

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMOR

Sunday, December 2, 2018  
First Sunday in Advent  
ELW Setting 2 - Communion  
10:00 a.m.



*God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption*

**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.**

### **Origins of Advent**

Advent – the first season of the liturgical year – includes the four Sundays and weeks prior to December 25<sup>th</sup>. Advent dates from the fourth century, when it lasted 40 days and included fasting and solemnity, much like lent.

Advent is from ‘adventus’, Latin for “coming”, referring to Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem and also his second coming. The traditional colors of advent are purple for penitence or blue for hope.



### **Names of the Advent Candles**

Over the years the candles of the Advent wreath have been given names. The blue candle lit the first week is the Prophecy Candle. The blue candle added the second week is the Bethlehem Candle. The pink candle for the third week is the Shepherds’

Candle. The blue candle that rounds out the wreath on the fourth week is the Angels’ Candle.

**The Cry Room:** It’s great to have children in church! That’s the sound of a healthy congregation. If you ever feel as if you would like to step out with your children, our cry room has a window and speakers to keep you involved with the service while caring for your child(ren)’s needs.

***“Everyone needs help at some time”***

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

- ❖ **We can pray.** Studies have shown that knowing that someone is praying for you relieves stress and promotes healing. Have a prayer request? You can call or email the office/Pastor Jim with your request at 495-2563 or [zionamoroffice@prt看.com](mailto:zionamoroffice@prt看.com).
  
- ❖ **We don't go thru life alone – so when you find yourself in a difficult time, let us walk beside you. Stephen Ministers** are lay people trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation. Stephen Ministers are available for anyone who has a need. Information On Stephen Ministry is located in the pews and in the kiosk in the Narthex/Lobby. Please call Pastor Jim at 495-25 to discuss Stephen Ministry.
  
- ❖ Do you have hardships due to disability, loss of income, or medical needs? Do you need some short term projects done around the house caused by age-related issues? Or maybe you need community services but don't know where to start? **Helping Hands may be right for you.** Contact the office at 495-2563 for more information.

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**Pastor James Gronbeck**

**Gentle Reminder:** Annual Reports are due Monday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Today's Stewardship Thought: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."* (LUKE 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

**THIS WEEK AT ZION**

TODAY	8:40 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship – Traditional Coffee Fellowship Dreams for Kids Silent Auction
MONDAY		Annual Reports are due
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:30 a.m. Noon 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	Pr Text Study WELCA Christmas Potluck Confirmation Christmas Carols of Amor Soup Supper Christmas Carols
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Living Our Faith
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m. Noon	Bake Day! Lucia Setup
NEXT SUNDAY <i>Lucia Sunday</i>	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	NO Sunday School Lucia Breakfast Worship – Contemporary Coffee Fellowship Bake Sale (Mittens too!)

	11- 1 p.m.,	Sunday School program practice
	11:00 a.m.	Dreams for Kids Silent Auction ends
	1:00 p.m.	Youth Sledding
	6:30 p.m.	Faith N Films

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

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## ZION WELCA POTLUCK CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

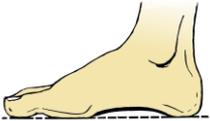


### Need a Stocking Stuffer?

God's Acres T- Shirts will be available for purchase Sunday, December 16 in the Narthex. Cost \$10.00. Proceeds from the sale will support 2019 God's Acres improvement projects.

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### FREE FOOT CARE CLINIC



**What:** Foot care for those who cannot care for their own feet adequately

**When:** Monday, Dec. 18<sup>st</sup> - Appointments start at

8:30 a.m.

**Where:** Zion Lutheran Church of Amor

**Who:** Anyone in need – bring and/or recommend a friend.

**How:** Call Marlys Baumann for an appointment at 218-371-1866

**What to bring:** A basin; one towel; your own clippers if available; your own lotion if you prefer. Call Marlys for more information.

Thank you!

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## Christmas Carols of Amor

Wed., Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

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.

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### Like Movies?

Stop by Zion and enjoy Faith N' Films on Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn provided. This event is open to all ages!



### A Performance by Patrick Murphy

featuring Christmas and Holiday Music.

Join us at Zion of Amor on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 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

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### 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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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# LUCIA FEST BREAKFAST

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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**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.

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## 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. 25<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>), 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 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m.**

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

# 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.



**Missions Reflection:** “One of Christ’s specific concern is that we not ignore the hungry, thirsty, naked, stranger, or prisoner. Christ as Judge is interested in how we treat the vulnerable and voiceless around us, the people that others forget. Do our activities serve the best interests of our neighbors or only make volunteers feel good about themselves? Who are the neighbors that we are overlooking? Jesus is asking us to treat the people we meet who are hungry, thirsty, naked, strangers, or prisoners like we would Jesus. We wouldn’t have unlimited time, energy, resources, or money. We wouldn’t be able to do everything. But we’d do what we could, and we would treat those people with respect and care.” - - - *Do for the Least of These.* Read *Matthew 25:31-46.*



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## Save the date!

Sunday School Program will be Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> during the 10 am service. Please come and support our Sunday School children!





## **Youth Sledding at Luther Crest**

Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Lunch, Sledding and Service

## **ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN BAKE SALE and WORKDAY at ZION!**

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

### **SCANDINAVIAN BAKING WORKDAY** Fri., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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!

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## **LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE**

Monday, Dec., 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.



Every year, some of us for one reason or another, 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, sickness – any of the different unfortunate and tragic circumstances that life sometimes serves up.

The Longest Night Service is a way to acknowledge this reality. Zion is offering this service again this year as a quiet, meditative time of remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus. **All are welcome.**

**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<sup>th</sup> Noon WELCA Christmas Potluck
- Wednesday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 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.
- \*Free will offering to go to purchase of a new PA system!
- 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



**WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
FROM THE  
GOD'S ACRES TEAM**