



Zionews



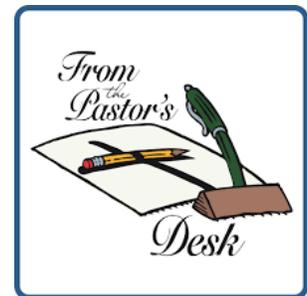
November 2019

Grace and peace from the one who holds all generations together,

Back when *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* was released, I knew that one of my tasks as a pastor would be to find the good things in the new hymnal. As I thumbed through the hymns, bemoaning the loss of some of my favorite hymns or the pairing of a favorite text with a new but unfamiliar tune, I came across a hymn I did not know but now love, *In Our Day of Thanksgiving*, ELW #429.

William Henry Draper penned this hymn in 1894 for the reopening of Abbey Church in Shrewsbury, England,¹ so it is an older hymn. We have it in the “Festivals, Commemorations” part of the ELW to sing for All Saints and even Thanksgiving. For all of these interesting facts, the hymn itself is a fantastic connection from generation to generation through the stories that come out of the place we worship while grounding us in God’s story. For those who don’t have an ELW handy, here are the words:

1. In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer
or the saints who before us received the reward;
when the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed,
but now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.
2. In the morning of life, and at noon, and at evening,
they were gathered to heav'n from our worship below;
but not till God's love, at the font and the altar,
had clothed them with grace for the way they should go.
3. These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,
and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,
and still they were seeking the city of God.
4. Sing praise, then, and thanks that God's love here has found them,
whose journey is ended, whose perils are past;
they believed in the light; and its glory is round them,
where the clouds of earth's sorrow are lifted at last.



—*In Our Day of Thanksgiving*, ELW 429
Text: William Henry Draper, 1855-1933.

¹ *Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, by Paul Westermeyer. Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, MN; 2010, p. 249.

I love this hymn because it recognizes that there comes a point in everyone's life when celebrations are colored by the difficulties and losses of life, but then immediately reminds us of God's promises and hope we have because of Jesus' love for them and for us. This is a great example of the Law-Gospel tension that epitomizes Lutheran thought. It is a shame that the tune is not as friendly for congregations as it could be. (I'm looking at you, third stanza!)

With everything we have going on in these next few months, if it all seems like too much or if the challenges of this life are making it hard to give thanks, please consider joining us for the Blue Christmas Service you can read about later in this issue. Just like God wants all people to be saved, so God wants all people to live in joy. If you're in a place where joy is hard to find, let Zion help.

May the providence of God move you to a more faithful thanksgiving.

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Nickels and Noses for August

Please note that these numbers are two months behind due to the newsletter publication schedule.

Worship Attendance
(4 Saturdays, 5 Sundays)

6pm	150
8am	386
10:30am	436
Total	972
Weekly Average	202

Offering

Monthly Giving	\$40,962.52
Monthly Budget	\$34,673.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$312,948.87
Year-to-Date Budget	\$312,057.00

Year of Scripture Readings for November

November 1 Luke 19-20
November 2 Luke 21-22
November 3 Luke 23-24
November 4 John 1-2
November 5 John 3-4
November 6 John 5-6
November 7 John 7-8
November 8 John 9-10
November 9 John 11-12
November 10 John 13-15
November 11 John 16-18
November 12 John 19-21
November 13 Acts 1-3
November 14 Acts 4-6
November 15 Acts 7-8



November 16 Acts 9-10
November 17 Acts 11-13
November 18 Acts 14-15
November 19 Acts 16-17
November 20 Acts 18-20
November 21 Acts 21-23
November 22 Acts 24-26
November 23 Acts 27-28
November 24 Romans 1-3
November 25 Romans 4-7
November 26 Romans 8-10
November 27 Romans 11-13
November 28 Romans 14-16
November 29 1 Corinthians 1-4
November 30 1 Corinthians 5-8

Stellhorn Library Adult Forum Schedule



Our schedule for the next few months is quite complicated. Below is the plan for when the Stellhorn Library Adult Forum will be meeting and what we'll be talking about. We're starting a series on Luther's *Small Catechism*. New copies of the *Small Catechism* will be available as part of this class. If you have a smart phone, check the App Store or Google Play for Luther's Small Catechism App. The icon should look like the picture on the right.

