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OFFICE CLOSING

The church office will be closed on **December 24 and 25** for Christmas and **December 31 and January 1** for New Year's. Please plan visits accordingly.



CONFIRMATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Confirmation classes will resume on **January 9, 2019**. Sunday School will resume on **January 6, 2019**.



YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

All end of year contributions need to be turned into the church by **December 28** at 3 PM in order for them to count towards your 2018 contribution year. These must have a date of no later than December 31, 2018 or they can not be counted towards this year's giving. *The year end statements will be available on January 6, 2019.*



EPIPHANY

Epiphany is **January 6**. The Mitten Tree will be up until this time. Mittens, hats, scarves socks, underwear, and sweat pants can be placed on the tree. These will be given to LSI, MSCA, and area schools for the children in need.



HELP WANTED

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.



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:

Marietta Zimmerman,
Elaine Van Grevenhof,
David Hanson, Thelma
Hidlebaugh, Steven Pugh,
Sharon Pugh, Bette Logel

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE

LOST A LOVED ONE:

The Subbert family on the
loss of Ron.

The Stange family on the
loss of Ray.

BIRTHDAYS &

ANNIVERSARIES:

* = 90+ yrs., ** = 100+ yrs.

Anniversaries = 50+ yrs.

*Margaret Marolf 1/4

*John Mark 1/7

Pat Koll 1/8

*Pearl Strause 1/10

*Rose Marie Paul 1/16

John Robinson 1/20

Nancy Tietge 1/24

Dick & Pat Koll 1/2

OUT - TO - LUNCH BUNCH

Out-to-Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 AM on
January 10 at *Yacky Shack*. Sign up on the
nursery bulletin board.



SUPPER CLUB

Supper Club will meet at 6:00 PM on
January 19 at *Sal Vitale's*. Sign up on the
nursery bulletin board.



GROUP 5

Group 5 will meet on **January 15** at 9:30 AM at
Zion, Jeanette White hosting.



GROUP 6

Group 6 will meet on **January 24** at 7:00 PM at
Bonnie Nicolai's.



DISPLAY CASE

The next display case will feature a private collection.
Keep watching for the next display case theme in the
bulletins and February Contact.

Z-BOOK CLUB

The next meeting for Z-Book Club will be
Monday, **January 28** at 5 pm at *HyVee
Market Cafe*. The book we will be reading
is The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd.



OUT-OF-THE-BOX

Tyler Baars and Vicar Liz will be hosting a
youth night at Zion on Sunday, **January 20**
from 4-8 PM. We hope this can be a time
for the Youth to either work on homework,
play games, or ask questions about the world and
their faith if they feel so called. We will be providing
pizza for dinner.



GREETERS UP:

1/6 Butch & Rose Doyle
1/13 Jim & Linda Maas
1/20 Sheryl Mercer
1/27 Marilyn Briscoe

GREETERS DOWN:

1/6 Kathy Othmer
1/13 Sheryl Mercer
1/20 Tasha Cantrell
1/27 Gailyn Hill

READERS:

1/6 Tasha Cantrell
1/13 Christy Roby Williams
1/20 Rachel Creamer
1/27 Tyler Baars

ACOLYTES:

1/6 Clayton Smith
1/13 Nathan Taylor/Ella Schroeder
1/20 Matt Richardson/
Jackson Brendel
1/27 Gabriella Steele

HOSPITALITY:

1/6 Parish Ed/ Youth
1/13 Evangelism
1/20 Worship
1/27 Property

FAITH STEPPING STONES

First Communion Instruction: Beginning Sunday, **January 6**, students in the 4th grade and up will be participating in a four-week course during the 10:15 AM Sunday School hour to prepare students to receive their first communion. These classes will also meet **January 13, 20, and February 3**. A parent or adult sponsor is required to attend each session with the student. Students will make communion bread **February 9** and receive their first communion and faith stepping stone **February 10**.



ANNUAL MEETING

Zion's annual meeting will be **January 27, 2019** at 10:30AM in Fellowship Hall.

Worship will remain at 9AM this day. There will be no Sunday School, Adult Ed, or hospitality. 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.



FLOWER CHART

If you would like to sponsor flowers for the altar in 2019, the new sign up sheet is on the nursery bulletin board. Zion will be ordering flowers from Flowers on the Avenue 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."



FLOWERS AND VASES

95 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. Thank you to all who returned or brought in vases for me to use for these flowers. Please check the flower chart and sign up to sponsor a week for this year. ~ Ruth Starkweather

USHERS:

Richard Jacobsen, Kent Heckman, Jake Evans, Bill Toyne, Steve Knox

ALTAR GUILD:

Stacey & Sheryl

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Gateway: 3:15 PM - 1/4
All Comm: 6:30 PM - 1/3
Executive: 6:15 PM - 1/10
Council: 7 PM - 1/10

CHOIR PRACTICES:

Bell Choir @ 6:15 PM on 1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30
Senior Choir @ 7 PM on 1/2, 1/19, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30

THANK YOU'S:

A simple thank you does not convey our sincere gratitude to our Zion family over the past few weeks. We truly appreciate all the prayers, cards, and messages of love and support! Thank you! ~ The Subbert and Brauns Family

Thank you to everyone for thinking of me and my family this Christmas season. God Bless!
~ Heather Mills

