



*For the Members and Friends of Zion Lutheran Church
January 2022*

The Long Valley Lutheran

Sundays in January

January 2, Second Sunday of Christmas

10:30 AM Service of Holy Communion

January 9, Baptism of Our Lord

8:00 AM Service of Holy Communion

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Service of Holy Communion

January 16, Second Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 AM Service of Holy Communion

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Service of Holy Communion

January 23, Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 AM Service of Holy Communion

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Service of Holy Communion

January 30, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 AM Service of Holy Communion

9:00 AM 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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President: Judy Bumpus
Vice President: Martina Frommeyer
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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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Pastor Ingrid

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Pastor Ingrid is off on Fridays.

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The deadline for the
February Newsletter is
January 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!**



It's hard to imagine that we are now entering the third year of living with the pandemic! We still don't know how this year will unfold in terms of health, social distancing and participation in all arenas of life, including church.

What I do know is that we need as many folks as possible to participate in terms of supporting and carrying out ministries at Zion this year. For example:

- We are looking for a **large number of new Council members** to serve a two-year term, as some have already served their term limits and others have been called to personal and career responsibilities and/or moved away. Serving on Council can be an awesome responsibility and opportunity. Please don't forget to recognize and give thanks to God for those who have served, especially when novel decisions were demanded by the novel virus.
- We are looking to continue **ministries that have had no leadership since 2019**; e.g., Vacation Bible School, Senior Youth Group, and the Community Tree Lighting. We have had a number of new folks step up to the plate and lead ministries in 2021; e.g., Baptismal gift bags and the Sunday School Team & teachers and we thank God for them!
- Since 2019, we have made some progress with closing the expense gap on our **financial spending plan**; however, we have not been able to incorporate the mortgage payments into it as originally imagined, so this year we have asked for everyone to give (or continue giving!) to pay it down. Plus, we will not have the windfall of a PPP grant upon which to lean in 2022. Not everyone understands that the congregation is 100% financially supported by members & friends – so we are asking folks who haven't given in the past, to consider doing so.

I invite all who care about Zion to reflect, pray, ask others who might have gifts to serve and participate, and to consider your own participation.

We might also anticipate that God will work and people will serve in different or new ways this year. These are different times. We shouldn't be held captive by the past, or specific expectations in order to measure success. Perhaps God can free us up to imagine and wonder how we might carry out the gospel in our little corner of the world this *particular* year. So... What is God calling *you* to do this year on behalf of Zion?



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//>

Mark Your Calendars

Quilting Day is February 12th

For more information contact Judy Bumpus



New Members Class & Reception

New members classes typically happen two times each year; however COVID has interfered recently! Please let Pastor Ingrid know if you are interested in joining Zion. There will be a class typically in person on a Saturday morning, aimed at adults (childcare available-let us know). Then, on a Sunday morning during worship, new members will be received with a prayer and blessing.

Appointed Worship Readings for January

<u>Worship Date</u>	<u>Old or New Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
January 9	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 29	Luke 3: 15-17,21-22
January 16	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	Psalm 36: 5-10	John 2: 1-11
January 23	Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10	Psalm 19	Luke 4: 14-21
January 30	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Psalm 71: 1-6	Luke 4: 21-30