Date	Plan
November 3	All Saints Sunday and Congregational Meeting. No Class.
November 10	Thank Offering Sunday. No Class.
November 17	Introduction to Luther's Small Catechism
November 24	Christ the King Sunday. Commandments 1-3
December 1	Advent 1. Commandments 4-7
December 8	Advent 2. Commandments 8-Conclusion
December 15	Children of Zion Christmas Program. No Class.
December 22	Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long. No Class.
December 29	First Sunday of Christmas. No Class.
January 5	The Apostles' Creed
January 12	Lord's Prayer Introduction-4
January 19	Lord's Prayer 5-Conclusion
January 26	Baptism
February 2	Congregational Meeting. No Class.
February 9	Confession
February 16	Communion
February 23	Conclusion

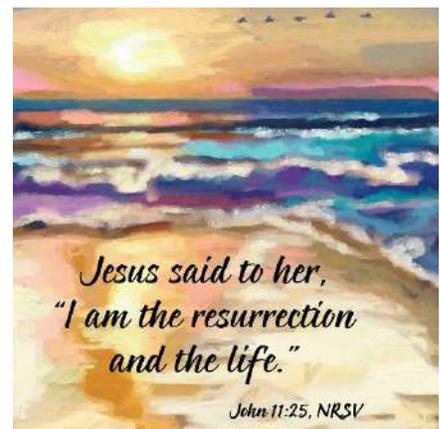
Funeral Planning Workshop

There are a handful of things in this world everyone will experience. Until Jesus returns, death is one of them.

There are a lot of details families have to figure out in that very trying time right after a loved one dies. One of the best gifts you can give to your family is having planned out some of those details.

On November 16th at 1:00 p.m., we'll be hosting a funeral planning workshop. Pastor Eric and Don Pfeil will make presentations and take questions.

There is no cost to attend this workshop. Please register for this event by November 9th. A registration sheet will be on the kiosk in the Gathering Room, or you can call the office, or respond on Zion's Facebook page @ZionELCSandusky.



Blue Christmas Service

The holidays can be a difficult time for many people for many reasons. Congregations have chosen to recognize this with a Blue Christmas Service during Advent, holding the challenges of the holidays together with God's promise and action in becoming one of us through the birth of Jesus. The goal of a Blue Christmas Service is to recognize the challenges of the holidays and renew our hope in God's promises.



With our current practice of having a healing service on fifth Saturdays, and the First Saturday of Advent falling on a fifth Saturday, this year seems like a good opportunity for us to hold a Blue Christmas Service. On November 30th, our regular Saturday night service will be a Blue Christmas Service. This service will include a special time of prayer for the many challenges that the holidays can bring on, individual prayer for healing and anointing with oil, and communion.

If the holidays aren't as joyful for you as you would like them to be, or if you're carrying pain or grief about those who aren't here to celebrate the holidays, you are invited to this special service.

Carolyn's Corner . . .

Beginning the week of January 13th there will be an opportunity to study the Apocrypha/Deuterocanonical Books here at Zion.

What is the Apocrypha?

"Apocrypha" comes from the Greek word which means "things that are hidden; secret." "The Apocrypha" refers to two collections of ancient Jewish and Christian writings that have certain affinities with the various books of the Old Testament and New Testament but were not canonized (included in the Books that make up the Holy Scriptures as we know it) by Christians as a whole.

Jesus' Old Testament was the Hebrew Old Testament and the Hebrew Old Testament has never numbered these apocryphal writings. The apostles in their preaching mention many Old Testament events, but they never refer to any incidents or characters of the Apocrypha. The New Testament writers quote from practically all of the Old Testament books, but nowhere quote from the Apocrypha. The Apocrypha are self-contained; nowhere in the canonical scripture are these books referenced.

They do not show evidence of essential qualities of inspiration. Great portions of these books are obviously legendary and fictitious. Often they contain historical, chronological and geographical errors. Some of these books contradict themselves and contradict the canonical Scriptures!

