

November brings us shorter, colder days, leaf-less trees, and skies mostly cloudy and gray. Similarly, the church year moves us into November darkness, when we acknowledge death as part of life on All Saints Sunday and move to the conclusion of our church year.



This November 4th, we will pause to remember Zion's saints by naming those who have died over the past year, tolling the bell for each, and then having a family member or friend light a candle for their loved one. This moving All Saints ritual is a time when we can pause and, together, remember those who have helped build up both our church and the long-standing faith so important in our darkest times.

While we may share tears on All Saints Sunday, we also are grateful that, for us, death is not the final word. Buried beneath the darkness and loss of loved ones is the promise of resurrection, with an end to sadness and tears. For this we give great thanks.

Early in the month of November, we recognize the saints who have been gathered into the heavenly harvest, and nearer to month's end, we will gather to show gratitude for the earth's harvest. Here in the U.P. we have reached the end of our growing season, and the cycle of life will now go dormant until spring. We have a great deal for which to be thankful, and you are invited to share in that thankfulness as we join together with fellow Christians at First United Methodist Church on November 20th.

As we move to the end of the church year, take time to ponder the many ways each of us has been blessed through God's gifts and especially through the gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Yours in Christ, Pastor Terry

All Saints Sunday – November 3rd and 4th

By lighting candles, we remember those who have joined God's heavenly kingdom in the past year, as well as honor those who have been baptized into Christ. Glass angels, furnished by the Endowment Fund, are presented to the families of Zion loved ones who have died. They include: **Wendell "Pat" Sundling, Lloyd Johnson, Carol Neeson, Kenneth "Tim" Miller, Marcella Quick, and Kathy Selling.** Medallions, furnished by Thrivent, are engraved and given to the families of those recently baptized. Newly baptized Zion members are **Lloyd Kenneth Johnson, Kinsley Nicole Litzner, Melvin Wesley Frankenstein, Avalina Vu Frankenstein, Clair Marie Markon, Eleanor Jane Markon, and Lily Lambeau Norton.**



Soup with the Saints

Please join the Church Council for "Soup with the Saints" as they host the Fellowship hour after worship on Sunday, November 4th!



Donate your Elmer's Rewards Card Points to Zion Lutheran Church

Elmer's Community Care Program
Please transfer 500 points from this account to...
Zion Lutheran Church



If you happen to grocery shop at Elmer's County Market in Escanaba, you can sign up at their Service Desk for their rewards program and contribute your points earned to Zion Lutheran Church! Pick up a Zion Community

Care Program card from the church office and use it to transfer points in 500-point increments (Ex: 500, 1000, 1500, etc.). For every dollar spent at Elmer's, 10 reward points accumulate, and reward points transfer to Elmer's Gift Cards. Thank you to **Sue Kacer** for suggesting this program!



As most of you know, I've been in rehab forever it seems. I want you to know that I've received many cards with caring wishes, prayers, and visits from dear friends. They helped make my recovery easier. Thank you.

Karen Klaus

Dear Folks,

Thanks so much for your donations to our food pantry. You are so good to help us help others & we appreciate it. God Bless you. **Your Friends at Good Neighbor Services**

Zion Quilters Thank You!

Many thanks go out to all of you who helped the Zion Lutheran Quilting program this past quilting year! Many people gave of their time to do the numerous tasks that were needed to complete over 200 quilts. Several people were also involved in the packaging of the quilts for shipping and delivery to Gladstone. Thank you for the donations of fabric, sheets, batting, blankets, thread, crochet cotton, other supplies and monetary gifts. They were greatly appreciated. If anyone would like to join us on Monday mornings, 9:15am, please feel free to do so. If you have any questions, please ask a Zion Quilter or contact either chairperson, Kaye Jarski or Mary Ansell.

Progressive Dinner Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who provided soup for the Progressive Dinner on Sunday, October 28th. And thank you to those who set up, served, and cleaned up afterward. Approximately one hundred people (including our eight confirmands) made the rounds to five churches for wonderful food and fellowship!

NYG 2021 Pie and Ice Cream Social Thank You!

The National Youth Gathering (NYG) 2021 would like to thank everyone who made pies for their event on October 14th. Over \$500 was raised at the coffee fellowship that included the “auction by donation” of whole pies. Great fun was had by all! Thank you!



Daylight Savings Time ends November 4th.
Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on
Saturday night, or you could be way too early
for church on Sunday morning!

*Gifts to our congregation have been given
in memory of*

Their 65th Wedding Anniversary

Jean Selling—Floral Fund

Gloria Gene McGuire

Joel & Sherri Krause—Pew Cushions

David Neadow

Joel & Sherri Krause—Pew Cushions

Kay Hough Merlo

Joel & Sherri Krause—Pew Cushions

Kathy Selling

Doris Ribblet—Pew Cushions

Join us for Bible Study and Conversation

**The Wednesday morning Lectionary
conversation continues at 10:30am.**



**The Monday night group will be meeting at 6:30, every 2nd and
4th Mondays. Members will be wrapping up their discussion
of *Accidental Saints* and choosing another study at their
November 12th meeting.**

**If you have questions about either of these opportunities,
please see Pr. Terry.**



We are once again filling **six baskets for Thanksgiving**. There are sign-up sheets posted in Augustana Hall if you are able to help. All items need to be at the church by November 18th. They will be delivered on that day. Also if you can help with delivery, please contact the office.



