

Tidings from



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New Year Milestone Moment

from Milestones Ministry

Many of us look to the New Year as a time to begin again. We may want to lose weight, stop smoking, commit to gathering with family more often, or envision other changes we feel would improve our lives. Whether we accomplish our goals or not, we have traditions we do to welcome in the New Year. In Spain, 12 grapes are eaten—one at each stroke of the clock. In Japan, rice cakes called Mochi are made. The Germans drop molten lead into cold water to see what shape it takes and predict the future. In the United States, a very celebrated event is the ball dropping in New York City. Traditions vary from country to country, state to state, and family to family. Recognizing God's presence as we gather to celebrate the New Year with family and friends may be the beginning of a new tradition for some.

We encourage you to consider establishing a new ritual that can be done in your home. Moments that provide opportunities for family to gather and value God's presence in the past year and seek ways to recognize it in the New Year are special and an important step along our faith journey.

JANUARY 1, 2020

HYMN FOR NEW YEAR'S

*O God, Our Help in
Ages Past*

NEW YEAR'S MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What are your highlights of the past year? What have you learned from these experiences?
- What thoughts do you have about the coming year? Joys? Concerns?
- The future is God's and it is filled with promise. How does knowing this strengthen you to begin each day with faith and hope?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 25:31-46.

No one likes to be judged. The thought of divine judgment is even more distressing. However, the judgment of God has a cleansing effect. God's judgment means that sin and death pass away. They are judged and condemned. Hope, faith, and love are what remain. In the parable of the great judgment Jesus points out what remains: compassion that lives in loving deeds done for others. People are fed, given something to drink, clothed, cared for during a time of illness, and visited when imprisoned. These are truly loving deeds, not just loving thoughts. What is most amazing is that those who do such things don't realize they have done them to

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Council News

Barb Knutson, Council Secretary

We wish you in this new year to remain happy, joyful, and to be successful in all phases of life! The council met on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm. There was much discussion about the many wonderful and exciting things going on at Zion this Advent season. Bishop Bill Tesch, NW MN Synod, was here on Saturday, December 21, for a meet and greet with the congregation.

There will be a council retreat for its members on Saturday, January 18, 2020 with a breakfast starting at 7:30 followed by the retreat.

A few members of the council rang bells for the Salvation Army at designated areas in our community throughout the holiday season. We thank all those who stopped to support the Red Kettle Campaign. All money raised in our area will support the needs of Roseau county.

The council approved a radio ad campaign through Border

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Broadcasting called the "True Meaning of Christmas." These broadcasts were 60 second messages that introduced the speaker, the church, and their message about Christmas. We hope you enjoyed hearing them on both KQ92 and KRWB.

There are plans in the making for building a kiosk to house many items important to our congregation. The four-sided kiosk will showcase items available for purchase such as fair-trade coffee and Rada cutlery (fundraiser for youth), etc. It will also include spaces for bulletin boards, literature displays, and storage. The council approved adding the kiosk to a memorial

gifting idea bookmark to be produced by the Memorial Committee. The bookmarks are currently in the design phase, so watch for them to be out soon. Δ

Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be Thursday, January 16, at 6:00 pm. Δ

Thank you, beloved of Zion, for your Christmas greetings and expressions of love.

*With our love and gratefulness to you,
Pastor Mary and Gary Giltvedt*

Zion Lutheran Church Financial Update

Fiscal year is October 1 through September 30.

General Operating Account as of November 30, 2019

Income	Nov	YTD
General Envelopes	\$8,494	\$22,129
Electronic	\$9,514	\$18,304
Loose Offerings	\$258	\$742
Misc.		\$0
Total	\$18,267	\$41,174
Expense	Annual Budget	YTD
Support Staff	\$191,987	\$30,365
Benevolence	\$18,300	\$200
Cong. Care	\$0	\$0
Admin	\$19,179	\$2,323
Worship & Music	\$1,720	\$255
Christian Ed	\$2,842	\$103
Outreach Services	\$5,922	\$840
Property	\$23,519	\$5,370
Total	\$263,469	\$39,456

Loan Repayment Account as of November 30, 2019

Dedicated Funds	Nov	YTD
Deposits*	\$708	\$1,415

Building Fund as of November 30, 2019

Dedicated Funds	Nov	YTD
Gifts Received	\$3,085	\$6,095
Loan	\$0	\$0
Building Fund Account Balance		
Security State		\$33,591
ELCA MisInvFnd		\$2,457
Total		\$36,049
Payments	Nov	YTD
Other		\$147
Loan Interest		\$1,666
Loan Principal		\$0
Total	\$0	\$1,813
Building Loan		
Principal Outstanding		\$266,500
Repayment Acct balance		\$53,280
Net Loan Balance		\$213,220

* Monies received from Warroad Community Church are dedicated to the repayment of our building loan.