The New Testament apocrypha were written under assumed names of the apostles and others between the 2nd century and 6th century. They were written hundreds of years after Christ, while the canonical Scripture are all from the eyewitness accounts of the 1st century apostles. These writings, along with the OT apocryphal books, are sometimes erroneously described as "the lost books of the Bible," a sensational and misleading title because these books were NEVER a part of the Holy Bible.

The Apocrypha/Deuterocanonicals were written primarily in the time between the Old and New Testaments. The books of the Apocrypha include 1 Esdras, 2 Esdras, Tobit, Judith, Wisdom of Solomon, Ecclesiasticus, Baruch, the Letter of Jeremiah, Prayer of Manasseh, 1 Maccabees, and 2 Maccabees.

Come; join us for this different, but interesting study of scripture!

Blessings,
Carolyn

For further reading, go to [/www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/apocrypha](http://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/apocrypha)

Christmas Eve Service Time Change!

As you might have noticed last month, the council approved a time change for our first Christmas Eve service. **The Family Christmas Eve Service will now start at 5:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.** So our Christmas worship schedule will be:

- Family Christmas Eve Service, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.
- Candlemas, December 24th at 11:00 p.m.
- Christmas Day, December 25th at 10:30 a.m.



Calling all third graders:

Your Zion family would like to present you with a Bible! Every year Zion presents a Bible to each third grade child. If you or someone you know is in the third grade, please call the office at 419-625-2112 and give them your contact information.

The 3^{1/2} Stories of Christmas

December 18th
at Zion
7:00pm

*Free will offering to
Crossroads*

TV Star
FRANK RUNYEON
in:

THE 3^{1/2} STORIES OF CHRISTMAS

"REMARKABLE!"
PEOPLE MAGAZINE

"SPECTACULAR!"
GRACE EPISCOPAL, TRUMBULL, CT

"THE CHILDREN WERE MESMERIZED!"
IMMANUEL UCC, STATEN ISLAND, NY

Children and adults will be delighted as all the parts of the Christmas story are tied together for the first time:
From the light of Creation to the manger in Bethlehem,
from the origin of Saint Nicholas to the secret of
the Christmas Angel himself!

Children of Zion – we miss you!

From 9:15-10:15

Every Sunday morning Zion offers classes for all ages.

The children begin downstairs.

Then middle schoolers move up to the mezzanine for discussion.

Adult Bible study takes place upstairs in room 205 and in the library

Come, check us out!

November's Calendar is not included because of a software problem.

Children's Christmas Program

Journey to Bethlehem,



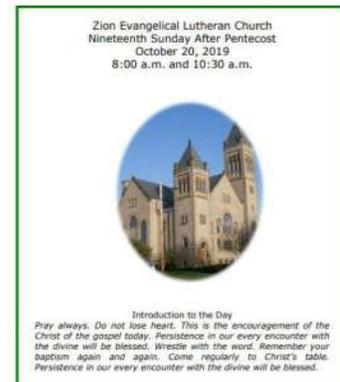
The Children of Zion's annual Christmas program will be during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 15. They children have already begun to learn songs during the Sunday School opening and we are looking for readers and of course, Mary and Joseph!

If you know a child who is age 3 to high school age, please invite them to come and be part of this event.

Creating the Bulletin for Sunday

For those of you who may not know, creating the bulletin for Sunday is a week-long production. Some parts come from Sundays and Seasons. Pastor Eric creates an outline of the service which then has to be formatted and adjusted for our use. A rough draft is created on Monday for Pastor Eric to look over and edit.

Everything from font size to content has to be adjusted as needed to get things to fit in an orderly and easy to read fashion but still fit within a certain number of pages. The organist sends her music titles via email and they are added to the document. The special music and choir titles have to be gathered and entered. The final draft is finished on Tuesday. This includes all announcements and the weekly calendar. On Tuesday, an edited/condensed version is created for our Shut In mailing. Those bulletins are printed and mailed every Tuesday afternoon. The final draft of the congregational bulletin is then proofed and printed on Wednesday. The bulletin is printed on Wednesday, not Thursday, to allow for any equipment malfunction that may pop up. Finally, the full version of the bulletin (this has everything) is uploaded to the website and to Facebook so that those with smartphones can access it.



