

# Zion's Weekly Announcements

Sunday, November 22 and 29, 2020

Good morning on this Last Sunday of the Church Year, Christ the King Sunday. Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 4:17 ESV) May the Holy Spirit strengthen us for service in the kingdom.

The newest **Church Photo Directory** has arrived!!! PRAISE THE LORD! You can pick-up your copy in your church mailbox. Thank you for your patience! We hope you enjoy them. A few items are already out of date, but that is to be expected! May you enjoy them!!!

**Portals of Prayer** (January-February-March) has arrived! Check your church mailbox for them. Extra copies are in the church office.

## LOOKING AT TODAY'S LESSONS

### ***By the Cross of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father***

When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, *"he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats"* (Matt. 25:32). *"To those on his right,"* who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35–40). But *"those on his left,"* who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart *"into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels"* (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep *"as a shepherd seeks out his flock"* (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, *"the fat and the strong,"* but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds *"the lean sheep"* (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that *"in Christ shall all be made alive"* by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26).



## MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

**Revelation 22:20** – "He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"

## DRIVE-IN COMMUNION is on SUNDAY!!!

**Due to the road construction on Bridge Avenue, our drive-in communion dates have moved!** Plan to attend on Sundays from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. If this does not work and you wish to walk to the church, please give me a call. I am available to minister to you. Remember, call the church office to make an appointment at 507-373-8609. Thank you.



**Wednesday, November 25, 2020**

**In-Person @ 4:30 PM**

**Online (YouTube)**

Register your attendance on the church's website: [www.zion4jesus.org](http://www.zion4jesus.org)

The appointed Scripture reading for Thanksgiving are: Deuteronomy 8:1–10, Psalm 67, Philippians 4:6–20, and Luke 17:11–19.

### **THANKSGIVING SUMMARY**

#### ***We Praise God for Sustaining Life in and through His Word***

The nation resounds with thanksgiving for the earth's bountiful harvest, crops of wheat and grains, all beneath the canopy of God's almighty care. But *"man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD"* (Deut. 8:3). The Church is the vessel through which the Word of God penetrates the world with its Law and Gospel. It is this divine Word that proclaims Jesus as the sole source of life, health and wholeness. It is Jesus who heals lepers with His Word: *"Go and show yourselves to the priests"* (Luke 17:11–19). Of the 10 cleansed, only one expresses thanksgiving back to Jesus. But true gratitude proceeds from a heart sustained by faith. Jesus bids this one Samaritan to *"rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."* So also, we are sent from the Divine Service, bolstered in our faith by baptismal and Eucharist blessing to be thankful in our circumstances of plenty and hunger, abundance and need (Phil. 4:6–20).



### **BIBLE QUIZ**

After Jesus healed 10 men at one time, how many returned to thank him? What had been their ailment? (see Luke 17:11-19)

- A. five; blindness
- B. all 10; deafness
- C. one; possession by demons
- D. one; leprosy

**Deuteronomy 8:3b – "... that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD."** The flip side to this statement is what Jesus told us about worrying in Matthew 6: seek first the Kingdom of God, and all these things will be added unto you. When we put things in the right order – God, His Kingdom, and His Word – everything else falls into place.

## + Zion Lutheran Ladies Society News +

### Upcoming Executive Board Meeting of Zion Ladies Society

Monday, November 23, 2020 @ 3:30 PM

We will be in the Fellowship Hall at Zion. Please wear your mask and social distant. There is plenty of room. Thank you!

**Hannah and Ruth Circles** meetings dates, and times follow:

Hannah Circle: December 1 at 9:30 AM in Zion's Fellowship Hall.

\*\*\* Ruth Circle: December 1 at 7:00 PM --- **HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

Please wear your mask and social distant.

Hannah, Martha, or Ruth Circle ladies, pick-up your **WINTER QUARTERLY!** They arrived just in time! Your issue is in your church mailbox.



**The Zion Quilter** will be selling Quilts between Thanksgiving and Christmas to raise funds for quilt batting. When you purchase a quilt or donate money for batting, please write out our check to Zion Ladies Society, earmark it with "Zion Quilters." Thank you for your support! Quilts made are donated to Lutheran World Relief.

## + Additional Info and News +

### LUTHERAN HOUR FOR NOVEMBER 22

#### "Politics in Perspective" – Daniel 7:1-14

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Political turmoil is nothing new and political security is only temporary. We can't escape politics. However, Dr. Michael Zeigler offers good news of a kingdom that cannot be overthrown and will never pass away.

### OUTREACH THOUGHT

**Matthew 25:31-46:** The parable of the sheep and the goats does not put an emphasis on works, but instead, it puts them in their proper perspective. Here is the greatest perk for serving the Lord. With every task and every deed and with every person, we have the opportunity to meet Christ in that person and through that deed. So, how do we wait for Judgment Day? With certainty in His pronouncement of our sins forgiven, with certainty of receiving inheritance that our compassionate Judge has prepared us for eternity, and with certainty that every day, every task, every vocation has significance to God and to us, because unbelieving souls are saved through the power of the Holy Spirit and believing souls meet Christ as they wait.

