



# Zion Lutheran Church Information Bulletin

## Weekend of November 12, 2023

Worship Services: Sat. 5 PM, Sun. 8 AM, Sun. 10:30AM (Family Praise Worship), & Wed. 6 PM

### Special Prayers

#### Healing

Phyllis Naugle  
 Jim Jones  
 Chris Gieseke  
 Donita Hopper  
 Jennifer Vosejпка-Kauffmann  
 Paxton & Payton  
 (infant children of Megan Richardson)  
 Herb Vehrs  
 Peggy Courier  
 (niece of Dorothy Fiepke)  
 Trudy Wohnrade  
 (Aunt of Catie Hill)



### Altar Flowers

In Memory of :  
**Gene Steurer**  
 From: The family

### Coffee Hour

This week's is  
 being hosted by:  
**Men's Shoptalk  
 Bible Study**  
 Next week's is  
 being hosted by:  
**Gregg & Sandra Stade**

### Financial Recap

#### GENERAL GIVING:

Weekly Budget \$18,000  
 Week of 11/5/23 \$17,037

### Last Week's Attendance

#### Total – 288

Sat. 5:00 PM..... 79  
 Sun. 8:00 AM..... 69  
 Sun. 10:30 AM..... 82  
 Wed. 6:00 PM..... 58

### New in the Narthex

November Newsletter



Lord, we remember your people,  
 Your saints who have died. They  
 loved You in life and in death,  
 they rest now with You.

Through ages of darkness and  
 sorrow they clung to you, Lord,  
 in prison and danger they found  
 You. Your will was their peace.

Rejoicing in You, Lord, they  
 flourished; their lives sang Your  
 praises. You gave them bread  
 and Your blessing; You held  
 them in Your love. Lord,  
 remember Your people; we  
 follow their way. Our praises are  
 joined with their praises. Keep  
 us faithful to You. Thanks be to  
 God's Saints, they call us to  
 follow Christ our Lord. Amen.

We especially remember these  
 saints, who were members of  
 Zion, and have been called home  
 since the last All Saints'  
 celebration.

Erma Swader	12-8-22
Sadie Mainiero	1-7-23
Donald Fuller	1-1-23
George Hasselmann	2-17-23
Lorrie Borders	3-4-23
Randall Mencil	3-27-23
Ruth E. Below	4-4-23
Joanne Beebe	4-12-23
Harold Wisted	5-6-23
Teresa Thompson	5-7-23
Sandra Oberg	6-3-23
Carole Fashingbauer	6-16-23
Edwin Switzer	8-24-23
Donna Fischer	9-22-23
William Reinke	10-12-23
John Henning	10-17-23

and any other family members  
 or friends you may have who are  
 not listed here.

### Reflect On His Words

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! 1 Chronicles 16:34

### What's Next for Zion?

This is the question many have been asking as Pastor Ripke is our only full-time pastor for the time being. Our leadership has been looking at options, and would like to invite you to visit with Pastor Ripke during Bible study time this Sunday, November 12th, at 9:30 a.m. as we outline possibilities for our life together here at Zion and possible next steps. Hope to see you there!

### Door Offering: Pastor Matt Wood

Our A special door offering will be received this weekend in support of Pastor Matt Wood who serves as a pastoral assistant of the Indonesia Evangelical Christian Lutheran Church.

### Operation Christmas Child

"Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples" Psalms 96:3.

Tuesday was an amazing day at Zion. The building was buzzing with joy and excitement. Shoe boxes were packed by young and old. 3 Gospel Outreach events packed hundreds of shoe boxes. God's people brought their gifts and his love was shared. They will not know of our awesome God unless we tell them! Thank you Zion friends and family for an awesome 2023 shoebox season!

### Women to Women Service Event!!!

Please join us on Saturday, November 18th, to decorate Christmas stockings for local nursing homes. **Please enter through the school doors. This will be held in a school class room.** We will not have Bible study but will be busy decorating from 9 to 11AM. Bring some Elmer's glue and bring a sack lunch if you want to eat with those who stay afterwards for fellowship. It will be fun and will bring joy to those who receive the stockings. Hope to see you November 18th!

### Altar Guild looking for Help Setting up and Moving Decorations

The Altar Guild is looking for a few good men with muscles to help us set up the big Christmas tree in church and other decorations! We will be decorating the church on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 25th starting at 8AM. We try to be done by noon. Please call Lisa Anthony 815-353-8171 with any questions. Thank you so much!

### Zion PTL Pie Sale Delivery Monday, November 13th

Pies will be ready for pickup between 2 - 4PM in the multi-purpose room. You must call ahead if you need to arrange other pick up options. Call/text Rachel Ortega with any questions at 815-543-6949.

### Position Opening

Zion Lutheran School is looking to hire some additional staff to work in our afterschool program (BACKUP). Hours are school days 2:30 – 5:30 PM. Students range in age from 2 - 14. If you are a fun, positive person who loves Jesus and children, please contact the Early Childhood Office at 815-814-5156 for more information.

