



Zion's News & Notes

A Few Words From Pastor Janet

November
2023

Let our lives be full of thanks and giving.

Squeezed in between the big time extended holidays of Halloween and Christmas, Thanksgiving is a fairly lowkey holiday. It does its best to resist the commercialization of the other big days; there's not too much the day requires

beyond the table spread with a feast from which there will be leftovers and the people we care about who gather around said table. Some guests might choose to bring wine or flowers, and children may enjoy drawing a turkey from tracing around their fingers and some cooks may go overboard with the number of side dishes or pie choices, but all that is really needed to celebrate Thanksgiving is food and people to eat it and giving thanks.

If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough. ~ Meister Eckhart

That's the beauty of Thanksgiving and why it's so hard to get it wrong. Not everybody cooks a turkey. Not everyone has pumpkin pie. Not all gatherings are made up of families as the popularity of Friendsgiving grows. Not everyone watches football or checks out all the Black Friday sales. That for which we give thanks may be very simple—food to eat, a warm place to live, friends and family to share the journey.

The year may have brought hardship and disappointments, the loss of someone dear, health issues, relationship struggles and, yet, we still find reason to give thanks because there is always, always something for which to be thankful. That precedent was set early on.

We all know the story of the pilgrims' first winter in Plymouth. More than half of the pilgrims who arrived on the Mayflower in 1620 died that year of starvation, disease, and exposure to the elements. Thankfully, members of the Pokanoket tribe helped the pilgrims to grow food and catch enough fish to feed the surviving pilgrims, so that the following fall of 1621, Pokanoket and Pilgrims famously shared the first harvest feast now observed as the Thanksgiving holiday.

It is not happy people who are thankful, it is thankful people who are happy.

May our eyes and hearts be open every day to all the wonders and blessings that God shares with us, so that every day is a day of thanksgiving. I thank God for you!

Your Co-Worker in the Gospel,
Pastor Janet

Zion Lutheran Church
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October Announcements



Coffee Hour

Please see the Coffee Hour Schedule posted in the narthex and sign up where you can so that we can keep the coffee brewing for you on Sundays! Feel free to bring in snacks, cakes, cookies, or whatever you'd like to coffee hour!

Attention Zion Attendees!!!

If you are new to Zion, or if you have been attending for a while and would like to become a member, please let Sara know. You can call or email us at: 315-732-4110 or office@zionluth.com.

Walking With Friends

Zion's walking group meets weekly and we would love to have you walk with us! We can adjust our speed according to how much we'd like to talk! Meeting locations do vary, please join us; email Kim at: kmarscher@yahoo.com with questions.

Christmas Decorating Party

We would love your help decorating the church for Christmas! The decorating party is scheduled for Friday, December 8th, at 6:30 PM. Look for the sign-up sheet, which will be posted soon!

Church Office

Please use the writing desk if you need to make calls or notes, or if you need a tissue or office supplies. We keep the writing desk stocked with writing utensils, note paper, office supplies, tissues, etc., and it is available for you when needed!

Holiday Food Baskets

Thanksgiving is just ahead! Baskets will be delivered by Social Ministry to any Zion member or Zion family in need. Also, Zion members may submit the name of any area person or family in need of a food basket for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please contact Sara with any requests. The last date to submit a request for a Thanksgiving Food Basket is 10 days prior to the holiday - November 13th.

Faith Alive

Please join us for the next Faith Alive event after the service on Sunday, November 12th! You can find out more information about this month's event on Page 9. Hope to see you there!

Women of Faith

All women are invited to join us at Zion on Saturday, November 11th, at 10 AM! Ladies from Zion, Trinity, and Our Saviour will be attending. *(Please see the flyer on Page 4!)*

The Angel Tree and Mitten Tree

Social Ministry is excited to continue one of Zion's holiday traditions - the Angel Tree & Mitten Tree! Please see Page 5 for all of the information!!



ADVENT SEASON

We will be looking for Advent readers very soon!!

