



For the Members and Friends of Zion Lutheran Church  
October 2021

# The Long Valley Lutheran

## *Sundays in October*

### **October 3, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 AM Service of Holy Communion

9:00 AM Sunday School

9:15 AM Adult Forum, *Introduction to the Apostles' Creed: Trinity*

10:30 AM Service of Holy Communion

### **October 10, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 AM Service of Holy Communion

9:00 AM Sunday School

9:15 AM Adult Forum, *Apostles' Creed: God as Creator*

10:30 AM Service of Holy Communion

### **October 17, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 AM Service of Holy Communion

9:00 AM Sunday School

9:15 AM Adult Forum, *Apostles' Creed: God the Son Truly Human/Truly God*

10:30 AM Service of Holy Communion

11:30AM Baptism - Ryleigh Jardin

### **October 24, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 AM Service of Holy Communion, The Rev. Dr. Timothy Wengert, guest preacher.

9:00 AM Sunday School

9:15 AM Adult Forum, *Apostles' Creed: Changes in the Creed*

10:30 AM Service of Holy Communion, The Rev. Dr. Timothy Wengert, guest preacher.

### **October 31, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 AM No service

9:00 AM Sunday School

9:15 AM Adult Forum, *What Happened on 10/31/1517 and Why Does It Matter?*

10:30 AM Service of Holy Communion

11:30AM Reformation Potluck Luncheon

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

Indoor / Virtual: 8.00 AM  
10:30AM

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The deadline for the  
**November Newsletter is  
October 24th**



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!**

## The blessings and woes of live-streaming



This month, I'll be handing off the oversight and responsibility of live-streaming worship to a team, so I thought I'd reflect on my experience for the past year and a half.

The great *blessing* is that Zion LC is actually streaming worship and we plan to continue after the pandemic. When I was called to Zion, I didn't imagine that we'd be televising worship a year later. Actually, it never crossed my mind that I'd serve a congregation with the ability to live-stream worship as it's so costly and complicated. But when necessity calls, it's not only for invention, but action! We began streaming on that very first Sunday of the pandemic, before other congregations in the valley, which is really due to Larry Salvatore's encouragement and Emily Rochotte's suggestion to use the simplest platform. Imagine: During the last pandemic in 1918-1919, churches closed their doors all over the United States (voluntarily and by state order) and communal worship stopped for a time. Not in 2020! We were able to worship with at least some communal sense as it was streamed to TVs, phones, laptops and PCs. Individuals can always pray to God, but worship has a *communal element* going back to ancient Israel; that is, the roots of Christian worship. When everything else shut down, Zion continued to worship and the gospel continued to be proclaimed during a time when we all desperately needed God's comfort.

The great *woe* of live-streaming is that you never know what's going to happen! This is even true for major TV and film companies with million-dollar budgets and the reason that not very much is live-streamed on TV. Even the Academy Awards has a built-in delay system so that speech curve balls can be controlled. At Zion, we don't worry about the verbal but the technical curve balls. I cannot tell you how many times I've thought we had everything under control when something unforeseen and new arose. When new issues arise, we *eagerly* frantically try to problem-solve on the spot and then take precaution and communicate with one another about how to prevent or deal with it in the future. New issues arise as software & platform updates have bugs in them, wifi has issues, hardware can deteriorate, upgrades can lead to unforeseen problems, etc... I think I've accepted the fact that there is always the chance that something will go wrong and we may or may not be able to address it immediately. However, this comes at a price. This great woe is felt – not only by the congregation who's trying to worship – but also by the livestreaming team. We fervently want people at home to worship, and it causes distress for me and the whole team when it doesn't happen. People who are able to come in-person have a choice and some control in the matter, but when people cannot get here due to physical or health limitations, one can't help but feel powerless. It can be *very* frustrating when you cannot come to worship and then worship doesn't come to you because of glitches. Those participating at home have been so gracious for the past year-and-a-half – encouraging, communicative, and plain old kind. thank God for them!

