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Zion's Mission Statement

"Reaching up, Reaching out, Reaching in, with faith and love."

Services

- Saturday 5:30 PM
- Sunday 8:00 AM
- Sunday 10:00 AM
- Sunday 10:00 AM Online (YouTube and Facebook)
 - Monday 7:30 PM Online Prayer Service

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On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. ~ Matthew 2:11-12

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Our celebration of our Lord's birth continues this month, As we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord on January 6. The story we hear on this festival day reminds us of many of the details which round out the Christmas story. Magi are summoned by and follow a star from a faraway land to visit the newborn king Jesus and offer him precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Interesting how Matthew's gospel does not name the magi but tells us what the gifts were that they brought to baby Jesus. We are also told the story's dramatic conclusion- that warned in a dream not to return to king Herod to share with him Jesus' location and identity, the magi returned to their homes by a different route.

Why would the magi bring gifts such as these? Certainly a child could not readily use gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Perhaps it could be simply said that the magi brought the best gifts they had to offer. It should also be noted that the gifts were part of their worship-Matthew tells us that they bowed down and worshipped Jesus, and offered their gifts to him.

The magi brought their best gifts to honor the one they believed to be their King, Savior, and Lord. What are the best gifts we have to offer as we celebrate the Epiphany? In 1872, English poet Christina Rosetti was asked to write a Christmas poem for "Scribner's" magazine. The

poem she wrote, "In the Bleak Midwinter" became well-known and has been set to music as a beloved Christmas carol. In the final verse, Rosetti writes- "What can I give Him, / Poor as I am? / If I were a shepherd / I would bring a lamb, / If I were a wise man / I would do my part, / Yet what I can I give Him, / Give my heart. "

If you were to give your best gift to Jesus, what would you bring? What aspect of your life could you offer to your Savior Jesus Christ? Whatever you bring, may it always be a gift of the heart. Wishing you the blessings of the Christmas and Epiphany seasons.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Janyce



Church Office is closed Monday, January 2



January 1, 2022

January 1, New Year's Day, the eighth day of Christmas: the Christian New Year's resolution is to begin the year praising the name of Jesus Christ and receiving God's blessing. The readings for the commemoration of the Name of Jesus invite us to begin the new year under the power of Christ's name.

Readings and Psalm

Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 8
How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:15-21

January 8, 2022

Throughout the Sundays after Epiphany, the lectionary readings feature stories in which Jesus is shown forth as Christ, our Savior. The gospel for this coming Sunday tells of John the Baptist baptizing Jesus and a voice from heaven naming Jesus the Son of God. We who are baptized are also called sons and daughters of God. Come to worship, to remember and celebrate your own baptism.

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

January 15, 2022

Last Sunday we heard Matthew's version of the baptism of Jesus, and this coming Sunday we hear the story from John's gospel. Listen for all the titles of Jesus that the evangelist John includes in his telling of the story. Like Andrew and Simon Peter, we too are called to the side of this Lamb of God.

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11 I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8) 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42

January 22, 2022

In the gospel for this coming Sunday, Jesus' call of his disciples is like light shining into the darkness. Our baptism is one such light. Come to worship, to hear again the call and to rejoice in the light who is Christ.

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps. 27:1)
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

January 29, 2022

The word "Beatitudes" refers to the list of nine "Blessed are they" in this Sunday's gospel. These words of Jesus are lovely to hear, but challenging to embody. Come to worship, where we receive the Spirit to live according to this countercultural worldview.

Readings and Psalm

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
Lord, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12



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Children, Youth & Family Ministry



Another year has come and gone, and I am sitting here reading back what I had written last year. While it didn't work out the way it was scheduled, it was still a phenomenal year.

Another successful cookie walk was held in December. We raised over \$1200 dollars for the youth attending the ELCA Youth gathering in 2024. An excessively big thank you to those congregation members that baked cookies. You are the true heroes of this fundraiser as we would not have success without your contributions. The youth also attended their December lock-in the week before Christmas. We had an adventure and went ice skating. It was a lot of fun but very tiring as we all got some sleep that night. We enjoyed a pancake breakfast together and then we were on our way early Saturday morning.

I was extremely excited for the return of a Christmas pageant to the Christmas Eve Family service this past year. I am writing this before the pageant happens, but I have faith that it went very well, and the kids and their families enjoyed themselves very much.

