
THE ZION HERALD

November 2024

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

The Pastor's Ponderings



Welcome back to this discussion of the stained-glass windows in our worship space! So far, I've reviewed the windows that highlight the themes of: (1) The Nativity and Welcome the Stranger and (2) The Baptism of Jesus and Clothe the Needy. Today, we will look at the third window in the series showing the Miracle at Cana and the commandment "Visit the Sick."

The Miracle at Cana is a story that you have certainly heard before. While the Feeding of the Multitudes may be the most well-known by Christians, the story of the Miracle at Cana is likely the best known among non-Christians! If you ask someone who isn't necessarily a regular attendee or active in a faith community what miracles Jesus did, the water-into-wine event at Cana is almost certain to be one they share. I suspect at least part of this is because (let's face it!) the culture around alcohol makes it easy to make light of this passage a little bit. That's not necessarily a bad thing – but it does mean that sometimes the deeper meaning behind this passage gets lost.

When it comes down to it, I do believe the Miracle at Cana isn't really about water and wine. It's about abundance.

Humans – from the time right after The Garden of Eden – have been aware of the concept of scarcity. Personally, I can't think of any physical thing there's an unlimited supply of. Wealth, clean water/land/air, food, natural resources, warmth,

November Readings

November 3

All Saints Sunday

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

November 10

25th Sunday after Pentecost

- 1 Kings 17:8-16
- Psalm 146
- Hebrews 9:24-28
- Mark 12:38-44

November 17

26th Sunday after Pentecost

- Daniel 12:1-3
- Psalm 16
- Hebrews 10:11-25
- Mark 13:1-8

November 24

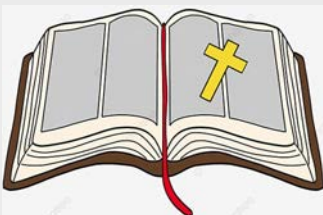
Christ the King Sunday

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

November 28

Thanksgiving Eve

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



clothing, shelter – there’s a limit to all of it. I’ve reflected there is only thing that has no limits – no beginning and no end and is so vast it’s unfathomable – God and God’s love.

Something that limitless is difficult to understand – so it is shown to us in this miracle. When it is believed that when what we want is depleted, when the wine jars have run dry, Jesus shows up on the scene and not only replenishes what we have used, but replenishes it with better than what we had. Our creator is a God of abundance – and our goal as Christians should be to always grow in trusting God’s abundance. If we do, we will be able to serve God in so many ways. An abundance of resources means we will give to those in need. An abundance of time means we will volunteer (formally or informally) to help others. An abundance of love and forgiveness means we will not hold grudges unfairly and we will be better able to live in peace with others.

God’s abundance let’s us live in the ways that Jesus has instructed and shown us to live – denying ourselves and taking up our cross to follow where he leads. AMEN.

In Christian Love,
Pastor Sharilyn

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

2025 Council Nominees

Thank you to the nominating committee for their work! The following names will be voted on after worship on November 17:

Elder - Mark Prout
Secretary - Sandy Langdon
Treasurer - Matt Clamme
Deacon - Drew Walker
Trustee - Neil Stroble
Cemetery Trustee -



Thanksgiving Pie Exchange

Mark Sunday, Nov 24 for our annual Thanksgiving Pie Exchange. Bring any 8" or 9" pie cut into 8 pieces. After worship we will meet in Fellowship Hall to exchange pieces so everyone can take home a special and unique pie. We will have disposable 9" pie containers for you to use to take home your different slices of pie.

QUILTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

On Saturday, October 19, 166 quilts along with 8 fabric kits from the Piecemakers at Zion Lutheran Church were given to Lutheran World Relief for them to distribute. Thank you to Kathy Sharp for her leadership of Piecemakers and the work done this year by the many quilters in our congregation!



If you're 55 and up and you Voted come to the Blackford Senior Center for FREE lunch and Bingo.

101 S. Mill St. Hartford City
Come join the FUN!

NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Lunch 11:30 - 12:30

Hot dogs, Potato Salad, Pie

Bingo 12:30 - Until all Prizes are gone



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: Zion Lutheran Church
308 S Monroe St
Hartford City, IN 47348

When: Saturday, November 9, 2024

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Fall
CARNIVAL

Weiler Plaza
 100 West Main Street Hartford City, IN 47348

*** November 9, 2024 ***
*** 12pm - 4pm ***

**Chili Cook-Off & Pie Bake-Off,
 Hayrides, Food, Vendors,
 Games/activities**

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Hanging of the Greens

Be certain to watch our bulletin announcements for the annual Hanging of the Greens. It is anticipated that we will gather to do this on Saturday, November 30, but the time and date are still being finalized. There are jobs available in decorating the church for all people of all ages and abilities. Plan to join us to welcome the advent season!