I'm also grateful to all who have helped get us up-and-running from Zion and also Grace LC, Mendham; those who've problem-solved many Sunday mornings; those who've come in during the week to make decisions and seek information from the hardware company; those who've gone home and did research to help operate the computer, and those operating the software each Sunday. God continues to work through all of us in different ways in order to make sure the good news of Jesus Christ is proclaimed and God's comfort given to all who are in need of it.



## TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

We will meet for an in person Bible study in Faith Hall at 1:30pm. 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 **October 28th**. 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”

by Dr. Alan Wolfelt



Adult Forum  
*Learning, Living, Loving*

## Adult Forum

Led by retired professor of Reformation studies, Timothy Wengert. The Apostles’ Creed. We recite it almost every Sunday. Many of us have memorized one version or another—but do we know it by heart? This little gem of three short paragraphs tells us all we need to know and confess about God and human beings, especially when we read it with the help of Martin Luther’s remarkable explanations in his Small Catechism. Come join us for adult forums during October and, as the old Kellogg’s Corn Flakes commercial used to say, “Taste the Apostles’ Creed again—for the first time.”

**October 3** *Introduction to the Apostles’ Creed: Trinity*

**October 10** *God as Creator*

**October 17** *God the Son: Truly Human/Truly God*

**October 24** *Changes in the Creed: What Happened to “By the Power of”? “Hell”? “Come Again”? “Christian”?*

**October 31** *What Happened on 10/31/1517 and Why Does It Matter? A special lecture with Q&A*

## Appointed Worship Readings for September

<u>Worship Date</u>	<u>Old or New Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
October 3	Genesis 2:18-24	Psalm 8	Mark 10: 2-16
October 10	Amos 5:6-7,10-15	Psalm 90: 12-17	Mark 10: 17-31
October 17	Hebrews 5:1-10	Psalm 91: 9-16	Mark 10: 35-45
October 24	Hebrews 7:23-28	Psalm 126	Mark 10:4 6-52
October 31	Romans 3:19-28	Psalm 46	John 8: 31-36



## WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

### In-person worship is indoors beginning 9/26

COVID-19 Protocols: Council continues to ask everyone to follow CDC guidelines, as we wish to care for the whole community of faith, including those who cannot yet get vaccinated. This means that when the level of community transmission in our county is substantial or high, you are encouraged to mask indoors - whether or not you are vaccinated. As Christians, we are called to base our actions not merely out of concern for self, but more so out of love for our neighbor.

Virtual: We will Live-stream the late service (10:30AM) to [Zion's YouTube channel](#). Live-stream worship is automatically recorded so that you can worship when you are able. The worship bulletin, readings and music are [located on our website](#)



## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation orientation for parents & students will be on **10/3** during Sunday school.

**Confirmation instruction will begin 10/6!** Sessions take place on **Wednesday** afternoons with students usually arriving after school around **3:40 PM**. Class wraps up at **5:00 PM**. We welcome any and all from the community who would like to sit in or any of our sessions. As we have noted in past articles, if you know of someone in the seventh grade or higher who might enjoy participating in our confirmation program, please contact **Pastor Ingrid**.



## *All Saints Sunday*

On **Sunday, November 7th**, *All Saints Sunday*, we'll celebrate the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. Paul addressed many of his epistles in the New Testament "*To the saints in ... (name of town/region)*" In particular, we remember those who have died, giving thanks for their lives and faith, and those who were baptized this year. In the prayers of the church, we will name aloud those members who have died since last All Saints Sunday and also those deceased whose names have been given to us to remember by the congregation, as well as those who were baptized here at Zion. **To participate, please write down the name of your loved one (via paper or email) and give it to Pastor Ingrid or to the Parish Secretary.**



Please remember in your prayers all of our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally, and are 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.

