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December 12 & 13 2009 Important News & Happenings at Zion



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR
For the 3rd Sunday in Advent
Given by Beth and Steve Long
To the Glory of God



Zion's Calendar of Events for this Week

- Sat 12/12** **Saturday Worship (Advent 3) 4 p**
AA Meeting at Zion 8-9 p
- Sun 12/13** **Sunday Worship 8a (Advent 3)**
Christmas Program preparation 9 a
Children's Christmas pageant 10:15 a
- Mon 12/14** Stained Glass Team this week (meet in studio)
- Wed 12/16** Hand Bell Practice 6:30 p
Chapel Choir Practice 7:15 p
- Sat 12/19** **Saturday Worship (Advent 4) 4 p**
AA Meeting at Zion 8-9 p
- Sun 12/20** **Sunday Worship 8a & 10:15 a (Advent 4)**
SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING 9 a
(Approve bid for Gathering Place furnace)
Bells and Blessings Christmas Concert—7 pm
- Thur 12/24** **Family Christmas Eve Worship at 3:00 and 4:30 p**
Candle Light Christmas Eve 11:00 p
- Fri 12/25** **Christmas Day Worship 10:15 a**
- Sat 12/26** **Sat. Vigil 4p (Baptism Taylor Dobratz)**
- Sun 12/27** **NO 8 A Worship**
YES -Worship at 10:15 a-Lessons and Carols



Welcome To Zion Lutheran

Make this worship experience better for everyone
by helping with the following:

WORSHIP ETIQUETTE

Please do not use vacant seats for personal items.
During prayer please wait for completion of prayer before being seated.
Electronic devices should be turned off at all times.
Food & beverages are prohibited in the sanctuary.
Children are welcome in worship. Pick up a children's quiet bag, when entering the sanctuary. Encourage them to try Angel Choir or Hand Chime Choir.

SEATING

You may sit anywhere, but we ask that you sit in the middle of the pew to maximize space.

**SERVING IN WORSHIP
THIS SUNDAY—December 13**

Leading Worship:	Rev. James Debner 8 A.M.	Organist: Chris Messner 10:15
Lectors:	Linda Klopp	Children's Program
Communion Asst:	Lois Davis	Children's Program
Acolytes:		Kyle Stakey
Ushers:	Cara Rockwood Frieda Fries	Children's Program
Sound Board Operator:	Bill Gibbs	
Altar Guild:	Lee Sirotnak & Laura Webster	

**SERVING IN WORSHIP
NEXT SUNDAY—December 20**

Leading Worship:	Rev. James Debner 8 A.M.	Organist: Chris Messner 10:15
Lectors:	Michelle Gladue	Steve Long
Communion Asst:	Lisa Gentile	John Miller
Acolytes:	Connor Crean	Colton McInnis Jake Testa
Greeters:	Kevin & Debbie Crean	Mike Webster
Ushers:	Kevin & Wm. Welton	Jacob Webster
Sound Board Operator:	Steve Long	
Altar Guild:	Lee Sirotnak & Laura Webster	

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Our prayer list is updated weekly. Let us remember these people as we pray daily.

Members of Zion

Lord in your Mercy — Austin, Savannah, & Cheyenne Ponticelli, Jean Sullivan, Jerry McKenney, Michael Davis, Dawne Cappellino, Ruth Kurtz, Ruth LaLonde, Sonja Kaschke, Yvonne Safford, Bonnie Zowner, Ruth Buchannon. Beverly Clark.

THOSE IN CARE CENTERS (and HOMEBOUND) — David Yeske, Emilie Beal

PEACE For Iraq, Afghanistan, Israel & Palestine,

DEATH: , Maryanne Brown, Karin DeManche, Sandra Luther, Marcel LaLonde, Carol Carlson, Russell Kitchin, Lucy Stakey

Thanks be to God —

New Members: Lynn Lafontaine (Sava, Sean, Jack), Brian & Katherine Reeves (Natalie, William), Paul & Beth Rogala, Lois Serafino, Barbara Shanly, Kerri Begin (Shawn), Raymond & Rebecca Cormier (Abigail, Joshua), Kyle & Shannon Dobratz (Taylor), James & Janis Lowrey (Kiana, Kevin, Kaitlin), David & Sandra Schneider (Amber, Megan, Sarah Schneider; Tyler & Austin Cambone; Alexa, Joshua and Hannah Schneider)

Births: Coraline Lily Judd, born 12/8/09 to Sara Judd.

