

Voice of Zion & Peace

A NEWSLETTER FOR YOU

Zion Lutheran Church
Caroline, WI

Peace Lutheran Church
Split Rock, WI

December 2018



Christmas Worship Schedule

We have a few opportunities for you to spend your Christmas in worship of the birth of our Lord Jesus at Peace & Zion this year. Our children

Christmas program is titled, "A Promise Fulfilled-The Christmas Story from the Old Testament." We

will again be recording the Zion service for broadcast later that night. Then that evening, we will have a late night service at Zion, a service where you can reflectively think about the hope of Christ. Then join us at Zion on Christmas Day, as we ring in this holiday with celebrating the birth in the midst of light and sound! Everything will be streamed, so if you are away, or someone you know will be, you can still watch live or recorded!

December 24th

Peace- 4:30 pm

Zion- 6:00 pm

Zion- 9:30 pm

December 25th

Combined

Service at Zion

@ 9 am



Polka Services!

Join us on Sunday, December 2nd at Zion for our 7th annual Christmas Polka Service at 10:15. The music will be

provided by Il Edition. Zion will also be holding a Soup Dinner afterward. Please look for sign-up sheet for what is needed.

We will be holding a New Year's Day Worship service at Zion on Tuesday, Jan. 1 at 10 am. We did this a couple of years ago (when it fell on a Sunday) and is a good way to start off the new year. We will be placing the Corporate Confession & Forgiveness service from the LBW, as well as getting to sing more of our favorite Christmas hymns. Hope to see you there!

*New Years
Day Worship*

Christmas Activities in December

Christmas Movie

We will be heading to Appleton on **Sunday, Dec.**



2nd to watch the classic Christmas movie, "It's a Wonderful Life."

Showtime is 7 pm; cost is \$5.

Salvation Army

We will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army on **Saturday, Dec. 8th**, at Econofoods & Shopko in Clintonville from

10-12 pm. Sign-up sheets for the times are at both churches. We may have kettles at both doors, so lets get a large number this year!

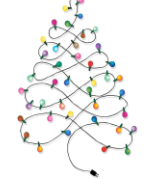


Christmas Party

Peace Christmas Party

The Peace Congregation Christmas party is set for **Sunday, Dec. 9th at 12:30 pm**. Please bring a dish to pass. Bring small gifts for prizes in the games. Feel free to invite your neighbors and friends!

Light Tour & Dinner



We are heading to Chippewa Falls on **Sat, Dec. 15** to have a dinner and then to tour the Christmas Light display at Irvine Park. We will leave Caroline at 2 pm. Please sign up at the church's so we have numbers. Cost is only your meal.

Shut-in Caroling

This year, we will be heading out to sing to our nursing home members on **Sunday, Dec 16**. We will leave Zion at 1 pm.

This means so much to those unable to join us. Please make this a priority this Advent!



Joy to the World!

"Cookies & Caroling in Caroline"

On **Sunday, Dec. 23**, we will be doing something new-Caroling at the Nativity scene outside of Zion, inviting the public to join us for songs and refreshments. Time will be 6-7:30 pm. We will be looking people to help provide the cookies and voices. (Thanks to Brittani Handrich for the great idea!)





Outreach Meeting November 11, 2018

November 15th - Thanksgiving Service @ Peace

Youth movie & dinner - December 1st @ 10:00

Bell ringing at Shopko & Econo Foods in Clintonville on December 8th @ 10:00-12:00

Christmas Lights @ Ervine Park in Chippewa Falls (date TBD)

Caroling to shut-ins – December 16th

Caroling & Cookies in Caroline – December 23rd @ 6:00

Meetings in December



Zion Council – Sunday, Dec. 9 @ Peace- 11:30 am

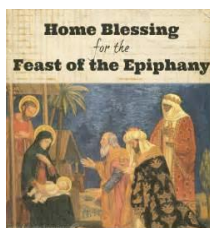
Peace Council – Sunday, Dec. 9 @ 11:00 am

Joint Council- Sunday, Dec 9 @ Peace- 11:30 am

Annual Meetings

With 2019 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.

