

Tidings from



November 2019

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The Acknowledgement Section

Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

A newly arrived soul in Heaven was met by St. Peter.

St. Peter and the soul took a tour around Heaven. They walked side by side inside a large workroom filled with angels. St. Peter stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received."

The soul looked at the section, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world.

The soul and St. Peter continued on until they reached the second section. St. Peter told the soul, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them."

The soul noted again how busy it was. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally at the farthest corner of the room, the soul stopped at a very small station. To the surprise of the soul, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledgement Section," St. Peter told the soul.

"How is that? There's no work here?"

"So sad," St Peter sighed. "After people receive the blessings they asked for, very few send acknowledgements."

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings?"

St. Peter answered, "Just say, 'Thank you, Lord.'"

The soul asked, "What blessings should they acknowledge?"

St. Peter replied, "If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead, and a place to sleep...you are richer than 75% of the world.

"If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish...you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

"And, if you have a computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity.

"If you woke up this morning with more health than illness...you are more blessed than the millions who will not even survive this week.

"If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 700 million people in the world.

gratitude
CHANGES
everything

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Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday,
November 27

6:15 pm

with Dessert and Coffee

fellowship to follow

Council News

Deb Lalim

On Monday, October 14, 2019 the council met to review the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 church year and discussed annual meeting preparations. Also, the following tenth grade youth were approved for the Rite of Confirmation: John Davis, Matthew Hard, Grace

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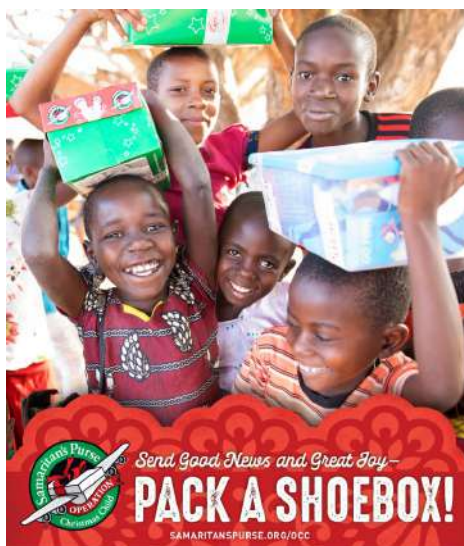
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Don't miss your chance: The deadline to drop off Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes is November 13!

Lynn Kofstad

The time is getting short to get your items and boxes turned in for Operation Christmas Child. The due date to have all items into the church is Wednesday, November 13.

Please check out the display in the Gathering Space for information and to grab a box or two from the box tree. There is a recommended shipping fee of \$9.00 per box. Feel free to fill a box or bring individual items to the church where we can combine several items to make a box. Δ



Zion Lutheran Church Financial Update

Fiscal year is October 1 through September 30.

General Operating Account as of September 30, 2019

Income	Sep	YTD
General Envelopes	\$11,054	\$139,984
Electronic	\$9,259	\$113,065
Loose Offerings	\$443	\$3,839
Misc.	\$110	\$2,125
Total	\$20,867	\$259,013
Expense	Annual Budget	YTD
Support Staff	\$186,544	\$179,514
Benevolence	\$16,000	\$15,400
Parish Wellness	\$200	\$93
Admin	\$17,966	\$15,858
Worship & Music	\$1,720	\$559
Christian Ed	\$1,800	\$316
Outreach Services	\$4,581	\$5,494
Property	\$20,287	\$21,221
Total	\$249,098	\$238,456

Loan Repayment Account as of September 30, 2019

Dedicated Funds	Sep	YTD
Deposits*	\$708	\$11,885

* Monies received from Warroad Community Church will be dedicated to the repayment of our building loan.