*New prayer concern: Margaret Fath*

*Lou & Quinny  
Andrea Aron  
Charlie Burd  
Diane Carlock  
Bob Clay  
Mike Cook  
Courtney Derr  
Cathy Di Lello  
Donna East  
Justin Fogerty  
Krista Gundersen  
James Hassel*

*Bill Howell  
Kirk Klein  
Sue Koeppen  
Emily Mancuso  
Cathy Mindel  
Taryn Blaine Monsolino  
Jim Newquist  
Betty Rush  
Deena Salvatore  
June Sweeney  
Bob Weis*

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



# Congregation Council



## Updated Pandemic Protocols

Council requested recommendations from the Re-opening Task Group, which met and thoroughly discussed many topics ([see here for details](#)) and Council approved them unanimously at the September meeting. A few highlights:

Choir resuming with adjustments *“With the high prevalence of vaccination, the ventilation enhanced by the steeple fan, and the wearing of masks and physical distancing, the group agreed that the choir could resume singing during worship. The number of vocalists would be limited by the physical size of the choir loft.”*

Potlucks resuming with adjustments *“...The food should be served by designated masked and gloved servers, and participants would be expected to follow CDC recommendations for mask wearing at indoor gatherings regardless of vaccination status until they are seated at appropriately distanced tables either indoors or outdoors.*

Coffee hour is not yet resuming *“Because coffee hour would not be able to follow such safety protocols indoors, it was agreed that resumption of coffee hour should be postponed at this time.”*

# Congregation



# Council



## Financial update (video)

Watch the 14 minute video for the current state of Zion's finances, led by our Financial Secretary, Larry S. [Click here for the video.](#)

Any questions please contact our Treasurer, Larry Salvatore at [larrysal@embarqmail.com](mailto:larrysal@embarqmail.com)

## Building Fund and Mortgage Status

- As of August 2, Total available \$24,198.25 (5 payments)
- Last Capital Campaign ended approximately 2 years ago.
- Through December 2020 giving to the building fund continued; giving has kept pace with payments in 2021.
- Mortgage balance after August 2 payments = \$290,855.01(from \$1.2M)
  - Interest Rate is 3.875%
  - Monthly payment is \$4,791
- Balance Fund balance is now all cash:

During the last 2 months most stock donations in the Building Fund were converted to cash per PASI recommendation to have cash on hand.

Remaining stock value \$1,166.90

## Key Points for 2021

- The annual budget reflects a year end net loss of \$29,770 based on anticipated giving and projected expenses.
- To reduce the approved net loss requires giving greater than anticipated or costs less than projected, or both.
- A year-end net loss of \$29,707 equals an average monthly net loss of \$2,475. Meeting the monthly budget means an average monthly net loss of \$2,495.
- Any month where the net loss is less than \$2,475 means we lose less than what the Congregation approved, but is still a net loss (but lowers the total projected loss for the year).
- Only if the monthly net income is zero, or net positive, do we avoid contributing to the deficit in the approved budget.

## What's Next?

- 2022 Pledge Cards will have separate lines for Operating and Building Fund.
- Simply Giving continues to be a way to automate regular periodic giving(e.g., monthly, bi-weekly)
- Sanctuary/Nursery School Boiler replacement - Current boiler is past its life expectancy & is inefficient. Building Committee & Church Council are investigating options.

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

Stewardship

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Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

## *Stewardship Season is Here!*

Greetings Zion Members,

In a few weeks you will receive a letter and 2022 “Estimate of Giving “ card from Zion, for the 2022 church year.

We would appreciate it if you would return the card to the church by *November 14th*. A prompt response allows your congregation Council to commence work on our 2022 budget, in preparation for the Annual Meeting to take place after the new year. In addition, Zion is beginning a mortgage pay-off “drive” (more on this in the forthcoming letter).

If you have any questions, please contact our Stewardship Chair, Harry Bullock [here](#).



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**“The finance committee says we need to stop building bridges to the community and start building toll roads.”**



### Social Ministry Update

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

Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully.



