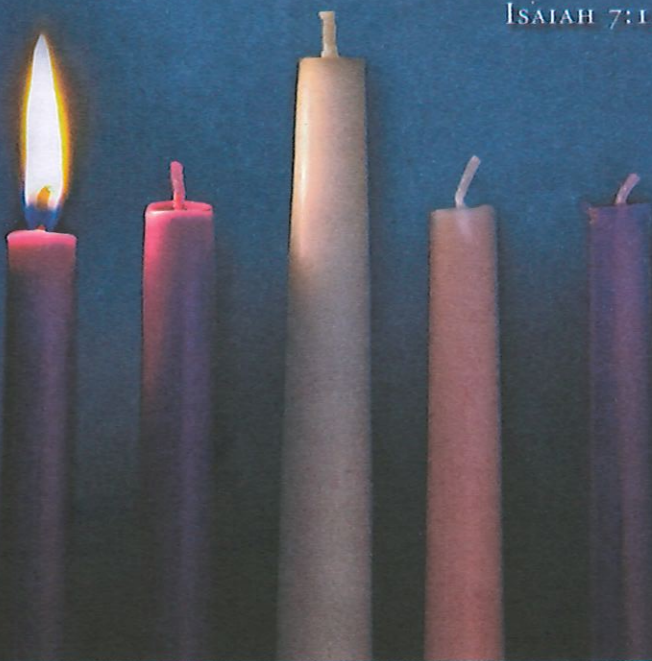


Hope

THE LORD HIMSELF
SHALL GIVE YOU A SIGN;
BEHOLD, A VIRGIN SHALL
CONCEIVE, AND BEAR A SON,
AND SHALL CALL
HIS NAME IMMANUEL.

ISAIAH 7:14



Zion Evangelical Church

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9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:15 - Worship

Pastor: Darrell Weber CCLI License # 1636898 Organist: Mr. Clark Ferry

The 1st Sunday of Advent - December 3rd, 2023

PRELUDES

Millstadt Community Choir

LIGHTING CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS / GREETING ONE ANOTHER / RINGING BELLS

LIGHTING ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE *The Ryan & Mallori Kochmann family*

Praising FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT!

* PRAISE SONG

“Crown HIM” Videoby Chris Tomlin and Matt Redman

**Crown HIM with many crowns, The King who left HIS throne
Creator of the universe, Born to the world HE holds
And with that first drawn breath, The WORD has become flesh
Emmanuel has come to us, O crown HIM, all the earth**

**Crowned by the angel choir, They tell HIS royal birth
Sing glory in the highest height, And peace upon the earth
They break the silent night, Announcing endless worth
The King of grace and love is here, O crown HIM all the world**

**Crowned by their royal gifts, Gold, frankincense and myrrh
Wise men approach this manger throne, With honors from afar
Behold the SON of GOD, And bow down in this place
The Prince of Peace has come to us, O crown HIM with your praise**

**Crown HIM with many crowns, The Lamb upon HIS throne
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns, All music but its own
Awake, my soul, and sing, GODsent His SON for me
Now hail HIM as thy matchless King, Through all eternity**

**Awake, my soul, and sing, GODsent His SON for me
Now hail HIM as thy matchless King, Through all eternity**

Crown HIM, crown HIM, Crown HIM with many crowns (4 times)

* CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Romans 8:20-25

Pastor For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of HIM who subjected it, in hope

People That the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of GOD.

Pastor *For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.*

People **And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the SPIRIT, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.**

Pastor *For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?*

People **But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.**

Confessing Your Sins to the LORD!

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Dear FATHER, forgive us when we focus on our trials, troubles, and tribulations, and so, we lose heart and give in to discouragement and even despair. And forgive us as we make our silent confession.

(please pray in silence)

Dear SPIRIT, lift our spirits with the eternal good News of CHRIST JESUS, who bore our sin in HIS sufferings on the Cross in order to redeem us. For we rejoice anew in HIM this day. Amen and again we say Amen!

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

from Romans 15:13

May the GOD of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the HOLY

SPIRIT you may abound in hope.

* RESPONSE

"Gloria in Excelsis DEO"

Chorus of # 184 – 2 times

Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis DE - O! (2 times)

Listening to the LORD!

READING OF GOD'S WORD

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 (p 168)

SERMON

"CHRIST the Prophet"

Praying to GOD!

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

December Mission is Salvation Army area shelters. Envelopes or checks (with note on the memo line) designated "Salvation Army", will support this work. Please give generously.