So... What does the year 2023 hold for Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry at Zion? We have the rest of our youth group meetings planned out for the year through the end of May. Please double check the dates on your calendars. We had a good turnout for Club 456 this year, and the turnout for Jr/Sr high remains strong. There is always room for more. I cannot express enough how welcome friends are to youth group. If you have a friend that wants to have a good time and be in a caring environment while we have fun playing games and talking, I have to say our groups are the perfect place for your friends. Also, if you bring a friend to youth group, they are more than welcome to attend the lock-ins as well. You have January, February and March to bring a friend if you want them to be eligible for the Good Friday Lock-in.

While you are reading this, some of our youth and myself are enjoying the 30th anniversary of Winterfest the weekend of January 6th through the 8th at the Lancaster Wyndham resort. The theme of "Created for" is being explored this weekend by our Sr high youth after the Jr High explored this theme at Alive in September of 2022. The process of coming up with the next theme for our Synod-wide events for youth will almost immediately pick up after the conclusion of Winterfest. Make sure that all 6th through 8th graders have September 22nd –24th on their calendar for Alive 2023.

2023 also brings confirmation retreats for our involved 7th and 8th graders. We also have a VBS to look forward to July 10th –13th. We will announce the theme and get the ball rolling for that towards the end of January. I expect our numbers to grow from last year's return to VBS. We will need all hands-on deck from volunteers to ensure the success of the event. Some have already stepped up after last year. I am looking forward to more of you stepping into a role.

I am looking forward to another phenomenal year of ministry with all of you here at Zion. God Bless you all with a prosperous and healthy new year.

~ Chuck

Oh, the weather outside is frightful.

But the chili is so delightful.

And since there's no football game,

Winning the cookoff is your claim to fame!

The Firehouse may have you hopping. The Unique may cause some bopping. Traditional is best, cooked low and slow. The best cornbread has us saying whoa!

It's best to come with your appetite.

And loose pants for they're sure to get tight.

The date is February 5th at noon,

With a chili so good you'll hum a tune!



Please sign up on the bulletin board. Bring your family and enjoy the fun.



Previous year winners, please wear your chili-pepper neck-lace. May the best chili and cornbread win!



ZYG 2022 EVENT CALENDAR

Club 456 is for youth in 4-6 grades
Jr High Youth Group for youth in 7-8 grades
Sr High Youth Group is for youth in 9-12 grades

JANUARY

- 6-8 LSS Winterfest 2023 Retreat
- 15 Club 456 3:00 4:30pm
- 15 Jr/Sr High Youth Group 6:00 8:30pm

FEBRUARY

- 19 Club 456 3:00 4:30pm
- 19 Jr/Sr High Youth Group 6:00 8:30pm

MARCH

- 12 Jr/Sr High Youth Group 6:00 8:30pm
- 19 Club 456 3:00 4:30pm

APRIL

- 7 Jr/Sr High Youth Group 6:00 8:30pm
- 8 Zion LC Egg Hunt—10am (youth to assist with event)
- 16 Club 456 3:00 4:30pm
- 16 Jr/Sr High Youth Group 6:00 8:30pm
- 17 Confirmation Camp forms and money due to Chuck

MAY

- 21 Club 456 1:00 2:30pm
- 21 Jr/Sr High Youth Group 4:00 7:30pm



- 1 Roan Molinar Charlotte Wright
- 2 Jennifer Kessler Taggert Schanbacher Richard Wingerd
- 3 Christine Scott
- 4 Robert Falkenstine
- Sharon Grandstaff Rodney Kershaw Diane Lutz David Portner Brett Schoonover
- 6 Ella Katz Courtney Spickler
- 7. Cathy Aguilar Judy Tymowczak
- 8 Julie Brown David Ream
- 10 McKenna Molinar
- 11 Richard Sheibley
- 12 Mysta Johnston Susan Smith
- 13 Eric Glusco Kimberly Gruver
- 14 Owin Anderson Clayton Brosend Kevin Drawbaugh Brock Fogle Parker Lam

