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# THE ZION HERALD

## November 2023

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

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### The Pastor's Ponderings



For all the saints, who from labor's rest...

This song is traditionally sung on All Saints Day. The words were written by William W. Howe, a priest and bishop of the Church of England and were first published in 1864. Reverend Howe also wrote the words to three other hymns you may be familiar with: *O Word of God Incarnate* (LBW 231), *We Give Thee but Thine Own* (LBW 410), and *O One with God the Father* (LBW 77). Interestingly, there are *three* tunes that have accompanied the poetry of *For All the Saints* over the years. Having listened to them all, I feel that the tune in our own hymnals by Ralph Vaughan Williams is by far the best suited.

Something particularly beautiful about *For All the Saints* is the victorious nature of the music and poetry. Those of you who have attended a funeral at Zion may have noticed that within our funeral liturgy, we always speak about the promise of resurrection to eternal life through Jesus. We can and should take comfort in that promise in the immediate days and weeks after the death of a loved one. On All Saints Sunday, the triumphant nature of *For All the Saints* gives us an opportunity to joyously declare the defeat of death by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are able to celebrate the lives of those who have died and celebrate the promises of life eternal in ways that aren't always possible when the ache of grief is new, raw, and all-encompassing. It's an opportunity to (when we are ready) overlay our grief with joy, celebration, and triumph.

May the promises given to you in baptism offer strength, healing, and comfort, dear beloved children of God. Amen.

In Christian Love,  
Pastor Sharilyn

## November Readings

November 5

*All Saints Sunday*

- Revelation 7:9-17
- Psalm 34:1-10, 22
- 1 John 3:1-3
- Matthew 5:1-12

November 12

*24th Sunday after Pentecost*

- Amos 5:18-24
- Psalm 70
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Matthew 25:1-13

November 19

*25th Sunday after Pentecost*

- Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
- Psalm 90:1-12
- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- Matthew 25:14-30

November 23

*Thanksgiving Day*

- Deuteronomy 8:7-18
- Psalm 65
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
- Luke 17:11-19

November 26

*Christ the King Sunday*

- Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
- Psalm 95:1-7
- Ephesians 1:15-23
- Matthew 25:31-46



## Piecemakers Report: Quilting for Lutheran World Relief



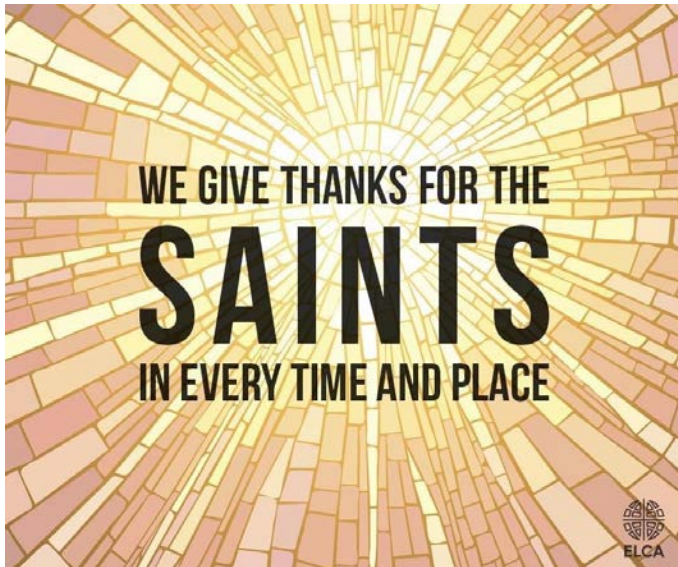
Every year, Zion Lutheran Church participates with Lutheran churches throughout the United States in providing quilts for Lutheran World Relief. These quilts provide warmth and comfort as blankets, but also serve to divide homes into separate living areas, serve to close doorways, and are sometimes divided and

shared with multiple households. This year, Zion Lutheran Church provided 194 quilts for those in need! Zion Lutheran also provided 25 sewing kits, (2-3 yards of fabric with matching thread). What an amazing gift of time, love, and compassion! Thank you to our Piecemakers for their contribution to Lutheran World Relief and serving our neighbors around the world.