BAPTISMS: Taylor Dobratz, 12/27/2009

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Kaitlin Zdeblick, 12/13; Faith Kjellson, 12/14; Jonathan Moller, 12/14; Heidi Bittner, 12/17; Frank Miller, 12/18; Krista Steindl, 12/19;

FIRST COMMUNION: Shawn Begin, Jacob Holbrook, Leah Kurtz, Carly Myers, Tim Sadlowski, Gavin Stakey, Cade Testa, and Sean Webster

WEDDINGS and ANNIVERSARIES

Anniversaries: Rodney and Rose Ann George, 12/02; Noel and Faith Scheider, 12/02; Mike and Victoria McKenney, 12/09; Debbie and Dean Mauro, 12/13; John and Germaine Thomas, 12/14; Paul and Sonja Kaschke, 12/23; Kasey and Katrina Michaud, 12/31.

(Please call the office with your Anniversary date to be added to our prayers).

Family & Friends of Zion

Lord in your Mercy —

Cecelia, mom of Joyce Suess, **Daniel**, nephew of Heather Levesque; **Elsa**, aunt of Karin Thompson; **friends of the ministry** of Pete & Dawne Cappellino; **Jennifer**, niece of Bill and Michelle Gibbs; **Sara**, cousin of Lisa and William Doucette; **Kevin**, grandson of Grosky's; **Paul Rogala**, friend of Carol Wright; **Carol**, mother of Rodney George; **Ridah Hajjar**, uncle of Heather Levesque; **Robert Kroll**, father of Robyn Kroll; **Daniel**, grandson of Claudia Crooker; **Sally**, sister of Nancy McCormick, **Michael**, the father of Michelle Gladue; **Lynelle**, friend of Frieda Fries.

SERVICE :For the **men and women in the military** serving our country. **Aaron Reed**, son of Gordon and Lynn Reed, **John Szylobryt**, friend of the Reed's; **Josh & Jake Phillips**, friends of Sarah Crampton & Yvonne Safford; **Kevin, Kirsten Swanson**, niece of Karin Thompson; **Matt Currao**, friend of the Gentile's; **Robert Salerno**, son of Nick and Claire Salerno; **Russell Karshis**, cousin of Dawne Cappellino; **Michael Policki, Jake Knight & Seth St. Amand**, friends of the Sirotnak family, and friends of the Sirotnak family; **Jonathan Norton**, nephew of Christine Renn, **Nicholas Rubin**, son of Etta Rubin, **Guy Ingham** and his company; **Master Sergeant Conan Mauro; Michael McKenney, Parishioner DEATH** Joyce, sister of Ruth Kurtz, **Theresa Witzke**, mother of Lisa Miller & Mary Jobs, **Nora**, granddaughter of Ruth Buchanan

Thanks be to God —

MISSIONARIES & CLERGY WE SUPPORT Judith Perry in China, Bishops: **Rev. Mark Hanson**—Presiding Bishop ELCA, and **Rev. Margaret Payne**—New England Synod; Companion Synod: The **ELCJ churches in Jordan and Palestine**; **Central CT Conference** of the New England Synod. Rev. Titos Logotu Laroya - Lutheran Town Church, Arusha, Tanzania.

How can I get to know more about Zion's community?

Membership & Witness

Carol Ann Wright, Director

Welcome ! Today is the birthplace of all hope, peace and joy. **It is a joy to have you worship with us today.** Christ The Lord is risen today! Alleluia! Today we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Visitors are asked to sign the guest book by the front door. You will find prayer cards in the pews.

New Members: If you would like to join our Christian community, please speak to Pastor Debner. We worship on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 8 & 10:15 a.m.

How can I be an integral part of worship?

Worship & Music

Linda Klopp, Director

Chris Messner, Choir Director



Zion Angel Choir is a choir for children ages 3-8 years of age. They rehearse during the sermon three Sundays each month during the 10:15 a.m. service in the lower level of the church. New children are welcome to join the choir after the children's sermon. They return to their families before Holy Communion. Begins September 13th.

