Please keep in your prayers: Ray R, Jon S, Sue K, Marcy M, Crystal B, Patricia S, Steve H, Lori M, Karla C, Zayne F, Jim M, Lavonne C, Sheryl T, Lindy M, Gary P, Kay E, Bill N, Sue L, Laurie G, Sara N, and Rhonda P.

Thank you to the Nickerson and Lubkeman families for the lighting of the Advent Wreath this morning.

Midweek Advent Worship begins this Wednesday, December 2 @ 7 pm. Come and enjoy some quiet and peaceful time with the Holden Evening Prayer service.

Franklin County Community Choir Concert is Sunday, December 6, 2 pm @ the United Methodist Church in Hampton. This concert will feature local musicians and members of ZSJ Handbell choir.

The Change for Change (formerly Pennies for Poverty) jar in the narthex is not full yet! Anyone can donate to help fill this jar with any loose change you might have. Last day to contribute to this year's total will be Sunday December 6. Every coin will support West Fork Wishes for this Christmas!

Women of ZSJ, please turn in your Thank-offerings this month! They can be dropped off in the office or mailed to ZSJ Lutheran Church, PO Box 269, Sheffield, 50475, ATTN: Kari.

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 online, or if you need assistance, talk with Diane in the office.

Please join us for fellowship following church on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, as we recognize Pastor and Diane's 17 years of service to Zion St. John Lutheran Church and celebrate the beginning of retirement! Feel free to bring cards and share special memories with Pastor and Diane. We hope you can join us Dec 20!

The Holiday Food Fair will be Sunday December 13, during fellowship hour and after the Christmas program! We will have the same format, cinnamon rolls, coffee, and juice with a freewill offering plus sales of cookies, candies, mixes, dips, snack items, cards, Rada cutlery and Fair Trade items. Those donating cookies please leave in containers with a label on them. Other items will be individually priced. Please label those items also. All these items need to be at church by 9:00 am on Dec 12. All helpers would be greatly appreciated. The proceeds will be divided between church projects and Wings of Refuge. Contact Carla, 892-4985, with questions.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Dec 2	7 pm	Midweek Worship, "Holden Evening Prayer"
Dec. 6	9 am	Sunday Advent Worship w/ Holy Communion
Dec. 9	7 pm	Midweek Worship, "Holden Evening Prayer"
Dec. 13	9 am	Sunday Advent Worship w/SS Children singing
	10 am	Holiday Food Fair
	4 pm	SS Christmas Program, Light supper following
	5 pm	Holiday Food Fair
Dec. 16	7 pm	Midweek Worship, "Holden Evening Prayer"
Dec. 20	9 am	Sunday Advent Lessons and Carols Worship w/ Holy Communion
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. 27	9 am	Sunday Christmas Lessons and Carols Worship

All worship services are in person and livestreamed @ www.zionstjohn.org

YOUTH AND FAMILY

- **7-8th Confirmation class meets Wednesday @ 5:15 pm.**
- **SS classes are every Sunday @ 10:15 am.**
- **7-12 Youth Christmas Party will be Wednesday, December 16 @ 5:15 pm.**

The SS offering project this semester will be Northern Lights Shelters in Mason City. Along with a goal of $700, we are also collecting gently used and new clothing, especially socks and hygiene items. There is a box in the narthex to place any donated items! All are welcome to help us reach our goal! Our current total is $271.

The Christmas Program rehearsals have begun! 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 13.** Plan to meet @ 8:45 am.

Nov. 29 10:15-10:45 Dec. 6 10:15-11:00
Dec. 13, 10:15-11:15, Program @ 4pm,
Light Family Supper will follow!

All 7-12 grade youth are invited to a night of food, fun and celebrating Christmas with Pastor Kim. Supper starts at 5:15 pm!

We are still looking for families that would like to help with the Advent wreath lightings for Dec 6, & 20, 9 am worship. If you, are interested, please contact Pastor Kim or signup on the narthex bulletin board.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THIS WEEK AT ZSJ:

Today (11-29)	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Christmas Program Readers
	10:15 am	Fellowship/ Sunday School
Wednesday (12-2)	8:30 am	ZSJ Piecemakers
	5:15 pm	7-8th Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Advent Midweek Worship
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday (12-3)	2:00 pm	West Fork Food Pantry
Saturday (12-5)	10:00 am	West Fork Food Pantry
Next Sunday (12-6)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Christmas Program Readers
	10:15 am	Fellowship/ Sunday School
	2:00 pm	Franklin County Choir Concert

Welcome to worship at ZSJ!

- ❖ 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.