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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

In Jesus' name we welcome you to worship today. May God bless you through his Word of grace and give you the peace and joy that come only from Jesus!

Welcome Guests!

We pray the service will be a blessing for you. Please do us the honor of filling out the guest register located in the narthex. Should you desire any further information about Zion, our Pastor will be happy to speak with you after the service. Additional notes about our Church are printed on the back page of this bulletin.

THEME OF THE DAY

The Lord is coming. Rejoice!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sing out, daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, you daughter of Jerusalem. The LORD has removed the judgment against you. He has turned back your enemy. Israel's king, the LORD, is in your midst! You no longer need to fear disaster. In that day Jerusalem will be told, "Do not be afraid, O Zion. Do not give up. The LORD your God is with you as a hero who will save you. He takes great delight in you. He will quiet you with his love. He will rejoice over you with singing."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 130 Pg. 114

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

So John kept saying to the crowds who came out to be baptized by him, "You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore produce fruits in keeping with repentance! Do not even think of saying to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' because I tell you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax is ready to strike the root of the trees. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is going to be cut down and thrown into the fire." The crowds began to ask him, "What should we do then?" He answered them, "Whoever has two shirts should share with the person who has none, and whoever has food should do the same." Tax collectors also came to be baptized. They said, "Teacher, what should we do?" To them he said, "Collect no more than what you were authorized to." Soldiers were also asking him, "And what should we do?" He told them, "Do not extort money from anyone by force or false accusation. Be satisfied with your wages." The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John could be the Christ. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But someone mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." Then with many other words, he appealed to them and was preaching good news to the people.

SERMON

Christmas Lights Up Our Doubts

Luke 7:18-26

John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'" At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me." After John's messengers left, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear expensive clothes and indulge in luxury are in palaces. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

**This Week at Zion
Dec. 16th - Dec. 25th**

Today	9:00am Worship with Communion 10:00am Fellowship 10:15am Sunday School
Monday	6:30pm Worship with Communion
Wednesday	No Bible Class 10:15am Rennes West 1:45pm Rennes East 3:15pm Confirmation 5:30pm Choir
Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:15am Sunday School
Monday	3:00pm Children's Christmas Program 5:00pm Candlelight Service
Tuesday	9:00am Christmas Day Worship Service

Bulletins

The bulletins today are in loving memory of Gust Bloch given by Caroline Bloch.

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who helped with decorating our church for the Christmas season.

Ladies Night Out

Wednesday January 16th

4:30 PM Social

5:00 PM Dinner

The Avenue in Marinette

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call Marquita Limberg at 715-582-3304. All women from the congregation are invited to attend.



Worship Attendance

Weekend of December 9th 143

Bible Study Attendance

Sunday Morning Bible Class 14

Wednesday Morning Bible Class No Class

Our Gifts to Our Lord \$4,485.00

Current	\$2,415.00
Missions	\$140.00
Direct Deposit	\$1,800.00
Plate	\$105.00
Fellowship/Lighting Fund	\$25.00



Christmas 2018 – C18

One-million souls. That is the goal. To share the gospel with one-million souls prior to and on Christmas Eve. That goal is part of WELS Congregational Services' C18 program. The only way to achieve that goal is for all WELS members, young and old, to embrace the privilege and responsibility of sharing Christ with unchurched friends,

relatives, and neighbors. A simple way to do that—invite them to come with your family to your congregation's Christmas Eve worship service. A recent survey found that 80% of unchurched adults would seriously consider accepting an invitation, extended by a friend, to attend a Christmas Eve service. We have postcards available in the narthex if you would like to send or personally deliver an invitation to join us in worship on Christmas Eve.

Did You Take The Wrong Jacket?

Several weeks ago someone wore home an all black hooded jacket. They left behind a black jacket with gray lining. Please check your closet as with the season changing you are probably now wearing something a little heavier. If you find it, bring it back and hang it on the coat rack and claim your jacket with the gray lining. Thanks!

Welcome!

We would like to welcome Joseph Laitinen and Cody Nielson who have finished our Bible Information Class and were received as members last week after our service. Please take a moment and personally welcome them to Zion.

Advent Worship

This year Advent began on December 2nd. We will have an Advent focus in our Sunday worship during the month of December. If you are interested in attending a mid-week Advent Service, Pastor Myslik will be conducting services at St. John in Grover at 7:00pm on December 19th. You are more than welcome to join the members of St. John for this mid week opportunity to worship.

Thank You for Your Service

On behalf of the entire congregation we would like to recognize Roger Krejcarek and his crew for all of our lawn maintenance this year. We never have to give it a second thought, it is always done every week. It is also done at no cost to the congregation. Thank You!

Poinsettias



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to help decorate our church during the Christmas season there are sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall. The cost is \$12.00 each and you may give them in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special. The last day to sign up is December 16th. Payments can be given to Mary Radtke or dropped into the wooden box hanging on the wall in the fellowship hall. Checks should be written out to Zion Altar Guild. You may take your plant home after the Christmas Day Service.

Into the Future For Zion



Purpose of a Zion Youth and Family Staff Minister

What is our plan: To build and develop the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church in a way that strengthens our young families, children and membership so that our church prospers and grows into the future with the help and guidance of our Lord.

The Church Council and Pastor are responsible for the long term future of our congregation. For the last few years, the Church Council and Pastor have spent much time and effort in seeking advice and investigating possible solutions to better meet the needs of our congregation as a whole, SPECIFICALLY our children, youth/teens, young families and in-active members. We feel the best way for us to bring change and improvements is to have a full-time trained professional to lead and work with us, here at Zion.

Suggested Duties:

- Lead and develop Sunday School activities and programming
- Lead and develop Youth/teen group activities and programming
- High school interaction
- Lead and direct our community outreach program
- Strengthen our ministry to young families and children
- Support the Daycare activities
- Reach out to the unchurched people using our daycare services
- Assist Pastor as requested
- Engage other sister congregations

If you have any insight, comments, questions or even concerns please feel free to talk to Pastor or anyone on our church council.

Note To Visitors

We sing the Psalms! Before the service it might help to read through the instructions on page 63 of the hymnal.

Personal Prayers for Worship may be found on pages 10-11 of the hymnal.

If your child becomes restless, that's okay....We love having children in worship at Zion. Feel free to step into the fellowship hall or to use the cry room near the west entry until your little one settles. There are speakers in both areas.

Restrooms are at the west end entry area also. Changing tables for babies are in each.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first and the third Sundays of each month (and the Mondays after). In the Lord's Supper, our Savior offers unworthy sinners a personal pledge of forgiveness of sins through His body and blood. As He draws repentant sinners to himself, he also draws them into a special bond of fellowship with one another. In the WELS, we demonstrate this special fellowship bond in what is called "close communion." Thus, if you have never communed with us before, we ask that you first speak with our pastor. He will share with you the steps toward establishing communion fellowship. Thank you for respecting our practice. Personal preparation help is found on page 156 in the hymnal.

Our Mission Statement

As a family of believers in Christ and members of His Kingdom, our congregation exists to worship, praise and honor the Triune God, share His pure Gospel message, encourage one another to grow stronger in faith through daily use of the Word, and urge each other to demonstrate such faith in daily living.



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