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*Faith. Family. Community.*

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## OFFICE CLOSING

The church office will be closed on Monday, **January 1, 2018** for New Year's. Please be sure to plan your visits and meetings accordingly. The church office will be open at the regular time on January 2.



## CONFIRMATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Confirmation classes will resume on **January 3, 2018** and Sunday School will resume on **January 7, 2018**.



## YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

All end of year contributions needs to be turned into the church by **January 2, 2018** at 9 AM in order for them to count towards your 2017 contribution year. These must have a date of no later than December 31, 2017 or they can not be counted towards this year's giving. The year end contribution statements will be available on **January 7, 2018**.



## MITTEN TREE

Sunday School Sponsored Opportunity: The 4th and 5th Grade Class put up the Mitten Tree and it will remain up until Epiphany in January.

Mittens, hats, scarves, socks, underwear, and sweat pants can be placed on the tree. They will be given to LSI, MCSA, and schools for children in need.



## EPIPHANY

Epiphany is **January 6**. There will be an Epiphany celebration during the Sunday School hour for all Sunday School students.



## PRAYERS AROUND ZION

*"Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs."*

### FOR THOSE THAT ARE ILL:

Bob Nicolai, Deb Burke,  
Nancy Franklin, Elaine Van  
Grievenhoff, Robert Martz

### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE:

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

*Birthdays with \* beside the name represents a birthday of 90+ years, \*\* represents 100+ years. Anniversaries listed are for 50+ years.*

\*Margaret Marolf 1/4

Bill Mark 1/7

Pat Koll 1/8

\*Pearl Strause 1/10

\*Rose Marie Paul 1/16

John Robinson 1/20

Nancy Tietje 1/24

Dick & Pat Koll 1/2

## OUT - TO - LUNCH BUNCH

Out-to-Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 AM on **January 11** at *Brick House*. Sign up is available on the nursery bulletin board.



## SUPPER CLUB

Supper Club will meet at 6:00 PM on **January 20** at *Hong Kong Buffet*. Sign up is available on the nursery bulletin board.



## GROUP 5

Group 5 will meet on **January 16** at 9:30 AM at *Jeanette White's*.



## GROUP 6

Group 6 will meet on **January 25** at 7:00 PM at *Bonnie Nicolai's*.



## DISPLAY CASE

The next display case will feature white hobnail glass items. Please have items to the church office by **January 12**.



## Z-BOOK CLUB

The next meeting for Z-Book Club will be Monday, **January 22** at 5 pm at *HyVee Market Café*. The book we will be reading is *The School of Essential Ingredients* by Erica Bauermeister.



## SECRETARY'S NOTE

Anyone who is able or willing to be a greeter or reader, please contact the church office. New faces are always welcome to greet folks before services on Sundays, upstairs and downstairs, and also to read the lessons during services on Sundays. Heather has information in the church office on all three of these options to assist the church and the congregation.

## GREETERS UP:

1/7- Kathy Othmer  
1/14-Evelyn Christophersen  
1/21-Marilyn Briscoe  
1/28-Jim & Linda Maas

## GREETERS DOWN:

1/7-  
1/14-  
1/21-  
1/28-

## READERS:

1/7-  
1/14-  
1/21-  
1/28-

## ACOLYTES:

1/7-Nathan Taylor  
1/14-Lizzy Mills  
1/21-Aidan Armstrong &  
Matt Richardson  
1/28-Ella Schroeder

## FLOWER CHART

If you would like to sponsor flowers for the altar in 2018, the new sign up sheet is on the nursery bulletin board. Zion will be ordering flowers from Miller's each week. If you sign up, it will be a \$30 altar flower fee reimbursement payable to Zion. This payment can be left in the offering with the memo "altar flowers." Please be sure to mark the flower chart clearly with your preferences.



## CONFEST 2018

A synod-wide event to enhance and support congregation confirmation ministries by exploring churchwide connections, engaging servant learning, and creating community. Cost is \$10 per person. This year's theme is "Living our Baptism: The Five Gifts of Discipleship." Living our baptism is our faith journey as we come from the baptismal waters to live a new life as children of God. Our baptism sets us out on a lifelong journey that is characterized by our relationship to God, our relationship to our faith community, our relationships with various parts of our neighborhood and community, and our relationship to the wider world. Participants will leave with a deeper understanding of the Five Gifts of Discipleship and how to live these out in their lives.



