

# The Tidings

The monthly newsletter of  
Zion Lutheran Church  
November/December 2016

## Zion Lutheran Church

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Service every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

## *Council Members*

**President** Jerry Gossett

**Vice President** Paula Paulins

**Treasurer** Tim Biler

**Secretary** Karen Brooks

## *Elder*

vacant

## *Deacon*

Vacant

## *Trustee*

Carol Mahon

## *At-Large*

Jodi Taylor

## *WELCA*

Joyce Gossett, **President**

## *From the Pastor's Desk:*

This season of late fall and early winter is a very important one in the life of our congregation. The most important event in this season is of course Christmas. It is the time that we celebrate God becoming enfleshed so that we can see and 'hear' what God acts and sounds like. What an amazing gift to us all! We will have many wonderful Christmas activities as well – including decking out our church and caroling. Please look for the dates and times of these events elsewhere in this Tidings edition and in the weekly bulletins.

This season also brings a time of discernment and decision about what we envision God is calling us to as a congregation. Please be in prayer concerning this important issue and have courage that God cares more for each of us, this church and our community than we can even imagine. At our congregational council meeting on November 13th we will be voting on what we as a congregation have most faithfully discerned God is calling us to - in this day and hour.

May we go forward assured of God's grace and care.

In Him,

Pastor Denise

# Zion Lutheran Church

## Mission Statement

*“Reaching in for the Holy Spirit, Reaching up for God’s Grace, Reaching out with Christ’s Love.”*

## Vision Statement

*Seeking to share the love of Jesus Christ.*

## Core Values

*Share the sacraments;  
Share God’s love;  
Worship together;  
There is a place  
for everyone*



## All Saints Day

We will celebrate All Saints Day on **Sunday, November 6**. There will be an opportunity during the service to come forward and light a candle for those in our lives who have died in Christ, and to lift up our loved ones in prayer.

## Annual Congregational Meeting

Please **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** for **Sunday, November 13**. The annual Congregational Meeting will be held after church. We'll be discussing issues of importance to our congregation and what God is calling us to in the future.



## It's Thankoffering Time Again!

Our annual Thankoffering service will be on **November 20**. **Thank You** to everyone who donated green beans or corn for the Thanksgiving boxes that are given out by the Good Samaritan Food Pantry! We have already made our goal of 250 cans! We will also donate to them any additional cans in excess of that number. Thanks again for your generosity!

## Upcoming Events:

Save the date for these upcoming events!

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| Dec 4  | WELCA Christmas party                                  |
| Dec 10 | Decorating the church for Christmas (around lunchtime) |
| Dec 18 | Caroling   |
| Dec 24 | Christmas Eve Service, Saturday at 7:00 pm             |



## Happy Birthday!

Evan Taylor	11/03
Richard Taylor	11/04
Bernie Brister	11/11
Kate Mahon	11/14
Jennifer Murray	11/16
Timothy Biler	11/23
Sally Hurt	12/03
Melinda Biler	12/04
Nicole Biler	12/06
Regan Johnston	12/07
Sally Sindedecker	12/10
Derek Taylor	12/11
Pete Hadidon	12/15
Ashley Biler	12/17
Jody Taylor	12/17
Jennifer Johnston	12/22
Anne Marie Lutz	12/23
Allen Bausch	12/26
Arlene Castor	12/26
Daniel Salyers	12/27
Daniel Hadidon	12/28
Kaleigh Johnston	12/31

## Happy Anniversary!

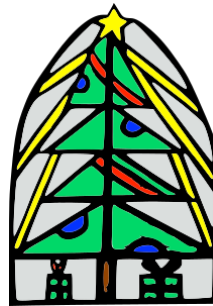
- Pete and Malenie Hadidon – November 10
- Richard and Jody Taylor – November 22
- John and Sandy Balderson -- December 5

## WELCA Christmas Party

This year's WELCA Christmas party will be held on **December 4**. It will be held at the Mahons' house, immediately after church. Please bring a dish to share! White elephant gift is optional.

## Mitten Tree/Adopt-a-Family

We will soon have two trees out in the fellowship hall. One is for decorating with hats, scarves, and mittens (new please), and the other for picking off a Christmas gift idea for a family in need in our community that Zion has adopted.

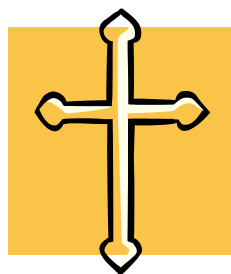


## Decorating the Church

Although there will be no Cookie Jubilee this year, we will still gather on **December 10** to decorate the church! Please join us to help make our church festive to celebrate the Christmas season. Details will be available a little closer to the event.

## Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 18th, bring your family and friends as we meet to go caroling to some of our members! Afterward, there will be a gathering hosted by the Fogts!



## *Daily Prayers:*

Please keep these people in your prayers: Esther Mae Baker, Bob Feddern, Rod Hutton, and Don and Carol Schiff, as well as the family of Joyce Gossett.

## *Christmas Eve Service*

The Christmas Eve service will be on Saturday, December 24th, at 7:00 p.m. We'll have special music, candle-lighting, Communion, Christmas hymns and sharing the GOOD NEWS of Christ's birth!