Building Fund as of September 30, 2019

Dedicated Funds	Sep	YTD
Gifts Received	\$2,645	\$50,982
Loan	\$0	\$0
Building Fund Account Balance		
Security State		\$29,309
ELCA MisInvFnd		\$2,453
Total		\$31,762
Payments	Sep	YTD
The Verdin Co.		\$1,649
Marvin Home Ctr.		\$192
E&L Electric		\$454
Peterson Sht. Mtl.		\$5,000
MN Seal Coating		\$3,500
Other		\$1,011
Loan Interest		\$7,591
Loan Principal		\$78,500
Total	\$0	\$97,896

Building Loan

Principal Outstanding	\$266,500
Repayment Account	\$51,864
Net Loan Balance	\$214,636

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Core hours are
Monday-Thursday
10:00 am to 4:30 pm
with additional appointments
by prior arrangement.

Worship Services

Wednesdays at 6:15 pm
Sundays at 9:00 am

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Office Manager/Editor Vicki Dalager
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Christian Education News

NOVEMBER

Grades 6 and 7

Pre-confirmation Class

Schedule for November

Shawn Brunelle

Class times are 2:30 pm and 5:30 pm (pick one):

Wednesday, November 6

Wednesday, November 13

Wednesday, November 20 Δ

Grade 8 Confirmation
Schedule for November

Shawn Brunelle

Wednesdays at 5:15 pm

November 6, 13, and 20

Sunday mornings at 10:15 am

November 17 and 24 Δ

9th Grade Confirmation

Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

Classes are held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

November 6, 13, and 20 Δ

Thanks a bunch for collecting
“Our Family” UPC barcodes!

Thank you for your “Our Family” UPC barcodes! Zion’s Christian Education program receives \$.05 per barcode from “Our Family”



products. You may place your barcodes in the collection box on the Christian Ed bulletin board by the church offices. Δ

The Milestone of starting
Sunday School will be
celebrated November 3

Cindy Sandahl

All Sunday School children ages 3, 4, and 5 years old (including kindergarten students) will be recognized and celebrated on Sunday, November 3, during the 9:00 am worship service. Zion Lutheran Church supports the idea of embracing milestones – meaningful, memorable moments – as occasions to experience the presence and grace of God in Christ. Starting Sunday School is a milestone in the life of a Christian and we would like to acknowledge this big step in their life of faith. Please join us on November 3 as we introduce these young Sunday School members. They will be invited to come forward to receive their certificates of recognition. Δ



Affirmation of Baptism

We rejoice with the following young people who confirmed their faith by participating in the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, October 27, 2019.

John Edward Davis III
Matthew Edward Hard
Grace Anne Lindner
Nels Arnold Nestegard
Grady Alex Thompson Δ



Sunday mornings

10:05-10:45 am

Ages 3 to Grade 5

Please join us!

It was previously stated that there was no Sunday School on Sunday, November 3. This has changed! There **is** Sunday School on Sunday, November 3. Sunday, November 10 is the date that there is NO Sunday School. We will be following the school calendar so please make a note of the change in dates.

Please note, these are the planned dates for Sunday School in the next couple months:

November 3, 17, 24

December 8, 15

Sunday School will resume on January 12, 2020. Δ

Preparing for graduating
Senior gifts

by Shawn Brunelle

The Zion family will be coming together to make blankets for each of our graduating seniors during monthly Creative Works days (starting November 17).

Monetary donations to purchase fleece for the blankets are requested. Please mark your donation “Senior Gift” and drop it off at the church office. Contact Shawn Brunelle at 386-3644. Δ

Playground equipment sought

by Lynn Kofstad

Have your children outgrown your wood swing set/playset? Zion is looking for a set in good condition that could be used in our yard for children to play on. There are times when it would be great for an extra activity, a chance to exercise, free play, a time to give parents a few moments to visit after church or attend a meeting. The possibilities are endless but would provide hours of fun and play to the youth that attend various activities at Zion.

