

true meaning of Christmas!

**The Annual Holiday Food Fair will be held on Sunday, December 15 @ 10 am and 5 pm.** Anyone wishing to donate cookies or other items, please have them to church by 10 am on Saturday December 14. Please label your items with a description and price. Cookies can be left in containers. Setup will take place on Saturday, Dec 14 @ 10 am and extra helpers for Sunday are also welcome. All are welcome to shop and share in cinnamon rolls during fellowship! 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.

**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

- ◆ **Sunday School is every Sunday @ 10:15 am.**
- ◆ **7-8th Confirmation class meets Wednesdays @ 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 \$355.

**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.

#### Opportunities to Serve This Week at ZSJ:

<b>Today (12-1)</b>	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
<b>Wednesday (12-4)</b>	8:30 am	ZSJ Piecemakers
	2:45 pm	JAM
	5:15 pm	7-8th Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Midweek Advent Worship
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday (12-5)</b>	2:00 pm	West Fork Food Pantry
<b>Saturday (12-7)</b>	10:00 am	West Fork Food Pantry
<b>Next Sunday (12-8)</b>	9:00 am	Worship
	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](http://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, Bishop Steven U, Sawyer A, and the family of Tammy S.

**The Women of ZSJ have boxed Christmas cards for sale in the narthex.** Prices range from \$5– 6 per box.

**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