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with additional appointments
by prior arrangement.

Worship Services

Wednesdays at 6:15 pm
Sundays at 9:00 am

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Christian Education News

First Communion Instruction offered January 12

First Communion instruction for 3rd and 4th graders who have not had First Communion will be on Sunday, January 12, at 10:15 am. One parent per young person will also attend. First Communion will be during the 9:00 am worship on Sunday, January 19. Δ

Annual Eggbake Fundraiser for VBS will be January 12

Sheri Hard

The annual Christian Education Eggbake Fundraiser will be held Sunday, January 12, following the worship service. Donations of eggbakes, muffins, fruit, milk, and juice are needed. Please sign up in the Gathering Space at the church. Contact Sheri Hard at 701-541-0673 with questions. Δ

Start a collection: "Our Family" UPC barcodes!

Zion's Christian Education program receives \$.05 for each "Our Family" UPC barcode you collect for us. Please place your barcodes in the collection box on the Christian Ed bulletin board by the church offices. Δ

Noisy offerings
will be collected
Sunday, January 19.

All donations will go to
Warroad School's
Social Concerns Fund.

Sunday School
resumes January 12
10:05-10:45 am

for Ages 3 to Grade 5
Please join us!

Schedules for January

Grades 6 and 7 Pre-Confirmation Class

Shawn Brunelle

Students may attend class at 2:30
or 5:30 pm:

Wednesday, January 8
Wednesday, January 15
Wednesday, January 22
Wednesday, January 29 Δ

Grade 8 Confirmation

Shawn Brunelle

Please choose one day per week
that works best for you. One class-
time each week is required per
student.

Wednesdays at 5:15:
January 8, 15, 22, and 29
Sunday mornings at 10:15:
January 12, 19, and 26 Δ

9th Grade Confirmation

Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

9th grade Confirmation students
will not meet for class in January.
However, they may meet with their
mentor at the regular 7:00 pm time
or at a time convenient for both the
student and mentor. Δ

9th Grade Confirmation students write

Prayers of Intercession

Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

Each student in the 9th grade
confirmation class wrote a prayer
for each of the individual prayer
topics in the Prayers of
Intercession we use for worship.
Below are a few of the prayers
they wrote under each topic.

Church

- *I pray that the Church keeps strong and keeps preaching faith.*
- *Dear God, bless the Church because it has a lot of good people that go here and keep them and the church safe.*

Creation

- *I pray that you, God, can help us save this planet you have given us.*
- *I pray that those born with disabilities will have a good life and not be oppressed.*
- *I pray for tigers not to go extinct.*

Nations of the world

- *Dear God, help out those in need in places like Africa where things that we use so commonly are not common at all.*
- *Dear God, let the women in certain countries finally be allowed an education and voice.*
- *I pray that you can help the nations find peace.*

Those in need

- *Dear God, help those who are in need of food, water and any other everyday essential.*

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- *I pray for people who are sick and need money for treatments.*

This congregation and the community

- *I pray we can all work together to make sure we all have a good community.*
- *I pray that Zion can help the community around Warroad.*

The saints who have gone before us

- *I pray and hope that Grandpa Dewey will be happy watching us mess around.*

The 9th grade confirmation students are Tayanna Cole, Lila Lanctot, Leah Loeffler, Nissa Nestegard, Gage Thompson, and Landon Thompson. Δ

We Care 2019 is a wrap

Carol Hallan



The 2019 We Care “Packing and Delivery Event” took place on Tuesday morning, December 17. Twenty-five packers from the Warroad community, including volunteers from St. Mary’s, Woodland Bible Church, Zion, and the Union Congregational Church, came together and filled 220 bags with cookies, quick breads, snack mixes, cocoa, tea, meats, crackers, Halos, and other food stuffs. We also included gifts and a Christmas meal to a family of school children.

These bags are given to those who have lost a loved one during the past year. We also remember those who are in need in some way in the Warroad area, be it health issues, loneliness, or difficult

times. Included are also school kids, Elkwood residents, and the Warroad Senior Living Center.

We want to say a huge thank you to all of you who participated in some way for We Care 2019 – the planners, 92 bakers, packers and deliverers, and to those who gave financially and made this year’s We Care possible.