We are looking for a donation of a structure. Or to purchase a used one at a great price. If one is not obtained through donation/great deal, we are looking at fundraisers to raise money to get one built. Your donations or help with the project are greatly appreciated and welcomed. Δ

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"If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death...you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world.

"If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you are unique to all those in doubt and despair.

"If you are able to read, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all."

The soul replied, "Okay, what now? How can I start?"

Thursday, November 28, is our national Thanksgiving Day. It is a day to acknowledge God as the source of our many blessings. Zion will be acknowledging God with thanksgiving during worship on Wednesday evening, November 27, at 6:15 pm. Come and join us as we together express our gratefulness to God.

*"Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!"
Psalm 95:2*

Pastor Mary Gilthvedt
(source of story unknown) Δ

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Lindner, Nels Nestegard, and Grady Thompson. In addition, Nathan and Sara Thompson were accepted as new members.

The Mission Interpretation Table and Stewardship Table of the NWMN Synod are sponsoring an event titled "Training Ears to Hear!" This event is open to all members of the congregation. Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes will be hosting the event on Thursday, November 7, starting at 6:30 pm and Zion Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls will be hosting the same event on Sunday, November 10, starting at 2:00 pm. Northwest Minnesota Synod Bishop Bill Tesch will be the keynote speaker at both locations.

The following council members were thanked for their years of service on the council: Daniel Lykken, Jenee Provance, Trent Hard, and Deb Lalim.

Submitted by Deb Lalim
Council Secretary Δ

Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be Thursday, November 21, at 6:00 pm. Δ

Welcome to our new members!

Pastor Mary Gilthvedt



Welcome to Nathan and Sarah Thompson who reinstated their membership at Zion during worship on Wednesday, October 2. Two of their sons, Grady (grade 10) and Kael (grade 6) were baptized during that service as well. Nathan works at Marvin Windows and Sarah works at Doug's Supermarket. Their oldest son, Jace, is in 11th grade and was confirmed at Zion last fall. Grady affirmed his baptism in the Rite of Confirmation on October 27 and Kael is in pre-confirmation. A warm welcome to the Thompson family! Δ

The sacred in the everyday

All of the places of our lives are sanctuaries; some of them just happen to have steeples. And all of the people in our lives are saints; it is just that some of them have day jobs and most will never have feast days named for them.

—Robert Benson,
*Between the Dreaming
and the Coming True*

Church Together -
Pie with the Bishop
Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

Come gather with siblings in Christ to meet our new Bishop, Pastor Bill Tesch, enjoy some delicious pie, and make a new friend or two! This will be an opportunity to hear from the Bishop, ask questions about our Synod and ELCA, and share your congregation's joys and sorrows with siblings in Christ from neighboring congregations. If you were unable to attend the event in Thief River Falls in October, feel free to attend Pie with the Bishop on Sunday, November 3, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls. Δ

Training Ears to Hear!
November 10
at Zion of Thief River Falls
Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

Our society bombards us with words, images, sounds, and opportunities. To whom do we listen? How do we filter the noise through the lens of God? How do we live out our baptism when so much pulls us other ways? This event will improve your listening skills as you live out your baptismal calling. Northwestern MN Synod Bishop Bill Tesch will be the keynote speaker.



It will be held on Sunday, November 10, at Zion Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls.

Schedule

2:00 pm - Opening Devotions
2:15 pm- Three Great Listenings,
Bishop Bill
3:15 pm- Hearing Our Baptismal
Calling
4:15 pm - Sending and Blessing

There will be no cost. You may register yourself and/or others at the Northwestern MN Synod website.

If you are unable to attend the event on November 10, it will also be offered on Thursday, November 7, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes from 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm. Δ

Creative
WORKS
at Zion
P R E S E N T S

Card Making Class

with Bobbi Aker,
instructor

Sunday, November 17
11:00 am

The cost of the class is \$10.
All supplies will be provided. There will be options for you to make
Christmas, Thanksgiving, and/or all-occasion cards.

