

VOICE OF ZION & PEACE

A NEWSLETTER FOR YOU

Christmas Schedule

Start making your plans to attend our Christmas Worship at Peace and Zion this month!



December 24th
Peace @ 4:30 pm
Zion @ 7 pm

December 25th
Combined service at Peace
@ 9 am

Christmas Activities in December

Cantata's at Zion & Peace

Zion and Peace are hosting the area Christmas cantata's during worship on **Dec. 4.**



Peace Christmas Party

The Peace Congregation Christmas Party is set for **Sunday, December 11 at 12 pm.** Please bring a dish to pass. There will be no gift exchange this year-instead, if you choose, please buy an extra gift for a child in need.

Christmas Program at Zion

The Zion Sunday school Christmas program is on **Sunday, Dec. 18 at 7:00 pm.** Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Program at Peace

The Zion Sunday school Christmas program is on **Sunday, Dec. 18 during our Sunday worship**

Sunday School Practice

The Sunday School will be practicing for their Christmas program on the following dates:

- December 4: during class
- December 11: during class

December 17: 10 am-dress rehearsal

Christmas Outreach Comm. Activities

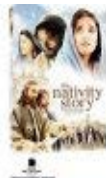
Please make plans to join on Saturday, December 10, from 9-11 am, ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Kmart & Pick n' Save in Shawano.



Join us at the Danu concert on Tues, Dec. 13 at the Fox River PAC in Appleton. We will have supper at 5:30, with the concert at 7:30 pm.

Look for sign ups at Peace & Zion.

The youth will have a Christmas Party on Wed, Dec. 21 @ Zion, beginning at 6 pm. We will have supper and watch a movie. Please make plans to attend. Friends are welcome-please let PC know, so he can plan for the food.



On **Sunday, December 18,** Zion and Peace are invited to gather at Zion to watch the Christmas movie, "**The Nativity Story.**" We will begin at 2 pm. We will have hot apple cider and other Christmas goodies. If you have any questions, please see PC

Reminder: When the money at Peace is counted on Dec. 26th, the books will be closed. Please get all your 2011 offerings in by then -Thank you, Financial Comm.

In Our Prayers

Dolores Fietz, Jordan Bliss, Jason Cor, Pam Blankschien, Sharon Smith, Jim Prey, Doug Seefeldt, Greg Wiley, Mae Ankerson, Mary Grimm Albert Malueg, Josh Desens, Family of Bernice Seefeldt & Velma Pringnitz



.....and all those who are recovering from illness, recuperating from surgery or undergoing medical treatments.

If there is anyone you would like added to the prayer list, please get them into Pastor Craig, so they can be included in the newsletter and weekly announcements

There will be a rate change for the Peace Cemetery, beginning on January 1, 2012. At that time, to purchase a grave site will be \$150 for Peace members, \$200 for non-members, and \$100 for perpetual care. Any questions, please see Jane Pringnitz

Operation Christmas Child

Thanks to those who donated in Nov. Together, we sent 22 boxes to Children around the world. PC & Wendy is tracking their boxes. An update will be given so we can just where some of our giving is showing our love and bringing joy to kids around the world



Pastor Craig will be on vacation Dec. 26-30. He will be around the majority of the week, if there is an emergency.



We are introducing new Lectionary Text inserts in worship each week. Purchased from Sola Publishing, they will provide our readings and prayer of the day each week. The cost of the inserts are \$20/quarter. It is thought that people can pay for the service, with recognition being made in the bulletins each week, however you would like to have it made (in honor, in memorial, etc.). The first two quarters (Jan-March & April-June) are already sponsored. If you would like to do this, please see PC and information on how to purchase them will be given.

