

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMOR

Sunday, November 25, 2018
Christ the King
ELW Setting 2
10:00 a.m.



In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

ZION'S MISSION STATEMENT: We are claimed, gathered, and sent forth to serve and witness in Jesus' name.

ZION'S VISION STATEMENT: Zion is a welcoming church where all people will experience a vibrant lifelong journey in faith through worship, education, mission and service.

WELCOME! It is a pleasure to have you worship with us this morning. Let us worship the Lord with gladness! If you are a visitor, interested in membership, would like to receive our newsletter, or would like a pastoral visit, please check the appropriate box on the fellowship pad. We hope to see you often.
You are welcome at Zion

“Everyone needs help at some time”

At Zion, we have many ways to help you, a loved one, a friend or a neighbor.

- ❖ **We can pray.** Call anyone on the prayer chain or the church office.
- ❖ **We don't go thru life alone.** **Stephen Ministers** are lay people trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life. Please call Pastor Jim at 495-2563 for more information
- ❖ Do you have hardships or short-term projects that you need help with? **Helping Hands may be right for you.** Contact the office at 495-2563 for more information.

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ZION WELCA POTLUCK CHRISTMAS PARTY

The WELCA Christmas potluck will be at noon on Wednesday, December 5th. Husbands or significant others are encouraged to attend. Ruth Circle is hosting.



Christmas Carols of Amor

Wed., Dec 5th

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper

6:45 p.m. Carols

Come enjoy beloved carols, talented singers, delicious food and great fellowship. Signup sheets for the soup supper are in the narthex/lobby.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

TODAY	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	NO Sunday School Adult Forum Worship – Traditional Coffee Fellowship
MONDAY	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Quilting God's Acres Meeting
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Bible Study Mutual Ministry
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.. 6:30 p.m.	Collate Tiding Confirmation Choir – New Members Welcome
THURSDAY	Noon 6:30 p.m.	Office Staff Meeting Bible Study
SATURDAY	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Christmas Decorating at Zion
NEXT SUNDAY <i>Communion</i>	8:40 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Program Practice Worship – Traditional Coffee Fellowship Dreams for Kids Silent Auction starts

Thank you to the Zion Choir for the special music this morning.

The Men's Breakfast in December will learn about Make-A-Wish and local fundraising efforts. Come and enjoy a light breakfast and fellowship on Dec. 1st. Please call the church office if you have questions.

Feeling Lucky? Want to feel like you won the lottery? Signup for 1 week of snow removal! (and hope for no snow!)

Zion is looking for able bodied people (or teams) that will remove snow from the entryways. A snow blower is in the shed and we have lots of shovels. This process worked very well last year. Sign up calendar and more information is in the narthex/lobby.



Dreams for Kids/Make-A-Wish Silent Auction

Dreams for Kids is the local fundraising arm of Make-A-Wish. Funding local wishes is a tall order as wishes can cost as much as \$10,000.00. YOU have the opportunity to support local wish children thru the Silent Auction at Zion Dec 2 thru Dec 9th. The gift baskets and silent auction items will be outside the office door during church and office hours. Pick up a gift for someone on your list and help a critically ill child at the same time.

A Performance by Patrick Murphy

featuring Christmas and Holiday Music.

Join us at Zion of Amor on Sunday, December 16th at 3:30 p.m. for a fun, festive afternoon.



Free will offering to go to purchase of a new PA system for Zion! Refreshments served following concert.

Today's Stewardship Thought: *"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" (JOHN 18:36)*

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

LUCIA FEST BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 9th, at 9:15 a.m.

This has been a tradition at Zion for many, many years. Lucia Fest celebrates a young girl who saved Sweden from a Famine. The Lucia promise is a promise of the Christ child. A simple breakfast of tea rings, apples and cheese are served at no cost and no free will offering.

There are sign-up sheets in the narthex/lobby for donating food, helping prepare, decorating and serving and also for reserving a tea ring for your personal use.

Christmas Decorating At Zion

Saturday, Dec 1st at 9:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to help.

GIVING TREE 2018



Giving Tree tags are hanging on the farthest SW window of the Fellowship[Hall right outside Pastor's office (I should probably rename it THE GIVING WINDOW Project ?!?!?).

Remember there are only three Sundays that the tags will be available (Nov. 25th, Dec. 2nd & 9th), so choose them early !!

Please remember to hang onto the tags for when you return your wrapped gifts to the Church, as the tag **MUST** be attached in order for the School Personnel to know which household it goes to. **All gifts need to be back to the Church by Thursday, December 13th @ 2:00 p.m.**

New this year: All checks are made payable to Zion.



LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Experience God's Compassionate Love

Thursday, Dec., 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Every year, some of us can't enter into the joy of the Christmas Season. It could be many things; mourning someone who has died or who may die soon, coping with the aftermath of divorce, job loss, illness – any of the different unfortunate and tragic circumstances that life sometimes serves up. The Longest Night Service is a way to acknowledge this reality. The service is a quiet, meditative time of remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Come join us for prayer, scripture, readings and hymns.

The name "Longest Night" reflects that during the season of long nights, those nights can be when sadness and loss seem overwhelming. It is especially difficult when, for others, it is a season of joy.

SHARE A POINSETTA

If you would like to share a poinsettia with Zion this Christmas, the cost is \$10.00 per plant. You may take your plant home after the last Christmas Eve service. The plants may be given in memory or in honor of someone or can be purchased for personal use. Order forms are in the narthex/lobby.



The Eagle Lake Church Choir Presents

A Christmas Cantata

"All is Well for He is Born"

Saturday, Dec., 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 9th at 10:45 a.m.



ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN BAKE SALE and WORKDAY at ZION!

**UFF DA! Time to start baking for the Christmas
holidays.**

SCANDINAVIAN BAKING WORKDAY Friday, December 7th at
9:00 a.m.

Please join us for all the fun. The Zion kitchen will be set up for making lefse, krumkaka, rosettes, spritz and sandbakkles. Some of our Zion members will be demonstrating how to make these Scandinavian goodies, and lots of helpers are needed to make this a festive day. We encourage the men of Zion to join us for the day. Coffee and treats will be served throughout the day. Soup lunch will be served. If you are unable to join us for the bake day and would like to donate some Scandinavian goodies for the bake sale, please have them wrapped and at the church by 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. Sponsored by WELCA.

SCANDINAVIAN BAKE SALE On Sunday, December 9th, all
of these Scandinavian goodies will be for sale following the 10:00
a.m. worship service. There will be no early sales.

Glendelig Jul!



Youth Sledding at Luther Crest

Sunday, December 9th 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Lunch, Sledding and Service

Mark Your Calendars.....

Saturday, Dec 1	Christmas Decorating at Zion 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, Dec 2	Dreams for Kids Silent Auction begins
Wed, Dec 5 th	Noon WELCA Christmas Potluck
Wednesday, Dec 5 th	Christmas Carols of Amor 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper 6:45 p.m. Carols
Friday, Dec 7	Scandinavian Bake Day at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, Dec 9	Lucia Breakfast at 9:15 a.m.
Sunday, Dec 9	Scandinavian Bake Sale at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, Dec 9	Dreams for Kids Silent Auction ends
Sunday, Dec 9	Youth Sledding at Luther Crest 1:00pm
Sunday, Dec 16	Sunday School Program at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, Dec 16	Patrick Murphy Concert at 3:30 p.m.
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Thursday, Dec 20	Longest Night Service at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, Dec 23	Pastor Vetter Story Sermon!
Monday, Dec 24	Christmas Eve Services 3:00 p.m. Family 5:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight 10:00 p.m. Candlelight