Pre-registration by November 12 is appreciated. Sign up in the Gathering Space.

Creative Works is a time for people from Zion and friends from the community to come together, take an optional class, work on personal projects, and share in food and conversation.

A lunch (freewill offering) will be provided: participants are encouraged to bring a snack to share.
Come anytime between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Red Stocking Alert

Joyce Strand

*Though Christmas is far off,
we know
It wouldn't be so shocking
To put one dime into the toe
Of your Zion Christmas stocking.*

*Since February
is the second month,
You'll put in two, you see,
While March,
the third month of the year,
Will call for dimes three.*

*With April's hope of early spring,
To the stocking
four dimes you bring.
Next is May and flowers
blooming,
Add five dimes –
your stocking is booming!*

*Six in June, seven in July,
Oh, see how your gift is growing!
In August, eight more dimes
Into the stocking going.*

*September nine, October ten,
Eleven in November,
December calls for twelve,
You surely should remember.*

*Your Christmas dimes
now are ready
Counting seventy-eight in all,
Or have you put a few more in
To your stocking standing tall?*

*Bring your filled
Christmas stocking,
(Be sure you don't forget)
To your Zion Christmas party
And make it your best one yet!*

Please join us for the annual women's Advent Event which will be held at Zion on Sunday, December 1. If you need a Christmas stocking to fill, please pick one up in the Gathering Space of the church or contact Joyce Strand at 386-4806. Δ



Fall, Winter, and Spring Coffee and Cookie Fellowship

Carol Hallan

As most of you are aware, we began the fall Sunday Morning worship with the Coffee and Cookie Fellowship – our “No Muss, No Fuss, No crumbs” event. It has been a great success and we thank those of you who have volunteered your time to bake cookies.

We are continuing with the event, so we have placed a new sign-up for cookies for the months of November and December on the kitchen counter in the Fellowship Hall. Because of the success of Cookies and Coffee, we have increased the amount of cookies for each Sunday from 6 dozen to 8 dozen. You may sign up for all 8 dozen or 4 dozen for a Sunday. The cookies may be baked or bought.



If you haven't stopped after church to enjoy a cup/cups of coffee and a cookie or two, we encourage you to do so. It's a great time to get to know each other and enjoy each other. Δ

Quilting update

Marlene Lewis

The quilters have been busy working on LWR quilts on Mondays during the months of September and October. All of the quilt tops have been sewn and matched up with a sized flat sheet or fabric. It was just a matter of laying out the bottom sheet, laying on a filler and topping them off with a sewn top. Ladies tied the quilts and then pinned the edges before our sewers finished off the edges. We often had 6-8 ladies tying quilts with 3 ladies sewing. As of October 14, 74 quilts were completed and boxed. We have used three rolls of batting with possibly needing one more to finish off this fall's quilting. We are fortunate that this year the quilt pickup date is one week later. It will be in Roseau on Friday, November 8, from noon to 2:00. Also on Friday, the personal wellness kits, school kits, and wrapped bars of soap will be delivered to Roseau.

Some ladies are interested in getting together on Mondays throughout the fall and winter to size sheets and add pieces to the full-sized sheets so they are ready to be used for quilting next spring.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Judy Landin 242-0589, Marlene Lewis 386-2018 or Nancy Reinhart 386-1017. Δ



Prayers from the Prayer Service for Farmers and All Who Work in Agriculture

The following prayers are from the NW MN Synod Prayer Service held October 17, 2019, at Fisher Lutheran Church, Fisher, MN, for farmers and all who work in agriculture.

Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

Loving God, we come to you trusting in your mercy and knowing that your steadfast love endures forever. Look with mercy on farmers and ag workers whose livelihoods have been threatened by wind, snow and rain. Give them your strength to meet the days ahead, your peace, which surpasses all understanding, and renewed hope for restoration. Move in those who are able to give aid, that we may be your hands and heart on earth. Be with all who offer assistance; may your Spirit uphold them. As you have made water a sign of your kingdom, and of cleansing and rebirth, grant your people vision to see new life on the other side of disaster. To you be given all honor and praise.

