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Zion News & Notes is published each month by the church office. It includes news of upcoming events, thank you notes, a calendar, archives, photos and many other items of interest. Our newsletters are also available on our website: www.zionluth.com.

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A Few Words From Pastor David

The most recent issue of *stewardNet* from the ELCA contains the following regarding gratitude:

In the glass of life do you see your glass as half full? Are you able to find the goodness in the everyday-ness of life? Are you thankful even when life is difficult and scary? If you answered "Yes," to any of these questions, you probably have a strong sense of gratitude – the quality of being thankful, that readiness to show appreciation for, and to return, kindness.

Historically, philosophers have suggested that gratitude is one of the most important human emotions for the success of the society. Modern psychology research confirms that gratitude is an essential social emotion that can benefit the lives of people who practice gratitude. And, in the Bible, thankfulness is recognizing who God is and what God has done. God's word is filled with many reminders of how powerful and vital a thankful heart can be in this world.

We have so much to be grateful for in this life. Each and every day. But reality is that sometimes constant life demands, struggles, and worries give more room to defeat than to a heart of thanks. Or we forget, in the midst of busyness and pressures, just to pause and give thanks for all that God has done and continues to do in our lives.

In her recent book, Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks, Diana Butler Bass explores the topic of gratitude in a comprehensive and insightful way. She looks at distinctions between personal and public gratitude, how gratitude makes us feel emotionally versus what it inspires us to do in our ethics, and the challenge of being grateful even when our personal stories are not all upbeat and rosy. As far as transformation is concerned, Bass writes:

Gratitude, at its deepest and perhaps most transformative level, is not warm feelings about what we have. Instead, gratitude is the deep ability to embrace the gift of who we are, that we are, that in the multibillion-year history of the universe each one of us has been born, can love, grows in awareness, and has a story. Life is the gift. When that mystery fills our hearts, it overwhelms us and a deep river of emotions flows forth – feelings we barely knew we were capable of holding.

Ultimately, living gratefully is about more than merely appreciating what you have. True gratitude ignites compassion, inspiring us to share our blessings with others.

We indeed have so much to be grateful for, most especially the gift of life. May we recognize that we are stewards of this precious gift from God, and may we use it, as God in Christ would have us use it – by generously, compassionately, lovingly, forgivingly, and redemptively sharing it for the healing of the world and glorifying God through our thoughts, words, and deeds.

With great gratitude,
Pastor David, your brother in Christ



Announcements

BIBLE STUDY: Pr. David conducts Bible study Wednesdays, at 10 AM & 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room. We're finishing looking at Tobit, and moving on to Judith. (FYI both of these are in the Apocrypha.) Questions, contact Pastor at pastor@zionluth.com or 315-732-4110. *All are welcome.*



TITHE.LY: Some of you are starting to use this option to give, thank you! Just go to our website and click on donate to give electronically.



WEBSITE: We've updated our website. Please go our new website at www.ZionLutheranNY.org for more information. Please tag us on social media and share the website to help keep us relevant on Google search engines. Thank You!



CHOIR: The choir will rehearse at 9AM on Sunday, Nov. 11 and 25 to sing for the 10 AM services on those dates.



AMAZON SMILE: Christmas shopping season is upon us! If you're ordering through Amazon, please use smile.Amazon.com. They will donate a portion to us. Shop for the charity, "Zion Lutheran Church" scroll down to page 4, and select our location in New Hartford, NY.



BOOK CLUB: Come and join Zion's Book Club. The group will meet on 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 4:30 PM. We are finishing reading "The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi," by Kathie Lee Gifford. Please come with suggestions for a new book on the first Thursday, November 1.



PRAYER GROUP: Pastor David leads a contemplative prayer group on Wednesdays from 5:30–6:15 PM in the Fireside Room for anyone who wishes to deepen their spiritual life.



YOUNG FAMILIES DINNER: Thursday, November 15 at 6:00 PM in the Fireside Room. We have a family dinner and "worshipful play" for families with pre-K children. *Please join us!*



WELCA: Sunday, November 18 at 12 noon. Join us for 'A Reflection on Preparing for Christmas' and to learn how to perfect beautiful ribbons & bows. Please see the sign up sheet to bring a dish to share, your old wrapping paper & ribbon, scissors and tape.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING PARTY: Friday, December 7 from 6–9 PM. Please see the sign up sheet if you'd like to come in and help get us ready for Christmas! Snacks are always welcome.