Who is blessed more, we aren’t sure; but we do know that those who deliver are met with hugs, tears of gratitude, and verbal, “Thanks from the bottom of my heart.” It is truly “God’s work. Our hands.” Δ



Care Packages for College Students

The Christian Ed ministry is sponsoring care packages for Zion college students. If you would like your students to receive packages, please turn in their names and addresses by January 7. Soon after, there will be boxes placed in the church Gathering Space with a student’s name on each box. Congregation members are asked 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 in to the church office 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 Sheri Hard at 701-541-0673 or email zlcw@mncable.net with questions. Δ

Care Package for College Student Info

Name of Student _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent _____

Favorites (snacks, small items) _____

Allergies or Dislikes _____



Let's set aside time for some fun!

The next Creative Works is January 12

The next Creative Works is on Sunday, January 12! Due to the Egg bake Breakfast fundraiser at 10:15 that morning, the schedule will be a little different than previous Creative Works days. Feel free to bring your own hobby projects (sewing, quilting, crafting, art, knitting, crocheting, paper or online scrapbooking) anytime after 11:00 am.

You are invited to bring a snack to share. Anyone who wants can help make fleece tie blankets for our graduating seniors.

If you pre-registered for the optional class, we'll get started at 11:30 am. Wear or bring painting clothes. Δ

Welcome to our new member!

Pastor Mary Githvedt

Welcome to new member, Marilyn Bakken, who joined Zion on Sunday, December 1. Marilyn grew up in the Warroad area and was baptized, confirmed, and married at Zion. She and her husband farmed near Roseau. After her husband died, she moved to Fargo to live closer to her daughters. She moved back home to Warroad about seven months ago. It is a joy to have Marilyn back with the Zion family! Δ



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the Son of Man (vv. 37-40). Loving deeds are motivated by a life filled with love, not the need for personal rewards. As you think about 2020, wonder how the love of God can rule in your heart and shape the work of your hands, feet, and voice. Who can be blessed by your loving deeds this year?

Pray: Dear God, with this new year, give me a heart of gladness that cares for others in ways that show how you care for us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

It is a New Year's tradition to make resolutions for the coming year. Resolutions generally are about bettering ourselves by losing weight, exercising more, and cleaning our home. Consider a new spin on resolutions this year by thinking of others. There are many who do not have enough food to eat and are without a home. In what ways can you commit to helping the hungry, homeless, and lonely this coming year?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

A New Year's tradition in Spain is to eat twelve grapes to count down the new year. It is thought to bring luck for each month in the coming year. To put a Christian twist on this tradition, place twelve grapes in a bowl and prior to midnight write a list of twelve ways you or others you know need God's help in the coming year. Just before the clock strikes twelve, eat the grapes. After midnight take a moment to complete this prayer and read your list as you begin the new year. Dear God, help me to Close with, "Lord, hear our prayers for the new year. In the name of Jesus, Amen."



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

You can find a "Taking Faith Home" guide for each week on Zion's website, zlcw.org. Click the Quick Links button, select "Taking Faith Home," and enter the password: tfh Δ



Quilting update

Marlene Lewis

A few of the quilters plan to meet January 6, weather permitting, to work on getting some of our quilt backs ready for spring quilting. We will meet at the Community Center from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. If you'd like to get out of the house and work for a few hours, please join us. Since some of our quilters are leaving for warmer climates in January and/or February, we are not sure how many Mondays we will meet. Meeting will depend on how many people are available and the weather. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Marlene Lewis at 386-2018 for more information and updates. Δ

We came. We decked. We ate.

The annual decking of the Warroad Senior Living Center halls was held Thursday, December 5. About a dozen people (including some who hadn't participated in the event before) came to join in decorating "Zion's" Christmas tree in the Independent Living Room and enjoyed the festivities of the evening which included listening to Christmas music, trying to find enough working lights to decorate the entire tree, enjoying some snacks and treats, and topping it all off with a tour of the building to look at all the other pretty Christmas trees decorated by other organizations.