As you can see, it is not mailed to us in a ready to use format. It takes time, finagling, edits, and additional drafts to have the bulletin in your hand for Sunday. That is why the deadline for submissions on Tuesday.

Please don't get me started on the holiday season bulletins. My head may explode!

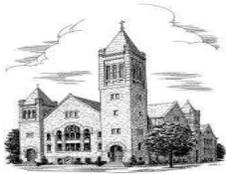
Help is still needed with the Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

- donations of money to buy turkeys, turkey, desserts
- help cooking the turkeys either here or at home and then delivered to Holy Angels
- help picking up donations at various businesses
- help at Holy Angels on Wed, Thurs, or Friday.
- drivers to deliver dinners or pick up guests



Cherub Choir has grown up!

The new Junior Choir will have a "Join the Choir" night on Tuesday, November 12th, from 5:30-6:15 pm. All youth through 8th grade – sopranos, altos, tenors, basses – are invited to come and try it out for a night. Bring a friend! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the women's restroom. We look forward to seeing you there!



November 2019 Worship Leaders



	11/03/19	11/10/19	11/17/19	11/24/19
8:00am Wine	Dick & Marlene Long	Tom & Cindy Patterson	Randy Koch & Andrew Castello	Kris Stradtman Jon Carver
10:30am	Lyle Marquardt & Carol Albert	Earl & Bea Rosen	Judy Burrows & Carol Albert	Suzanne Jeffrey & Chet Leser
8:00am Lectors	Roger Gundlach	Dean Meyers	Jarrold Todi	Mark Stuckey
10:30am	Kay Thompson	Suzanne Jeffrey	Martha Thompson	Jean Bossetti
8:00am Prayers	Judy Burrows	Carla Mitchell	Judy Mears	Karen Slater
10:30am				
Children's Message	Marj Burton	Nancy Kinsel	Dale Cerny	Laurie Mears
8:00am Soundboard	Janet Stradtman	Andy Castello	Andy Gundlach	Dean Meyers
10:30am	Dan Willey	John Nejedly	Dan Willey	Tim Kostel
8:00am Gathering Hosts	Connie Castello & Virginia Lillian	Chris Antel & Anna Johnson	Savannah Castello & Evan Pearston	Connie Castello & Virginia Lillian
10:30am	Earl & Bea Rosen	Kevin, Donna, Bailey, & Madison Yontz	Walter & Deborah Kaufmann	Dale & Ann Cerny
Greeters	Dianne Farrar	Jeff Pollack	Ron Dahs	Bill & Joyce Dahnke

Ushers:



8:00am Jim & Jeanette Toft, Bruce Bravard, Cooter Patterson, Tom & Cindy Patterson, and Abbey Lazzara

10:30am Greg and Tami Schultz, Julie Kessler and Alan & Juanita Mitchell

11/4/2019	11/11/2019	11/18/2019	11/25/2019
Hope & Mike Bailey and Roger & Barb Newton	Karen & Dean Slater, Dean Meyers, and Alan Mitchell	Virginia Neuman, Chris Hamilton, and Nancy & Tom Kinsel	Carol & Ron Albert, Bruce Bravard, and Dick Long



Zion's Thank Offering Worship Services are November 9th-10th.

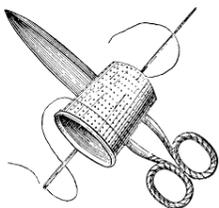
Any women of Zion and women of Zion's circle groups who would like to participate to support the worship services of the day may contact Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt or the church office.

Quilters

The display of beautiful quilts in the sanctuary a few weeks ago is a culmination of a year's work by nine ladies coming weekly; Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings. Three ladies take quilts home to sew the edges.

After the holidays three of our ladies will be going south for 3-4 months. That will leave us very short on workers.

It is vital we get more quilters to continue this Zion project which was started in 1947. Ladies, please strongly consider coming to the church for quilters on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm or Tuesday mornings from 9:00 – 11:30 am. With six steps to complete one quilt, there is a job for you.



