Second Sunday of Advent

We worship the One who brought us peace with God and peace with one another in “God’s New Community.”

“He himself is our peace, who has made the two one.”

(Ephesians 2:14)

Moments for Meditation
Use this time to prepare your hearts for worship

Advent Reading and Songs of Worship
We worship the Prince of Peace

Opportunities and Prayers for God’s People

Announcements

Prayer

“In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.”

(Ephesians 3:12)

We support God’s work through tithes and offerings

(Ages 4 and 5 excused for children’s church; grades 5-6 for Christmas program rehearsal during the offering)

We Hear God’s Word
Ephesians 3:1-13

Song of Preparation
Message from Ephesians 3:10-11

We Come to Communion

If Christ is your Lord and Savior, you’re welcome at the Lord’s Table

Our songs remind us of our oneness in Christ

Benediction and Postlude

Pastors & elders are happy to pray with you for God’s healing touch after the service.

“God’s intent was that now through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known.”

(Ephesians 3:10)

Sermon Crumbs In today’s text, the Apostle Paul expresses his ongoing amazement that God not only converted him but graciously commissioned him as an apostle. Indeed, Paul plays a unique role in the history of redemption: he, more clearly and more prominently than any other NT apostle or prophet, proclaims the unanticipated good news of Gentile inclusion in God’s new community. Paul is so grateful and staggered that he has this privilege, he invents a word (used only here) to express his sense of unworthiness. Where the NIV reads “I am less than the least of all God’s people” in verse 8, Paul’s Greek could be translated “leaster!”
**Staff Changes**
We’re pleased to announce that Sheri Jesiel will stay on board as CCC’s Business Manager on a much-reduced schedule. Cindy Yach, joins us as bookkeeper. Associate pastor Mike McDowell will oversee all support staff: office and Building and Grounds.

**Extra Help Needed** in children’s ministry next weekend, both Saturday and Sunday, in preparation for the Christmas Program. Please let Children’s Ministry Director Terri Allen know that you would love to assist.

**Be an Elf** Thursday, December 11 at 6:30pm. CCC will host a special dinner in conjunction with the ELF Network. We’re seeking families who will come as greeters, servers and others to help with set-up and clean-up. Talk to Pastor Mike for more info.

**Sermons Zion Wants to Hear** It’s been several years since we did this last – let you and the rest of the community choose the sermon topics for the summer. In 2015 we’ll do so again. Submit to the church office (or email Ken at klangley@ccczion.org) to suggest subjects or texts you’d like to hear explained and applied. Staff will choose from your submissions the sermons we think most asked for and most helpful.

**Children’s Church** will take a break December 14 and 21. We’ll include the children in Christmas worship these two Sundays.

**In Need of Servants for Clothing Distribution Next Week** Help us share the love of Christ through shopping & a conversation with our Love INC families. We need all kinds of loving hands to serve. Shifts are listed below.

**Service Dates:** December 7-12, 2014  
Sun 12/7: move clothing from warehouse to Zion & set up shop  
Tues: finish setting up shop  
Tues-Fri: help families shop for winter clothing  
Fri: pack up & move clothing back to warehouse  
**Location:** Grace Missionary Church 1415 27th Street, Zion IL  
**Contact:** Colin Carroll at ccarroll34@gmail.com or Spark at 847-782-8630

**Bag Lunch with our Church Staff** December 30 we invite you to join the staff for lunch at noon. We’ll enjoy our bring-your-own food and some lively conversation in Fellowship Hall.

**Camp Zion Gathering Place** If you haven’t received the new Camp Zion Gathering Place brochure in the mail please let the camp office know (office@campzion.com). Extra brochures are available in the office.

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**Esta noche, 7 de diciembre, tenemos nuestro servicio de adoración mensual en español, a las 6:00 pm en la Capilla Lloyd.**

**Tonight, December 7, we have our monthly Spanish Worship service, 6:00 pm in the Lloyd Chapel.**

**Memorial Garden** A donation was made to our memorial rose garden in memory of John G.W. Huber who went to his heavenly home on November 26, 2004.


**Thank You** to the Marshall family for cooking the CCC Thanksgiving breakfast.

**Thank You** from the Studebaker Family for all the support and expressions of love received during their recent loss.

**Another Thank You** to those who helped to hand out turkey dinners to those in need in our community.

**The Verge: Young Adult Ministry (18-26 years)**

**Tonight’s the Night!** The Verge Young Adult ministry meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month at Gary and Melissa Bohringer’s home in Kenosha (7208 48th Ave.) We would love if you joined us!