* RESPONSE

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Chorus of # 199 – 2 times

O come let us adore HIM (3 times), CHRIST the Lord!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Communing with JESUS CHRIST!

* COMMUNION HYMN

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

#178, words below

**King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth HE stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
HE will give to all the faithful, HIS own self for heav'nly food.**

* INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"Apostle's Creed"

Back Cover of Hymnal

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION / THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts and debtors)

Back Cover of Hymnal

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Grape juice is in the inner ring and wine in the other rings of the communion tray.

Hold the Bread and then the Cup until the Pastor says, *"Take and eat / drink"*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Going out to Serve GOD!

* COMMITMENT HYMN

"Come, THOU Long-Expected JESUS"

#176

* BENEDICTION

from Revelation 22:21

Come, LORD JESUS! The grace of the LORD JESUS be with all the saints. Amen and Amen!

* SUNG BLESSING

"Go Now in Peace"

Don Besig & Nancy Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. GOD will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know HE will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.

GOD will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

* POSTLUDES

Calendar of Events for Zion Evangelical Church

Sunday, December 3 - Advent #1, Communion

Sunday School/Conf 9:00 a.m.
 Millstadt Community Choir 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service.....10:15 a.m.

Monday, December 4

Preschool 8:15 a.m.

Tuesday, December 5

Z Team8:30 a.m.
 Garden Place Bible Study1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6

Preschool 8:15 a.m.
 Bible Study.....11:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 7

Quilting 9:00 a.m.
 Sisters in Faith Christmas Luncheon 12:00 p.m.

Friday, December 8

Preschool 8:15 a.m.
 Chair Yoga 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 9

Sunday, December 10 - Advent #2

Sunday School/Conf 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service.....10:15 a.m.
 Sunday School Christmas Party at The Weber's..... 5:00 p.m.

Council Duties

Sunday, December 3

Barb Scharf
 Betty Keller Timmer
 Annette Hund
 Darren Doerr
 Mary Lou Peter

Sunday, December 10

Charlotte Mehrstens
 Sherry Wynn

November 26, 2023

Giving: \$2,759.00 Attendance: 120



Food Pantry - Our food pantry list for the month of December is: canned meat, pasta side dishes, pickles, and peanut butter. The month of January is: cake mixes/frosting, canned meat, Jello or pudding, and laundry supplies.

Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House -- Congregation Member Eric Wolfmeier is a Firefighter in Belleville. His Firehouse is collecting can tabs, keys, and money for the Ronald McDonald House. Please drop off any you collect at the Church. Amanda will have a receptacle labeled for these. Thank you for helping out.



December 3, 2023
In the Hospital

PRAYER REQUESTS

Steve & Gerry Albert
Bruce Alberter
Emily Alberter
Donna Altemeier
Arik Barnes
Linda Barth
Wanda Basse
David Becherer
Marilyn Beil
Roche Beine
Trish Bell
Cindy Berlelsmann
Roberta Billhartz
Terry Boling
Ginger Bourn
Lindsay Bourn & Family
Baby Levi Boyle
Joyce Brand (Janice Seidlitz's Mother)
Shirley Brandenburger
Steve Crook
Colsen Davinroy
Roger Davis
Sheila Davis (Jessi Doerr's Mother)
Family of Maria DeJesus Mejia
Ann Dietrich
Melissa Dietrich
Bill Ditch
Annie Dulle
Brad Dye
Mark Eckman
Mark Emring
Linda Eurgil
Mike French
Fritz Fritzingler
Lynn Gass
Brenda Goudey
Mary (Boerke) Graham
Greg
Pearl Griebel
Baby Adalyn Harres

Carol & Jim Haury
Rich Heitz
Debbie Hoef
Willie Holdener
Charlotte Hoock
Mary Hund
Gary & Sharon Jones
Judy Jones
Steve Jones
Joyce Kasper
Nick Kassebaum
Jeff Kistner
Billy Klopmeier
Scott (Barbra Knoth's Son)
Jim Kostelac
Elizabeth Koval
Tom & Renee Kreher
Kathy Kuehner
Family of Jessica LaDuke
Lucille Lang
Richard Madden (Kathi Trent's Brother)
Erin Mahoney
Charlotte Mehrtens
Lance Morris
Anna Belle Muskopf
Dean Norrenbem
Andrea Nunnally (Bill Savering's Niece)
John & Karen O'Donnell
Jim O'Saben
Doris Obernagel
Baby Ariela Oliver
Pat Parrish (Wayne Jones's Sister)
Janet Pauketat
Stephanie Poletti
Lois Potter
Bruce Reece
Lucille Reece
Lyle Reuss
Dottie Rickard (Adam Hubb's Grandmother)
Rich Riemann

