



*For the Members and Friends of Zion Lutheran Church  
December 2020*

# *The* **Long Valley Lutheran**

## *Worship in December*

### **December 6, Second Sunday of Advent**

**9:00AM** Service of Holy Communion

**10:00AM** Sunday School

**10:05AM** :Adult Forum: Lutherans & Worship During a Pandemic: led by Pastor Ingrid

### **December 13, Third Sunday of Advent**

**9:00AM** Service of the word

**10:00AM** Sunday School

**10:05AM** Adult Forum: Lutherans & Science (including Vaccines): led by Pastor Ingrid

### **December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**9:00AM** Service of the word

No Sunday school or Adult Forum

### **December 24, Christmas Eve**

**4.00PM** Virtual children's service of the word

**8.00PM** In person / Virtual Communion service



### **December 27, First Sunday of Christmas**

**9:00AM** Service of the word

No Sunday school or Adult Forum

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

Indoor / Virtual : 9:00 AM  
Sunday School: 10:00 AM  
Adult Forum: 10:05 AM

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**Office Hours**

We have discontinued office hours to observe current "social distancing" guidelines and yet continue to work out of the office as it makes sense. Please contact either of us if you wish to make an appointment to meet or talk:

**Parish Secretary Sarah**

available by phone or email during normal office hours  
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The deadline for the  
**January Newsletter is**  
**Wednesday January 20th**  
Articles may be sent to the church  
office via email at



[zionlongvalley@gmail.com](mailto:zionlongvalley@gmail.com), or left in Sarah  
Scudese's mail box in the Parish Center.

**Your prompt attention to the deadline is  
greatly appreciated!**

# Pastor Ingrid's Corner



*This is the final in a twelve-part series of articles counting down the "Top twelve reasons why worship at Zion is out of this world"*

## **#1 God Surprises Us Every Week in the Last Place We'd Look**

"O that you would rend the heavens and come down..." pleads Isaiah, along with those of every time and place who want God to *do* something. At times of crisis especially, we may wish God to make a grand gesture, perform a miracle, reveal his power in a way that would assure *us* and make our enemies quake - including the enemy of disease.

However, in Christ we meet a God who chooses to reveal himself in weakness, not strength. The Christmas story reveals that God entered the world in the most vulnerable way, as a baby in a manger. Not only as a dependent, weak little baby, but one born into poverty, not wealth; and to unknown, unremarkable parents, not noble, powerful or famous ones. When grown, how does this One exit the world? Amid trumpets and fanfare? Once again, God chooses to reveal his power and glory in a place we'd never look for it - in words of forgiveness at his own execution. For Martin Luther, the manger and the cross are never far apart, meaning that they reveal a "weak" God; that is, when measured by *this* world's standards.

What this means for us is that we find God in the last place we'd think to look. Not in power but weakness, not in glory but in shame, not in victory but in defeat. What this means for us is that God continues to use weak things by which to come to us - in a weak Word written and proclaimed, in a skimpy Meal (Communion), and in the common element of Water (Baptism). God *has* rent the heavens and come down in Christ to be with us in the midst of crises, darkness, and chaos, to assure us and to give us trust or faith. In the end, faith itself is the grandest miracle God performs in us on earth.



### **Those Who Die in the Lord: Anna Secka**

Our prayers are with her family.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Zion Lutheran Church in memory of Anna.





# INDOOR WORSHIP

We are now worshipping *indoors* in the sanctuary. We will continue having one service at **9:00am** and also continue following the *Reopening Task Force's* recommendations for in-person worship (*posted on Zion's website*). Because of social distancing requirements, there is a limit of 60 people allowed in the sanctuary so we are asking people planning to attend to sign up for worship through a link at "*Sign-up Genius*", or by call-

ing the church office at **(908)-876-3547** by **12PM on Fridays**. The "*Sign-Up Genius*" link will be on the website each week, updated.

Zion's worship services will also continue to be live-streamed on our *YouTube* channel for those who feel safer worshipping at home. The worship service bulletin, readings and music are located under the "*worship*" tab on our website at [zionlongvalley.org](http://zionlongvalley.org)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAVuLDiqarTkD4o779iaumA>

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

**12/24** - 4PM Virtual Children & Family Christmas Eve service  
8PM In-person & virtual Communion Christmas Eve service.  
See our YouTube channel.



