

Tidings from



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The Rescue

Pastor Mary Giltvedt

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'" Luke 2:8-14

Several years ago, about this same time of year, there were condors stuck in their summer home. They appeared to have no sense of the importance of pre-winter migration for survival. So, a man who noticed the problem of the condors developed a solution. He remade an ultra-light aircraft into the image of a large condor. Day by day, he used the aircraft to guide the birds south to safety.

The condors followed because they recognized their own image in the aircraft piloted by a human being. They survived the winter because he cared enough to be their savior.

Humankind was in the same predicament. God chose to rescue sinful humankind by sending his Son, in the image of humanity, in order to lead us to safety, life, and home. That rescue is why we celebrate Christmas.



But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:4-7

Have a blessed and joyous Christmas as you celebrate the rescue of God through the Incarnate Savior! Δ

Blue Christmas Service of Remembrance:



December 11 at 6:15 pm
Avis Wright

A Blue Christmas service of remembrance will be held at Zion Lutheran Church on Wednesday, December 11, at 6:15 pm.

We acknowledge that many have feelings at Christmas time due to losses of family and friends. During this service you are invited to reflect on the pain, loneliness, and sadness you feel and offer that pain to the Christ Child. Hopefully, you will find hope and comfort in knowing that you are not alone.

You are encouraged to bring a framed photo of a beloved family member to place on the altar.

Zion's Congregational Care Committee will host this service and invites you to attend and to stay for refreshments following the service. Please invite your family and friends to join you in attending. Δ

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Council News

Barb Knutson, Council Secretary

On Thursday, November 21, 2019 the new council met for their monthly meeting. The new members are: Jana Thompson and Barb Knutson (secretary). The returning members are: Jeff Galle (president), Jenee Provance, Liz Hardwick (vice president), Heidi Lien, Marty Howes, Dan Lykken, Laurence Wright, and Treasurer, Patrick Frolander.

Patrick shared that the offering for the month of October was the third highest October in 11 years. The duties of the council as stated in chapter 12 of our constitution were reviewed. A Constitution Update Committee was set up.

There has been some buzz around the church that it would be fun to reinstitute the monthly congregational potlucks we used to enjoy in years past. The council decided to have informal conversations with people in the congregation to see if this is something that many would like to do. We will revisit the topic later. Feel free to indicate your preference the next time you see a council member.

The council will be having a retreat on the morning of Saturday, January 18, 2020. The next council meeting will be on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 6 pm. Δ



Zion Lutheran Church Financial Update

Fiscal year is October 1 through September 30.

General Operating Account as of October 31, 2019

Income	Oct	YTD
General Envelopes	\$13,634	\$13,634
Electronic	\$8,790	\$8,790
Loose Offerings	\$483	\$483
Misc.		\$0
Total	\$22,908	\$22,908
Expense	Annual Budget	YTD
Support Staff	\$191,987	\$15,204
Benevolence	\$18,300	\$0
Cong. Care	\$0	\$0
Admin	\$19,179	\$1,434
Worship & Music	\$1,720	\$68
Christian Ed	\$2,842	\$27
Outreach Services	\$5,922	\$303
Property	\$23,519	\$1,474
Total	\$263,469	\$18,510

Loan Repayment Account as of October 31, 2019

Dedicated Funds	Oct	YTD
Deposits*	\$708	\$708

Building Fund as of October 31, 2019

Dedicated Funds	Oct	YTD
Gifts Received	\$3,010	\$3,010
Loan	\$0	\$0
Building Fund Account Balance		
Security State		\$30,506
ELCA MisInvFnd		\$2,455
Total		\$32,962
Payments	Oct	YTD
Other	\$147	\$147
Loan Interest	\$1,666	\$1,666
Loan Principal		\$0
Total	\$1,813	\$1,813
Building Loan		
Principal Outstanding		\$266,500
Repayment Acct balance		\$52,572
Net Loan Balance		\$213,928

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

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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

Zion Church Council

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Christian Education News

Schedules for December

Grades 6 and 7 Pre-confirmation Class

Shawn Brunelle

Students may attend class at 2:30
or 5:30 pm:

Wednesday, December 4

Wednesday, December 11 Δ

Grade 8 Confirmation

Shawn Brunelle

Wednesdays at 5:15 pm

December 4 and 11

Sunday mornings at 10:15 am

December 8 and 15 Δ

9th Grade Confirmation

Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

Classes are held Wednesday
evenings at 7:00 pm.

