

# HAPPY NEW



# YEAR 2017

*Glory Be The Season*



## *New Year's Resolutions*

*New Year's* resolutions are one of those things that you either absolutely hate or absolutely love. There doesn't seem to be any middle ground on the subject. I think by their very nature *New Year's* resolutions are well intended but because of our sinful human natures, we often take a good thing and make it worse.

For example, we resolve to eat less and get more exercise. Not a bad thing initially, but what happens next? We get off to a good start in January, then February comes along and it gets cold, and snowy, and we don't feel like exercising anymore, and there's way too much chocolate for *Valentine's Day* (how there could ever be *too much* chocolate is beyond me) and we are back to where we were at the end of the previous year. We fall short of our expectations and get frustrated and mad when we don't meet our goals. And, worst of all, we return to our old bad habits!

Now we begin to see how impossible it is for us to earn our own salvation. We can't keep a simple *New Year's* resolution let alone live a perfect life in God's sight. We fall short of God's expectations every day of our lives as St. Paul reminds us in Romans 3, "**22b** For there is no distinction: **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." God knows we can't meet His expectations. He knows we can't meet His goals. And yet, He still loves us when we slip up and fall back into our old bad habits.

That's why He sent His Son Jesus, to rescue us! Jesus lived a perfect life in our place. He never fell short of His Father's expectations for Him. He met every goal and fulfilled every one of God's Laws and all the Old Testament prophecies written about Him. He took our place on the cross of Calvary, even though we deserved to be the ones nailed there instead. He guaranteed we would spend all of eternity in heaven with Him as His believers as He promises us in Revelation 2, "**10** Do not fear what you are about to suffer... Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." This is what we can truly look forward to in the Year of Our Lord, 2017!

*New Year's Blessings!*

Pastor David A. Feddern

# JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Send your items. . . for newsletter and calendar to Lila at [lilassenff@gmail.com](mailto:lilassenff@gmail.com) or call 402-725-3130. This is your newsletter and I would like to include your news in it. We try to print the Newsletter the Thursday of the last full week each month.



PASTOR. . . David A. Feddern

ZION WEB SITE [www.zionhampton.com](http://www.zionhampton.com)



10:00 AM – WORSHIP SERVICE

COMMUNION. . . 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS & 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH WITH 5 SUNDAYS

WORSHIP SERVICE AT EAST PARK VILLA

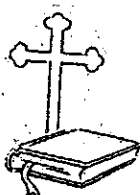
Is held on Sunday evenings at 6:30 PM to which you are all invited.

A rotation schedule has been set up for Worship Services at East Park Villa.

Pastor Gruber, St. Peter, Hampton;  
Pastor Wells/Cross Of Christ, Aurora;  
will be leading services



## M E M B E R S H I P



### INSTALLATION

12 – 18 -2016. . .REV. DAVID FEDDERN

### BAPTISM: EVE MARIE EBERLE

Born. . . November 1, 2016

Baptized. . . December 4, 2016

Sponsors. . . Amanda Hanson, Mike Hanson and Marissa Polacek

Parents. . . Criag & Sarah Eberle. . . Brother – Cole  
Grandparents. . . Gary & Nancy Eberle

### BAPTISMS: TWINS

Hudson Alexander Klipp

Born – September 9, 2016 at Hastings, NE.

Baptized - - December 21 – 2016

Sponsors. . . Ben & Kristen Burklund

### TINSLEY ELLIZABETH KLIPP

Born. . . September 9, 2016

Baptised. . . December 18, 2016

Sponsors. . . Ben & Kristen Burklund

PARENTS. . . Greg & Kristina Klipp



### ACOLYTES. . . JANUARY 2017

1 – Maddie Miller & Brittney Driewer

8 – Abbey Arndt & Tennasynn Sebek

15 – Ayden Brophy & Dawson Ohrt

22 – Kale Wetjen & Wyatt Panko

29 – Lillian Dose & Aleah Vinkenberg



If you cannot light candles on your designated Sunday, please get someone in your place or call one of the elders. Elders ask that you be in vestry at least 5 minutes before worship.

