



# The Messenger

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The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church

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*While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. --Luke 2:7*

You are invited to attend Christmas Eve Worship on December 24 at Zion.

**9:30 AM**

- The Fourth Sunday in Advent Service - Only one morning service.

**5:00 PM**

- Family Communion Christmas Service. Children-oriented sermon.

**7:30 PM & 11:00 PM**

- Festive worship of Carols and Candlelight, Word and Sacrament

Christmas Eve Worship is a time to rekindle the fire of hope and love that came down at Christmas so many years ago.

We sing glad Christmas carols and hear anew the story of the angels' visit with shepherds keeping watch over their flock by night.

*Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. -- Luke 2:10b-11*

We mark the footstep of those shepherds as they followed the directions of the heavenly host. Moving to Bethlehem where the star shone bright, they find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

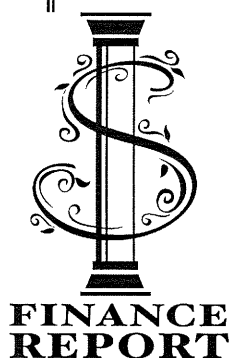
We experience the moment of peace as we sing "Silent Night" and then share the light of God's promise in the Christ Child with each other.

Christmas Eve Worship is a special time in the life of our congregation. I hope you can be with us as we celebrate this Christmas Eve.

Peace and grace,

Pastor Vance

# Our Church in Action



	<i>October</i>
<b><i>Financial Secretary's Report</i></b>	
Received toward budget	\$25,605.75
Needed to meet budget	<u>22,083.92</u>
Difference	3,521.83
Building/Renovation received	2,445.40
Building/Renovation received ytd	17,008.76
<b><i>Treasurer's Report</i></b>	
Beginning checking account balance	\$23,681.15
Checking account income & interest	23,858.82
Expenses paid	<u>16,312.78</u>
Ending Balance	\$31,227.19
General savings account ending balance	\$16,308.06
Building/Renovation account balance	\$15,354.53
<b><i>Bills on hand</i></b>	
Benevolence	\$ 439.19
30 days or less	<u>703.30</u>
Total bills on hand at month end	\$ 1139.49
<b><i>Mortgage</i></b>	
Beginning balance	\$173,932.02
Principal payment	827.58
Interest payment	<u>833.42</u>
Total payment	1,661.00
Ending Balance	\$173,104.44

## Council Meeting Highlights - November 14, 2006

- Zion will participate in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in front of Huron IGA.
- Trustee Board researched the Prayer Labyrinth. Tentative plans are to build a prayer path and labyrinth at least 120 ft. in diameter on Zion's property behind the Christian Center. It must be easily maintained with inlaid bricks and wheelchair accessible.
- Ash Wednesday is Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. Midweek Lenten Service schedule will be: dinner at 6 p.m., table talk and choir at 6:30 p.m., and services at 7:30.
- Worship services will again be held at Huron Lagoons Marina next summer.
- Membership changes:  
  - Infant Baptism: Autumn Blankenship, Casey Brown, Katherine Rospert

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## **SERVING THIS MONTH:**

### **9:15 Worship Assistants**

12/3 - Mic Kaufman, Deryk Wray &  
Kyle Moyer  
12/10 - Laura Hahn, Mason Carmel &  
Holly Wenzinger

### **Acolytes**

12/3 - 8:00 - Kyle Riemann  
10:30 - Matthew King  
12/10- 8:00 - Rachel Wallace  
10:30 - Matthew Wray  
12/17 - 8:00 - Kirsten Hall  
10:30 - Matthew Wray  
12/24 - 9:30 a.m.- Laura Hahn  
5:00 p.m. - Morgan Mize  
7:30 p.m. - Libby Brightman  
11:00 p.m. - Matthew Fujita  
12/31 9:30 - Mic Kaufman

