

The Mountain Top Messenger

Zion Lutheran Church

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Advent – Google says; “The arrival of a notable person, thing, or event. Well I think that describes the word quite well. Advent as observed in the church begins on November 27th and continues until Christmas. It does indeed mark the arrival of a notable person. I guess in Christian terms calling the incarnate Christ merely “notable” would be a bit of an understatement. However, in the crazy world that we live in today, unfortunately that seems to be what the birth of the Savior of the world has become. This season of Advent is far better noted for giving in excess of all the biggest and best things that this world has to offer. Our televisions and internet have gone from the seemingly unending politics of politics, to the even perhaps more prolific politics of getting you to buy more stuff. Stuff that you absolutely have to have, if you don’t think so, simply watch the ads, they will tell you in no uncertain terms. Once in a very great while you actually see something that talks about the reason for the season, but overall, at least in the minds of the advertising world Jesus has taken a backseat, or perhaps, he’s not even in the car nor along for the ride.

As Christians, it is hard not to get caught up in the hype. We are bombarded by media of all sorts, by our friends, and by just simply walking into any store this time of year. It is so hard to focus on Jesus, that little child, born in a stable, God incarnate, come into this world to save us and we often lose sight of him behind all the noise and glitter. I used to wonder why we added an extra service for Advent, those four extra (sometimes 3) services during the season. While I don’t know and haven’t researched the official answer, my unofficial answer is that we add those services so we can fight off the distractions, and spend some extra time preparing to welcome our Savior into this world. He gave up everything to come here for our salvation, we should be able to spend an extra hour honoring him through our worship. So please, if you have the time, join us at 6:30 on Wednesday nights as we prepare to welcome the King. Take a little extra time and lose yourself in worship and not in the world. Also this year, we will be sharing the Lord’s Supper at all of the Wednesday evening Advent services, so please join us.

Oh, and one other thing, the third definition of Advent in Google was; “the coming or second coming of Christ”. As we prepare for the first Advent, let us always keep in mind His second Advent. When is He coming? Soon!

Merry Christmas to all of you and may the Lord Bless all of you this joyous season.

And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

Make sure to take time and find the Baby. God Bless.



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Poinsettia Box

Donations for purchasing poinsettias will be in the Narthex now through Dec. 11th



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Bible Studies:

Sunday, 10:15am (after the worship service) Currently going through "Being Lutheran"
Monday, 10:00am going through Job

Our Prayer Concerns DECEMBER

Mission

Zion Lutheran Church Little Friends of Jesus Childcare Center LWML
Jordan Kroll Mission in China Zion Sewing Circle Monthly Missions

Thanksgiving To all of you who have worked faithfully and joyfully to serve our Lord by serving others and often go unnoticed by all but our Heavenly Father.

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for: *Katie Stipetich, Diane Hyvonen, Bob Heggie, Kevin Heggie, Sandi (Sorenson) Fletcher, Wendy Meierotto, Joni Frisco, Brad Prill, Dean Jansheski, Jean Wickman, Fran Fleig, Patsy Kontny, Emily Hagstrom, Eddie Brown, Johnny Galligan, Alice Balmer, Mary Bullis,, Sheldon Henry, Brenda Herlevi, Charles Ylitalo, Violet Basina, Wes Frisco, Sheryl Hildebrandt, Micayla Key, Tracy Steward, Max Beiersdorff, Tanja Wisner, Clarence Osmak, Gail Schielke*

PRAYERS FOR HOMEBOUND

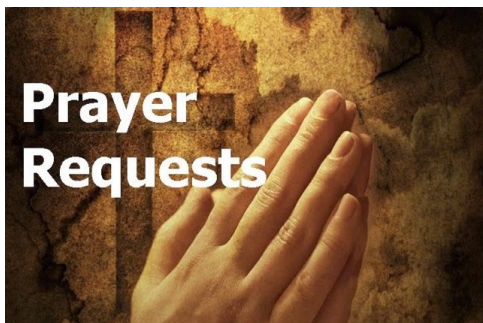
Those who aren't able to attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them.

Walt Schutte, Arlene Zimmerman, Madge Houle

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families.

Aaron Esala, David Wright, Johanna Pearce



NEED A PRAYER?

