



NOW

is the watchword of the wise.

*Behold, now is the accepted time;
behold, now is the day of salvation.*

2 CORINTHIANS 6:2

Zion Evangelical Church

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

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December 31st, 2023

PRELUDES

LIGHTING CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS / GREETING ONE ANOTHER / RINGING BELLS

Praising FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT!

* PRAISE SONG

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” Video

sung by Jason Gray

Chorus

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere

Go tell it on the mountain, That JESUS CHRIST is born

The shepherds kept their watching, Over silent flocks by night

Behold throughout the heavens, There shone a holy light

Chorus

The shepherds feared and trembled, When lo, above the earth

Rang out the angel chorus, That hailed our Savior's birth

Chorus

Down in a lonely manger, The humble CHRIST was born

And GOD sent our salvation, That blessed Christmas morn

Chorus (2 times)

That JESUS CHRIST is born, That JESUS CHRIST is born

* CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from John 1:1-5

Pastor In the beginning was the WORD,

People And the WORD was with GOD,

Pastor And the WORD was GOD.

People HE was in the beginning with GOD.

Pastor All things were made through HIM,

People And without HIM was not anything made that was made.

Pastor In HIM was life,

People And the life was the light of all people.

Pastor The light shines in the darkness,

People And the darkness has not overcome it.

Pastor Praise be to the Lord,

People Who is the Light of the World. Amen and Amen!

Confessing Your Sins to the LORD!

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O GOD of light and righteousness, we come to **YOU** to confess our thoughts, words and deeds of darkness and sin. Forgive us for trying to hide in the darkness of sin, just as Adam and Eve tried to hide from **YOUR** presence in the Garden of Eden. Hear us now as we make our own personal confession in the silence of this sanctuary.

(please pray in silence)

O LORD of light, We praise **YOU** that the darkness of our sin has been overcome by the Light of **YOUR CHRIST**. Renew us now by the working of **YOUR HOLY SPIRIT**, so that our lives may shine forth the light of **JESUS'** love to our families, friends and community throughout the coming new year. Amen and Amen!

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

from 1 John 1:7

If we walk in the light, as HE is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of JESUS HIS SON cleanses us from all sin.

* 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

Galatians 4:4-7 (p 1014)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"God's Gift"

Praying to GOD!

JOYS/CONCERNS

We Thank **YOU** / Hear Our Prayer, **O LORD!**

INTERCESSORY / THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts 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

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Going out to Serve GOD!

* COMMITMENT HYMN

"How Great Our Joy"

#202

* BENEDICTION

from 1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, GOD's own people, so that you may declare the wonderful deeds of HIM who called you out of darkness into HIS marvelous light. Amen & 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

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/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".

Calendar of Events for Zion Evangelical Church

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

Monday, January 1 - New Year's Day, Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2

Wednesday, January 3
 Preschool 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, January 4

Friday, January 5
 Preschool 8:15 a.m.
 Chair Yoga 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 6 - Epiphany

Sunday, January 7 - Communion
 Sunday School/Conf. 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service.....10:15 a.m.
 Taking Down the Greens 11:30 a.m.

Council Duties

Sunday, December 31

Sherry Wynn
 Mary Lou Peter

Sunday, January 7

December 24, 2023

Giving: Attendance:



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 31, 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
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 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 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 Elmer, 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.