Five Gifts of Discipleship:

- to live among God's faithful people;
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper;
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus;
- to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

**Sunday, January 14, 2018, 1-6 PM**

**Zion Lutheran Church, Muscatine**

To learn more and register visit:

<http://seiasynod.org/confest/>

## ALTAR GUILD:

Stacey & Sheryl

## USHERS:

Richard Jacobsen, Bill Toyne, Kent Heckman, Larry Meyer, Katie Harris

## HOSPITALITY:

1/7-Worship  
1/14-Property  
1/21-Stewardship  
1/28-Council

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Gateway: 3:15 PM on 1/5  
All Comm: 6:30 PM - 1/4  
Executive: 6:15 PM - 1/11  
Council: 7 PM - 1/11

## CHOIR PRACTICES:

Bell Choir at 6:15 PM on 1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31  
Senior Choir at 7 PM on 1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31

## FAITH STEPPING STONES

First Communion Instruction: Beginning Sunday, **January 14**, students in the 4th grade and up will be participating in a three-week course during the 10:15 AM Sunday School hour to prepare students to receive their first communion. These classes will also meet **January 21 and February 4**. A parent or adult sponsor is required to attend each session with the student. Students will make communion bread **February 10** and receive their first communion and faith stepping stone **February 11**.



## ANNUAL MEETING

Zion's annual meeting will be **January 28, 2018** at 10:30AM in Fellowship Hall.



Worship will remain at 9AM this day. There will be no Sunday School, Adult Ed, or hospitality. Cinnamon sweet rolls and coffee will be provided for the meeting. All confirmed members of Zion are voting members and encouraged to attend. You will be asked to approve the worship schedule for the coming year. Elections will take place at this meeting and the Nominating Committee will submit a slate of candidates. Other business may also be brought to the floor during this meeting.

## TUBING AT SNOWSTAR

There is a sign up sheet outside the office on a bulletin board for anyone interested in joining the fun and tubing at SnowStar on Sunday, **January 21** from 4-6 PM. Please meet at Zion at 3:15 PM. Cost is \$15/person and deadline for sign up is **January 14**.



## TRIVIA NIGHT

Zion's Youth will have a Trivia Night fundraiser **January 27** in Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 6 PM with Trivia to start at 6:30 PM. Teams can have up to 8 people. Cost is \$5/person or \$40/team. Sign up is on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please bring your own snacks. Drinks will be provided.



## **THANK YOU'S**

On behalf of my entire team and clients, I would like to express our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to you, your parish & to your amazing volunteers for our HOPES Christmas event. We had 28 families/101 attendees at the event. It is with your help and generosity that our clients and their families were able to enjoy fellowship, fun and happiness this Christmas Season. Thank you very much! We could not have done this without all of you and His help. ~ Linda and HOPES team

109 flowers bouquets were able to be taken to the shut-ins, the ill, those who had birthdays or anniversaries. Thank you to all the Zion members for allowing me all the flowers to take and make someone else's day better. ~ Ruth Starkweather

Thank you to everyone for the Christmas cards, gifts, and thinking of me and my family this Christmas season. ~ Heather Mills

Thank you for your warm wishes, cards, gifts and prayers for me and my family during the Christmas season. ~ Pastor Cauley

The youth of Zion visited my home on Saturday, January 16 with Vicar and several other adults. I was blessed with their singing various Christmas carols. This was the first time I have received this and it will be long remembered. What a joy to see their smiling faces and hear their voices. Thank you very much singers and sponsors. ~ Wilma Fosholt

Thank you to all who thought of me with greetings for my birthday! It was a happy birthday! ~ Elaine Petersen

## **FLICKINGER LETTER**

We are thankful to God from the Estate of the Mary Belle Flickinger Family which provided our congregation the opportunity to support the Flickinger Learning Center, a community agency providing educational opportunities for learners of all ages, races, beliefs, and abilities in order to build stronger individuals and a healthier community. The following is a letter from Danni Zumwalt, Executive Director at the Center:

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to say thank you so much for your heartfelt donation of \$2,500 to the Flickinger Learning Center. I hope you know how grateful we are as every dollar counts! This year, we set to serve one hundred children at four sites. In addition to our downtown Muscatine location, we are on site at McKinley, Madison, and Sunset Park! Your dollars help us support our students via reading, homework, and math assistance as well as enrichment activities such as social skills, financial literacy, and healthy eating. We appreciate your interest in not only in our work, but your willingness to support our mission and vision. It means a lot to us that you consider us when it is time to make a donation. It takes a community working together to make a difference.

