



Of  
German  
Heritage  
1873-2018

Zion Lutheran Church

Hampton, NE

**Education Hour .....9:00 AM**

**Worship..... 10:00 AM**

**East Park Villa..... 6:30 PM**

**Advent..... 7:00 PM**

**Christmas Eve..... 6:00 PM**

**Christmas Day..... 10:00 AM**



*THE HOME VISITOR II*

*THE PASTOR NEWS*

From

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**DECEMBER 2018**

**CHRISTMAS**

### *The Real Saint Nicholas*

Years ago, on the popular television show *To Tell the Truth*, celebrities would try to figure out which of three candidates was telling the truth about his or her occupation. At the end of the show, the host would ask, "Would the real [fill in the blank] please stand up? If Santa Claus were on the show, St. Nicholas would have to stand up.

St. Nicholas of Bari, the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the *real* Santa Claus. Exactly how a kindly cleric from present-day Turkey got associated with an overgrown, red-suited elf from the North Pole is hard to figure.

The real Santa Claus was well known for his kindness and generosity, especially to the poor. One legend says he tossed bags of gold in the open window of a poor man's house to help with his daughters' dowries. The gold is supposed to have landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which would account for the custom of hanging stockings for Santa Claus to fill. At any rate, St. Nicholas was linked with gift giving, and, in many countries, children still put out their shoes on his feast day to be filled with presents.

Almighty God, You bestowed upon Your servant Nicholas of Myra the perpetual gift of charity. Grant Your Church the grace to deal in generosity and love with children and with all who are poor and distressed and to plead the cause of those who have no helper, especially those tossed by tempests of doubt or grief. We ask this for the sake of Him who gave His life for us, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Advent & Christmas Blessings!

Pastor David A. Feddern



*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord.*

*Luke 2:11*



### *December Acolytes*

**2- Brayden Dose & Weston Ohrt**

**5- Lillian Dose & Jessica Schleichardt**

**9- Wyatt Panko & Zachary Miller**

**12- Aleah Vinkenbergh & Marisol Stamp**

**16- Jacob Regier & Nick Schleichardt**

**19- Bryce Joseph**

**23- Eli Arndt & Thane Wetjen**

**24- Kinleigh Ekhoﬀ & Kiersten Joseph**

**25- Evan Pankoke & Weston Ohrt**

**30- Brayden Dose & Zachary Miller**

\*If you are unable to light candles on the Sunday or midweek service you are scheduled, please switch with a classmate or contact one of the Elders for assistance. The Pastor and Elders ask that you be in the vestry at least 10 minutes before the start of the worship service you are scheduled to Acolyte.

## December Greeters

**December 2: Lynn & Kathy Gloystein**

**December 9: Bev Smith**

**December 16: Roger & Judy Werth**

**December 23: Maynard & Lila Senff-Miller**

**December 25: Jean Carnoali**

**December 30: Dan & Shawna Vinkenberg**

\*New Greeters are always welcomed, appreciated and needed. If you name is not on the greeter list and you would like to be, please volunteer by replying to Sharon Goertzen. If the date that you are scheduled to greet does not work for you, please trade with someone and also let Sharon know so we get the right name in the bulletin and on E-News. Thank you so much for your help at Zion.

### 2018/2019 Parish Hall Reservation

Dec. 29, 2018- **Grant Dose & Lisabeth John-Wedding**

March 31, 2019-**Kathy Gloystein- LWML Spring Rally**

(Weather date April 7, 2019)

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019- **Mary Lou Andrews- Wedding**

July 27, 2019- **Dietrich Driewer & Morgan Van Housen- Wedding**

August 24, 2019- **Deanna Feddern- LWML EC Meeting**

\*If you have an upcoming event that you know you will need to rent the Parish Hall for. Please contact Diana Schulze so she can get you a rental form to fill out.