Zion Lutheran Church has two active prayer chains—a daytime and an evening chain. If you would like to have the chain activated to pray for a specific need, please call Marge Douglas at 682-2160. If you reach the answering machine, please leave a message, but then call the church

office at 682-6075 and give the request to the church secretary and the chain will be activated. The Prayer Chain members are asked to keep all prayer requests confidential and not discuss them with others, but caller discretion is advised.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP



Sydney V. organized the Craft Day-October 30th-with the theme "How a Christian Is Like A Pumpkin." I read the message as Sydney carved the pumpkin-explaining how God picks us from the patch, brings us in, washes us off, cleans all the "yucky stuff" from inside, like evil and madness inside our hearts-Sydney let each student take a handful of the "Yucky stuff", like hate, greed. God gives us a new heart and removes all the hate and greed. God will put a light inside us to make us alive, by adding a light inside the pumpkin "when Jesus lives inside us we will glow" Sydney provided Halloween cookies, icing and decorations for each to do-thank you Sydney.

The Sunday School followed the mission of the month by filling a show box for a boy and a girl and hoping that who ever receives the box might respond back.

The Sunday School is participating in the November church project; each student was provided with a bland card to draw a picture and provide a message for someone in the military presently, in the past, a veteran.

Sydney V. and Brooke S are organizing the Sunday School Christmas program. This year's programs theme is "Just A Little Christmas." The children's program is scheduled Sunday, December 18th during the 9:00am service. After the service refreshments will be served in the church basement.

The Sunday School students who attend ten times will be receiving a gift .

The Sunday School students celebrating birthdays for the month of November are Sophie Truchon and Trista Bolz-Happy Birthday to you.

There will be no Sunday School November 27th due to Thanksgiving. The students will be practicing for the Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 4th and the 11th-please make sure you are in attendance because these will be the only times you will be able to practice for the program.

God's Blessings

Katie Colgrove, Sunday School Superintendent



Advent Services 6:30pm Nov. 30 Dec. 7, 14, 21

Sunday School Children's Program

9:00am Sunday, December 18th

LFOJ Christmas Program

6:30pm December 20

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

4:00pm and 7:00pm December 24

Christmas Morning Service

9:00am December 25

HOLLY LEAF PROJECT

Ashland Health and Rehabilitation Center (AHRC)

We will be posting leaves to take off the bulletin board soon. Each leaf will have a gift suggestion that will be presented to one of its residents. You can drop off the present directly at AHRC or then to the office by December 11th. *AHRC would like to thank all of those who have sent over gifts in the past!! The residents sure have big smiles on the day of their party when they receive a present. AHRC*

Stewardship Thoughts

We will tackle another difficult aspect of stewardship this month. How do you teach and practice stewardship in an Age of Entitlement? I deserve it because I'm worth it. Oh, really?

The Entitlement Age is marked by those who feel the world owes them special treatment because they are special. They're the children who played on sports teams where no score was kept, were guaranteed playing time and got the trophy regardless of ability or result. These same children became students in an educational system that gave inflated grades so one's self-esteem would not be lowered by failure. The Age of Entitlement is a monster of our own making.

We now expect discounts at restaurants, hotels, theaters and retail outlets for students, senior citizens, veterans and frequent shoppers. When these things aren't offered, things which come from the generosity of the business owners, the entitled get angry. This feeds the beast of the entitlement culture. It is about the individual, their comfort and savings. Entitlement is the opposite of generosity.

Stewardship (generosity) and entitlement (me) are exclusive terms. The steward is called by God to manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. This flies in the face of the age of entitlement, which, asserts that all is owned by the individual for the sake and pleasure of the individual. A steward is entitled to nothing. The operative: ENTITLED TO NOTHING. A steward's task is being faithful in the management and growth of that which belongs to another. This is a foreign concept to someone who seeks after their own interests and pleasures.

So how do we counteract this behavior? We need to be diligent in managing the Word of God. This is where pastoral care is important. To lead an individual or congregation out of the age of entitlement requires the Gospel. To be taught the power of salvation as St. Paul reminds us in Romans 1:16. It is the preaching of the powerful Word, that the Holy Spirit uses, to lead sinners to repentance and forgiveness of sins that Jesus speaks about in Luke 24:47. When the selfless sacrifice of the crucified and risen Jesus Christ is proclaimed to undeserving sinners (us), entitlement has no room to stand. Darkness cannot stand in the presence of light. Neither can entitlement stand when confronted by the Gospel.

The only true cure for the Christian steward beset by the culture of entitlement is repentance. This happens through the proper application of Law and Gospel proclaimed and leads us to good works in the steward's heart prepared by the Holy Spirit.

Teaching stewardship and practicing it in the Age of Entitlement is not easily accomplished. It is however necessary. By the Lord's grace it will be done.



DAILY DEVOTIONS

Mustard Seed



Living in the Spirit ... Is God's Choice for Me

In the Word

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last." [John 15:16a](#)

Of the Word

Life is filled with choices – what car to drive, what clothes to buy, which TV channels to watch, which foods to eat. Sometimes the choices bring satisfaction, and sometimes they bring great disappointment.