God, our creator, you have ordered seedtime and harvest, sunshine and rain. Give to all who work the land fair compensation for the work of their hands. Grant that the leaders of this and every nation may strive toward just and equitable policies that honors the work of those whose labor produces the food that sustains us.

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us coworkers in your creation. Give us wisdom and reverence to use the resources of nature so that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty.



God our comforter, you are a refuge and a strength for us, a helper close at hand in times of distress. Enable us so to hear the words of faith that our fear is dispelled, our loneliness eased, our anxiety calmed, and our hope reawakened. May your Holy Spirit lift us above our sorrow to the peace and light of your constant love.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ dignified our labor by sharing our toil. Guide us with your justice in the workplace, so that we may never value things above people, or surrender honor to love of gain or lust for power. Prosper all efforts to put an end to work that brings no joy, and teach us how to govern the ways of business to the harm of none and for the sake of the common good.

Lord Christ, you came into the world as one of us, and suffered as we do. As we go through the trials of life, help us to realize that you are with us at all times and in all things; that we have no secrets from you; and that your loving grace enfolds us for eternity. In the security of your embrace we pray. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, who in your self-emptying love

gathered up and reconciled all creation to the Father. Innumerable galaxies of the heavens worship you. Creatures that grace the earth rejoice in you. All those in the deepest seas bow to you in adoration. As with them we give you praise, grant that we may cherish the earth, our home, and live in harmony with this good creation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. Δ

NW MN Synod Update

Pastor Mary Githvedt

Instead of employing one full-time synod associate to the bishop, our synod will instead employ part-time people to fulfill that role. They are pastors and a SAM (synodically authorized minister) who will stay in their congregational calls as well as serve the synod in two conferences. Their title is Minister for Community and Leader Engagement. They are The Rev. Genelle Netland (Conferences 4 & 6), Kathy Levenhagen (SAM, Conferences 1 & 2), The Rev. Bradley Skogen (Conferences 7 & 8), and The Rev. Karen Young Trenne (Conferences 3 & 5). The Rev. Jon Olson will be the Minister for Vocations (he will work with those discerning a call to pastoral ministry).

Full-time office staff are: Bishop William Tesch; The Rev. Karla Mickelson, Associate to the Bishop for Synodical Administration; The Rev. Keith Zeh, Director for Evangelical Mission; and Cheryl Zeh, Office Manager/Financial Coordinator. Kristina Dernier contracted with the synod as the Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) Advisor and Gathering Coordinator. Δ

