



The Zion Herald

“Happy are those whose strength is in God, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.” Psalm 84:5

NOVEMBER 2021

NOVEMBER READINGS

Nov 7

All Saints Sunday

- Isaiah 25:6-9
- Psalm 24
- Revelation 21:1-6a
- John 11:32-44

Nov 14

25th Sunday after Pentecost

- Daniel 12:1-3
- Psalm 16
- Hebrews 10:11-14
- Mark 13:1-8

Nov 21

Christ the King Sunday

- Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
- Psalm 93
- Revelation 1:4b-8
- John 18:33-37

Nov 25

Thanksgiving

- Joel 2:21-27
- Psalm 126
- 1 Timothy 2:1-7
- Matthew 6:25-33

Nov 28

First Sunday of Advent

- Jeremiah 33:14-16
- Psalm 25:1-10
- 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
- Luke 21:25-36

The Pastor's Ponderings

Beloved Children of God, Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus!

Every year (well, every year that COVID-19 isn't creating havoc) we celebrate our faith history on or near October 31 – Reformation Day. Tradition is that on All Saints Eve, Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses (we have proof that these were sent to his local bishop, but less about how the Theses were disseminated to the populous) designed to debate the validity of indulgences. Luther saw how this offering of indulgences in exchange for pilgrimages or – most disturbingly – purchased with money – harmed believers and led to corruption. It was Luther's wildly publicized writings on the matter that sparked the Protestant Reformation and what has become the Lutheran Church.

As you know, things got interesting.

The Protestant Reformation was

both a religious and political event and sparked both religious and political upheaval. In the days before the concept of the separation of church and state, Christians were often forced to worship as their noble or royal leadership did and so rebelling against religious authority was also rebelling against the civil authority. The Reformation, and we as the church that was birthed from it, are the result of rebels and protestors of authority.

I wonder sometimes if we Lutherans have lost some of our protesting roots.

In our online worship video for Reformation Sunday, our sending hymn was “Lift Every Voice and Sing.”

Lift Every Voice and Sing

*Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth
and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the
list'ning skies,*

*let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the
dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the
present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day
begun,
let us march on till victory is won.*

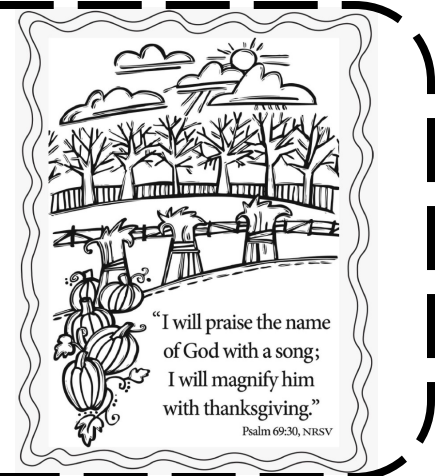
*Stony the road we trod, bitter the
chast'ning rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn
had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our
weary feet
come to the place for which our
parents sighed?
We have come over a way that
with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path
through the blood of the
slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now
we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright
star is cast.*

*God of our weary years, God of our
silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far
on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us
into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we
pray.*

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Thanksgiving Eve Services

There will be no in-person services on Thanksgiving this year. Pastor Sharilyn will produce a pre-recorded worship service you can view online or request a DVD or CD. The Thanksgiving Offering will be given to Wernle Center this year.



*“I will praise the name
of God with a song;
I will magnify him
with thanksgiving.”*

Psalm 69:30, NRSV

Pastor's Ponderings (cont.)

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

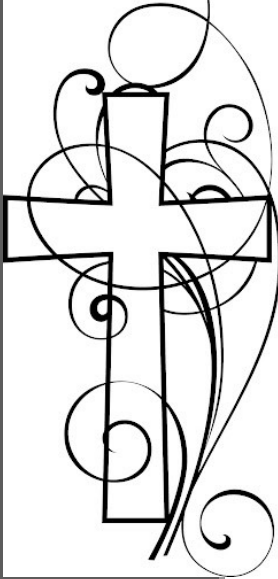
I always request that this song, along with "A Mighty Fortress is our God" is played for Reformation Sunday. "Lift Every Voice and Sing" was written by two brothers: James Weldon Johnson and J Rosamond Johnson for the anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Often called "The Black National Anthem" this song has been a marching hymn for groups such as the NAACP but it speaks on many levels.

Of course, it speaks to how those who were enslaved here in the United States endured and have been brought out of slavery. It recalls the slavery of God's people in Egypt and their deliverance from slavery into their promised land. And it recalls how Christ breaks the chains that bind us to sin and death in his own death and resurrection.

This, like our much beloved A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, is a protest song. Yet it is a protest song that is full of possibility and comfort in knowing that God endures our pain alongside us. And it is a protest song that reminds us as we sing it that we are beloved of God – that God loves us even when the world

seems at its bleakest.

