

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2024

IN OUR PRAYERS

THE HOMEBOUND: Arit Aqua, David John Benjamin, Terri Burris, Martha & Ken Buss, David Formet, Millie Gomoll, Tom & Virginia Hood, Judy Kurth, Carolyn McDaniel, Dina McDonald, Margaret Porter, Linda Preece, Tom Sanchez, Myrna Schulze, Richard & June Tesauro, Ben Thieme, Lucretia Watson, & Bobby Young.

THE SICK AND RECOVERING: Lance & Karen Lashley, Lila Schrank, Johnny Miranda, Melissa Rollins, Karrell Johnson, Kay Bartel.

THE FRIENDS AND KINFOLK OF OUR PARISHIONERS: Doug Nichols, grandfather of Ashley Chapa; Oscar Chapa, father of Anthony Chapa; Justin Piel; Merlin, Amy, and Michael Lempke, friends of Kristin Praeuner; Dewayne Payton, friend of the Matthews Family; Sarah Gardner, cousin of Sandra Magers; and Larry, friend of the VanLohs; & Doug Molin.

THOSE WHO MOURN:

—**Tom + Donze**, father of Renee Gisler, died 11/13 in Rolla, MO. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Alexander Catholic Church, Belle, MO on 12/7 at 11a, The Rev. Philip M. Kane presiding. rcp hopes to attend.

—**Dr. Mark + Hardin** died 10/3 and was given Christian Burial on 10/11 at Northway Christian Church with Interment at Sparkman-Hillcrest Memorial Park. He served as a doctor for Pastor and Linda and was also a friend.

THE NEWBORN

Tyler Shannon Morway, 11/27 to Lila and Austin, joining sister Logan and brother Trey. Jennnifer and Shannon O' Brien and Marie Ring are the proud grand and great-grandparents.

Phoebe Ebersole, born 11/26 to Allison and Pastor James. She joins Sky, Milo, and Rylee in the growing family. RCP/SP carried Holy Communion to them on 11/27.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! 12/8 Amy Reisner, Efi Aqua; 12/9 Gil Abbott; 12/10 Dora Hyslop, Juan Diego Reyna, Brooks Ragan, Patrick Gusa; 12/11 Mallory Goodwin; 12/14 Aaron Schnegelberger, Ella Snowflack; 12/15 Stan Steele, Sarah Krueger; 12/16 Elbert Box, Sr., Barbara Bradfield, Dennis Morris; 12/17 Alan Witthoef, Yaron Benyam.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! 12/16 Sandra & Richard Magers

A SPECIAL MILESTONE BIRTHDAY was celebrated by **Gloria Young** as she reached the age of 90 on November 8. The family celebrated this past weekend. Pastor Preece was blessed to attend.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB!! Let's get into the Christmas spirit by listening to Christmas music presented by our Zion School choristers at noon on Tuesday, December 10, 2024.



People begin gathering at 10:00 in Trinity Hall for games, coffee and conversation. Bring lunch from home and we'll eat at 11:30. Then we'll move to the sanctuary to hear our Zion students sing the Christmas story. Pastor Kurth will conclude our meeting with a benediction.

The Board of Parish Education invites the Zion family of all ages to participate in our intergenerational Advent Sunday School on December 8, and 15 at 9:20 am in Luther Hall. We'll be learning about how Jesus gives us His peace to conquer our fears- of the future, failure, and not having/being enough. We'll gather around scripture, have some fun, and prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus coming to us!

ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKLETS AVAILABLE ON NARTHEX COUNTER



Zion Youth Grades (6-12)
Feed My Starving Children, Friday, December 20, 2:00-3:45 pm. Plan to kick off Christmas break by serving others through packing meals for those most in need around the world. Use this QR Code to sign up. The whole family is welcome to attend! **AND**



On December 20, we'll also be having some late-night fun! We'll be going out to dinner after FMSC and to Group Dynamix for some awesome games and team challenges. The night will end at midnight. Parent drivers will be needed. Please talk to Ms. Amy if you are interested.