## November 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





All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. It is a day of remembering those who have gone before us, and whose baptism is now complete, by honoring their lives and faithfulness.

Please continue to keep the families and friends of those who have died since our last All Saints celebration in your prayers.

*Elonda Pethtel* – December 25, 2023

*Bill Hiday* – January 2, 2023

*Mary Ehlers* – January 10, 2023

*Harriet Walker* – February 19, 2023

*Rev. Mary Lundquist* - March 14, 2023

*Valentina Hiatt* – June 8, 2023

*Carolyn Hughes* – June 16, 2023

*Jennifer Clamme* – June 26, 2023

*Sue Rinker* – June 28, 2023

*Peggy Holsten* – September 15, 2023

*Rita Ann Thornburgh-Ferguson* – October 5, 2023

# Congregational Meeting



## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & COUNCIL ELECTION

On Sunday, November 19 please plan on staying after worship for a quick meeting. There are two items on the agenda:

1. Approval to give \$10,000 of \$50,000 given to Zion from Carolyn Hughes to Wernle for their matching funds endowment.
2. Election of 2024 Council members. The nominees are:
  - Elder/VP:
  - Secretary: *Sandy Langdon*
  - Treasurer:
  - Trustee: *Larry Hile*
  - Deacon: *Drew Walker*
  - Cemetery Trustee:



## THE FUTURE CHURCH

In order to meet the deadline for the newsletter, this is being written before the end of our Future Church series. However, I am so pleased there has been a positive response thus far. With everyone's work, we will continue to do God's work in the world here at Zion Lutheran Church. Expect a more complete report in the December Newsletter and the Annual Report in January.

~Pr. Sharilyn



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Saturday, December 2  
at 9:00am

Join us to help decorate  
the sanctuary for  
Christmas!

Sunday, December 24

Christmas falls on  
a Monday this  
year. As a result,  
our 10:30am

worship will be the  
*Fourth Sunday of*  
*Advent*. At 7:00pm

we will gather

again to celebrate Christmas Eve with our  
*Candlelight Service* focusing on scripture  
readings and Christmas Carols.

Communion will be celebrated at the  
evening Christmas Eve service.



December 6, 2023 - 7:00pm (Fellowship Hall)  
*Fear Not!*

The angels who appeared to Zechariah, Mary, and Joseph all proclaimed "Fear not!" in response to the human emotions displayed before them. God's word also breaks into the fears of our world with the promise of Christ. Surely God is our salvation; we will trust, and will not be afraid.

December 13, 2023 - 7:00pm (Fellowship Hall)  
*Lost in the Night*

In the midst of darkness, we long for the coming of the light of Christ. Within this service, the text of the hymn "Lost in the Night" (LBW 394) gives us words to express our deepest pleas for God's mercy and salvation. Together we cry out: "Christ is coming soon! Come and save us soon!"

December 20, 2023 - 7:00pm (Sanctuary)

*Longest Night: Blue Christmas Evening Prayer*

While Advent is a season of hope and Christmas is a season of joy, not everyone feels hopeful or like celebrating. Grief, illness, aging, depression, loneliness, unemployment, and loss are magnified. Even those who are not struggling with losses may feel the stress of preparations and expectations around Christmas time. We come together seeking healing and room to share grief, sadness, loneliness, or confusion when these emotions often feel out of place during the holidays.

***You are especially encouraged to invite friends or family to this worship service.***

### 2023 Council Members:

President & Elder	Cindy Knotte
Vice President & Elder	Mark Prout
Secretary	Paige Walker
Treasurer	Libby Stroble
Deacon	Scott Clamme
Trustee	Neil Stroble

### Pastor Sharilyn's Information:

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Office Hours:

Monday: 2:30pm-5:30pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 9am-Noon

Other Times by Appointment

Please call first to be sure she is in!

# Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

## September 19, 2023

**Present:** Mark Prout, Scott Clamme, Neil Stroble, Sharilyn Wendt, Paige Walker

**Absent:** Cindy Knote, Libby Stroble

### A. Opening

- a. Call Meeting to Order - Mark at 7:00pm
- b. Devotions from Mark

### B. Secretary's Report

- a. Amend/Approve minutes from last Council meeting
  - i. Motion to approve by Neil, 2nd by Scott, Approved by All
- b. Correspondence
  - i. None
- c. Add Items to Agenda
  - i. None

### C. Pastor's Report - August 2023

- a. Meet and Know Members
  - i. Pastoral Care Visits: 3
- b. Youth Education Program
  - i. Education Hour resumes September 17
- c. Outreach
  - i. Ask-A-Pastor (once/week): Available at Deja Brew for questions/concerns/etc-open to community
  - ii. Jail Ministry (once/month)
  - iii. Worship Service at Envive Nursing Home (once/month)
  - iv. God's Work Our Hands (September 10)
- d. Community Partnerships
  - i. Worship at Weiler - Zion hosted 8/7
  - ii. Mental Health Support Group resumes September 11

### D. Committee Reports

- a. Parish Education & Youth - Scott
  - i. Confirmation has begun with 4. Adult Hour has 10-12 weekly.
- b. Worship/Music/Memorial - Libby
  - i. Oil candles purchased with Memorial money. Dennis Walker is making a holder for filling candles.
  - ii. Got a quote for cushions at altar rail using Memorial money. Should be installed either before or after Christmas.
  - iii. Moving to Setting 1 in Advent.
- c. Mission & Ministry - Cindy
  - i. Met about upcoming projects - Adopt a Family, SouperBowl Food Drive

## E. Council Reports

### a. Deacon

#### i. Attendance and Holy Communion Report

1. Aug 13 - 44
2. Aug 20 - 41 (Communion: 39)
3. Aug 27 - 41
4. Sept 3 - 35 (Communion: 35)
5. Sept 10 - 38
6. Sept 17 - 40 (Communion: 38)

#### ii. Assistance Requests

1. None

### b. Elders

#### i. None

### c. Trustee

- i. A/C - \$22K donated, scheduled to begin installation week of Oct 16

### d. Treasurer

#### i. Report as of Sept 15

Deacon's Fund Checking	648.56
Deacon's Fund Savings	66.41
General Fund, Thrivent Invested	80,458.87
General Fund, VIA Checking	3,036.48
General Fund, VIA Membership	56.42
General Fund, VIA Money Market	44,686.70
Memorial Fund, VIA Checking	27,081.42
Memorial Fund, VIA Money Market	2,995.63
Mission Invest., Memorial Fund	7,066.73
ZLCW Kitchen Fund Savings	2,243.67
ZLCW Kitchen Fund Checking	150.00
TOTAL ASSETS	168,490.89

## F. Business

a. Future Church/Ministry planning - Pastor Nyland will lead discussion after worship on October 29. Zion will provide lunch (Neil will talk with Richard's).




b. Nominating Committee - Names will be brought to council at next meeting.

## G. Closing

a. Lord's Prayer at 7:40pm

b. Next Meeting: October 17, 2023 at 7:00pm with devotions from Cindy

# November 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			Ask A Pastor at Deja Brew 5:00-7:00pm  <b>All Saints Day</b>			
<b>Daylight Savings Ends</b>  Education Hour 9:30am  Worship & Communion 10:30am	Bible Study at Deja Brew 8:00am  Mental Health Support Group in Library 6:30pm		Ask A Pastor at Deja Brew 5:00-7:00pm			
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Education Hour/Confirmation at 9:30am  
Worship at 10:30am

## November 2023 Sunday Servants

### Greeters:

Nov 5 - Edi Tarter; Peggy Willmann  
Nov 12 - Steve & Viola Willmann; Steve Willmann  
Nov 19 - Mark & Julie Prout; Matt & Allie Clamme  
Nov 26 - Lewis & Joyce Willmann; Gene & Aneta Gardner

### Assisting Minister:

Nov 5 - Linda Walker  
Nov 19 - Mark Prout

### Lector:

Nov 5 - Matt Clamme  
Nov 12 - Mark Prout  
Nov 19 - Mark Prout  
Nov 26 - Paige Walker

### Acolyte:

Nov 5 - Clamme Family  
Nov 12 - Clamme Family  
Nov 19 - Walker Family  
Nov 26 - Walker Family

