



*ZION LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL
LITCHFIELD, IL
NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER*

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How do you give thanks?

With Thanksgiving Day coming at the end of the month, it is appropriate to focus our thoughts on giving thanks. You already know that a thankful attitude is something we should always have. Thankfulness happens, not just one day a year by celebrating with too much food, too much football, too long of naps, and too much early 'Black Friday' shopping.

In all seriousness though, how do you display a thankful attitude throughout the year? Do you remember to give thanks in prayer each day (not just at meals) for the blessings God has given you? Do you give God a tithe (10%) of what He has given you through your offerings to Zion to support the ministry of our church and school; maybe even give extra 'thank offerings' to other charities because you see how good God has been to you? Do you give thanks to God for the gifts and talents He has given you by giving of your time in some type of service at Zion and elsewhere?

All of these ways (and more) display our thankfulness. I have seen so much get accomplished in our church and school because so many volunteers have given their time in joyful service; thanks be to God. Continue to pray for our country and give thanks to God for the blessings He gives our land; give thanks also for the answers to the many prayers we raise to him. At this time of year we also are seeking financial gifts and offerings to reduce our debt, continue to support all of our ministry, and joyfully use all of our facilities as we continue to grow; thanks be to God.

During this season of Thanksgiving I would like you to consider how God has gifted and blessed you. In thankful response, consider how you can daily give thanks; how you might serve God in His Kingdom; how you can financially support the ministry in this place.

Knowing how God has blessed all of us, and continues to do so, I anticipate a **BIG "THANK YOU"** to be given to God through all of us at Zion.

Blessing,

Pastor Fred

News from Zion Lutheran School
Miss Pryor, Principal

We're in a busy season at Zion! Second quarter has started and Thanksgiving and Christmas seem to be just around the corner. Several classes have taken field trips that have given them extra time to spend outdoors in our beautiful fall weather.

Teachers met with parents in the middle of October to hand out report cards and discuss each child's progress during parent teacher conferences. We are very blessed to have such supportive families at Zion.

Zion hosted a Trunk or Treat on October 14th. The weather wasn't cooperative, so we moved things into the gym. Our theme this year was "Board Games," and we had a variety of games showcased. It was great to have school families and staff members working together to make this a successful event.

The month of October concluded with Red Ribbon Week, our annual celebration of saying no to drugs. Mrs. Fischer and the Student Council sponsored some very exciting theme days. We received hot chocolate to help us remember to give drugs the cold shoulder, wore caps to help us put a cap on drugs, brought stuffed animals to school because we're wild about a drug free life, wore sunglasses because our futures are bright without drugs, and wore team shirts and jerseys because we are staying in the game to and being drug free. We pray that God will always help our students resist the temptation of drugs and continue to be with those who suffer from addiction.

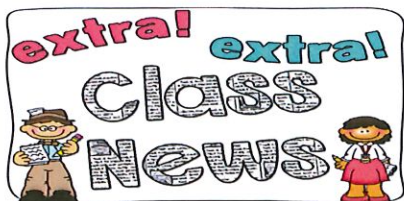
Butter braids will be delivered on Friday, November 3rd, from 4-7:00 p.m. We thank all those who purchased items through this fundraiser. The proceeds of this sale will be used for items for the classrooms and for upcoming events through our PTL. We will also be celebrating Veterans Day during our school chapel service on Wednesday, November 8th. All those who have served in the military are invited to join us for this special day.

Finally, mark your calendars for Saturday, **November 9th, 2024** for the second Walking in Truth gala! Although it is over a year away, planning will soon begin for this event. We're already looking forward to gathering with former students, congregation members, and those from the community to celebrate what a tremendous blessing Zion Lutheran is!

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM



Veterans are very important people and we would love to recognize our veterans. We invite any veterans and their families to join us for chapel on Wednesday, November 8th. Chapel begins at 8:30. Mrs. Covert will be leading a short program following the service. Please contact the school office (324-3166) if you plan to attend.



Happy Thanksgiving! Third grade has been practicing temperature, in both Celsius and Fahrenheit, just as the weather is getting cooler. We are also working hard to master addition and subtraction facts. We are working on interpreting and manipulating fractions in middle school. 5th through 8th art has finished up some beautiful birds inspired by Mexican Folk art, and we will be starting to make Christmas ornaments soon. We are excited to see how they all turn out! Susie Covert, Teacher

Shop without going Shopping

Get gift cards through Raise Right (formally shop with scrip). Earn rebates for our school and towards a child's tuition. We have a limited supply available in the office but we order weekly or go online at Raiseright.com. Our enrollment code is 29C69F4813482. They have several hundred different businesses to choose from. Let's make this a record year for our sales. Questions contact Jim Wreath our coordinator at 324-3581 or the school office



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SAUSAGE SALE!

