jessica Lee

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- 27 Rod & Marilu Degener Family
- 4 Chris & Jenn Brandhorst Family
- 11 Bill & Lori Gutknecht Family
- 18 The Sunday School

Zion Snow Removal of Sidewalks Schedule for 2022-2023

November

- Rod Degener 319-415-5071
- Ed Juhl 319-215-2585

December 1-15

- Chris McCulley 319-239-2518
- Darryl Koch 319-243-5559

December 16-31

- Greg Bergman 319-504-5574
- Craig Dufel 319-988-3722

January 1-15

- Elwin Lee 319-988-4219
- Brad Ohrt 319-231-9436

January 16-31

- Bryce Geisler 319-415-5801
- Ben Volding 319-415-0043

February 1-15

- Andy Appleton 319-239-0340
- Dan Miller 319-988-3610

February 16-28

- Chris McCulley 319-239-2518
- Tyler Whitehead 515-868-2305

March 1-15

- Ben Volding 319-415-0043
- Elwin Lee 319-988-4219

March 16-31

- Andy Appleton 319-239-0340
- Darryl Koch 319-243-5559

April

- Kyle Degener 319-939-4327
- Ed Juhl 319-215-2585

Read the story below. Find and circle the words that are **underlined**. The words can appear in any direction: horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backwards.

The True Story of Christmas

More than 2000 years ago, there lived a young woman named **Mary**. She was preparing to be married to a man named **Joseph**.

One day, an **angel** appeared to Mary and said, "Listen! You will soon have a son, and you will name him **Jesus**. The baby will be holy and will be called the Son of God."

Around the time for Jesus to be born, the Roman rulers ordered everyone to return to their hometown to be counted.

Joseph and Mary had to travel to the town of **Bethlehem**. When Joseph and Mary arrived at Bethlehem, the town was very crowded. They had to stay where **animals** were kept.

While they were there, baby Jesus was born. Mary wrapped him with pieces of cloth and placed him in a **manger**.

That night, in a field near Bethlehem, **shepherds** were looking after their sheep. An angel appeared to them and said, "I bring you good news of great joy for all people. Today in Bethlehem, a Savior has been born. He is **Christ** the Lord!" Then many more angels appeared, praising God for the birth of Jesus.

Sometime later, **wise men** from the east saw a bright, new **star** in the sky. They knew it was a sign that a great King had been born. The wise men followed the star to look for the child. When they found Jesus, they bowed down, worshiped him and gave him gifts.

This is the true story of **Christmas**. Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

God sent his Son, Jesus, to be born on earth because he loves us very much.

For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