On Sunday, Jan. 6, we will again have the opportunity to have your house blessed for the coming year. There will be a sign-up sheet at each church with times starting for you to schedule a time.



Dartball

Dartball News- Zion & Peace play on Monday's @ 7:30 pm. See a member if interested in playing. We are always looking for new players.

Dec. 3: Peace @ Marion; Zion @ Bear Creek

Dec. 10: Zion @ home; Peace @ Pella

Dec. 17: Zion @ home; Peace @ Christus

We are again taking in donations for **Toy For Tots**: "The Marine Corps Reserve believes that 'every child deserves a little Christmas' and we are asking you to help us send the children of Shawano County a message of love and hope this Christmas through the gift of a new toy." The boxes are out at Peace & Zion until Dec. 12.



Be sure to check out our sermons every Sunday morning at 6:45 am on 92.3 FM. To sponsor, sign up at each church- cost is \$40

GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING



We are live-streaming and recording our Zion services on YouTube each week. You can find the link on our webpage or through Facebook.



Prayer Concerns of the Parish

Bev Redman, Jason Kor, Dennis Pockat, Ferdinand Malueg, Sharon Smith, Teresa Boysen, Brooke Bartz, Megan Zirik, Ray Faehling, Colby Wanta, Ken Raether, Bernice & Leroy Uecker, Kathy Krueger, Curt Clifford, Pastor Sachs, Dan Brandenburg, Ron Rindt, Alice Laufenberg, Bryan Poirier, Justin Lehman, Joy Murray; Jessalyn Kopitzke, Terri Graham and their babies; Kelsey Gast in the US Air Force and our nursing home residents and shut-ins: Dolores Fietz, Diane Meyers, Bernice Begrow, Deloris Seefeldt, Gladys Wichmann, Paul Heger, Leonard & Ila Grunewald



December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Zion

- Thomas Grimm – December 1
- Sharon Barrow- December 1
- Jill Verg- December 2
- Joan Hanson- December 3
- Kristen Reissman- December 4
- Jill Grunewald- December 4
- Denise Lundt – December 7
- Franklin Lang – December 8
- Ron Malueg- December 8
- Peg Foster- December 9
- Raphael Harrell Jr.- December 10
- Alexis Verg- December 11
- Rachel Wudstrack – December 17
- Kathy Krueger – December 17
- John Hanson- December 19
- Char Breitenfeldt – December 20
- Emily Steinke – December 24
- Megan Steinke – December 24
- Zach Fritz – December 25
- Rayne Cannon- December 29
- Kyle Griepentrop- December 30

Peace

- Michael Wanta- December 2
- Dawn Kersten – December 8
- Jack Krueger – December 14
- Danika Tiller- December 14
- Larry Pringnitz, Jr.- December 15
- Dakotah Olson- December 17
- Henry Hoeksema – December 25
- Mayzie Tauferner- December 28
- Chris Natzke – December 30
- Michelle Clausen – December 30

Happy Anniversary

- Luke & Ramona Mehlberg- December 1
- Larry & Jane Pringnitz- December 12
- Floyd & Luella Wuske- December 15
- Harry & Peg Foster- December 15



Lay Readers:

- Dec. 2: Bethany Kreklow, Rachel Wudstrack
- Dec. 9: Carri Wanta, Yvonne Schoen
- Dec. 16: Open, Tater Schoen
- Dec. 23: Open, Natalie Ahlers
- Dec 30: Open, Open

Fellowship servers: Bauman's

Zion Ushers: Open

Zion Altar Guild: Brittani Handrich & Janice Malueg

Radio Sponsorship:

- Dec. 2: Bauman's; Dave & Lori Egdorf in honor of Luke & Ramona Mehlberg 67th anniversary
- Dec. 9: Leroy & Bernice Uecker
- Dec. 16: Leroy & Bernice Uecker
- Dec. 23: Dennis & Yvonne Schoen
- Dec. 24: Rose Malueg, Barry, April & Thomas Grimm, Aaron, Shawn & Bexley Malueg in memory of Tom Malueg
- Dec. 30: Leroy & Bernice Uecker

To the Outreach Committee Float on winning \$75 for 1st place in the Colorama Parade!