Dartball News We play on Monday's @ 8 pm. See a member if interested in playing. We are always looking for new players. As of Nov. 23, Zion's record was 1-2 and Peace's was 5-1

Nov. 28: Peace @ Home, Zion @ home
Dec. 5: Zion @ St. Martin's , Zion @ Home
Dec. 12: Peace @ Christus B, Zion @ Marion
Dec. 19: Peace @ Pella, Zion @ Dupont

The Area Christmas Cantata will be performing:

Dec. 4 @ 10:15- Zion, Caroline
Dec.10 @ 3 pm- St Paul's, Wittenberg
Dec. 11 @ 9:30- Bethany Free. Clintonville
Dec. 11 @ 7 pm- St John's. Marion

The Outreach Committee would like to thank **EVERYONE** who donated and/or helped out with our Reformation Dinner on Oct. 30. We served 70 people that day, with \$218 donated in the free will offering. This money will be used to fund the committee's work in the year.

We would like thank the following who donated time and/or food (and sorry if we missed you): Lynn Grunewald, Judy Lang, Rose Malueg, Yvonne Schoen, Vickie Karst, Dorothy Lundt, Sara Steinke, Shirley Klaeser, Judy Rohloff, Judy & Ron Grunewald, Wendy Nehring, Ellen @ Gene Mehlberg, Lois Klaeser, Dale Klitz, Bruce Breitenfeldt, Roger & Peg Krueger, Dave Krueger, Beatrice Klitz, Lauren Reissman, Rod Riska.

We would like to especially thank Lynn for all the work she put in organizing the dinner.

Meetings in December



Outreach Comm. @ Zion -Dec. 3, 9 am
Zion Council @ Peace- Dec. 11, 6 pm
Peace Council @ Peace- Dec. 11, 6 pm
Joint Council @ Peace- Dec. 11, 6 pm



Pecans & Candy Bars



The Zion choir is again selling pecans and candy bars. They are in the Narthex.

\$8.00 for 16 oz. bag of whole pecans and \$1.00 per candy bar.

Thank You!



...to our lay readers in November:

Janet Arndt, Maxine Williams, Hannah DenOtter, Henry Hoeksema, Ramona Mehlberg, Kay Blum

...to our ushers in November at Peace & Zion

...to on Altar Guild at Zion: Ellen Mehlberg, Arlene Wuske

...for cleaning Peace in November: Hoeksema's

...to for providing fellowship at Peace: Kreklow's

Annual Meetings

With 2012 right around the corner, it is time to start thinking about our annual meetings. If you are interested in serving on the church councils, see PC or a council member at Peace or Zion.

Christmas Party

Make plans to attend the 9th Annual Embarrass River Lion's Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 4th from 1-2:30 pm at the Tigerton Community Center.

Registration starts at 1:00 pm. This is for all children from toddler-4th grade. Pre-registration until December 2nd is appreciated-call 535-2823 or 535-2775 with a message with your family name and number of children attending.

Activities will include: games, bingo, photo with Santa, crafts, holiday tattoos, bean bag toss, cookie contest and more. Refreshments will be served and each child will receive a gift and treats from Santa.

Senior Citizens Dinner

All senior citizens in the Tigerton area is invited to the 2nd annual Christmas Party Lunch at the Community Center on Sat. Dec. 17, from 11 am- 1 pm

Reservations are **required by Dec. 12**-stop in or call Kristi at the Village Clerks office @ 535-2262

Beginning on Sunday, Nov. 27, Pastor Craig will be offering a time of Confession & Absolution at Zion & Peace. He will be available on **Sunday's @ Peace from 4-5 pm** and **on Wednesday's @ Zion from 4-5 pm**, or by appointment.

Pastoral Acts

Germaine Brown funeral- Oct. 29

Bernice Seefeldt funeral- Nov. 15

Velma Pringnitz funeral- Nov. 19

Serving us in December

Lay Readers:

Dec. 4: Christmas Cantata's

Dec. 11: Open, Open

Dec. 18: Christmas program, Michael Wuske

Dec. 25: Combined service at Peace

Fellowship servers: Scott & Marilyn Bauman

Zion Ushers: Cliff Rohloff & Allan Buss

Peace Janitors: Dennis & Dawn Kersten

Zion Altar Guild: Yvonne Schoen

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Zion

Thomas Grimm – December 1

Tabitha Schoen – December 7

Denise Lundt – December 7

Franklin Lang – December 8

Raphael Harrell Jr.- December 10

Harvey Krueger – December 14

Rachel Ahlers – December 17

Kathy Krueger – December 17

Carrie Faehling – December 18

Char Breitenfeldt – December 20

Emily Steinke – December 24

Megan Steinke – December 24

Zach Fritz – December 25

Peace

Melissa Natzke – December 1

Dawn Kersten – December 8

Jack Krueger – December 14

Danika Tiller- December 14

Walter Mattner – December 15

Larry Pringnitz , Jr.- December 15

Henry Hoeksema – December 25

Chris Natzke – December 30

Michelle Natzke – December 30

Happy Anniversary

Larry & Jane Pringnitz- December 12

Mark & Brenda Tauferner- December 19

Zion conducts a monthly search of its directory to find the birthdays and wedding anniversary dates and then publishes them in the newsletter. If your special days are not mentioned, please let Pastor Craig or Peg Krueger know so that your information is included.

There is a calendar at Peace where we are looking for your birthday's and anniversaries. Please fill it in so we can get the information up-to-date.

Zion Council Meeting Minutes

There was no November Council meeting, due to lack of quorum. Our next meeting is on Sunday, Dec. 11 at Peace. Council at 6 pm, joint council at 6:30 pm

Peace Council Meeting Minutes

There was no November council meeting scheduled. Our next meeting is on Sunday, Dec. 11 at Peace. Council at 6 pm, joint council at 6:30 pm



The Outreach Committee did not meet in November. The next meeting is scheduled for December 3rd at 9:00.

First of all, we would like to thank everyone that participated in the Reformation dinner. Each and every one that planned, cooked, decorated, and ate the meal made it a special day. Thank you!

December



Bell Ringing for Salvation Army

We are scheduled to ring bells in Shawano 9:00-11:00 on **Saturday, December 10th**. If you want to car pool please meet at the church parking lot. We will be leaving at 8:15 After bell-ringing we will be planning on lunch in Cecil at the Village Lantern. The restaurant is owned by Todd & Cindy Lanter. Cindy is the daughter of Leslie & Mickey Mehlberg.

DANÚ "Christmas in Ireland" - We are planning a group event to include the Danu concert at Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, in Appleton. The concert is **Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 7:30-9:30**.

Hailing from the historic County Waterford, Danu is one of the leading traditional Irish ensembles of today. Their standing room only concerts throughout Ireland are true events featuring high-energy performances and glorious mix of ancient Irish music and new repertoire. For over a decade, Danu's virtuosi players on flute, tin whistle, fiddle, button accordion, bouzouki, and vocals (Irish and English), have performed around the globe and recorded seven critically acclaimed albums. Danu takes it's audiences on a musical journey to their native Ireland, offering a moving and memorable concert experience.



The Three Wise men sound very generous, but what you've got to remember is that those gifts were joint Christmas and birthday presents.

Comic: Jimmy Carr



Institute of Lutheran Theology

There has been interest extended for the ILT class: **Equipping Parents to be Spiritual Leaders in the Home**. This is offered over the internet and will run from April 11-May 30, on Wednesday nights from 7-8:15 pm. If you are interested in attending this class, please speak to PC so we can make plans for the class.

According to many accounts, Christmas was one of the favorite time of the year for Luther and one in which he loved to preach and extol upon in his life. Although he preached regularly in the Castle Church in Wittenberg and in many other places when he was at work in Germany on the matter of reforming the Church, we have in many places where it noted that Luther would reflect upon Christmas in his and Katie's home at the old Augustinian monastery.

So, in honor of this, I would like to set down a bit of a sermon preached by Martin on Christmas Eve, as given to us in Volume 52 of *Luther's Works*. Enjoy.

