



Sunday School Christmas Program

December 14
at 4:00 pm

Potluck supper
to follow.
Bring a dish to share.
Cupcakes will be
provided for Jesus'
birthday celebration!

Deck the Halls

at the WSLC



by Eilene Marsh

The annual decking of the Senior Living Center halls will be held Thursday, December 4 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come to help decorate the Christmas trees and enjoy the festivities of the evening.

Zion members are asked to come to help decorate "Zion's" tree **beginning at 5:30 pm** in the Independent Living Room, near the

south entrance. You are invited to bring a snack to share!

We could use a few donations of funds to freshen up our Christmas display and replace broken items or malfunctioning lights. Please designate "WSL Christmas Tree" on your donation and put it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Thank you!

THE
DANIEL
PLAN

40 DAYS *to a*
HEALTHIER LIFE

begins January 7, 2015
register by December 15

Get a jump on your New Year's resolution by planning to join us for The Daniel Plan.



by Shawn Brunelle

The name speaks for itself, "Good Gifts." The ELCA Good

Gifts program has many gifts for those people in your life who have everything or live far away - all while giving someone else a life

sustaining gift. Take a Good Gifts catalog from the display in the narthex or go to elca.org/goodgifts to select an item to give in someone else's name. There are many choices ranging from animals to healthcare to school supplies beginning at \$10.

ELCA Good Gifts cards are available to give to your loved one. The card is blank inside so you can

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Blue Christmas Worship Service to be held December 7



A Blue Christmas Worship Service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church on **Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 pm** with a time for refreshments and fellowship following.

A Blue Christmas service is sometimes referred to as a "Longest Night" worship service. It acknowledges that, for many people, Christmas is a time of loneliness, sorrow, alienation, sadness, and loss. This service offers a way

for people to acknowledge those feelings and still feel surrounded by the compassionate love of God. The Blue Christmas Service is open to all who are interested in attending. You may want to invite and/or accompany a friend to this service.

Please feel free to bring a framed picture of a loved one who you would like to remember to be placed on the altar during the service. Contact Karen Cran, Parish Nurse at 386-1209 with questions. The Parish Wellness Ministry is hosting this worship service.



A huge thank you to everyone who donated items and/or filled shoeboxes for Operation

Christmas Child! A total of 40 boxes were donated by Zion Lutheran Church. What goes in the shoebox gift is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. A shoebox can teach a child about God and lead him or her into a life with Christ.

A personal goal we have set for our house for 2015 is to fill one box per month leading up to the collection in November or to get one item, times eleven, per month to be put into a shoebox. What personal challenge could you set for yourself? Prayerfully consider any options that would work for yourself and your family.

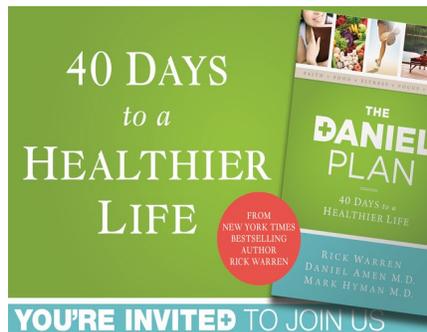
Thank you for giving to this ministry! God Bless!

MacKaelie Herr and
LynnAnn Kofstad

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write your own personal message. These are found on the display in the narthex along with the catalog, and small cards to take with the website address.

This is the season for giving while thinking of others. Give a gift that will truly better someone's quality of life. ELCA Good Gifts are available all year, so remember this option for birthdays, anniversaries, Easter, Mother's Day, etc. Δ



During an afternoon of baptizing over 800 people, Pastor Rick Warren realized it was time for change. He told his congregation he needed to lose weight and asked if anyone wanted to join him. He then witnessed a movement unfold as 15,000 people lost over 260,000 pounds in the first year. With assistance from medical and fitness experts, Pastor Rick and thousands of people began a journey to transform their lives.

