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Sunday Worship to Continue On-line for Now!

Even though we all really miss seeing one another on Sunday mornings, our church councils have thought that this fall has not felt like a safe time to resume in person worship. Therefore, all three congregations will continue to sponsor our weekly 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Live Streamed on Facebook. These services follow the church calendar and include Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

During the November 1st, All Saints Sunday Worship Service, the following names will be read as we remember those of our congregations who died in the last 12 months:

West Zion:

Francis Louise Maanum 5-8-1921 – 11-1-2019
Arthur Luverne Floan 1-13-1934 – 12-14-2019
Mavone Orlanda Floan 3-9-1934 – 3-6-2020
Sidney Arnold Rustad 1-9-1930 – 5-8-2020
Daniel Joe Luthi – 2-27-1956 – 3-31=2020 (non-member, burial only)

East Zion:
Ellendale Bartz 4-26-1931 – 1-9-2020
Evelyn Ann Mickelson 9-12-1029 – 5-8-2020
Dale Thomas Sonsteng – 7-6-1937 – 5-11-2020
Beverly Marguerite Pearson 11-3-1931 – 6-11-2020
Paul Keith Pladsen 9-14-1943 – 6-7-2020
Jerry Johnson

Sunday, November 15th, 9:00 a.m - In Person Worship at East Zion

East Zion Church Council has proposed an 'In-Person' Worship Service on Sunday, Nov. 15th, at 9:00am. While social distancing, mask wearing and other safety precautions will be practiced by all who attend, the service will also include Holy Communion, singing, and live music. This will be a trial run as future 'In Person' Worship Services are considered at East Zion.

10:30am Sunday School

We resumed our Live Streamed Sunday School classes in October, and they have been 'attended' very well! These are up-beat, 20 minutes sessions, for children of all ages. A Bible story is shared each week, along with interactive songs, prayers, and active things for the kids to do. Parents are welcomed also!

Monday-Friday, "Prayer Time" Live Streamed @10am

Have you discovered the 'guided prayer ministry' we broadcast on Facebook each weekday? At 10am, Monday-Friday, Pr. Steve leads a 5-7minute Prayer Time, using Scripture, Music, Photos and Timely Prayers. Check it out….

2021 Eternal Light Sponsorships

Normally at this time of year, a sign-up sheet is at church for you to sponsor the eternal light. As with everything else, this is changing also. Each Sunday of the year is available for sponsorship at $5 per Sunday beginning with January 3, 2021. More than one person can sponsor a Sunday.

If you would like to sponsor the eternal light, **please e-mail or call the church office with the Sunday(s) you would like and all the information for your sponsorship(s).** Please include that information now, because it is not always easy to contact someone later for it. I will try to honor the date(s) you request, but if I cannot, I will give you a date very close to what you requested. I will confirm the dates of the sponsorships.

If possible, please e-mail me with your request at zionparish@hcinet.net or call the church office at 320-239-2430 and leave a message on the answering machine or send by mail.

Please pay your church treasurer for the dates you sponsored and mark it as Eternal Light Sponsorship 2021.

The dates available tor sponsorship in 2021 for both East and West Zion are:
January 3,10,17,24,31, February 7,14,21,28, March 7,14,21,28, April 4,11, 18, 25, May 2,9,16,23,30, June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 4, 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, September 5, 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12, 19, 26.

Thank you !

Wednesday, November 4:

- 10:30 Worship and Music Committee meeting at East Zion
- 7:00 East and West Zion Parish Council meeting at West Zion & Zoom

Sunday, November 8

- 9:30 West Zion Nominating Committee meeting at West Zion & Zoom

Sunday, November 15

- 9:45 East Zion Nominating Committee meeting at East Zion & Zoom

Sunday, November 22nd

- Confirmation Family Service, 9:30am @ SOTH

Each Church Council will make their own decisions on future worship services, including possible holiday services.

Daily Devotions on Our Church Office Answering Machines!

Did you know that by 10am each day, Monday-Sunday, a new 1-Minute Devotion is recorded on our church office answering machines?! Members of our three congregations, along with Pr. Steve, record these prayers and scripture readings for anyone to call in and listen to……day or night!

Call in and have a listen!

SOTH: 320-843-3408

West & East Zion: 320-239-2430

Dear Community Members:

It is with much regret that we announce that the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Minnewaska Area High School will not be held this year. Covid-19 has changed all of our lives and life as we knew it is on pause. The regulations and requirements to host a public event prevent us from moving forward. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who have helped make this event possible each year by volunteering and through your financial support. We look forward to 2021 and hope we can resume the dinner and the many other activities that we have enjoyed in the past. We wish you a blessed Thanksgiving and may you find much to be thankful for!

Community Thanksgiving Dinner Committee
Karen Kirckof
Gordy & Bonnie Stock
Alan & Becky Behm
Becky Reber
Kevin Wagner
Audrey Erickson

Confirmation Sunday

Family Confirmation Sunday: November 22, 9:30am, SOTH

The October Confirmation Service that had been planned for our seven confirmation students and their families, was postponed and will now be held the Sunday before Thanksgiving. This will be a 9:30 am service at SOTH with a limited number of family members, however, others will be able to tune in on Facebook.

The Confirmation Students are:

Katelyn Kobbermann
Johnathan Kobbermann
Hannah Rosen
Lilly Ostlie
Hailee Ellingson
Tyler Kent
Madison Anderson

Weekly Worship Services Recorded on CD's

We resumed our CD Worship Ministry in October for anyone who would like to have a recorded copy of our Sunday Morning Worship Services. **However, we also now mail these Worship CD's + Bulletins** right to the homes of people who want to receive them! Simply call the church office, leave us your name and address, and we will put you on the list!

Eternal Light Sponsorships for November:

November 1
- In honor of Jonathan Aguilar's 9th birthday by Pat & Linda Doyle

November 8
- In honor of Jeff Pederson's birthday

November 15
- Honor of Caren Hanson's 80th birthday

November 22
- In honor of Audrey Amundson and Grace Rittgers
- In honor of Tyson & Jessica Bartell's anniversary

November 29
- In honor of Zach Boegeman's birthday
- In honor of Duane Hopp and Sara Revier's birthdays

"A Time To Remember" service

Pedersen Funeral Home's annual holiday service, "A Time to Remember" will be available for viewing on Sunday, December 6, 2020 beginning at 2:00 p.m. on the Pedersen Funeral Home website and Facebook page. This memorial service is centered on keeping memories of loved ones alive to help endue the pain that the holidays can bring following a death.

There will be scripture readings and special music during the service, along with a reading of all the names of those who have died in our community who we have served within the last year. This service is open for everyone to watch, even if your family hasn't experienced a death within the last year.

Father Todd Schneider will lead this year's ecumenical service, along with a variety of ministers from all the surrounding communities.