



*For the Members and Friends of Zion Lutheran Church  
December 2021*

# *The Long Valley Lutheran*

## *Sundays in December*

### **December 5, Second Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 AM** Service of Holy Communion

**9:00 AM** Sunday School

**10:30 AM** Service of Holy Communion

### **December 12, Third Sunday of Advent**

**9:00 AM** Sunday School

**10:30 AM** Service of Holy Communion with Cantata by Choir

### **December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 AM** Service of Holy Communion

**9:00 AM** Sunday School

**10:30 AM** Service of Holy Communion

**4:00 PM** Sunday School Christmas Pageant, Potluck following Pageant in Faith Hall

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

**4:00 PM** Family Service

**8:00 PM** Christmas Eve Worship Service

### **December 26, First Sunday after Christmas**

*No* Sunday School

**10:30 AM** Service of Holy Communion

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

Indoor 8.00 AM

Indoor/ Virtual:10:30AM

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**Office Hours**

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**M-Fr from 9:00AM to 1PM.**

If you wish to stop by, please call ahead just to make  
sure someone is here.

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The deadline for the  
**January Newsletter is  
December 23rd**



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!**

Parson to Person



Expectant.

Not only to-be mothers, but all Christians...during Advent, that is.

Advent is my favorite church season. There's something about describing our human existence as darkness, and God as light, that strikes a deep chord within me, especially as the nights slowly grow longer.

In the middle of the frenzy of preparation for Christmas, Advent somberly taps us on the shoulder and asks us to recognize our buried yearning for God's light and goodness and joy. That yearning is always there, even during the most joyous times. It has to be, because we remain sinners who live in broken world. We yearn for an end to sin, which disconnects us from life and invites us to futile thought and deed. We yearn for an end to suffering and disease and injustice in the world. Advent awakens us to these yearnings and helps us to picture sin, brokenness and evil as darkness, and God as light that comes into our darkness. And so the main prayer of Advent is "Come, Lord."

Expectant.

Until Christmas, that is!



*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest heaven... (Luke 2:13-14)*

"See what God did in heaven about this birth which the world despised and did not even see and know. The joy was so great that the angels could not stay in heaven, but had to break out and tell man on earth." So preached Martin Luther about the angel's good tidings of great joy to the shepherds in the field.

The angels sang the very first Christian praise song. We have sung it in every age and land since then to point to the truth that worship is simply - and amazingly - God coming into our midst in the word-made-flesh in order to make our hearts new.

A blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas to you!



**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//>



**Blue Christmas**

Christmas is a beloved holy day and season, but with grief or depression, it can be experienced as pain and alienation. We are offering a simple, spoken “Blue Christmas” service on December 21 at 4 – 4:30PM in our sanctuary.

**Christmas Worship Schedule**

**12/24 Candlelight Christmas Eve**

4PM Children & family Christmas Eve service

8PM Service of Holy Communion Worship service / Live Streamed

Don't forget to pick up you Poinsettias after worship



Appointed Worship Readings for December

<u>Worship Date</u>	<u>Old or New Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
December 5	Malachi 3:1-4	Luke 1:69-79	Luke 3:1-6
December 12	Philippians 4:4-7	Isaiah 12:2-6	Luke 3:7-18
December 19	Micah 5:2-5a	Luke 1:46b-55	Luke 1: 39-45
December 26	Lessons & Carols		

## WORSHIP IN DECEMBER



**Reasoning:** Even though the risk level hasn't changed, the Re-opening Task Group and Council both discussed the fact that we have different mindsets on the pandemic in the congregation, and one mindset has been chafing under the current safety protocols.

**Continuing:** Council agreed to continue to have Zion follow CDC guidelines. 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. This is not mandated, but encouraged.

**New:** We have resumed singing and request that all people who sing wear masks. We have returned the option to move about while sharing the peace for those who wish to do so. We are keeping all external doors closed, but will continue to have 1 barn fan pulling air out of the sanctuary in addition to the steeple fan. Coffee hour has resumed after worship.

**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.

*On November 7th we celebrated the Baptism of  
Luke Hennessey  
son of Matthew & Ashley*



*And proud  
brothers & sisters!  
Congratulations!*



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.

*Andrea Aron  
Ellen Blaine  
Charlie Burd  
Diane Carlock  
Mike Cook  
Courtney Derr  
Donna East  
Randy Farwell  
Justin Fogerty  
Krista Gundersen*

*James Hassel  
Kirk Klein  
Sue Koeppen  
Emily Mancuso  
Cathy Mindel  
Taryn Blaine Monsolino  
Jim Newquist  
Becky Rasmussen  
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



## Summary financials through October approved by Zion's Council.

Operations: October 2021 Summary	October 2021 YTD		
	Budget*	Actual	Delta to Budget
Congregational Giving	\$ 152,308	\$ 143,330	\$ (8,977)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 200,471</b>	<b>\$ 199,221</b>	<b>\$ (1,251)</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 216,871</b>	<b>\$ 208,899</b>	<b>\$ (7,972)</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ (16,400)</b>	<b>\$ (9,678)</b>	<b>\$ (6,721)</b>
81100 · Other Income**		\$ 18,657.0	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ (16,400)</b>	<b>\$ 8,978.60</b>	<b>\$ 25,378.33</b>

\*Budget includes approved deficit of \$27K

\*\*Other income is Federal PPP grant of \$18,657 for salaries during COVID Shut Down

**Non-Ops: Giving towards building fund has dropped. We currently have funds on hand for 4.5 mortgage payments**

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

### Simply Giving

For those of you who use the *Simply Giving* mobile app Give +, our provider, Vanco, is discontinuing Give + and rolling out their new app, **Vanco Mobile**. You should be getting an email from them with instructions.

