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**AT THE END OF THE SERVICE** – be sure to greet those who are seated around you. **YOU are His Voice, His Hand**, to those who are worshipping with you.

**LUTHERAN HOUR “Reality Therapy”** with speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The book of Ruth deals with unimportant people and unimportant matters, but deals with them in such a way as to show that God is active in ordinary lives-like yours and mine. Ruth’s story became an important part of the story of Jesus. Listening to God’s work in her life can rescue us from dead end delusions and bring us into what is most real-a Jesus-centered reality. (Ruth 1:1-2) Listen to “The Lutheran Hour” locally on Sunday at 12:01 p.m. on KHBT 97.7 FM and at 6:00 p.m. on KJYL 100.7 FM or on the web at [www.lutheranhour.org/AFN/listen.htm](http://www.lutheranhour.org/AFN/listen.htm). “The Lutheran Hour” is also on XM’s Family Talk Radio every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. (EST). Today’s broadcast is sponsored to the glory of God by the Bob Jacobson Family.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK:** Kysen Nostrom, St. Paul, Minnesota; Bernice Gronbach, Humboldt; David and Darlene Schultz, Friendship Haven, Fort Dodge.

**Please remember in your PRAYERS THIS WEEK:** Michael Flatau (brother of Pastor Aaron); Stephanie Ayala; Carol Christiansen; Mary Grebe; Andrew Flatau; Jon Kuehnast; Gene Ruby; Michelle (Binger) Dornath (daughter of Joyce Fisher); Nola (Skow) Krier; Susan Allen; Joe Vanderhoff; Scot Slaikeu; Bert Kirchhoff, North Care Center; Arlene Moritz, Long Term Care, Humboldt; Linda Waderich and Velma Wood (mother of Jennifer Rolland), Hospice - Long Term Care, Humboldt Hospital.

**THOSE MOURNING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES:** Kyle Borota Family (nephew of Dee Stern passed away); Jill Gusewelle Family (niece of Marcus and June Mundt passed away); Ed Anderson Family (cousin of Paul Anderson passed away).

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENTS: ATTENDANCE

Saturday-56; Communion-42; Sunday-163; Communion-114;  
Thanksgiving-110; Advent I-120;

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE: OFFERINGS

WEEK #47 - 11/25/2018

Weekly Budget Needs to Date: \$8,091.00

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DESIGNATED OFFERING: Weekly-\$5,254.15; Preschool-\$165;  
Birthday-\$80; Improvement Fund-\$110; Harvest Home-\$1,513;  
Fellowship Hall-\$50; KHBT Lutheran Hour-\$30;

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Thanksgiving-\$1,299; Weekly-\$75; Harvest Home-\$7,705;  
Trinity/Deer Creek-\$1,785.88;

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Advent I-\$546;

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## ZION'S SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:

Today		Congregational Election before & after Worship 4:00 p.m. LYC
Tues.	9:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	LWML Bingo at South Care Center
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Advent Supper (Evangelism)
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Service/Confirmands Receive Bibles
	7:15 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:15 p.m.	Adult Choir
Sat.	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Christmas Service Rehearsal
	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Live Nativity at Dan & Dawn Parle's
	6:00 p.m.	Worship
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	8:45 a.m.	Youth & Adult Bible Studies
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Installation of Officers

If you would want to **receive by text weather closing for Zion**, send a text to: 81010. In the message part of the text type: @aflatau. This will sign you up for the group. When events at the church are cancelled, you'll receive a text notifying you of what's going on.

**LWML MISSION NOTES:** For **DECEMBER** we are collecting items for the Lotus Project. There is a great need for mothers in our area to get the necessary support and assistance to transform their lives and the lives of their children. Items needed include: bowl cleaner, bleach, Clorox wipes, paper towels, Bounce sheets, Kleenex, toilet paper, laundry soap, and stain remover. You can bring donations any time during the month of December and place them in the mission containers in the Narthex. Thanks.

LWML Mission Committee: Joan A., Marian A., Jackie S.

