

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMOR

Sunday, December 30, 2018
First Sunday of Christmas



Jesus grew up in a family that went to the Passover festival each year. It was in this environment of faithful adherence to the law that Jesus grew into spiritual maturity and an understanding of his identity and mission.

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!

To have you worship with us this morning is a pleasure. Let us worship the Lord with gladness! If you are a visitor, are interested in membership, would like to receive our newsletter, or would like a pastoral visit, sign the visitor book in the narthex. We hope to see you often. **You are welcome at Zion.**

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.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, January 13th

Please contact Pastor Jim or the church office if you or anyone you know is interested in membership or associate membership.

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“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 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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THIS WEEK AT ZION

TODAY	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	NO Sunday School Worship – Informal Coffee Fellowship
TUESDAY		NO Bible Study Offices Closed – Happy New Year!
WEDNESDAY	9:30 a.m.	Pr Text Study NO Choir Practice
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl
SATURDAY	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast at Zion
NEXT SUNDAY	8:40 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Extravaganza Worship – Traditional Coffee Fellowship Sarah Circle

Today's Stewardship Thought:

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."
(1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

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PRAYER WALL

Prayer is an integral part of our lives as Christians.

Add your prayers to the Zion Prayer Wall; we are honored to pray for and with you. The Prayer Wall is just inside the double doors leading to the fellowship area.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Adult Forum

When: Jan 13th at 9:15 a.m.

What: Changing Annual Meeting Date & 2019 Budget

Zion Council has approved moving the Annual Meeting to the 3rd Sunday in September. The adult forum will cover the reasons for making the change and answer any questions you may have. The change that will be on the January 27th ballot. Copies of the 2019 budget are available and the adult forum is a good time to ask any questions about 2019.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Presenter: Council

Missions Reflection: “Jesus asking: *Who do people say the Son of Man is?* Peter makes his confession: *You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.* But, the conversation does not end there, for Jesus is seeking more than a confession; He is also seeking a commitment. ‘*Now that you know who I am, are you willing to commit your life to me?*’ Jesus calls His followers to be totally sold out to His Kingdom. That applies to all Christians all the time, not just full-time Christian workers. What do you do for a living? Most of us can answer that question easily. What are you living for? That’s a harder question.” - - - *Life Is Not A Dress Rehearsal.* Read: Matthew 16:13-16, Mark 8:34-36.