

Announcements

People in Saskatoon are hungry! Food Bank has diminished supplies. We can help with donations to our Food Bank box in the narthex or gifts of money given either directly to the Food Bank or through your Zion offering. Designate your gifts for the Food Bank and the church office will forward it directly. Check the bulletin board for the most needed items.

A Word from our Social Ministry Committee: Our project this year for Christmas Outreach will be focused on CLWR's "Gifts from the Heart." Please check the table in the narthex for a catalogue. The catalogue explains how to give a gift and offers several choices for gifts. Your gift of money will provide items (food, shelter, seeds, garden tools) all sourced locally. Some gifts will provide basic health care. Other gifts will provide care for refugees. If you have any questions, please ask Linda Jarock or Jackie Smith or Kaylyn in the church office.

PLEASE NOTE: charitable contributions for 2022 must be placed in the locked white box by the office by the end of the day December 31 to be counted towards 2022. The box is accessible outside the office using the mail slot. **2023 offering envelopes** are now in your mailboxes. Stewardship cards can still be handed in at the main office. These pledge sheets assist when preparing the annual budget.

November Financial Update:

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Offering	34,683	53,625	-18,942

Christmas Services Schedule:

Christmas Eve – December 24 at 7:00 pm
 Christmas Day – December 25 at 11:00 am
 Boxing Day – December 26 at 11:00 am
 New Years Day – January 1 at 10:30 am

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Fri 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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WELCOME VISITORS! If you would like more information about us, please fill out a communion card (found in the pew) and give it to an usher. Communing members of Zion are encouraged to fill out a communion card each time they commune. **We invite all who are baptized in the Christian faith to commune.** If you do not commune, we invite you to come forward to receive our Lord's Blessing from our Pastor. If you wish to receive communion in your pew, please notify your usher. Grape juice (in the middle of the tray) and red wine are available. Gluten free wafers available on request.

REMINDER – please do not leave valuable inside coats that are hung in the entry or by the washrooms. There are also coat racks in Heritage Hall if that is a preferred location for hanging your jacket.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE by December 31. Please email them to Kaylyn (in word format) at zion.office@sasktel.net

ADVENT ORGAN RECITAL will be held Sunday, December 18th at 3 pm in Heritage Hall on the Walker-Tracker organ. Vesper services will follow at 4 pm. All are welcome.

New hearing assist headsets are here! Talk to an usher or sound tech.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the beautiful nativity display!

GATHERING

Prelude: "Savior of the Nations Come" – J.S. Bach
 Invocation & Welcome
Confession & Absolution
Gathering Hymn: "Savior of the Nations, Come"
 – ELW #263
Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)
Lighting of the Advent Candle: "We are Waiting for Jesus" – ACS #905

WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Second Lesson: Romans 1:1-7
 Gospel Acclamation: ELW pg. 151
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25
A Living Nativity
Hymn of the Day: "Away in a Manger" – ELW #278
Nicene Creed
Prayers of Intercession (P: Lord, in your mercy
 C: Hear our prayer)

MEAL

The Peace
Offering: "He Came Down" – ELW #253
 The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 152
The Lord's Prayer (contemporary version)
 Lamb of God – ELW pg. 154
Communion: "Breath of Heaven"
 Communion Blessing

SENDING

Blessings & Announcements
Sending Song: "Joy to the World" – ELW #267
"Go in peace. Christ is near."
"Thanks be to God!"
 Postlude: "Savior of the Nations Come"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Our Prayers: Derwin Hall, Andrea Nostbakken, Nandari Swamy, Weldeyesus family, Mallory Jess, Cecelia Jurgens, Betty McManus, Aaron Froese, Glenn Wood, Borgny Lokken, Samhara & Saraq, Thor Kliev, Ivar Moen, Don Peterson, Louise Dahlen, Mary Kamineski, Linda and Steven, Jennifer Finstad, Bereket and family, Alice Olson, Paul Nostbakken, Gloria Hamp, Kaye Senum, Maxine Olson, Ione TysseLand, Patti Pfeifer, Keri Schaffel, Neil Shantz, Ron & Doreen Boldt, Dick Hall, Paul Hansen, Clara Davidson, Al Anderson and family

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prayer of the Day: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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