Keep an eye out for the sign-up sheets which will be posted around November 12th!!

November Birthdays

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



Gifts Given to the Glory of God

In Memory of:	To:	Given by:
Lois McAllister	Food Pantry	Kerstin Soykan



Worship Team: Please see the sign-up sheets that have been posted for the rest of 2023!!!! We want to plan ahead and fill all the slots! Advent is coming soon, and there will be a lot to sign up for!!



November Worship Team Schedule

Date:	Worship Assistant	Pastor	Greeters	Ushers
Nov. 5	Wendy Stevens	Pr. Jeff McArn	Karen Toepp & Janet Bagnall	Deb Murdock
Nov. 12	Joe Schmidt	Pr. Rick Klafehn	Linda Bennett	
Nov. 19	Karen Toepp	Rev. Jennifer DeWeerth	Kim Marscher	
Nov. 26	Carl Schmidt	Pr. Carol Jubenville		

Notes of Gratitude & Other Communications

Dear Ted and Zion Lutheran Church Members,

On behalf of Rev. Williams, the congregation of Grace Church, and the staff of St. Margaret's Food Pantry, we thank you for your bottle drive donations which raised \$14.00 to our Food Pantry. Donations like yours make a big difference in the work that our church is doing for the community. Together we are making a difference.

Thank you for your support and may God abundantly bless you,
Valerie Montalbano, Grace Church Administrative Assistant

Join us for a Women of Faith event

Saturday, November 11th at 10 AM

Upstairs in the Fireside Room

at Zion Lutheran Church

Women from Our Saviour, Trinity, and Zion will be attending. Breakfast foods will be provided. Hope to see you there!



Treasurer's Report

		September 2023 Treasurer's Report		
	Sep-23	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income				
Giving	\$ 15,004.00	\$ 108,915.08	\$ 128,999.00	\$ (20,083.92)
Other Income	\$ 164.90	\$ 12,113.42	\$ 13,163.04	\$ (1,049.62)
Total Income	\$ 15,168.90	\$ 121,028.50	\$ 142,162.04	\$ (21,133.54)
Total Expense	\$ 10,593.07	\$ 118,991.51	\$ 139,177.19	\$ (20,185.68)
Net Income	\$ 4,575.83	\$ 2,036.99	\$ 2,984.85	\$ (947.86)

November 12 – December 3, 2023

ANGEL TREE: The Angel Tree will benefit the children at Thea Bowman Center. The greater need this year to help the children and their families will again be through gift cards. The gift card contributions Zion has provided continue to be a lifeline for the families. If you would like to participate in this year's Angel Tree tradition, please send your monetary contributions directly to Zion Lutheran Church with the notation of "Angel Tree" so it is clear where the monies are to be directed. This year, members will also be able to take an angel off the tree which will have an envelope attached to it to make it easier to contribute directly to Zion and identify your donations for Thea Bowman. All the monies received will be converted into Walmart gift cards that will then be handed to Thea Bowman for distribution to the families. The Angel Tree will be up for the November 12th church service, and contributions will be collected through Sunday, December 3, 2023. Thea Bowman is deeply appreciative of all the assistance Zion has provided to their organization throughout the years.

MITTEN TREE: The Mitten Tree will benefit The Center (formerly Resource Center for Refugees). The greatest need at The Center is for teen boy's gloves and men's gloves. Handmade or store-bought hats/mittens, gloves, scarves are also welcomed and will be collected through December 3, 2023. Any children's sizes will go to Thea Bowman, and the teen boy's gloves and men's glove sizes will go to The Center. The Mitten Tree will be up for the November 12th church service. We ask that you place your items in clear baggies. Ziploc baggies will be provided for you to place your items in. Items can be dropped off Monday – Thursday during church office hours beginning November 13th, and also during Sunday in person services. The Social Ministry Committee members gratefully appreciate all of your contributions this year for the Angel Tree and the Mitten Tree.