**Congregational Election:** All communicant members of Zion who are 18 years of age and older are voting members and can vote. You can cast your ballot by signing in and receiving a ballot in the **Narthex on Saturday** and in the **Fellowship Hall on Sunday**. The Nominating Committee will oversee the balloting and answer any of your questions. Candidates will be notified of the election results by e-mail or letter.

*Newly elected officers will be **INSTALLED** during the worship service next Sunday, **December 9**. **Outgoing Officers** will also be **recognized**.*

The Evangelism Board will be hosting the **Midweek Advent Supper** this Wednesday, **December 5** from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will consist of maidrites, chips, bars, and refreshments. Proceeds will go toward the Nativity Scene. **Midweek Advent Services** will continue this Wednesday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. The Confirmands will receive new Bibles during the service. This Advent season our midweek services are looking to the Scripture readings which have inspired some of our Advent hymns. Please join us for a wonderful meal, fellowship and worship.

**Sunday School Parents:** A Lutheran Family Service **blue offering bag** has been sent home with the Sunday School children. Take a few minutes during this busy holiday season to use this devotional tool and come together as a family as you celebrate the coming birth of our Savior. The blue offering bag should be returned the night of the Children's Christmas Service on Sunday, December 16. **Please tie the bags loosely and not in a knot so they can be reused next year.**

**Sunday School Parents:** "Silent Night, Holy Night" is our theme for this year's **Sunday School Children's Christmas Service**. Come celebrate the Christmas Story with us the evening of **December 16!** Our practice schedule is listed below. Thanks for bringing your children to the practices and Sunday school as we will be learning songs for our service. If you will not be able to join us for the Christmas program, please let your teacher or the office know, so we can plan accordingly for speaking parts. We greatly enjoy working with your child and look forward to a wonderful celebration!

**Practice schedule for Sunday School Children's Service:**

(Each Sunday morning during Sunday School music)

Saturday, December 8 – 9:00-11:00 a.m. (B1 - 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00-10:00)

Saturday, December 15 – 9:00-11:00 a.m. (B1- 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00-10:00)

\*If you have a child in 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> and a B1-1<sup>st</sup> child care will be provided on Saturday morning from 10:00-11:00 so you will not have to make two trips.

Sunday, December 16 – Sunday School – Dress rehearsal for Service

Sunday, December 16 – 6:30 p.m. SS Children's Christmas Service

(Please have children arrive at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.)

Please join us next Saturday, **December 8** from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Dan and Dawn Parle's, 2518 Lone Tree Road, Humboldt, for a **live nativity** with animals, singing of Christmas carols and the reading of The Christmas Story. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. All ages welcome!

Sunday School and Zion Congregation are invited to attend the **movie "The Star"** next Sunday, **December 9** beginning at around 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring snacks to share or lawn chairs for comfort if you like!

There will be **no "Sit 'N Sip"** in December.

**JR. LYC Scrip Program:** Jr. LYC has been doing a fundraiser using Scrip cards. They are always for sale in the church office, but also we are selling them after church on the first and third Sunday of the month. By buying groceries or gas, or giving them as gifts support the Jr. LYC. These also make great Christmas Gifts. Consider buying some cards as Christmas gifts or, some people even use the card for budgeting and for known monthly expenses. Proceeds go toward funding the adventures of the group. The following cards allow Jr. LYC to make a reasonable profit.

- 1- Fareway – 3 percent back
- 2- Hy-Vee – 5 percent back
- 3- Casey's – 3 percent back
- 4- Millers Landing – 10 percent back
- 5- Backseat Diner – 10 percent back
- 6- Pasquales – 10 percent back

Zion is responsible for filling nine **Christmas Basket/Boxes** for needy families in Humboldt County. If you wish to support this project, please place your gift in an envelope marked "Christmas Baskets/Boxes" with your envelope number and put in the offering plate or leave it in the church office.

'**Sing a joyful noise unto the Lord**' on Tuesday, **December 11** by **caroling** with Zion members! We'll be meeting in the west entrance to the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m. and proceeding to the North Care Center (5:10), South Care Center (5:40) and long-term care unit (6:05) finishing at Springvale (6:20 & 6:40 – north side – then south side). Bring your Santa hats, jingle bells and friends and join in for a couple hours of fun! Call Judy (890-1133) for details!