Please stop in the church basement and we will put you to work or you can take projects home to work on. But, it is more fun working with the other ladies.

Thank you, Kit David

Ongoing Projects:

We are still collecting shoe boxes for the cats at the Humane Society. They like to snuggle in a box in their cages. Please drop off your empty shoe boxes in the quilters storage room in the basement.

We are collecting box tops for education which will now benefit our area schools. These can be dropped in the appropriate box just outside of the elevator door by the library.

As we were. . .

Zion building was dedicated in 1899. The first redecorating was done in 1922 in the sanctuary with new carpet, fresco job on the walls, new lighting system, and added paneling around the altar (which the young people helped pay for). In 1925 a new communion set was given by the women of Missionary Society, 12 trays, 2 covers, and 540 glasses.



In 1938 new heating and ventilating system was installed for \$15,000. they took out all old radiators, lots of work and many hands did the work. They were trying to get the church ready for the ALC National Convention in Oct. The women served 250-325 people twice a day. The delegates were housed in members homes. The ALC convention of '38 was repeated again in 1944 at Zion.

The women paid for a new electric hoist for the big wall. Before it took 2 men to crank the wall up and down. The same year, 1940 we hosted the National Woman's Missionary Federation convention in October. The nearly 1000 delegates ate at Jackson Jr. High. This was the last convention to be hosted by a local church. The kitchen where they prepared the

food was in the area where the ladies restroom and the youth room closet are now located and transported down to Jackson. Can you imagine all that cooking in that small area and then sent down 2 blocks west on Jefferson so be served?

Submitted by Judy Mears

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Deadline for submitting articles for
December's Zionews is
Monday, Nov. 18th

Memorials September 16 - October 15, 2019

IN MEMORY OF:

Phyllis Harrison: Ken Fultz, Shirley & Jim
Tabellion, Tom & Beth Voltz, Dave & Diane
Marcus, Lewis Ebner

WEDDINGS:

Ivy Hilyard & Brian Swander (10/5/19)
Heather Boggs & Timothy Johnson
(10/12/19)

NEW MEMBERS/TRANSFERS/CONFIRMATION

Jan Tunnell (Transfer to Zion by Letter of
Transfer)

IN HONOR OF:

The birthday of Pastor Eric: Kathryn LaMar

FUNERALS:

Phyllis Harrison (date of service 10/2/19) by
Rev. Dr. Eric L. Bodenstab
Dawn M. Ferback (date of service 10/10/19)
by Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt

BAPTISMS:

None

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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting October 9, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER:

President Carla Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Rev. Bodenstab, Carolyn Steinfeldt, Carol Albert, Chris Antel, Marjorie Burton, Andrew Castello, Karen Dehn, Tom Kinsel, Stephen Lippert, Lyle Marquardt, Carla Mitchell, Barbara Newton, Martha Thompson and Lori Harris, Recording Secretary
Absent/excused: Savannah Castello
Guest: Don Hanck

UPDATES:

Don Hanck updated Council on the Capital Campaign and discussed the Foundation Resolution.

OPENING DEVOTION & PRAYER:

Pastor Eric led the Council in the devotion by Scott & Connie Blackford followed with a prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The amended agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of September 11, 2019 were approved as submitted.

STAFF REPORTS:

Pastor Eric – written report submitted.

Carolyn Steinfeldt – written report submitted. Reformation Sunday will also be Volunteer Recognition. Frank Runyeon confirmed for 12/18/19, freewill offering to go to Crossroads.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President, Carla Mitchell – Several Zion members attended the installation of Pastor Juli Lejman-Guy in Holgate.

Vice President, Stephen Lippert – spoke about the Bill Gates Bag of Books concept.

Secretary/Treasurer, Marjorie Burton – The Treasurer's report and financial reports were reviewed and discussed.

MINISTRY TEAMS REPORTS:

Worship & Music – Carol Albert – Worship & Music will meet 10/23/19.

Faith Formation – Chris Antel – Children of Zion (COZ) will be collecting hats, mittens/gloves and scarves between now and Thanksgiving for a service project.

Stewardship & Administration – Andy Castello – Budget committee meeting for 2020 Budget. Counters secured for upcoming dates.

