

The Messenger

A newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church ~ Ottawa Lake, MI

November 2019

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Join us for All Saints Sunday on November 3, as we remember those that have gone before us in the faith. If you have a loved one that has gone home to heaven in this past year, please let Pastor Jeff or Sandy know so that we can include them in the bulletin.



Contemporary Services will return on Saturday, November 2. Please plan to join us for a Contemporary Service on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. We will have Communion on the First and Third Saturdays.



Advent and Christmas are fast approaching!!

ADVENT starts Sunday December 1st. Wednesday night Advent Services begin December 4th. There will be services on December 4,11,18. The services will begin at 7pm with a hymn sing. Watch bulletins for information concerning Advent meals.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- November 3 All Saints Day Celebration
- November 3 Fellowship Lunch ~ Bring a dish to pass
- December 4, 11, 18 Advent Meal and Service
- December 7 Christmas Festival and Cookie Walk
- December 8 Congregational Meeting
- December 22 Pastor's Christmas Open House (2-5 p.m.)
- December 24 Christmas Eve Service with Communion and Candlelight 6:30 p.m.

 **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



Home Visits Please sign up for Pastor Jeff to visit you. Over the next several months, Pastor Jeff will be making home visits to get to know our members better. Please be open for a home visit and sign up at church, starting November 3.

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For Your Information

The following members give of their time to the leadership of this congregation. Please keep them in your prayers. If you have any questions, comments, or offers of help, please contact them.

Chairman: Dwight Gilliland

Secretary: Connie Sieler

Treasurer: Dennis Reitzel

Financial: Ron Clark

Elders: Ron Vincent

Deacons: Ben Schmidt; Bruce Ahleman; and Brian Gilliland



LCMC ~ WHO WE ARE

**Free in Christ + Accountable to One Another + Rooted in Scripture
and the Lutheran Confessions + Committed to the Great
Commission**

Prayers Are Important

If you have an occasion to request a prayer, please call the church office. If you would like your request to be on our prayer chain, please call Sandy Brady (419) 410-9380 or Pastor Jeff at the church or on his cell phone (785)340-5635.

Please Inform the Church Office. . .

- *when a member of your family is ill or hospitalized or if they are discharged or moved to another facility.
- *when your address changes.
- *when a new baby arrives.
- *when a family member marries or leaves home for college, or military
- *when planning a wedding to be conducted at Trinity.
- *when a new family moves into your neighborhood.
- *when you are planning to be out of town.
- *when a brother or sister in Christ needs a visit from Pastor.

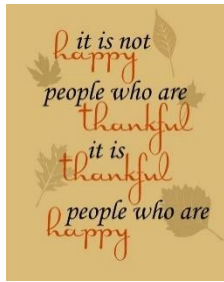


November Harvest Ingathering for our Food Bank.

Please consider a food gift for our Food Bank during the month of November. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, what a great time to help fill the food bank. Consider Dry Goods and Personal Products. There is also a need for paper bags.



From the desk of Pastor Geske....



Greetings to you in the name of Christ! How exciting to begin our ministry together! I am thankful for how God has brought us together and I look forward to what God has instore in the future. Truly God knows the plans that He has for us. As Jeremiah declared, “ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11 ESV)

Because we know Christ as our Savior and Lord, we know He has some awesome plans for us. He is a good and a great God! I love that old saying, “God is Good! All the Time! And all the Time, God is Good!” As we celebrate the month of November, what are you thankful for in your life, in your family, in your school, and in your church. Every day God gives us opportunities to see and experience His amazing blessings and His grace.

