

WELCOME TO ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 15th, 2019

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:30 am - Morning Communion - This quiet and contemplative worship features a simplified liturgy, times for quiet reflection, and Holy Communion. *Location: Sanctuary*

9:15 am - Coffee and Fellowship - Reconnect with friends and make new ones while you enjoy coffee, juice, and goodies. *Location: Family Life Center lower level*

9:45 am - Sunday School for All Ages - Zion has a strong tradition of faithful learning experiences on Sunday morning and you are invited to be a part. *See details below.*

11:00 am - Traditional Worship with Holy Communion - This is the larger of our two worship services and features full liturgy, Children's Sermon and Children's Church, and Holy Communion. *Location: Sanctuary*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES - Every Sunday beginning at 9:45am

Classes for Children and Youth

Nursery (Birth-23 months), Location: Nursery (Ed building, 1st floor)

Pre-School (ages 2-4), Location: Room 101 (Ed building, 1st floor)

Kindergarten-5th Grade, Location: Room 101 (Ed building, 1st floor)

Youth (Grades 6-12), Location: Youth Room (Family Life Center)



Classes for Adults

CSI (adults of all ages), Location: Red Rm (Ed building, 2nd floor)

Grateful Hearts (adults of all ages), Location: Library (Ed building, 1st floor)

Nomads (adults of all ages), Location: Cathedral Room (Family Life Center)

Senior Seekers (ages 60+), Location: Conference Room (Office building)

+ STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TREASURE +

God invites us to faithfully use the time and treasure entrusted to us.

Information from December 8, 2019

Worship Attendance 8:30am: 31
Sunday School Attendance: 49
Worship Attendance 11:00am: 85

Offering Summary

Offering received last week: \$ 10,297
Offering **anticipated** year to date: \$ 499,638
Offering **received** year to date: \$ 463,068

Gifts to Zion and Partner Feeding Ministries this Year

Mission Lexington
1,143 pounds of food

Snack Packs Ministry
\$ 3,235

Matthew 25 Lunch Ministry
\$ 3,890

Want to make a contribution to Zion? Interested in online giving?
You can make a donation or sign up for automatic giving at zionlexsc.com/giving.
For assistance contact Starr Corley, Financial Administrator, 356-2297.



INTRODUCING THE ENDOWMENT FUND OF ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Zion has recently established an Endowment Fund to enhance the ways we receive and use financial gifts given to Zion. The Endowment Fund is a special investment fund that members and friends of Zion can remember in their estate plans. Each year distributions are made from the Endowment Fund to support ministries in and beyond the congregation.

If you would like more information on Zion's Endowment Fund or want to know more about the benefits of including Zion in your estate plans, contact Burns Corley, Chair of the Endowment Committee (803-360-3512 - burnscorley@gmail.com).



We need your help! We are looking for Zion's best Christmas cookies for our Christmas Variety Show this year. If you can donate cookies please drop off in the narthex **TODAY** December 15th by 4:00pm. Thanks in advance for making this event special!

+ OUR PRAYER LIST +

Current Needs

Barry Granda
Melba Ivey
Thomas Kleckley
Jane Langston
Ron Lindler
Warren Peebles
Rachael Rhoden
Sara Rymer
Libby Wright

Homebound

Barbara Brown
Les Caton (Brian Center)
Bruce Corley (Carolina Gardens)
Nellie Drafts
Nila Keisler (Lex Extended Care)
Thelma Kleckley (Oakleaf)
Ben Linder (Generations Chapin)

Military

Brett Creasman (Army)
Burton Flake (Army)
Matt Mayer (Air Force)
Rhett Oliver (Army)
Chris Rauch (Army)
Zachary Willis (Navy)

To make updates or additions
to the prayer list, contact the
church office at 356-2297.

Friends of the Congregation

Walter Baker (friend of Betty Baker)
Lynn Balch (health, wife of Craig Balch)
Janet Bentz (sister of Walt Hampton Sr)
Ronald Buff (health, cousin of B. Corley and E. Leaphart)
Shannon Catoe (heart surgery, relative of Betty Baker)
David Cole (leukemia, Lee Caulder)
Sister Becky Cook (health, friend of Carla Fallaw)
Larkin Corley (heart health, brother of Eileen Leaphart)
Doris Gardner (cousin of Betty Baker)
Natasha Gorham-Jackson (family health friend of D. Weight)
Noreen Hamm (liver transplant, friend of Geri Nilsestuen)
Arthur Holladay (health problems, uncle of Bonnie Phillips)
Pam Holladay (health, mother of Bonnie Phillips)
Colin Hungerpillar (health, friend of Stefanie Wingard)
Jessica Seriah Housley & family (cancer)
Sue Jaeckel (cancer, friend of Geri Nilsestuen)
Cynda Johnson (cancer, sister of Carol Hunter)
Shelly Koenig (cancer, daughter of Tom Panyard)
Lenita Krall (cancer, friend of Geri Nilsestuen)
Frances Link (Dementia, relative of Henry Phillips)
Elaine Davis Long (cancer, stepmother of Janet Phillips)
Margaret Mabe (friend of Ethel Riley)
Russell Meetze (cancer, family of Edith Clark)
Brooke Melton (cancer, friend of Janet Phillips)
Deanna Morrical (cancer, Hanna family)
Donna Riggins (cancer, sister in law of Rachael Rhoden)
Holly Roberts (health concerns)
Sylvia Ruff (cancer, aunt of Julie Branham)
Barney Weight (Alzheimer's, Darlene Weight)
John Whiteside (cancer, friend of the Shaws)
Patty Wingard (cancer, mother of Greg Wingard)
Sue Zweig (health, mother of Jamie Hampton)

+ CHURCH CALENDAR +

Later Today

4:00pm Zion Family Variety Show

Monday, December 16th

9:00am Women's Fellowship - Saluda Point Chick-fil-A

Tuesday, December 17th

10:00am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 18th

6:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

7:40pm Cantata Rehearsal

Thursday, December 19th

7:00am Bible & Biscuit Men's Bible Study

Friday, December 20th

7:00am High School Bible Study - Lowes Foods Coffee Shop

Next Sunday, December 22nd - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:15am Coffee and Fellowship

9:45am Sunday School for all Ages

11:00am Traditional Worship



Zion Family Christmas Variety Show TODAY December 15th at 4:00pm

Zion will again be hosting a Christmas Variety show this year. If you missed out last year this is definitely worth joining us to see the show. Last year we had singing from Zion family of all ages, comedy, storytelling, and a special story time for the kids. Come see the new acts including a special Christmas finale this year!

Church Office Holiday Hours: December 23rd regular hours, December 24th 9:00am-12:00pm, December 25th and 26th closed, December 30th regular hours, December 31st and January 1st closed. All contributions dated December 2019 will be applied to 2019 year. As always go to zionlexsc.com/giving to give online 24 hours a day.