



Zion
Lutheran
Church

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December Sower 2022

POINSETTIAS

Thank you to all the people, who ordered poinsettias to decorate our chancel during Advent and Christmas:

Dave & Kay Banner	Steve & Fran Junge
Dennis & Sue Bartels	Todd & Ellen Koopman
Paul & Rachel Burger	Doreen Lemburg
Pastor & Carol DeLoach	Linn Morris
Carol Florang	Dan & Shirley Oertwig
Pastor & Carol Gaunt	Bill & Jackie Ohlmann
Lonna Gronewoller	Don & Marion Richmond
Jeff & Niki Halvorsen	Becky Thornton
Don & Shirley Helmbrecht	Phil & Judy Wellman
Matt & Amy Hodgson	Waunita DeLaet

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERIES: OUR ADVENT CREED

At first glance, it might seem a bit strange to suggest a midweek series for Advent based on the Apostles' Creed. But if Advent has to do with God graciously coming to humanity, then the Apostles' Creed as Luther has taught us to confess it in the Catechisms makes perfect sense. Luther writes:

"For in all three articles God himself has revealed and opened to us the most profound depths of his fatherly heart and his pure, unutterable love. For this very purpose he created us, so that he might redeem us and make us holy, and moreover, having granted and bestowed upon us everything in heaven and on earth, he has also given us his Son and the Holy Spirit, through whom he brings us to himself. For, as explained above, we could never come to recognize the Father's favor and grace were it not for the Lord Christ, who is a mirror of the Father's heart. Apart from him we see nothing but an angry and terrible judge. But neither could we know anything of Christ, had it not been revealed by the Holy Spirit" (Large Catechism II:64-66).

YEAR END REPORTS

Chairman Elect Don Helmbrecht would like all Boards and committees to submit a brief yearly report to be turned in to the Church office by the end of January. The most convenient way to submit these is by email.

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THURSDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY CHRISTMAS

Once again, the Thursday Men's Bible Class will be having a holiday dinner before this month's lesson on Thursday, December 15 at **6:00 pm**. We will be serving plenty of prime rib, coleslaw, potato salad, hors d'oeuvres, and a dessert in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue our study of King David through the "Looking for Few Good Men" series.

DECEMBER RADIO BROADCAST

Date	Radio
12-4	Waunita DeLaet
12-11	In memory of Lavern Stuehm
12-18	Banner in memory of Edsel Johnson birthday
12-25	Dan & Shirley Oertwig in loving memory of fathers: Fred Oertwig & Virgil Wuehler

Advent Worship Schedule

Date	5:30p	7:00p
Nov. 30th	Advent Meal - Zion Middle School	Advent Worship
Dec. 7th	Advent Meal - Youth & Stewardship	Advent Worship
Dec. 14th	Advent Meal - Board of Ed	Advent Worship

Christmas Worship Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 24th

7:00p Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

Sunday, Dec. 25th

10:00a Christmas Day
Service

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

MARY MARTHA

Mary Martha will have their Christmas Party on Monday, December 12th at 7pm. They will also be setting out the poinsettias. Bring an appetizer/finger food to share. All women are welcome to join!

2022 CONTRIBUTIONS

Just a reminder for contributions to be counted as 2022 they must be dated December 31, 2022 and put in the plate by December 31, 2022.

Please help Zion spread the Gospel! Consider sponsoring (or going in with another family) one of our radio broadcasts. The cost is \$162.

*The sign-up sheets for radio broadcast and altar flowers for 2023 are posted. Please pick your date early.



MISSIONS

Zion's fourth quarter mission project, October through December, will be supporting Zion students studying to be Church workers:

Peter Kreutzer (Concordia) LTD

Jessica Zehendner (Concordia) LTD

Those wishing to donate, please use the mission envelopes located in the narthex and place them in the offering plates.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Date	Flowers
12-4	Waunita DeLaet
12-11	
12-18	Poinsettias
12-25	Poinsettias

OUR MEMBERS RESIDING IN CARE FACILITIES

Cambridge Court -4107 Central Ave	Pat Flodine
Mt. Carmel - 412 West 18th	Vaughn Albrecht
Northridge - 5410 17 th Ave.	Norraine Rockwell
Prairie View - 1705 Prairie View Place	Vi Fox
Mother Hull-125 East 23 rd	Lyle Colsdan Evelyn Heiden
St. John's 3410 Central Ave	Hazel Stickney
Christian Homes - Holdrege, NE	Phyllis Willuweit
Brookstone Meadows - Elkhorn, NE	Norman Abels

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

David & Kay Banner	12/10
Eric & Beth Rosenthal	12/18
Reese & Jade Florang	12/21
Dale & Lynette Johnson	12/21

