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**Zion Lutheran Church & School**

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***December 2017***

**Senior Citizens**

The senior citizens will meet Monday, January 16 19th at 12:00 noon for our monthly potluck dinner. All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship.

**LWML**

Concordia

Concordia will meet Thursday, January 5 at 2:00 in the workroom.

Mary Martha Guild

Mary Martha will meet Monday, January 9 at 7:00pm. Business will include installation of officers for the New Year as well as signing up for circle and guild committees.

ZYG

Youth please watch the Sunday bulletin for information on the January activity.



**Bible Reading Check-Off Card**

Is reading your Bible more one of your 2017 resolutions?  If it is (or even if it isn't), pick up a "Bible reading check-off card" in the church narthex.  You can track your reading by checking off every chapter that you read through the year.  It is a great visual motivator and tracker.

**New Adult Instruction Class**

A new adult instruction class will start again next week.  If you are interested in becoming a member at Zion, or are interested in learning more about the Christian faith, please plan to attend.  You will receive a free "Luther's Small Catechism" as a lifelong tool for learning.  "Here We Stand...Together" is the theme Pastor Gaunt will follow for the next class.  It will be offered in Mrs. Willers 5th grade classroom, during the Sunday School/Bible Class hour beginning January 8, 2017.

**Heating & Air for Fellowship**

We will be replacing the heating and air conditioning systems for the fellowship hall.  If you would like to help with this project, please mark your contribution “building improvements”

Voters Meeting

The January Voters Meeting is scheduled on January 22 at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

**Thank You**

**THANK YOU** for the many cards, memorials, prayers, and expressions of sympathy at the unexpected death of my mom, Richie DeLoach. Your kindnesses mean so much to me and my family! We truly see God’s love at work through you.

 In Christ, Pastor DeLoach and Family

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To Pastor DeLoach, Pastor Gaunt, and other dear friends in Christ,

Your calls, cards and prayers have truly been comforting and inspiring to me, and I thank God daily for our shared beliefs in the birth of our Savior and the fellowship that we share.

Thanks again, Linda Nuttelman

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**THANK YOU** for the many cards, gifts, Christmas goodies, and words of encouragement given to me and my family during this Christmas season. We are overwhelmed with your generosity! It is humbling to be part of God’s kingdom here at Zion, as well as a joy. My family and I are truly blessed to serve Him with you! God’s peace and blessings be with you as we begin 2017.

 In Christian love, Pastor, Carol, Abigail, And Zach

**Year End Reports**

**The Chairman of each board and organization is asked to turn in a Year End
Report to the Church office. The most convenient way to receive these is by email school@zionkearney.org**

**January Radio Broadcast & Flowers**

**Date Radio Flowers**

1st Fox Fox

8th

15th Fiddelke DeLaet

22nd

29th Nuttelman

**Radio Broadcast & Flower Charts**

The Altar Flower and Radio charts for 2017 are on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes. The cost to sponsor a radio broadcast is $161.25 per week. Families are welcome to go together to sponsor a broadcast. **There are open dates remaining in January.**

**January Birthdays and Anniversaries**

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| 1 | Shane Eckhoff, Jeff Halvorsen, Logan Potter, Hope Smith, Jeanne Wollberg*Ann. Wayne & Dorothy Sikes* |
| 2 | David Sikes |
| 4 | Todd Koopman |
| 5 | Aaron Hockemeier, Keegan Morgan |
| 7 | Titus Gaunt, Emma Rosenthal |
| 8 | Don Trampe |
| 11 | William Hodgson, Jayda Potter, Megan Richter |
| 12 | Dana MIttchel |
| 13 | Jane Schmid |
| 17 | Kia’lee Clark |
| 18 | Connie Drovwal, Holden Schake |
| 19 | Evelyn Wuehler |
| 20 | Romeo Potter, Tyson Wilbur |
| 21 | Ryan Splittgerber |
| 22 | Craig Nuttelman |
| 23 | Lexie Eckhoff, Nicole Halvorsen, Adam Helmbrecht, Roland Trampe |
| 24 | Elaine Buss |
| 26 | Merna Oertwig |
| 29 | Carol Gaunt,Ray HerronAbbygayle Nuttelman |
| 30 | Jan Hatfield, Lucky Potter |
| 31 | Phil Vogel |