If you would be willing and able to take down the tree in early January, please call or email the church office to volunteer. Δ

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Abbreviations (R) or () Building use requested/granted FH Fellowship Hall S Sanctuary MP Multipurpose Room #____ CY Classroom Yellow CB Classroom Blue K Kitchen YR Youth Room			1 New Year's Day Church offices closed No Wednesday evening classes No Wednesday worship service	2 9:30 am- Rostered Leaders conference meeting, Roseau	3 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	4
5 No Choir rehearsal 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 am- Coffee & Cookie fellowship No Sunday School No 8th Grade Confirmation	6 9:00 am to 12:00 pm- Quilting work at the Warroad Area Community Center 5:15 pm- Christian Education Committee meeting	7 12:00 pm- Personnel Committee meeting 6:00 pm- Congregational Care Committee meeting	8 10:30 am- WSLC Communion 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> 2:30 pm- Pre-Confirmation 5:15 pm- 8th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm- Pre-Confirmation 6:15 pm- Worship with healing service 7:00 pm- 9th Grade Confirmands meet with mentors	9 9:30 am- Synod meeting, Detroit Lakes 5:15 pm- Rebecca Circle meeting (5-7 YR)	10 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	11
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19 8:00 am- Choir rehearsal 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion (and First Communion) and Noisy Offering 10:00 am- Coffee & Cookie fellowship 10:05 am- Sunday School 10:15 am- 8th Grade Confirmation	20 <i>Items for Tidings newsletter due</i>	21 5:30 pm- Property Committee meeting	22 10:30 am- WSLC Communion 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> 2:30 pm- Pre-Confirmation 5:15 pm- 8th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm- Pre-Confirmation 6:15 pm- Worship 7:00 pm- 9th Grade Confirmands meet with mentors	23	24 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	25
26 8:00 am- Choir rehearsal 9:00 am- Worship 10:00 am- Coffee & Cookie fellowship 10:05 am- Sunday School 10:15 am- 8th Grade Confirmation	27 5:15 pm- Mission Endowment Fund Committee meeting	28	29 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> 2:30 pm- Pre-Confirmation 5:15 pm- 8th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm- Pre-Confirmation 6:15 pm- Worship 7:00 pm- 9th Grade Confirmands meet with mentors	30 5:15 pm- Shepherding of Souls Team meeting	31 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	

church, its diverse ministries and its members and leaders; and pray that together we will find mutual support, new partnerships and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

25 *Conversion of Paul* Reflect on how God has transformed you. Give thanks and praise to God for stirring our lives and calling us to be witnesses and servants doing God's work in the world. And give thanks for our faith, our unique personal histories, our strengths and weaknesses, and our gifts and skills, even when we are uncertain of their usefulness and relevance in the body of Christ.

26 Praise God for Jesus' life, teachings, ministry and personal example, which instruct us today as modern-day disciples called to follow Christ, share the gospel, serve our neighbor and grow the church in an ever-changing world.

27 Remember in prayer women of the early church, throughout history and today, whom God has called and equipped as witnesses, bearers and teachers of the faith, and leaders in every corner of the world. They are a blessing to the church.

28 Give thanks for theologians and teachers in our church, in our educational institutions and in our midst. Pray that God will grant them insight and wisdom to help us connect faith with daily life and deepen our understanding of God's word, ways and desires for us.

29 Ask God for forgiveness for the conflicts that divide our church and our congregations. Pray that when we disagree, we will exercise humility, love, respect and reconciliation, remembering and reaffirming our unity of spirit and purpose as siblings in Christ.

30 Ask God to help us when we feel discouraged or overwhelmed by or detached from the difficult challenge of reducing gun violence. Pray for wisdom, courage and boldness in advocating for legislation and cultural shifts that, though complex or unpopular, will protect the gift of life and honor the handiwork of our Creator.

31 "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Praise God and shout with joy!

This resource may be copied and shared among members and friends of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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PRAYER VENTURES

JANUARY 2020

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

1 What is the significance of your name? On this day we recall the naming of Jesus and pray that when we hear, say or think his name, we will recognize him as our salvation, our uniter and our sure source of love, forgiveness and new life.

2 Throughout National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, remember in prayer the men, women and children who are victims of this global tragedy, which disproportionately affects women and girls. Pray for an end to human trafficking and that all who suffer its abuse, injustice and oppression may find freedom, support, healing and safety, especially in our communities of faith.

3 Give thanks for the cloud of faith-filled witnesses who surround us as mentors of faith, vocation and life skills, enriching our lives through their example and sharing their faith, wisdom and knowledge.

4 Pray for the people and communities affected by the recent fires in California, that they will not lose hope but will experience God's presence and encouragement through the care and support of others. Give thanks for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response – with the California synods, Lutheran Social Services of Northern California and Lutheran Social Services of Southern California – to respond with physical, emotional and spiritual care.

5 Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us bear witness in the world to the light and truth of Jesus Christ, that we will be infused with enthusiasm for inviting others to believe and follow, and that all will experience the grace and fullness of God.

