



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

The Long Valley Lutheran

Sundays in November

November 7, All Saints Sunday

8:00 AM Service of Holy Communion

9:00 AM Sunday School

9:15 AM Adult Forum, “Jesus Christ ... Is My Lord”: Luther’s Paraphrase of the Second Article of the Creed

10:30 AM Service of Holy Communion

10:30AM Baptism, Luke Hennessy

November 14, Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM Service of Holy Communion

9:00 AM Sunday School

9:15 AM Adult Forum, The Holy Spirit Makes Us Holy—Because We Can’t!

10:30 AM Service of Holy Communion

November 21, Christ the King Sunday

8:00 AM Service of Holy Communion

9:00 AM Sunday School

9:15 AM Adult Forum, Church: The Holy Spirit’s Workshop

10:30 AM Service of Holy Communion

November 28, First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Service of Holy Communion

9:00 AM Sunday School

9.15 AM Adult Forum, OFF

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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If you wish to stop by, please call ahead just to make
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The deadline for the
**December Newsletter is
November 23rd**



Articles may be sent to the church
office via email at

zionlongvalley@gmail.com, or left in Sarah
Scudese's mail box in the Parish Center.

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

We are not alone: Recent history - Lutherans in the 20th century



When it comes to being church, we are not alone as a congregation.

In *January*, I wrote about the big picture and statistics of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) as “a church in three expressions;” that is, congregation, synod, and church wide expression. In *March*, I wrote about the beginnings of Lutherans in this country, including the fact that Zion’s founding pastor, The Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, organized Lutheran congregations into the first administrative church body in 1748, now known as the Pennsylvania Ministerium.

After our country declared independence from England, more Lutheran churches in Europe decided to send missionaries to spread the gospel here and some Lutherans decided to emigrate as a refuge from persecution. Thus, for almost 2 centuries, Lutherans from various countries settled in different parts of this country and founded congregations, which joined or formed administrative church bodies, mainly called synods (i.e., Greek for “walking together”).

By the 1950’s, the existing Lutheran synods that had formed and merged and reformed decided it was the right time to all join together and form a larger church together. By 1962, there were 2 major Lutheran church bodies in this country: Norwegian synods with a smattering of German ones, merged to form the American Lutheran church (ALC), which embraced a more congregationalist structure. Also, German synods, with a smattering of Swedish and Finnish ones, merged to form the Lutheran Church in America (LCA) which embraced a more hierarchical structure. In our area, Zion Lutheran congregations in Oldwick, Long Valley and Spruce Run were part of the (mostly German) LCA, and Redeemer in Succasunna and Grace in Mendham were part of the (mostly Norwegian) ALC. (*See the attached ELCA family tree for details*). Note that the Pennsylvania Ministerium merged into the General Synod in 1820).

Then, in the 1980’s these two main churches decided that it was the right time to work hard at coming together to be one Lutheran church – the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America which formed on January 1, 1988. Currently, it is the largest Lutheran body in the U.S. The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, which is the other major Lutheran body, traces its roots back to Missouri in the 1830’s and has embraced more fundamentalistic impulses, and has consistently declined to join other church bodies, out of a desire for purity, from my perspective.

Why did most Lutherans desire to join together in a stunning way in the past 60 years, after not doing so over the past 200? For complex reasons which might include that the 20th century was one of coming together as a world; e.g., the formation of the United Nations. When discussions of the first major mergers began, Lutheran numbers were still growing here, so the topic wasn’t one of survival but possibly how unification makes a much better witness to the world. In any case, the *purpose* of administrative church bodies continues to follow Pastor Muhlenberg’s original intentions: To increase order and discipline in & among congregations for the sake of the gospel and to oversee the training of pastors. But now, as an established church, we no longer only *garner* support from another country’s missionary group; but also *offer* support. We support the spread of the gospel in this and other countries and we support neighbors in need – in a major way that we could never do as a congregation. **Next month** – *“We are not alone: What is the authority & purpose of each expression of the church (i.e., congregations, synods and the church wide expression)?”*



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 November 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

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.

