

12/20 email

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** was a smash hit! Thanks to Alison Carlson and the children of Zion who helped in Sunday's worship! Here is a link to the worship service: <https://fb.watch/hwuiff7ITv/>

"Just a reminder that Zion has an account with RightNow Media! Please take advantage of and pass along this very worthwhile opportunity! For more information talk to Aaron or just sign up and start exploring: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/zionkazoo>"

**ADVENT WORSHIP Wednesday  
Noon and 6:30pm.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

5pm family worship ... readings and carols  
6:30 and 8pm carols and Holy Communion

**CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP**

10 am (ONE service only!)

These are wonderful opportunities to invite neighbors and friends. Many are looking for a place to celebrate and your invitation will be a welcome gift.

**NO WEDNESDAY MEAL THIS WEEK! Meals resume on January 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sunday School and Adult Classes resume on January 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**We have been blessed with a number of guests and visitors** over the past few months! Please introduce yourself to anyone you don't know! Help everyone (even fellow members) to feel welcome and special enough for you to talk to.

**A wonderful, six-part Advent/Christmas series by Max Lucado** is available through Zion's subscription to Right Now Media. Link is below. (If you need help with login information, contact Marta or Aaron here in the office.)

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/308931>

**Lutheran Hour Ministries** has daily Advent devotions to download or read online

<https://www.lhm.org/advent/>

**WEEKLY FOOD GATHERING for LOAVES and FISHES!** We continue to feed the hungry in our community through Loaves and Fishes. Any canned and boxed food items are accepted, but the greatest need in **December is: Cooking Oil**

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023 are in the hallway by the office!** Please pick yours up when you're in.

**Thank you to all who supported our Helping Hands Christmas Ministry** which this year will support eight needy families in the community with gifts and clothes.

### **COMING EVENTS:**

**Zions Women's Book Group** - Enjoy reading, lively and thoughtful discussions... come join us the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 2:00p.m. Upcoming books: 12/20 "A Christmas Carol" – Charles Dickens

**Adult Choir practices on Thursdays**, under direction of Roxanne Nieboer. Come when you are able, we are always looking for more voices. Call Roxanne or church office for more info.

**Year-end tax planning! Check with your tax advisor**, but appreciated stocks, and qualified IRA distributions for your contributions to Zion might lower your taxes. Another way to support ministry at Zion and practice good stewardship.

**Weekly meditations** continue to be posted most Mondays and Fridays on Zion's Facebook page!

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES** are posted each month on bulletin board.

### **Worship and Class Schedules!**

**Saturday 5:30 pm / Sunday 8am / Sunday 10:30 am**

**Classes for all ages at 9:15am**

#### **Pastor Seeber's Classes:**

Sunday 9:15 am Gathering Space / relating Genesis stories daily lives

Saturday Men's study 8:00 am (zoom) / real world issues and the Gospel of John (contact Pastor Seeber for Zoom address should you wish to log in)

\* Class on JOB will resume in January!

**Pastor Brelje's Class -- Book of Romans**

Tuesdays 10am in Gathering Space

**Church Office hours:**

Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm

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**Thank you for your financial support.** Our members continue to be faithful in supporting our ministry and mission! Any additional, regular support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you also for your prayers and the many other ways you are involved in and support our ministry!

**To make an online donation, or to set up regular online giving, follow this link:**  
<https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/zionkazoo>

**If you have been hospitalized, are newly confined to home or a residence facility, or have a new address or phone number, or email address, please call the church office and let us know!**

**Prayers:** Mary Sperti and Sharon "Shari" Dean both died this past week. Doug Boodt's mom died earlier this month.