LECTURES AT MVCC: Please see the sign up sheet if you plan on attending the lecture "White American Youth" with us.

Birthdays/events

ADVENT PREPARATION SUNDAY



Please see the sign up sheet if you can bring your favorite snack after worship service on Sunday, November 11, for a special coffee hour. Everyone is invited to enjoy holiday snacks, and also to sign up to help with Advent/Christmas readings and activities.



November Birthdays Happy Blessed Birthday!

Duff Campbell	2	Norm Jeché	18
Shane McLennan	2	David Goewey	24
Lynn Moretz	6	Colin Richards	25
Doreen Nicholls	10	Cindy Weir	28
Shirley Carlson	14	Robert Berkhoudt	30
Jan Kowalczyk	16	Christina Galanti	30

Vignettes from Zion's History:

Vignettes from Zion's History: Social Welfare, Zion-style - the Young Men's Society

Old Zion boasted "societies" that engaged members in church-related activities. Among these organizations were the Young Men's Society (later - Lutheran Church Men); Young Ladies' Society (Lutheran Church Women); Senior Luther League (replaced by the "Loyals" - League of Young Adult Lutherans - in the 1950s); Junior Luther League (for high schoolers); *Frauenverein* (Ladies Aid); Flower Mission; and the Crescent Dramatic Society (renamed "Zion's Players" after 1925). Other groups, such as the "Willing Workers," the "German Lutheran YMCA," and the "Knights of Zion" existed briefly in our church's past. Of all these organizations, the Young Men's Society ("YMS") exerted the greatest influence on church affairs. This fraternal association established a sick and death benefits' system that reflected future American social welfare practices.

Pastor John Philip Lichtenberg, with Zion's Council's blessing, started the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Societies in 1879. Lichtenberg, who served our church from 1878-1889, picked an opportune moment to energize his congregation. Zion's elementary school flourished in the 1870s and 1880s and stressed its existing space in the Fay/Cooper Streets' sanctuary's basement. The Council addressed this critical need by building our "School Hall" at 613 Columbia Street in 1880. Designed by Zion leader/architect Jacob Agne, the building contained a large assembly area on the third floor and several additional rooms for church organizations. The Young Men's Society convened at the Hall and even established a library, reported to contain 800 volumes of German literature.

YMS meetings featured educational and social programs. A "Literary Committee" structured these events. For example, a gathering in March 1880 witnessed an address by President Phillip Ehresman and members' speeches about topics as varied as "The Ministry of Christian Song" and "The American and the German Woman." Musical performances often enlivened YMS sessions.

The organization was active in Utica's *Deutschtum*. It participated in every "German Day" celebration, a gala event that rivaled St. Patrick's Day. The YMS hosted the city's *Deutsch* societies' representatives at the School Hall in 1892 to organize a tribute to Theodore Koerner, a famous German author. Members of the *Maennerchor*, *Turnverein*, *Harugari Saengerbund*, and ten like-minded groups joined Zion's Young Men on this occasion. The society also held annual picnics. The Lake House at Richfield Springs hosted this outing from the 1890s through the 1910s. In 1892, YMS members, their families, and friends filled nine railroad passenger cars for the trek to that popular resort.

The YMS exerted a strong influence on church politics. After Pastor August Oscar Gallenkamp (1889-1892) forbade the society's custom of drinking beer after meetings at the School Hall, Zion's men elected sympathetic candidates to the Council to pressure the pastor. When Gallenkamp electioneered for rival candidates from the pulpit, YMS members shouted defiance. Women couldn't vote in our church until 1901, which magnified the 175 member-strong YMS's influence. The Council forced Gallenkamp to resign in 1892.

YMS officers and new members were installed at a special church service, usually held on a Sunday evening during the society's anniversary. Prior to this rite, members assembled at the School Hall and marched as a body to Old Zion. Each wore his decorative YMS ribbon. New members were assessed admission fees. In 1917, men ages 16-20 paid four dollars, five dollars for ages 20-25, six for those 25-30, and seven for 30-35. Everyone contributed a quarter for monthly dues. The society banked its cash, invested in Liberty Bonds during World War I, and also speculated in the stock market.