### **Lay Assistants**

12/3 - Becky Wooster  
12/10 - Karen Munsterman  
12/17 - Florence Chase  
12/24 - Mike Amstutz  
12/31 - Tom Preston

### **Ushers**

8:00 - Rocky Callihan  
9:15 - Gary Harmon & Matthew Solberg  
10:30- Carson Chlepciak & Roger  
Munsterman

### **Altar Care**

Becky Wooster & Darlene Fujita

### **Altar & Organ Flowers**

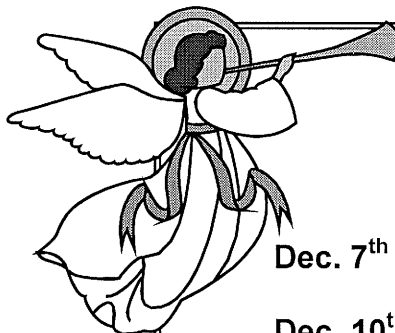
12/3 - Ralph & Barbara Boyer  
12/10 - Jim & Becky Wooster;  
Ron & Sandra Finke  
12/17 - Leslie Foxworth  
12/24 - Michelle Cooper; Edna Leitzke  
12/31 - Gerold & Elizabeth Schnaitter;  
Cloak & Frey families

### **Communion Elements**

12/3 - Mert Brantner  
12/10 - Barbara Vance  
12/17 - Sherry Thatcher  
12/24 - Jim & Becky Wooster;  
Anna Markovits  
12/31 - Adult Sunday School



CHRISTMAS



## **Christmas Service Schedule**

**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> - Quiet Communion at 1 p.m.**

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> - Chi Rho Cookie Sale**

**Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School Christmas  
Program at 9:15 a.m. service**

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve  
9:30 a.m. - Morning Worship  
(one morning service only)**

**5:00 p.m. - Family worship with  
Communion**

**7:30 p.m. - Candlelight Service  
with Communion**

**11:00 p.m. - Candlelight service  
with Communion**

**Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> -  
9:30 a.m. - Morning Worship  
(one service only)**



Candlelight  
Service

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Would you like to be a reader for any of the  
Christmas Eve Services?

Readers are needed for short passages throughout  
each service. Both adults and teens are welcome.

Please call the office at 433-4711  
if you are able to help.

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## CHI RHO NEEDS YOUR HELP!



The Chi Rho Youth Group is having a cookie sale on December 10<sup>th</sup> to earn money for the Youth Quake retreat in February.

They are asking all cookie bakers to help by bringing donations of home-baked cookies to the church on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 a.m. and noon. The cookies will be sold for \$5 a plate after church services.

## Christmas Cards



## GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS TO ALL FROM THE CIRCLE OF LOVE PRAYER GROUP

You all will be in our prayers over this sacred time of year. We pray that you all will be blessed during this time as you deepen your relationship with Christ, as he continues to be more deeply established in your hearts.

## CHRISTMAS READING & GIFT IDEAS

Looking for a gift of "words" for a friend or family member? Here are some suggestions:



**Adult:** "Why the Nativity?" by Pastor David Jeremiah  
**Teen:** "The Christmas Candle" by Max Lucado  
**Kids:** "Veggie Tales"; "The Christmas Star" on DVD

Merry Christmas to all. I wish you the best in the New Year. *Christine Molnar*

## POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

Would you like to beautify God's house for Christmas? You can do so by ordering your poinsettia plant. Orders must be received by December 10<sup>th</sup>. Send the order form below, with your payment, to the church office. Make check payable to Zion Lutheran Church (please write Poinsettia on the memo line).



ORDER  
YOUR  
POINSETTIAS

You may order red or white plants in a 6 inch pot. They will be delivered to the church and may be picked up after the 11 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.

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### POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants of each color at \$8 each:

\_\_\_\_\_ Red      \_\_\_\_\_ White

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of (deceased):  
\_\_\_\_\_

In honor of (living):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