After much deliberation over the recommendations from Worship & Music and the Reopening Task Group, Zion's Congregation Council decided to plan for a virtual 4PM Children's Christmas Eve service, and an in-person and virtual 8PM Holy Communion service. All protocols for current Sunday worship will be in place. **Signing up will be required** and we expect that people may have to be turned away at the door in order to care for the neighbor and keep everyone as safe as possible. The signup list will be available on 12/14 (via website & Happenings that week), and anybody who signs up and then learns they cannot attend should **immediately email or call** the church office or Pastor Ingrid so that their spot can be used by someone else.

As our Council President wrote, the opportunity to have in-person worship should not be interpreted to mean that your congregation leaders have decided that worship is safe for all. Please use your best judgment based on health, risks and circumstances to decide whether attending in person is a wise choice for you and a loving action for your neighbor. See Craig Dise's article for help in discernment (page 12).

**HOLIDAY TRAVEL:** We ask people who are **visiting or traveling home from states on the NJ'S list to 'love their neighbor' by quarantining for 14 days** and worshipping virtually - [please see the current list of states here.](#)



**TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY**

We will meet for Bible study, via zoom, beginning after Thanks-

giving. Each Monday Pastor Ingrid will send out an email with the Readings and Zoom link (the link will remain the same). The readings will continue to be the appointed readings for Sunday, which is based on a 3-year cycle that spans the Old and New Testaments:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/> .

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

Our community bereavement group, “Comfort my People” will meet again on **Thursday, December 17th at 2:00pm**. The group meets for mutual support and insight on the fourth Thursday of each month. We welcome any and all from the church and surrounding community who have suffered loss of any kind to join us.

We will be using the book “*Grief One Day at A Time*” 365 Meditations to Help You Heal after Loss”

**DECEMBER ADULT FORUM**

**Adult forums** will be prerecorded or live-streamed by Pastor Ingrid in December and will be 15–20 minute classes. Please check the “Adult Forum” playlist on Zion’s YouTube channel fore prerecorded videos. If live stream, Adult Forum will air at **10:00AM**

**December 6:** *Lutherans & Worship During a Pandemic: led by Pastor Ingrid.*

How Lutheran believers may consider worship, fellow worshipers and how God is at work during a pandemic.

**December 13:** *Lutherans & Science (including vaccines): led by Pastor Ingrid*

How Lutherans confess God to be at work in the word, including through science and medicine.

**No Adult Forum December 20th or 27th**

Appointed Worship Readings for December

<u>Worship Date</u>	<u>Old and New Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
December 6	Isaiah 40:1-11	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	Mark 1:1-8
December 13	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	Psalm 126	John 1:6-8,19-28
December 20	Luke 1:46b-55	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26	Luke 1:26-38
December 27	Galatians 4:4-7	Psalm 148	Luke 2:22-40



*Please join us in congratulating Luca and his Parents.*

*We celebrated the Baptism of*

*Luca Robert Pizzi*

*Son of Gerard & Vanessa Pizzi*

*On November 8th*



### **Live-streaming sounds & video to improve significantly!**



Parishioners have been very gracious since March and have offered encouragement and gratitude for the live-streaming we've been able to cobble together with amateur equipment, namely Pastor Ingrid's computer, phone, software and analog microphone.

We now look forward to having more professional equipment installed and hard-wired into our sound and internet system.

The NJ Synod has covered \$6800 of our \$7,800 live-streaming worship project, and the remaining \$1,000 will come from Barry Blaine's memorial gifts. The NJ Synod offered COVID-19 "loans" to congregations for ministries that needed support in this unique time and Zion applied for our live-streaming project. The "loan" will be forgiven at the rate of 25%/year for four years, given that we continue to use the ministry – and we plan to do so! This way, after the pandemic is over, people who are homebound and recuperating in hospital or home will be able to worship with the congregation.

We are very thankful for NJ Synod's creative response and for their partnership in ministry.