December 4 and 11 Δ

Noisy offerings

will be collected

Sunday, December 15.

All donations will go to ELCA
Good Gifts to sponsor
Sunday School start-up kits
for global missions.

With lessons, supplies, and
teaching aids, you can equip
fast-growing communities of
faith with Christian education
materials to make the gospel
accessible to children of all
ages.



Sunday School
is on Sunday mornings
10:05-10:45 am
Ages 3 to Grade 5
Please join us!

Please note, these are the planned
dates for Sunday School:

December 8, 15

Sunday School will resume on
January 12, 2020. Δ

Vibrant Faith: Shepherding of Souls Team

Zion's Shepherding of Souls Team
(SST) has been reading Rev. David
Anderson's book "Vibrant Faith in
the Congregation." SST would like
to share some quotes from this
book over the next several months.
Please watch for them in your
Tidings newsletter.

This month's quote comes from
chapter 1, page 20: "... the Vibrant
Faith Frame ... understands faith as
formed by God through
relationships, not programs;
friends, family, and even strangers,
not primarily "experts" (i.e.,
congregational leadership); and
daily life experiences, not
committees. Of course, it is not an
either/or —either relationships or
programs, experts, and
committees."

Relationships with our members,
visitors, and neighbors is key to the
Vibrant Faith Frame. We are all
called to reach out in love to share
the Good News of Jesus. Δ

"Starting Sunday School" Milestone celebrated

Zion's Sunday School children
ages 3 through kindergarten were
recognized and celebrated on
Sunday, November 3, during the
9:00 am worship service. We
acknowledged the milestone of
starting Sunday School by inviting
them to come forward to receive
their certificates of recognition.
Reactions from these young
congregation members ranged
from giddy excitement to wiggly
distraction to fear and trepidation!
May these young Christians be
blessed (and be blessings) as they
continue learning about God! Δ



ELCA Youth Gathering theme announced

The 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering
will meet under the theme
"boundless: God beyond measure."
The theme is based on Ephesians
3:19, "I want you to know all
about Christ's love, although it is
too wonderful to be measured.
Then your lives will be filled with
all that God is." Participants will
explore how they can find
themselves within the
boundlessness of Christ's love.
The gathering will be held June 29
through July 3, 2021, in
Minneapolis. Visit
ELCA.org/Gathering to learn
more. Δ



You are invited
to the 2019
**Sunday School
Christmas
Program**

Refreshments to follow!

**Wednesday, December 18
6:15 pm**

**Annual Eggbake Fundraiser
for VBS will be January 12**
Sheri Hard

The annual Christian Education Eggbake Fundraiser will be held Sunday, January 12, following the worship service. A free-will donation will be collected with all proceeds going to Zion's Vacation Bible School and other projects.

Donations of eggbakes, muffins, fruit, milk, and juice are needed for the fundraiser. Watch for sign-up sheets coming soon. Contact Sheri Hard at 701-541-0673 with questions. Δ



Join us at the
Deck the Halls event
at the Warroad Senior
Living Center on
December 5

Zion gets to decorate the Christmas tree and fireplace mantle of the Independent Living Room at the Warroad Senior Living Center again this year.

We'll meet on Thursday, December 5, at 5:00 pm in the Independent Living Room (near the south entrance) at the WSLC. Everyone is welcome to come to help and enjoy the festivities of the evening.

You are invited to bring a snack to share... an appetizer or some sweet treats. Plan now to join in the fun!

The WSLC staff sets up the tree and brings our decorations out of storage so everything is ready to go when we gather together to deck the halls for the WSLC residents to enjoy. Over the years, we've accumulated a nice collection of décor for the tree and mantle. All that's needed is for you to come to help decorate! Δ



Care Packages for College Students

The Christian Ed ministry is sponsoring care packages for Zion college students. If you would like your students to receive packages, please turn in their names and addresses by January 7. Soon after, there will be boxes placed in the church Gathering Space with a student's name on each box. Congregation members are asked to place "care package" items inside each box. We'll mail the packages in early February.

