

Sion's Vineyard



January 2018

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Each Sunday
Varies

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CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

Beginning in January, every week the church services will begin at 9:30am. On every THIRD Sunday, we will worship together as a COUNTY rotating between Sion, Maria (Kennedy) and Zion (Lake Bronson) each month. Those services will also begin at 9:30am. In January, the third Sunday is the 21st and it will be in Lancaster.

The fourth Sunday of each month, Kathy Levenhagen will come to Lancaster to preach. Services will begin at 9:30am. We will have communion on the 4th Sunday of each month with Kathy. Tim Peterson will also continue to offer communion each month.

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Sion Church

Jenny Iverson Klein
(friend of Janet Swenson)

Andi Olsonawski
(Cousin of Joe Olsonawski)

Galen Schultz
(Brother of Eileen Bernstrom)

Lois Winters

Merlyn Winters

Bob Eastman
(uncle of Matt and Mark P.)

Kristin Erickson

Audrey Hartje

Oren Swart

Jake Kruger

Ben Christopherson

Danny Goldstrand

Richard Wilwant

Matt Zander

Harvey Strege

Owen Swenson

Ronald Hanson

Neil Sandahl

the Armed Forces

the families of Sarah
Olsonawski Nissen

Doris Swenson

NEWSLETTER ITEMS WANTED:

If you have any info for the newsletter, please send to mcpeterson@wiktel.com. Our newsletter is in need of more news!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Thank you to all who assisted with the Sunday School Christmas program! The children were amazing! Great job everyone in sharing the Christmas Story! Thank you to Crystal Peterson and Shirley Swenson for putting the program together, and to Mallory Bernstrom for the music! A huge thank you to the moms who came during rehearsals and also who helped during the program. What an amazing group effort. THANK YOU ALL!!



RIDE SHARE

In February, the County service will be in Kennedy at Maria. If you are able offer a ride to someone, please let Mendy know or sign up on google: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WjFAUCDpnl75qjdsaQMsbt5LnPARY8lO91G8zAdSouk/edit>
We will post the list of drivers on the bulletin board so people can sign up if they need a ride on those County Sundays.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 28th following the church service. The annual reports are on google: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/14PZGCogQpFbgTb5f\\$snlvvgPtdDZaC DCn7E4WS8g1cdl/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/14PZGCogQpFbgTb5f$snlvvgPtdDZaC DCn7E4WS8g1cdl/edit)
REPORTS ARE DUE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21ST. Please update your own report or send to Mendy by the 21st.

FINE GESTURE OF SHARING MEALS

Nicole Thompson is our contact for delivery of meals. If you know of anyone who would appreciate meals being delivered during needed times in their lives (new baby, hospitalization, sickness, etc.) please contact Nicole Thompson at nicolethompson4958@gmail.com or at 218-684-4958.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School resumes February 4th!! We will continue with the first two Sundays of each month being Sunday School Sundays. Sunday School will follow church. Since church is now at 9:30am, Sunday School will begin at 10:45am. Thank you to all our teachers for their work here.

Sion Lutheran Church Council - Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2017

Present: Lorelei, Pat, Mendy, Todd, Gary, Greg, Tim, Tracy, Cindy

Mendy called the meeting to order and Mike Olson was present to report that the call committee recommends Caitlyn Jenson be called to be our pastor. Cindy made a motion to do so, second by Gary, motion carried. Mike will call Caitlin and Synod.

Tim had devotions.

Prior meeting minutes were reviewed, Todd made a motion to approve, second by Pat, carried.

Approval of bills and treasurer's report and end of year giving was discussed. Greg made a motion to accept, 2nd by Tracy, motion carried to give \$500 each to the following:

Salvation Army, Nursing Home (Friday Night Live), Cornerstone Food Pantry, Lancaster Senior Meals (Cindy can handle this one), Hospice, Northwest Community Action

Snow removal was discussed. Mendy will ask around about who would be willing to do this and the cost.

Pat said WELCA will pay for a bigger TV for the Parish Hall. Mendy made a motion to approve this, Cindy seconded, motion carried.

Color was decided for the alter rail and Mendy will get estimate.

Todd agreed to a second term on council, Joe Olsonawski and Faye Schmalz agreed to replace members who terms are up.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Lorelei Peterson, Secretary

QUILTING BEGINS

It is time to sharpen your needles and nimble up your fingers. Quilting for 2018 will begin on January 8th at 9:00 am. We welcome all donations of new or nearly new fabric, sheets, blankets, bedspreads, or drapes. Thanks to all who can come and help with this mission and join in our fellowship.

BBQ's in Bethlehem



NOTES FROM KATHY

Greetings Congregations.

Here is a prayer to start our year off to a good start.

Gracious Lord, guide us and lead us so You are the center of our lives, bringing light into a dark world. Amen

The Christmas season is over and we are going to spend the Epiphany season thinking about Jesus, Man of Mystery. Who is this Jesus, who tries to keep his identity a secret? As Jesus' public ministry begins, he remains a somewhat mysterious figure. Like a good spy, magician, or stealthy detective, Jesus plays things close to the vest and reveals things only when he is ready.

It has probably been over the last year that I have heard this question asked many times. Who is Jesus? I ask the confirmation students where they have seen Jesus during the last week and some of them have answers right away and others have to think about it for awhile. The world we live in right now, is so full of noise, it is hard to concentrate on what is really important. In a world so busy, where do you see Jesus in your day to day? This question might just be the one you need to focus on. Most of the time, it is paying attention to the ordinary things around us. God is in the habit of using ordinary things and experiences to surprise us.

I think as we move through the next year, we will find God has lots of surprises lined up for us. We are going to discover all kinds of ways to be church, together. God has never been out of control over His creation for one fraction of a second since the beginning of time. So let's walk this journey together for awhile and see where it leads us.

Hope to see you Sunday, Kathy

Lefse Making at the Nursing Home & WELCA Christmas Party



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs	Fri	Saturday
	1	2	3 4PM Confirmation @ LB	4	5	6
7 9:30AM Worship Reader: Todd Nelson Coffee: KLMN 11am: SS	8 9AM Quilting Begins	9	10 10AM Esther/Elizabeth Cir 3:30PM Confirmation @ Lancaster 6:30PM Youth Group	11	12	13
14 9:30AM Worship Reader: Tiffany Sjostrand Coffee: OQR 11AM: SS	15	16	17 4PM Confirmation @ LB	18	19	20
21 9:30AM Worship Reader: Pat Isaacson Coffee: P	22	23 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	24 3:30PM Confirmation @ Lancaster	25	26	27
28 9:30AM Worship Baptism Mason & Rhett Swenson Reader: Crystal Peterson Coffee: S 11AM: Annual Meeting	29	30	31 5:30PM Council Mtg			

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Sion's Mission together: To GROW in faith by....

God's Rich Opportunities with Sion

**Quilting Meals Youth
Serving the Community**

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Word Sacraments Service

God Reaching Our Word!