Read more on page 4 about how you can participate in The Daniel Plan study right here at Zion! But don't wait... the deadline to register is December 15. Δ

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10:00 am to 4:30 pm
with additional appointments
by prior arrangement.

Tidings from Zion is a communication tool circulated monthly among the members and friends of Zion Lutheran Church, Warroad, Minnesota. The copy deadline for the next publication is December 20, 2014.

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Pastor Bruce Carlson

The church is alive with activities!

The ecumenical We Care group is busy making cookies and loaves of bread as part of the baskets that are delivered to members of our community who would welcome a warm touch at this time of the year.

We have the “Blue Christmas” worship service being prepared. It has continued to grow over the years, bringing together so many who share a common bond through the loss of loved ones this past year as well as in previous years. I truly appreciate the involvement of our parish nurse, Karen Cran, and the Wellness Committee in this very important time of remembrance.

The Sunday School is putting together their gift to us in the way of a Christmas program. This year our praise team will partner with them. Of course this celebration would not be complete without the potluck dinner following the program. It is always a joy to see Shawn Brunelle and her leadership team pull together

these memorable moments.

Christmas Eve worship will be filled with the lessons and carols of the season. I look forward to seeing all you with your families as they travel home. If you are the ones travelling elsewhere for Christmas, then Godspeed and safe journeys.

We will have a youth-led worship on Sunday, December . It will be a service of lessons and carols including a morning message prepared by them. Come and celebrate with them.

Once again we have made available ELCA Good Gifts. Imagine the gift of a flock of baby chicks, or drilling awell for a family or a village, or sharing with someone else in the gift of other animals or life giving projects. You will find the information in the narthex. Enjoy giving a present that makes a difference.

There are two volunteer opportunities available in Warroad

for you to consider: Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion. You can share time assisting children in school or help seniors live independently by assisting with daily tasks. Information is on the bulletin board at the church entrance.

Your church staff offers to all of you the warmest of Christmas greetings. We have a Savior who warms us in the manger and leads us into the world to proclaim the Good News. Carry Him with you into the midst of this season and make a difference!

Blue Christmas

Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 pm

Christmas Program

Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 pm

Christmas Eve Worship
Wednesday, December 24
at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Youth-Led Worship
Sunday, December 28 at 9:00 am

Pastor Bruce Δ

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Zion Lutheran Church

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amazon smile

Go to
smile.amazon.com
to get started!

Now available at Zion!

Please stop at the church office to take a look at a Rada Cutlery catalog or the in stock products available for purchase! Rada products are sold at churches around the country and now we are offering these products to our congregation!

The proceeds will go to support the 2015 youth trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit, and later will go to similar youth projects.



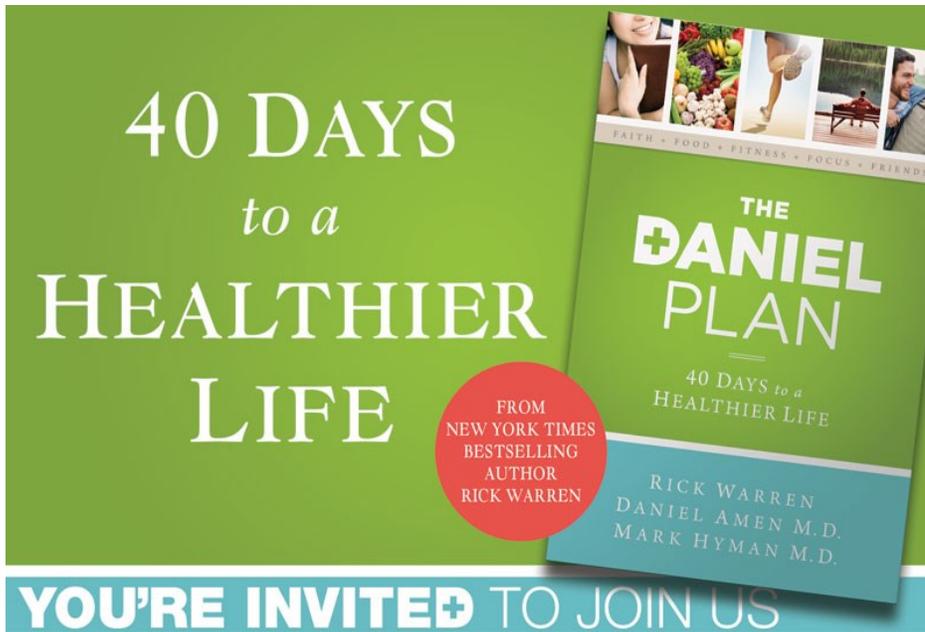
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- 40% of the sales are kept by our group