Each student must be a member of Zion and the name must be turned in to the church office by January 7. Please use the information form provided below as a guide in letting us know about your student. Donations to help cover the mailing fee are encouraged. Contact Sheri Hard at 701-541-0673 or email zlcw@mncable.net with questions. Δ

Care Package for College Student Info

Name of Student _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent _____

Favorites (snacks, small items) _____

Allergies or Dislikes _____

December Wednesday Evening Worship

December 4, 6:15 pm: Regular worship service with holy communion

December 11, 6:15 pm: Blue Christmas service of remembrance (in place of the regular Wednesday evening worship service) with refreshments to follow

December 18, 6:15 pm: Christmas Program (in place of the regular Wednesday evening worship service) with treats to follow; No communion

December 25: No worship service
Δ

Help for desperate times: the farming crisis

Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

Enclosed in this newsletter is a brochure from the MN Department of Agriculture. It includes excellent resources and contact information when coping with farm and rural stress. Some of the resources are specifically geared for the farming community. Other resources are available to anyone who is struggling with stress, anxiety, depression, or suicidal thoughts. Another resource provides help for getting food, heat, electricity, health care, childcare, senior programs, or other resources important to health and well-being.

www.minnesotafarmstress.com includes links for the same resources mentioned in the brochure. In addition, it has a link to TransFARMatIon, radio shows and podcasts about farm stress stories and strategies. The latest podcast is an interview with the bishop of our synod, Rev. Bill Tesch. Δ

Quilting update

Marlene Lewis

The last quilting day was November 4. The quilts were boxed up, sealed, and return address labels attached. The total number of quilts sent to LWR was 112. Six quilts were kept for local use. This past year, four were given to youth who were baptized. In the past, when notified, we have given quilts to the Red Cross for fire victims in the community and surrounding area. With donated supplies, we were able to put together 39 personal care kits and 82 school kits and boxed up 13 pounds of bars of soap. All Lutheran World Relief items were delivered to Roseau on Friday, November 8. Doug and Gloria Pomplun were able to take the boxes of quilts to Roseau. A semi picked up LWR items in Roseau, then headed to Thief River Falls for more items, and then on to a warehouse the Cities. According to the LWR website, Zion had personal care kits and school kits sent to Peru in July, quilts sent to Angola in August, and school kits sent to Nicaragua in September.

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies necessary to complete the kits and the quilts. If you have any school supplies, personal care kit supplies, and/or wrapped bars of soap, you can drop them off anytime in the Lutheran World Relief baskets in the Gathering Space. Quilting supplies can be dropped off at the church or Community Center. Quilting supplies would include fabric, blankets, quilted bedspreads, sheets, and pillowcases. Heavier fabric like corduroy or upholstery material can be donated and would be used for making bags in the school kits. Those pieces should be at least 15" x 38".

The quilters plan to work *a few* Mondays throughout the winter months getting things ready for spring quilting, most likely not meeting in December. If you have an interest in joining the quilters, please contact Judy Landin 242-0589, Marlene Lewis 386-2018 or Nancy Reinhart 386-1017 for more information. Δ

ELCA Good Gifts Tree

Shawn Brunelle

Once again this year you can find the alternative gifts tree in the Gathering Space. The selection of gifts has expanded this year. The traditional animals and



farm supplies are still available, as well as many opportunities to help children around the world. You will find ornaments ranging from vaccines to back pack food funds.

How does the Good Gifts program work? Choose your ornament, the perfect gift for a family member or friend. On the back of your ornament is the ELCA Good Gifts website address. Simply go online and place your order. You can also find information to mail your purchase to their office.

Some of the gift choices are large and offer an opportunity to go together with friends and family to give a sizable gift. Remember by choosing an ELCA Good Gift, you are purchasing a life-sustaining gift for a person in need. If you have any questions, contact Shawn Brunelle at 386-3644. Δ

It's time to order Poinsettias for Zion:

Deadline to order is December 15.

If you would like to have the church place an order for you for a poinsettia, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate, or mail it to the church office by **December 15**. Attach your check (*made payable to Zion*) to the order form. Payment must accompany the order. Contact Shelley Galle at 242-1141 with questions.