Vignettes from Zion's History:

Numbers reveal the YMS's economic power. The society took in \$589 in 1896, worth \$17,600 in today's funds according to the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics inflation converter. The organization's treasury held \$2,568, equivalent to about \$76,700 today. Buoyed by wartime investments, the treasury boasted \$10,440 in 1922, which translates to over \$150,000 in 2018 cash.

The society's Constitution and By-Laws for 1917 noted the sick benefits paid by the YMS. Ill members were required to inform the secretary and submit a doctor's statement. A committee consisting of the pastor and three members visited the "sick brother" to check his condition. If medical proof and the visitation confirmed the illness, the afflicted would be paid four dollars/week for twenty-six weeks, three dollars/week for the next twenty-six, and two dollars for each of the following fifty-nine. A \$300 benefit ceiling governed each case.

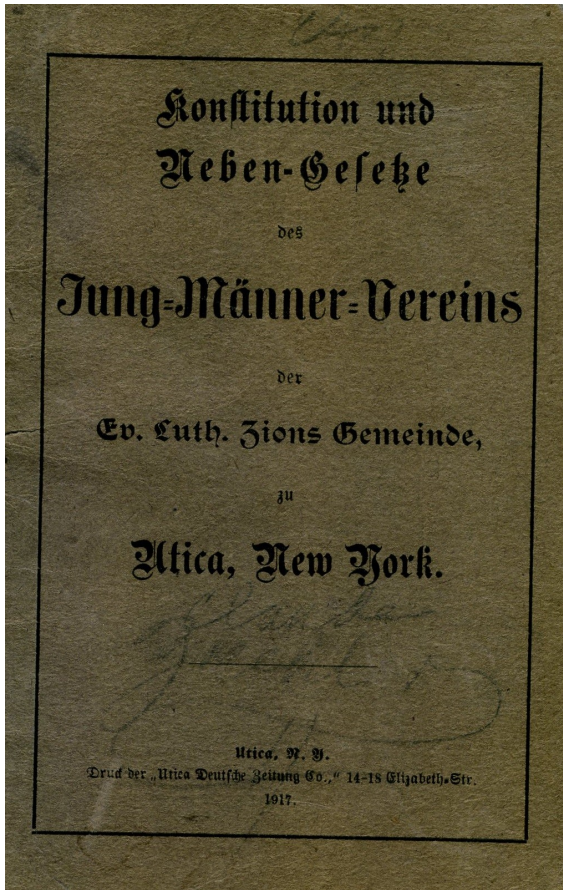
Comparing benefits to family expenses in 1917 reveals the importance of YMS aid. In 2015, *U.S. News and World Report* published a comparison of costs of living between the current year and 1915. The magazine reported that American families spent about \$38/month for food, \$19 for heating, and \$25 for rent/related housing costs in 1915. These numbers were *averages* that included expenses in the large eastern cities, where the cost of living considerably exceeded Utica's. The YMS \$16/month sickness allowance was a financial blessing for many of Zion's *Deutsch arbeiter* (German working class) families.

The YMS also paid death benefits. When a "brother" passed, all members were required to contribute a dollar, with funds to be given to the immediate family. The society's rolls averaged around 150 from 1880 to 1925; thus, death benefits could provide considerable assistance. Restrictions governed this benefit, however. According to YMS by-laws: "If a member dies and is either buried from another church or by another pastor, the members are neither obliged to pay the assessment nor to attend the funeral services."

The society's 1917 Constitution and By-Laws contained interesting items. For example: "Members should think it their duty to attend services regularly and beware of the habitual frequenting of saloons and places of amusement." A fifty cents fine was assessed for violations. Some meetings may have been a tad bumpy. Article VII stated: "During the meeting, the members shall be engaged in reading magazines and books, discussing interesting subjects, and those which further the Christian spirit." Another point reflected pressure to assimilate as World War I raged: "An opportunity shall be given at meetings to those who wish to learn the English language. Capable members shall lend a helping hand in the instruction." My favorite rule declared: "There shall be no political discussions." Members whose behavior contradicted this tenet could be temporarily expelled!