### THAT TIME OF YEAR FOR NEW ACOLYTE LIST

I will be working on new Acolyte list after Christmas and need the names of all children that are 5<sup>th</sup> graders now. A new list will come out around February 1.

If there are certain days or Sunday's your children cannot light candles, please let me know. Also if we missed any 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders let me know also if they want to light candles.

My e-mail & Phone # is at beginning of Newsletter.

Thank you

So far I have Nick Schleichardt and Braden Dose and Eli Arndt.



### GREETERS FOR JANUARY 2017

1 - Dale & Karen Bamesberger

7 – Gary & Nancy Eberle

15 – Paul & Jean Blase

8 22 – Steve & Kimm Klute

9 29 – Boyd & Elaine Stuhr

NEW GREETERS. . . are always welcome, appreciated and needed. If your name is not on the greeter list and would like it 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.

Thanks so much for your help at Zion!!!!

LADIES AID will meet Jan. 12. . beginning at 9:30 AM. We will be working on quilts for the day. Bring what you wish for noon. Pastor Feddern will lead our Bible Study. We invite all ladies to come and join us for food, Bible Study and fellowsip. Come all or part of the day.

### ELIZABETH LWML. . .

Will meet January 17th at 7 PM. All ladies welcome to join them.

### NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

VOTERS MEETING. . . JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> following Church.

CHURCH COUNCIL. . . will meet 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

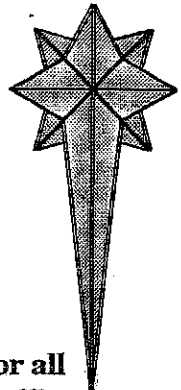
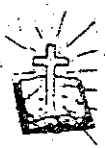
VOTERS MEETING. . . here will be a joint VOTERS meeting between Zion and St. Peter on January 8th at St. Peter parish hall on changing Hampton Lutheran School to a 501c3 status. 11:30 potluck (please bring a dish), followed by a short meeting.

## NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

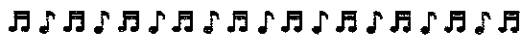
IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR. . . when offerings often fall short of expenses. We are \$20,000 short of meeting our budget for 2016. Please keep this in mind as you bring your tithes and offerings to the House of the Lord at Zion. . . **THANK THE LORD AND SING HIS PRAISE!!!**

### NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED JANUARY 1. . .

**ELDER. . .**Nathan Panko  
**TRUSTEE. . .**Cory Schulze  
**PARISH BOARD. . .**Ben Buller  
**TREASURER. . .**Bev Smith  
**FINANCE. . .**Eric Wetjen  
 Cole Goertzen  
**CO USHER. . .**Alan Bicknase  
 Ray Ratzlaff  
**ENDOWMENT. . .**Nancy Eberle  
**AUDITOR. . .**Ken Hansen



**OUR THANKS TO ALL** installed officers for all your faithfulness for accepting to serve in the office you have been selected for, and **THANK YOU** to all those leaving office for the wonderful work you have done while holding your office. And to all officers for your help to keep Zion in the Word of God.



### THE LWML IS SPONSORING A NEW CARING MINISTRY . . . . .Meals for Moms.

This ministry would provide frozen meals to families with newborns. We are asking members of the congregation to help us in this endeavor. If you would be interested in helping provide a meal for a family, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the entry of the church or respond to Zion's eNews. When there is a new baby, a member of the LWML will contact 5-10 of the volunteers to make a freezer meal...this would be a main dish but could also be dessert, bread...things that could be put in the freezer. (in disposable containers) Calls would be made on a rotating basis. We thank you in advance for your willingness to help! If you have any questions, . . . . .contact  
 Loa Winter or Kathy Gloystein

### PARISH HALL RESERVATIONS????

Give Diana Schulze a call and she will let you know if date is available for you to use. There is a sheet above the Micro Wave that she asks you to fill out, but please talk to her first.

**A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED** to replace the garage @ the Teacherage. A double garage has been proposed at a cost of approximately \$30,000. Those wishing to contribute can contact one of our Trustees;  
 Mark Klute @ 402-631-8832, Gary Eberle @ 402-366-0737 or Grant Dose @ 402-631-8683. We are hoping to begin construction in the Spring

**NATIONAL L THERAN SCHOOLS WEEK**  
**JANUARY 22 - 27<sup>TH</sup>** HLS Children will be singing at Zion on the 22 for the 10 AM Service. Also Grandperson's day will be at 1 PM on the 26<sup>th</sup> and Science Fair on the 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM.  
 Watch for more details on this.