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Michael Dulitz	12/1
Makenna Starkey	12/1
Adam Herrera	12/5
Victoria Crow	12/9
Alexandra Splittgerber	12/9
Vaughn Albrecht	12/14
Marion Richmond	12/17
Judy Tadlock	12/17
Anthony Ahrens	12/18
Cameron Junge	12/20
Miles Hockemeier	12/22
James DeLoach	12/22
Tiffany Davis	12/23
Brandon Fletcher	12/25
Kaitlyn Kaufman	12/25
Justin Ronning	12/25
Jana Flessner	12/26
Lyn Hoffman	12/26
DyAnn Altwine	12/27
Allison Wilkens	12/27
Zachariah DeLoach	12/28
Don Engel	12/28
Jackie Zehendner	12/28
Chelsea Herrera	12/29
Betty Mustard	12/30

School News

Our theme this year is "Christ Be My Leader", based on the lyrics of the Timothy Dudley-Smith hymn.

- ✠ **K-8 Christmas Program** will be on Dec. 11th at 4pm. If you want to avoid a large crowd, everyone is also welcome to attend the dress rehearsal on Dec. 9th at 12:30pm. Come listen to the students celebrate the birth of Christ! Refreshments to follow. Parents are asked to bring 2 dozen cookies and/or treats to share with those in attendance.
- ✠ **Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year** is open to all Zion church members and current Zion school families on December 5th. It will open to the public January 3rd. Please enroll early to have your spot. Tell your family and friends about our wonderful school and encourage them to enroll.
- ✠ **No School** Monday, December 19th-January 3rd, 2023 for Christmas break. Office hours TBA.



2022

DECEMBER

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30 8:30 Chapel 5:30 Advent Meal 7:00 Advent Service 8:00p Adult Choir	01	02	03 9-10:30 Practice for Christmas Eve Service 10a-2pm Herrera Birthday Gymnasium 1:00p Christmas Decorating
04 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Adult Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 10:30a Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM 1p-3p DeLaet Family 5:00 Divine Service	05	06 1:30p Sleeping Mats	07 8:30 Chapel 5:30 Advent Meal 7:00 Advent Service 8:00p Adult Choir	08	09 12:30p School Christmas Dress Rehearsal	10 9-10:30 Practice for Christmas Eve Service
11 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Adult Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 10:30a Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM 4:00p K-8 Christmas Program 6:00 Divine Service	12 12:00p Sr. Citizens Potluck 7:00p Mary Martha	13 11a-3:30p Kearney Circuit Pastors' Meeting 1:30p Sleeping Mats 7:00p Bd of Ed 7:00p Bd of Elders 7:00p Bd of Trustees	14 8:30 Chapel 5:30 Advent Meal 7:00 Advent Service 8:00p Adult Choir	15 7:00pm Men's Bible Study	16	17 9-10:30 Practice for Christmas Eve Service 1p-5p Hockemeier Birthday Fellowship Hall & Gym
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK						
25 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Adult Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 10:30a Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM 5:00 Divine Service	26	27 1:30p Sleeping Mats	28	29	30	31 7:00p Christmas Eve Service
NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK						
MERRY CHRISTMAS! 9:00a Christmas Day Festival Service 5:00p NO SERVICE						

Zion Service Calendar

Time of Service	Acolyte	Elder	Usher Captain	Engineer	Announcer	Altar Guild	Book Nook
Sunday, December 4 9:00a.m. Divine Service	Brynne Fisher	Eric Rosenthal	Fred Flessner	Reilly Fisher	Brooke Fisher	Beth Rosenthal Shirley Helmbrecht	Mary Fiddelke
Wednesday, December 7 7:00 Vespers	Emma Rosenthal	Eric Rosenthal	Fred Flessner	Reilly Fisher		Beth Rosenthal Shirley Helmbrecht	
Sunday, December 11 9:00a.m. Divine Service	Jase Blattner	Dan Oertwig	Steve Junge	Eric Rosenthal	Lonna Gronewoller	Beth Rosenthal Shirley Helmbrecht	Jeanne Wollberg
Wednesday, December 14 7:00 Vespers	Eli Randolph	Dan Oertwig	Steve Junge	Eric Rosenthal		Beth Rosenthal Shirley Helmbrecht	
Sunday, December 18 9:00 a.m. Divine Service	Colton Zehendner	Ken Hockemeier	Andy Wollberg	Jamie Nikodym	Carol Kreutzer	Beth Rosenthal Shirley Helmbrecht	Fran Junge
Saturday, December 24 7:00 Christmas Eve Worship	Abigail Burger	Nathan Gaunt	All Captains	Jared Nuttelman		Beth Rosenthal Shirley Helmbrecht	
Sunday, December 25 10:00 Christmas Day Service Crucifer	Jamie Wilkens Reilly Fisher	Bruce Brooks	Mike Wilkens	Jared Nuttelman	Brooke Fisher	Beth Rosenthal Shirley Helmbrecht	