YMS anniversary celebrations were grand affairs. Our congregation remodeled the School Hall in the early 20th century and created a large assembly area/dining room on the first floor, with meeting rooms upstairs. The crowds for the YMS's 30th anniversary in 1909 and 40th in 1919 were so large that extra tables and chairs had to be set up on the second floor to accommodate diners. Numerous speeches highlighted the banquets. At the 1909 event, former President Jacob Agne implored attendees to "uphold their mother tongue" and "take pride in their heritage." The *Utica Herald-Dispatch's* reporter praised the banquet's "art of German cookery." Ten years later, however, nothing remotely resembling expressions of German pride occurred. Persecutions of German-Americans during the World War I era influenced YMS members to use their 40th remembrance as an expression of American patriotism. Large displays of red, white, and blue bunting decorated the School Hall and the crowd sang the "National Anthem" instead of *Ein Feste Burg ist Unser Gott* ("A Mighty Fortress is Our God").

Vignettes from Zion's History:



Translation: Constitution and By-Laws for the Young Men's Society of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation. Claude Zoeckler, Claudia King's father, donated this copy to our archives. It was printed by the *Utica Deutsche Zeitung*, the city's German paper.



This membership ribbon stated: Young Men's Society of the German Evangelical Lutheran Zion's Church. These ribbons were worn for YMS events.

Additional notes: I am grateful to Fran and Claudia Zoeckler King for allowing me to scan their YMS ribbon, which belonged to Claudia's grandfather, Henry Zoeckler.

Next month: Happy New Year! A Service for Sylvester?

Zion's Choir



The choir will rehearse at 9AM on Sunday, Nov. 11 and 25 to sing for the 10 AM services on those dates.

In the past, Zion's choir has participated in the Utica College Veterans' Concert. We haven't received information about it yet, but we might hear soon.



SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 4
AT 2 AM

The colors of Christmas: Traditions of Christmas and Ribbons & Bows



Sunday, November 18 at 12 noon

Our celebrations are often sprinkled with seasonal traditions that bring us joy and remind us of times gone by or people who have graced our lives. Do you know where or when your traditions began; the meaning behind them? Patsy Glista and Fran Holzberger will facilitate our potluck luncheon gathering. Join us for 'A Reflection on Preparing for Christmas' and to learn how to perfect beautiful ribbons & bows. Bring a dish to share, your old wrapping paper & ribbon, scissors and tape.



Notes from Zion

Continue to bring your cans/bottles to church on Sundays or to Bible Study on Wednesdays to support the Utica Food Pantries. There bins are in the coat room downstairs.

Ed Grove returns these for us.

Thank You!



DONATION SCALE

Supplies & food total for September was 385 lbs.!

The Food Pantries we deliver to are always surprised and amazed at the quantity and usefulness of what Zion brings. They want so passionately to help those who depend on them, and our items are personal, and needed.

Thank You.

*"We make a living
by what we get,
but we make a life
by what we give."*

Winston Churchill

BUILDING FUND PROGRESS

We have recently made more improvements to Zion. We now have a beautifully renovated Fireside Room and newly upgraded upstairs bathrooms, which were much needed. These improvements were paid for by loaning ourselves money from our savings. By making a contribution to Zion's Building Fund, you can help us pay back Zion's savings so that we will be able to continue to make improvements to our church building. This can be done by using the green envelopes in the pews, or by sending your contribution to the church and marking it "*Building Fund*." If you have any questions about this wonderful opportunity to give back to your church, please feel free to ask the council members or Pastor David.

TOTAL BORROWED: \$39,500

TOTAL PAID BACK: \$14,950

TOTAL OWED: \$24,550

Thank you for your contributions!

Events

PLEASE USE THE SIGN UP SHEET IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND WITH US AT MVCC

Lecture: *"White American Youth: My Descent into America's Most Violent Hate Movement- and How I Got Out"* Wednesday, **November 14 at 7 PM**— Utica campus, Schafer Theater, IT Building, with reformed extremist and Global Peace Advocate, Christian Picciolini. Mr Picciolini is an Emmy Award-winning director and producer, author, and TEDx speaker. He uses his redemption to make the world better. General admission \$10.



Above:
We had a great time at the
WELCA crafting event on Octo-
ber 20. We all made a harvest
candle and a centerpiece/wreath!



