

NEWS FROM ZION

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH • SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

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COMMUNION

Sunday, Jan 1st

Communion will be served after the service.



GREBEL & COFFEE



Saturday,
Jan 7th



7 am - 10 am

PRE-ORDERS and
HELP welcome.

Sign up at the Welcome
Center!

Or call 632-8125.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Our study of Luke on Sunday mornings lined up perfectly with our December schedule. We looked at stories of angels announcing the imminent birth of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On December 18, we took a break from Luke to be ministered to by our choir doing a great job of presenting the cantata they have been working on called "Come Let Us Adore". During services on Christmas Eve and Christmas day, we returned to Luke to look at well-loved and familiar stories of Jesus' birth and childhood with a fresh set of eyes. We paid particular attention to the humble setting for his birth and the fact that his first visitors were an unlikely group of shepherds highlighting that the coming of the Savior was truly good news for all people. As we looked at stories from his childhood, we learned that in order to provide salvation for all people, Jesus was going to have to go through something that would break his mother's heart. This was the first hint that Jesus' mission was going to lead him to the cross to be crucified so that he could pay for our sins. These stories opened our eyes up to the reality that as we study the life of Jesus, his mission is going to lead him in a direction that no one anticipated. He did not live to meet the expectations

his parents had for him, the nation of Israel had for him, his enemies had for him, or his friends had for him. He was totally committed to his mission to be about his Father's business - which ultimately led him to the cross.

One thing that was said about Jesus when he was just a child was that through his life and ministry "the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed." (Luke 2:35) I'm excited in

REMINDER:
NEW YEAR'S
DAY SERVICE
10:30 ONLY!

the new year to get into the stories of Jesus' adult life and ministry. As we do, we will see several different reactions to the claims he makes about himself and his mission as the thoughts of the hearts of those

who are exposed to him are revealed. As we study through these stories, I will be asking all of us to pay attention to our own reactions to the claims of Jesus and consider what our reactions reveal about the thoughts of our own hearts. We hope you had a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. We would love to have you join us each Sunday in the new year as we get more and more familiar with the life and ministry of Jesus through our study of Luke. As always, you can get caught up on any messages you missed by visiting our website zionscottsbluff.com and listening online.

Andrew

PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

Mission Prayer Partners
for JAN 2017

1-Voice of the Martyrs

8-CHIEF-Claus

15-4C's

22-FIM-DeSouza

29-The Gideon's Intl.



ALL CHURCH

CARRY-IN

Sunday, Jan 8th

All invited to join in
the food and fellowship!
Bring a dish to pass.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

ANNUAL BUSINESS
MEETING

Wed., January 25th
7 PM

General Fund for November, 2016

INCOME:

Fund Raisers	\$	1,140.00
Other Income		1,006.42
Special Income		244.00
<u>Sunday Offering</u>		<u>18,653.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$	21,043.42

EXPENSES:

Bldg. & Grounds	\$	2,663.96
Fund Raising		206.49
Ministry		-17.09
Mission Fund		4,008.00
Office		313.92
Staff Benefits		250.00
Other Expense		346.00
Staff Salary		11,089.15
<u>Utilities</u>		<u>2,019.46</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$	20,879.89

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CIRCLE OF PRAISE:

Circle of Praise met Dec 10th for our Christmas Supper. 48 were in attendance. During a delicious meal of prime rib with all the fixings, "Yes Ma'am" entertained us with Christmas selections which were enjoyed by all. In our brief business meeting, Joyce and Pat said the Cookie Walk was a big success and wanted to thank everyone who helped in any way to make it such. A sign-up sheet was passed for the next year's meetings for Circle of Praise. A gift exchange was done after the meeting. It was a nice evening with good food and good conversation around the tables. Our hosts for the evening were Dave and Teri. Look for information for our January meeting in the coming weeks. We invite all who would like to join us one evening a month for a carry-in and short program.

Teri Erdman

**Poinsettias 2016**

From Lori Brown and family in memory of father and grandfather, Leo Kampbell

From Irene Kampbell and family in memory of husband and father, Leo Kampbell

From Bob & Karen Schmer in memory of parents Ray & Gladys Eckhart and Harry & Helen Schmer

From Chuck & Kathy Jay in memory of parents George & Clara Jay and Henry & Molly Reitz

From Barb Steffensen in memory of husband Don Steffensen

4 plants from Shirley Ruppel in memory of: husband Harold Ruppel; in-laws George & Mollie Ruppel, parents Henry & Anna Uhrich and brother Von Uhrich.

From Terry Martin in memory of parents Don & Ardy Brady

From Betty Bauer in memory of husband George R. Bauer and daughter, Kimberly Bauer.

