

❖ 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:** Sarah P, Ray R, Christy M, Jon S, Sue K, Keely S, Marcy M, Crystal B, Doug D, Dusty M, Cheryl R, Dean D, Patricia S, Steve H, Wendy J, Lori M, Karla C, Zayne F, Jim M, Crystal C, Jeri B, Sharon S, LaVonne C, Kay E and the family of Jeanette W.

**Help Darryl M celebrate his upcoming 90<sup>th</sup> birthday during fellowship this am!!!**

**Thank you to the Hansen family for helping with the Advent Wreath lighting.**

**Midweek Advent worship is Wed, Dec 10 & 17 @ 7 pm.** Come and enjoy the beauty and calm of the Holden Evening Prayer service.

**Coats, gloves, hats, mittens, scarves, boots and other items can be left on the clotheslines in the park as part of the Share the Warmth campaign.** No sign-up, no judgement, just kindness, take what you need! For information, contact Jason Grunklee @ St Peter Lutheran, 641-822-3101.

**The Holiday Food Fair will be Sun Dec 14, during fellowship hour and after the Christmas program! Setup will be Sat, Dec 13 @ 9 am.** Please have all items here by then! All helpers would be greatly appreciated. The proceeds will be divided between the kitchen countertops fund and Wings of Refuge. Contact Carla Nelson, 892-4985, with questions.

**Need a great gift idea for a special someone? Purchase a chance to win the beautiful quilt in the narthex, just \$5 a ticket!** The drawing will be Sun Dec 14, need not be present to win. Proceeds will benefit the Women of ZSJ ministries, including the Quilters!

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

## ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Dec. 10	7 pm	Midweek Worship, “Holden Evening Prayer”
Dec. 14	9 am	Sunday Advent Worship w/ Holy Communion w/SS Children singing
	10 am	Holiday Food Fair
	4 pm	SS Christmas Program
	5 pm	Program family supper/ Holiday Food Fair
Dec. 17	7 pm	Midweek Worship, “Holden Evening Prayer”
Dec. 21	9 am	Sunday Advent Lessons and Carols Worship
Dec. 24	5 pm	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with children in mind</b>
	10 pm	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</b>
Dec. 25	10 am	<b>Christmas Festival Worship with Holy Communion</b>
Dec. 28	9 am	Sunday Christmas Lessons and Carols Worship

**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

**The Pennies for Poverty jar is not full yet!** Anyone can donate to help fill this jar with any loose change. Every coin can help to support the West Fork Wishes for this Christmas!

**There are Advent devotional books on the Narthex table.**

**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.

#### **YOUTH AND FAMILY**

- ❖ **SS meets every Sunday @ 10:15 am**
- ❖ **7-8th Confirmation class meets Wednesdays @ 5:15 pm**
- ❖ **JAM Christmas Party (Grades 5-6) is Dec 10 @ 2:45 pm**

**SS offering project for West Fork Wishes is @ \$433, going for \$500.**

**SS Christmas Program Rehearsals have started.** All readers will meet with Doreen 10-10:15 each Sunday. All others rehearse during the SS hour. We will also sing for worship on **Dec 14**. Plan to meet @ 8:45 am.

Dec. 7 10:15-11:00

**Dec. 14, 10:15-11:15, Program @ 4pm, Light Supper will follow!**

#### **Stewardship**

**...we offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us Our Selves...**

Ministers...The Members of Zion St. John Lutheran Church

Music...Charles S Lector...Alice G

Acolyte...Sutton W Crucifer...Harper R

Greeter/ Fellowship...Darryl M

Audio/Visual...Scott C and Fred R

#### **Our Time...**

Nov 23...77 LSV...34 SS..23 Nov 26...19 LSV...11

Worship/ SS cancelled due to snow, Nov 30

#### **And Our Possessions...**

Nov 23...\$5,756.00 SS...\$139.00

**...signs of your gracious love**

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

<b>Today (12-7)</b>	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Christmas Program Readers
	10:15 am	Fellowship/ Sunday School Memorial Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday (12-10)</b>	8:30 am	ZSJ Piecemakers
	2:45 pm	JAM Christmas Party
	5:15 pm	7-8 Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	ZSJ Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Midweek Advent Worship
	7:30 pm	ZSJ Chancel Choir Rehearsal
		
<b>Thursday (12-11)</b>	2:00 pm	West Fork Food Pantry
<b>Saturday (12-13)</b>	9:00 am	Holiday Food Fair Setup
<b>Next Sunday (12-14)</b>	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Christmas Program Readers
	10:15 am	Fellowship/ Sunday School
		Holiday Food Fair
	4:00 pm	SS Christmas Program
	5:00 pm	Christmas Program Supper/ Holiday Food Fair

#### **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.