If you haven't "liked" our Facebook page yet, you should. We have 110 likes, and people are starting to "check-in" here! We share events, photos, uplifting scripture, etc. Whether we like it or not, social media is an important platform in the modern day world. People use Facebook to search for places of worship, children's ministries and groups of all kinds. Help keep us relevant. You can find us at Zion Lutheran Church, New Hartford, NY. And with a new web address, we need all the shares we can get, to get us where we need to be with Google searches.

Thank You!

On the day I called,
you answered me;
you made me bold
with strength in my soul. -
Psalm 138: 3

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Thank you for coming!
We hope you enjoy
some of the photos
from the event.

Left—Right
Two of our Oktoberfest
displays.



Above: Our very own Gloria Cifonelli
enjoying a good time with Sharon Jeche.



Above: Friends having a great time
hanging out at that the Biergarten!



Above: Matt Aceto and Lorraine Dowd
dancing and having a great time!



Above: Kim Marscher & Kristen
Burson having a good time!



Left—Right
The Edelweiss
Dancers.



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Above: Pastor David making his rounds for some good conversation.



Above: Jim & Kim Marscher.



Left: Linda White having a good laugh.



Right: Guests posing for a nice picture!



Left: Diane Jecen, Linda Bennett, and Shirley Carlson-graciously serving food.



Left: Diana Inserra have a good time.



Right: Carole Grove enjoying the night!

Thank You Letters

From the Pen of Mae Parker

Jesus said "I am the bread of life"
But how many pass up the bread
to taste and savor other things
on the buffet table that is spread?

Things aren't always what they seem
We have to have our due
We taste a bit of this and that
What is it that feeds you?

Down on one side up the other
Gouging on the world's delights
Ignoring the bread the staff of life
Demanding we have our nights

So taste the bread of life
And see that it is good
You'll never need another thing
You're tasting heaven not worldly food

Thank you to Matt LaFave and
Lorraine Dowd for using their
time and talents to take all the
photos at Oktoberfest!

We appreciate you!

Thank you to Fran for showing
us how to make a pretty candle
centerpiece, also to be used as a
wreath. Thank you to Patsy for
doing the beautiful autumn de-
votion. And thank you to Sara
for teaching us how to make a
harvest candle.

We all had a lot of fun at the
WELCA fall craft.

Love,
Claudia

OKTOBERFEST FOLLOW-UP

Thanks to everyone who attended, invited,
prepared for, served, and cleaned up from the
Oktoberfest! It was a fun, successful event, and
because of generous donations, the Oktoberfest
was completely funded.

Special thanks to Carl and Judy Schmitt and their
team for the excellent potato salad (and the CD's of
German music), to Jim Daly for the authentic
sauerkraut, Matt Aceto for providing live music, the
father-son team of Jim and Jim Marscher for
selecting, picking up, and returning the beer kegs,
etc., Ann McCarthy for ordering, delivering and
providing the meats and the beautiful mums and
pumpkins, Gloria Cifonelli and her daughter for
the tablecloths and other items, the Maennerchor
dancers, and several people who worked that day
and provided support: Diane Jecen, Linda Bennett,
Fran Holzberger, Kim and Jeff Ritchie, Kristen
Burson, Debbie Murdock, Cheryl Edmiston, Bob
and Linda Lambe, Harry Morrison who provided
most of the hot dog rolls, Jack Henke for the
history table, and all of the bakers and buyers.

Thanks too, to Carole Grove (who thoughtfully
took care of the food donation area so we could
decorate it for the event) and Pastor David for
greeting those who attended, and to Sara Silva for
her help in the office with advertising, posters, and
taking care of the leftovers, which were very much
appreciated by Zion's outreach ministry at Johnson
Park. I'm sorry if I missed anyone here, but know
that your efforts were appreciated. Great job, Zion!

-Kim Marscher

thankful
— & —
grateful

Given to the Glory of God

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Ellis Rowland	Building Fund	Suzee Rowland
Randy Richards	World Hunger	Linda Bennett
Marge Perkins	General Fund	Ed & Carole Grove
Lois and Chick Hall	World Hunger	Don & Wanda Gregory
<u>In Honor of:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Zion Lutheran Church	Building Fund	Dawn Edmiston
Zion Lutheran Church	Lutheran Care Ministries	Oscar Meneses

So let us keep on coming boldly to the throne of
grace, so that we may obtain mercy and find grace to
help us in our time of need.