Ladies: You are invited to the **LWML Christmas Party** being held Thursday, **December 13**. Please be at church to car pool down to **Lutheran Family Service Ministry Center**, 230 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Fort Dodge. If you would like to car pool we will be leaving at 9:30 a.m. so we can arrive by 10:00 a.m.

LWML has **CARDS** for sale! **Sympathy, Wedding, Anniversary, Birthday, Get Well, Etc.** Individual cards are \$1.00 and the price for boxed cards is listed on back of the box. Check out cards on the cart and table in Narthex.

Pastor Kyle and Cayleigh would like to invite you to their **Christmas Open House** on Saturday, **December 15** from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Hor 'doeuvres will be served. Come and go as you please, and enjoy some good fellowship as we celebrate the season of Advent, and look with joy to celebrating Christmas.

**NATIVITY SCENE:** The Nativity Scene was dedicated during the Advent service on Wednesday evening. It is displayed on the south side of the church. **Thank you** to all who have given through donations and memorials to this project making it possible to order **Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus**, and an **angel**. Memorial money has been given in memory of Martha Anderson (mother of Greg Anderson), Mary Ford (mother of Russ Naeve), Al Hippen, Pat Johnson, Ray Kunert, Eugene "Bud" Larsen (brother of Darlene Kunert), Margaret Lucas (grandmother of Lincoln Mason), Judy Peters (sister of Steve Peters), Vernon Schulze, Judy Tannor (niece of Doris Kuehnast), and Dean Telford. The following have been purchased by families as memorials: A **kneeling lamb** in memory of Harold and Marj Kropf (parents of Marian Anderson and Don Kropf), a **shepherd** in memory of Mike Williams (son of Virgil and Marian Williams), a **standing ram** in memory of Marvin Anderson (father of Paul Anderson), and a **wiseman** in memory of Kay Kollmorgen. Paul Davis has made the star and Daryl Kuehnast has made the stable. We will add more figures to the set as funds become available. Please continue to help with this project when possible with memorials and donations. We will leave the bucket set out for donations. Any spare change you have will continue to be appreciated. Thanks for your support of this project.

The Evangelism Board

**CARPET and PAINT PROJECT:** **Thank you** to all who gave donations and memorials to this project. New carpet has been installed in the fellowship hall and down the hallway to the fellowship hall, as well as a layer of flooring (vinyl) along the north wall (by the kitchen). Memorial money has been given in memory of Marvin Anderson (father of Paul Anderson), Al Hippen, Diane Jensen, Kay Kollmorgen; Ray Kunert, Harold Schnell (brother of Arlene Moritz), Jolene Wilhelm (mother of Dave Wilhelm and sister-in-law of Donna M. Day), and Mike Williams (son of Virgil and Marian Williams). You may continue to donate to this project. Money for the project can be given in the offering marked 'Carpet Project,' or with the pink "Growing in Christ" envelopes found in the back of the church (for safety still mark it 'Carpet Project'). Thank you for your generosity.

UDMO would like different churches to collect/donate different items each month to ensure a good mix of products to distribute. Any donation is accepted but would like the focus to be on the designated items for the month when possible. For **December** Zion is asked to collect **toilet paper**. Please take them to the Humboldt County Food Pantry, 2219 220<sup>th</sup> St., Humboldt on Mondays 9 a.m.-12 p.m., or Thursdays 1-4 p.m.

If you have changed your **phone number** or are now using only a cell number, have a new **e-mail address**, or have moved and have a new **physical address**, please contact the church office at [zion@goldfieldaccess.net](mailto:zion@goldfieldaccess.net) or 332-3279 with your new phone number, e-mail address, and physical address.

You are invited to attend a **Christmas Open House** at the **Lutheran Family Service Ministry Center**, 230 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Fort Dodge today, **December 2** from 2-4:00 p.m. Come tour various nativity sets displayed throughout.