- 15 Jenny Dreisbach
- 16 Sabrina Anderson Barbara Bricker Tim Imhoff Beverly Strine
- 17 Anna Davis Debora Steiner
- 18 Robert Delp Ben Reed
- 19 Janice Little
- 20 Katie Lundy Sara Strayer
- 24 Kaden Graham Emmy Hilty Timothy Mechler David Miller, II
- 25 Karen Mechler
- 26 Carolyn Kern
- 27 Makenna Zellers
- 28 Caitlyn Frey Reid Hotham Joseph Reed Bryson Rhoades
- 29 Madison Matylewicz
- 28 Elizabeth Villarose

- 1 Troy and Nicole Smyser
- 3 William and Susan Renz



January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue
Name of Jesus Worship Times In-person: 10 am Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am	2 • Girl Scouts 1 to 3 pm • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm	3 • Girl Scout Troop 20018- 6-8pm
 8 Baptism of Our Lord Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am Faith Formation-9am Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am 	9 • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm	10
 15 2 Epiphany Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am Faith Formation-9am Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am Club 456 Youth Group - 3 to 4:30pm Jr/Sr Youth Group - 6 to 8:30pm 	16 • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm	17 • Council Meeting-7pm
 22 3 Epiphany Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am Faith Formation-9am Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am 	23 • Gather & Grow-6pm • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm	24
 29 4 <i>Epiphany</i> Worship Times In-person: 8 am and 10 am Faith Formation-9am Worship Times Online Livestream *Facebook/YouTube-10:00 am 	30 • LOF Rehearsal – 6:30pm	31 • Girl Scout Troop 20018- 6-8pm

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 4 Pages of the Sermon – 6:30pm Girl Scouts-7pm	5	6 V	7 • Worship- 5:30pm Vinterfest 2023 →
11 • 4 Pages of the Sermon – 6:30pm • Girl Scouts-7pm	12	13	14 • Worship- 5:30pm
 Lunch Bunch—Lyndon Diner –12noon 4 Pages of the Sermon – 6:30pm Girl Scouts-7pm 	19	20	21 • Worship- 5:30pm
25 • 4 Pages of the Sermon – 6:30pm • Girl Scouts-7pm	26	27	28 • Worship- 5:30pm
			Deadline to submit items for the February Herald is January 14.











Faith Formation

4 Pages of the Sermon Wednesdays 6:30 PM

The online Bible Study, "The Four Pages of the Sermon" will continue to meet weekly on Wednesdays, please join this study of the upcoming weekend's texts. The study begins at 6:30 pm, and the Zoom link is posted on Zion's Facebook Page.

Adult Bible Study Sundays 9:00 AM—9:45AM

This group is reading through the Bible. Join them in Zion's Parlor!

Adult Study ~ Life with Jesus Sundays 9:00 AM—9:45AM

Join us in the choir room. We are discussing the Sermon on the Mount, a few verses at a time. Each week's class is stand alone so come when you can. This is a place for you when your drop off your child(ren) in Faith Formation!

Gather and Grow Monday, January 23 6:00 PM

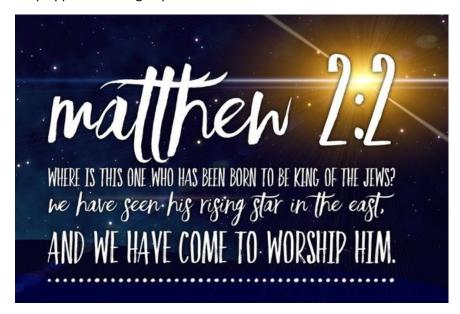
Join us in the Parlor to learn and discuss what the Bible has to say on Christian Fellowship. This month we will focus on Love One Another. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex, verses used for discussion will be emailed ahead of time.

UNDECORATE



Wednesday, January 4 6:00PM

What goes up must come down. Come out on the 4th and help to undecorate the church and store everything for another year. Any and all help appreciated. Sign up in the Narthex.



Joyful Noise Events

January Events

January 1st: Happy New Year

January 3rd: Classes resume from holiday break

January 22nd—28th: Lutheran Education Week

January 31st & February 1st: Conferences, No School



Wishing you many blessings for a happy and healthy year!

Joyful Noise News

We would love to have members of the Congregation come in to read to our students during Lutheran Education week, January 23-27! If you are interested, please email me at Joyfulnoise@zionyork.org

There will also be a sign up sheet on the church bulletin

board in the Narthex.

