

Zion Lutheran Church

*“Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.” (Psalm 125:1)*

October 25, 2020

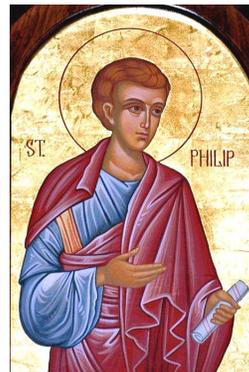
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Remembering

Examples of the faith in October

October 26: Saint Philip Nicolai

Serving as Lutheran pastor in Germany during the Black Plague, St. Philip buried over 1300 of his parishioners in 6 months. Yet during this same time, as he faithfully ministered to his flock, he wrote such great hymns of faith as “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” and “O Morning Star How Fair and Bright,” the so-called “king and queen” of Lutheran chorales. He thus serves as an example of God triumphing over gloom and sorrow through the light of faith in Jesus Christ. He lived from 1556-1608 A.D.



Pastoral Letter

Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand.”
~ Romans 13:11-12



Beloved Saints,

“The night is far gone; the day is at hand.” Spend some time with those words and savor them! They hold all kinds of joy for you in these upcoming months.

Yes, it may feel grim out there. There is serious need for prayer and care. But never forget what time it really is. As the old hymn puts it, “Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!”

First, He came in suffering, to carry your sin away. *The Day of God’s favor has dawned.*

Then, He came in resurrected power, to make that Day eternal. *It will never end!*

Now He comes in the Spirit, to make you holy in faith through His word and sacraments. *The Day has shined on you!*

The light of that Day makes every day the Lord’s day.

So that’s how we will spend our time here at Zion in the months ahead: we will “walk in the light of the Lord” (Isaiah 2:5).

No matter what happens in our homes, nation, and world, His light will brighten our path and our souls. We will rejoice in old ways and new ways, indoors and outdoors, online and offline, remembering, praising, trusting, and following.

In Him, hope is here and joy lies ahead! Rejoice!

Peace!
Pr. Gjerde

Liturgy

receiving the gifts

Weekend Schedule

Saturday: Holy Communion, 5:15 PM

Sunday: Holy Communion, 9 & 11 AM

Live Radio Broadcast: 9 AM

WSAU 550 AM, 99.9 FM, 95.1 FM, www.wsau.com

Social distancing and extra care will be observed in keeping with the recommendations of the public health department.

Daily Holy Communion

Monday-Friday, 12:15 PM (about 20 minutes long; spoken service)

- These smaller services are open to the public.
- Social distancing and extra care will be observed.
- Calling ahead is not required, but it will help us prepare for you.

Facebook Live Stream

Morning Devotion: 8:30 AM, Monday-Friday

Compline: 8:30 PM, Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday

Vespers: 6:30 PM, Wednesday

Music at Midday: 12:00 Noon, Tuesday and Thursday

Scripture Readings for Sundays in November

Below are the Bible readings that you will hear at weekend worship during November. Read them before worship, and then return to them throughout the following week.

Nov. 1: Revelation 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3;
Matthew 5:1-12

Nov. 8: Amos 5:18-24; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;
Matthew 25:1-13

Nov. 15: Zephaniah 1:7-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11;
Matthew 25:14-30

Nov. 22: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28;
Matthew 25:31-46

Nov. 29: Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 11:1-10

Children's and Youth Education: In-Person and On-Line

Sundays: **In-Person Sunday School, 10 AM**

Pre-School - Grade 4

In-Person Pre-Confirmation, 10 AM

Grades 5-6

Wednesdays: **Confirmation, 6:30 PM**

For children older than Grade 6 who have worshiped at Zion for a good year.

Online: **Fridays: Parent Sheet Posted (Website)**

Tuesdays: "Picture Time!" (Facebook)

Thursdays (8:30 PM): "Story Time!" (Facebook)

All videos are recorded and available later.

In Person Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesdays: **Bible Study, 9 AM**

"What Sort of People Ought You to Be?"

Ethical Discourses in the New Testament"

Thursdays: **Men's Bible Study, 7 AM**

"Letters from Captivity:

Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon"

Online and In-Home Study

Sundays: **Bible Study, 10:15 AM**

"What's So Good about Being Christian?"

Live-Streamed and Posted to Website

Tuesdays: **Picture Time!**

Artwork for Sunday School (and Everyone!)

Live-Streamed and Posted to Website

Wednesdays: **Word at the Middle of the Week, 8:30 AM**

"What Sort of People Ought We to Be?"