In and of ourselves, there is one choice we cannot make. We cannot choose God. Instead, Jesus assures us, *I chose you ...* It is the Holy Spirit who enables us to hear God's call.

And what is our response? We know how to handle life's other choices: we drive the car, we wear the clothes, we laugh and learn from TV, we get nourishment from foods. Our response to God's choice is to follow His direction, ... *go and bear fruit ...*

The fruit may be as simple as smiling at the harried supermarket clerk or helping the toddler get his shoes on the right feet. It may be as difficult as "parenting" an aged parent or working in a special church or community ministry. These are fruits that will last because they are responses to God's gifts to us.

Walking with my Lord

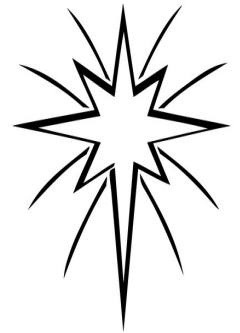
Dear Lord, thank You for choosing me. I know that I could never have chosen You on my own. Thank You for the gifts You have given to me. Help me to use them to bear lasting fruit for You. In Jesus' name. Amen.]



As some folks are gearing up for a journey to Bethlehem, north-erners are gearing up for tent-city on the ice. The Bethlehem folks hear the taxation decree by the government, while winter folks hear the call of opportunities on the ice. While Bethlehem pilgrims strap on sandals, put on shawls and wrap food in blan-kets, ice fishermen lace up heavy boots, bundle up in layers and load up a full buffet of snacks. Snowmobiles and pickups fire up to occupy the best fishing spots on the ice; while on the road

to Bethlehem, camels, pilgrims, and donkeys travel together. As the inns in Bethlehem are fully booked, so are the hotel and motels of Ashland. Even a woman with child is forced to sleep in a Bethlehem stable, whereas some ice-fisherman choose to bunk in a shack. While angels prepare to sing, a nor-ester gets ready to howl on the ice. As a star alights the sky in Bethlehem, over Chequamegon Bay snowflakes dance the pres-ence of winter. The advent candles are lit, the battery-power lanterns are lit. Bethle-hem is quiet. The ice shacks are quiet. Everyone is waiting.

Folks, this is the crazy world that Jesus was born into. Two thousand years later, people are still seeking a Savior. The one who will solve all their problems, the one who will make their lives easier, the one who will show up when they need help. Jesus was recognized by only a few in Bethlehem; and thirty-three years later, only a few gathered to watch Him die on a rugged cross. God understood that throwing hope on His Son was tough stuff, and many would be stuck in “waiting” and never realize He was in their midst.



But the Good News is that the waiting game is over. Jesus did come as a small baby born in Bethlehem. Jesus did teach and preach the news of the Kingdom of God. And Jesus did die on our behalf, that we might know forgiveness and eternal life in Him. When life feels like a (icy) slippery slope, He promised that our feet are planted on the Rock of Ages.

So for some winter means a pilgrimage to Bethlehem, for others it may mean hovering over a hole in the ice waiting for that “trophy-fish.” But Jesus is here for everyone. He only asks for our willingness to respond to his “game-plan” and put our trust in Him for the rest of our lives. Saying “yes” does not promise the easy road, but His promises are the best road. No more waiting, folks... Emmanuel is with us NOW!

-A. Ellis



December Missions



Ashland Fire Dept. Toy Drive

Please donate new, unwrapped toys to be distributed to needy children in our community.

Toys are needed for children ages infant to 14.

Drop off your donations at Zion by Sun. December 11.

LFOJ WISH LIST



Pick an item from the tree.

Purchase and return the item during December.

We are also accepting monetary donations.

Monetary Donations will go toward:

State Approved Swing Set for the Infant/Toddler Playground

New Steps to the Infant/Toddler Playground

Sand & Water Table Supply Cabinet

Fold & Store Picnic Table

Play House Book & Storage Shelf

New Light under Kitchen Cupboard

Cow Pads under Swing Set

LFOJ HAPPENINGS

Little Friends of Jesus

LFOJ Christmas Program is on Tuesday, December 20th, at 6:30pm We would like to see an overflowing Sanctuary. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Monday Dec. 26 and Jan. 2nd the center will be closed.

We welcome Brittany Schulte as our new cook. She started November 21st. We are still looking for an assistant teacher and someone to remove snow. More information can be found on the bulletin board or call the office at 715-682-6075.

Five staff finished their Pyramid Model Standards through Young Star and CESA. They learned to recognize social and emotional development and how to promote positive manners from children.