WORSHIP IN JANUARY

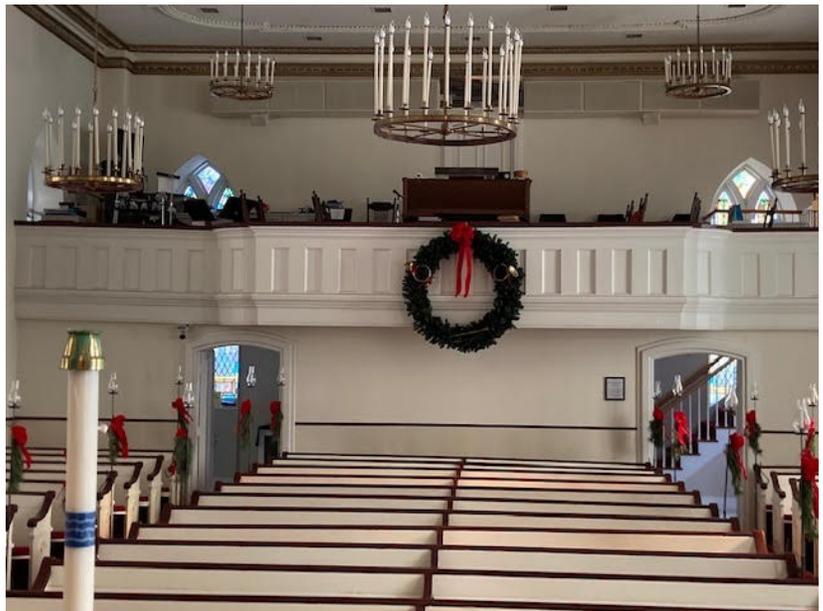


Council agreed to continue to have Zion follow CDC guidelines. This means that when the level of community transmission in our county is substantial or high, you are encouraged to mask indoors - whether or not you are vaccinated. This is not mandated, but encouraged.

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.

Thank you, to the Stoma and Hibler families and all the other Christmas elves who helped to bring in the beautiful Christmas tree and for all the work they do to make our sanctuary beautiful every Christmas!





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: The Staada Family
Paul Litwiller

*Ellen Blaine
Charlie Burd
Diane Carlock
Mike Cook
Emily Horner Coralic
Courtney Derr
Donna East
Justin Fogerty
Krista Gundersen
James Hassel
Kirk Klein*

*Elfrieda Kiesling
Sue Koeppen
Emily Mancuso
Cathy Mindel
Taryn Blaine Monsolino
Jim Newquist
Becky Rasmussen
Deena Salvatore
Ferdinand 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 November approved by Zion's Council

Operations: Noveber 2021 Summary	November 2021 YTD		
	Budget*	Actual	Delta to Budget
Congregational Giving	\$ 172,892	\$ 159,580	\$ (13,313)
Total Income	\$ 218,328	\$ 212,830	\$ (5,497)
Total Expense	\$ 237,792	\$ 228,399	\$ (9,393)
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (19,464)	\$ (15,569)	\$ (3,895)
81100 · Other Income**		\$ 28,183.6	
Net Income	\$ (19,464)	\$ 12,614.89	\$ 32,078.99

*Budget includes approved deficit of \$27K

**Other income includes Federal PPP grants of \$28,184 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

STEWARDSHIP SEASON If you have not submitted your estimate of giving card yet, please do. The council bases its 2022 financial planning on the amount of funds contributed at the termination of the stewardship season. Besides keeping the lights on and heating the church, these monies are used to insure that our many ministries remain fully active and funded. Be mindful that this year we also requested that Zion members who have the financial means, contribute to the Mortgage Pay-off fund as well.

Offering Envelopes

The **2022** offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex. If you can not pick up during church hours, please call Sarah in the office and we can make arrangements for different times. If you would like a box and one has not been provided for you, please contact: **Barb Schulz** at barbaralschulz@gmail.com or **(201)787-7460** and she will get a box to you.

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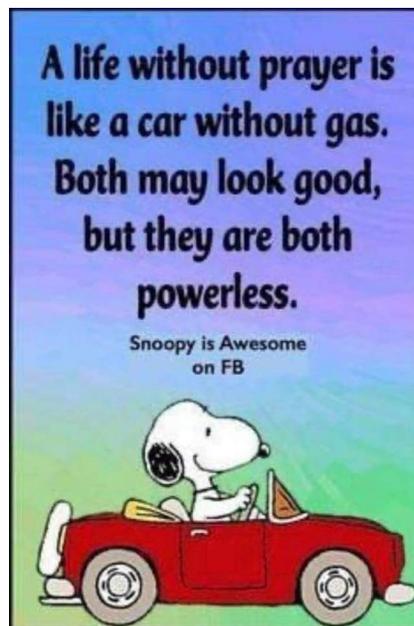
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Save the Date

for the
Annual
Congregational Meeting
on February 13, 2022

It's that time of year again! Ministry Leaders should have already received an email request to complete relevant Annual Report sections. Please do so and return to Sarah in the office as soon as possible. **Thanks so much!**

Annual reports will be available to the congregation by Sunday February 6 along with an informational session at 11:30AM.



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.



SM The *Super Bowl* will take place this year on **February 13, 2022**, and Zion will once again participate in the "*Souper Bowl of Caring*" that weekend. Donations of canned and other food items will benefit our local food pantry operated by the

Long Valley Community Assistance Program (LVCAP).

