

Make a joyful noise to the LORD

Psalm 100:1

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence
with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who
made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep
of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his
courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For
the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and
his faithfulness to all generations. ~**Psalm 100**

Happy Turkey Day! Whoops, wrong name.

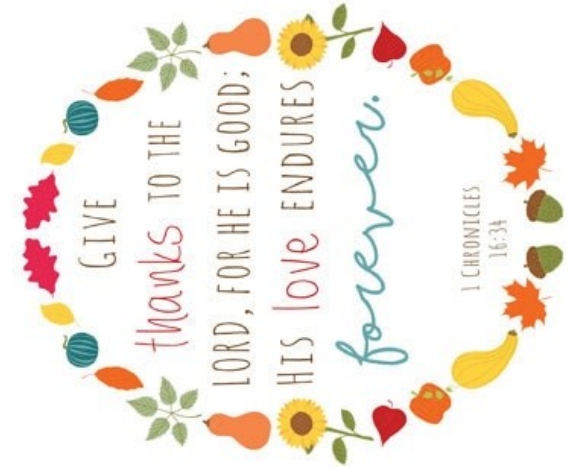
Thanksgiving has lost its meaning for many people.
The day is about travel, a four-day weekend, eating,
drinking, and football. How much giving thanks goes on?

At Zion, we've had a Thanksgiving worship service
every year, held on the evening before the day. This year,
that service will be at Living Branch Lutheran Church in
North Branch on November 22, 7:00 p.m. It's a great
opportunity to focus on giving thanks to God.

The Bible encourages us to give thanks to God every
day, in all that we do. In our joyful noises (singing?), our
service, our knowledge and learning, our attendance in His
house, and our actual giving of thanks. As Americans, we
have the opportunity to speak of God, speak to God,
worship Him, and give Him thanks wherever we are,
whenever we wish. We can also thank God for that.

Happy Thanksgiving! See you in church.

Pastor Kleppe







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November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Worship/ Communion 8:30am Education Hr 10am Potluck 11:15am Voters' Mtg Noon	30	31	1 Confirmation 5:30pm Worship 7pm	2	3	4
5 Daylights Savings Worship/ Communion 8:30am Education Hr 10am	6 Elder Meeting 6pm Council Meeting 7pm	7 	8 Confirmation 5:30pm Worship/Comm 7pm	9 LWML Meeting 1pm	10	11 
12 Worship/ Communion 8:30am Education Hr 10am	13	14	15 Confirmation 5:30pm Worship 7pm	16	17	18 Men's Group Fire Museum & Tobies
19 Worship/ Communion 8:30am Education Hr 10am	20	21	22 Sweet Potato Prep 4:30pm No Confirmation Worship will be at Living Branch 7:00pm	23 	24  PSALM 111	25
26 Worship/ Communion 8:30am Education Hr 10am	27	28	29 Confirmation 5:30pm Worship 7pm	30		

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Westernen	11/6
Sue Haavisto	11/8
Phyllis Overholser	11/13
Kerry Dickey	11/14
Nathan Kleppe	11/17
Geri Vacinek	11/17
Tye Heitman	11/20
Kim Martini	11/25
Verna Carpenter	11/25
Bonnie Youngbauer	11/25
Brad Dickey	11/27
Char Schwarz	11/29



11/27

ANNIVERSARIES

Todd & Denise Linder	11/10
Dave & Terri Wagner	11/27

NOVEMBER SERVANTS

ELDERS

Ryan Ovick	11/5
Jerry Lotz	11/12
Keith Strehlo	11/19
Jeremiah Slama	11/26

USHERS

Steve Ovick, Ryan & Ray Ovick; Tristan Frith

OFFERING COUNTERS

Janet Sundermeyer	11/6
Karen Teich	11/13
Jeanne Casby	11/20
Verna Carpenter	11/27

ALTAR GUILD

Linda Kleppe, Ashley & Bailee Slama



Thanks to Steve & Marsha Olson for a fun Hayride we had over 30 people.

Wednesday, November 22nd:

4:30 p.m. Sweet Potato Prep

For Community Thanksgiving Dinner Zion will again be participating to help with preparing the sweet potatoes for the Thanksgiving Community dinner which is held at Our Redeemer. We will be meeting at 4:30 p.m. at Zion for this prep. Please let Verna know if you can help with this project. I will have a sign-up sheet on the podium in the fellowship hall. Thanks for your help Verna Carpenter (There will be a lite supper served for the volunteers prior to Thanksgiving services)



VOTERS' MEETING

will be on **October 29th.**

11: 15am there will be a potluck and then the meeting will start at noon!

Please mark your calendars!

Zion Lutheran

October 9th, 2023 Council Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Members Present: Pastor Kleppe, Karen Althoff, Bob Thompson, Ryan Ovick, Jerry Lotz, Jeremiah Slama, Keith Strehlo, Steve Olson & Larry Anderson

Members Absent: Chad Fedder, Scott Ovick & Tom Martini

Opened with Prayer and Devotion from Ephesians 6:10-18. Sermon on shield, helmet & belt. Paul working in Church, there were struggles. There were fights and even now we have fights in the world. As a Church keep standing up and fighting. Have Faith and Salvation. Be Faithful in Worship and Study.