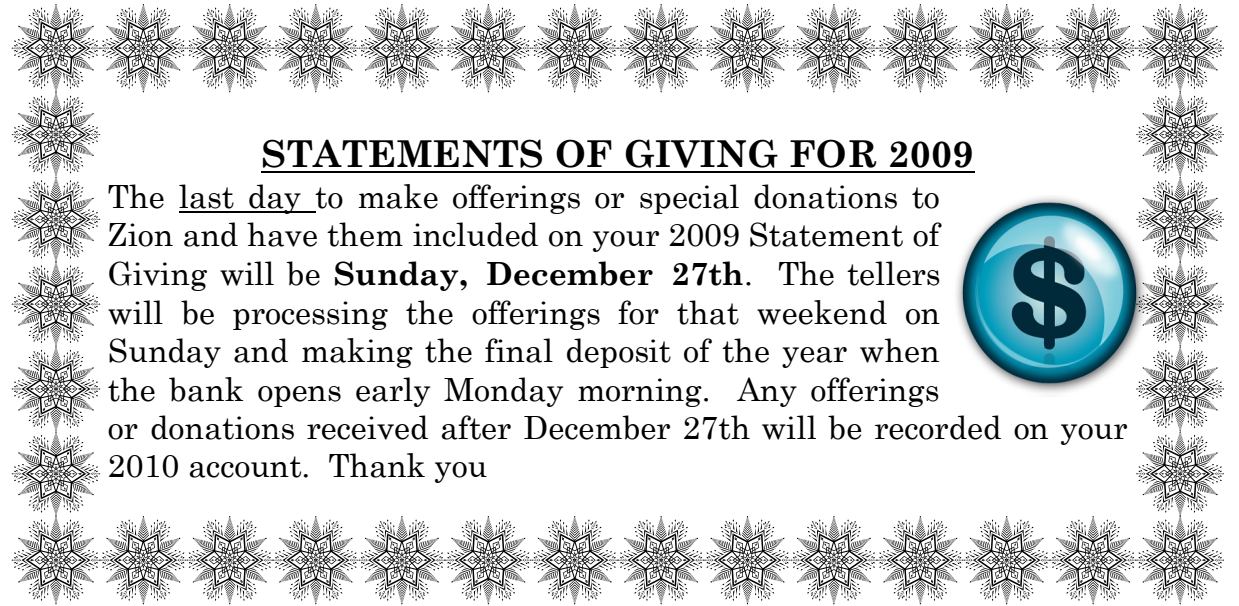
The **Youth Hand Chime Choir** is for 3rd to 5th graders. They will practice during the 10:15 a.m. service.

Messenger Choir is for all singers 3rd grade thru 8th grade. Messenger Choir practices around 11:20 by the piano after worship. We will meet twice a month with goal of singing in worship.

Chapel Choir and **Bell Choir** are adult choirs that rehearse on Wednesdays. Bell Choir practices at 6:30 p.m. Chapel Choir rehearses at 7:15 p.m. **Practice has resumed.**

Worship Servants: If you are interested in reading the lessons, being a part of the altar guild, serving as a communion assistant or usher, please contact the church office.

Holy Communion: All baptized Christians are invited to share faithfully in Holy Communion. At Zion Lutheran, Holy Communion is celebrated weekly. Children receive Holy Communion for the first time at fourth grade. Younger children are invited to come forward for a blessing. Classes are held twice a year for those desiring instruction on communion in the Lutheran Church. In this sacrament, by the power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit, we receive the body and the blood of Jesus Christ, along with the bread and wine. Communion can be received by eating the bread and drinking from the cup or by dipping the bread into the wine.



STATEMENTS OF GIVING FOR 2009

The last day to make offerings or special donations to Zion and have them included on your 2009 Statement of Giving will be **Sunday, December 27th**. The tellers will be processing the offerings for that weekend on Sunday and making the final deposit of the year when the bank opens early Monday morning. Any offerings or donations received after December 27th will be recorded on your 2010 account. Thank you



Zion Men's Christmas Dinner December 13

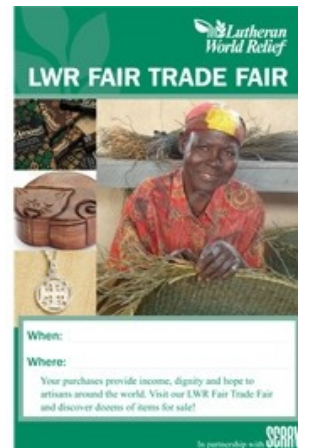
This year we're dining at The Manor Inn Restaurant in Milldale. We'll begin on Sun. at 5:30p with beer, cheese and crackers, 6:30p Buffet meal (salad, meatballs, pasta, roast beef, sausage & peppers. Chicken, veggies, potato with dessert, soda, coffee, tea). \$40/person includes tax, tip and beer. Around 35 have signed up to attend.

SERRV INTERNATIONAL "FAIR" TRADE

Dec. 12th (after the 4 p.m.) & Dec. 13th (between services)

Come, purchase gifts at our "Fair" Trade event!

Serrv International supports equal rights for women, guides sustainable development and pays fair wages for Third World Countries where these crafts and gifts are made. For more information, visit their website, www.serrv.org or call Lydia Holbrook at 860-628-5788. Please stop buy and purchase some Christmas gifts while supporting this organization.



Bells & Blessings Musical Christmas Program

December 20 at 7 pm

Join us as we raise our voices in praise of God's Christmas gift to us.



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**SUNDAY—DECEMBER 20th, 9-10 AM
(BETWEEN THE SERVICE—NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)**



We have bids to install a furnace in the Gathering Place. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the funding so the project may proceed. All Parishioners are invited to attend and vote!

