

- ◆ **Sunday School is every Sunday @ 10:15 am.**
- ◆ **No 7-8th Confirmation class until Wed Dec 4 @ 5:15 pm.**
- ◆ **Next JAM will be Wednesday December 4 @ 2:45 pm.**
- ◆ **Next 7-12 Youth group will be Wed, Dec 18, 5:15-7 pm.**

If you ordered items from the BEC fundraiser, please make arrangements for picking up your items 4-7 pm on Monday, November 18.

The SS children are donating their offerings to Toys for Tots. Our goal is \$500. We have currently raised \$215.

Families are needed to assist with the Advent Wreath Lighting. Families of all ages and sizes can help out! The wreath lighting is at every Sunday Advent worship, December 1, 8, 15, and Christmas Eve, 5 pm and 10 pm. If your family wants to share this special honor, please contact Leah, youth@zionstjohn.org .

The annual Confirmation Class Food Scavenger Hunt for the WF Food Pantry will Wednesday, November 20. 7-8 students will meet at the church at 5:15 pm for supper and then begin the hunt around Sheffield @ 6 pm. If you would like someone to stop at your house, please let Leah know.

SS Christmas program rehearsals continue. All readers will meet with Doreen every Sunday @ 10 am. The program will be on Sunday December 15 @ 4 pm. A soup and sandwich supper will follow. The children will also sing for worship that morning. Please have them to church by 8:45 am.

Nov 17	10:15-10:35 am	Dec 8	10:15-11 am
Nov 24 & Dec 1	10:15-10:45 am	Dec 15	10:15-11:15 am

Opportunities to Serve This Week at ZSJ:

Today (11-17)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Christmas Program Readers
	10:15 am	Fellowship/ Sunday School
	10:30 am	Memorial Committee Meeting
Monday(11-18)		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	4:00 pm	BEC Fundraiser Pickup
Wednesday (11-20)	8:30 am	ZSJ Piecemakers Quilting
	5:15 pm	7-8 Con. Scavenger Hunt
	6:15 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday (11-21)	2:00 pm	West Fork Food Pantry
Next Sunday (11-24)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Christmas Program Readers
	10:15 am	Fellowship/ Sunday School

Welcome to worship at ZSJ this morning!

- ◇ Please sign the attendance sheets in your pews.
- ◇ Spark leaflets and activity bags for children are available from the ushers. When returning your bags, please put them in the designated spot for cleaning.
- ◇ Our bulletins and inserts can now be downloaded from our website onto your personal portable device: **www.zionstjohn.org**
- ◇ Hearing devices are available from the ushers.
- ◇ Our teddy bears in our midst worship with us and are meant to be loved and cuddled. When it is time, they will be sent to another place to share our love of Jesus with others in need!
- ◇ Free devotional materials are available on the usher's table & the display in the Narthex.
- ◇ Electronic giving is available on the church website, use the "donation" tab on the homepage or download the "Vanco Mobile" app on your phone.

Please keep in your prayers: Cindy R, Sarah P, Ray R, Christy M, Louise K, Carolyn R, Pat H, Jon S, Steve & Sue K, Patty B, Keely S, Marcy M, Maddie P, Doris M, Crystal B, Drew H, Doug D, Dusty M, Cheryl R, Kay R, Dean D, Cliff C, Al N, Bishop Steven U, Sawyer A, Tammy S and the family of Paige D.

Thank you to Daren Meints for our stewardship temple talk today. Next Sunday, November 24 will be Consecration Sunday. Please consider increasing your pledge in honor of our 150th anniversary celebration in 2025. Maybe \$1.50 per week or \$15 per month or \$150 per month or year.

Poinsettia orders are due Sunday November 24. If you would like to donate a poinsettia to the garden, you may purchase one through the church office, checks payable to *Forever Yours* or directly from *Forever Yours* in Sheffield for \$25. If you are giving a poinsettia on your own, please let the church office know so that it can be noted in the Christmas bulletins.

The 150th anniversary memorabilia is available for pre-order now until Monday November 25. Stop by the table in the narthex to get the information or get help placing an order. The cups and mugs need to be ordered here. The apparel can be ordered through Got You Covered through their online store @ <https://zionstjohn2024.itemorder.com/> or you can also stop in the store in Hampton.

Our Thanksgiving Worship will be Wednesday, November 27 @ 7 pm. Come and give thanks for all the blessings in your life!

ATTENTION all Women of ZSJ! We will be gathering our thank offerings in November! Please drop off your offerings @ the church or send to: Diane Wills, 1399 Beeds Lake Dr., Hampton Iowa 50441.

The Christmas decorating of the sanctuary and tree will be on Saturday, November 30 @ 9:00 am. Lots of hands makes for light work!

The Women of ZSJ have boxed and individual cards for sale in the narthex. There is a new supply of sympathy, Christmas, get well, birthday, thinking of you and blank cards. Prices range from \$5– 6 per box, and individual cards are .50. Stop by and check it out!

Midweek Advent worship services be on Wednesday, December 4, 11, and 18 @ 7 pm. The Holden Evening Prayer Service is a beautiful candlelight service that brings peace during a very busy time of the year! Come and find the true meaning of Christmas!

Free Advent devotional books and Advent calendars are available on the narthex table.

The Annual Holiday Food Fair will be held on Sunday, December 15. The serving of cinnamon rolls and coffee will begin during the fellowship hour. The cookies and other holiday goodies will also be available during fellowship time and again after the Christmas program. Anyone wishing to donate cookies or other items, please have them to church by 10 am on Saturday December 14. Setup will take place on Saturday, Dec 14 @ 10 am and all help would be appreciated. All proceeds will be divided between new kitchen countertops and Social concerns money for Pastor Kim to give away. If you have questions or would like to help in any way, please contact Carla N, 641 892-4985.

Please consider submitting a memory or devotional for the 150th anniversary in 2025. Information is on the narthex table. If you need help, please see Diane in the office. We could also use everyone's help by using the 150th postcards to notify family and friends who might be interested in coming!

The Pennies for Poverty jar needs filling! You will find the jar on the narthex table. This year's money will be given to Wings of Refuge to help survivors of human trafficking.

Help the WF Food Pantry fill the shelves for the holidays and after by participating in the Reverse Advent Calendar. Each day add an item to a box and then bring it to the Food Pantry in December or January! Here are some suggestions or create your own!

Dec 1	cereal	Dec 2	peanut butter
Dec 3	baked beans	Dec 4	boxed potatoes
Dec 5	mac and cheese	Dec 6	canned fruit
Dec 7	canned tomatoes	Dec 8	canned tuna or chicken
Dec 9	cake or brownie mix	Dec 10	canned applesauce
Dec 11	canned sweet potatoes	Dec 12	juice
Dec 13	jelly	Dec 14	crackers
Dec 15	rice	Dec 16	ketchup, mustard, pickles
Dec 17	packaged pasta	Dec 18	spaghetti sauce
Dec 19	chicken noodle soup	Dec 20	tomato soup
Dec 21	canned corn	Dec 22	canned peas
Dec 23	canned carrots	Dec 24	canned green beans

YOUTH AND FAMILY