

YOUTH AND FAMILY

- ◆ **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.**

The SS children are donating their offerings to Toys for Tots. Our goal is \$500. We have currently raised \$336.

Families are still needed to assist with the Advent Wreath Lighting, for December 8, and Christmas Eve, 5 pm and 10 pm. If your family wants to share this special honor, please contact Leah, youth@zionstjohn.org .

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



Opportunities to Serve This Week at ZSJ:

Today (11-24)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Christmas Program Readers
	10:15 am	Fellowship/ Sunday School
Monday (11-25)		150 APARREL ORDERS DUE
Wednesday (11-27)	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Worship
Thursday (11-28)		OFFICE CLOSED
Friday (11-29)		OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday (11-30)	9:00 am	Tree Decorating
Next Sunday (12-1)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion led by Praise Team
	10:00 am	Christmas Program Readers
	10:15 am	Fellowship/ Sunday School
	10:30 am	150th Committee Meeting

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,

and Tammy S.

Thank you to Diane Wills for our stewardship temple talk today. Today is 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 TODAY. 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!

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| 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 |