Poinsettias for Zion - Order Form

Name(s) of giver to print in the bulletin _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Number of Poinsettias you would like to sponsor: _____ x \$6.50/plant = \$ _____

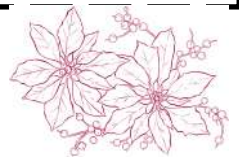
Mark one: _____ In honor _____ In memory _____ In celebration

Of: _____

Other: _____



*Please have your order/payment in the church office by **DECEMBER 15**,
or in the mail no later than **December 11***
Zion Lutheran Church of Warroad ~ PO Box 61 ~ Warroad, MN 56763



2019 planning for We Care has begun

Carol Hallan

We Care has begun planning for our 2019 project. The annual We Care project's mission is remembering those individuals and families in the Warroad area, who have lost a loved one in the past year, who are at the Warroad Senior Living Center, who need a bit of encouragement, and who are in need of some kindness.

Right now, we are planning for 200 or more baskets, school families, and others that need to know we are thinking of them.

Our bags and baskets are packed with cookies, breads, snacks, fruit,

gifts, and entire Christmas meals, in some cases.

We also help with school supplies for the Warroad schools. Supplies include crayons, pencils, glue, rulers, pencil boxes, spiral notebooks, and Kleenex. This is an ongoing endeavor and supplies can be left in the baskets in the church foyer.

We Care, which began with just Zion people, has grown to include several members of the Warroad community. We feel so privileged and blessed to be able to serve our Lord and community in this way.

We couldn't do any of this without your prayers, time, and generous financial donations. We are asking that you prayerfully consider

helping in any way you can.

Monetary donations may be put in the offering plate, sent to the church, or put in the basket at the women's December 1 Advent party. You may also want to help with baking, packing, and/or delivery.



Our packing and delivery date is Tuesday, December 17, starting at 8:00 am at Zion. Contact Judy Landin at 242-0589 or Carol Hallan at 386-1285 with questions or if you wish to volunteer to help in any way.

We thank you in advance for your generosity. Δ



Creative Works date and optional class announced

by Deb Quesnell

Mark your calendar for the next Creative Works day on Sunday, January 12! Due to the Egg bake Breakfast fundraiser at 10:15 that morning, the schedule will be a little different than previous Creative Works days. Feel free to bring your own hobby projects (sewing, quilting, crafting, art, knitting, crocheting, paper or online scrapbooking) anytime after 11:00 am.

You are invited to bring a snack to share. Anyone who wants can help make fleece tie blankets for our graduating seniors.

Details about the Optional Class

We'll get started with the optional class at 11:30 pm. Participants will get to make an adorable lighted snowman board to adorn a front porch or any room in the home. It will be sure to brighten up the dreary winter months ahead.

Class size is limited, so sign up soon! No previous painting experience is necessary.

You can see samples of the snowman boards in the Gathering Space where you can sign up for the class and choose the color of your background. Grey or dark blue? The cost of the class is \$20.00 and all supplies will be provided. Please sign up and drop

off your payment at the church office by December 30.

Wear or bring painting clothes. Even if you have never painted before, you will have fun and go home with a cute painted snowman !! Δ



A Christmas Day service with Holy Communion, Christmas carols, and the Christmas Story will be held at the Warroad Senior Living Center on Christmas Day from 10:30-11:00 am. Zion members and the community are invited to attend. Pastor Mary Gilthvedt will lead the service.

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



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.