I believe we Lutherans are called to protest. We are called to protest and insist that those who are poor and homeless are given the dignity they deserve. We are all called to protest and insist that those who are dismissed because of the color of their skin, their gender, their sexuality, their nationality... we are called to name them beloved of God and reject those who would dismiss or harm them. We are called to protest, dear Protestants. We are called to rebel and protest all things evil in this world – all things that do not show God's love.



Coffee and Jesus



Our weekly Bible Study (Mondays, 8 a.m. at Common Grounds) is studying Apocalyptic Literature from not until the end of the calendar year. While Apocalyptic Literature in scripture often includes unsettling and disturbing images, it also offers hope and promise. Here is the schedule for our meetings. Join us!



October 25 - Introduction and Daniel 7
Daniel's First Vision
November 1 - Daniel 8
Daniel's Second Vision
November 8 - Daniel 10-12
Daniel's Third Vision and The End
November 15 - Revelation 1-3
Christ and the Churches
November 22 - Revelation 4-7
The Scroll Unsealed
November 29 - Revelation 8-11
Trumpets of Terror and Hope
December 6 - Revelation 12-15
The Beast and The Lamb
December 13 - Revelation 15-18
The Harlot and The Bride
December 20 - Revelation 19-22
The End

Pie Exchange!

When I was growing up, I think my grandmother made at least five different kinds of pie for Thanksgiving. I know she made apple, pumpkin, mincemeat, and cherry, but I think there were some more. I remember a number of my family cutting the smallest sliver of multiple pieces of pie so they could have a taste of each of them - nothing like a Thanksgiving pie...

Since Zion Lutheran Church isn't going to be holding a Thanksgiving Meal as they have in previous years, I have a suggestion: a pie exchange. Everyone who would like to participate should bring a pie in an 8 or 9 inch pan, cut into 8 slices to worship on Sunday, November 21 (the Sunday before Thanksgiving - think of this as your practice run for your pie making). We will have disposable/carry home pie tins and you will have your choice of 8 slices of all variety of pies made by all variety of bakers (or picked up at all variety of bakeries)! Nothing like a Thanksgiving pie!

Pastor Sharilyn



Piecemakers

*Quilting for Lutheran
World Relief*



Making quilts for those in need is a much-needed labor of love. At first glance, one might imagine that quilts would simply be used as we tend to here - as a warm blanket. While quilts sewn and given to Lutheran World Relief are used this way, they are also used in place of doors or to keep drafts from homes. Some have even used them as a tent or to fashion a roof! Members of Zion Lutheran recently donated about 200 quilts to Lutheran World Relief as well as 12 sewing kits. The sewing kits include raw materials (fabric and thread) that those in need can use to sew items themselves or gain the skills necessary to support themselves through sewing. There is always a need and plenty of work to do and the Piecemakers are already hard at work for next year's bundle. Contact Kathy Sharp if you would like to help.

Mid-Week Advent Services - Prepare the Royal Highway

Zion Lutheran Church will be holding mid-week Advent services Wednesdays at 7 p.m. December tends to be a hectic time of year for so many of us - you are invited to take time to pause and prepare for the coming of Jesus. With so much construction in our area this last year, Pastor Sharilyn thought it would be an ideal time to reflect on a more enjoyable path to travel.

Highways, pathways, gates, and journeys figure prominently in the imagery of Advent. We hear the voice shouting, "Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight the path!" We witness the unexpected detours for Elizabeth and Zechariah, Mary and Joseph. We make way in our hearts and lives for our God.

December 1
Highway Under Construction

December 8
G.P.S. (God's Positioning System)

December 15
Standing at the Crossroads

December 22
Detour Ahead



September Council Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Deacon's Fund
Checking
\$713.68

Deacon's Fund Savings
\$66.16

Total General Fund,
Thrivent Invested
\$86,075.50

General Fund, VIA
Checking
& 11,777.54

General Fund, VIA
Membership
\$56.20

General Fund, VIA
Money Market
\$70,221.48

Memorial Fund, VIA
Checking
\$16,596.42

Memorial Fund, VIA
Money Market
\$5,559.26

Mission Invest.,
Memorial Fund
\$7,008.88

ZLCW Kitchen Fund
Savings
\$1,721.56

ZLCW Kitchen Funds
Checking
\$150.00

Total Checking/Savings
TOTAL ASSETS
\$199,946.68

September 20, 2021

Attending: Pastor Sharilyn, Jody, Mark, Shay, Libby, Drew
Absent: Scott

A. Opening: Call meeting to order at 5:57 p.m. by Jody;
Devotions by Shay

B. Secretary's Report:
Amend/Approve minutes from August; Motion by Drew,
Second by Mark, Approved.
Correspondence: Letter from Synod regarding donation;
Richey insurance.
No items added to the agenda.