Registration for 2023-2024

Our approach to early learning and socialization is through hands-on interest areas and involvement. Our activities are both teacher and child-directed. We allow the children to make their own discoveries by devising interest areas related to the themes or curriculum objectives.

You will find some general information on the preschool, its philosophies and program overviews by visiting our website at: www.zionjnp.org

If you have already decided that you would like your child to attend Joyful Noise, please contact me at 717-764-9467 so that I can provide you with a registration packet. Once our current students are placed, we do offer preference to church members before opening remaining spots to the public.

Please contact me if you have any other questions or if you would like to schedule a visit!

Sincerely, Arieta Beamesderfer Director of Joyful Noise Preschool joyfulnoise@zionyork.org



New Year's resolutions to steward your life

Have any resolutions for 2023? (It's not too late to make them!) New Year's resolutions are a great way to boost the stewardship of your life. After all, resolutions are just goals for enriching our lives.

Here are some areas to consider:

Spirituality: Grow in faith by engaging spiritual practices. Resolve to pray and read scripture daily, attend worship, give generously, cultivate spiritual relationships, serve church and community.

Health: Gain vitality by resolving to lose weight, eat healthfully, exercise regularly, learn about health and nutrition and get checkups at your doctor and dentist.

Intellect: Keep your mind active by resolving to read books, check out educational programs and podcasts, take a class to learn a new language or skill.

Relationships: Resolve to make new friendships and deepen existing ones. Work on family relationships to strengthen bonds and bring people closer to you and other family members.

Leisure: Include resolutions to help you enjoy life! Vacations, hobbies, activities, getaways, day trips.

Financial: Get your financial house in order. Resolve to make and keep a budget, reduce debt, increase income, save more and become more learned in money matters.

We are stewards of the life that God has given us. For 2023, pray for God's guidance and make a few resolutions that address your priority issues. And pray for God's help in keeping them. Blessings for 2023!

--Rob Blezard

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Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 15, 2022

Present: Al Abruzzese, Kim Alloway, Andrew Doerr, Ryan Engleman, Trevor Hoffman, Pastor Janyce Jorgensen, Jill Lordan, Krista Meluzio-Zellers, Denise Moyer, Regina Peckmann, Jim Rowlands Amy Schanbacher, Tim Smith.

Excused: Wade Markel

Devotions: Regina Peckmann presented a devotional on Luke 17 & 18. In teaching of second graders, they frequently look at mistakes characters make. The parables in Luke show many examples of mistakes made by the characters. Next month's devotion will be by Jim Rowlands on Luke 19 & 20.

Thank You Cards: Thank you card to be sent to Mary Jane McCluskey for her work coordinating the Advent Devotionals.

Minutes: The minutes from the October 18, 2022 meeting were submitted by Jim Rowlands. The minutes were approved as submitted on motion by Al Abruzzese, seconded by Regina Peckmann.

Treasurer's Report: Wade Markel presented the October, 2022 treasurer report. The report was approved as submitted on motion by Jim Rowlands, seconded by Andrew Doerr.

Investment Treasurer Report: Trevor Hoffman submitted the October, 2022 report. Per council direction, \$500 was moved from the International Missions designated fund to the Guatemala Fruit and Veggies designated fund. Jim Rowlands made a motion to move up to \$2,100 from the General unrestricted Fund to the Pastor Sabbatical designated fund to zero out sabbatical expenses. The motion was seconded by Jill Lordan and was approved.

Membership Report: Denise presented the attendance report. A total of 177 persons from the inactive member list did not respond to the October mailing. Tim Smith made a motion to remove those individuals from the rolls. The motion was seconded by Andrew Doerr and was approved. Pastor Jorgensen recommended approval of a transfer request from Vicki Rutter; the motion was seconded by Trevor Hoffman and was approved. Pastor Jorgensen also recommended for the following to be removed from the

rolls: Danielle, Megan, and Morgan Rutter. The motion was seconded by Trevor Hoffman as was approved.

Pastor Janyce Jorgensen's Report: Pastor Jorgensen submitted a written report.

CYFM Report: Chuck Bissell submitted a written report. Ryan Engleman highlighted the weekend at Camp Nawakwa. Zion's youth were the largest number of attendees of the nine youth groups present.