Secretary's Report- This was shared prior to the meeting electronically. Correction made regarding the AED. It was stated that the batteries were \$1000. Batteries cost is \$80. Motion made to accept the report, motion seconded and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report- Balance currently at about \$11,000. Offerings have been down a bit, maybe related to low attendance a couple of Sundays. Pray for offerings and attendance to increase.

Motion to accept and seconded, Motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

1. Our YouTube channel is Glen Kleppe. We continue to put services on the channel every week. It is accessible directly or through our church website, zionpinecity.org or through our Facebook page. Now we will return to Wednesday service matching the following Sunday. Please consider attending this service if you are going to be gone on the following Sunday.
2. I am also now recording the Confirmation class every week so that students can watch it if they miss.
3. The Confirmation class has 3 students.
4. I have ordered some materials for midweek Adult Bible Studies. We need to schedule a time.
5. We will be holding our Thanksgiving Eve service at Living Branch. There will be no Thanksgiving service at Zion. Our Christmas Day service will be at Zion with no service at Living Branch.

Upcoming Dates:

October 13th- LWML Rally @ Finlayson; October 14th- Church cleaning day; October 15th- Hayride at Olson's; October 28th- Yard clean-up and Chili Feed; October 29th- Voter's Meeting

Motion to accept Pastor's report, motion seconded and motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism- New Teacher Gifts, 4 visitors Friendship Sunday. College Student Care packages being prepared. Continuing Meals at A Place For You.

Endowment- No meeting.

LWML- Rally October 13th. Had LWML Sunday. Working on replacing ribbons in Hymnals.

Preschool- Currently 2 openings. Planning for Chili Feed October 28th. Tickets on Sale and sign up sheets are out to sign up for Chili or Baked goods for the Bake sale.

Worship, Music & Arts- No Meetings.

Youth Group- No report

Men's Group- Family Game night. Yard Clean Up.

Trustees Report/Old Business:

-Trees at parsonage still need to be taken care of. Managed to get Obi to offer a cheaper rate for doing the work at \$1000 instead of \$1600.

-Facia that was hanging was removed. Waiting for it to be replaced. RJi has been contacted to do this work. Not sure when they will be here to do so.

-Have them look at the down spouts and possibly clean out to remove birds nest so water flows out correctly. This may be part of the issue with water leaking into the basement.

-Looked into water in the basement near the Preschool. Found that water leaked into Preschool storage closet.

-Suggestion to remove all items from the floor in that closet for sanitary and safety reasons. Also checked Preschool Room flooring. There is slight warping but should be fine for now.

-Motion to accept Committee and Trustees Reports, motion seconded and passed.

Old Business-

- Electronic Sign still not working. Andrew looked at this. We will contact Andrew to see if he figured anything out.

-Office computer, Katy and Pastor will address this soon.

Stove- will look to pick this out and get it purchased.

•Snow Removal- Got a quote from Steve Olson. Rate for 2023-2024 Winter will be \$85 triggered at 1 inch. Motion to accept and seconded. Motion Passed.

•Parsonage Garage Repair has been completed.

•Officers for 2024- Positions to be elected: Elders Tom Martini & Keith Strehlo, Treasurer Karen Althoff. Also looking for Council Secretary and Trustee.

New Business-

•2024 Budget Planning. Have gone through the Budget for 2024. Completed Budget will be shared at Voter's Meeting. Worked with Living Branch Head Elder on Pastor's Salary & Benefits. Motion to accept the budget as presented, motion seconded and motion passed.

•Financial Secretary. Need to find a replacement for Dennis Loudon. Those that have offered included JoAnn Gunderson Breska, Dallas Carpenter, Keith Strehlo and Stepheny Lotz. Discussed this position and the importance of it. After discussion motion was made by Bob Thompson and seconded by Keith Strehlo to appoint JoAnn Gunderson Breska as the New Financial Secretary. Motion Passed.

•Safe- Dallas is going to put the old safe back on and put a new lock on and get new keys. New safe that was put on is hard to get into.

•New Constitution will be read at Voters Meeting.

•Organ will be tuned soon. A new company will do the tuning. Once the date is known it will be shared. Not sure on the cost yet but the Organ does need to be tuned.

•Christmas Concert is going to be December 9th. Katy would like \$300 for advertising, meal for those that participate and other items related to the concert. Motion made to approve the \$300, motion seconded and motion passed.

•Usher Scheduling- Chad Fedder has talked to Katy about taking this over. He will be making up a survey to ask Ushers about their availability. More Ushers are always welcome to join!

•October Voter's Meeting. October 29th, will have a Potluck Lunch starting at 11:15. Voters meeting will start at Noon.

Minutes typed and respectfully submitted by Jerry Lotz