Collection bins for food items will be located in the narthex

For items needed please go to [LVCAP](#) for a list of current food pantry needs.

2021 Zion Giving Tree

Thank you to all who contributed gifts to the Giving Tree to provide Christmas gifts for families using the LV Community Assistance Program. No doubt your generous gifts helped make their holiday. We provided a total of 33 gifts to families. Thank you so much!

Thank you Candice for organizing!!!





PARISH LIFE



Dear Zion Lutheran,

The long valley Community Assistance Program (LVCAP) wishes to thank you for your \$3,017 donation to our organization. The volunteers who manage LVCAP, the area churches that support it, and most importantly your neighbors who use the food pantry are

all grateful for your trust in the program and your decision to contribute.

What a wonderful way to help the LV community!

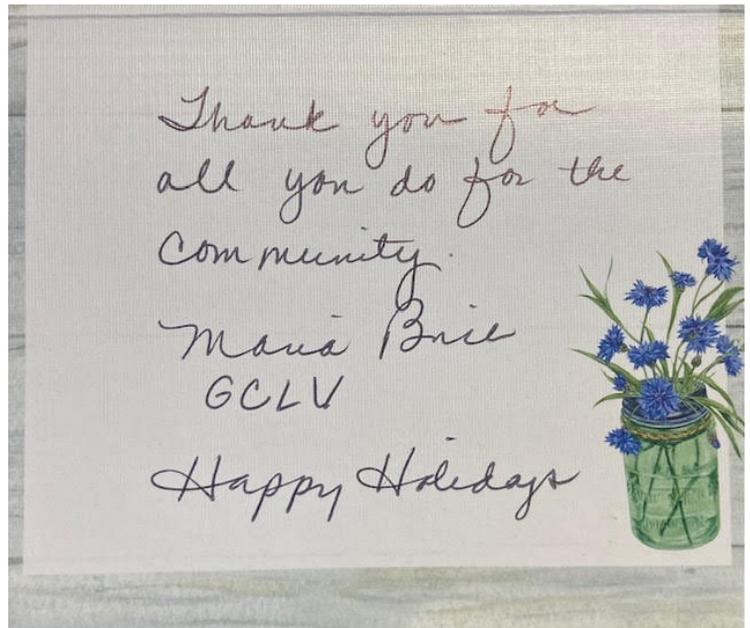
Thank you for donating the proceeds of your Craft Fair on 11/6. I was there, and witnessed your church's sacrificial love!

Lisa Woodring, (LVCAP Treasurer)

A big **Thank You** to Kara Buchanan and family for the amazing gingerbread house of Zion!



A lovely note to Pastor Ingrid and Zion from the Long Valley Garden Club.





PARISH LIFE



Bringing our Community together Long Valley Tree Lighting

The Long Valley Tree lighting was a beautiful night. We had almost 100 people come out to see the WMC High school singers and players, also the Chester Baroque Duo, and our very own Zion Choir and Hand Bell Choir. A huge thank you to **Jeanette Baker** for organizing all the music!



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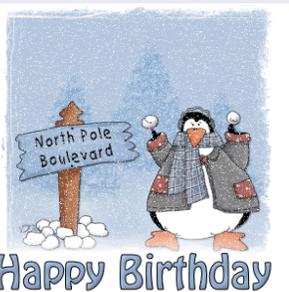
The Noteworthys



The Howlers



WMC String Quintet



Happy January birthday's

May God give you many blessings today and always,
may your dreams come true that you have much peace,
love, and hope.

1 Morgan Forlenza

3 Jenna Humcke

Mary Marrero

Betsy McCartney

Elizabeth McCartney

Jaxen Trembly

Peter Trethaway

5 Jonathan Jan

Blanca Naglestad

6 Stephen Davis

7 Rick Johnston

8 Kendall Hennessey

Brett Prussack

Autumn McLaughlin

9 Juliette Muttart

13 Emmett Callow

14 Marianne Dise

16 Beth Johnson

Ryan Harris

18 Matthew Huber

19 James Carkuff Jr.

William Howell

20 Christiaan Bullock

21 Rob Johnson

Julia Bender

25 Ava Boeckel

31 Logan Deitlein

I'm Not Going Outside



**Until The Temperature Is
Above My Age.**





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