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Utensils * Stoneware

BEGINNING JANUARY 7 AT ZION!



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US

A 6 week program will kick off at Zion on Wednesday evening, January 7. This program was developed by Rick Warren with medical experts Daniel Amen, Mark Hyman, and Mehmet Oz.

Through a special grant from LifeCare Medical Center, we are able to provide this program to our congregation for the greatly reduced cost of \$8 per person! **Each participant will receive a study guide, a personal devotional journal, and the opportunity to join in a weekly DVD and small group study.**

The Daniel Plan small group study will teach simple ways to incorporate healthy choices into our current lifestyles. The study is centered on five essential areas that will guarantee success: faith, food, fitness, focus, and friends. Each area affects the others and can't succeed alone.

The Daniel Plan will also help you understand the kinds of foods God created to keep us fit and strong. This revolutionary look at the five key concepts for optimal health encourages participants to deepen their relationship with God and achieve a lifestyle that is both transformational and sustainable.

The deadline to register for the class is December 15. Drop off registrations in the church office, offering plate, or mail to the church (PO Box 61, Warroad). Contact Karen Cran at 386-1209 with questions. Δ



Registration form

"The Daniel Plan" Study
Deadline to order is December 15

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Enclose \$8 per participant.

_____ I want to order the *optional* "The Daniel Plan Cookbook: Healthy Eating for Life" for \$20 which I've enclosed with my registration.

_____ I want to order the *optional* "The Daniel Plan" hardcover text for \$15 which I've enclosed with my registration.

Christian Education News

submitted by Shawn Brunelle,
Christian Education Director

Confirmation

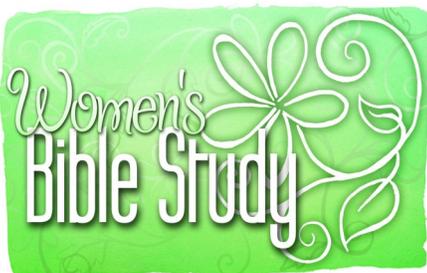
December 3: Class at 6:30
December 10: Class at 6:30
December 17: Class at 6:30
December 24: Christmas Eve
worship services are at 4:00
and 6:00 pm
December 31: No class

Sign up on the Christian Ed
bulletin board to teach
confirmation for a 2-month time
period. Call Shawn at 386-1733
ext. 15 with questions. Δ

Sunday School

December 7: Christmas
program practice at 10:15
December 14: Christmas
program practice at 10:15
December 21: Class at 10:15
December 28: No class;
Christmas break

Sign up on the Christian Ed
bulletin board to teach a Sunday
School lesson for one month. If
you have any questions, call
Shawn at 386-1733 ext. 15. Δ



Wandering through the Bible

All women are invited to come for
a casual time of reflection,
fellowship, and Bible study on
Tuesdays at noon at Zion. We
meet for about one hour to read
and discuss the Bible, so you are
welcome to bring your lunch if
you wish. Δ

Noisy offerings
will be collected on
Sunday, December 21.

All donations will go toward
our future "God's work. Our
hands." project.