# Worship & Music

## Advent & Christmas virtual musical programs

Lutheran Colleges will present virtual Christmas programs this year, beginning December 4th through December 24th. Here is the continually updated list:

*(The links to the pages do not currently work, we will correct this and re-send this page with working links. If anyone is good with Publisher please contact Sarah in the office).*

[AUGSBURG \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#) – Advent Vespers - Friday, December 4 at 7:00 pm Central

[AUGUSTANA, SIOUX FALLS \(Sioux Falls, SD\)](#) - Christmas Vespers - Thursday, December 24

[BETHANY \(Mankato, MN\)](#) – Christmas at Bethany - Sunday, December 6 at 3:00 pm Central

[CARTHAGE \(Kenosha, WI\)](#) - A Festival of Readings and Carols - Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4 p.m.

[CONCORDIA, IRVINE \(Irvine, CA\)](#) –(Not yet posted on website- search under “Events” closer to the date) Tuesday, December 22

[CONCORDIA, MOORHEAD \(Moorhead, MN\)](#) - Christmas Concert - broadcast time will be posted in early December.

[CONCORDIA, NEBRASKA \(Seward, NE\)](#) - Christmas at Concordia - Concert packages will be available for the general public to purchase October 16 through November 30.

[CONCORDIA, ST. PAUL \(St. Paul, MN\)](#) – Christmas Concert - Friday, December 4

[CONCORDIA, WISCONSIN \(Mequon, WI\)](#) – Christmas at Concordia - Friday & Saturday, December 4 & 5 at 7:30 pm Central

[GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS \(St. Peter, MN\)](#) – Christmas in Christ Chapel - Saturday, December 19 at 7:30 pm Central

[MUHLENBERG \(Allentown, PA\)](#) - Advent Candlelight Carols - Saturday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m., on Sunday, December 13 at 3:30 p.m. and on Sunday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m.

[ST. OLAF \(Northfield, MN\)](#) –Advent, Christmas Festival - Sunday, December 6 at 3:30 pm

[WARTBURG \(Waverly, IA\)](#) – Christmas with Wartburg - Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 7:00 pm Cen-



Please remember in your prayers all of our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally and battling life altering conditions.

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. Let them recover their health, so that restored, they may joyfully praise your name, for you and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

### *On - going prayer concerns:*

*New prayer concerns: Glenn Staada Jr.  
Carl Gerhard*

*Andrea Aron  
Will Beaumont  
Zach Bumpus  
Charlie Burd  
Bob Clay  
Courtney Derr  
Donna East  
Justin Fogerty  
Henry Hamill*

*Kirk Klein  
David Kruetzer  
Emily Mancuso  
Cathy Mindel  
Marylin Nelson  
Jim Newquist  
June Sweeney  
Bob Weis  
Taylor Weth*

*New prayer requests will also appear in the announcements each week.  
Please contact the church office for  
Additions, to make updates, or with questions.*

# CHURCH COUNCIL



## Summary financials through the end of October



October   2020 Operating Results			
	Budget	Actual	Variance to Budget
Total Congregational Giving	18,317	15,889	(2,427)
Total Operating Income	21,766	20,537	(1,228)
Total Operational Expenses	21,233	20,819	414
<b>NET INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>(282)</b>	<b>(815)</b>

Year To Date (Thru October 30, 2020)			
	Budget	Actual	Variance to Budget
Total Congregational Giving	178,858	153,584	(25,274)
Total Operating Income	220,544	200,418	(20,126)
Total Operational Expenses	232,057	199,702	32,355
<b>NET INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	<b>(11,513)</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>12,229</b>



For questions on financial information, please contact our Treasurer, Larry Salvatore at [larrysal73@gmail.com](mailto:larrysal73@gmail.com)

*Thank you.....*

To all who have returned their Estimate of Giving cards!!

If you have not submitted your Estimate of Giving card as yet, please do so in the coming weeks. The finance team needs to apportion funds for the church ministries based on committed funds. Please be mindful, the council fully understands if you are unable to estimate this year for any number of reasons. Peace be with you.

Harry Bullock , Stewardship Chairperson.