Now let us see what sort of mysteries, hidden things, are presented to us in this story. Generally speaking, there are two matters which are expressed in all mysteries-the gospel and the faith, i.e., what one is to preach and what one is to believe. Let us have a look at these two matters. (we will look at part of the first one)

The first matter is the faith which is truly to be perceived in all the words of God. This faith does not merely consist in believing that this story is true, as it is written. Rather the faith that is the right one, rich in grace, demanded by God's word and deed, is that you firmly believe Christ is born for you and that His birth is yours, and come to pass for your benefit. For the Gospel teaches that Christ was born for our sake and that He did everything and suffered all things for our sake, just as the angel says here: "I announce to you a great joy which will come to all people; for to you is born this day a Savior who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). From these words you see clearly that He was born for us.

He does not simply say: "Christ is born," but: "for you is He born" Again, he does not say: "I announce a joy," but: "to you do I announce a great joy." Again, this joy will not remain in Christ, but is for all people. A damned or wicked man does not have this faith, nor can he have it. For the right foundation of all salvation which unites Christ and the believing heart in this manner is that everything they have individually becomes something they hold in common...In this manner Christ takes to Himself our birth and absorbs it in His birth; He presents us with His birth so that we become pure and new in it, as if it were our own, so that every Christian might rejoice in this birth of Christ and glory in it no less than if He, too, like Christ, had been born bodily of Mary. Whoever does not believe this or has doubts about it, is not a Christian.

This is the great joy, of which the angels speaks, this is the consolation and the superabundant goodness of God, that man (if he has this faith) may boast of such a treasure as that Mary is his real mother, Christ his brother, and God his father. For these things are, all of them, true and they come to pass, provided we believe them; this is the chief part and chief good in all the gospels, before one derives from them teaching concerning good works. Christ, above all things, must become ours and we His. That happens in no other way than through such faith...Now when Christ becomes your own, and when you through Him have become cleansed in such faith, then you have received your inheritance and the chief goods, without any merits of your own, but solely because of God's love who gives to you as your own his son's possessions and works.

*Happy Advent & Merry Christmas,
Pastor Craig*

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Attendance for November 2011

	<u>Zion</u>	<u>Peace</u>
Oct. 30 (Combined)	114	
Nov. 6	50	35
Nov. 13:	61	42
Nov. 17 (Thanksgiving)	24	
Nov. 20:	<u>34</u>	<u>26</u>
Nov. 2011 Ave.	48.3	34.3
Nov. 2010 Ave. (4 Sun)	69	28.25

Peace Financials

Received in October: \$3021.50

Disbursed in October: \$2740.09

Budget need each month: \$ 3,608.40

Balance as Oct. 30: \$10,593.33



Zion Choir

Choir practice at Zion is on Monday nights @ 6:15 pm.

All who are interested in singing (and we want you all), please join us or speak to Yvonne Schoen.

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord. Ephesians 5:19 (NIV)



LUTHER ON...CHRISTMAS

The greatest treasure and the highest comfort we Christians have is the fact that the Word, the true, natural Son of God, has become a man who in every respect has flesh and blood, and who has become man for our sake that we may be raised to the great glory of having our flesh and blood, our entire body, sit in heaven above, like God; that we may boldly defy the devil and whatever assails us. For now we are certain that our bodies belong in heaven and are heirs of the kingdom of heaven.

-Sermon on John 1:14

Zion Financial Report

Receipts in October(Portion)

Current Expenses: \$5495

Loose offering: \$85.25

Benevolence: \$490

Building Fund: \$2

Colorama food stand: \$867.61

Germaine Brown funeral: \$125

Total: \$7200.19

Disbursements (Portion)

Pastor salary: \$2671.12

Board of Pension: \$768.68

Phone: & internet: \$135.14

Electricity: \$154.44

Organists, Janitors, Sectr.: \$385.09

RJS Distributing: \$125.06

Benevolence: \$490

Accent Business (copier): \$660

Caroline Sanitary district: \$380

WI State Lab, water testing: \$108

Total: \$6336.39

Balance on hand (Nov 11): \$5685.74

Budget need each month: \$7001.59

Budget through Oct: \$70,015.90

Received through Oct \$65,756.14 (Revised)

Borrowed from Uecker Interest: \$5000

Budget versus Received: -\$4259.76



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Prepare Behold!*

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