

❖ 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, and Kay E.

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

Midweek Advent worship is Wed, Dec 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 is TODAY, during fellowship hour and after the Christmas program! Make sure to stop in the fellowship hall for treats and shopping! The proceeds will be divided between the kitchen countertops fund and Wings of Refuge. Contact Carla N, 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 **TODAY**, 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. 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 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with children in mind
	10 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Dec. 25	10 am Christmas Festival Worship with Holy Communion
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
- ❖ No 7-8th Confirmation class until January 14.
- ❖ 7-12th Youth are invited on a field trip to see the Algona nativity scene on December 17. Be @ church by 3:15, returning @ 8 pm. Supper is provided.

SS offering project for West Fork Wishes is @ \$461, going for \$500.

TODAY is the Christmas Program @ 4pm, Light Supper will follow! All are welcome to attend!!!

Opportunities to Serve This Week at ZSJ:

Today (12-14)	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
Wednesday (12-17)	8:30 am	ZSJ Piecemakers
	3:00 pm	7-12 Christmas Field Trip
	6:00 pm	ZSJ Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Midweek Advent Worship
	7:30 pm	ZSJ Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday (12-18)	2:00 pm	West Fork Food Pantry
Friday (12-19)		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Next Sunday (12-21)	9:00 am	Advent Lessons and Carols
	10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion 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.