**Christian Sympathy** is extended to the families of **Francis 'Pat' Irene Driewer** who was called to her eternal glory on Friday, November 23 and **Darleen Dorothy Senff** who was called to her eternal glory on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. **Jesus said, "25b" "I am the resurrection and the life Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."**

**(John 11:25b-26a)**

**Ladies Aid** has **Christmas Cards** and many other kinds of greeting cards for sale. Single and boxed card are in the room to the north when you enter church and also boxed cards in Narthex to the left when you go up the steps. Would make great gifts for shut ins. .50 a card except **Confirmation** and **Graduation** which are .75 each. All boxes are marked with price on back. Put money in basket, box, or give to Ladies Aid member.



**The annual** congregational Christmas meal, Merry Meatball Mania, will be held **Sunday, December 9**, following worship. Meatballs, cheesy potatoes and a variety of ball shaped desserts will be provided by the LWML. Other congregational families are asked to bring a salad. The current church officers will be recognized in the sanctuary following the worship service. (Before the meal) A free will offering will be taken to benefit our LWML projects. Also, please take time to sign the Christmas cards that will be sent to the military and David Ahn, the seminary student that Zion supports.

# Zion-Hampton

# December

# 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ACOLYTES 2-Brayden D./Weston O. 5-Lillian D./Jessica S. 9-Wyatt P./Zach M. 12-Aleah V./Marisol S 16-Jacob R./Nick S.	ACOLYTES 19-Bryce Joseph 23-Eli A./Thane W. 24-Kinleigh E/Kiersten J. 25-Evan P./Weston O 30-Brayden/Zach M.	GREETERS 2-Lynn & Kathy G. 9-Bev Smith 16-Roger & Judy W. 23-Maynard & Lila SF 25-Jean Carnoali 30-Dan & Shawna V.				1 9:00am Decorate Sanctuary for Season of Advent/Christmas
9am Education 2 Hour 10am SCRIP; Worship 11:15 Special Voter's Meeting 6:30pm East Park Villa worship	3 10:00 am SCRIP order due  7:00pm Board of Elders	4 7:00am Men's Bible study at Bradshaw  7:00pm HLS Steering Committee	5 8:30am HLS Chapel 2:00pm HLS Dismissal 7:00pm Worship, 7:45pm Fellowship; Confirmation/ Preparatory classes	6 7:00am WOW Bible study at HLS	7 HLS Teacher Inservice; NO School	8
9am Education 9 Hour 10am Worship w/HC 11:30am Church Christmas Dinner 6:30pm East Park Villa worship	10	11 8:30am York Circuit Pastor's meeting at St. John-Waco	12 8:30am HLS Chapel 2:00pm HLS Dismissal 7:00pm Worship 7:45pm Fellowship; Confirmation/ Preparatory classes	13 7:00am WOW Bible study at HLS 9:30am Ladies Aid	14 9:00am 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Muffins with Mom 11:30am M&M Puppets at Senior Center	15
9am Education 16 Hour; 10am Worship w/HC; 11:15 Dinner & Movie (Gr. 5-8) 6:30pm East Park Villa worship w/PF	17	18 7:00am Men's Bible study at Bradshaw	19 8:15am Pre-K Jesus Birthday Party 8:30 HLS Chapel (PF) 2:00pm HLS Dismissal 7:00pm Worship 7:45pm Fellowship	20 7:00am WOW Bible study at HLS 8:15am Preschool Jesus Birthday Party	21 <i>St. Thomas, Apostle</i>  9:00am HLS Breakfast with Baby Jesus	22
9am Education 23 Hour 10am Worship 6:30pm East Park Villa worship w/PF	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 6:00pm Children's Worship Service	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 10:00am Worship w/ Holy Communion	26 <i>St. Stephen, Martyr</i> <i>HLS Christmas Break</i>	27 <i>HLS Christmas Break; St. John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</i> 10am Hearthstone worship w/PFeddern	28 <i>HLS Christmas Break; The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	29 4:00pm Dose – John Wedding
9am Adult Bible 30 Class 10am Worship w/HC 6:30pm East Park Villa worship	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> <i>HLS Christmas Break</i>	1 <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>HLS Christmas Break</i>	2 <i>HLS Christmas Break</i>	3 HLS School Resumes 7:00am WOW Bible study at HLS	4	5