To Kendra Barrow for being named Offensive Player of the year for the Marion Volleyball team!

Thank you to all who came and made our Reformation Service on Oct. 28 a wonderful day together. In total, you donated \$232 to the work of the Outreach Committee through the year. The sign-up sheet was discarded before names could be noted-but be assured: we truly do thank all who helped and donated!



- ... to our lay readers in November: Henry Hoeksema, Loghan Wanta, Colby Wanta, Ryan Malueg
- ... to our Altar Guild at Zion: Ellen Mehlberg & Rachel Wudstrack
- ... to our ushers at Zion: Ron Grunewald

- ...to tor sponsoring the radio broadcast in November: Scott & Marilyn Bauman, Maxine Williams, Dennis & Yvonne Schoen, Leroy & Bernice Uecker
- ...to those who donated for the fellowship snack after the Thanksgiving/Deer Hunters service
- ...to Jack Krueger for donating the Christmas tree at Peace
- ...to **ALL** who helped decorate Peace & Zion for Christmas
- ...to Marilyn & Scott Bauman, Debra Seefeldt, Dennis, Dawn & Paul Kersten & Carri Wanta for fall cleaning Peace
- ...to Dale Klitz for setting up Nativity Scene
- ...to Bill & Pat Metter for leading services at Peace & Zion on Nov. 25.

Nov. 11, 2018-Zion Monthly Meeting

Our meeting was called to order by President Ron Wuske. Members present were: Ron, Mike Handrich, Allan Buss, PC, Bruce and Char Breitenfeldt. PC led devotions. MSC Allan/Mike to approve the secretary's report as read. The treasurer's report was not available.

Pastor's report: Polka service-PC sent out emails to area churches to include a note in their bulletins. The service will also be live-streamed. The Children's program will be Christmas Eve at 6PM. The late traditional Christmas Eve service will be at 9:30 PM at Zion. Christmas Day Joint service will will at Zion at 9 AM. PC and Wendy will be moving into their Clintonville home this week. After the move, the council should check the parsonage with what needs to be repaired/replaced (livingroom carpet should be replaced for sure). Parsonage phone will be disconnected but the internet will continue there. PC will post when he will be in the church office--should be most Wed. and Fri. mornings.

Old Business: Vicki sent LaForce the downpayment; they will call when the doors are ready to be installed.

New Business: Al ask about putting the church and parsonage thermostats on wifi so the temperature in either place can be monitored over a cell phone. He will check with Alliant on a price. Outdoor Nativity--Mike Handrich, Gene Mehlberg and Dale Klitz will set up. Christmas tree--Dale Klitz, Dennis and Yvonne Schoen will decorate. Our old artificial tree is being donated to Aster Care facility. Ron Wuske will deliver it. Ron and Donna Wuske have been cleaning/organizing the supply room--it looks great!! Soup dinner after Polka Service--Rose Malueg is coordinating. Sign-up sheets are out. Posters are being distributed to area communities. Char will check with Steve Verg if he's willing to plow our parking lot again this winter. Our next meeting will be at the Joint Meeting at Peace on Dec. 9 around 11:30am.MSC Mike/Bruce to adjourn. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.



Respectfully submitted,
Char Breitenfeldt, Zion Council Secretary



Peace SS will be practicing for the Christmas Program every Sunday in Dec. Dec. 2 & 9, we will meet at our normal time (8:45 am). Dec. 16 & 23, we will meet after church (9:30) in order to practice in the church.

