



*Call his name*  
**JESUS.**

MATTHEW 1:21

# Zion Evangelical Church

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

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## The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

PRELUDES

LIGHTING CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS / GREETING ONE ANOTHER / RINGING BELLS

LIGHTING ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

*The Phil & Heather Kish family*

Praising FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT!

\* PRAISE SONG

*"Joy Unto the World"* Video

by the Afters

**It was a silent night, a holy night, When all the world was sleeping  
In a little town, on lowly ground, No one knew what was coming  
In a manger, we would find, Our humble King  
All creation held its breath, When suddenly**

### Chorus

**YOUR light came breaking through the darkness, Waking every heart with  
Heaven singing joy unto the world, Our long awaited Savior  
YOU will reign forever, We are singing joy unto the world**

**Hope is here, so lift your eyes, And see HIS glory and splendor  
SON of GOD, love's pure light, We come before YOU in wonder  
In a manger, we have found, Our mighty King  
All creation held its breath, When suddenly**

### Chorus

**Joy to the world, The Lord has come, Let Earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing (4 times), All Heaven and nature sing**

**Chorus (2 times)**

**Joy unto the world, Joy unto the world**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Psalm 24:7-10

*Pastor Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,*

**People That the King of glory may come in.**

*Pastor Who is this King of glory?*

**People The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Pastor *Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,*  
People **That the King of glory may come in.**  
Pastor *Who is this King of glory?*  
People **The LORD of hosts, HE is the King of glory! Selah**

**Confessing Your Sins to the LORD!**

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**King JESUS, forgive me where I give others the glory, honor and praise that is YOURS alone. And, forgive me for failing to live for YOUR glory, honor and praise, as I now make my silent confession of sin.**

*(please pray in silence)*

**Lord JESUS, I do invite YOU into the gates of my heart, and mind and soul. By YOUR Word and SPIRIT strength me to live more and more for YOUR glory, honor and praise. Amen and Amen!**

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

from Isaiah 33:22

*For the LORD is our judge; the LORD is our lawgiver; the LORD is our king; HE will save us.*

\* RESPONSL

*"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

Isaiah 9:1-7 (p 593)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*"CHRIST the King"*

**Praying to GOD!**

JOYS/CONCERN

We Thank YOU / Hear Our Prayer, O LORD!

INTERCESSORY / THE LORD'S PRAYER (debtors and debtors)

**Our FATHER who art in Heaven, Hallowed be THY Name. THY Kingdom come, THY will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For THINE is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever, Amen.**

OFFERING

*December Mission is Salvation Army area shelters. Loose Cash, envelopes or checks (with note in memo line) designated "Salvation Army" will support this work. Please give generously.*

\* RESPONSE

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

Chorus of # 199 – 2 times

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

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Going out to Serve GOD!

- \* COMMITMENT HYMN "*Hallelujah Chorus*" London Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir  
Lyrics on the screen  
from Revelation 17:14
- \* BENEDICTION  
*JESUS CHRIST is Lord of lords and King of kings, and may you follow HIM, and so be called and chosen  
and faithful.*
- \* 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

### Community Bulletin Board

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

SIF Cabin Fever Retreat - **Saturday, January 20, 2024**, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Open to all ladies of the community! \$15 - includes breakfast, lunch, and activities. Start the New Year treating yourself to a day just for you! Winter themed inspiration, Old Hags Doing New Hacks, health tips, and make & take. Casual attire. Call the Church Office to RSVP by January 15, 2024. Pay in advance or at the door.

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/Creative 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".



# Calendar of Events for Zion Evangelical Church

Sunday, December 24- Advent #4, Christmas Eve, Food Pantry  
Worship Service.....10:15 a.m.  
Christmas Eve Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day, Office Closed  
Tuesday, December 26 - Office Closed  
Wednesday, December 27 - Office Closed  
Thursday, December 28 - Office Closed  
Friday, December 29 - Office Closed  
Chair Yoga ..... 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 30  
Sunday, December 31 - New Year's Eve, Deacon's Fund  
Worship Service.....10:15 a.m.

## Council Duties

Sunday, December 24  
Richard Hoffelmeyer  
Mary Lou Peter

Sunday, December 31  
Sherry Wynn  
Mary Lou Peter

**December 17, 2023**

Giving: \$4,162.00 Attendance: 101



**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 24, 2023  
In the Hospital  
Richard Madden - Memorial 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  
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  
Family of Roger & Lynn Ferry  
Mike French  
Fritz Fritzingler  
Marilyn Gallagher (Linda Hopfinger's Aunt)  
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 Mehrrens  
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 Grand-

mother)  
Rich Riemann  
Donna Ritson  
Family of Jim & Susan Savering  
Lucille Schewe  
Jan & Cindy Schneider  
Mitch Scott  
Janice Seidlitz  
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 Vandermyde  
Bill & Donna Ward  
Rachel Weber  
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, Michael Barnes, Erin Green, Adam Stern, Joe Morris, Derek Ferguson, Kasey Davis, Peter Blades serving overseas; Samantha Glaeser, Jesse Eimer, Jason Parrish, Chris Lewis, Sharon Wirth, Robin Davis, Al Wirth, Tristen & Stefan Caswell, and Joshua Trent serving in the States. Families of Service men and women in Afghanistan who lost their lives in the terrorist attack.