From Janet Schmidt in memory of father Wally Schmidt

From Roger and Kathy Klein in memory of Roger's mother, Marie Klein

In memory of Chuck Meyer, son to Nadyne Schaaf and brother to Kathy Klein

In memory of Ruth Grentz, Andrew Grentz Jr. and Eva Strecker from Myron & Renee Fertig; Andreana, Drew, Parker & Gracie Marlow; and Annette, Eli, Quinton & Mollie Hancock

From Leroy Meininger in memory of parents Leo and Leah Meininger

From Bill & Shirley Loose in memory of parents Sam & Mary Gorr and Carl & Elizabeth Loos

From Dave & Teri Erdman in memory of Dave's parents, Robert & Marty Erdman

From Lela Hilzer in memory of husband, Lyle

From Charlie & Jovetta Stricker in memory of parents, Alex & Kathryn Yekel and Fred & Mary Stricker

10 plants from Nancy & Gary Batt and Garrett & Megan Wynne in memory of father and grandfather, Stan Stricker.

2 plants from Wanda & Henry Henkel in memory of Wanda's brothers, Mel and Gene Bourelle

Thank you for sharing and making the church so beautiful during the holidays!

MISSIONS:**2016 MISSION SUNDAY**

It was ZION Evangelical's privilege to host Ryen and Laura House as our guest speakers at this year's Mission Sunday.

While attending the New Tribes Mission Training Center, they learned about the unreached people groups who are dying all over the world without ever having a chance to hear the Good News and experience the life-giving power of Jesus Christ.

Ryen and Laura House will be working with the people of Mexico. This is where, they believe, the Lord is leading them. In 2500 of the world's 6500 people groups, there is no church nor is there any work being done to establish a church. These are the target areas of the New Tribes Mission.

Thank you for your generous support to Missions. Your continued support and your prayers are appreciated so very much.

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15

Blessings,

Peggie Ross, Missions Secretary

FAMILY NIGHT ...

Monday, Jan 16
at 6:00 p.m.
All are invited!



Special thanks and appreciation to those that made and delivered the 'Plates of Love' to our shut-ins; to those who brought candy for the sacks for the Sunday School; those who gave to the Birthday Gift for Jesus; those who gave to the Poinsettia fund and those who gave their gifts to the Staff on in the Christmas Eve offering. Zion Church is amazingly generous, considerate, unselfish and thoughtful. Blessings to you all!

Congratulations...

...George Schaaf on his 92nd Birthday on 12/15!

...Pastor Amos and Violet Harris on their 62nd Wedding Anniversary, 12/22!

...Don & Elsie Bauer on their 69th Wedding Anniversary 12/21 as well as Don's 89th Birthday on the same day!

Sympathies and condolences to...

...the family and friends of Caroline Neu.

...Heather and Todd Neu & family on the passing of Heather's grandmother, Sheila Green of Crawford.

...the family and friends of Dee Stricker.

CIRCLE OF PRAISE
Friday, Jan 14th
Meat(fried chicken) provided.
Bring a dish to share
Sign up at the Welcome Center
HOSTING:
Ross's and Reifschneider's

The KCMI Broadcast for JANUARY is given by Steve and Barb Kautz to honor Joyce and Harold Kautz on their 61st Wedding Anniversary!

Thank you for sharing in this valuable ministry.

There are dates available for 2017: Mar, May, June, July, Aug, Oct and Dec. Please call the office if you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast in honor or in memory of someone.



YOUTH:

Merry Christmas Church Family! I hope everyone is enjoying meditating on Jesus and all he has done for us!

Youth Group activities have been somewhat scattered due to the holiday season, but there have still been some great things happening! As many of you have witnessed, I got to participate in the Christmas Program that was put on by the Sunday School this year. "Sheep in Heavenly Peace" was such a great time! I feel like I don't need to mention this, due to its obvious nature, but we have some talented kids in our church! We are having a break from Thursday Night Youth Group, but when we last met up we learned about the miracle of DNA that exists in all living things. The code that tells a living thing's body how that living thing should be made. It is a beautiful testimony, not only to the fact that God exists, but to his intelligence and artistic hand. In both Jr. High Sunday School and Wednesday Night Sr. High Bible Study we have hit the theme of God's Grace. We deserve punishment, but God forgives and gives blessings instead! We can see that clearly in the story of Deborah (found in the book of Judges) and the story of Samuel (found in the book of 1st Samuel). In Awana, the kids and I got to sing carols for people at an assisted living home. I also got to talk about how Jesus was the hero who the whole world was waiting for. Even though this month has been all over the place, we are still learning some great things about God!

We are sitting on the edge of a New Year with some fun things planned! I hope to run some big games and events in the months to come. Please pray that God uses them to make kids know and love Him. Pray for the hearts of our youth. Pray that He transforms their hearts and that we would have kids that love and act like Jesus. Pray for opportunities where you can disciple these kids, teaching them to love, trust, and obey our great God. These kids need your wisdom, experience, and attention! Also pray for me. Pray that I would be what these kids need and, where it is good for them, what they want. Pray that I teach the Word accurately and that I would serve the kids to the best of my ability.