Live-Streamed and Posted to Website

Weekly: **"The Shepherd's Voice"**

Devotional Guidance, included with this mailing

Outreach and Mercy

sharing and being the gifts

Monthly Mission Emphases:

- **Lutheran World Relief — Goal \$2,500**
- **Salvation Army, Wausau — Goal \$1,000**

Salvation Army, Wausau

Our monetary donations to the Salvation Army helps in many ways: feeding the hungry, providing warm clothing such as a coat or pair of boots for a child who would otherwise go without. Disaster relief is also provided when families are hit with a raging storm, floodwaters, explosion or fire; the Salvation Army provides relief. Our donation not only helps communities with food, shelter and clothing, but also offers more hope. Your kindness and compassion help light the way for people in need amidst crisis and despair.



Praying

in our prayers this week

Persecuted Christians in: Kuwait; Keya; Bhutan

Sister Congregation: Lehurutshe Parish, South Africa

Missionaries: Elliot & Serena Derricks, Lutheran Bible Translators

Those who need our on-going prayers: Hilmar Baumann, Karen Baumann, Carl Boettcher, Les Brolliar, Mary Ellen Bureta, Rich Cornell, Ruth Draeger, Carol Edelburg, Barbara Ellen, Dennis Falk, Rita Falk, Ben Fiedler, Ken Heinzen, Theron “Butch” Jehn, Avery Kluck, Olivia Lang, Debra Mertes, Grace Mueller, Maggie Otto, Tina Parker, Barb Ramker, Trandy Revie, Krista Salas, David Skola, Richie Thiemer, Curt Thorson, Mark Wendorff, Nancy, Jim, Richard, Lenette, Mike, Zion’s homebound members.

A “Note” from Kantor



For All the Saints, the Hymn of the Day for All Saints’ Day (November 1) was written by William How in the middle 1800’s. We are familiar with the eight stanzas in Lutheran Book of Worship, which speak of the great cloud of witnesses, the saints on earth, the fight to win the victor’s crown and the relationship between the saints on earth and the saints above, and Christ’s triumphant second coming.

However, three stanzas were omitted, which reflected part of the Te Deum. The texts of these stanzas include specific groups of saints that are part of that countless host of believers.

For the Apostles’ glorious company, - Who bearing forth the Cross o’er land and sea, Shook all the mighty world, - we sing to Thee, Alleluia!

For the Evangelists, - by whose pure word, Like fourfold stream, the garden of the Lord Is fair and fruitful, - be Thy Name adored. Alleluia!

For Martyrs, - who with rapture-kindled eye Saw the bright crown descending from the sky, And, dying, grasped it, - Thee we glorify. Alleluia!

“Saints are all those who are set apart by God’s grace in Christ, who trust in His forgiveness and confess His name by faith, who are enabled to do this by His Spirit through His Word and Sacraments.” [*Lutheran Service Book Companion to the Hymns: vol. 1:900*]. Yes, that includes you! So next time you hear these words in the liturgy, “And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn,” you are given a glimpse of the awesome event when countless believers stream into paradise, sing the praises of the Holy Trinity!

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!”

A special note about Sunday School music -

In September, we had hoped to have the Sunday School children sing on All Saints’ Day. Even though the children gathered have been working diligently, we will have to save that for another time. They know stanza 1 and the alleluias *For All the Saints* pretty well and will be able to sing with the congregation on November 1. We are also working on an easier way to chant the Lord’s Prayer so if you hear your child singing the Lord’s Prayer before they retire in the evening, don’t be surprised! It’s another way to instill God’s Word in their hearts forever. May God’s peace, grace, and mercy surround you and your family.

Joy in Jesus, Kantor Beethe

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Funeral

Verna Schuett fell asleep in the Lord on October 15 and now awaits the return of Christ and the resurrection of all flesh. Verna's funeral service was held at Zion on October 20. May God comfort Verna's family and friends with the promise of resurrection in Christ.

In Sympathy

Nancy Ziebell fell asleep in the Lord on October 18 and now awaits the return of Christ and the resurrection of all flesh. May God comfort Nancy's family and friends with the promise of resurrection in Christ.

Zion Remembers: Michael Renken

Michael Renken, Zion's custodian who retired due to medical disability, fell asleep in the Lord on October 15 and now awaits the return of Christ and the resurrection of all flesh. He died on the 19th anniversary of his service at Zion. Mike's funeral was held at his congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill, on October 24. May God comfort Mike's family and friends with the promise of resurrection in Christ.

Donations for Property Maintenance (Building Fund)

Zion's almost-70-year-old house of worship, as well as its school, parsonages, and grounds, will continue to have maintenance and repair needs in the years ahead. When considering a memorial or donation beyond your regular giving, please keep the building fund and property maintenance in mind.