FUNDRAISER

Our VBS brunch fundraiser is
coming in January. Please sign up
to donate a food item such as
egg bake, beverages, muffins, or
fruit, or volunteer to help in the
kitchen for this great event. Sign
up sheets are on the Christian
Education bulletin board. Δ

Kids, your help is needed!

Sign up on the Christian Ed bulletin board to help
collect noisy offering each month during worship.



Supper begins at 5:45 pm
Bible Study begins at 6:15 pm
Confirmation class begins at 6:30 pm
Worship begins at 7:15 pm

December Supper Schedule

December 3: Chili Dogs and Fries
December 10: All-American Cheeseburger Soup and buns
December 17: Clean-Out-The-Cupboard Meal
December 24: Christmas Eve worship services at 4:00 and 6:00 pm
December 31: No Wednesday Remix

The suggested donation for Wednesday Night Remix meals is \$2.50 to help
cover the expenses of the meal. The regular Wednesday Night Remix meals
are not fundraisers.

Volunteers are needed to help with serving and clean up of Wednesday night
suppers. If you can help please contact Shawn Brunelle at 386-1733 ext 15.
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Care Packages for College Students

by Shawn Brunelle

The Christian Ed ministry is sponsoring care packages for Zion college students. If you would like your student to receive a package, please turn in their name and address by January 7. Soon after, there will be boxes placed in the church narthex with a student's name on each box. Congregation members are encouraged to place "care package" items inside each box. We'll mail the packages in early February.



Each student must be a member of Zion and the name must be turned into Shawn Brunelle by January 7. Please use the information form provided below as a guide in letting us know about your student. Donations to help cover the mailing fee are encouraged. Contact Shawn Brunelle at 386-3644 with questions. Δ

Care Package for College Student Info

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Parent _____

Favorite Food/Snack _____

Allergies _____

Acolytes, please sign up on the servant board (across from the men's restroom). Your help with worship is needed and appreciated.

All kids grades 5-8

Acolyte training will be held on Sunday, December 7 and 14 at 10:00. What is an acolyte's responsibilities?

- An acolyte assists the pastor during worship.
- An acolyte lights the candles on the altar before worship and lights special candles during special services like Advent.
- An acolyte helps with offering and communion.
- An acolyte extinguishes candles at the end of the service.

Acolytes can receive sermon note credit when they are in confirmation. If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Brunelle at 386-1733 ext. 15. Δ



The Giving Tree



Thank you to everyone who purchased an ornament or donated to the Giving Tree. We were able to give the Warroad school \$316.83 for them to purchase winter boots and other needed items for local children. Δ

ORDER YOUR Poinsettias

If you would like to have the church place an order for you for a poinsettia, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or mail to the church office by **December 7**. Attach your check (made payable to Zion) to the order form. Contact Heather Streiff at 386-2214 with questions. Payment must accompany order.

Poinsettia Order Form

Name(s) of giver _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

_____ Poinsettia - \$8.00

Circle one:

In honor/memory/celebration of:

Other _____



Nativity Luminaries



The young ladies attending the 2015 Youth Gathering in Detroit will be selling luminaries that will line Zion's sidewalks and be lit on Christmas Eve. If you would like to purchase a luminary, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or drop off at the church office. They will also be selling at Sunday and Wednesday services. There will also be a label available for you to fill out if you wish to have it added to your luminary. Cost is \$5.00. Payment must accompany order.

Name of giver(s):

Phone: _____

Circle one:

In honor/memory/celebration of:

Other: _____

Brew up some fair trade Christmas gifts from LWR!

Equal Exchange fair trade coffee (sponsored by Lutheran World Relief Coffee Project) is available in the church office. Several varieties of coffee are available including Café Salvador, Hope Blend, Proud Mama, One Harvest, Sisters' Blend, and organic regular and decaf single serve cups (recyclable and compostable cups!) are in stock now!

When you buy fairly-traded products from Equal Exchange, a portion of your purchases benefit the **LWR Small Farmer Fund**, which supports smallholder farmers and their families.