## The Annual Zion Benefit Craft Show is Almost Here!



Zion's Annual Benefit Craft Show will take place on  
**Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.**  
Doors open at 8AM

Proceeds from the craft show will benefit *The Long Valley Food Pantry*. If you'd like more information on the craft show please contact

Jeanne Howell at [jeannehow@gmail.com](mailto:jeannehow@gmail.com)



## It's Shoebox Time

**We will start collecting items for our shoeboxes this month!**

We will be packing boxes during Sunday School on November 7th. You are welcome to pack your own boxes at home as well. Below is a list of things to collect or pack in your own box. (The clear shoeboxes from the Dollar Store work well)

### Items we need for boxes:

- **Toys** foam ball, stuffed animal, harmonica, yoyo, finger puppets, dolls, toy cars, toy figures.
- **Personal Care Items** (toothbrushes and covers, combs, brushes, wash cloths, bar soap, adhesive bandages - **no** toothpaste or liquids please)
- **Crafts & Activities** puzzles and activity sets, coloring books, crayons, chalk, jump rope, playing cards, compass, gardening tools.
- **Clothing** hats, gloves, socks, shirts, pants, sunglasses, flip flops, bag/purse, hair bows.

**Place your items in the collection point in the Narthex during the month of October**

Attached [here](#) is a complete list of shoebox gift ideas by age, to pack or drop off.

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### ORT FARM October 16th & 17th

As has been Zion tradition, we will again have our fund-raising weekend at **Ort Farms** to benefit Social Ministry. This is an all “hands on deck” congregational event for all ages. *Set-up is on Friday, October 15th, and work- days on Saturday/Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>/17th.*

We will be running the concession stand at **Ort Farms** for the weekend. We need LOTS of volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, chili makers, and working the stand – cooking burgers, keeping supplies stocked, cashiers, just to name a few of the jobs! This is a true congregational effort. This year Jance will be calling for volunteers. If have not received a call by mid-September, and would like to help, please reach out to Jance at 908 672 9747.

**For our chili-makers, please see the recipe below. THIS YEAR WE WILL NOT BE ASKING FOR BAKED GOODS.** Look for signup genius links in a special “happenings” [email](#) or call Jance to sign up. *Chili can be dropped off outside the Faith Hall kitchen door in white coolers on Thurs/Fri, October 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>. You do not need to go into the building for drop off!*

## ORT FARMS CHILI RECIPE

**No substitutions or additions please!**

### CHILI CON CARNE WITH TOMATOES

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 tsp salt
- cup chopped onion
- 1/8 tsp cayenne red pepper
- ½ cup chopped green pepper
- cans kidney beans, drained
- 1 can (28 oz) tomatoes
- 1 tsp sugar
- can (8oz) tomato sauce
- tsp chili powder

*In large skillet cook and stir meat, onion and green pepper until meat is brown and onion is tender. Drain off fat. Stir in tomatoes with liquid and remaining ingredients except kidney beans. Heat to boiling, reduce heat; stir in kidney beans, heat through. Place in a one-gallon Ziploc bag, flatten bag and place in freezer to cool and freeze immediately.*

Yield: 5 one cup servings.



# PARISH LIFE



## *The Loyal Order of The Secret Prayer Partners* *November 6th 3-5PM*

The Secret Prayer Partners will be meeting at Dottie Weis's home on November 6th. Please bring a favorite appetizer. A new format will be discussed. New members are always welcome!! If you do not have Dottie's address, please call Sarah in the office. Please [rsvp](#) to Dottie.

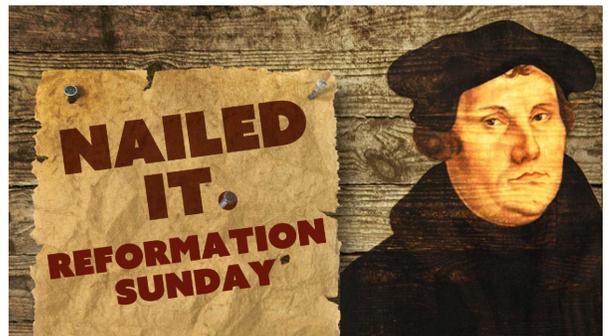


**Thank you so much to all who attended the 40th Annual Corn Roast and for making it a memorable day filled with fellowship, (and delicious food and desserts)! Many thanks to all those who helped with food prep, set-up/clean-up and grilling.**

## ***Reformation Potluck Luncheon*** ***October 31st***

Come join us for Lunch before heading out with the kids for Trick or Treating! Parish Life is hosting a Reformation Sunday Potluck featuring a few hearty German dishes, cold cuts, salads, desserts and more! Please sign up (more information on signup to follow) let us know if you are interested and bring your favorite dish. Bring the whole family and your friends!