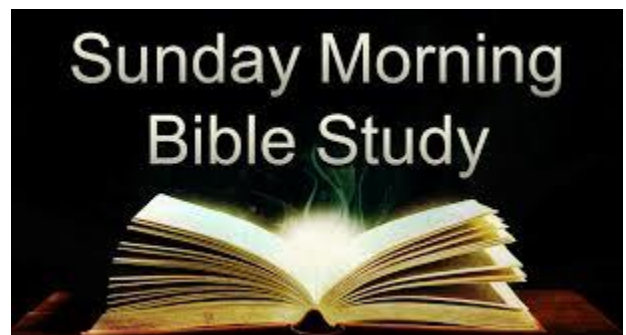
During this month of November, every day I would encourage to wake up and say thank you to God for something in your life. As the picture says, “It is not happy people who are thankful, it is thankful people who are happy.” How true that our happiness comes from being thankful. I like that old song that said, “Happiness is to know the Savior Living a life within His favor, having a change in my behavior Happiness is the Lord.” In that same song, we sing, “Happiness is to be forgiven Living the life that’s worth the living Taking a trip that leads to heaven Happiness is the Lord, Happiness is the Lord Happiness is the Lord!”

My brothers and sisters in Christ, as you are on the trip of life that takes you to heaven; be thankful, be happy and live in such a way that those around see the joy that you have in Jesus! God’s blessing to you as you live a thankful life, because “God is Good! All the Time! And all the Time, God is Good!”

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jeff Geske

Sunday Morning Bible Class

The Sunday Morning Bible Class is studying a Bible study called, “A New Thing” An Overview of this Bible said, “Old is familiar. Old can also be comfortable. Whether you welcome new things or shrink away, change is something everyone encounters at one time or another. *A New Thing* is a free, one-session Bible study that will open your eyes to the newness God promises for your life both now and into eternity (Isaiah 43).”



- Discover the uplifting blessing of seeing yourself as God does—a valuable treasure.
- Spend time reflecting on God’s faithfulness in your past, and trust that He’ll strengthen you for each moment of the present.
- Learn to live life by looking forward!

Please come and join our interesting study of the Word of God!

Adult Information Class

If you know of anyone that would be interested in going through the Adult Information class, please let Pastor know.



Newsletter Article – November 2019

St. Paul wrote to the Church of Christ in Corinth: “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7). *God loves a cheerful giver.* But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, Abel gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God’s sight. Abraham was. By faith, Abraham prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel’s God and they His people.

What more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything, yes, even His life, enduring the cross and scorning it’s shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us – like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ – give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart – for the joy set before us – the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things. (*--From the LCMS website*)

WE BELIEVE, TEACH, AND CONFESS

The Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed

Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. *This is most certainly true.*



Bringing Christ to the Nations and the Nations to the Church

"The Lutheran Hour," which began in 1930, is now heard on more than 1,300 radio stations around the world. "The Lutheran Hour," hosted by Dr. Rev. Michael Zeigler, is the world's oldest continually-broadcast Gospel radio program. This weekly half-hour program proclaims the message of Jesus Christ to all people and serves as a bridge, linking them to the Church. Listen to the Lutheran Hour on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. at FM 99.5 KAWZ or AM 1560 WWYC or anytime at www.lhm.org

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November 3

"Stranger Danger"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Genesis Series - The different ways we relate to strangers reveal the contradiction of being human.

(Genesis 18)

November 10

"For Such a Downer"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Genesis Series -

(Genesis 21)

November 17

"The Dawn Wall"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Genesis Series

(Genesis 22)

November 24

"God Is Love"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Jeff Cloeter

(1 John 4:7-12)



A Special Thank you to Wolfgang Drescher, Connie Seiler, and all who made our German Meal such an awesome event. Over \$1900 was raised and has been split between the work of the Women of Zion and our Food Pantry.



THRIVENT NEWS . . .

If you would like more information about Thrivent, its products, or its fraternal functions, please contact our area representative Greg Durivage in Maumee, OH at (419)-740-4193.

If you are a Thrivent Member, please consider using a Thrivent Action Team to support our ministry here at Zion..

What is a Thrivent Action Team? Thrivent Action Teams make it easy to live generously. Thrivent provides promotional resources and seed money to jump-start your fundraiser, educational event or service project. Your team provides the people power to bring it to life.



Women of Zion ~ Christmas Festival and Cookie Walk

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Christmas Festival and Cookie Walk on December 7 from 9-1. If you would like to have space to show off your crafts, please see Sandy Brady. The cost of a table is \$20. Also, we need baskets to raffle and cookies to sell.