Would you like a super-easy and free way to support Zion?

You can help Zion Lutheran Church every time you want to purchase something from Amazon.com!

...and just in time for Christmas shopping!

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Zion Lutheran Church every time you shop, at no cost to you! When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same prices, selection, and shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that **Amazon will donate .5% of the purchase price of your eligible purchases to Zion.**

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com. On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select Zion Lutheran Church of Warroad to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. (Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.)

You use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, wish list, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

Contact Jeff Huff or Vicki Dalager at the church office with questions.





DECEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 pm- Building Committee meeting	2 12:00 pm- Weekly Wanderings for Women Bible study 1:30 pm- Staff Ministry Team meeting	3 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> 5:00 pm- Call Committee meeting (FR 5-6) 5:45 pm- Remix Supper 6:15 pm- Bible study 6:30 pm- Confirmation 7:15 pm- Worship with Holy Communion	4 2:00 pm- Grief Support meeting (2-4:00 FR)	5 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	6
7 Second Sunday in Advent 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 am- Acolyte Training 10:15 am- Sunday School 10:15 am- Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am- Worship & Music Committee meeting 2:00 pm- Blue Christmas Service (1:30-4:00 FH, S)	8	9 12:00 pm- Weekly Wanderings for Women Bible study 1:30 pm- Staff Ministry Team meeting	10 10:30 am- Care Center Communion 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> 12:00 pm- Staff Ministry Team and Personnel Committee Meeting 5:00 pm- Call Committee meeting (FR 5-6) 5:45 pm- Remix Supper 6:15 pm- Bible study 6:30 pm- Confirmation 7:15 pm- Worship	11 12:00 pm- Executive Committee meeting (FR 12-1 pm) 6:30 pm- Alzheimer's Support Group at Warroad Senior Living Center 7:01 pm- Parish Wellness meeting	12 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	13
14 Third Sunday in Advent 9:00 am- Worship 10:00 am- Acolyte Training 10:15 am- Sunday School 10:15 am- Choir Rehearsal 11:15 am- Council Meeting 4:00 pm- Sunday School Christmas Program (10-7- S, OR, K, N, FH, OR, SS 5-7)	15 We Care- (4-9 pm K, FH, OR)	16 We Care- (7:30 am-12:00 pm K, FH, OR) 12:00 pm- Weekly Wanderings for Women Bible study 1:30 pm- Staff Ministry Team meeting 6:30-8:30 pm- WST Board meeting (FR)	17 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> 5:00 pm- Call Committee meeting (FR 5-6) 5:45 pm- Remix Supper 6:15 pm- Bible study 6:30 pm- Confirmation 7:15 pm- Worship	18 2:00 pm- Grief Support meeting (2-4:00 FR)	19 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study <i>Items for Tidings due</i>	20
21 Fourth Sunday in Advent 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion (Noisy Offering) 10:15 am- Choir Rehearsal	22 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i>	23 12:00 pm- Weekly Wanderings for Women Bible study 1:30 pm- Staff Ministry Team meeting	24 Christmas Eve 10:30 am- Care Center Communion 12:00 pm- Church Offices close 4:00 pm- Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion 6:00 pm- Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion No Remix Supper No Bible study No Confirmation	25 Christmas Church Offices closed	26 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	27
28 9:00 am- Worship 10:15 am- Choir Rehearsal	29 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i>	30 12:00 pm- Weekly Wanderings for Women Bible study	31 New Year's Eve 12:00 pm- Church Offices close No Remix Supper No Bible study No Confirmation No Worship	Abbreviations (R) or () Building use requested/granted FH Fellowship Hall OR Overflow Room FR Fireside Room SS Sunday School Room # K Kitchen YR Youth Room		

December Volunteers

Ushers/Greeters

Sunday Morning Services

12/7 Bill & Betty Beiber
 12/14 Laurence & Avis Wright
 12/21 Keith, Deb, & Erick Landin
 12/28 Wayne & Sharon Smith

