



December 7, 2025 Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday

8:00 am Bible Study I

8:00 am Bible Study II

9:00 am In-person Traditional Worship & Live-stream

Monday

4:00 pm Piedmont Rec Dept BBall

7:30 pm AA ~ Garden Room

Tuesday

9:30 am Circuit Pastor's Conference @ Zion

3:45 pm Revelli Violin

4:00 pm Piedmont Rec Dept BBall

6:30 pm Iron Men

Wednesday

10:00 am Wednesday Bible Class

3:45 pm Revelli Violin

4:30 pm Piedmont Rec Dept VBall

5:00 pm Confirmation Class - Zoom

6:00 pm Soup & Salad Potluck

6:45 pm Alena Sports Club VB

7:00 pm Advent Worship

Thursday

9:30 am Day Adventures - Lindsey Wildlife Expierence

4:00 pm Revelli Violin

4:00 pm Piedmont Rec Dept BBall

Friday

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Saturday

2:00 pm Revelli Violin in Sanctuary

Sunday - Third Sunday in Advent

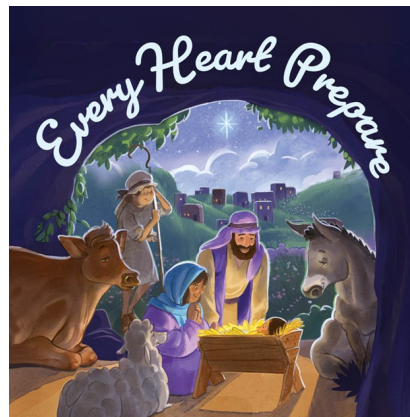
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on Facebook, or through the app!**

**Worship on demand by visiting www.zionlutheran.net and then click the
Worship 24/7 button.**



Advent 2025: EVERY HEART PREPARE

We decorate in preparation for Christmas. In November and December people spend hours putting up lights in their living space and ornaments on their evergreens. Poinsettias are placed on the mantel and presents under the tree, and we “deck the halls with boughs of holly.” These Christmas decorations bring enjoyment and anticipation to the holiday.

Advent is the church’s season of preparation for Christmas, for the coming of the Lord. This Advent season, as part of our preparation, we reflect upon three common Christmas decorations and how they help us see Christ and prepare for His coming: evergreens, lights, and the creche. Then on Christmas we will focus on the decorated presents which point us to the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ.

December 10: LIGHTS

Our decoration preparation includes the use of lights—from candles to twinkling LEDs. These luminous decorations also help us prepare for the advent (or coming) of Jesus during Advent, a season of preparation. Today we will consider how lights point us to the coming of Christ and the glory He brings.

December 17: CRÈCHE

Our decoration preparation includes the use of the crèche—the miniature model of the nativity scene. The crèche is a distinctively Christian decoration in that it depicts the characters involved in the nativity of Christ: Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the Wise Men, the angels, the stable animals, and—most important of all—the infant Jesus. As we view this manger scene, we recall the timeless story of God coming to earth as a baby to redeem us from our sins."

**Advent Soup and Salad Potluck and Worship
Wednesday, December 10 & 17**

Join us for a Soup and Salad Potluck
beginning at 6:00 pm.

Sign up in the narthex to bring
a Soup, Salad, Bread, or Dessert.

We continue the evening with an Advent Worship.

LWML annual Christmas Ornament/Cookie Exchange Party is



Friday December 5th, 7pm at the home of Suzanne Layden. Please RSVP to mcfarland_becky@hotmail.com. If you wish to participate in ornament exchange please bring a wrapped ornament (valued at about \$10). Also bring a plate of homemade cookies for cookie exchange. Please contact Becky or Suzanne for more information.

The annual **Christmas boutique will be held, after church, on Sunday, December 7.** Homemade goodies and gifts will be available for cash purchase, so don't forget your \$\$\$\$! If you wish to participate, please bring your items on Sunday Dec. 7. Please price your items. The Boutique proceeds will be sent to our seminary to support our future pastors. I look forward to starting off the holidays with exciting activities!

Christmas Pillowcase Project

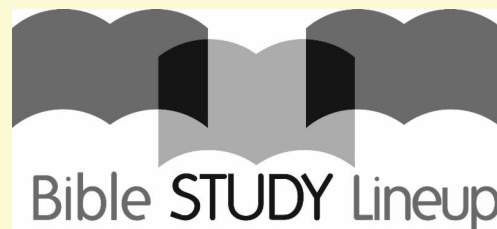


The Christian Concerns Committee again asks for your financial support with the Christmas Pillowcase project. This year we plan to provide 70 Pillowcases for the men in the City Team Renew program. As always, the pillowcases will include personal hygiene products, a towel and wash cloth, a t-shirt and socks, a knitted cap and scarf provided by our Zion knitters, and a sweet treat. The project estimate for this year is \$2500. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this project. You may place a check in the offering plate, donate via Subsplash or use the QR code to donate directly to the project. Please mark your check payable to Zion and put CCC in the memo line.

God Bless your kind and generous hearts!!!