6 *Fest of Epiphany* God's glory is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, born among us and immersed in the messiness, complexity and commonness of humanity for the sake of the world. Pray that we will recognize God's divine presence and activity in the world for the redemption and healing of humankind and for the nurturing of our lives to better emulate Jesus.

7 Give thanks for the gift of wisdom that comes from God. Pray that our faith, with the encouragement of the Spirit, will compel us to share, teach and cultivate God's wisdom and ways among all people – young and old alike.

8 Give thanks and praise to God that we are adopted and called children of God through Jesus Christ, an immeasurable gift of grace, love and forgiveness in which we are immersed.

9 Pray for the ministries that have received ELCA World Hunger Big Dream Grants, which support domestic ministries as they pursue innovative and sustainable approaches to ending hunger. Ask God to help their work flourish and inspire others to seek new ways of ending hunger and lifting the human family.

10 The good news of Jesus Christ embodying God's love, forgiveness and promise of eternal life is for all humanity; no one should be excluded from this good news and mystery of grace. Ask that the Spirit fill and inspire us to speak enthusiastically about our faith and serve our neighbor – every neighbor – in the name of Christ.

11 Do you have goals, plans, hopes and ventures for this new year? Give thanks and take comfort and courage in the promise of God's love, forgiveness, renewing Spirit and acceptance of us just as we are – in all our human endeavors.

12 Washed in the waters of baptism and touched by the Spirit, Jesus began his ministry and was made known to the world as the Son of God bringing the light and truth of God to the world. Remember in prayer how we are cleansed and renewed daily through our baptism, filled with the Holy Spirit, prepared for a life of praising God and serving our neighbor, and called to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

13 Pray for people who struggle with substance abuse and addictions and for those who are working to rebuild their lives and relationships through sobriety and the support of companions who understand the challenges of recovery. Pray that they will have faith in God's unwavering love and forgiveness in moments of despair, joy, accomplishment, weakness and stumbling.

14 God's voice and presence throughout creation are powerful and awesome. Give glory and praise to God as a humble member of the body of Christ, seeking God's strength each day.

15 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* Give thanks for saints, martyrs and leaders, throughout history and today, who have dedicated their lives to racial justice, equality for all people and an end to racism and discrimination, and who stand with the neglected or weary. Pray that our actions, words and service

for the sake of our neighbor will be inspired and guided by the witness and example of these bold leaders.

16 Pray for ELCA churchwide staff, volunteers and planning committees as they prepare for "boundless: God beyond measure," the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Ask the Spirit to guide them as they help youth, young adults and adults catch a glimpse and develop a deeper understanding of Christ's love and what it means to live a life filled with God.

17 Give thanks that God shows no partiality or exclusivity in sharing love, mercy and forgiveness; the good news of Jesus Christ is for everyone and every nation!

18 The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today. Give thanks for the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, the Lutheran World Federation, the World Council of Churches and the ecumenical organizations and ministries with whom we journey together toward unity – unity that we celebrate and share in Jesus Christ.

19 Pray that in moments when God says, "Come and see" (meaning "trust and follow"), we demonstrate the same curiosity, hope and faith that moved the first disciples of Jesus, imperfect and uncertain as they were even when face-to-face with the Messiah.

20 Lift up in prayer the names of staff – paid and volunteer – whose vocation and faithful, generous service enhance and support the daily ministry and mission of our congregations and synods, including administrative assistants, business managers, custodians and people responsible for digital communications.

21 Pray for the leaders of every nation, including our own, that they will heal long-standing and recent rifts, pursue just and peaceful agreements and solutions for the well-being of the people they serve, and share resources to relieve hunger and poverty everywhere, without concern for profit or gain for any single nation.

22 Ask God to help us actively mend the suspicion and hatred in our nation and around the world that divide us, frustrate compassion and generosity, and undermine our understanding of how to live in community. Pray that where we are broken or in conflict, God will show us how to be whole.