## **STEWARDSHIP PONDERING**

**Matthew 25:44** – “Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ” With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So, first things first. If we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts, and ask him to increase our faith.

**CONFIRMATION:** No Confirmation class this week! We are on Thanksgiving Break. Class will resume on December 2 at 6:00 PM.

## **Treasurer’s Report**

### **For 1-1-20 through 10-31-20**

Referring to the Income and Expense Sheet:

Actual income for the year up to 10/31/2020 is \$165,569.20. Budgeted Income was projected at \$174,383.36.

Actual Expenses up to date are \$143,082.59. Anticipated Budgeted Expenses were \$184,343.56.

This leaves us with a remaining balance of Income Less Expenses of \$22,486.61.

We are still maintaining a balance surplus for the year.

Referring to the Balance Sheet:

Ending Assets Balance through 10/31 is \$364,357.41

Notable restricted fund balances

Food for Backpacks is at \$6,202.05

Stain Glass Windows is at \$9,727.00

Mission Central contributions for year \$8,675.50

The Assets less Liabilities ending balance at \$93,914.93. This corresponds with the \$22,486.61 that we see from the Income and Expense Sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Kemkes

## **+ Looking to Next Sunday +**

### **REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE**

You can register for the "In-Person" worship service on Sunday, November 29. Go to Zion's website ([www.zion4jesus.org](http://www.zion4jesus.org)) and click on the picture that says, "Save My Seat." There you will be able to register for worship. If you would like me to register you, please call the church office at (507) 373-8609. We will keep it up until we have 55 worshippers!

**NEXT SUNDAY, November 29:** The season and color change to blue! Hope, love, joy, and peace are descriptive words of the Advent season. The Scripture readings for the day are Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, and Mark 13:24-37.

## + ADVENT & CHRISTMAS +



*We have a family for Christmas!!*

*They are a family of seven, parents and five children. Boy (10<sup>th</sup> grade), Boy (7<sup>th</sup> grade), Boy (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), Girl age 6, and Boy age 2.*

*This family is very excited to be adopted by us for Christmas!*

*Donations can be dropped in the box.*

*Thank you so much!*

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Before you know it, your mailbox will be filling up with Christmas cards from family and friends. Do you like to send Christmas cards? The Zion Ladies Society has Christmas card for sale. Each box (12 cards) is \$6.00. The cards are located in the main entrance by the church office.



### **ADVENT IS A BEGINNING**

Advent begins on November 29 this year. HAPPY NEW CHURCH YEAR! Many Christians may not realize that Advent is the beginning of the "church year." The church year starts with our preparation to remember and celebrate the birth of Christ, along with looking to Christ's final return on that Last Day. Advent obviously leads to Christmas Day and the 12 days of the Christmas season.

After Christmas, churches move on to observe Epiphany (the arrival of the wise men). Epiphany Day is January 6 (sometimes called the Gentile Christmas). Next comes the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday (February 17). Lent continues through Holy Week when we observe Maundy Thursday,

Good Friday, and Easter. Forty days after Easter we recall the ascension of Christ (Acts 1:9) on Ascension Day. Fifty days after Easter comes the birthday of the church when the Holy Spirit descended upon Christ's followers in Jerusalem giving them power and unity. It happened on the day of Pentecost; a harvest holiday celebrated by Jews. Pentecost is observed until the start of Advent when the church year begins again.



### MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

The evening Advent worship services will be on **Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16**. In-Person service is at 4:30 PM and Online (YouTube) will be offered.

*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God." - Luke 3:4b, 6, ESV*

### + This Week's Calendar +

#### **Sunday, November 22, 2020 – The Last Sunday of the Church Year**

9:00 AM – In-Person Service with Holy Communion/Online Service

10:30 AM – Drive-In Communion Begins

1:00 PM – Drive-In Communion Ends

6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)

#### **Monday, November 23, 2020**

3:30 PM – Zion Ladies Society Executive Board Meeting

#### **Tuesday, November 24, 2020**

Online Service Recording and Editing

#### **Wednesday, November 25, 2020**

NO Confirmation Class on Zoom

4:30 PM – Thanksgiving Eve Service of Praise and Prayer

#### **Thursday, November 26, 2020 – Thanksgiving Day**

Church Office Closed

#### **Friday, November 27, 2020**

Online Service Prep and Set-up

#### **Saturday, November 28, 2020**

Online Service Recording and Editing

#### **Sunday, November 29, 2020 – First Sunday in Advent**

9:00 AM – Online Service Available

9:00 AM – In-Person Service with Holy Communion

10:30 AM – Drive-In Communion Begins

1:00 PM – Drive-In Communion Ends

6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)