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Abbreviations (R) or (I) Building use requested/granted FH Fellowship Hall S Sanctuary MP Multipurpose Room #____ CY Classroom Yellow CB Classroom Blue K Kitchen YR Youth Room					1 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	2
3 Daylight Savings time ends; Set your clocks back! 8:00 am- Choir rehearsal 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School Milestone recognition 10:00 am- Coffee & Cookie fellowship 10:05 am- Sunday School 10:15 am- 8th Grade Confirmation 10:30 am to 12:00 pm- (K, FH) Private Baptism reception 2:00 to 3:30 pm- Pie with the Bishop at Bethlehem in Fergus Falls	4 9:00 am- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at Warroad Area Community Center	5 5:30 pm- Christian Education Committee meeting	6 12:00 pm- Items for Bulletin due 2:30 pm- Pre-Confirmation 5:15 pm- 8th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm- Pre-Confirmation 6:15 pm- Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 pm- 9th Grade Confirmation	7 9:30 am- Rostered Leaders conference meeting, Roseau 5:15 pm- Rebecca Circle (5-7 YR)	8 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	9
10 9:00 am- Worship with healing service 10:00 am- Coffee & Cookie fellowship No Sunday School No 8th Grade Confirmation 2:00 pm- "Training Ears to Hear" seminar at Zion in TRF	11 Veterans Day Church Offices Closed	12 6:00 pm- Congregational Care Committee meeting	13 10:30 am- WSLC Communion 12:00 pm- Items for Bulletin due 2:30 pm- Pre-Confirmation 5:15 pm- 8th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm- Pre-Confirmation 6:15 pm- Worship with healing service 7:00 pm- 9th Grade Confirmation	14 5:15 pm- SST meeting	15 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	16
17 8:00 am- Choir rehearsal 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion and Noisy Offering 10:00 am- Coffee & Cookie fellowship 10:05 am- Sunday School 10:00 to 5:00 pm- Creative Works (K, FH) 10:15 am- 8th Grade Confirmation	18	19 Items for Tidings newsletter due 5:30 pm- Property Committee meeting	20 12:00 pm- Items for Bulletin due 2:30 pm- Pre-Confirmation 5:15 pm- 8th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm- Pre-Confirmation 6:15 pm- Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 pm- 9th Grade Confirmation	21 6:00 pm- Council meeting	22 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	23
24 8:00 am- Choir rehearsal 9:00 am- Worship 10:00 am- Coffee & Cookie fellowship 10:05 am- Sunday School 10:15 am- 8th Grade Confirmation	25 6:00 pm- Stewardship Committee meeting	26 12:00 pm- Items for Bulletin due	27 10:30 am- WSLC Communion 12:00 pm- Church offices close No Pre-Confirmation No Confirmation 6:15 pm- Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Dessert and Coffee to follow	28 Thanksgiving Day Church offices closed	29 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	30 TBA- Set-up for Women's Advent Event in kitchen and Fellowship Hall

26 Give thanks that – despite war, conflict, hunger, poverty, suffering, illness and injustice – “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Pray that we will be emboldened by this grace-filled promise and reality to help and strengthen our neighbors in every situation and corner of the world.

27 Pray for people who suffer hunger, food insecurity or lack of access to the nutrition necessary for life and health. Ask that the Holy Spirit will move us to bring relief, instill hope and end hunger and poverty wherever it exists.

28 *Thanksgiving Day* Give thanks for the abundant resources God has entrusted to us, and for family, friends and other people who bless and enrich our lives. Give thanks that the spirit of God is generous, compassionate and fair, and that our unique gifts and abilities are brought together in the body of Christ for the sake of the world, especially those in need who have been neglected.

29 On “Black Friday” – a day of sales, buying and consumption – take time to reflect prayerfully on the difference between wants and needs, on generosity toward our neighbors, on stewardship of wealth and abundance, on everything God has entrusted to us, and on our true identity as children of God who are loved, forgiven and granted a new vision of life.

30 Give thanks to God for rescuing us from the power of darkness and bringing us into the light of new life in Jesus Christ – our Lord and savior, head of our church and the one who has reconciled us to God.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

PRAYER VENTURES

NOVEMBER 2019

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

1 *All Saints Day* Give thanks for people passed from this life who have cared for us, inspired our dreams, nurtured our faith, and equipped and encouraged us for the challenges of life, and who have boldly exemplified compassion, justice, mercy and generosity.

2 *National American Indian Heritage Month* Give thanks for the gifts and witness of American Indian and Alaska Native members of the ELCA. Pray for native congregations and ministries and the work of the American Indian and Alaska Native Lutheran Association, all grounded in reconciliation and the mutual building up of the saints – people of all backgrounds, tribes, regions, communities, congregations and unique needs.

3 Ask God to help us be fearless and radical in our love and service, following the example of Jesus by demonstrating love, respect, empathy, mercy and active concern for all, especially for people suffering poverty, hunger and illness, those forgotten and neglected, and our enemies.

