



- Education Hour9:00 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**



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Festival of Light

Each year as the calendar changes to December, our thoughts turn to decorations, Christmas trees, and especially lights. On December 20th, the Church celebrates the Festival of St. Lucia, the martyr. Lucia, whose name means “light,” became one of the victims of the great persecution of Christians under the Roman emperor Diocletian. Lucia met her untimely death on the island of Sicily in 304 AD.

Known for her charity, “Santa Lucia” (as she is called in Italy) gave away her dowry and remained a virgin until her execution by the sword. Because her name means “light,” festivals of light commemorating her martyrdom became popular throughout Europe, especially in the Scandinavian countries. There Lucia’s feast day corresponds with the time of the year when there is the least amount of daylight. In artistic expressions, Lucia is often portrayed in art wearing a white baptismal gown, wearing a wreath of candles on her head.

O Almighty God, by whose grace and power Your holy martyr Lucia triumphed over suffering and remained ever faithful unto death, grant us, who now remember her with thanksgiving, to be so true in our witness to You in this world that we may receive with her new eyes without tears and the crown of light and life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came to bring Light to a world of sin-filled darkness, and who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

December Blessings!
Pastor David A. Feddern

Glory to God in the highest

*and on earth peace, good
will toward men.*



Luke 2:14



December Acolytes

- December 1 – Weston Ohrt & Will Regier**
- December 4 – Eli Arndt & Porter Dose**
- December 8 – Marisol Stamp & Kiersten Joseph**
- December 11 – Raegan Hansen & Sophie Schulze**
- December 15 – Bryce Joseph & Will Regier**
- December 18 – Zachary Miller & Weston Panko**
- December 22- Jessica Schleichardt & Kiersten Joseph**
- December 25 – Brayden Dose & Nick Schleichardt**
- December 29 – Evan Pankoke & Porter Dose**

*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 1: Lynn & Kathy Gloystein

December 8: Sharon Goertzen

December 15: Roger & Judy Werth

December 22: Maynard & Lila Senff- Miller

December 25: Jean Carnoali

December 29: Dan & Shawna Vinkenberg

*New Greeters are always welcomed, appreciated and needed. If your 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.



Please join us in the **Purple Christmas Stocking Project**. The money collected in the stocking will be given to a local family. It has been our goal to give \$500 to the chosen family.

It's a Girl

CONGRATULATIONS, THANKS & PRAISE to God for the birth of **Adalyn Leigh Hansen** at St. Francis Medical Center—Grand Island on November 5th. Parents are Mitch & Brandi (Roehrs) Hansen, big sister Sydney, and Grandparents Todd & Mary Roehrs, and Great Grandparent LaVerne Bamesberger. Jesus said, “14b Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 15 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” Mark 10:14b-15

2019 Fellowship Hall Reservations

December 8 – **Congregational Christmas Dinner**

2020 Fellowship Hall Reservations

April 5 (Palm Sunday) – **Grant & Lis Dose (Confirmation Dinner)**

May 9 – **Nichole Wetjen (Graduation reception)**

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



The annual Congregational Christmas Dinner, Merry Meatball Mania, hosted by the LWML, will be December 8 following worship. Meatballs, cheesy potatoes and dessert will be provided. Congregation members are asked to bring a salad.



The Shoe Box Christmas project will benefit the York Pregnancy and Family Counseling Center this year. Gifts will go to babies, children ages 2-5, mothers and fathers. Take a tag from the tree, fill a shoe box with suggested items and return to Zion by December 15. Thank you for joining us on this mission.

Zion-Hampton

December

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00am Education 1 Hour 10:00am Worship 11:15am Decorate Church for Advent 6:30pm East Park Villa worship	2 8:30am SCRIP order due 7:00pm Board of Elders 8:00pm Book Club	3 9:15am OGT Workday in Grand Island	4 8:30am HLS Chapel 2:00pm HLS Dismissal 7:00pm Worship 7:45pm Confirmation /Preparatory classes/ Fellowship Time	5 7:00am WOW Bible study at HLS	6	7 <i>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</i>
9:00am Education 8 Hour 10:00 Worship w/ HC 11:30 Zion's Annual Christmas Dinner 6:30pm East Park Villa worship w/ PF	9	10 8:30am Circuit pastor's meeting at Peace-Waco	11 8:30 HLS Chapel 2:00pm HLS Dismissal 5:45pm Advent meal 7:00pm Worship 7:45pm Confirmation /Preparatory classes/ Fellowship Time	12 7:00am WOW Bible study at HLS	13	14
9:00am Education 15 Hour 10:00 Worship w/ HC 11:15 Pizza & Movie (Grades 5-8) 6:30pm East Park Villa worship	16	17 7:00am Men's Bible Study at Bradshaw	18 8:30am HLS Chapel w/ Pastor Feddern 2:00pm HLS Dismissal 7:00pm Worship 7:45 Conf./Preparatory classes/Fellowship Hr.	19 7:00am WOW Bible study at HLS	20 8:30am HLS Breakfast w/ Baby Jesus	21 <i>St. Thomas, Apostle</i>
9:00am Education 22 Hour 10:00am Worship 6:30pm East Park Villa worship	23 <i>HLS Christmas Break</i>	24 <i>Christmas Eve HLS Christmas Break 6:00pm Children's Worship Service</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day HLS Christmas Break 10am Worship w/ HC</i>	26 <i>St. Stephen, Martyr HLS Christmas Break 10:00 Hearthstone worship w/ PF</i>	27 <i>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist HLS Christmas Break</i>	28 <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>
9:00 Adult Bible 29 study 10:00 Worship w/ HC 11:00 Worship at St. Peter-Hampton w/ Pastor Feddern 6:30pm East Park Villa worship w/ Pastor Feddern	30 <i>HLS Christmas Break</i>	31 <i>New Year's Eve HLS Christmas Break</i>	1 <i>New Years' Day HLS Christmas Break</i>	2 <i>HLS Christmas Break</i>	ACOLYTES 1-Weston O./Will R. 4-Eli A./Porter D. 8-Marisol S/Kiersten J. 11-Raegan/Sophie S. 15-Bryce J./Will R. 18-Z. Miller/Weston P. 25-Brayden D./Nick S 29-Evan P./Porter D.	GREETERS 1-Lynn & Kathy G. 8-Sharon Goertzen 15-Roger & Judy W. 22-Maynard & Lila M. 25-Jean Carnoali 29-Dan & Shawna V.