-Hebrews 4:16

		September 2018 Treasurer's Report		
	Sept 2018	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income				
Giving	\$ 17,420.91	\$ 144,788.44	\$ 141,300.90	\$ 3,487.54
Other Income	\$ 1,287.83	\$ 13,746.24	\$ 19,634.66	\$ (5,888.42)
Total Income	\$ 18,708.74	\$ 158,534.68	\$ 160,935.56	\$ (2,400.88)
Total Expense	\$ 16,669.65	\$ 168,621.42	\$ 189,197.82	\$ (20,576.40)
Net Income	\$ 2,039.09	\$ (10,086.74)	\$ (28,262.26)	\$ 18,175.52

November 2018 Worship Team Schedule

Greeters 10:00 AM Service	
November 4	Loretta Berie
November 11	Evon Pinkos
November 18	Darlene Hill
November 25	Evon Pinkos

Worship Assistant 10:00 AM Service	
November 4	Kristen Burson
November 11	Mark Thompson
November 18	John Blackburn
November 25	Carl Schmitt

Ushers 10:00 AM Service	
November 4	Darlene Hill
November 11	Laura Hilt & Caryn Carlson
November 18	Evon Pinkos
November 25	Evon Pinkos

Communion Assistants 10:00 Service	
November 4	Karen Toepp & Janet Bagnall
November 11	Bob & Bonnie Loomis
November 18	Alfred & Lynn Moretz
November 25	Darlene Hill & Curtis Pulliam

ZION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE 2018

Students: K – Grade 6 Sundays: 11:15 – 12:00



November

- 4) Dig In- Jesus eats with sinners
- 11) Dig In- Jesus eats with sinners
- 18) Christian Crafts/ Ornaments
- 25) No class, Thanksgiving Break

December

- 2) Ornaments
- 9) Christmas Pageant practice
- 16) Christmas Pageant/celebration
- 23) No class (Christmas Break)
- 30) No class (Christmas Break)

Youth Christian Education

Youth, 7th grade through 12th grade, are invited to meet in the youth room following the 10am service on Sundays to learn and grow in their Christian faith.

November 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 4:30pm Book Club 6pm Walking Group	2 12:30pm Al-Anon	3 9am Men's group at Tiffany's
4 10am Worship service 6pm Contemporary service	5 12:30pm Al-Anon	6 Abraham Lincoln was elected as the 16th President on this day in 1860 Go Vote!!	7 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Al-Anon 5:30pm Prayer Group 6:30pm Bible Study	8 5:30 Finance committee mtg. 6pm Walking Group	9 12:30pm Al-Anon 6:45-10 Railroad group	10 3-4:30pm Confirmation class
11 9am choir rehearsal 10am worship service 11:15am Advent Prep. 6pm Contemporary service	12 Office closed/observance of Veteran's Day 12:30pm Al-Anon	13 7pm Council mtg. 5-8pm NAMI	14 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Al-Anon 5:30pm Prayer Group 6:30pm Bible Study	15 4:30pm Book Club 6pm Young families dinner 6pm Walking Group	16 12:30pm Al-Anon	17
18 10am worship service 6pm Contemporary service	19 12:30pm Al-Anon	20 11:30am YN board mtg.	21 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Al-Anon 5:30pm Prayer Group 6:30pm Bible Study	22 Office closed Happy Thanksgiving	23 Office closed 12:30pm Al-Anon	24
25 9am choir rehearsal 10am worship service 6pm Contemporary service	26 12:30pm Al-Anon Newsletter deadline	27 Did you know the 1st Macy's Day Parade was on this day in 1924?	28 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Al-Anon 5:30pm Prayer Group 6:30pm Bible Study	29 6pm Walking Group	30 12:30pm Al-Anon	



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Zion Lutheran Church, New Hartford, NY.

*The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is to prayerfully
discern God's call to help people
to become more fully devoted followers of Christ.*



*The Angel Tree and The Mitten Tree will be up on **Sunday, November 25!** This year the Angel Tree will be marked with gift tags for the Refugee Center & Thea Bowman classrooms and families. The Mitten Tree will be ready to welcome all of your handmade and store bought mittens and gloves. All of us from Social Ministry appreciate the support Zion has given over the years to help brighten the holiday season for families in our community. If you cannot make it in with your contribution, please let us know.*