*Love Your Neighbour
as Yourself*



The City of St. Louis has always been important to the LCMS in general, and especially to Zion. The “Headquarters”, the Seminary, and many past and future servants reside there. The St. Louis Foundation gave incredible support to our ROC efforts through Miss Phyllis + Tirmenstein. And our recent Vicar, The Rev. Chris Knepper, now is an Associate Pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran, in one of the poorest neighborhoods there. We have an opportunity to give back to that city and the LCMS by supporting some of the needs of Bethlehem, St. Louis. Pastor Chris has sent a list of needs that can be aided by our generosity. Scan the QR code to view their “needs” page. This list is kept current, so any gift is timely. Monetary donations may be made from the main giving page, with your chosen covered items noted in the memo line. Thank you. (Zion has forwarded \$200.—rcp/sp)



A message from Zion Lutheran Church Council & Zion Lutheran School Board:

The holidays are approaching, and we have an opportunity to give back to Zion staff members through a monetary gift. The “Christmas Fund” proceeds will go directly to Zion Church and School staff members. We are incredibly blessed by such dedicated, talented, and loving staff who generously give their time and talents to our Zion community. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our appreciation!



Decorated boxes are in the Church Office hallway and in the School Offices. You may drop a check into one of these boxes, include as an itemized gift in your normal offerings, give online, or turn in to Mrs. O'Brien through backpack mail. Checks may be made out to “**Zion Lutheran Church**” with “**Staff Christmas Fund**” in the memo line. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated, and all gifts are tax deductible. —Allison OHalloran, School Board Chair

On December 5, rcp/sp played on the Steinway Grand Piano at **Concordia University Texas** for Christmas Festival and Liturgy of the Tree Lighting in Austin. He was honoured to be asked and blessed to serve.

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP
Stewards of His Generosity

Needed per Sunday: \$28,846 Received 12/1: \$13,944

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moth and rust destroy...
but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor rust destroys... Matthew 6:19-20



GIVING ON-LINE is easy! Just go to ziondallas.org and click the “GIVING” option or scan the code above. Enter the amount you wish to give, select how you would like to have your gift designated, the frequency of your gift, and enter the information on the card or account that you would like to utilize for the processing of your gift. If you encounter any problems or have questions regarding the on-line giving process, do not hesitate to contact Jerry Knippa (X207) or Donna Squibb (X201) in the Church Office, 214. 363.1639.

Advent/Christmas/New Year's Worship Schedule 2024

Sunday Services

8 & 10:30 a 12/8, 12/15, 12/22

Special Choral Services

6:00p

Advent Midweek Services 7:00p in the Sanctuary

Wednesdays, 12/11, 12/18

(Family Dinner begins at 6p in Luther Hall)