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| **Time of Service** | **Acolyte** | **Elder** | **Usher Captain** | **Engineer** | **Announcer** | **Altar Guild** | **Book Nook** |
| **Sunday, January 1** | Morgan Dulitz | Craig Nuttelman | Fred Flessner | Peter Kreutzer | Lavonne Peterson | Shirley Oertwig | Jana Flessner |
| 9:00 a.m. Divine Service |   |   | Keith Nuttelman |   |   | Sheryl Fox |   |
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| **Sunday, January 8** | Crystal Hartman | Jeff Halvorsen | Marc Hoffman | Rich Kreutzer | Brooke Fisher | Shirley Oertwig | Pauline Jacobson |
| 9:00 a.m. Divine Service |   |   | Steve Junge |   |   | Sheryl Fox |   |
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| **Sunday, January 15** | Blake Wilbur |   | Roger Riekenberg | Jared Nuttelman | Lonna Gronewoller | Shirley Oertwig | Lavonne Peterson |
| 9:00 a.m. Divine Service |   |   | Robert Glanzer |   |   | Sheryl Fox |   |
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| **Sunday, January 22** | Bailey Bates | Ken Hockemeier | Dan Oertwig | Shawn Starkey | Carol Kreutzer | Shirley Oertwig | Allison Wilkens |
| 9:00 a.m. Divine Service |   |   |   |   |   | Sheryl Fox |   |
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| **Sunday, January 29** | Abigail DeLoach | Nathan Gaunt | Marc Hoffman | Rich Kreutzer | Lavonne Peterson | Shirley Oertwig | Carolyn Wilkens |
| 9:00 a.m. Divine Service |   |   | Steve Junge |   |   | Sheryl Fox |   |
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**School News**

School will resume on Wednesday, January 4.

Enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year is open to our church families and our returning school families. Registration will open to the public January 4. Please register early as our early childhood classes fill quickly.

The first home basketball games will be Thursday, Jan. 5. The girls play at 5:00 and the boy’s game is at 6:00.

The congregation is invited to the Kearney storytelling festival presentation at Zion on Friday, January 20 at 9:30 am. This year the story teller will be Bill Lepp.

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| **January 2017** |
| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| **9:00am Divine Service** | **No School** | **No school** | **8:25am Chapel** | **2:00pm Concordia** |  |  |
| **10:15am Adult Bible Study** |  | **1:30pm Sleeping Mats** | **5:45pm Midweek** | **Home Basketball 5:00&6:00** |  |  |
| **10:15am Sunday School** |  | **6:00pm Zion School Foundation** |  |  |  |  |
| **10:15 Adult Instruction Class** |  | **7:00pm Board of Stewardship** |  |  |  | **5:00 Divine Service** |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Epiphany** |  |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
|  |  | **1:30pm Sleeping Mats** |  |  |  |  |
| **9:00am Divine Service** |  | **7:00pm Bd. of Elders** | **8:25am Chapel** |  |  |  |
| **10:15am Adult Bible Study** | **7:00pm Mary Martha** | **7:00pm Bd of Trustees** | **5:45pm Midweek** |  |  |  |
| **10:15am Sunday School** |  | **7:00pm Board of Ed** |  |  |  | **5:00 Divine Service** |
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| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| **9:00am Divine Service** |  | **1:30pm Sleeping Mats** | **8:25am Chapel** |  |  |  |
| **10:15am Adult Bible Study** |  | **7:00pm Church Council** | **5:45pm Midweek** |  |  |  |
| **10:15am Sunday School** | **12:00pm Senior Citizens Potluck** |  |  |  |  | **5:00 Divine Service** |
|  **10:15 Adult Instruction Class** |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| **9:00am Divine Service** |  | **1:30pm Sleeping Mats** | **8:25am Chapel** |  |  |  |
| **10:15am Voters Meeting** |  | **7:00pm L.L.L.** | **5:45pm Midweek** |  |  |  |
| **10:15am Sunday School** |  | **7:00pm Sunday School Teacher** |  |  |  | **5:00 Divine Service** |
| **10:15 Adult Instruction Class** |  | **Meeting** |  |  |  |  |
| 29 | 30 | 31 |   |   |   |   |
| **9:00am Divine Service** |  | **1:30pm Sleeping Mats** |   |   |   |   |
| **10:15am Sunday School** |  |  |   |   |   |   |
| **10:15 Bible Study** |  |  |   |   |   |  |
|  **10:15 Adult Instruction Class** |   |   |   |   |   |   |