Food Bank~

Thank you for your generous help with our Food Bank. If you have any question or would like to help in any way, please contact Rick Keck at (734) 854-4710. The Food Bank serves families and individuals on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Some Things to Remember at Thanksgiving

A great deal has been written about the virtue of forgetting old grudges, prejudices, unpleasant experiences and heart-aches. We also need to be reminded of some of the blessing of remembering. Remembering can be good spiritual exercise. At Thanksgiving we need to:

- Remember **our sins** that we might confess them to God.
- Remember **our weaknesses** that we may receive strength.
- Remember **our humanity** that we might stop trying to be God.
- Remember **God's mercies** that we might be merciful to others.
- Remember **our joys** that we might be joyful.
- Remember **God's greatness** that we might be humble.
- Remember **our poverty** that we might share our prosperity.
- Remember **God's forgiveness** that we might forgive others.
- Remember **our needs** that we might serve the needs of others.
- Remember **JESUS CHRIST** that we might grow to be more like Him.

We would like to wish Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to the following individuals who are celebrating this November. If you are not listed or you know someone not listed, please contact Sandy Brady or Pastor Jeff.

- 1 Hunter Gilliland
- 6 Jean Gilliland
- 10 Cheri Hand
- 11 Duane Holtz
- 28 Granger Vaughan
- 29 Elizabeth Vesey
- 30 Connor Vaughan
- 30 Jacob Vaughan
- 31 Alex Vaughan



We wish the following couples a very Happy Anniversary!

- 11 Norman and Bev Gregory
- 11 Lee and Barb Edington

Flowers on the Altar ~ If you would like to place flowers, please sign up in the hallway by the restrooms.

For the Month of November, the following have signed up:

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| 3 | Fred and Joann VanSteenkiste | 10 | John Rittner |
| 17 | The Vaughan Family | 24 | The Vincent Family for Emily |



Congregation Meeting:

Our Congregation Meeting will be held on December 8th. Our meeting will be to approve the budget ~ Mission and Ministry Plan for 2020. There will also be election of officers. Please pray and be willing to serve our congregation.

Community Rewards Program

Do you shop at Kroger? If you do you, can sign up for their Community Rewards Program and Kroger will give back to Zion money every quarter. Go on Kroger's website and sign up under Community Rewards. If you need help or don't have an email address check with Pastor Jeff.



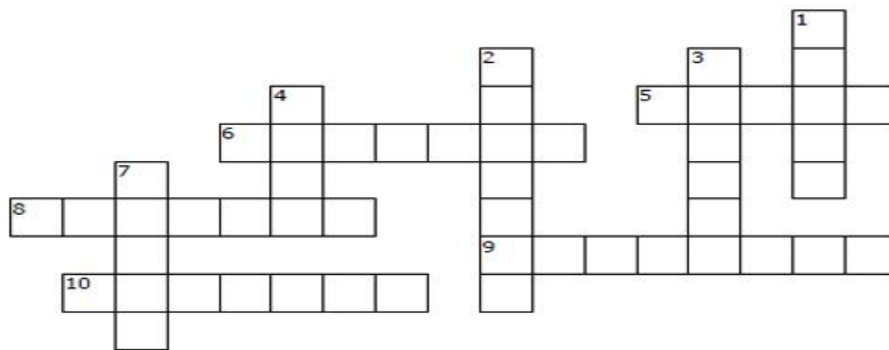


Do You Listen to KLOVE?

The mission of KLOVE radio is to: “Create compelling media that inspires + encourages our listeners to have a meaningful relationship with Christ.” You can listen to KLOVE on KLOVE.com or FM 96.9 here in our area.

My Thanksgiving List

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 5. The Son of God
- 6. An area of land that has its own government; a nation, the USA
- 8. A person whom you know well and like a lot
- 9. The person who gives instruction at school
- 10. Things such as dresses, pants, shirts, and blouses

DOWN

- 1. A building in which people live
- 2. A person's mother and father
- 3. The condition of the body and how free it is illness; Are you in good _____?
- 4. What people and animals eat to keep them alive
- 7. The holy book containing God's Word

COUNTRY	PARENTS	CLOTHES	FRIENDS	JESUS
TEACHERS	BIBLE	FOOD	HOUSE	HEALTH

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