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Advent 1 8:00 am- Choir rehearsal 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 am- Coffee & Cookie fellowship No Sunday School No 8th Grade Confirmation 6:00 pm- Women's Advent Event (4-8 K, FH, S)	2 5:15 pm- Memorial Committee meeting	3 8:30-10:00 am - We Care meeting (FH)	4 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> 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	5 9:30 am- Rostered Leaders conference meeting, Roseau 5:00 pm- "Deck the Halls" Decorating at the Senior Living Center (Indepen. Living Room)	6 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	7
8 Advent 2 9:00 am- Worship with healing service 10:00 am- Coffee & Cookie fellowship 10:05 am- Sunday School 10:15 am- 8th Grade Confirmation	9 11:00 am- Memorial Service: Mike McKeever 5:15 pm- Council Executive Committee meeting	10 9:00-11:30 am - We Care (FH)	11 10:30 am- WSLC Communion 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> 2:30 pm- Pre-Confirmation 5:15 pm- 8th Grade Confirmation 5:30 pm- Pre-Confirmation 6:15 pm- Blue Christmas service (no regular worship service/msg) 7:00 pm- 9th Grade Confirmation	12 6:00 pm- Council meeting	13 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	14
15 Advent 3 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 10:15 am- 8th Grade Confirmation	16	17 8:00 am - We Care Wrap and Delivery (7-12 FH, K) 5:30 pm- Property Committee meeting	18 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> No Pre-Confirmation or Confirmation 6:15 pm- Sunday School Christmas Program with refreshments to follow (no regular worship service)	19 <i>Items for Tidings newsletter due</i>	20 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	21
22 Advent 4 8:00 am- Choir rehearsal 9:00 am- Worship 10:00 am- Coffee & Cookie fellowship No Sunday School No 8th Grade Confirmation	23 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i>	24 Christmas Eve 12:00 pm- Church offices close until 12/26 4:00 pm- Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion 6:00 pm- Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion	25 Christmas Day Church offices closed 10:30 am- Christmas Day worship with Holy Communion at the Warroad Senior Living Center: open to the community No Wednesday evening activities No Wednesday worship service	26	27 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study	28
29 8:00 am- Choir rehearsal 9:00 am- Worship 10:00 am- Coffee & Cookie fellowship No Sunday School No 8th Grade Confirmation	30 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i>	31 12:00 pm- Church offices close until 1/2/2020	1 New Year's Day Church offices closed No Wednesday evening activities No Wednesday worship service	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		

24 *Christmas Eve* What draws you to Jesus? What are you looking for in God's promises? Give thanks to God for revealing to us through Jesus Christ the gifts of fullness of life and the one true light that illuminates God's ways and truth.

25 *Christmas Day* Join with our sisters and brothers around the world and with all creation in lifting up prayers and songs of praise and thanksgiving for God's gift of love and life, manifested in the birth of Jesus Christ – a light in the darkness that cannot be overcome.

26 "Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things." Pray for enthusiasm and courage in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ through our words and actions each day.

27 Remember in prayer people who struggle to meet the costs of living, students and seminarians graduating with long-term student loans, and people experiencing ongoing or unexpected medical expenses. Ask God to help us exercise understanding, empathy and generosity in our support and care for people struggling with financial debts and needs.

28 Pray that the good news, joy and faith that live in us will not diminish with the passing of the holidays and special celebrations but will grow deeper and pervade every aspect of our life.

29 Reflect on Mary and Joseph fleeing one country for another with the baby Jesus; lift up in prayer all people who suffer injustice and persecution and have become refugees and immigrants seeking safety and acceptance.

30 Pray that God will bless the experiences of college and university students participating in J-term courses and service-learning experiences, and that these will enrich their faith, knowledge, wisdom and discernment of vocation.

31 On the threshold of a new year, ask that the Spirit will instill in us a sense of time and life that is unrushed, observant and appreciative of the people, community, creation and gifts given by God for our sustenance, use, enjoyment and sharing.

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PRAYER VENTURES

DECEMBER 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 *First Sunday of Advent* Lift up prayers of thanks and praise for this season of anticipation, remembrance and celebration of Jesus Christ – God's awesome gift of love and redemption for all humanity.

2 Pause each day to reflect prayerfully on the symbols, traditions and practices – ancient and new – that we see and experience throughout Advent and Christmas. Give thanks for everything that centers our attention on the good news of Jesus Christ, deepens our faith as loved and redeemed children of God, and inspires and guides our baptismal journey.

3 Today has become known as Giving Tuesday, a day for encouraging generosity and charitable giving. Pray that the Spirit will always inspire us to be generous with our resources, money, gifts and time for the sake of our neighbors in need.

4 Pray that we awake each day, putting on Jesus Christ and shining as a light in the world, a brilliant light that shines with good news, love, justice, compassion and peace.