23 Pray that we will find joy in following the will of God as it is written in our hearts and revealed in Scripture.

24 Thank God for our special relationship with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997; pray for the

January Volunteers

Ushers/Greeters

Sunday Morning Services

1/5	Chris & Shawna Jelen
1/12	Keith, Deb, Erick Landin
1/19	Buck & Barb Bue
1/26	Doug & Gloria Pomplun

Wednesday Evening Services

1/1	No worship service
1/8	Mikayla Curtis / Ben Norris
1/15	Mikayla Curtis / Ben Norris
1/22	Carson Pilgrim Jarrett Janson
1/29	Kyler Lien / Ben Norris

Sunday Lectors

1/5	Joan Powell
1/12	Deb Landin
1/19	Cindy Sandahl
1/26	Wayne Smith

Altar Care

1/5 and 1/19	Carol Hallan Deb Landin
1/15	Joleen Kezar

Communion Assistants

1/5	Carol Hallan / Deb Landin Liz Hardwick / Heidi Lien Dan Lykken
1/15	Joleen Kezar
1/19	Carol Hallan / Deb Landin Jeff Galle / Dan Lykken Jenee Provance

Acolytes

1/1	No worship service
1/5	Volunteer needed
1/8	Landon Thompson
1/12	Allison Bratlie
1/15	Kyler Lien
1/19	Nissa Nestegard
1/22	Kyler Lien
1/26	Nissa Nestegard
1/29	Landon Thompson

Sound Board Attendants

Sunday Morning Services

1/5	Dan Curtis
1/12	Trent Hard
1/19	Jim Provance
1/26	Jim Provance

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

December 1 - by the Rebecca Circle in celebration of the beginning of the Advent season.

December 8 - by Doug & Gloria Pomplun in celebration of their 50th anniversary on December 6.

December 15 - to the glory of God by Joyce Wright.

December 22 - by Ron & Fern Knudson and Clair & LaVonne Knudson in celebration of their December wedding anniversaries.

December 29 - in memory of Lee Kofstad's December 28 birthday by the Roger & Sue Kofstad family.

If you can sponsor a broadcast, please sign up on the bulletin board by the church offices or call/email the church office. The cost is \$85. The 2020 calendar is posted and ready for you to pick your dates! Δ

Scan with your smartphone to make donations, pay for radio broadcasts, and more!



Wednesday Evening Services

1/8, 15, 22, 29	Brenda Haats
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Projector Attendants

Sunday Morning Services

1/5	Mikayla Curtis
1/12	Matthew Hard
1/19	Volunteer needed
1/26	Volunteer needed

Snow Shoveling

for the week beginning...

1/6	Bob and Nels Nestegard
1/13	Erick Landin / Doug Sirrine
1/20	Brian Schaible / Gordy Streiff
1/27	Laurence Wright Jeff Hellquist

Worship Attendance

	Sun. AM	Mid-wk. PM	Week Total
11/27		36	
12/1	79		115
12/4		22	
12/8	85		107
12/11*		25	
12/15	112		137
12/18**		128	
12/22	69		197
12/24a*		277	
12/24b*		90	
12/25c*		No worship	
12/29	44		411

* Blue Christmas service

** Sunday School program

*a 4:00 pm, Christmas Eve

*b 6:00 pm, Christmas Eve

*c No worship on Christmas Day

Tithes and Offerings

Offerings for week ending 11/24:

General Fund: \$1,877.00

Building Fund: \$75.00

VBS Fund: \$200.00

Offerings for week ending 12/01:

General Fund: \$2,376.47

Building Fund: \$3,205.00

Offerings for week ending 12/8:

General Fund: \$5,315.24

Building Fund: \$430.00

Offerings for week ending 12/15:

General Fund: \$3,276.00

Building Fund: \$1,675.00

Noisy Offering: \$76.45

(ELCA Good Gifts)

Offerings for week ending 12/22:

General Fund: \$7,437.00

Building Fund: \$800.00

Offerings for 12/24:

General Fund: \$5,423.00

Offerings for week ending 12/29:

To be announced Δ



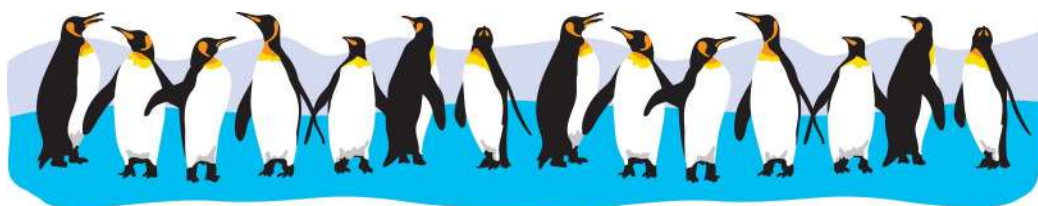
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Egg Bake Brunch Fundraiser for Christian Ed ministries Sunday, January 12

Serving begins at
10:00 am

Egg-bake, Muffins, Fruit,
Milk, and Juice