Zion SS will practice Dec. 9, 16, 23 at normal time (9 am). We will also gather on Sat. Dec. 22 from 9-12 to practice.

Pastor Craig & Wendy invite you to come to an open house at their new residence in Clintonville on Sunday, Dec. 30, starting at 1 pm. Refreshments will be served.

The address is: 29 18th St.

Christmas Cantata

The community Christmas singers present "Christmas Dreams" at St. John's, Marion, Dec. 8 @ 5 pm; Bethlehem, Pella, Dec. 9 @ 10:30 am; St. Paul's, Wittenberg, Dec. 12 @ 6:30 pm

Christmas Dinner

St. John's, Marion will be serving the community Christmas Dinner on Dec. 25 at 12 pm. Home delivery is available in Marion and carry-outs are available also. For reservations or one of these services, call Grace Jueds 754-2992

Senior Citizens Dinner

All senior citizens in the Tigerton area is invited to the 9th annual Christmas Party Lunch at the Community Center on Sat., Dec. 15, from 11 am- 1 pm. Lunch served at 11:30.

Reservations are **required by Dec. 7**-stop in or call Trisha at the Village Clerks office @ 535-2262

Christmas Party

Make plans to attend the 17th Annual Embarrass River Lion's Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 9th from 1-3 pm at the Tigerton Community Center.

This is for all children from 326-0369 or 535-2775 with a message with your family name and number of children attending.



Reformation Sunday
Worship & Dinner



Peace Financial Report

Receipts (Portion) in October

Current Expenses: \$2323
Loose Collect: \$88.50
Memorials: \$20

Total: \$2647.41

Disbursements (Portion)

Pastor salary, benefits & professional: \$1985.16
Maintenance: \$529.45
Organist: \$147.76
Shared Expenses: \$340.16

Total: \$3022.53

Zion Financial Report

Receipts in October (Portion)

Current Expenses: \$7814
Loose offering: \$178
Benevolence: \$415
Sunday School: \$72
Peace Shared Expenses (Sept/Oct): \$672.02
Viking Elec. Refund: \$99.92
Colorama Food Stand: \$547.30
Transfer from Blankschien (door): \$2690

Total: \$12,510.18

Disbursements (Portion)

Pastor salary: \$2948.10
Pastor housing & pension: \$1022.22
Phone: & internet: \$120.24
Sec/Janitor/Organist: \$432.19
Electricity: \$286.73
LaForce (Door): \$2690
WTCH Radio Broadcast: \$225
B&D Water: \$140
Bug Blasters: \$210

Total: \$8348.19

Balance on hand (October 31): \$25,922.14

2018 Donation to Benev: \$4665



Luther on...Christmas

This is the meaning of Isaiah 9:6: "To us a child is born, and to us a son is given." To us, to us, born to us, and given to us. Therefore see to it that you derive from the Gospel not only enjoyment of the story as an example, for that does not hold us without faith. But see to it that you make His birth your own, and that you make an exchange with Him, so that you rid yourself of your birth and receive, instead, His. This happens, if you have this faith. By this token you sit assuredly in the Virgin Mary's lap and are her dear child. This faith you have to practice and to pray for as long as you live; you can never strengthen it enough. That is our foundation and our inheritance; on it the good works are to be built.

-Sermon for Christmas Eve, 1521

The Outreach Committee purchased a block of 10 tickets for an upcoming Mercy Me (Christian pop) concert at the Res Center on Thurs. March 21. To date, 8 are already spoken for. If you would like to go, let PC know and he will reserve your seat. If we have more interest, we will purchase more. Cost is \$38.



This is our church newsletter and we want to hear from you! If you have a community, personal, or congregational event or story you would like to share, please contact Pastor Craig at cnehring@yahoo.com or Peg Krueger at pkreegs@gmail.com. Thanks!



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