Any question please contact :Harry Bullock [hrbullock86@gmail.com](mailto:hrbullock86@gmail.com)



## News from your congregation council

***Thank you to Cathleen:*** We regret to inform you that Professional demands have increased for Cathleen Sullivan, school nurse, so that she has had to resign from Congregation council. Thank you for your service to our congregation, Cathleen!

***New Council Member:*** When there is a vacancy on the Congregation council between annual meetings, the council elects a new member, as specified in our Constitution. At our November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, Jance Denzler was elected to the council and will serve as council secretary through the February 7, 2021 annual meeting. Thank you for serving on council, Jance!

At the annual meeting, the congregation will elect someone to fill the remainder of the term to which Cathleen was elected in February of 2020 (one more year), as well as elect for two year terms people to serve in two additional council seats whose terms will be complete.

***In Person Worship Continues:*** At our November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the council considered how to proceed with worship services for the Advent and Christmas seasons, even as the number of cases of Covid-19 are again increasing in our area. The council decided to continue to offer one in person service each Sunday and to hold one in person service on Christmas Eve. You can find more information on the holiday schedule elsewhere in this newsletter. This was a difficult decision for the council as we wrestled with differing recommendations from the Reopening Task Group, the Worship and Music committee and the Bishop's office. We desire to keep everyone safe and healthy, not only with respect to viral infection, but mentally and spiritually, as well. The opportunity to have in person worship should not be interpreted as meaning that your congregation leaders have decided that in person worship is safe for all. Please use your best judgment of your circumstances to help you decide whether attending in person is a wise for you. Please keep in mind the request from state officials to quarantine if you are arriving from several out of state locations. While seeing returning far flung members of our church family is a highlight of this time of year with colleges on breaks and families reuniting, this year we ask you to observe the precautions and stay home until the two week quarantine period is past. This will help to keep us all a bit safer.

# Zion Property

*Bridging the Past While Preserving the Future*



**Property Updates,** By Burt Horner [b.horner27@comcast.net](mailto:b.horner27@comcast.net) or 908-674-3422

## **Completed work at Zion as of August 2020:**

- ✧ Hoehn Chapel Plaque is in process.
- ✧ Flag pole light for nights is installed; thanks to Brad's neighbor Electrician contact.

## **New / Future Business:**

- ✧ Security plan for LVCNS & Zion, emergency drills, and training on fire extinguishers AED's, etc.
- ✧ Bathroom plans for the future on hold.
- ✧ Possible replacement of climber. Insurance is working with LVCNS.
- ✧ Swing out windows for classrooms need restoration.
- ✧ Snow plow contract award to Harrington, Inc.
- ✧ Barn fans for the new worship service for the sanctuary will be tested when a smoke machine becomes available.

Church Council continued...

If you do not feel able to attend in person worship, we welcome you to join us via live stream (exciting news coming on the live stream front very soon!). For those attending in person, we will continue our ventilation safety protocols, so please dress warmly and feel free to bring a blanket.

We look forward to celebrating the season of preparation for Christ's coming. We know we prepare in our hearts and in our homes as well as in the sanctuary, so wherever you find yourself in your Advent journey this year, remember that others are journeying with you. This year our journeys may look different than they have in the past, but we rejoice together at the coming of Christ's light, whether that togetherness is over the live stream, in the sanctuary, or through reaching out to one another. The light shall conquer the darkness -that is good news for the end of this difficult year.



## A Note From The Re-Opening Task Group

By: Chairperson Craig Dise, Retired Physician

### **Personal Risk Assessment for in-person worship attendance**

When the decision to resume in-person worship indoors in the sanctuary was made in September, the number of new Covid-19 cases per day was one-tenth of what it is now and the number of patients hospitalized for Covid-19 disease, both locally and statewide, was one fifth of the current level. It is important to recognize that conditions have changed significantly for the worse. Hospitalizations for Covid-19 in NJ have tripled over the past several weeks but are still below levels seen in the spring. The trend is accelerating upward.