### ZION HOSTING CIRCUIT PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

Zion will be hosting the Circuit Pastor's on January 10<sup>th</sup>. We will need 3 salads, 3 casseroles and 2-3 desserts. If anyone would be willing to bring one of these dishes, please let Lila or Lova know. We usually serve 8-10 pastors. Your help would be greatly appreciated. We serve rolls in the morning and then a dinner for them.

# B I B L E

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

### QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Upset	John 14
Weak	Psalm 18:1-29
Lonely	Psalm 23
Sinned	Psalm 51
Worried	Matthew 8:19-31
Anxious	Philippians 4:4-9
Unhappy	Colossians 3:12-17
In danger	Psalm 91
Depressed	Psalm 27
Lack of Faith	Exodus 14
Need Courage	Joshua 1
Need Direction	Psalm 73:21-26
Seeking peace	Matthew 11:25-30
Leaving on a trip	Psalm 121
Struggling with loss	Luke 15
Struggling Financially	Psalm 37
Discouraged with work	Psalm 126

AVAILABLE 24/7 | PHONE SERVICE NOT REQUIRED  
 DIRECT PETITIONS HEAVENWARD

## The Pickle Jar

The pickle jar as far back as I can remember sat on the floor beside the dresser in my parents' bedroom.

When he got ready for bed, Dad would empty his pockets and toss his coins into the jar. As a small boy, I was always fascinated at the sounds the coins made as they were dropped into the jar. They landed with a merry jingle when the jar was almost empty. Then the tones gradually muted to a dull thud as the jar was filled.

I used to squat on the floor in front of the jar to admire the copper and silver circles that glistened like a pirate's treasure when the sun poured through the bedroom window.

When the jar was filled, Dad would sit at the kitchen table and roll the coins before taking them to the bank. Taking the coins to the bank was always a big production. Stacked neatly in a small cardboard box, the coins were placed between Dad and me on the seat of his old truck.

Each and every time, as we drove to the bank, Dad would look at me hopefully. 'Those coins are going to keep you out of the textile mill, son. You're going to do better than me. This old mill town's not going to hold you back.' Also, each and every time, as he slid the box of rolled coins across the counter at the bank toward the cashier, he would grin proudly. 'These are for my son's college fund. He'll never work at the mill all his life like me.'

We would always celebrate each deposit by stopping for an ice cream cone. I always got chocolate. Dad always got vanilla. When the clerk at the ice cream parlor handed Dad his change, he would show me the few coins nestled in his palm. When we got home, we'll start filling the jar again.' He always let me drop the first coins into the empty jar. As they rattled around with a brief, happy jingle, we grinned at each other. 'You'll get to college on pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters,' he said. 'But you'll get there; I'll see to that.'

No matter how rough things got at home, Dad continued to doggedly drop his coins into the jar. Even the summer when Dad got laid off from the mill, and Mama had to serve dried beans several times a week, not a single dime was taken from the jar.

To the contrary, as Dad looked across the table at me, pouring catsup over my beans to make them more palatable, he became more determined than ever to make a way out for me, when you finish college, Son, he told me, his eyes glistening, 'You'll never have to eat beans again - unless you want to.'

The years passed, and I finished college and took a

job in another town. Once, while visiting my parents, I used the phone in their bedroom, and noticed that the pickle jar was gone. It had served its purpose and had been removed.

A lump rose in my throat as I stared at the spot beside the dresser where the jar had always stood. My dad was a man of few words: he never lectured me on the values of determination, perseverance, and faith. The pickle jar had taught me all these virtues far more eloquently than the most flowery of words could have done.

When I married, I told my wife Susan about the significant part the lowly pickle jar had played in my life as a boy. In my mind, it defined, more than anything else, how much my dad had loved me.