Wednesday Evening Services

12/3 Mike & Eilene Marsh
 12/10 Hannah Christian
 Taylor Vandal
 12/17 Volunteer needed

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 pm Lois Hamlin
 Virginia Storey
 Gretta, Emma, Kamarra Brunelle
 6:00 pm Volunteers needed

Acolytes

Sunday Morning Services

12/7 Volunteer needed
 12/14 Jacob Davis
 12/21 Ella Rourk
 12/28 Volunteer needed

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 pm Ella Rourk
 Kamarra Brunelle
 6:00 pm Volunteer needed

Lectors

Sunday Morning Services

December Phyllis Haggan

Wednesday Evening Services

12/3 Brenda Windahl
 12/10 Mike Marsh
 12/17 Eilene Marsh

Communion

Sunday Morning Services

12/7 and 12/21
 Altar Care and Assistants
 Alva Larson
 Virginia Storey

Wednesday Evening Services

12/3 and 12/17
 Altar Care Lynda Marvin
 Janet Olson
 Assistant Deb Lalim

Christmas Eve Services

Altar Care, 4:00/6:00 pm
 Martha Whaley, Juanita Kling
 Assistants
 4:00 Mike & Eilene Marsh
 6:00 Laurence & Avis Wright

Sidewalk Snow Removal

Week beginning
 12/1 Jim Hallan, Brad Baumann
 12/8 Mike Marsh, Ron Tveit
 12/15 Ron Tveit, Gordy Landin
 12/22 Volunteers needed
 12/29 Volunteers needed

Parking Lot Snow Plowing

December Donovan Olson



Attendance

	Sun. AM	Mid-wk. PM	Week Total
10/29		61	
11/2	138		199
11/5		40	
11/9	78		118
11/12		43	
11/16	102		145
11/19		42	
11/23	106		148
11/26		59	
11/30	120		179

Tithes and Offerings

Offerings for week ending 10/19: (Updated)

General Offerings: \$5,368.00
 Building Fund: \$905.00
 Computer Fund: \$100.00
 Noisy Offering: \$109.83
 (The Giving Tree)

Offerings for week ending 10/26:

General Offerings: \$3,821.00
 Building Fund: \$1,284.00

Offerings for week ending 11/2:

General Offerings: \$2,453.00
 Building Fund: \$7,749.00

Offerings for week ending 11/9:

General Offerings: \$4,237.00
 Building Fund: \$771.50
 Benevolence: \$27.50

Offerings for week ending 11/16:

General Offerings: \$1857.00
 Building Fund: \$34.00
 Noisy Offering: \$68.14
 (future Food Packing event)

Offerings for week ending 11/23:

General Offerings: \$3,632.00
 Building Fund: \$759.00
 Computer Fund: \$100.00
 We Care project: \$20.00

Offerings for week ending 11/30:

To be announced Δ

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

November 2 - by Bill & Enid Landby and Martha Whaley in loving memory of Martin & Gladys Landby.

November 9 - by Dave & Nancy Pellet to the glory of God!

November 16 - by Norma Karlsen in loving memory of her husband Ralph Karlsen who passed away in November 2003.

November 23 - by Dean & Norma Thompson in honor of their anniversary and celebrating 68 years together on November 22. God Bless!

November 30 - by Joan Dagen in memory of her son Jeff.

You may sponsor a broadcast by signing up outside the church office. The cost is \$85. Δ

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Tidings from Zion
December 2014



*Celebrate the Season as we
wait for the One*

<p>Blue Christmas Worship Service December 7 at 2:00 pm</p>	<p>Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services with Holy Communion December 24 at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm</p>
<p>Sunday School Christmas Program with potluck to follow December 14 at 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Youth-led Worship Service December 28 at 9:00 am</p>

No regular Wednesday evening worship services on December 24 or December 31.