



ZION

December 2, 2018 - 10 am
Pastor Bruce Baillie (revbaillie@outlook.com)

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude & Silent Meditation Jean Mollenbeck
*Welcome & Invocation
*Call To Worship Pastor Baillie
*Hymn #123, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Lighting Of The Advent Wreath Ryan and Jen Koenen Family
Prayer Of Confession (Unison)

HEAVENLY FATHER, THE COLD OF WINTER IS APPROACHING. WE THANK YOU FOR THE WARMTH YOU PROVIDE. THE COLD OF SIN IS UPON US. WARM AND SOFTEN OUR HEARTS. THE COLD OF LONELINESS AFFLICTS US. COME, BE WITH US AND WALK WITH US. THE COLD OF OUR BURDENS MAKE THE WAY DIFFICULT. MAY WE BE LIFTED AS ON THE WINGS OF EAGLES. THE COLD OF SORROW BREAKS OUR HEARTS. REMIND US THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS WITH US, ALWAYS FAITHFUL AND ALWAYS VICTORIOUS. WE BRING BEFORE YOU THE CONFESSION OF OUR NEEDS. AMEN.

Words Of Assurance & The Summary of the Law
Special Music Congregational Hymns
Congregational Concerns
Prayers Of Thanksgiving, Intercession & The Lord's Prayer
Offertory
*Doxology (#625) & Offertory Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time (5th grade and younger)
Prayer Of Illumination
Hymn #277, "The Church's One Foundation"
Scripture John 14:1-11; Matthew 1:18-25
Message "Immanuel: God With Us"
Prayer Of Blessing

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*Hymn #117, "We Come, O Christ, To You"
*Benediction
*Benediction Response "Make Me A Servant"

Postlude * - Those who are able, please stand.

Let all who have gathered sing praises to God.

Thank you to Pastor Bruce Baillie for leading us in worship.

Thank you to Ann Lupkes for leading the congregation in special music.

Everyone is invited to Fellowship Time following worship & the Annual Congregational Meeting



GREETERS: Dennis & Judy Next Week - David & Judy
AUDIO/VIDEO: Dave H/Kolton K. Next Week - Mavis M/Carma D
FELLOWSHIP: Consistory Next Week - Hosts are needed

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

11:30 AM ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - FELLOWSHIP HALL
RCYF AND YOUNGER GRADES MAY PLAY GAMES IN THE BASEMENT

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

WED 7pm PROGRAM PRACTICE - Kindergarten thru HS students
SUN 9:15am WORSHIP LED BY DAWSON ACKERMAN
10:45am KIDS CHOIR/SS - PreK thru Grade 8 (Ed.Wing); HS SS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD PANTRY: TODAY; Thank you to Dave Harms for delivering Zion's Oct./Nov. food pantry items.

WHITE GIFT: TODAY!!!! Funds will be collected in the gunny sack at the back of the church. Funds will be used to provide winter coats, snow boots, gifts, etc. for area families currently experiencing financial difficulties.

2019 CONSISTORY NOMINEES: *Elders* - Jerry Buseman, Darwin Butson, Dennis Crom, Gordon Meyer; *Deacons* - Joe DeVries and Phil Markwardt. The Annual Meeting will take place following fellowship when Moderator Pastor Chris Meester can join us.

SHOUT OUT TO OUR YOUTH! Members of the RCYF carried all the Christmas items from the basement to assist the flower committee. YOU are so very much appreciated!

Bank Open Houses: First Citizens, Latimer: Dec. 7, sign up and they will donate \$3 to Zion; Green Belt Bank, I Falls: Dec. 3; Ackley & Belmond: Dec. 7, sign up and they will donate \$1.00 to Zion.

REMINDER: No computer communication this week. Dec. 3-7.

Zion St. John Lutheran, Sheffield: Holiday Food Fair, Sat., Dec. 8; 8:30 am - 10:30am. See flier on bulletin board.

NEEDED: Sunday School teachers for January and February!!

***SS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** 3pm -Dec. 23. ALL are asked to bring some goodies to share for a time of fellowship following the program. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm - Dec. 5, 12, & 19 with dress rehearsal Sunday morning, Dec. 23.

POINSETTIAS: Order forms are by the Catch-All Box. The cost is \$20/plant & the order/payment deadline is next Sunday. If you so choose, you may provide your own plant -- see the order form for details.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR: Although Zion does have a calling tree, please be sure to tune to KLMJ radio should the winter weather be questionable on Sunday mornings.

SNOW: If you are at Zion during the week, please use the **south driveway & east parking area** as these will be kept clear throughout the week. The remainder of the grounds will only be cleared on Sunday mornings or for funerals.

PRAYERS: LARRY MOORE, MAYNARD KOENEN, COREY CAMPBELL, JOHN MOLLENBECK, AND PASTOR VAN ROOYEN AND FAMILY.