Thank you,

Dani Zumwalt, Executive Director, Flickinger Learning Center

## DECEMBER COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Hospitality coffee hour will continue and has a new coordinator, Bob Nicolai. He will be taking over as of February 2018. The current council committees will continue to serve on a rotating basis.
- Council approved guidelines for Transfer of Funds for Fellowship Hall.” see below
- Council accepted Sue Smith’s resignation as Youth Committee Chair. Executive Committee contracted Stacey Ramos to continue on with coordinating Zion church youth activities. She agreed.
- The proposed 2018 budget was presented . Minor changes were presented. Final approval is set for January.

## FELLOWSHIP HALL TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Any money in the Fellowship Hall Fund may be disbursed by council, at the recommendation of the Finance Committee. This fund should not normally dip below \$2,000 after disbursements are made. Disbursements may be made internal to Zion or for designated benevolence outside of Zion.

### Background and Intent

1. The history of this fund is rooted in the benevolence from the disbandment of the Zion Lutheran Church Women (ZLCW).
2. While the intent of this fund was never to grow, there may be times when the income is greater than expenses and the fund balance continues to grow.
3. These funds ought to be available to the greater ministries of Zion Lutheran Church, and made available at the description of congregational leadership.
4. This resolution provides for both the disbursement of excess funds as well as the appropriate discernment processes.




## FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Nov 2017 Actual	11/12 Yr. Budget	Yr-to-Date Difference
Budgeted Income	\$230,882	286,083	(55,201)
Budgeted Expenses	<u>270,805</u>	<u>286,083</u>	<u>(15,278)</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(39,923)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(39,923)</b>
Unbudgeted Income	9,911	-	9,911
Unbudgeted Expenses	<u>3,301</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,301</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(33,313)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(33,313)</b>

### **Fund Balances**

Unified	\$106,024	Designated Benevolences	\$0
Building	\$11,300	Quilters	\$2,186
Memorial	\$21,981	Mission	\$96,088
Fellowship	\$7,662	Flower Fund	\$2,543
Youth	\$10,300	Gateway	\$42,320

# January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>31</b> Happy New Year's Eve 9:00 AM Worship</p>	<p><b>1</b> Happy New Year's Office Closed! </p>	<p><b>2</b> 9:00 AM Quilting Ladies 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>3</b> 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study @ Zion MPR 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p><b>4</b> 6:30 PM All Committee Night</p>	<p><b>5</b> 3:15 PM Gateway Meeting</p>	<p><b>6</b> Epiphany 5:00 PM Table Worship</p>
<p><b>7</b> 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM SS/Adult Ed.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:00 AM Quilting Ladies 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>10</b> 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study @ Zion MPR 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p><b>11</b> 11:30 AM Out-to-Lunch Bunch - Brick House 6:15 PM Exec. Committee 7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> 5:00 PM Table Worship</p>
<p><b>14</b> 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM SS/Adult Ed./1st Communion Class 1:00 PM CONFEST 3:00 PM Peace Vigil - Discovery Center</p>	<p><b>15</b> Martin L. King, Jr. Day </p>	<p><b>16</b> 9:30 AM Group 5 - Jeanette White's 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>17</b> 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study @ Zion MPR 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p><b>18</b> 1:00 PM Sunset Support @ Lutheran Living</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 5:00 PM Table Worship 6:00 PM Supper Club - Hong Kong Buffet</p>
<p><b>21</b> 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM SS/Adult Ed./1st Communion Class 3:15 PM Tubing @ SnowStar - Meet in Zion Parking Lot</p>	<p><b>22</b> 5:00 PM Z-Book Club @ HyVee Market Cafe</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9:00 AM Quilting Ladies 5:30 PM Sunset Support @ Lutheran Living 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>24</b> 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study @ Zion MPR 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p><b>25</b> 7:00 PM Group 6 - Bonnie Nicolai's</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> 5:00 PM Table Worship 6:00 PM Trivia Night</p>
<p><b>28</b> 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Annual Meeting</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> 9:00 AM Quilting Ladies 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>31</b> 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study @ Zion MPR 6:15 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Senior Choir</p>	<p><b>1</b> 6:30 PM All Committee Night</p>	<p><b>2</b> Groundhog Day 3:15 PM Gateway Meeting </p>	<p><b>3</b> 5:00 PM Table Worship</p>

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