4 Pray for people living with and recovering from the devastation and loss of life in the Bahamas and along the southeastern coast of the United States following Hurricane Dorian, and for Texas communities similarly suffering from flooding caused by Tropical Storm Imelda. Ask God to give these people strength and hope, resources for recovery and, during this time of vulnerability, protection from subsequent storms. Ask the Spirit to stir our caring support, generosity and volunteer service during short- and long-term recovery efforts.

5 Pray for the leaders of our communities, states and nation, that they will ground their priorities, decisions, work and legislative actions in concern for justice, the environment, the well-being of people in need and the diverse contexts and communities in our country.

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6 Entrusted with sharing the gospel and doing God's work in the world, pray that we will be faithful in our baptismal calling and encourage one another in following the word and ways of God.

7 Pray for the leaders of our church who serve on the ELCA Church Council. Ask the Spirit to guide their work of enabling and supporting our church as we strive to do God's work in the world with thoughtfulness, integrity, respect and partnerships that share a common vision.

8 Remember in prayer students who find school challenging or difficult, and pray that the people in their lives will be patient, encouraging, creative and skilled in understanding the unique ways in which we each learn.

9 Give thanks that when we confess our sins, the good we have failed to do and our misbehaviors to God, we are met with mercy and forgiveness.

10 Rejoice and give thanks that in God all have life – eternal, abundant and renewed life for doing God's work in the world and serving our neighbor now.

11 *Veterans Day* Remember people who have served or are currently serving in the military, and give thanks for their service and sacrifices. Pray for military chaplains, caregivers, congregational and synod programs, and special ministries that care for veterans and their families.

12 Lutheran outdoor ministry leaders are joining with their ecumenical peers and partners in Lake Junaluska, N.C., for the Great Gathering conference. Pray for their time together, that they might build relationships, discover each other's gifts and equip vital ministries to meet the emerging needs of God's people.

13 Pray that, in the midst of the questions, distractions, hesitancy and opposition we experience in daily life, we will remain focused on the good news of Jesus Christ and on encouraging one another to share the gospel and do good in the world.

14 The ELCA is the first North American denomination to declare itself a sanctuary church body. As a sanctuary church, the ELCA is committed to serving and supporting migrant children and families in communities across the country. Pray that we and our faith communities, moved by the Spirit, will see welcoming people not as a political issue but as a matter of faith.

15 Give thanks that God is attentive to our prayers, acting as our refuge, strength and guide throughout life and in every situation.

16 Remember in prayer ELCA missionaries serving in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania to support theological education and health care in clinics and a network of 21 hospitals.

17 Anticipating Christ's return, ask for God's help to recognize and value what is important to God.

18 Give thanks for the leaders, ministries and resources of our church that deepen our understanding and practice of stewardship and generosity. Pray that we might spread the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world with the gifts and resources entrusted to our care.

19 Pray for the vision and impact of the 26 congregations, synods, ministries and ELCA-related agencies and organizations that have been awarded mental health ministry grants. Pray that their work will inspire others as they address mental health issues and develop new approaches to advocating for and assisting people with mental illness and their families.

20 Ask the Holy Spirit to guide and shape our lives so that we might exemplify how to live and work together, care for one another, exercise generosity and tirelessly do what is right and just for the sake of our neighbor.

21 Pray for congregational and synod ministries and ELCA-related organizations that attend to the unique needs of women and men by encouraging faith, offering opportunities for service, helping develop and support leaders, creating safe environments for conversation and mutual care across generations, and affirming both our unity and our diversity in Christ.

22 Sing praises and make joyful noise for the wonderful things God has done and for God's undeserved steadfast love and faithfulness.

23 Praise God for the critical work we do together through ELCA Disaster Response and for our partners, who bring God's hope, healing and renewal to people in the United States and around the world whose lives have been disrupted by natural disaster.

24 While we profess our faith in Jesus Christ, we sometimes puzzle over who Jesus is and over his resurrection. Pray that our wisdom and faith will grow and mature as, together with our sisters and brothers in Christ, we pray, study, converse and give ourselves over to the Spirit's inspiration.