Salvation Army Food Donations

In past years in November, Zion has held a food drive for the Salvation Army in Wausau. This year, the Salvation Army prefers to receive cash donations, instead of regular canned and boxed foods. Please do not bring food to Zion. Instead, you may start donating money using your offering envelope. In the space marked "Other" you can write "Food Drive" and list the amount you wish to donate. Anonymous donations can also be given, using a plain envelope and writing "Food Drive" so it may be directed to this fund. On the

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weekends of November 13-14 and 20-21, and on Thanksgiving Day, acrylic boxes will be placed at the entrances of Zion, where you may insert your donation for the Food Drive. Let's have a good response to this local mission and community need. Thank you.

Zion's Mission Team

Altar Guild Booklets

Members of Altar Guild may pick up their informational booklet for 2020-2021 in the Altar Guild Sacristy. Also, your \$10 dues should be paid at this time. Bring your money to the church office and it will be directed to the Altar Guild treasurer.

Donations for New Green Paraments

Zion Altar Guild is in the process of ordering new green paraments, which are the cloth decorations which hang from the pulpit, lectern, and altar. If you would like to donate money towards the cost of these new paraments, you may direct your donations to Altar Guild.

Help Serve the Lord: Altar Guild, Adult Acolytes, Luminaries

As Zion continues to steward its mission and ministry during a challenging year, there are several opportunities for you to help with the Lord's work:

- As a member of the **Altar Guild**, you may help prepare the Lord's Supper in a safe and fitting way. Altar Guild teams rotate to share the schedule of tasks throughout the year.
- In addition to our excellent crew of teenage acolytes, fit and agile **adults may also serve in the acolyte corps** for upcoming special and outdoor liturgies.
- During Advent and Christmas, outdoor luminaries will fill the darkness with light around Zion as we share His bright Gospel with our neighbors. Please consider joining the **Luminary Team**, a group of people who will help turn those luminaries on and off for special services.

If you are interested in helping in any of these ways, please contact the church office (715-848-7286).

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Portals of Prayer

Copies of the October - November *Portals of Prayer* are available from the church office. Large print copies are also available. If you cannot come to church to get a copy, please call us and we will mail one to you.

Memorials and Other Gifts Received:

- **In memory of Carla Crevier**, an anonymous donor gave a gift to the Maintenance Projects.
- **In memory of Carla Crevier**, Shirley Kirstein gave a gift to Undesignated Special Funds.
- **In memory of Dale Aleckson**, an anonymous donor gave a gift to the Maintenance Projects.
- **In memory of Dale Aleckson**, Jan Harmon, Gary and Linda Arnebeck, Roger and Linda Dodd, and Dale's family and friends gave a gift to the Organ Maintenance Fund.
- **In memory of Mike Renken**, Dick and Dianne Ames, and Adele and Harry Blair, gave a gift to the Hansen Fund.
- **In memory of Marge Ebersold**, an anonymous donor gave a gift to the Maintenance Projects.
- **In memory of Verna Schuett**, Dick and Dianne Ames gave a gift to the Hansen Fund.
- **In memory of Verna Schuett**, Lillian Engebrecht and Mark Engebrecht gave a gift to the Church Roof Fund.
- **In memory of Verna Schuett**, Donna Nuernberg and Adele Blair gave a gift to Altar Guild.
- **In memory of Verna Schuett**, Terry Lach gave a gift to the Garden Fund.
- **In memory of Deloris Krajewski**, Sue Hafemeister gave a gift to the Music Fund.
- **In memory of Louise Egan**, Sue Hafemeister gave a gift to the Music Fund.
- **In memory of Louise Egan**, Doyonis Egan gave a gift to Undesignated Special Funds.
- **In memory of Leota Stapel**, Sue Hafemeister gave a gift to the Music Fund.
- **In memory of Elaine Edwards**, Sue Hafemeister gave a gift to the Music Fund.

Calendar

for the upcoming week

Sunday • November 1 (*All Saints Day*)

9:00 AM Holy Communion; Live Radio Broadcast, WSAU 550 AM
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Bible Study, Facebook
11:00 AM Holy Communion

Monday • November 2

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook
12:15 PM Holy Communion
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

Tuesday • November 3

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook
9:00 AM Bible Study
10:30 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Music at Midday
12:15 PM Holy Communion
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

Wednesday • November 4

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook
12:15 PM Holy Communion
6:30 PM Vespers, Facebook
6:30 PM Confirmation
7:10 PM Chimes Rehearsal

Thursday • November 5

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook
12:00 PM Music at Midday
12:15 PM Holy Communion
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

Friday • November 6

8:30 AM Devotion, Facebook
12:15 PM Holy Communion
8:30 PM Compline, Facebook

Saturday • November 7 (*St. J.C.F. Heyer*)

5:15 PM Holy Communion



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