5 Remember in prayer Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) and the other hospitals in East Jerusalem. AVH is owned and operated by the Lutheran World Federation and supported by several of its member churches, including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Pray that our government will restore funding vital to the safe and effective operation of the East Jerusalem hospitals as soon as possible so that patients – especially children, who are particularly at risk – will continue to receive the treatment and care they need.

6 Give thanks for the young people who have served or are currently serving as Young Adults in Global Mission, working alongside our global companions to share the gospel, grow the church, care for people in need and strengthen communities in the name of Christ. Pray that these young adults will inspire others to respond to God's call to ministry and service – locally and globally.

7 When you see an Advent wreath, reflect on the circle of evergreen branches and give thanks for the gift of eternal life we have in Jesus Christ – the promised Messiah, born for the sake of the world.

8 Pray for clarity and faith in the lifelong baptismal journey for which the Holy Spirit calls, renews and equips us – a journey for the sake of the world.

9 The "Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent" is a public apology offered by our church in the context of the quadricentennial remembrance of slavery in this country. With faith in God's forgiveness and mercy, pray that we will be unconflicted in our repentance, committed to understanding injustice and racism, and bold and persistent in working to end racism and white supremacy wherever they exist, including in the church.

10 Give thanks that we are freed by our faith to serve our neighbor and affect change in our communities, nation and world – change that is grounded in the gospel and God's vision of justice, compassion, healing and peace for all people.

11 Pray that God's righteousness, justice, peace and compassion for the poor and oppressed will flourish in the world, and that we will be bold and persistent in doing God's work together.

12 Remember in prayer people, especially women and children, who live in refugee camps and immigration detention centers. Pray that they will soon return home or move to a community or country where they are welcome and safe, able to reunite with family and reestablish their lives. Give thanks for our church's and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service's commitment to advocate and care for refugees and immigrants everywhere.

13 Remembering that we have been welcomed without hesitation into the body of Christ, pray that we will exercise, without judgment or partiality, grace and hospitality toward our neighbors – friends, antagonists and strangers alike.

14 Give thanks to God for the gifts, service and ministry of women as we celebrate 50 years of Lutheran women being ordained in the United States, 40 years of women of color being ordained and 10 years of LGBTQIA+ individuals being able to serve freely.

15 Give thanks for being reminded and reassured – through the word of God, the sacraments and the witness of one another – that Jesus is the promised Messiah, our savior, teacher, life and hope.

16 Pray for ELCA missionaries and young people serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission program who are separated from their families and home congregations during the holidays yet celebrate the good news and gift of Jesus Christ with our companion churches and brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

17 Pray that wherever the weather turns cold and damp, all people will have the warmth and safety of shelter, and that where shelter is absent or difficult to find, the love and generosity of God dwelling in us will move us to create and open shelters in our congregations, community spaces and homes.

18 Give thanks for ELCA Good Gifts, an opportunity to support ELCA ministries and programs in nearly 80 countries around the world, including the United States. These funds and gifts support work being carried out by our congregations, companion churches and ecumenical partners.

19 Over 47,000 people in the United States died by suicide in 2017, and there were approximately 1.4 million suicide attempts. Pray for hope, relief from suffering and skilled, compassionate care for people who struggle with loneliness, isolation and depression, especially during the holidays. Ask that the Spirit will move us to see and respond to the people around us and to engage in and support suicide-prevention efforts such as the work of the Suicide Prevention Ministry, an independent Lutheran organization.

20 Give thanks and praise to God, who lifts up those bowed down and oppressed, watches over strangers and sets free the bound and imprisoned.

21 Remember in prayer the many people who work and serve during the holidays, including first responders, care providers, law enforcement, medical personnel, pilots and attendants, truck drivers, men and women serving in the military, seafarers, social service staff, and people serving in stores, restaurants and hotels.

22 In the story of Mary, Joseph and the humble birth of Jesus, we sense God's love for humanity and God's understanding of the diverse contexts in which we live. Praise God for loving us as we are and for reaching into the world in ways that we can relate to, understand and embrace.

23 Ask that we will be strengthened and inspired by the Holy Spirit for sharing the story of God's love and mercy – the story of Jesus – in today's world and culture.