"I pray this season brings us joy, new hope, love, laughter, health to our bodies, peace in our soul, and warmth in our heart and home."

Shelby Condo

October Memories



*Thank you to everyone who helped with the cook-in
for Your Neighbors last Sunday!*

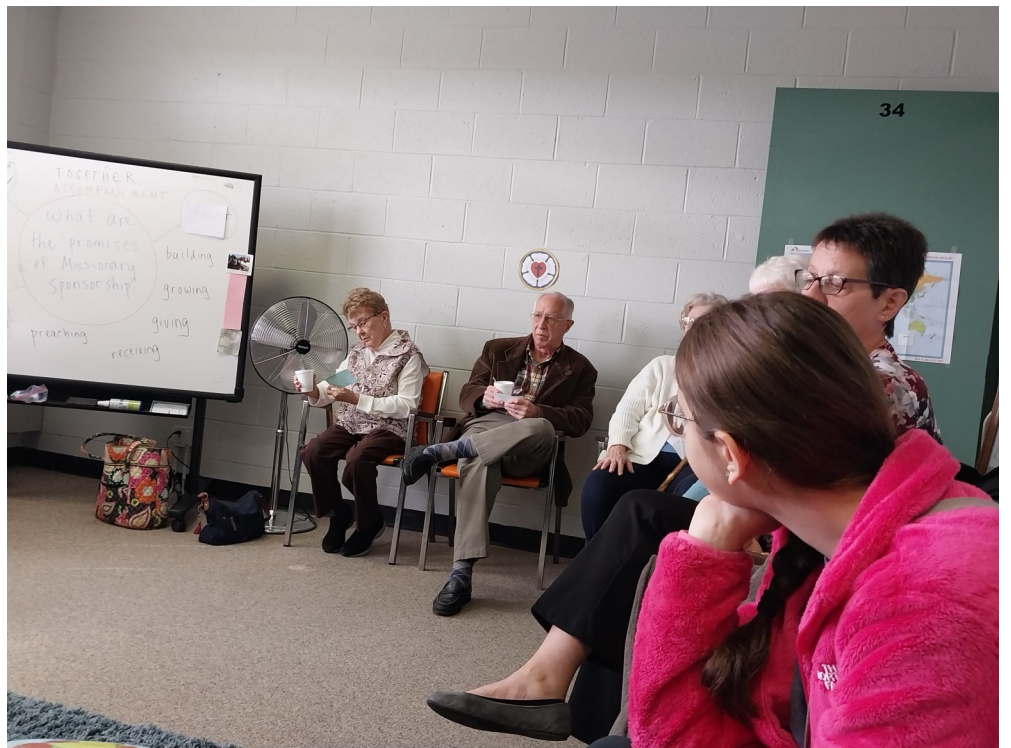
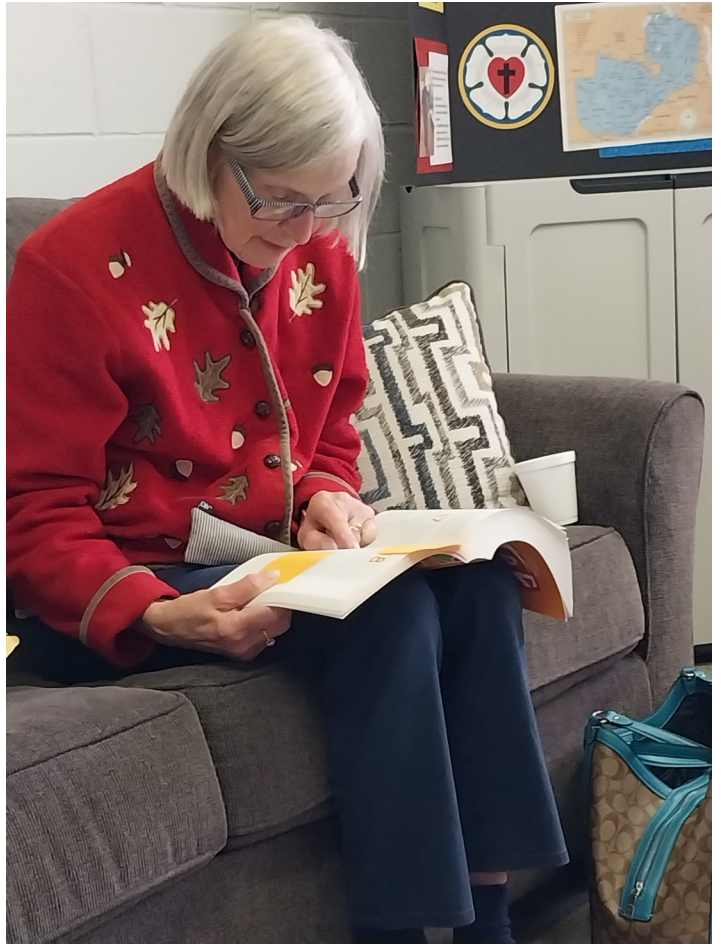
Thanks to everyone who cooked; 63 meals were packaged!