Each session will be recorded and uploaded to our YouTube channel to be watched on Sunday mornings – or anytime.

November 7: “Jesus Christ ...Is My Lord”: Luther’s Paraphrase of the Second Article of the Creed

November 14: The Holy Spirit Makes Us Holy—Because We Can’t!

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Appointed Worship Readings for November

<u>Worship Date</u>	<u>Old or New Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
November 7	Revelation 21:1-6a	Psalm 146	Mark 12: 38-44
November 14	Daniel 12:1-3	Psalm 16	Mark 13: 1-8
November 21	Revelation 1:4b-8	Psalm 93	John 18: 33-37
November 28	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalm 25: 1-10	Luke 21: 25-36



WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

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.

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 October 17th we
celebrated the Baptism of
Ryleigh Lou Jardim
Daughter of
Michael & Jaclynne
Jardim
Congratulations!



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.

Blessed are those who die in the Lord: Emily Kohler
Our Prayers are with the Kohler family.

*Andrea Aron
Ellen Blaine
Charlie Burd
Diane Carlock
Bob Clay
Mike Cook
Courtney Derr
Cathy Di Lello
Donna East
Margaret Fath
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



Financial update (video)

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

Any questions please contact our Treasurer, Larry Salvatore at larrysal@embarqmail.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



Music & Worship

Just a quick shout out to our Choir & Bell Choir, having not been at church in person for a while due to Luke's crazy baseball schedule, it was so nice to hear both the choir and Bell choir in person.

We truly are a blessed congregation to have such talented and amazing singers & musicians. Can't wait for the Christmas Cantata!! -Sarah Scudese



Bell Choir during 10/31 service



Choir at practice

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action



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Love in Action

Stewardship Season.

When we give faithfully, God is glorified, those in need are provided for, and the giver is blessed. May God help us reflect on our faithful giving gift.

We thank God for your continued support of the mission and ministries of our congregation! Your faithful financial support has made it possible for our congregation to further our reach with gospel to those in our community, region and world even during a pandemic. Some just don't realize that our congregation is supported solely by its members.

In order to accurately plan for the coming year, we'd appreciate knowing your best estimate of giving for 2022. We are asking each household to prayerfully consider how they might financially support the ministries and missions of Zion and mortgage payoff in 2022. Please return the **"estimate of giving" card** enclosed with the letter by 11/14 either in person, by mail, or via email to (hrbullock86@gmail.com) who maintains confidentiality.

If you do not already use automated payments, we invite you to consider doing so as it helps the congregation avoid occasional monthly cash flow crises and end-of-year emergencies as many contributions are given in the final weeks of December which can sometimes make operating the congregation during the 11 months difficult. If so, please see the "Give" button on our website in order to enroll in "Simply Giving."

In close we again thank God for your continued support of this congregation. Without you we would not, together, be able to share our ministry with others nor provide support to all those in need.

Thank you,

Harry Bullock

Stewardship Chair

Stewardship Bulletin Bloopers

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The Associate Pastor unveiled the church's new stewardship campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge—Up Yours"

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.



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



Zion's Annual Benefit Craft Show will take place on **Saturday, November 6th**.

Doors open at 9AM

Come and get a head start on your Christmas shopping!

Proceeds from the craft show will benefit the food pantry at LVCAP. If you'd like more information on the craft show please contact

Jeanne Howell at jeannehow@gmail.com



It's Shoebox Time

Collecting items for our shoeboxes till 11/7

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.

Shoe boxes will be blessed at both services on November 14th. This shoe box project sends Christmas gifts to children all over the world.



If you need a shoe box, we have plenty at the office:)
Thanks Marge Scudese!

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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Thank you to ALL of you for the work and support you put in to make Ort Farms weekend a success.

Whether it was cooking, cashiering, “running”, making chili, or praying for us, ALL OF YOU made our weekend a great one.

We cleared a whopping \$11,647.92 this year, monies for which will go to Social Ministry making a direct impact on those folks in our community and world who need assistance.

Remember to mark your calendars for next year – October 15th and 16th 2022 (yes, the weekend AFTER Columbus Day) – when we’ll make it happen all over again!