The rapid spread of Covid-19 infections in the community and growing rate of hospitalizations (a better indication of disease severity than infected cases alone) have increased the risks of exposure faced by those who participate in in-person worship regardless of how stringent our mitigation measures are. The continued offering of in-person worship should not be construed as an indication that it is safe for all to attend.

We would presume that anyone not feeling well would refrain from attending in-person worship but, as the prevalence of infection in the local community increases and there is the usual seasonal influx of visitors and extended family from other locations, the likelihood of being exposed to an asymptomatic infected individual in an indoor enclosed setting like our worship service increases.

We have made every effort to keep our indoor church environment as safe as possible for in-person worship by limiting and spreading out those in attendance, sanitizing the sanctuary thoroughly and professionally each week before and after the service and running barn fans that increase ventilation of the sanctuary with outside air during the service. No formal engineering analysis of the effectiveness of this ventilation setup has been done. The content of the service is carefully planned so as to minimize the duration of exposure and attendance records are collected so that contact tracing can be performed if an infected person is identified as having attended worship.

We have been blessed by the cooperation of the worshippers with safety protocols including the use of masks and physical distancing. It is important for those planning to attend in-person worship at this time to weigh their own personal risk factors for Covid-19 disease. It has been well established that the severity of Covid-19 disease increases with age (although younger people are not exempt from severe disease) and is also influenced by sex (males tend to do worse) and a variety of co-existing disease conditions. Individuals with diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular disease (including increased blood pressure) and lung, kidney or liver disease are at increased risk of severe disease if they get infected. As many of the severe effects of Covid-19 infection are caused by the body's immune system reacting to the virus, individuals with underlying disorders of the immune system are especially at risk.

Please carefully consider your own personal physical risks and the risks faced by others in your household when weighing your decision to participate in in-person or virtual worship. Zion's Youtube broadcasts of the service have been steadily improving in technical quality and offer an opportunity to maintain and improve your spiritual and mental health with less physical risk.

***O come, o come Emmanuel- God is with us wherever we are.***



## Social Ministry Update

*Lutherans engaging in advocacy ministry: Live your faith out loud!*

Receive emails about regular opportunities to advocate for justice through prayer and worship resources, educational opportunities and legislative campaigns.

Sign up here <https://p2a.co/LDpS4Bi>



## Zion's Giving Tree

Gifts due December 6th

Zion is continuing its Giving Tree tradition this year, which provides gifts to those in need at Christmas. This year we are working with LVCAP as well as the Pajama Program. The Pajama Program provides PJ's and books to children in need, including those in foster care.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0449a4ae2ca1f94-zions>

Or you can call Sarah in the office, and she will help you sign up. Thank you for your generosity!

## Long Valley Christmas Tree Lighting

Please join us Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at Zion Lutheran Church for the Annual Community Christmas Tree lighting and enjoy organ and chimes. Although we are unable to have our usual program and celebration this year, we are happy to gather outdoors to usher in the season of Advent. We will be collecting canned or packaged foods to benefit the LVCAP food pantry to help folks in need this holiday season. Please remember to observe social distancing and mask guidelines.



Thank you Laura, for decorating the Tree and Charlie for coming to figure out how to turn the lights on!!

## At the Pearly Gates

At the pearly gates, St. Peter greeted a minister and congressman and gave them their room assignments.

“Pastor, here are the keys to one of our nicest efficiency units.

And for you, Mr. Congressman, the keys to our finest penthouse suite.”

“This is unfair!” cried the minister.

“Listen,” St. Peter said, “ministers are a dime a dozen up here, but this is the first congressman we’ve ever seen.”



(Just kidding we appreciate all the work they do!)