Christmas Eve 12/24 4, 7, & 11p

Christmas Day 12/25 10a

Christmas I 12/29 8 & 10:30a

New Year's Eve Services

Evening Service 6p in Trinity Hall

Service of Lessons and Carols 12/8

Early Childhood Christmas Service 12/13

ZLS Children's Christmas Service 12/15

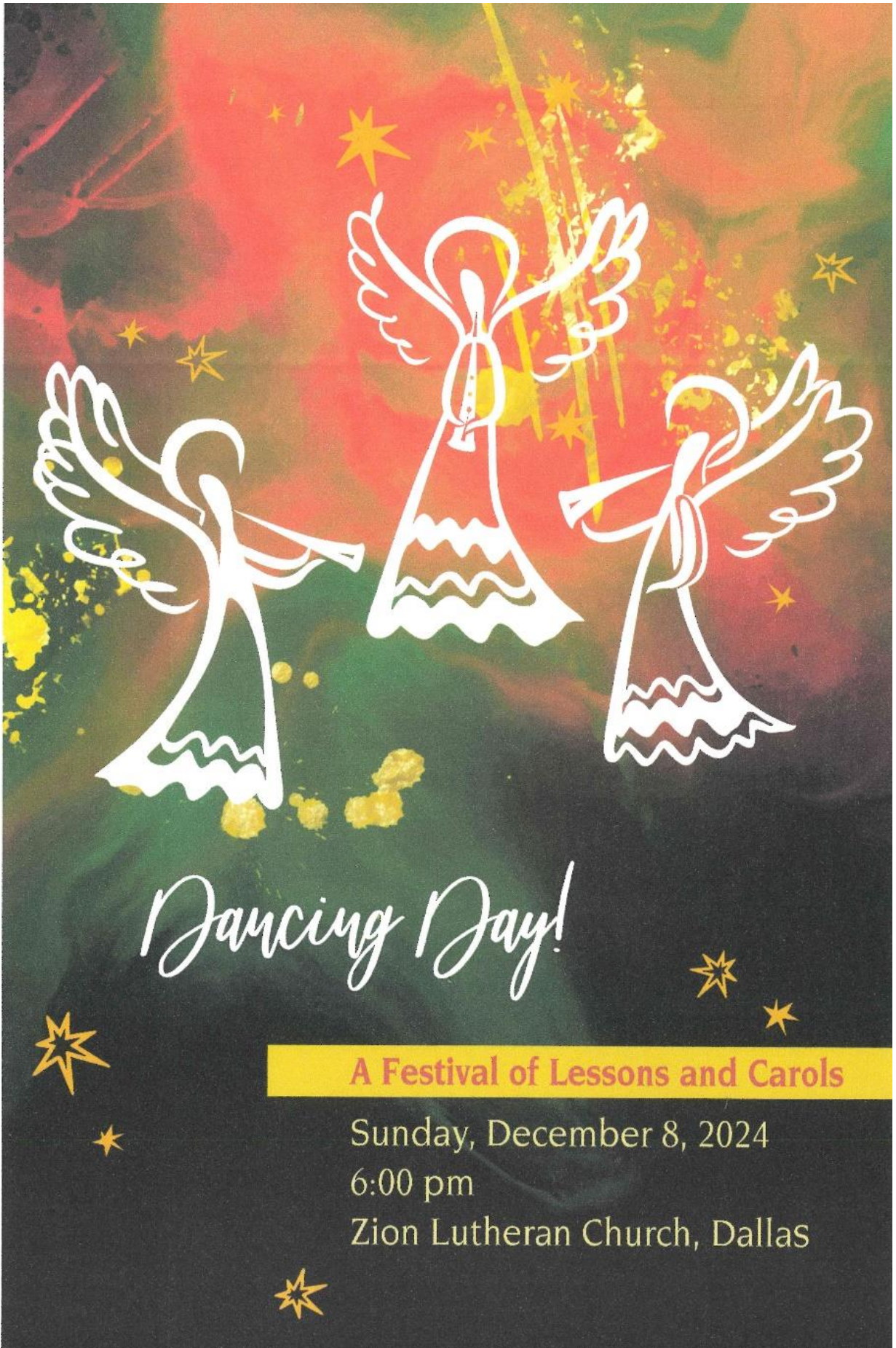
Bach Society Messiah Sing-Along 12/17 7p

Bach Society Viva Vivaldi 12/31 7:30p

SERVING DAILY

Senior Pastor—The Rev. Dr. Robert C. Preece
Associate Pastor—The Rev. James Ebersole
Minister to Older Adults—The Rev. Richard Kurth
Assistant Pastor, Ethnic Ministry Facilitator
—The Rev. Benyam Weldtensai
Minister of Music—Dr. Scott Hyslop
Minister of Education/Principal—Dr. Jeff Thorman
Minister of Youth and Parish Education
—Ms. Amy Heuer, DCE
Business and Facilities Manager— Mr. Jerry Knippa
Audio and Facilities—Mr. Larry Wagner

Occasional Preacher—The Rev. Fred C. Gersch
Audio and Physical Arrangements—Mr. Larry Wagner
Worship Consultant—The Rev. Dr. James R. Haner
Comunidad Cristiana Esmirna—The Rev. Oscar Perez
Eritrean Evangelical Lutheran Church
—Pastor Rehoboth Beyene
Zion Lutheran Faculty and Staff, Emeriti and Emeritae
Minister to Older Adults—The Rev. H. Melvin Symmank
Minister of Music—Dr. Donald O. Rotermund, M. Mus.,
D. Litt.
Teachers—Mrs. Doris Rotermund, Mrs. June Tesauro,
Mrs. Elisabeth Bennett



Dancing Day!

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 8, 2024

6:00 pm

Zion Lutheran Church, Dallas