There will be a **Community Thanksgiving Worship** service on Tuesday, November 20th, 7:00pm, at First United Methodist Church.

A **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** will be served at the Escanaba Area High School cafeteria on Thanksgiving Day. There is no cost. Reservations for the meal can be made thru the Escanaba Senior Center at 786-8850. The menu is: Roast Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, cranberry sauce, vegetables, rolls, coffee & milk, and pie.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

We have signed up for Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Jack's Market on **Saturday, December 1st**. Our sign-up sheet will be posted in Augustana Hall soon. The confirmands will be singing and ringing from 11:00 to 1:00!

The **54th Festival of Lessons and Carols, "Go Tell It"** is scheduled for December 9th, 3:00pm. Rehearsals have begun and singers are needed. If you would like to join this wonderful tradition, come to the Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer Sundays at 1:30pm. **COME SING FOR CHRIST!!**



Circle News

The **Sarah Circle** will meet Monday, November 5th, in the church Library at 1:00pm.

The **Joy Circle** will be meeting in the library on November 8th, at 10:00am. If have the Gather Magazine, be sure to bring it.

The **Priscilla Circle** will be going to lunch at the Upper Crust on Tuesday, November 20, at 12:15pm.

The **Ruth Circle** will be meeting on Wednesday, November 21st, at 11:30am at the Upper Crust.

The members of the **Hope Circle** will meet on a day/time to be determined.

There are **several opportunities** to help with Flowers for the Altar, Bulletin, Bread, & Wine, Coffee-Fellowship Hours and greeters. Please check the sign-up sheets posted in Augustana Hall.

Please note that the Church Office will be closed on November 22nd and 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Scripture Readings

November 4 —All Saints Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 24, Revelation 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44

November 11—Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16, Psalm 146, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

November 18—Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3, Psalm 16, Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18], 19-25,
Mark 13:1-8

November 25—Christ the King Sunday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 93, Revelation 1:4b-8,
John 18:33-37

NOISY OFFERINGS

October 2018—Beacon House \$99.13

October Congregation Council Highlights

- +Congregation Council committees need new members! If you are interested in serving on one of the committees, please talk to Pastor or Linda Levin. The committees include: Worship and Music, Evangelism and Membership, Finance and Stewardship, Property and Christian Education and Youth. We can always use more enthusiastic people!
- +The Stewardship Committee is working on the Fall Stewardship Drive.
- +The work in Augustana Hall is continuing. New office furniture is scheduled to arrive at the end of October.
- +The Nordic Historic Spaces Committee continues to meet weekly. A conservator will be at Zion on October 19th to look at our three Altar paintings. It is the hope of the committee to clean and restore the paintings.
- +The youth of our congregation held a successful pie social on October 14 to raise money to attend the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN in 2021.
- +Sheila Clark will be holding a prayer bead workshop on October 28 and November 4 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Sign-up forms are in the church office.
- +Creative for a Cause raised \$1100 for Backpack Buddies!
- +The Congregation Council will host Soup with the Saints on Sunday, November 4th. Please join us!
- +Our congregation will provide six Thanksgiving baskets for families in our community. Please check the sign-up sheets in Augustana Hall to see how you can help.
- +We are looking for people who like to take pictures, to share those pictures with us so we can keep our website up-to-date with the latest events going on at Zion. Please talk to any council person if you are interested.

NEWS FROM THE NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD

Looking for a good Devotional Resource? Check out our synod website and "Prayfaithfully Resource". People from our synod write weekly devotionals. Go to www.nglsyond.org/prayfaithfully to explore this resource. Make daily devotions a part of your routine. You'll be blessed by this inspiring discipline. Maybe God is inspiring you to write for this synod devotional resource. If interested, contact Betsy Koski in the Synod Office, 906-228-2300 or bakoski@nglsynod.org.

"Faithful Innovations" for Lay Leaders, Pastors & Licensed Lay Ministers. Coming in 2019 to a location near you! The Northern Great Lakes Synod invites congregational lay leaders, pastors, and licensed lay leaders to take a journey with us as we re-imagine church in light of today's church in light of today's changing culture. This is a Spirit-led journey in which we are invited to engage the spiritual practices of listening, discerning, experimenting and reflecting.

- A congregation commits 5 to 7 lay people to attend trainings and become part of that congregation's "Guiding Team"
- 3 Training Events (Saturdays?) with monthly ongoing coaching for laity and pastors.

More details on this renewal effort and dates of training sessions will be forthcoming by the end of 2018.

Mark Your Calendars!!

2019 Marked! Event for our Confirmation class will be Sunday, March 17, 2019, hosted by Our Redeemer, Newberry for 4-7:00pm. The Marked! event includes music, service projects, worship, learning, food and fun. Confirmands should plan to attend.

Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly 2019

Bethany Lutheran Church and Bay College Escanaba, MI
Thursday, May 16—Saturday, May 18, 2019.

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Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp News:

Fortune Lake now has an **Amazon Wish list** for smaller needs at camp. For more information on the Wish List, go to the website, www.fortunelake.org and click on the link for the Wish List.

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