C. Pastor's Report:
Pastoral Care - 3, Pastoral Care with Communion - 8, Meet
& Greet - 6, Call/Phone tag/Phone care/Mailed note - 14.
Continue to schedule Meet & Greets. Continue update of
mailing list. Need to meet with members about non-
attendees on mailing list.
Create and build education program for our youth. Met with
Youth and Education Committee. Sunday school starting.
Youth Gathering in Minneapolis July 24-28. \$350 per student.
Grades 8-12. Chaperones needed (1-3). Church willing to
pay for youth to attend. Activities bulletin board. Needed:
assistance from parents to get dates/times/info for things
youth are involved in collaboration with INKY Synod and
Conference regarding Youth Gathering.
Help create outreach program to bring in new members and
reach community. Requested meeting for Mission & Ministry
committee (in progress). Research streaming/online services.
Jail Ministry. Taylor University Local Church Week
(9/22/2021). 100 Acts of Kindness (10/15/2021) - Pending.
Need additional volunteers or feedback on outreach inter-
ests.
Get involved in community partnerships. Meet with local
Ministerium - plan is to continue meeting monthly. Met with
pastor of PC(USA) Congregation. Plan to help with Tailgate
Food Distribution. Need information on outreach/activities
members work with.
Create a schedule that allows for when/how to communicate
with pastor (updated schedule published).

D. Committee Reports:
Parish Education & Youth (Drew) - Sunday School has begun
and going well. Two "new" children added.
Worship/Music/Memorial (Jody) - Pastor Sharilyn, Debbie,
Dennis, and I met with Nyla at her house to make selections
through October.
Mission & Ministry (Scott) - none.

E. Council Reports:
Deacons - Attendance and Communion Report: attendance
around 40 every week through August.
Elders - none.

Trustees - Called, email, and text to get inspection. No re-
sponse. Looking for someone to do the inspection as soon
as possible. Church doorbell was installed. Leak in kitchen
needs to be looked at again.

Treasurer - See account info in sidebar.

F. Old Business

Options for Live Streaming: Pastor provided handout on
different options for audio and video. Council felt this would
be positive. Drew made motion to spend up to \$800 for the
Mevo camera and accessories. Mark seconded. Vote was
unanimous and approved.
How to handle tasks formerly handled by Debbie: Sandy
Langdon is counting and record keeping for Sunday offerings.
Drew is recording attendance and updating ledger. Pastor is
doing shut-in packets. Permanent record list will be updated
by the secretary of church. Currently, Shay will take this on
and pass along to next secretary. Basically, print notes from
council and add to printed record.

G. New Business

Outreach Opportunities: Pastor wants to get feedback from
congregation on specifics once we can do them without
COVID being an issue. What can we do to keep our congre-
gation close and united while at the same time helping our
community?
Strategic Planning/Priorities: Where do we see Zion moving
forward in the future? How can Pastor help to service us
better? Maybe make a part of annual/semi-annual meeting to
get feeling from entire congregation.
Church Management Software: Purchase from office supplies
for \$10 a month.
Future Special Worship Planning with other churches: Ad-
vent and Holy Week and Palm Sunday. Pastor will contact
other churches and see if something can be planned.

H. Close by all praying Lord's Prayer at 7:02 p.m.

I. Next Meeting:

October 18, 2021 at 6 p.m. with devotions by Jody



November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:00 – Coffee and Jesus (Common Grounds)	2	3	4	5	6
7 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS! 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship All Saints Sunday	8 8:00 – Coffee and Jesus (Common Grounds)	9 9:00 - Piecemakers	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13
14 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship	15 8:00 – Coffee and Jesus (Common Grounds) 6:00 – Council Meeting	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship Christ the King Sunday	22 8:00 – Coffee and Jesus (Common Grounds)	23	24 Online Worship Available	25 Thanksgiving – Office Closed	26 Thanksgiving – Office Closed	27
28 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship First Sunday of Advent	29 8:00 – Coffee and Jesus (Common Grounds)	30				

BREAKING NEWS! There will be no in-person worship on November 7 due to COVID-19 restrictions. Determinations will be made weekly - contact church office for details or check your email!

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Youth Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m.

November 2021

Council Members:

Elder & President	Jody Stanley
Elder & Vice President	Mark Prout
Secretary	Shay Clamme
Deacon	Drew Walker
Trustee	Scott Clamme

Pastor Sharilyn's Info:

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Office Hours:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Other Times by Appointment
Please call to be sure she is in!

Worship Servers:

Acolytes:
Nov. 7 - Walker Family
Nov. 14 - Clamme Family
Nov. 21 - Clamme Family
Nov. 28 - Walker Family

Assisting Ministers:

Nov. 7 - Jody Stanley
Nov. 21 - Mark Prout

Lectors:

Nov. 7 - Sandy Langdon
Nov. 14 - Cindy Knotte
Nov. 21 - Kathy Sharp
Nov. 28 - Julie Prout

Birthdays:

Linda Baker	11-11
Steve Willmann	11-14
Julie Prout	11-17
Keaton Walker	11-17
Bryce Stroble	11-20
Michelle Monce	11-21
Clara Willmann	11-21
Carolyn Goetz	11-25
Shelley Wise	11-27
Tacy VanDevender	11-29