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS I

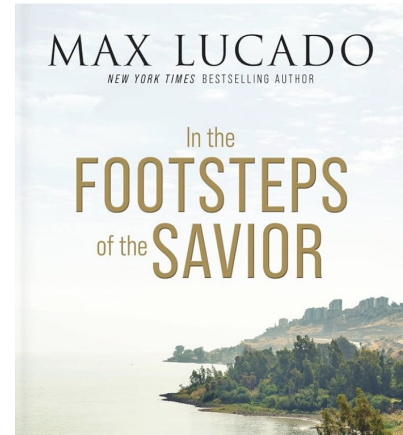
Bible Class I continues to meet each Sunday at 8:00 am in the Garden Room, and everyone is invited to join us as we search the Scriptures for guidance, hope, peace, and strength. Led by Paul Grunow, the group has begun studying the **Book of Mark**. Depending on where the discussion leads, the class may cover a full chapter or just a few verses each week. Every session offers an opportunity for a solid study of God's Word and spirited discussion among fellow believers. Come grow in faith and understanding as we explore the



Sunday Bible Study II

Bible Class II continues with the Bible Study by Max Lucado, "In the Footsteps of the Savior", at 8:00am in the Conference Room.

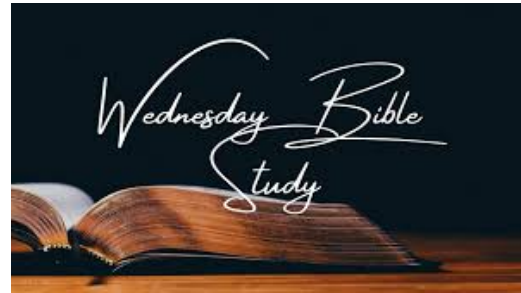
In this Study God has more in store for you than you can imagine! This video Bible study will provide an encounter with the life altering Holy One as we follow in the footsteps of the Savior through the Holy Land.



If you have not participated in any of Zion's Bible Studies on Sunday Mornings, now is the time with the start of the Advent and Christmas Season..

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Join us each Wednesday morning at 10:00am for Bible Tapestry, a time of study, reflection, and fellowship in God's Word. Led by Pastor Dorn, we will explore the Scriptures, seeing how the many threads of the Bible are woven into God's great story of salvation. All are welcome—come and be blessed by His Word and by the community of believers who gather to study it either in-person or via Zoom.



Dec. 3: Day of the Lord
Dec. 10: Prophecy
Dec. 17: Kingdom of God
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve
Dec. 31: New Year's Eve

Zoom Link for Wednesday Morning Bible Study
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85173401109?pwd=AOu5B8EfdT6LFBCvAGfOk4x42bdQsB.1>
Meeting ID: 851 7340 1109. Passcode: YeahZion

Iron Men

Join us on **Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 pm** as we watch Christmas with the Chosen: Holy Night. A young mother labeled "impure." A shepherd boy considered "unclean." Experience Jesus' birth through their eyes as Christmas with The Chosen: Holy Night blends The Messengers and The Shepherd into one special remastered and re-scored story. This special feature also includes an original performance from Andrea and Matteo



Bocelli, six favorite songs from the past, and two beautiful new monologues
If you haven't been able to join us before that is OK we want you to join us
now! After all, you know the story and have read much of "The Book"!
Join us for our "manly" meal, fellowship and faith building!

Day Adventurers

Thursday, December 11 @ 9:30 am
Lindsay Wildlife Experience



The Lindsay Wildlife Experience is a museum and wildlife rehabilitation center in Walnut Creek, California, that connects people with wildlife through exhibits and programs. It is the first wildlife hospital established in the United States and treats over 5,000 injured, sick, or orphaned California native animals annually with the goal of releasing them back into the wild. The center features a museum with various animal exhibits, educational programs for all ages, and opportunities for visitors to see the rehabilitation hospital in action.

We will carpool from Zion meeting at 9:30 am, explore the museum. Seniors (65+) \$15; Adults \$17. Lunch to be determined.

Sign up in the narthex!

Game Night!

Tuesday, December 16 @ 6:30 pm
Join Us for Game Night!



Get ready for some fun! Come out on

Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30pm for an evening of games, laughter, and fellowship. Bring your favorite board game or try something new—there will be **plenty of laughs, and friendly competition!** Roll the dice, play a hand, or just enjoy cheering others on. Everyone's welcome—**don't miss the fun!**



Movie Night

White Christmas

Saturday, December 20 @ 7:00 pm



"White Christmas" spins the romantic and humorous tale of Bob Wallace and Phil Davis (Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye), two Army buddies who became a top-notch musical comedy team after the war and are now the toast of Broadway. While on the road in Florida, the stars become involved with two aspiring singers, the sister act of Betty and Judy (Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen). Despite some romantic complications between the couples, everything ends on a happy note when Christmas Eve brings rave reviews for the show and much-needed snowfall!



*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Worship
Wednesday, December 24
7:00 pm*

*Christmas Day Worship
Thursday, December 25
10:00 am*

THANKSGIVING GROCERY UPDATE

Thank you to all who so generously donated to our Thanksgiving grocery collection. The altar was full, and that is heartwarming, considering how expensive groceries are at this time. All groceries will be donated to City Team Ministries, Oakland for their daily meals and mobile pantries. Thank you too, to those who helped take groceries to the altar and then back to the Narthex after church. Many hands made the task easier!!! **GOD BLESS ZION FOR YOUR LOVE AND GENEROSITY!!!**

ALPHA SCHOOLS

We welcome our new tenant, Alpha Schools. They have signed a 2-year lease and are busy with renovations as they prepare for their "Grand Opening" in January 2026.

Serving in Worship this Week

Liturgist & Preacher
Rev. Peter Dorn

Altar Guild
Ramona Vogt

Organist
Dr. David Hunsberger

Reader
Nancy Hovermann

Communion Assistant
Brian Walsh

Object Lesson
Brian Walsh

Ushers
Michael Grunow
Brendan O'Brien

Monitor Operator
Betty Galambos

Livestream Producer
Aaron Dorn

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