Donate blood on Monday, **December 3** at the Humboldt Community **BLOOD DRIVE** held in Zion's Fellowship Hall from 1-6 p.m. For information or to schedule an appointment contact LifeServe Blood Center at (800)287-4903 or online at [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org).

**Humboldt County Cancer Support Group** will meet Monday, **December 3** at 7:00 p.m. at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Library. The group will be meeting on the first Monday of each month. Same time and same place. Everyone welcome, survivors, caregivers, family, friends and anyone who has a passion to help others in need! The mission is to help each other, visit about our experience and know you are not alone. If you have questions, please call Craig Christensen, LuAnn Burgers or Marva Anderson.

Knitters and Crocheters of Humboldt will have **hats, mittens, scarves, and some lap robes** available to those organizations or individuals in need. There are many sizes children through adult. They may be picked up Thursday, **December 6** at the Methodist Church; use the southwest door. Hours are 10:00 a.m. – noon. There is no charge.

You are invited to a **Norwegian Café & Bake Sale** which has been rescheduled due to weather for next Saturday, **December 8** from 1:30-4:00 p.m. at St. Olaf Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, Bode. Join us for traditional Norwegian treats and other baked goods, sandwiches, coffee, and lemonade. (Free will donation for Lunch). Then purchase an assortment of baked goods to take home! Hosted by the Women of St. Olaf.

**DON'T DELAY. DONATE TODAY.** Although the deadline for donating to the **Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization** is December 31, 2018, last year tax credits were gone by the middle of December. Please consider donating today to help fund tuition assistance to Lutheran students in our Iowa Lutheran schools. How much Iowa tax do you pay each year? Why not send this money to help Lutheran students' families instead! Donors receive a 65% Iowa tax credit and possible Federal charitable deduction. Forms are on the web at [iowalutheransto.org](http://iowalutheransto.org) or call ILSTO program manager Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991 for more information. Please call to make sure we have credits available.



## ADVENT – CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### Sunday & Midweek

*“Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music.”*

– Martin Luther

What we sing in Church has significance; it means something. Not only are we singing praises to God and proclaiming Him as the one true God when we sing our hymns, but we are also learning about who God is and what He has done for us. If you open your Lutheran Service Book to any random hymn, and look at the bottom right corner of the page, you will see scripture references. These Scripture references are what the hymn’s author was inspired by to write the particular hymn. Through the gift of music, our hymns tell the same stories God has told to us in Scripture. This Advent season our midweek services are looking to the Scripture readings which have inspired some of our Advent hymns.

- 12- 5 Midweek II / Confirmands Receive Bibles – 6:30 p.m.
  - ‘Prepare the Royal Highway’ (Isaiah 40:3-5; Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 24:7-10; Isaiah 9:6-7)
- Evangelism – 5:30-6:30 p.m. (Maidrites, chips, and bars)
  
- 12-8/9 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent/Installation of Officers
  
- 12-12 Midweek III – 6:30 p.m. - ‘What Hope! An Eden Prophesied’ (Isaiah 11:1, 6-10, 12-1)
  - Supper: Jr. LYC – 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**ADVENT – CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE CONTINUED**  
**Sunday & Midweek**

- 12-15/16 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent
- 12-16 S.S. Children’s Christmas Service – 6:30 p.m.
- 12-19 Midweek IV – 6:30 p.m. - ‘Hark! A Thrilling Voice is  
Crying’ (Luke 1:76-69; Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20;  
Ephesians 5:8-14; Isaiah 25:7-9)  
Supper: LYC – 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- 12-22/23 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent – Holy Communion Celebrated
- 12-24 Christmas Eve Service – 6:00 p.m.  
  
Candlelight Service – 11:00 p.m.  
Holy Communion Celebrated
- 12-25 Christmas Day Service – 9:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion Celebrated  
Jesus’ Birthday Cake – 10:30 a.m.
- 12-29/30 First Sunday After Christmas
- 12-31 New Year’s Eve Service – 6:00 p.m.  
Holy Communion Celebrated