Zion is setting out this year to sprinkle our wealth with the thirsty and educate the next generation about the amazing gift God has given us in water. We would like to see our students collect close to \$1000 before our Christmas Program. When everyone gives it works out to about \$25 per student. (That would be around \$2 a week.) Pastor and Barbara are planning to collect two dollar everyday until the Christmas Program for the Water collection at Zion Sunday School. They are giving up one soda or water bottle so someone else can drink. (This will bring in around \$200.)



Meet our Newest Families

Lynn Lafontaine grew up in Windsor, CT and presently lives in Southington, CT with her husband and three children, Sara, Sean and Jack. Cooking, photography and cake decorating are among Lynn's hobbies. She is also an Independent Consultant and Trainer with Pampered Chef. Please join in welcoming Lynn and her children to our Zion Lutheran Parish Family.

A Few Big Thank You's!!!



**Covenant to Care
for Children**

Helping Connecticut's Children in Need.

Our Covenant to Care has been a success! Along with First Lutheran, we will be able to provide a little Christmas joy to youths that are less fortunate. The 35 teens will be receiving gifts from our generous parishioners. All the "hoodies" were purchased that were on sale in the Gathering Place, and most of the bells have been returned. If you have not done so already, please remember to return your bell. Once again, thank you to all who participated.

THE LITERACY NEEDS program has concluded. We collected a big box of supplies, which will be delivered to the New Britain Literacy Volunteers. Thank you to all the parishioners who donated supplies.



We Welcomed these New Members on Christ the King

Sunday: Lynn Lafontaine (Sava, Sean, Jack), Brian & Katherine Reeves (Natalie, William), Paul & Beth Rogala, Lois Serafino, Barbara Shanly, Kerri Begin (Shawn), Raymond & Rebecca Cormier (Abigail, Joshua), Kyle & Shannon Dobratz (Taylor), James & Janis Lowrey (Kiana, Kevin, Kaitlin), David & Sandra Schneider (Amber, Megan, Sarah Schneider; Tyler & Austin Cambone; Alexa, Joshua and Hannah Schneider). Look in our announcements each week for articles about each family. Please take time to extend your welcome and introduce your self. We are planning a welcome dinner in January 2010 for all the new members received in 2009.

SOUTHINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Southington Housing Authority will have applications available Dec. 15th for rental of efficiency and one-bedroom apartments for elderly/disabled persons. Submit your applications in person or via US mail during the month of **January 2010 ONLY.**

Applicants must be 62 years or older, or be determined disabled under social security. Income limits apply. Please call the Housing Authority at 860-628-5200 for further information.

A NOTE OF THANKS from the LITERACY VOLUTEERS and the families they serve. I would like to express our deep gratitude for the generous donations of supplies and the \$100.00 gift card to Staples. Our low-literate parents and families will greatly appreciate your efforts and generosity. Sincerely, Kathleen McLean, Director, Family Literacy Program

Wittenberg College Choir Coming to Zion



The Wittenberg Choir will be coming to Zion on Tuesday March 7, 2009. Forty eight members of the choir will be on their Spring Tour and were hosting one of their performances here at Zion. We will provide a meal before the concert, enjoy the concert and then provide homes for the college students to spend the night. They will be leaving Wednesday morning for Massachusetts.

If you would like to help with this event, please see Beth Long. Many beds are needed, so please

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Christmas Flowers for the Sanctuary

In loving memory of _____

or

To the glory of the newborn King _____ (check mark please)

Given

by _____ Amount: _____

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YOUTH QUAKE AND ZONE

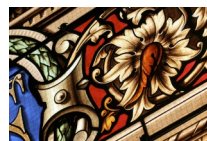
The 2010 New England Quake (Middle School) and Zone (High School) event will be held **January 29-31, 2010** at the Marriott Hotel in Newton, MA.



The theme is **Do. Love. Walk.** The theme verse comes from Micah 6:8 which reads, "He has shown you what is good; And what does the LORD require of you but to **DO** justly, to **LOVE** mercy, and to **WALK** humbly with your God."

The registration price is \$154. Please send in a check made out to Zion Lutheran if you are interested in attending.

Have you noticed the Fourth New Stained Glass Window?



On the right side is the Ruth Window. It joins Daniel and the Lions Den & Noah and the Rainbow. On your left is Abraham and Isaac. Take a minute to take a closer look at these pieces of art work. In the Gathering Place the Christmas Panel has a new stand to brighten our worship.

NEW 2010 FLOWER CHART



If you'd like to have flowers placed on the altar, simply sign the chart in the Gathering Place for your week of choice and Kathy Petruzzello will contact you. Prices range from \$25—\$40. Plenty of dates are still available.