

*“Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”*  
~Matthew 1:20–21

What’s in a name?

I think that most people today don’t consider the meanings of names. Of our six kids, two were named after relatives, two were given names that we just liked, one was named after a man in the Bible, and one was given his name because of what it means. Nathan is the Hebrew word for gift.

What does your name mean? Glen means “a small valley.” I don’t think that my parents picked that because of the meaning.

The Bible is full of names that were full of meaning. Adam’s wife was named Eve because she was the mother of all living. (By the way, Adam means “man.”) God changed Abram’s (exalted father) name to Abraham (the father of a multitude). Jacob’s (he cheats) name was changed to Israel (he strives with God). Simon (to hear or be heard) to Peter (rock). There are others and they are significant.

When the angel spoke to Joseph, he told him to name Mary’s son Jesus (to deliver or rescue) because “he will save his people from their sins.”

When Jesus came, he preached and taught. He healed and loved. He rebuked and scolded. He wept. Those were all a part of who He is and what He came to do. But the core of His ministry, what He is all about, is salvation. Jesus came to save us, to deliver us from sin, death and the devil. Jesus came to die on the cross.

This month we celebrate His birth. But anytime we celebrate Jesus, we also celebrate His death. We are filled with joy that He came. We are filled with joy because He is our Savior.






See you in church.

*Pastor Kleppe*



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# DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Church Decorating 9-11am  Community Choir 2-3pm
3 Worship/ Communion 8:30am Education Hr 10am	4 Evangelism 7pm   NATIONAL COOKIE DAY	5 Community Choir 7pm	6 Worship 11:30am Confirmation 5:30pm Worship 7pm	7	8	9  Community Christmas Concert 7pm
10 Worship/ Communion 8:30am Education Hr 10am Caroling 1pm	11 Elder Meeting 6pm Council Meeting 7pm	12	13 Worship/Comm 11:30am Confirmation 5:30pm Worship/Comm 7pm	14  LWML Christmas Luncheon 11:30am at Pizza Hut	15	16  Sunday School Practice 9-11am
17 Christmas Program Worship/ Communion 8:30am	18	19	20 Confirmation 5:30pm Live Nativity 6-7pm	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 5pm North Branch 7pm	25 Christmas Day Worship 10am   Merry Christmas	26   MERRY Christmas	27	28	29	30
31 Worship/ Communion 8:30am	 Jesus IS THE REASON FOR THE Season					 Christmas Begins with Christ

## DECEMBER SERVANTS

### ELDERS

Scott Ovick	12/3
Jeremiah Slama	12/10
Chad Fedder	12/17
Jerry Lotz	12/24



### USHERS

Bill Casby, Tom Martini, Chad & Corben Fedder

### OFFERING COUNTERS

December 4<sup>th</sup>- Barbara Carlson  
December 11<sup>th</sup>- Dallas Carpenter  
December 18<sup>th</sup>- JoAnn Breska  
December 26<sup>th</sup>- Stepheny Lotz

### ALTAR GUILD

Linda Kleppe, Ashley & Bailee Slama

## December

### BIRTHDAYS

Jeremiah Slama	12/2
Darrell Williamson	12/2
Sylvia Hippen	12/5
Barb Carlson	12/10
Jan Althoff	12/11
Heidi Pogones	12/17
Janet Sundermeyer	12/19
Nick Boldt	12/28



## LWML CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will be having our Christmas party on *Thursday, December 14th* at *Pizza Hut* instead of our normal meeting. We will meet there at *11:30a.m.* I would like to extend an invitation to the women in the congregation to join us. For any questions, see Verna Carpenter. The LWML usually meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at Zion at 1pm. All women are welcome! Please consider joining us and call the office if you have any questions.



### CHRISTMAS CAROLING

*We plan on Christmas caroling this year. This will take place on Sunday December 17th. We will have a potluck at church at 11:30am prior to the caroling at 1:00 p.m. We will go caroling at Timber Pines and Westchester. All are welcome to join us. We will be carpooling from the church. Questions: see Verna or another member of the Evangelism Committee.*

## Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending.

"Advent" means "coming." As we look back at Jesus' coming in Bethlehem, we also look ahead to His coming on the last day. Our Advent midweek series focuses on His final coming as Paul writes about it in 1 Thessalonians.

Join us for our Advent preparations,  
Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
**December 6th and 13th**



Zion Lutheran Church choir will be meeting a few times this season to sing for special services. Practice on December 13th and 20th. We will sing on December 24th & December 25th.