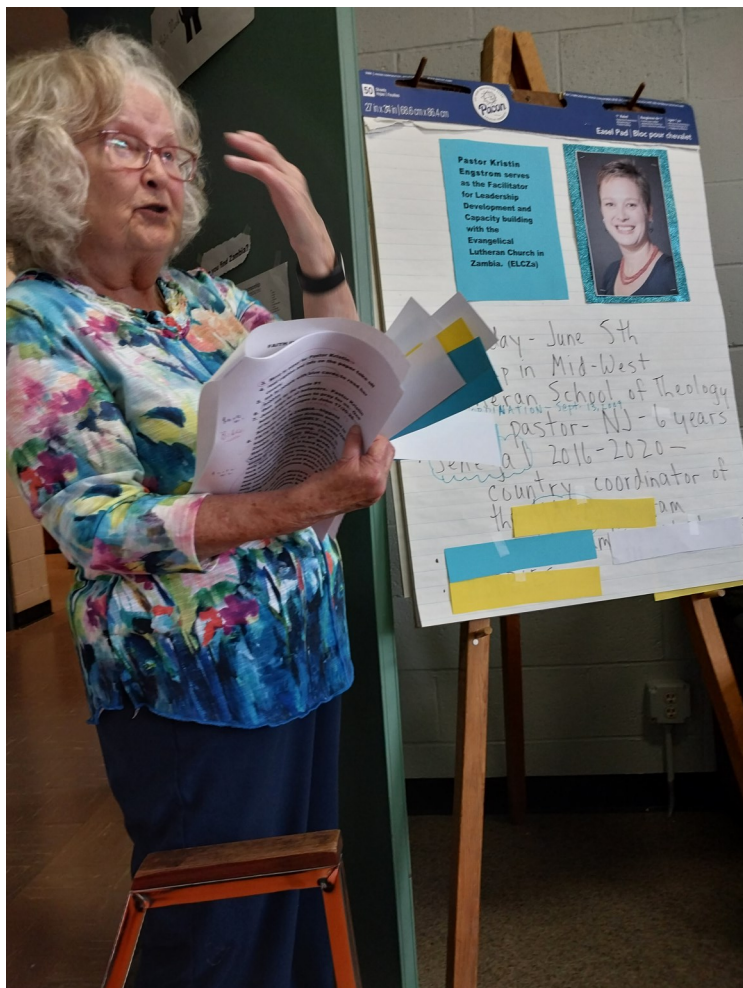
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Thank you to everyone who attended the Faith Alive event on October 8th!

Thank you to Laurel McCurdy for hosting the event and for all the planning and preparations that went into this. We learned a lot about our missionary, Pastor Kristen Engstrom, and a little about Zambia, too.

**Please join us for the next Faith Alive event
on November 12th after the service.**

We will be taste testing some Fair Trade goodies and taking a closer look at where the products come from and why they'd make a great Christmas gift!



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