December Volunteers

Ushers/Greeters

Sunday Morning Services

12/1 Joe & Joan Olafson
12/8 Brian & Lori Schaible
12/15 Keith, Deb, Erick Landin
12/22 Gordy & Judy Landin
12/29 Buck & Barb Bue

Wednesday Evening Services

12/4 Tayanna Cole
Brock Thompson
12/11 Tayanna Cole
Brock Thompson
12/18 Tayanna Cole
Ben Norris
12/25 No worship service

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 pm Volunteers needed
6:00 pm Volunteers needed

Sunday Lectors

12/1 Ron Tveit
12/8 Liz Hardwick
12/15 Deb Landin
12/22 Liz Hardwick
12/29 Liz Hardwick

Altar Care

12/1 and 12/15 Renae/Ron Tveit
12/4 Joleen Kezar
12/24 Carol Hallan

Communion Assistants

12/1 Renae & Ron Tveit
Jenee Provance / Barb Knutson
Laurence Wright
12/4 Joleen Kezar
12/15 Renae & Ron Tveit
Liz Hardwick / Heidi Lien
Jenee Provance
12/24, 4:00 Sheri/Ella Rourk
Liz Hardwick / Laurence Wright
1 more volunteer needed
12/24, 6:00 Jeff Galle / Heidi Lien
Diane Erickson / Sheri Hard
1 more volunteer needed

Acolytes

12/1 Ella Rourk
12/4 Mikayla Curtis
12/8 Volunteer needed
12/11 Kendan Curtis

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

November 3 - in loving memory of Charles Cran by Karen Cran.

November 10 - by Deb Landin in memory of her dad, Dick Larson, on his November 10 birthday with thanks for the great work of Martin Luther who shared the same birthday.

November 17 - by Jenny Howes in memory of her father, Brent Cassavant.

November 24 - by Deb Lalim in memory of her parents, Bennie & Gertie Lalim. Δ



12/15 Volunteer needed
12/18 Brock Thompson
12/22 Volunteer needed
12/24, 4:00 pm Mikayla Curtis
12/24, 6:00 pm Volunteer needed
12/25 No worship service
12/29 Ella Rourk

Sound Board Attendants

Sunday Morning Services

12/1 Dan Curtis
12/8 Volunteer needed
12/15 Laurence Wright
12/22 Volunteer needed
12/29 Trent Hard

Wednesday Evening Services

12/4, 12/11, 12/18 Brenda Haats

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 pm Dan Curtis
6:00 pm Trent Hard

Projector Attendants

Sunday Morning Services

12/1 Mikayla Curtis
12/8 Volunteer needed
12/15 Avis Wright
12/22 Volunteer needed
12/29 Matthew Hard

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 pm Volunteer needed
6:00 pm Volunteer needed

Snow Shoveling

for the week beginning...

12/2 Trent/Matthew/Sam Hard
12/9 Gordy Landin / John Taylor
12/16 Brad Baumann / Joe Olafson
12/23 Dan Lykken / Mike Agre
12/30 Jim Hallan / Chris Jelen

Worship Attendance

	Sun. AM	Mid-wk. PM	Week Total
10/30		55	
11/3	160		215
11/6		21	
11/10	60		81
11/13		23	
11/17	101		124
11/20		15	
11/24	99		114
11/27		tba	

Tithes and Offerings

Offerings for week ending 10/27:

General Fund: \$2,413.43

Building Fund: \$105.00

Offerings for week ending: 11/3

General Fund: \$5,343.29

Building Fund: \$500.00

Offerings for week ending 11/10:

General Fund: \$2,033.00

Building Fund: \$200.00

Offerings for week ending 11/17:

General Fund: \$7,595.00

Building Fund: \$2,210.00

Noisy Offering: \$68.05

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Offerings for week ending 11/24:

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WORSHIP
SCHEDULE
FOR
Christmas

*Please join us for worship
at Zion Lutheran Church
this Christmas!*

Christmas Program
with refreshments to follow
December 18 at 6:15 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services
with Holy Communion
December 24 at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion
at the Warroad Senior Living Center
December 25 at 10:30 am

No Wednesday evening worship service on December 25.