Have a blessed Christmas, and thank you for all you do for us! —The LFOJ Staff



From: Engaging the Aging - Lutheran's Senior Services

Walt's Words: WORDS of Wisdom

During the past 20 years I have been interviewing older adults. Frequently I asked them — what lessons have you learned as you have been growing older?

I kept notes and here is a summary of what I heard:

- Keep smiling. It is good for the soul.
 - Life is too short — enjoy it!
 - Forgive — Forgive — Forgive.
 - Learn to say — what difference will it make in five years!
 - Don't take yourself too seriously. No one else does.
 - Stay in touch with your family and friends.
 - God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
 - See God at work in your life.
 - See miracles in life every day.
 - Stay active.
 - Plan your retirement.
 - No matter how you feel, better days are around the corner. The best is yet to come.
- Spend time listening to God's Word.
It is okay to let your children see you cry.
Get rid of your stuff.



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If this is something you would like to look further into, please contact Lynn in the office. Application forms are available in the office.

**Pastor Marty Kaarre's Book
"Breathing Holes 2"**

More stories supplying fresh air for unconventional people. It would make a nice Christmas gift.

**\$20.00 (\$10.00 of every book payment is donated to LFOJ)
Checks payable to Zion Lutheran**

Zion Lutheran Council Minutes: November 21, 2016

The November 21, 2016, Church Council Meeting was called to order by Nick Jarvela at 5:32 pm. Pastor Rick Williams opened with devotions on 1 Corinthians 1 verse 4 – *"I give thanks to God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus"*. Pastor wanted to let each of us know that he gives thanks for all the council members, board chairmen, and committees of Zion Lutheran Church and for the help that we and the congregation all give him. Thanks are not given often enough for our help, for witnessing, and our help in carrying out the mission of the church. He then opened the meeting with a prayer.

Roll Call: Nick Jarvela (President/Trustees), Alice Ellis (Secretary), Mary Koosmann (Financial Secretary), Carol Key (Co-Treasurer), Lisa Guski (Co-Treasurer/LFOJ), Darryl Warren (Elders), Lynn Ladd (Education), Chuck Chronis (Stewardship)

October 2016 Minutes: Motion to accept minutes by Guski, second by Chornis. MMC

Pastoral Report: The Reformation Theology Class has been completed. He preached. 8 worship services – numerous visitations completed last week. Bible Study is now reading Job and the Sunday Bible Study is on "Being Lutheran". Confirmation is continuing and they did a service project last week – raking at LFOJ. Winkel was held in Ashland last Thursday with 4 pastors plus Pastor Williams attending. Had LFOJ Chapel on Nov 8 & 9. Advent is starting up on November 27th. Pastor Williams' next class will be in January in St. Louis, MO- Airfare has been purchased and the hotel reserved (will be splitting hotel costs with Pastor Gilmore). Pastor Hyvonen will be doing the Sunday service on December 4th. Coats for Kids program – had a donation of \$1000 to purchase coats, hats, gloves, boots etc. Additional coats have been requested so a free will offering will be taken Nov 20, Nov 23, and Nov 27. Sunday School kids are making cards to go with the coats.

Treasurer's Report: Motion accepted by Chornis, second by Warren. MMC

Meeting Agenda: Motion to approve proposed agenda with changes by Chornis, second by Guski.

Board Reports:

Trustees: Met Sunday. Repaired cracks on front stoop. Cleaned the roof so it is ready for winter, cleaned the LFOJ gutters and downspouts, and mowed for the last time. Someone will be coming to look at parking lot regarding filling cracks and pot holes.

Elders: Met a couple of weeks ago, planning on splitting up the list and reorganized to approx. 20 families per elder.

Financial Secretary: nothing to report

Education: Sunday School program on Dec 18th, Sydney & Brooke handling the program.

Little Friends of Jesus: Looking for approval to have the Christmas program on Dec 20th – approved.

Evangelism: Working of Boxes for College kids – 1 for student and 1 for non-member friend. Getting together next Monday to get them into the mail.

Stewardship: Only 56 talent surveys were returned – have been computerized. Reminder will be sent out after 1st of the year to fill out talent sheets if you have not done so. Possibly the elders will be able to call families on the lists after completed.

Motion to accept board reports by Guski, second by Ladd. MMC

Old Business:

Windows: Work was done in the 3 days as promised. Bill has been paid \$14,144. Windows that were not replaced this year and crosses have been painted. New blinds ordered.

Nominations: All positions on boards have been filled and nominations accepted. On Dec 4th, an unanimous ballot will be presented to congregation.