**On Sunday, December 21 we will be getting together an hour early (6:00pm) to sit down for a Christmas Dinner together. We will enjoy a catered meal, festive treats and games and Christmas carols. Please head over to The Verge: Young Adult Ministry FaceBook page and join the Christmas Party event or email mbohringer@ccczion.org if you plan on attending so we know how many to plan for. Also, please bring a plate of your favorite Christmas treats to share.**
AWANA could use extra help tomorrow for "Try for Five". The kids will try to pass five sections in their workbook. If you would like to serve, please contact AWANA Commander, Diane Holverson or Children's Ministry Director, Terri Allen.

Children's 3rd Annual Christmas Program, “Miracle at the Manger: a Children’s Christmas Celebration” is Sunday, December 14, during the worship service. (If your children don’t have the music and rehearsal CD be sure to stop by the office for copies.) Following the program everyone is invited to stay for a festive luncheon. Please bring a platter of cookies or bars.

Christmas Program Rehearsals Saturday, December 13, 9:00am-Noon. Rehearsal and gingerbread house decorating party.

Thank You to all who served tables at the Minding the Gap dinner this past week. Next up is the ELF Network dinner this Thursday, Dec. 11. We need high school servers in place at 5:45pm. Black pants; white shirts.

Sr. High Caroling takes place this Saturday, December 13 from 3:30–6p. We will meet up with Village Church of Gurnee at Culver’s for dinner from 6–7p.

Dinner and a Movie Jr. and Sr. high students, staff, and parents are invited to join us for dinner in Kenosha followed by a showing of the final Hobbit movie Friday, December 19. We’ll leave the church at 6:16 and return by 10:45. Tickets are $10. Participants should figure on about $15 for dinner and refreshments. Sign up with Leo at lbarnes@ceczion.org or at any youth event.

Christmas Parties Our annual white elephant Christmas parties are just around the corner and will take place during regular youth group hours: Senior High – Sunday, Dec. 21 at the Green’s (440 Ravine Dr. in WH) Jr. High – Monday, Dec. 22 at the Paxton’s (1801 Kedron Blvd. in Zion) Please bring a gift to exchange.
Advent 2014
at Christ Community Church

December Sundays at CCC
Scripture and music help us celebrate, once again, the best news ever.

December 14, 10:30am
“Miracle at the Manger: a Children’s Christmas Celebration”
Our children perform this holiday classic, followed by festive luncheon.

December 24, 7:00pm
“Candlelight Caroling”
We come together in the sanctuary for our traditional candlelight caroling.

December 28
Sacrificial Offering for world missions.

December 31
Once again we provide free family-friendly entertainment for the community & usher in the new year at the Lord’s Table.

9:00 ComedySportz Improv in the Christian Arts Auditorium
11:00 Watch-night service in the sanctuary

This Week at CCC

Sunday, December 7
8:30 am Sunday Morning Prayer Parlor
9:00 am Sunday School/ABF Hour Sanctuary
10:30 am Worship Service Chapel
6:00 pm *Spanish Worship Service Youth Room
7:00 pm Senior High Youth Group Bohminger House
*The Verge: Young Adults

Monday, December 8
5:30 pm Diaconate Meeting Parlor
6:30 pm AWANA Youth Room
7:00 pm Greeters Share Parlor

Tuesday, December 9
6:30 pm Quilting Youth Room
7:00 pm Girls Sr. High Small Group Parlor

Wednesday, December 10
7:30 am Morning Prayer Parlor
9:00 am MOPS Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Missions Team Room F
7:00 pm Guys Sr. High Small Group Ushers Room
Choir Parlor
Men’s Bible Study Parlor

Thursday, December 11
6:30 pm *ELP Network Dinner Gym
7:00 pm Worship Team Sanctuary

*More info in Bulletin

Our Staff

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Music Director
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Dale Stewart
Director of Camping Ministries
Our Elder Board
Ken Langley (Chairman), Rick Capp, Steve Edwards, Mike McDowell, Greg Nugent, Larry Rittenhouse, Eliel Rojas, Tim Glover and Carl Williamson

Pray for those who were hospitalized this past week...
Lily Edwards
Ryan Green