5 lbs bags of frozen bulk sausage is available for sale at \$20. SPECIAL DEAL \$35 for two bags! Stock up now for the winter! Please contact Nancy Hyam @ 217-254-4442 to purchase and arrange for pick-up. Mark your calendars for 2024 sausage dinner on Sunday, April 7th.

MISSION SERVICE

The MISSION SERVICE project for the month of November will be a collection for the local food pantries...Litchfield and St. Clare. Look for the grocery cart in the hallway and a list of suggested items in the bulletin. Thank you for helping those in need!



Soup Supper

Advent Light Suppers

ADVENT is coming! Pastor has a great series planned for our Wednesday night services.

We would like to have a light meal before each service. Two things here: 1) Reminder to attend these services and 2) We need three family/friend groups or organizations to prepare the meals. Last year we had great variety-from soup and sandwiches or crackers & cheese to a potato bar. Other ideas are welcomed! Please let Pastor, Warren, Bev or Sharon know if you can be available. Services are 11/29; 12/6; 12/13...serving from 5:30-6:45...your choice of dates.

The annual SENIOR CHRISTMAS SERVICE is coming!

The WOW Bible Study group will be hosting this fantastic event on Saturday, Dec. 16th at 11:00. All Seniors of the congregation are invited to attend this communion service and luncheon. Transportation can be provided if/when possible. Watch for further notices in the bulletin. Please plan to be there...those who come from the local facilities look forward to seeing lots of friendly faces!



MISSION FESTIVAL weekend was great! The wonderful message and uplifting music reminded us of our important mission as members of Christ's community. Over 50 people attended the potluck after the second service. If you weren't there, you missed out on great food and fellowship with folks from 4 to 90+. Representatives from several Zion organizations presented information on how their groups meet the needs of our local congregation, the community, and the world. It's amazing what all goes on around here! There are opportunities for people of all ages, talents, and abilities. If you are willing to serve, there's a task for you!

PICKLE BALL was off to a great start, but participation has been low in the past two months. Perhaps the nice weather has kept you from coming, and that's totally understandable. Now that fall/winter weather will have us looking for inside activities, consider joining the group in the gym on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2:00. Remember that this is open to all ages, and no equipment is needed. Invite friends to join you.



Men's Bible Study



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (Men of the Bible-MOB) meets on the first and third Saturdays of the month and is continuing an interesting study of the end times. Learn while enjoying the fellowship! Join this group in the Parish Hall at 7:30 on 11/4 and 11/18.

Ladies Aid Meeting: Thursday, November 2, 6pm. Soup Supper 2 delicious homemade soups with all the trimmings. Everything will be furnished. Just come and enjoy the evening with Warren Benning speaking about your financial future.



DEBT REDUCTION OPPORTUNITY - Please visit the hallway display regarding debt reduction gifting. Envelopes are provided for your convenience and may be put into the collection plate, dropped off to the office, or mailed to the church. Please prayerfully consider your blessings and what you can give back to God. *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* 2 Corinthians 9:7





It is the time again for renewal for the 2024 Lutheran Witness magazine. Please let Church office know if you would like to continue your Subscription. This is due by November 18th. There are forms available on table by the mailboxes.

New Subscriptions accepted! What is the Lutheran Witness Magazine? The Lutheran Witness keeps you updated with news from the Synod and teaches you how to interpret the World from a Lutheran perspective. Subscribing through the Church it will then include information from our District information and news. It is published 11 times a year by Concordia Publishing House which is an arm of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and is mailed direct to you.

Poinsettias



Sign-up sheets for our Christmas Poinsettias are out on the table in the Narthex. While we encourage our members to sign up in person during church services, you may also call the church office at 324-2033 to sign up. The cost of each poinsettia is \$14.00, and will be ordered through Petal Pushers in Litchfield. You have the choice of Red or White. Payment is preferred at the time of sign up. Envelopes are provided and can be placed in the church collection plate, the church office basket above the mailboxes, dropped off to the office, or mailed. If paying cash, please provide your name. Due to supply shortage deadline is October 31st.