Donna Ritson
Family of Jim & Susan Savering
Janice Seidlitz
Glenn Schaeffer
Jan & Cindy Schneider
Mitch Scott
Nancy Smith
Shelly Smith
Mike Speichinger
Sharon & Edgar Stallmann
Mary Stevenson
Lisa Taake
Steve Tade
Ray Teliczan
Mike Toenjes
Rich Trent
Elizabeth Tubbs
Baby Ty
Lacey Grace Valentine
Mark Vandernyde
Bill & Donna Ward
Mary Weldele
Joan Wilkins
Jeffrey Willey
Jim Wilshire
Crue Wilson
Bart & Kelley

JOYS

To add a name to our prayer list, please locate a communication card in the pews. Provide the name, address, phone, and reason for the prayer request - place the card in the offering plate or give it to an usher. You may also contact the church office. Members of our prayer team will pray daily for everyone on our list. (Contact Barbara Hohlt for more information (476-1750)). Names will be left on the list for one month unless you contact Barbara Hohlt or the church office.

SERVING OUR COUNTRY Sgt. Anthony Hanson, Jr., Kenny Wolf, Brandon Lester, Kory Klein, and Michael Barnes serving overseas; Erin Green, Adam Stern, Joe Morris, Austin Stumpf, and Derek Ferguson in the Middle East; Kasey Davis serving in Europe; Peter Blades serving in Kuwait; Samantha Glaeser, Jesse Eimer, Jason Parrish, Chris Lewis, Sharon Wirth, Robin Davis, Al Wirth, Tristen & Stefan Cashwell, and Joshua Trent serving in the States. Families of Service men and women in Afghanistan who lost their lives in the terrorist attack.

Community Bulletin Board

Chair Yoga led by Joyce Herman - Fridays, Zion's Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Don't forget to order your Poinsettias! \$8.00 per flower. Forms can be found in the Church Office. Please have your form in by December 13th. Thank you!

Millstadt Library Holiday Open House and Grand Re-Opening - **Thursday, December 7th**, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Come see our newly remodeled space and learn about all that your library can do for you! Please join us for hot cocoa, cookies, and an opportunity to mingle with some Millstadt residents and your librarians.

Cookie Walk Trinity Lutheran Church - **Saturday, December 9th**, 9:00 a.m.-noon. Delicious homemade Christmas cookies, sold by the pound. \$13/pound mixed and \$14/pound fancy. Advanced orders taken - please call Shirley Boehm at 618-476-1113. Thank you!

MCC Christmas Concert - **Sunday, December 17th**, 7:00 p.m., Zion Evangelical Church. Join us for a festive night of your favorite Christmas songs!

St. James CCW 2024 QUILT-A-RAMA! Tickets are \$25.00 each with each winner going back into the barrel after each monthly drawing! For additional info please call Kathy Gass 618 971-6208.

Sisters in Faith/Cre8tive Souls would like to challenge everyone to share one card per week with someone. The cards will be: thank you, thinking of you, praying for you, etc. This person can be part of our congregation, community, or beyond. We would like for you to prayerfully consider who could use a card to let them know that they are thought about, prayed for, cared for or you wish that they would come join us at church, bible study, etc. Other persons who could use a card, police, firefighters, and servicemen, anyone who you feel could use a card. We will provide cards with envelopes or you are more than welcome to use your own cards. If you are willing, we would also like to hear back if you receive a response from someone whom you have shared a card with that their life was impacted in some way. Please sign the cards as an individual and include - "A Member of Zion Evangelical Church".

Millstadt Community Choir
Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 17

7:00 p.m.



Zion Evangelical Church
117 W. White Street





Once again, it's time to order poinsettias for Christmas! If you would like a poinsettia, please have your order in by **December 13th**. The cost will be **\$8.00** per plant.

PLEASE CIRCLE RED OR WHITE POINSETTIA

From: _____

DESIGNATE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

In Honor
of: _____

In Memory
of: _____

Please turn your order into the church office with payment. Make checks payable to Zion Church.

Poinsettias will be ready for pick up on **December 24th.**