Save the date - *October 31, 2021 after the 10:30am service.* Looking forward to seeing you all there!





## CAR WASH, OCTOBER 2ND

The car wash held by Pack 136 was such a success, they are having another one!!!

October 2nd at 1PM, Zion's parking lot.



Come and make your car happy!!



## RALLY FOR CROSS ROADS

Saturday, October 2, 2021

The Rally for Cross Roads is an annual fundraising event for the Cross Roads Annual Fund. For the first five years, participants came to camp for an all-night volleyball marathon to raise money to keep camp affordable for all. In 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we shifted gears to allow participants to “rally” at home by hosting our first Rally for Cross Roads Virtual Run/Walk. For the 2021 event, we are excited to combine the run/walk race with an afternoon of activities, including a volleyball game, to have double the fun as we raise funds to support camp! You can join us on-site at Cross Roads on Saturday, October 2 for the race and festivities or participate in the 5K or 2K races from home. For more information check out their [website](#).

# This and That...



## Long Valley Christian Nursery School

Is off to a great start! We have **124** Families currently enrolled. The school is buzzing with new friends, great teachers and exciting, fun- filled days. The beautiful weather has given us the opportunity to spend lots of time outside and in the garden, watering, weeding and picking vegetables.



Zion's Jance Denzler and Pastor Ingrid helped to make the teachers' first day back special!



## Help Wanted

We Can't Do This Without You!!



**We still need some help!**

**Christmas Tree Lighting** - Coordinator, to coordinate with the Garden Club and Junior Women and local businesses.

If you love Christmas, this is a fun one!

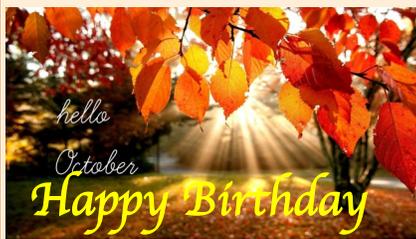


### **Senior Youth Group Leader — *Opportunity Awaits***

If you are looking to make a difference in the life of young people in Long Valley, if you want to discuss questions at the intersection of faith and life in this world, if you enjoy working with teens – then we have an opportunity for you!

Zion is looking for adults to lead our senior and junior youth programs. The junior youth program has not been active for several years. We hope to restart this ministry in the fall. As these young people are in Sunday School and confirmation classes and have a service component in their confirmation curriculum, a big emphasis of the youth group will be fun activities to build a sense of fellowship within the group. Usually youth group meets monthly or so during the school year and may have a summer activity also.

If you are interested, have questions or just want to know more, please contact Judy Bumpus (908-684-0391 [judy@bump.us](mailto:judy@bump.us)), Zion congregation council point person for youth ministry.



*A birthday is just the first day of another  
365 day journey around the sun.*

*Enjoy the trip!!!  
Happy Birthday!!!*



- 1 Craig Dise
- 3 Kelly Prussack
- 4 Emily Rochotte
- 6 Ashley Sauer
- 9 Elliot Hipp
- 10 Peggy Burke
- 11 Stevie Ficacci
- 12 Michelle Butynes
- 14 Paul Bullock  
Sue Koeppen
- 15 Julia Herms  
Larry Salvatore  
Linda Tucker
- 17 James Andershonis
- 18 Barb Schulz

- 19 Anja Olsen
- 21 Traudie Motylenski  
Maggie Marrero
- 22 Judith Samuelson  
Michael Weniger, Jr.
- 23 Eliana Hibler  
Anna Lee
- 25 Norah Muttart
- 26 Kimberly Butynes
- 27 Brodie Fritsch  
Diane Rochotte
- 29 Henry and Mason  
Boeckel
- 30 Maddie Bataille  
Avery Schriever

**What do you give a 3100 lb. rhino for his birthday?**

I don't know but you better hope he likes it.