New Business:

2017 Budget: Nick will present the 2017 Budget on Dec. 4th. It will be posted on the bulletin board this week. Motion was made to accept the budget with corrections by Warren, second by Chronis. MMC

Request for Donation: Evergreen Lutheran Church and School, Detroit, MI, has requested a donation. Tabled until January meeting.

Elevator Inspection Contract: Renewal of the contract with National Elevator as required by Wisconsin Elevator Inspection Laws. Cost \$85.00 for the year.

December meeting: There will be no December meeting due to the holidays. If emergency arises, a meeting will be called. Motion made by Guski, seconded by Chornis. MMC
The next Church Council meeting will be January 16, 2017.

Adjourn: Motion by Guski, seconded by Key. MMC

Meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer.




Our Servers for our Worship Service are very important. We ask that if you are unable to serve on your designated date, please find someone else to take your place. We really appreciate your help in this matter!! If you would like to be added or taken off one of our lists please contact the office. Greeters and Ushers should arrive 20 minutes before services start. Thank-you to all who serve.

December	Elders	Acolytes	Ushers	Greeters
Sun. 12/4 9:00am	John Pruss Doug Warren	Logan Esla	Karl Williams Tim Bauer	Moreland Family
Wed. 12/7 6:30pm	Doug Warren	Trista Bolz	Patrick Colgrove	Jim Johnson
Sun. 12/11 9:00am	Andy Pruss Darryl Warren	Ella Bauer	Chris Bolz Andrew Wickman	Rick & Sandy Nutt
Wed. 12/14 6:30pm	Randy Spangle	Jayson Lunda	Nick Jarvela	Karen Wahl
Sun. 12/18 9:00am	John Pruss Doug Warren	Abbi Moreland	Warren Draeger Devin Sunie	Loren & Ellie Munson
Wed. 12/21 6:30pm	Andy Pruss	Emily Dickrell	Cody Cunie	June Williams
Sat. 12/24 4:00pm	Scott Thimm Randy Spangle	Trista Bolz Ella Bauer	Todd Vyskocil Carson Honkala	Sapper Family
Sat. 12/24 7:00pm	Darryl Warren	Logan Esala	Adam Hinch	Linda Stenroos
Sun. 12/25 9:00a,	Doug Warren	Emily Dickrell	Ron Schwiesow Chuck Chronis	Lou Pearce
Wed. 12/28 6:30pm	Andy Pruss			
Sun. Jan. 1 9:00am	Scott Thimm Darryl Warren	Abbi Moreland	Mike Bochler Jim Johnson	Ethel Guss Penny Mattson
Wed. Jan. 4 6:30pm	John Pruss			

December

Penny Mattson 682-6056
 Lou Pearce 682-2597
 Dawn Reardon 209-6778







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>The Winter Solstice is the day with the fewest hours of sunlight during the whole year. In the Northern Hemisphere, it will occur on December 21 this year. The word solstice comes from the Latin words for "sun" and "to stand still." At the winter solstice, the Sun's path has reached its southernmost position. The next day, the path will advance northward. However, a few days before and after the winter solstice, the change is so slight that the Sun's path seems to stay the same, or stand still. After the 21st we start gaining a minute or two more of sunlight each day. That doesn't sound like much, but by the end of January it will be about 45 minutes lighter during the day.</p>				1	2	3
<p>4 Mite Sunday Worship 9:00am Annual Meeting 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am</p>	<p>5 10:00am Bible Study Evangelism 5:30pm Dartball at Salem II 7pm</p>	<p>6 LFOJ Chapel 11:00am Sewing Circle 1:00pm</p>	<p>7 LFOJ Chapel 11:00am Confirmation 4-5:30 Advent 6:30pm</p>	8	9	10
<p>11 Elders Mtg. 7:45am Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 10:15 Trustees Mtg. 10:15am</p>	<p>12 10:00am Bible Study Dartball at Salem I 7 pm</p>	<p>13 Sewing Circle 1:00pm</p>	<p>14 Court Manor 10:15am, AHRC 1:45pm Confirmation 4-5:30 Advent 6:30pm</p>	15	<p>16 <i>News- letter Items Due</i></p>	17
<p>18 Sunday School Christmas Program Worship 9:00am</p>	<p>19 10:00am Bible Study Dartball at Good Shepherd 7pm</p>	<p>20  LFOJ Christmas Program 6:30pm</p>	<p>21 Winter Solstice Confirmation 4-5:30 Advent 6:30pm</p>	<p>22 </p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Services 4:00pm 7:00pm</p>
<p>25 Food Shelf Sunday Christmas Morning Worship 9:00am</p>	<p>26 <i>Offices closed</i></p>	27	<p>28 Worship 6:30pm</p>	29	30	31