

Thank you to the Nickerson family for helping with the Advent wreath lighting this morning!

The Christmas tree in the narthex contains ornaments from ELCA Good Gifts. If you are looking for a way to give a gift twice, this is a great idea. Not only can you give a gift to the one you love, but also share the gift of an animal with a family in need somewhere around the world! Just take an ornament and follow the directions to order on line, or if you need assistance, talk with Diane in the office.

Finding the way back to Mayberry Adult Bible Study will begin during the SS hour in January. This class will be a fun look back at the classic Andy Griffith TV show and how it relates to our faith today. All are welcome to come and enjoy!

The annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday January 19 @ 10 am (immediately following worship). Snow date is January 26.

The 150th Anniversary committee could use your help! Here are some suggestions:

- * Pick up some save the date postcards and send to family and friends who may not be members
- ◆ Write a devotional <https://forms.gle/xQQnPjdDSc6KmcxAA>
- ◆ Written or verbal family stories
- ◆ St John Confirmation pictures from 1909, 1910, 1912, 1914, 1916, & 1941 & Zion Confirmation picture from 1915
- ◆ Donate to our anniversary projects, a wildflower memory garden @ the cemetery, new Bibles & ELW hymnals and/ or a new digital baby grand piano for the sanctuary.

YOUTH AND FAMILY

- ◆ **Sunday School resumes on Jan 5.**
- ◆ **7-8th Confirmation class will not meet again until January 15 @ 5:15 pm.**
- ◆ **Next 7-12 Youth Group will be Wed, Feb 5**

Thank you to all who donated to the SS offering project for this fall. We raised \$800.57 for Toys for Tots!!!

Opportunities to Serve This Week at ZSJ:

Today (12-22)	9:00 am	Advent Lessons & Carols Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship
Tuesday (12-24)	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with children in mind
	10:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Choirs
Wednesday (12-25)	9:00 am	KLMJ Replay of 10 pm service
	10:00 am	Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion
Thursday (12-26)	2:00 pm	West Fork Food Pantry
Next Sunday (12-29)	9:00 am	Christmas Lessons & Carols Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship



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, Crystal B, Drew H, Doug D, Dusty M, Cheryl R, Kay R, Dean D, Cliff C, Bishop Steven U, and Sawyer A.