LOOKING AHEAD: DECEMBER

Blue Christmas: We will have our second annual Blue Christmas service on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00pm. Be thinking about if you know someone who may appreciate attending this more contemplative worship service that holds space for lament while still reminding us of the hope of the season. More details to come.

Christmas Caroling: Pastor Sharilyn and the leaders at Three Trees Church have been talking about ways we might partner and collaborate next year. We are excited to offer the opportunity to gather together to get to know our siblings in Christ and provide a little Christmas hope and cheer at one of our local nursing homes. Stay tuned for more details!

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting September 17, 2024

Present: Mark Prout, Libby Stroble, Larry Hile, Paige Walker, Drew Walker, Sandy Langdon
Absent: Pastor Sharilyn (not returned from vacation)

Mark Prout opened the meeting. Larry Hile gave devotions. Drew Walker motioned to approve the minutes of the August council meeting. Larry Hile seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Items added to the agenda were insurance bills and the pastor's salary for 2025.

No pastor's reports or committee reports.

Council Reports: Drew reported an average attendance of 30+ for the month of August and there were no requests for aid. Larry reported that all outside doors of the church can be accessed by the same key now. Libby Stroble presented the treasurer's report.





Treasurer's report (as of September 13):

Deacon's Fund Checking	1,252.88
Deacon's Fund Savings	66.61
General Fund, Thrivent Invested	85,940.80
General Fund, VIA CD Hughes	45,356.00
General Fund, VIA CD Memorial	15,492.29
General Fund, VIA Checking	9,926.71
General Fund, VIA Membership	56.58
General Fund, VIA Money Market	10,691.27
Memorial Fund, VIA Checking	11,490.62
Memorial Fund, VIA Money Market	1,122.45
Mission Invest. Memorial Fund	7,097.46
ZLCW Kitchen Fund Savings	2,344.35
ZLCW Kitchen Fund Checking	150.00
TOTAL ASSETS	190,958.02

Business: The nominating committee has been working and at this time those running for office include Neil Stroble for trustee, Drew Walker for deacon, Sandy Langdon for secretary, Matt Clamme for treasurer. The elder position is still available. Mennonite Mutual insurance, which the church has now, has increased monthly premiums by more than \$175. Larry will look into getting some quotes from other insurance companies. After much discussion, Larry moved to increase Pastor's salary for 2025 by 2.5%. Drew seconded the motion, motion passed. Sandy moved to keep the custodian, secretary, and organist salaries the same as 2024. Drew seconded the motion, motion passed. These two recommendations will be presented at the annual meeting in January. The financial stability of the congregation over the next several years was discussed. It was decided to let the congregation know of the potential financial health of the church and present some options at the annual meeting including: partnering with another church, letting the pastor go, using all available money until gone, or any other ideas membership might have.

Closing: Lord's Prayer. Next meeting is October 15 with devotions from Paige Walker.

November 2024

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<p>Worship 10:30am</p> <p>Thanksgiving Pie Exchange</p> <p>24</p>	<p>Bible Study at Deja Brew 8:00am</p> <p>25</p>	<p>Piecemakers 9:00am</p> <p>26</p>	<p>Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm</p> <p>27</p>	<p> Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>28</p>		<p> Hanging of the Greens</p> <p>30</p>	



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Monday: 2:30pm-5:30pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 9am-Noon
Other Times by Appointment
Please call first to be sure she is in!

2024 Council Members:

President & Elder	Mark Prout
Vice President & Elder	Paige Walker
Secretary	Sandy Langdon
Treasurer	Libby Stroble
Deacon	Drew Walker
Trustee	Larry Hile

November Sunday Servants

Greeters:

Nov 3 - Matt Clamme
Tom Armstrong
Nov 10 - Peggy Willmann
Tom Armstrong
Nov 17 - Gene & Aneta Gardner
Nov 24 - Matt Clamme
Joyce Willmann

Lector:

Nov 3 - Matt Clamme
Nov 10 - Mark Prout
Nov 17 - Denise Hile
Nov 24 - Matt Clamme

Assisting Minister:

Nov 3 - Mark Prout
Nov 17 - Linda Walker