25 Remember in prayer our ELCA missionaries and young people serving as Young Adults in Global Mission as they support the programs and ministries of companion churches in Senegal, Eswatini, South Africa, South Sudan, Kenya and Zimbabwe.

November Volunteers

Ushers/Greeters

Sunday Morning Services

11/3 Keith, Deb, Erick Landin
11/10 Brian & Lori Schaible
11/17 David & Nancy Pellett
11/24 Buck & Barb Bue

Wednesday Evening Services

11/6, 13, 20 Gage Thompson
Landon Thompson
11/27 Brock Thompson
Tyler Lien

Sunday Lectors

November Heather Streiff

Altar Care

11/3 and 11/17 Fern Knudson
Heather Streiff
11/6 and 11/20 Joleen Kezar

Communion Assistants

11/3 Fern Knudson / Jeff Galle
Heather Streiff / Marty Howes
Dan Lykken
11/6 Joleen Kezar
11/17 Fern Knudson / Heidi Lien
Heather Streiff / Liz Hardwick
Jenee Provance
11/20 Joleen Kezar

Sound Board Attendants

Sunday Morning Services

11/3 Volunteer needed
11/10 Dan Curtis
11/17 Trent Hard
11/24 Volunteer needed

Wednesday Evening Services

11/6, 13, 20, 27 Brenda Haats

Projector Attendants

Sunday Morning Services

11/3 Volunteer needed
11/10 Mikayla Curtis
11/17 Sam Hard
11/24 Volunteer needed

Acolytes

11/3 Volunteer needed
11/6 Gage Thompson
11/10 Volunteer needed

Attendance

	Sun. AM	Mid-wk. PM	Week Total
9/25		25	
9/29	113		138
10/2		51	
10/6	120		171
10/9		21	
10/13	153		174
10/16		No worship	
10/20	95		95
10/23		19	
10/27	154		173
10/30		tba	

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

October 6 - to the glory of God by Joan Dagen.

October 13 - by the Women of Zion and Zion congregation's Sunday coffee offerings to the glory of God and in celebration of Harvest Festival.

October 20 - to the glory of God by Joyce Wright.

October 27 - by Rick & Janet Arntzen in honor of the confirmands and their step in faith. Δ



11/13 Lila Lancot
11/17 Jarrett Janson
11/20 Mikayla Curtis
11/24 Jarrett Janson
11/27 Barrett Hontvet

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Tithes and Offerings

Offerings for week ending 9/29:

General Fund: \$2,826.47
Building Fund: \$205.00

Offerings for week ending 10/6:

General Fund: \$5,262.94
Building Fund: \$1,465.00

Offerings for week ending 10/13:

General Fund: \$8,706.50
Building Fund: \$240.00
Furniture Fund: \$100.00
Harvest Fest. Dinner: \$770.00

Offerings for week ending 10/20:

General Fund: \$6,525.00
Building Fund: \$1,200.00
Noisy Offering: \$66.31
(future "GWOH" projects)

Offerings for week ending 10/27:

To be announced Δ



Noisy offerings will be collected Sunday, November 17.

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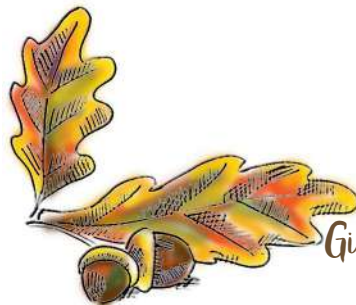
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Women's Advent Event

Sunday, December 1 - 6:00 pm

All women are invited
to come to a potluck
supper beginning at
6:00 pm
followed by an
inspirational program
to start your Advent
season! Invite a friend!

*PREPARE
the WAY
of the
LORD*



Bring a gift if you want to participate in an optional \$5 gift exchange.
You are invited to bring a non-perishable item to donate to the Warroad Food Pantry.