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Nov 2018 Actual	11/12 Yr. Budget	Yr.-to-Date Difference
Bdg Inc	\$237,774	282,308	(44,534)
Bdg Exp	<u>280,177</u>	<u>282,308</u>	<u>(2,131)</u>
Nt Ord Inc	(42,403)	-	(42,403)
Unbdg Inc	5,160	-	5,160
Unbdg Exp	<u>1,514</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,514</u>
Net Income	(38,757)	-	(38,757)

Fund Balances

Unified	\$104,767
Building	\$363
Memorial	\$25,193
Fellowship	\$4,849
Youth	\$7,172
Designated Benevolences	\$
Quilters	\$1,952
Mission Fund	\$87,542
Flower Fund	(1,203)
Gateway	\$37,414

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 "One Bread. One Body." ConFEST will be Sunday, **February 10**, 2019, 1-6 PM, Zion Lutheran Church, Muscatine. To learn more and register visit: <http://seiasynod.org/confest/>

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Zion Lutheran Church By-Law Update and Council Reorganization

As we continue to look forward in our faith's journey, the Executive Committee and Church Council have been working on an update of our current By-Laws and the Church Council structure.

Informational sessions will be held on Sunday January 6th and 20th to review proposed modifications and to answer any questions. These sessions will take place following hospitality.

A copy of the proposed modifications will be available for review in the Narthex of the Church along with a copy of the complete By-Laws. Please do not remove these copies from the Narthex but take the time to review them.

The By-Law revision will be voted on at the January 27th Annual Meeting. These important modifications do not remove the voice of our congregants but rather gives more flexibility in the working of the committees. I hope everyone will have a chance to review these changes prior to the meeting.

In Christ
David Starkweather, President

FROM PASTOR STEVE

Thursday Webinars: Tips for Strengthening Your Connection to the Larger Church

Join Rev. Erika Uthe online to learn some ways to connect with the larger church on Thursday, January 3rd. Thursday Webinars are free online learning opportunities for anyone interested in the topics at hand and our shared ministry together as the Southeastern Iowa Synod. Webinars will be held online over the lunch hour with a live 30-minute presentation by synod leaders and 15 minutes of discussion. Check out the Southeastern Iowa Synod website for details and to sign-up. The web address is: <https://seiasynod.org/>

Synodical “In This Together” Event –Thursday January 10th.

Join Bishop Burk for worship, lunch, and conversation with other pastors, deacons and ministry staff. That same evening Bishop Burk will gather with elected leaders in congregations for fellowship and conversation. The time for the elected leaders to meet with the Bishop begins at 6:30 and will last until 8:30. Please RSVP on the synod website: <https://seiasynod.org/>

Baptism of Jesus Sunday

You won't want to miss worship on Sunday, January 13th as we baptize FIVE babies and youth in honor of the Baptism of Jesus. The day will be full of celebration as we gather around God's Font, and to hear the Word of God! In addition, our Trust Fund Committee will present the 2019 Mission Outreach Grants.







Zion Lutheran Church to host CPR Training

On Saturday, January 26th, an instructor from Unity Point Health will be at Zion Lutheran to train congregation leaders. The class will cover CPR and First Aid. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact the church office by Monday, January 21st.

Bishop Burk to visit Zion Lutheran Church

Bishop Michael Burk of the Southeastern Iowa Synod will be with us at worship on Sunday, January 27th. Bishop Burk will bring us greetings from our sisters and brothers from around the synod, preach, and provide the opening devotions for our annual meeting to follow worship.

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Gift of Goodies</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve Office Closed</p> 	<p>1 New Year's Day Office Closed</p> 	<p>2 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study @ Zion MPR</p>	<p>3 6:30 PM All Committee Night</p>	<p>4 3:15 PM Gateway Meeting</p>	<p>5 5:00 PM Table Worship</p>
<p>6 Epiphany 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Ed/1st Communion Class</p> 	<p>7</p>	<p>8 9:00 AM Quilting Ladies</p>	<p>9 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>10 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch @ Yacky Shack 6:15 PM Exec. Committee 7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 5:00 PM Table Worship</p>
<p>13 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Ed/1st Communion Class</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 9:00 AM Quilting Ladies 9:30 AM Group 5 @ Zion, Jeanette White hosting</p>	<p>16 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>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 5:00 PM Table Worship 6:00 PM Supper Club @ Sal Vitale's</p>
<p>20 Quarters for Hunger 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Ed/1st Communion Class 4:00 PM Out-of-the-Box</p>	<p>21 Martin L. King, Jr. Day</p> 	<p>22 9:00 AM Quilting Ladies</p>	<p>23 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>24 7:00 PM Group 6 @ Bonnie Nicolais</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 CPR/1st Aid Training 5:00 PM Table Worship</p>
<p>27 Food Pantry Sunday Bishop Burk Preaching 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School/Adult Ed 10:30 AM Annual Meeting</p> 	<p>28 12:00 PM Contact Articles Due 5:00 PM Z-Book Club @ HyVee Market Cafe</p>	<p>29 9:00 AM Quilting Ladies</p>	<p>30 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>31 9:00 AM Contact Assembly</p>	<p>1 3:15 PM Gateway Meeting</p>	<p>2 Groundhog Day 5:00 PM Table Worship</p> 

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