Thank you Jance!!!!!!





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LVCAP item's needed by November 7th



Zion will once again be collecting items for the Long Valley Community Assistance Program. The Thanksgiving distribution is early this year, 11/15, so donated items will need to be dropped off by *November 7th* to get them to LVCAP prior to the distribution.

The following are much needed items- pancake mix, syrup, black beans, body wash and spaghetti. There is also a wish [list on their website](#) if you wish to donate that way. Any items are appreciated!

PARISH LIFE

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Maifela Dawn
Lois
Tracie
Lynn

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.



Dear Ingrid,

We are sending you this card to let you know of the prayers lifted for you, the congregation of Zion, and the community of Long Valley as part of our weekly staff meeting. Thanks abound for the creative ways you are church for the sake of the world!

Blessings,

New Jersey Synod Staff



*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.



PARISH LIFE



Congregational Dinner

November 10th at 6.00PM

Lets gather for our first Congregational Dinner since 2020!
Wednesday November 10th at 6pm in Faith Hall.
Confirmands & Mentors will also attend.



Dinner will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes with string beans followed by Pumpkin Cake for dessert.

Free will offering will be taken, and all proceeds will go towards the Youth Gathering Fund. We would appreciate it if you signed up just so we have an approximate head count! Please sign up [here](#), tell Jance or there will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

BRING A FRIEND!



Red Hats

Red Hats will meet again on November 5th for lunch at 12:00pm
(place TBD)

If you would like to join them or find out more about the Red Hats please contact Vi Muriello [here](#).

Thank you, Veterans!

A little over 18 million veterans live among us in the United States! **Thursday November 11** is a day set aside, *“intended to thank living Veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty”* (U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs). Veterans, we set aside merely a day, but we should regularly give thanks to God for you and the peace and protection that you have helped to bring to this country and this world-*Pastor Ingrid*





PARISH LIFE



Congratulations to Dan & Allison Rasmussen

Beautiful Fall Weddings

Congratulations to Josh & Abbie Kay-Suiter
Married on October 1st.



We welcome
Charlotte Callow
Congratulation's
Greg & Meghan
and proud grand-
parents
Burt & Marcia
Horner





PARISH LIFE



A Holiday Baroque Celebration

Chester Baroque Orchestra

Christmas Concert

Sunday, November 28, 2021 - 3:00 pm

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Baroque Christmas Program 2021

Manfredini – Christmas Concerto

Torelli – Pastorale per il Santissimo
Natale

Praetorius – Natale Canzone

Vivaldi – Concerto for 2 Mandolins

Corelli – Christmas Concerto

"Save the Date" for 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 Long Valley Community. (More info to follow)

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 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. Rehearsals will be December 18th at 10AM

Our Christmas Giving Tree



Poinsettias

Sponsor a Wreath Fundraiser





Help Wanted

We Can't Do This Without You!!



We still need some help!

Christmas Tree Lighting - Coordinator, to coordinate with the LV Junior Women's Club and local businesses.

If you love Christmas, this is a fun one. And its not to late!!!



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), Zion congregation council point person for youth ministry.



Wishing you another year full of
amazing adventures, blue skies
Dreams come true, happiness
Laughter, Joy & Love
Happy Birthday!!

December Birthdays

- 1 Lori Prussack
- 3 Gail Jones Peach
Vi Muriello
- 6 Jeanette Baker
Zoey Laki
- 7 Aron Sabino
- 10 Brian Bumpus
- 13 Cole Kaultenhauser
- 14 Mitch Butynes
Marie Strebel

- 15 Joseph Bonina
Evie Riggs
Joseph Seewald II
- 16 Corey Derr
- 17 Cindy Hanft
Sarah Hibler Ito
- 18 Emily McCartney
- 22 Patricia Kaltenhauser
- 24 Emily Horner Coralic
- 25 Charlie Davidson
- 28 Tom Staada

Change Your
Clocks Back &
Smoke Alarm
Batteries



Don't forget! turn your
clocks back on Sunday
November 7th