The app can be downloaded from the Apple app store or Google Play. The icon for Vanco Mobile *see above*. When asked to enter our church it is easier to enter in the invite code **T46VKX**. You can also enter in Zion Lutheran Church, but you have to scroll through a large number of Zion Lutheran Churches before you finally find ours. Then use the log in information you had set up for Give+ and everything should be the same, including past donations and payment information.



For everyone that does it via their computer, nothing has changed. It is just the mobile app that is changing.

If anyone has any problems switching over, you can email Barb [here](#) or call barb at 201-787-7460

## 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.

### 2021 Zion Giving Tree

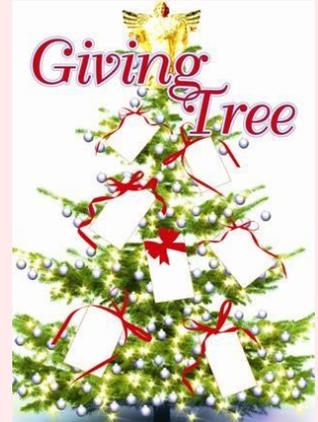
Zion is continuing its Giving Tree tradition this year, which provides gifts to those in need at Christmas. This year we are working with LVCAP to provide gifts to several families.

[Please see sign up here](#)

Gifts are due **12/5**; there will be boxes in the Narthex at church or you can coordinate a contact-less drop-off with Candice Snyder. Please wrap your gifts and be sure to include the Item # on your gift (i.e. 071-A, Gift 1)

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Candice [here](#).

If you are not able to sign up online call Sarah in the office and she can help you:)



### Its Poinsettia time!!



We will be purchasing Poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. All proceeds will benefit the *Long Valley Christian Nursery School*. Please complete the attached [form](#) or [email](#) or call Sarah in the office by *Thursday December 16th*.



All checks should be made payable to "Zion Lutheran Church" with Poinsettias in the memo. Please place the check and form in the offering plate or return to the church office.



Interested in sponsoring a wreath? Your contribution of \$20 will help provide support to our neighbors in need.

We have envelopes in the Narthex, you can also donate on line at [LVCAP](#) or Mail your contributions to LVCAP, PO Box 660, Long Valley, NJ 07853





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## The Annual Zion Benefit Craft Show



Thank you to everyone that came out to support our annual Craft Show!  
It raised just over \$3,000 for LVCAP.  
And thank you to Jeanne Howell and all the amazing ladies that work their magic every year!!



## Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone that packed their own shoeboxes and to the Sunday School children that helped to pack all the donated items into more shoeboxes.  
We packed 75 shoeboxes !!!!!  
And thank you to the Weth family for all their help and delivering all the shoeboxes.





# PARISH LIFE



## December Events

**December 5th Long Valley Christmas Tree Lighting** Mark your calendars! The lighting of the official Long Valley Christmas tree on our front lawn will take place on **Sunday, December 5th**. The program begins in the church sanctuary at **5 PM** and will once again feature musical talent from the West Morris Central HS our own Zion Lutheran Church Choir and Bell Choir and a Chester Baroque Trio.

**6PM** The Lighting of the Tree.

There will be activities for the whole family starting at 3PM throughout the Lower Schooley's Mtn Rd. In Faith Hall there will be the Ginger Bread house contest (vote for your favorite), Cub Scout bake sale to benefit LVCAP, Kids4kindness activity. Hopefully Santa will make a visit:)

**December 12th Christmas Cantata** - It will be such a treat to hear our choir again, please come and enjoy this special service at 10:30 AM.

**December 17th Cookie exchange** - Faith Hall 1:30PM

For more information contact Vi Muriello [here](#).

**December 19th Christmas Sunday School Pageant-4PM.** At 3:30PM there will be instrumental music, if your child would like to play an instrument, please contact the office. Rehearsal will be December 18th at 10AM-Noon. Potluck to follow in Faith Hall, Signup will be in Fields Hall.





# PARISH LIFE



Thank you to the,  
***Chester Baroque Orchestra***  
for the beautiful concert last weekend 11/28. Thank you for sharing your amazing talents with us.



## *Red Hats*



Had a great luncheon at Bea McNally's in Hackettstown.  
Their next Luncheon will be on December 5th at Redwoods in Chester.  
Please reach out to [Vi Muriello](#) if interested.



Wishing your day is full of love, joy, cake, balloons, candy canes, and snowmen!

Happy December birthday's

- 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

THE RECTOR DROPS IN ON THE PAGEANT REHEARSAL