**Wednesday Away (Virtual) coming up at Cross Roads.** A time of spiritual renewal one Wednesday a month, Wednesdays Away gathers virtually from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Zoom. Our time together includes prayer and conversation, led by a spiritual director and focusing on a different spiritual practice or theme each month. The cost is \$10 per gathering. These monthly retreats are open to all people interested in exploring new faith practices. Attend one or attend all—and be sure to invite friends to join you. [Learn more](#) and register at [https://](https://www.crossroadsretreat.com/wednesdays-away/)

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<p><b>December 2, 2020</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Coming of Christ</b> Laurie Matarazzo</p> <p>We are accustomed to the “wait” of Advent, anticipating God’s incarnation in Jesus. Are we as ready to make welcome those in whom Christ comes to us today?</p>
<p><b>January 6, 2021</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Star Gifts: Words to Ponder All Year Long</b> Dale Selover</p> <p>On this day of Epiphany, we celebrate God’s presence breaking through to shine as a light in the darkness. We will reflect upon the ways in which God’s light shines in the darkness of our lives. Remembering the wise men who followed the star that led them to the Christ Child, we will each receive the gift of a star word, a word that will guide us and direct us throughout the year.</p>
<p><b>February 17, 2021 (Ash Wednesday)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>What Will We Do Without Ashes?</b> Dale Selover</p> <p>On this Ash Wednesday, we will consider the role of ritual and set our intention for our forty day Lenten journey.</p>

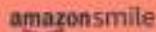
## Gap Year

Young adults ages 18+ are invited to apply for the Cross Roads Gap Year Program for 2020-2021. Selected participants will live on site as part of an intentional community, while taking classes online, working and/or spending the year doing service in the community. For more information and to apply, visit [www.crossroadsretreat.com/gap-year](https://www.crossroadsretreat.com/gap-year)

# This and That...



## Happy Friday

Shop your Black Friday deals at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) or with AmazonSmile ON in the app and Amazon donates 



*You can make an impact while you shop for Black Friday deals. Simply shop at [Amazon smile](https://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon smile will donate to Zion Lutheran Church, at no cost to you.  
A win for everyone!*



*Dear Pastor*

*Words cannot express how grateful we all were to you for planning a meaningful dedication in Barry's memory & all the vets!*

*Peace be with you!*

*Ellen, Kim & Brad Blaine*



## Atlantic Health Faith Communities Initiative

Message from Gwen Rippey and Raul Cadavid of the Atlantic Health Community

We encourage you to visit the Atlantic Health webpage [www.atlantichealth.org](https://www.atlantichealth.org) where you will find the latest information on COVID-19 (in English or Spanish) and ways to reduce the spread of COVID-19, keeping ourselves, our families, and our communities safe. Our COVID-19 Community Support Line 1-862-260-3199 is available to all members of our community experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or looking for additional support during this unprecedented time. A highly-trained Atlantic Health System nurse will answer your call, consult with you, and direct you to the resources you need. The support line also offers help to those seeking resources and guidance for issues ranging from food insecurity and housing, to job loss and other social needs. As this crisis continues to develop, many are facing emotional challenges. Our behavioral health clinicians will offer support for those who are feeling lonely, anxious or overwhelmed.



## *Lets Celebrate all the Special Birthdays in December*

- 2 Peter Kaltenhauser  
Taylor Weth
- 3 Shannon Keller
- 6 Lori Andershonis  
Amanda Ito
- 7 Jennifer Curich
- 8 David Burke  
Malainie Hibler Stoma
- 9 Marcia Davidson  
Lauren Olsen
- 11 Kelly Reibel  
Marilyn Spengler
- 12 Anderson Hipp  
Carol Kott
- 15 Ava Lichtenberger  
Denise Richardi  
Jean Seewald

- 17 Sheri Sabino  
Reese Allen  
Melissa Sgambati
- 18 Barry Buchanan
- 22 Harry Bullock  
Rob Brobst
- 23 Rhea Burke  
Annelise Hipp  
Shannon Keller  
Ernst Pedersen
- 25 Jesus
- 26 Joann Curich  
Meghan Horner Callow  
Brooke Edwards
- 28 Taylor King
- 30 Zachary Bumpus  
Kenneth Machacek
- 31 Dave Bataille



### **New Members: Would You Like To Officially Join Zion Lutheran Church?**

Please let Pastor Ingrid know you are interested ([ingridfathwengert@gmail.com](mailto:ingridfathwengert@gmail.com)). She will work with interested households to develop a day that works for both an instructional class and for official reception by the congregation during worship. Typically, the class is on the Saturday morning prior to the prayer reception during worship, and can be done via Zoom for those who prefer that right now. Currently, Pastor Ingrid is targeting later in December.