## **The Lord's Love Project**

"[God] has scattered abroad His gifts to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." (2 Corinthians 8:9)

The LOVE Project will look a little bit different as we head into the holiday season of 2023. Our school students are collecting food items to share with families in need through a Kindness Food Drive starting the week after Thanksgiving. This means that the LOVE Project will start collecting monetary donations and Scrip cards now but we will use these gifts to bless families around the time of Easter. Order forms for these donations will be available during the holiday season and then again as Lent begins.

If you would like to make a donation of food to the Kindness Food Drive, please contact the school office or look at the Blue Notes.

We pray God will bless our efforts to extend His blessings through two seasons of the year—Christmas and Easter—as a way to remind our friends in need of the love of Jesus, starting at the manger and ending at the cross and empty tomb.—The Love Project Committee

## **Coat Drive**

It is that time of the year again! We see the changing season with the chill of the air. Time for Social Actions to collect coats for our annual Coat Drive. The coats will be donated to the MORE Center to be given to those in need in our community, to help them have a warmer winter. The coat collection box is in the narthex cloak room. Clean, gently used coats, hats, and mittens of all sizes would be very welcome. Thank you for helping Social Actions to warm a heart with a winter coat.

## **Christmas Invite**

Perhaps you missed the performance “Because of my Son” by actress Naomi Peters who portrays the heart of Mary the mother of Jesus our Savior. Immanuel Lutheran (Belvidere) has invited women of Zion to this inspiring presentation of the Christmas story through the eyes of Mary the mother of Jesus. Immanuel Lutheran will need a head count for the refreshments. If you're interested in going please sign up on the clip board on the narthex counter. Date: Sunday, December 3rd @ 1pm in their fellowship hall. Direct questions to Genny Hertel at 815-451-1555.

## **Holy Scrap Reminder!**

Next week you can bring your scrap and place it in the designated truck or trailer. Please secure all small items such as screws, nuts & bolts.

## **SCRIP**

Orders are due Monday, November 13th, at 8AM.

## **Samson Snippet**

Hello my church family! Honor: to regard with great respect. This weekend we celebrate Veteran's Day which honors America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. I am humbled to walk beside my veteran handler as we go on many visits together this week and weekend. Throughout the year, we go the 1st Tuesday of every month to visit with Sailors and Marines stationed at Great Lakes Naval Station's USO. I look forward to these visits each month and I see some regular faces and lots of new ones as well. My handler takes time to talk with everyone he meets while they pet my fur and think of their pets they might have left at home- I always hope to bring a little smile to their faces.

On Saturday November 4th, we were privileged to attend the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight Homecoming at Milwaukee Airport. We greeted over 100 veterans and their guardians on 2 flights as they came home from their day long trip to Washington DC to see their monuments and honor their service. So many local residents, groups, and service members came out to cheer these veterans on and welcome them home. I even got to join in the Veterans parade through the airport terminal as we followed up the bagpipes playing the national anthem- it made my tail wag so proudly!

On Saturday November 11th, (Veterans Day) my handler, Top Dog, and I have been asked to attend the USO Black Tie Gala in Chicago. I will be wearing my best tuxedo bandana as we work the red carpet and greet everyone coming in to this huge USO event. We will get to take some pictures and tell everyone about our ministry and how we help all those who serve. I am so excited to go – I hope I don't leave too much fur on people's tuxedo's!! Check out my Facebook page to see pictures from all of these wonderful events!

On Thursday we are going to speak with middle schoolers at Northwoods MS in Woodstock and talk to them about military service and answer their questions! On Monday, we will be with many of you at Marengo High School's annual Veterans Day celebration - it's one of my favorite events each year. In between these veteran visits, I have many other visits with the rest of my team- I am one lucky pup! I hope you will all take time this weekend to think of those who bravely do what they are called to do so we can safely do what we are free to do.

With humble puppy love, Samson

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” – John Fitzgerald Kennedy

## **Breaking News On The Church Directory!!!**

Work on the church directory has been put on hold until sometime in the new year. Pastor Ripke and the Elders are hard at work going through the church roster to bring it up to date with information about Zion members. It does not make sense to move forward with a church directory until that work is completed, and the member lists are updated and accurate. The directory committee deeply appreciates the time you have spent getting photos taken and updating your own information. It has been rewarding to hear from so many of you of your enthusiasm for this project. We thank you for all you have done and ask for your patience as we work to make the directory that will be coming as complete and up to date as possible. Look for further information early next year.

## **In His Forge (St. John & Zion Youth Ministry) Change in Schedule**

Servant Event! – Meet at St. John's on Sunday, **November 12th** from 12-3PM (Please bring a rake, gloves and a servant's heart.) Join us for a leaf raking extravaganza followed by a pizza party!

Hoedown Friendsgiving with families — **November 10th** at St. John's from 6 to 8PM. Dinner is a Potluck