Merry Christmas!"

Taylor Boltjes

~ AWANA NEWS ~



It was great to come back from Thanksgiving break on December 4th and "move back" in to our beautifully refurbished Ministry Center!!! It felt so good to get back into our "area/normal routine". There isn't a game circle down yet but that's okay. We are just enjoying the "wide open spaces"!!!



December 11th was our **Birthday Party for Jesus and Caroling to Zion's Shut-ins.** Due



to not being sure of who we would have available for Staff to go with the Puggles & Cubbies to The Village, I cancelled their trip. (Although I don't like to disappoint our church members that reside there, it is much more important that we make sure our little ones are safe and warm!!!) The Sparks' went to WelCove and T&T and Trek went to Scottsbluff Care & Rehab (formerly known as Golden Living). The T&T and Trek groups usually go to The Vet's Home as well but sadly, the only Zion resident passed away just days before we were to go. That did allow the

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group, then, to spend more time at Scb. Care & Rehab. The following is a "report" that I requested from a mom of one of the Trek clubbers and she is also the daughter of one of the residents that was blessed by the caroling: "It was such a blessing to both my mom and dad!! We were in the lobby area when they arrived, so they sang a couple songs there. Then they sang up and down the halls including both Alzheimer's units. We followed along.☺ I am sure the



kiddos have no clue how much it means to the residents but it brings them such joy. A couple residents followed along and sang, some sang along from their rooms as we passed by. My mom doesn't react too much anymore but music works! She mumbled along and smiled. She even clapped when they were done singing. I haven't seen her clap in forever!!! I am so thankful for everything that can brighten her days. Thank you for making sure that we were a part of the caroling!



My dad enjoyed singing along too!! It was emotional for him and I and I could see a lot of emotion in my son as well. Our hearts were blessed."

***I tell the clubbers every year that they are "Shining Jesus" into the lives of the residents' lives but for any parents of clubbers reading this: PLEASE reiterate to your child(ren) what a blessing they are being when they carol!!! (Thank you!!!!)



Thank you to Taylor for giving the devotion when we all



gathered back in the Ministry Center asking the clubbers if they were counting down the days until Christmas and then comparing it to how people "counted down the time" for the arrival of Jesus!!! We sang Happy Birthday to Jesus together and then had cupcakes and received a gift from the "Big Elf". Thank you, Alex Harris for making the cupcakes for us!!! Thank you, Hope Schanaman for helping me decorate them!!!

I had to include a picture of how good and attentive our littlest clubbers - the Puggles - were during the devotion! So precious!!! There is NEVER a dull moment with Art DeVos (at left) with his boys, Hudson and Ashton . . . wearing the Christmas suit from his holiday collection!!! ☺

Coming up in January, the AWANA Staff will be gathering on Saturday evening, January 7th for our annual Christmas party and then we will "hit the ground running" the following day, January 8th to finish out the second half of the club year! We are excited as we look forward to all that God has in store for us in 2017 and are at peace knowing that He has already "been there" and that "HE IS IN CONTROL"!!!

God's VERY BEST to all of you in 2017 - our church family - from The AWANA Staff,
Cheryl Rose, Commander

ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH CALENDAR

JANUARY, 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HAPPY NEW YEAR! ONE SERVICE ONLY! 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team V 10:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 KCMV Broadcast 11:30 Communion/Chapel	2 10:00 Bible Study/Village	3 10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Women's Bible Study/BK 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living 7:00 Church Board Mtg	4 1:00 Valley Food Pantry 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 Choir 8:00 Worship Team 8:00 Sr High Bible Study	5 7:00 Jr High Youth	6	7 GREBEL & COFFEE 7-10AM
8 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team I 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. 10:30 Worship & Praise 11:30 All Church Carry-In 3:30 AWANA 4:00 Vespers/Residency 5:30 Sr High Fellowship	9 10:00 Bible Study/Village 7:00 Women's Ministries	10 10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Women's Bible Study/BK 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living 2:00 Women's Bible Study/Roth 6:00 MOPS @ Night	11 1:00 Valley Food Pantry 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 Choir 8:00 Worship Team 8:00 Sr High Bible Study	12 7:00 Jr High Youth	13	14 Circle of Praise 6pm
15 8:30 Worship & Praise 8:30 S.S. @ Heritage 9:15 Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 Prayer Team II 9:30 S.S. @ Zion/Emerald Ct. 10:30 Worship & Praise 3:30 AWANA 4:00 Vespers/Residency 5:30 Sr High Fellowship	16 10:00 Bible Study/Village Family Night 6:00 pm	17 10:00 Bible Study/WelCove 12:00 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Women's Bible Study/BK 2:00 Bible Study/Golden Living 2:00 Women's Bible Study/Roth	18 1:00 Valley Food Pantry 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 Choir 8:00 Worship Team 8:00 Sr High Bible Study	19 7:00 Jr High Youth	20	21
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