**Zion, Worms News and Notes**  
**December 6, 2020**

### Calendar

**Sunday, December 6**
- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service—St. John’s, Palmer
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Divine Service
- 3-5 p.m. HLHS Open House—Postponed

**Wednesday, December 9**
- 4:30 p.m. Catechism Class
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Midweek Service

**Thursday, December 10**
- 7:00 a.m. Zion Elders
- Pastor Niemeier at St. John’s, Palmer

**Sunday, December 13**
- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service—St. John’s, Palmer
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Divine Service

### Cleaning Committees:
- Dec 4-10) Al Spiehs, Brad Reimers, Ron Simonson
- Dec 11-17) Phil Bader, Tim Morthole, Marilyn Bader

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### Prayers of the Church

+Hospitalized, Suffering, Ill or Recovering+
- Naomi Schipman (rehab + coronavirus), Joyce Bierbaum (recovery at home), Jeanie Glausé’s son-in-law—Darin (cancer surgery), Betty Schipman, Sue Larsen, Sandy Royle, Skip Meyer, Kathi Kurz’s siblings—Dave & Mary (cancer)+Grieving+
- Zehendner family (death of Chuck’s father, bill), Jeanie Glauser and family (death of brother-in-law Roger)
- Naomi and Robert Rouse and family (death of son, Chad)
- Military
- Joseph Markvicka, Timothy Markvicka, Alex Larsen
- Missions, Outreach, and Christian education
- Nigerian mission work in the midst of persecution and widespread violence; mission work in Haiti and Jamacia, calling congregations (St. Paul’s, Central City & dual parish of St. John’s Palmer and Christ, St. Paul).

We ask that you would include these people in the prayers during your home devotions. Also include our hospitals trying to supply nurses and medical care to those in need and those suffering because of the coronavirus. Please call 687-6314 or email cniem@kdsi.net if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

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**Advent Midweek Services:** Advent midweek services begin this Wednesday at 7 p.m. For three weeks (December 2, 9, 16) we will take a closer look at the epistles appointed for the Sundays in Advent. These words will help prepare our hearts for the Savior who is born in Bethlehem, comes among us in Word and Sacrament, and returns again to judge the living and the dead. Please join us!

**Advent Devotions:** Special devotions from Higher Things are available in the narthex. Please use and share. We’ll be happy to print more when they run out!
HLHS Open House: The open house scheduled for today at Heartland has been postponed, possibly until January. Those wanting more information about the possibilities for Christian education at our Lutheran high school are encouraged to call the office at 308-385-3900.

Children’s Christmas at Worms: Though it will look different than it has in years past, our families will still have the wonderful opportunity to worship in faith the Savior born in Bethlehem! Parents of Sunday School children can anticipate church communications to soon be sent in which options are outlined.

Scam Warning: If you receive a phone call or text asking for urgent assistance from “Pastor Niemeier” in the form of gift cards, please do not respond or give any such assistance. This scam, which has been reported to authorities, is sadly an attempt to prey on Christian generosity at this giving time of year. Please contact Pastor himself if you are uncertain about a request that has come to you.

Meeting Legitimate Needs: Christian care seeks to be both smart in giving (see warning, above) while still available to assist with legitimate need. If you are or know of someone having a hard time making ends meet during this holiday season, consider letting Pastor know. He has access to some funds that may provide some relief. Confidentiality will be maintained. “Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.” (1 Corinthians 13:7-8)

Happy Birthday: The family of Betty Schipman is having a card shower for her 95th birthday which is December 8th. Cards can be sent to...Betty Schipman, 4183 New York Ave, Grand Island, NE 68803.

Thank You: “Thank you from our family for the prayers, cards, and memorials in remembering our father and grandfather. Also the prayers for a recovery for my mother. May God continue to watch over you all in the days ahead. The Stockers.”

Thank You: “I would like to thank everyone for all the lovely cards that I received during my recovery from breast cancer. And also thank you for all the thoughts and prayers and for any phone calls. I am so lucky to have the church family that I have. God’s blessings! A sister in Christ, Susan Larsen.”

Sanctity of Human Life: No greater comfort speaks to hearts broken by abortion than the Gospel of God’s forgiveness (Isaiah 40:1-2). He holds the lives of those who permit, promote, or participate in abortion just as precious as the little lives lost to it (1 Peter 3:9). And whatever relief abortion proposes for surprise pregnancy cannot compare with the Savior who will “gently lead those that are with young” (Isaiah 40:11).