

Announcements

WAYS TO GIVE AT ZION: We accept cash, cheques, e-transfers (to zion.office@sasktel.net), pre-authorized debits, and donations through canadahelps.ca. Please fill out the message field on the offering envelope to designate your gift.

In From the Cold - Zion is once again supporting this valuable program this winter. Please bring donations of the following to the bins set up in the narthex: Winter outerwear (jackets, pants, toques, scarves and mitts). Please be sure the clothing is clean and all zippers are working; Hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant) that are new and in a sealed package; Blankets; Handwarmers, like HotShots

Knitting Club meets the first and third Tuesdays from 1 pm – 3 pm. All are welcome, even beginner knitters! Please enter through the south entrance.

Congregational Visioning Session and potluck immediately following the service today! Please plan to join us.

Wednesday noon hour Bible Study meets in the Narthex - bring your lunch.

‘Conversations Across the Church’: Sunday, Nov 30 at 5:00 p.m. CST. Please join new ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer for an hour online in prayer, reflection, and conversation. When you register, please complete the question: “One thing I would like to ask Bishop Larry as he begins his new ministry as National Bishop is” See the poster for registration information.

You are Invited to A Candlelight Service of Remembrance and Healing on Thursday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church - Christmas without a loved one can be a difficult time for those left behind. Other losses, such as the loss of a relationship, health or job can be the cause of loneliness in the midst of Christmas celebrations. Please join us in a service of prayer, scripture, communion and music knowing that God is present. May we find hope and comfort in knowing that we are not alone at this time. Refreshments to follow hosted by Saskatoon Lutheran Stephen Ministers.

November is Stewardship Month! Pledge cards can be found at the back of the Sanctuary and can be placed in the locked white box when completed.

October	Actual	Budget	October	Actual	Budget
Offering Income	13,833.80	15,270.83	Salaries	16,611.50	15,037.50
Rental Income	8,110.00	9,341.67	Administration	7,458.66	9,620.83
Total Income	21,943.80	24,612.50	Committees	2,252.62	1,996.67
			Total Expenses	26,322.78	26,655.00
Income-Expense	-4,378.98	-2,042.50	LOC Balance	52,136.85	

WELCOME TO ZION! If you would like more information about us, please fill in the communion card and give it to an usher. All Christians are welcome to commune. If you do not commune, please come forward to receive the Lord’s Blessing. If you receive communion in your pew, notify the usher. Grape juice is available in the middle of the tray. Gluten free wafers are available on request. Ushers will direct you to the altar.

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Fri, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

In Our Prayers

Andrea; Nandari; Mallory; Don; Louise; Mary; Linda & Steven; Jennifer; Gloria; Kaye; Doreen; Clara; Connie; Marilyn; Fred; Lorna; Betsy; Anne; Maureen; Susan; Ron; Lara, for justice; Carolyn; Alice; Neal; Helen; Ron; Brenda; Mary; Marie; Phyllis; Ina; Gordon; Ted; Dianah; Nora, Kaitlin, Eric, and family; Erik

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Mark your calendars: Retirement Luncheon and Celebration for Terry Afseth will be held on Sunday, December 14th after the 10:30 am service.

Christmas Squirle will be on Tuesday December 16, at 7:30 in the Richmond room at Luther Heights. Bring a potluck desert type treat to share.

Confirmation: Congratulations Erik on your confirmation this morning!

LuMinHoS (Lutheran Ministry in Hospitals of Saskatoon): The latest issue of the *Caregiver* newsletter is available at luminhos.org/Resources/Newsletters. We thank our faithful supporters for their prayers and financial donations.

CLWR Gifts from the Heart catalogs are available in the Narthex.

The Annual Norwegian Christmas Candlelight Service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church at today at 3 pm in English and Norwegian. Potluck goodies to follow! Velkommen til Alle.

The Mitten Tree has been set up in the Narthex. We are collecting new or gently used mitts, toques, scarves, and socks to donate to an inner-city organization in the new year. Thanks in advance for your donation.

Order of Service – Setting Three

GATHERING
Prelude: “Merton” – David Thorne
Welcome
Confession and Absolution (see screen)
Gathering Hymn: “Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”
– ELW #244
Kyrie – ELW pg. 138
Hymn of Praise – ELW pg. 139
Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Prayer of the Day: (see front of bulletin)
Candle-Lighting Hymn: “We are Waiting for Jesus”
– ACS #905

WORD
First Lesson: Proverbs 8:27-31
Psalm 33:1-9 chanted
Second Lesson: Colossians 1:15-20
Gospel Acclamation – ELW pg. 142
Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-13
Sermon
Hymn of the Day: “O Savior, Precious Savior”
– ELW #820
Order for Affirmation of Baptism – ELW, p.234
Prayers of Intercession (P: Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.)

COMMUNION
The Peace
Offering: “A Whisper, A Candle, A Promise” - Choir
The Great Thanksgiving – ELW pg. 144
Holy Lord
The Lord’s Prayer
Lamb of God
Communion: “Even So, Lord Jesus Come”;
“Prepare the Way”

Communion Prayer
SENDING
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Sending Song: “Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!”
– ELW #246
Go in peace. Keep awake. **Thanks be to God!**
Postlude: “The Only Son from Heaven” – J.S Bach

Proverbs 8:27-31

When he established the heavens, I was there,
 when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
 when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
 so that the waters might not transgress his
 command,
 when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker;
 and I was daily his delight,
 rejoicing before him always,
³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world
 and delighting in the human race.

Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn
 of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and
 on earth were created, things visible and invisible,
 whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—
 all things have been created through him and for
 him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all
 things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body,
 the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from
 the dead, so that he might come to have first place in
 everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was
 pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was
 pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on
 earth or in heaven, by making peace through the
 blood of his cross.

John 1:1-13

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with
 God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with
 God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without
 him not one thing came into being. What has come into
 being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all
 people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness
 did not overcome it.
⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was
 John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all
 might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light,
 but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which
 enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being
 through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to
 what was his own, and his own people did not accept
 him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his
 name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who
 were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the
 will of man, but of God.

First Sunday of Advent**November 30, 2025****10:30 am****Evangelical Lutheran Worship****Prayer of the Day:**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

By your merciful protection

deliver us from the threatening danger of our sins,

and at every new beginning renew us in your Word

to live in reconciliation with God, each other, and all creation,

for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.



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