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## Zion, Worms News and Notes

January 10, 2021

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### Calendar

#### Sunday, January 10

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service—St. John’s, Palmer
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Divine Service
- 7:15 p.m. “Life With God” Adult Instruction

#### Monday, January 11

- 9:30 a.m. Gr. Island Circuit Pastors @ Cross of Christ, Aurora
- 7:30 p.m. Voters Assembly

#### Wednesday, January 13

- 4:30 p.m. Catechism Class

#### Thursday, January 14

- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Office Hours—St John’s Palmer

#### Sunday, January 17

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service—St. John’s, Palmer
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Divine Service w/ Installation of Officers

#### Cleaning Committees:

- Jan 8-14) Sandy Davis, Kelly Oelsen, Shane Stocker, Alex Stocker
- Jan 15-21) Eileen Janssen, Bill Bader, Dennis Jacobson, Daryl Bader

#### Cleaning Committees:

- Jan 1-7) Gordon Wieck, Harvey Langrehr, Duane Bierbaum
- Jan 8-14) Sandy Davis, Kelly Oelsen, Shane Stocker, Alex Stocker

### Prayers of the Church

+**Hospitalized, Suffering, Ill or Recovering**+ Skip Meyer (foot surgery), Albert Schipman (back surgery), Joy Jacobson (pain in and testing on neck vertebrae) Rick Peters—son of Shirley (heart stent and upcoming surgery), Rev. Mark Middendorf, Zion Scotia (trigeminal neuralgia), Naomi Schipman, Sue Larsen, Sandy Royle, , Kathi Kurz’s siblings—Dave & Mary (cancer) +**Grieving**+ Family and friends of Julie Splattstoesser(HLHS) +**Military**+ Joseph Markvicka, Timothy Markvicka, Alex Larsen + **Missions, Outreach, and Christian education**+ Mission work in Guatemala and Honduras, calling congregations (St. Paul’s, Central City & dual parish of St. John’s, Palmer and Christ, St. Paul), Heartland Lutheran High School, Concordia Theological Seminary (staff and students)



*“Call upon Me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”*

(Psalm 50:15)

We ask that you would include these people in the prayers during your home devotions. Please call 687-6314 or email [cniem@kdsi.net](mailto:cniem@kdsi.net) if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

**Thank You:** We would like to thank our church family for the many prayers, cards, phone calls, and texts during this past year for Sandy's cancer diagnosis and treatments. Also a thank you to Pastor Niemeier for his visits to our home. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and blessings in the New Year. ~Sandy and Greg Royle

**Thank You:** My sincere "Thank You" to Pastor Niemeier and my church family for when I was in the hospital and since I've been home. The prayers, cards, flowers, phone visits and those who helped in other ways was appreciated, and helped to brighten the day. God's blessings to you. ~Joyce Bierbaum

**Thank You:** The Niemeier family has again been blessed by the love of Jesus shown through you, the members of His body. We are grateful for your gifts, cards, and expressions of love given at Christmas. May the joy and peace of Emmanuel—God with us!—remain yours in this new year. ~Pastor, Tish, and girls

**Voter's Assembly & Installation of Officers:** Our next voting assembly meeting will be held Monday, January 11, @ 7:30 p.m. Newly elected officers will be installed the following Sunday—January 17<sup>th</sup>—during the 10:15 a.m. Divine Service.

**YouTube:** Zion's services are being livestreamed at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday. Our channel—"Zion Worms"—can be found at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCXPK4bi9yCHnCemj182Uisg](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXPK4bi9yCHnCemj182Uisg). We appreciate your patience as we seek to improve audio and visual quality.

**Expert Guests, Expansive Topics, Extolling Christ:** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Sacred Names of God, The Epiphany Hymn "The Only Son from Heaven," Critical Theory, Responding to the Argument Against Miracles and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**Church Security:** In light of growing security concerns, especially for congregations in rural areas, Zion has installed and is implementing a new system that involves lock box. Two boxes have been installed—one under the carport and another on the external entrance by the church office. Please call those whose names and numbers are listed on those doors with questions and for assistance. Members are asked to keep the sharing of that code confidential within and among the members of our church. Thank you!

**Meeting Legitimate Needs:** 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)

**Sanctity of Human Life:** Even in a formless, dark, and empty early universe, God made Himself present and powerful (Genesis 1:2). Surprise pregnancies sometimes seem just so uncertain. Terminal diagnoses can feel that desperate. But this Lord buried Himself in our graveyard (Romans 6:4). This Savior sowed life in death's shadowy valleys. We need not let abortion or assisted suicide root us there as residents. The Heavenly Father always comes close and brings His own new creation to blossom.