Parish Administrator's Report: Denise Moyer submitted a written report.

Old Business

 Performance Reviews are tabled until next year's executive committee is formed.

New Business

- Council Retreat The council retreat with Dr Albert is set for the January Council Meeting on the 17th.
- Racism Awareness Group Nothing new to report.
- 175th Anniversary An excellent event. Very positive feedback. Great job to those who organized the event.
- Stewardship Campaign we will be working with Pastor Richard Jorgensen and other churches from the synod, probably beginning early next year.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:32 on motion by Jill Lordan, seconded by Al Abruzzese.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Rowlands.



The church season of Epiphany

By Aaron Ferkenstad

The Festival of Epiphany is always on January 6th (thirteen days after Christmas) and the season of the church year that follows is about the unwrapping of the Father's gift to the world of his only-begotten Son ('epiphany' is a Greek word for 'to be visible'). Christmas was about Jesus as fully human—a baby son born to Mary and laid in a manger. But Epiphany is about a Jesus who is fully divine—the Son of God.

On the first Sunday after the Epiphany we always observe the Baptism of our Lord, and on the last Sunday of the season—before Ash Wednesday—we always read about Jesus' Transfiguration. These two occasions bracket the season of Epiphany because they most clearly reveal who Jesus is: the divine Son of God. At both occasions the voice of God the Father spoke from heaven, declaring what Jesus' human flesh had hidden from the world: "This is my Son!"

At the same time, the readings for the Sundays in Epiphany present us with a real conundrum. Jesus hid the manifestations of his deity, so that his glory remained a secret and a mystery, even while he was revealing it to those he called.

Epiphany is the second-oldest festival of the Christian church. Originally, Epiphany celebrated four different events, all on one day: the birth of Jesus, his Baptism, his first miracle, and the visit of the Wise Men. Each of these is a revelation of God to humanity.

Eventually, the celebration of Christ's birth was separated out and became Christmas, twelve days earlier, so that the season of Christmas began with the revelation of Christ to Israel (represented by the shepherds at Bethlehem) and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles (represented by the Wise Men). Epiphany is therefore sometimes called "The Gentiles' Christmas."

Over the centuries, the other two celebrations were also separated. The celebration of Jesus' Baptism moved to the first Sunday after Epiphany and the commemoration of his miracle at the wedding at Cana moved to the second Sunday after Epiphany.

In England and her colonies (including America), the custom has been to give gifts on Christmas Day. But in most of the rest of European, Mediterranean, and Latin American countries, Christians exchange gifts on Epiphany—the day on which the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Christ Child. The day is often called "Three Kings' Day" and is a public holiday in a great number of countries.

In many Latin American countries, children write letters to the Wise Men, not Santa Claus, telling them what gifts they want. In Czechia and Slovakia, children dress as the three kings and go caroling and are rewarded with cookies. Children in Spain fill their shoes with straw for the three kings' horses to eat and put them out on Epiphany Eve. The next morning they find candy and gifts in their place. Some countries have combined the gift-giving on both Christmas and Epiphany, often with smaller gifts on each of the twelve days of Christmas in between.

THE WELCOME TABLE

This is a segment we include in our monthly newsletter and weekly emails to recognize our new members, baptism, marriage, births and deaths. Notify us of any of these at info@zionyork.org.

Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God.

Luke 13:29

All are welcome, friend and stranger at the banquet of the Savior All are welcome, all are welcome here

"All are Welcome" by Dakota Road

Imagine a long, expansive, banquet table, with a place for everyone at the table. No one is turned away; everyone will enjoy the feast. This is a powerful image of life as people of God. All are welcome- there is always room at the table.

Guiding Principle #1 for our congregation is: As the Body of Christ, we welcome, accept and embrace everyone. With that in mind, we rejoice to be together at the table of our Lord.

We rejoice this month that:

Grayson Barshinger, Michael Glezer, Kaden Graham, Xander Lambert, Christian Ludwig, Mason Ogle, Kathryn Sowers, were received into membership through the sacrament of Confirmation.

We also give thanks to God that the expanse of God's table is without end. We trust in the promise of eternal life for those who have died:

Jeanette Schoonover. as we pray for her daughter-in-law Deb Schoonover

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