November Birthday's

1	Alli Frerichs	16	Jessica Dougherty Ryan Dougherty Morgan Helgen	26	Beth Cherry Caroline Helgen Rebecca Helgen Kaytlen Hughes Angela Johnson Cheyenne Sarti Stephanie Westhoff Donna Yokley
2	Ashley Everett				
3	Daniel Helgen Bud Helgen Lloyd Lueker	17	Tyler Helgen Ariya VanderMeersch		
		18	Pamela Voyles		
4	Jordan Englin Douglas Wensing Lisa Brumm	19	Leah Adam Georgia Hull Sherlyn Kolkhorst	27	Jason Wood
				28	Sandy McNeal
7	Jonilee Becker James Bryant Nathan Dougherty Richard Rademacher	20	April Budd Iris White Devin Bedinger Lucus Werries	29	Amy Allen Roy Steinmann
				30	Todd Davidson Nicholas Gartner Tina Marburger Kasey VanderMeersch
9	Sara Porter John T. Rundquist	21	Darin Riemann Colten Steele Kent Wolff		
10	Jane Davidson Christy Johnson Roy Simmermaker	22	Edward Helgen		
		23	Ruth Cranford Carol Saxby		
11	Karol DeWerff	24	Alainna DeWitt Sheryla Westhoff John Wilson		
13	Savannah Boston Henry Grosenheider				
14	Cheyenne Cobix Landon Budd Richard Waldrup				
15	Patricia Kelley Edna Nimmons Allan Spelbring				



November Anniversaries

4	James and Jane Martin Charles and Doris Roach	12	Roger and Rebecca Bergman Dale and Donna Swetlishnoff
24	Dennis and Nancy Black	25	Andrew and Jessica Frerichs

If we have missed someone please let the Church office know or if we have a wrong date. Please accept our apology.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ezra 10:1-17 ▪ Psalm 117 ▪ 1 Peter 2:13-25 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ezra 10:18-44 ▪ Psalm 118 ▪ 1 Peter 3:1-7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dan. 1:1-2:16 ▪ Psalm 119:1-8 ▪ 1 Peter 3:8-22 	<p>ALL SAINTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rev. 7:9-17 ▪ Psalm 149 ▪ 1 John 3:1-3 ▪ Matt. 5:1-12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dan. 2:17-45 ▪ Psalm 119:9-16 ▪ 1 Peter 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ezra 8:1-23 ▪ Psalm 114 ▪ 1 Peter 1:1-12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ezra 8:24-36 ▪ Psalm 115 ▪ 1 Peter 1:13-25
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dan. 11:20-45 ▪ Psalm 119:97-104 ▪ 1 John 2:28-3:10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dan. 12 ▪ Psalm 119:105-112 ▪ 1 John 3:11-24 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Neh. 1 ▪ Psalm 119:113-120 ▪ 1 John 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Neh. 2 ▪ Psalm 119:121-128 ▪ 1 John 5:1-12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Neh. 3 ▪ Psalm 119:129-136 ▪ 1 John 5:13-21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Neh. 4:1-14 ▪ Psalm 119:137-144 ▪ 2 John 1-13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Neh. 4:15-23 ▪ Psalm 119:145-152 ▪ 3 John 1-15
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November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30am Chapel 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Festival Bells 7:00pm Adult Choir	2 9:15am Berean Bible Study 6:30pm Ladies Aid 7:00pm Elders	3	4 5:30pm Worship-Trad/Comm
5 8:00am Worship-Trad/Comm 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship-Trad/Comm	6	7 9:00am Sewing Circle 5:30pm School Board 6:00pm Mission & Evangelism	8 8:30am Chapel 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Festival Bells 7:00pm Adult Choir	9 9:15am Berean Bible Study 6:30pm Church Council	10	11 5:30pm Worship-Trad
12 8:00am Worship-Trad 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship-Contemp/Comm 2:00 pm Pickle Ball	13	14 9:00am Sewing Circle	15 8:30am Chapel 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Festival Bells 7:00pm Adult Choir	16 9:15am Berean Bible Study	17	18 5:30pm Worship-Trad/Comm
19 8:00am Worship-Trad/Comm 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship-Contemp.	20	21 9:00am Sewing Circle	22 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	23	24	25 5:30pm Worship-Trad
26 8:00am Worship-Trad/ 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Worship-Trad/Comm	27 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	28 9:00am Sewing Circle	29 8:30am Chapel 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Festival Bells 8:00pm Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Advent Service	30 9:15am Berean Bible Study		

Elder's Serving Us in November



November 4
November 5

5:30 p.m. Roger Davis
8:00 a.m. Allan Spelbring & Joshua Horn
10:30 a.m. Chris Poirot & Gary Meyers

November 11
November 12

5:30 p.m. Brad Bowles
8:00 a.m. David Brakenbush
10:30 a.m. Paul Frerichs & Darin Ashby



November 18
November 19

5:30 p.m. Darin Ashby
8:00 a.m. Chris Poirot & Brad Bowles
10:30 a.m. Roger Davis



November 22

7:00 p.m. Alan Spelbring & Chris Poirot

November 25
November 27

5:30 p.m. Joshua Horn
8:00 a.m. Paul Frerichs
10:30 a.m. Darin Ashby & Roger Davis



November 29

7:00 p.m. Gary Meyers

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Join Us for Worship

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Bible Studies 9:15 a.m.

Via Facebook Live

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THANKS
WITH A GRATEFUL
HEART 1 Thessalonians 5:18