The first Christmas after our daughter Jessica was born, we spent the holiday with my parents. After dinner, Mom and Dad sat next to each other on the sofa, taking turns cuddling their first grandchild. Jessica began to whimper softly, and Susan took her from Dad's arms. 'She probably needs to be changed,' she said, carrying the baby into my parents' bedroom to diaper her. When Susan came back into the living room, there was a strange mist in her eyes.

She handed Jessica back to Dad before taking my hand and leading me into the room. 'Look,' she said softly, her eyes directing me to a spot on the floor beside the dresser. To my amazement, there, as if it had never been removed, stood the old pickle jar, the bottom already covered with coins..

I walked over to the pickle jar, dug down into my pocket, and pulled out a fistful of coins. With a gamut of emotions choking me, I dropped the coins into the jar. I looked up and saw that Dad, carrying Jessica, had slipped quietly into the room. Our eyes locked, and I knew he was feeling the same emotions I felt. Neither one of us could speak.

This truly touched my heart. Sometimes we are so busy adding up our troubles that we forget to count our blessings. Never underestimate the power of your actions. With one small gesture you can change a person's life, for better or for worse.

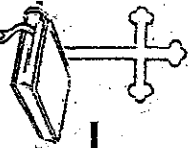
God puts us all in each other's lives to impact one another in some way. Look for GOOD in others.

The best and most beautiful things cannot be seen or touched - they must be felt with the heart ~ Helen Keller

- Happy moments, praise God.
- Difficult moments, seek God.
- Quiet moments, worship God.
- Painful moments, trust God.
- Every moment, thank God.

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GREETERS - Dale & Karen  
amesberger

Script Cards available today

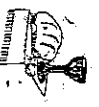


GREETERS Gary & Nancy Eberte  
HOLY COMMUNION

1:30 AM - Dinner & Joint Voters  
meeting at St. Peter  
VOTERS MTG... 7 PM



GREETERS Paul & Jean Blase  
HOLY COMMUNION



GREETERS- Steve & Kimm Klute  
HLS Students sing at Zion Service  
10 AM



GREETERS - Boyd & Elaine Strub  
HOLY COMMUNION



Monday

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Tuesday

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Saturday

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6PM - Elders  
Mtg.

Script Cards due by  
10 AM



8:30 AM  
Circuit Pastor's  
Conference at  
Zion

8:30 - Chapel with Miss  
Pope  
8:30 - Mom's in Prayer  
2 PM - DISMISSAL  
7 PM - 6-8 Conf.

9:30 AM - ALL  
DAY LADIES AID

NO SCHOOL  
Teacher Meeting in  
York

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7 PM  
Elizabeth  
LWML

8:30 - Chapel with  
Pastor Wells  
8:30 - Mom's in  
Prayer  
DISMISS 2 PM - NO  
BUS  
7 PM - 6-8 Conf.

Script Cards due by  
10 AM



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NATIONAL

LUTHERAN

8:30 - Chapel with  
Mrs. Bankson  
2 PM - DISMISSAL  
7 PM - 6-8 Conf.

SCHOOLS

ACOLYTES FOR JANUARY

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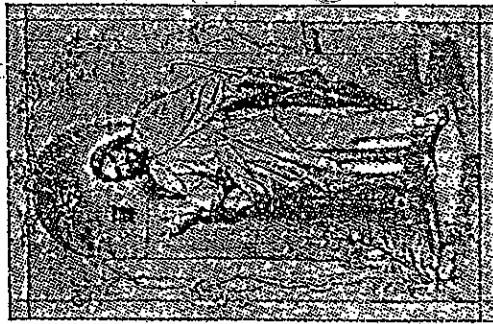
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# The Home Visitor

of

Zion Lutheran Church  
Hampton Nebraska



H. W. DEGNER, Pastor  
Hampton Nebraska

Christian Day School Instructors  
W. H. Heidbrink J. T. Suhr

"I was glad when they said unto me,  
Let us go into the house of the Lord."  
Psalm 122:1

(cover of "The Home Visitor" from March of '34)

**WORSHIP.....10:00 AM**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL.....9:00 AM**  
**ADULT BIBLE CLASS... 9:00 AM**

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## THE HOME VISITOR II THE PARISH NEWS

From  
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