



# Merry Christmas

FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT  
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
AND SCHOOL

*Christmas blessings to you and yours as we celebrate and rejoice in the greatest gift ever received—the Savior, who is Christ the Lord. As you gather with family and friends during these beautiful days, we look forward to worshipping with you at Zion. The prayers requested for these days of Christmas are on the following pages.*

***December 23-24: Bulletin sponsored by Ed & Alice Englehardt in thankfulness for 57 years of HIS blessings.***

***December 30-31: Bulletin sponsored by Joan Stout on what would have been her husband's 91st birthday, 12/29.***

***Saturday afternoon, December 23 at 5  
Sunday morning, December 24 at 9:30  
Fourth Weekend in Advent Worship***

***Sunday, December 24  
Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship at 3 and 10***

***Monday, December 25  
Christmas Day Worship at 9:30***

***Saturday afternoon, December 30 at 5  
Sunday morning, December 31 at 9:30  
First Weekend of Christmas Worship***

***Sunday, December 31  
New Years' Eve Worship at 5***

***No Wednesday worship on December 27, January 3 or 10***

***From Luke 2: "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David; to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."***

***December 23-24: Altar flowers are presented in honor of the Babe of Bethlehem whose birth we celebrate by Pastor & Ramona Baerwolf.***

***December 30-31: Altar flowers are presented in loving memory of my brother Brian by Lisa & Brian Johnson.***

# **Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns December 23-29, 2023**

## **Those ill, hospitalized (or recently hospitalized), seeking medical treatment or with long term needs...**

Christy Almond, Rhonda Sepos, Jodi Heil, and those with struggles who suffer silently.

## **For those celebrating Anniversaries...**

Ed & Alice Engelhardt celebrating 57 yrs. on December 24

Logan & Kelsey Splattstoesser celebrating 4 yrs. on December 27

Erin & Qwinn Shorkey celebrating 5 yrs. on December 28

## **For those celebrating Birthdays...**

Doug Bolzman-12/23

Paul Roberts-12/24

Carol Boes-12/25

John Caspers-12/25

April Birch-12/26

Christine Weber-12/26

Terri Bailey-12/27

Susan Priem-12/27

Brooke Lang-12/28

Brandon Stanley-12/28

Emily Wood-12/28

Norman Pfund-12/29

## **For this week's homebound/nursing home patients ...**

Michael Creer, Rebecca Freudenburg, and Ernie Highlen.

## **Other prayer concerns...**

- As we gather with our families to celebrate Jesus' birth bless family members far and wide for safe travel and good health.
- Bless the lives of each family that received the Christmas food bags/personal care items, the Walmart cards, and the 7 Giving Tree family needs that they may learn of the love of God.

## **May our prayer be that of the psalmist who teaches us to pray:**

"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High." (Psalm 9)

# **Zion's Weekly Prayer Concerns**

**December 30-January 5, 2024**

**Those ill, hospitalized (or recently hospitalized), seeking medical treatment or with long term needs...**

Christy Almond, Rhonda Sepos, Jodi Heil, and those with struggles who suffer silently.

**For those celebrating Anniversaries...**

Jane & Charles Royer celebrating 26 yrs. on January 2

**For those celebrating Birthdays...**

Jim Schumann celebrating his 80th birthday-12/30

Scott Bitzer-12/31

Sandy Griffith-12/31

Lowell Horneber-12/31

Bob Fischer celebrating his 86th birthday-1/2

Joy Kusmierz-1/2

Doug Griffith-1/3

Mary Martin-1/3

Laurie Nuffer-1/3

Pat Passage-1/3

Carter Schmidt-1/5

**For this week's homebound/nursing home patients ...**

Betty Ittner, Leonard Kaczorowski, Patricia Keene, and Della Marotzke.

**Other prayer concerns...**

- For our world, both locally and globally, that God would grant peace and goodwill this New Year.

**May our prayer be that of the psalmist who teaches us to pray:**

“But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield.” (Psalm 5)