Youth & Young Adult – Karen Dehn – Youth programming discussion upcoming.

Property & Facilities – Barb Newton – report submitted. The motion was made to approve the proposed Barnes Nursery quote for \$11,500 to include an up to \$500 contingent for unforeseen issues.

The motion was seconded and carried. The carpet and pews will be cleaned October 15 & 16, the Administrative wing will be cleaned October 18.

Parish Life – Lyle Marquardt – Gathering Hours hosts have been assigned.

Mission & Outreach – Martha Thompson & Tom Kinsel – Next Outreach meeting will be October 30, 2019 at 7 p.m.

FLAME – Report submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Capital Campaign** – Updated earlier in the meeting.
- **Fall into Lakeside** – Four Zion youth and several adults attended. Program went well.
- **Cemetery plots** – Family rescinded offer.
- **Constitution Review Committee** – Committee currently consists of: **Judy Mears, Roger Gundlach, Marjorie Burton, Jim Johnson, Pastor Eric and Deacon Carolyn**. The committee will meet soon.
- **Nursery Personnel** – Discussion tabled for budget review.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2020 Council Candidates & Nominating Committee** – A motion was made to accept for the ballot of 2020 Church Council – **Marjorie Burton,* Andrew Castello,* Faye Gast, Nancy Stewart, Jarrod Todi & Kevin Yontz**. Candidates for Nominating Committee – **Mary Ann Bevington, Wendy Schonhardt & R. Jody West**. The motion was seconded and carried.
- **Foundation Resolution** – A motion was made to present to the congregation (at the Congregational meeting on November 3, 2019) the proposal to modify the Foundation Resolution Spending Policy. The motion was seconded and carried.
- **New Member** – A motion was made to accept by Letter of Transfer – **Jan Tunnell**. The motion was seconded and carried.
- **Confirmands** – A motion was made to accept by Affirmation of Baptism – **Gary K. Schimmel III, Hayley N. Schimmel and Evan D. Pearston**. The motion was seconded and carried.
- **Jr. Choir Director job description** – A revised job description for Jr. Choir Director (formerly Cherub Choir Director) was presented with a motion to accept as written. The motion was seconded and carried.
- **Hiring Jr. Choir Director** – A motion was made to offer **Beth Busdicker** the position of Jr. Choir Director. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m. with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Harris, Recording Secretary

37th Community Celebration of **THANKSGIVING**

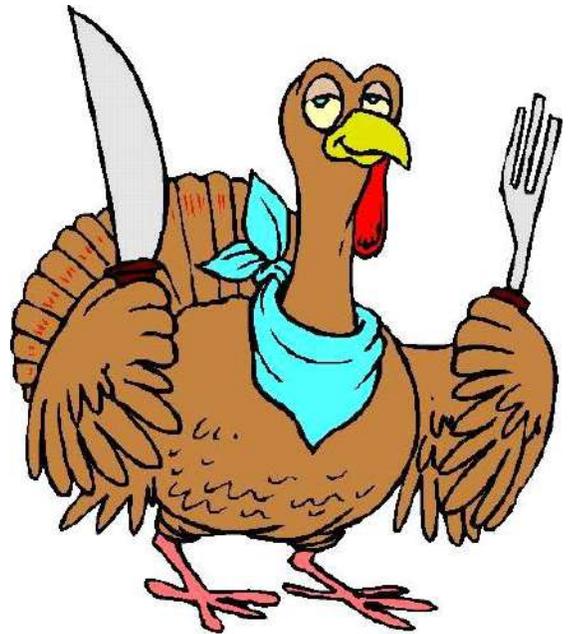
Sponsored by **Holy Angels Catholic Church** and
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

You Are Cordially Invited

What: **Free Thanksgiving Meal**
(Hot and delicious, with all the trimmings)

When: **Thanksgiving Day**
November 28, 2019
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Where: **Holy Angels Catholic Church**
428 Tiffin Ave., Sandusky, OH



Free transportation is available; please call either phone number below:
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (419)625-2112 by November 27th
Holy Angels Catholic Church (419)625-3698 through November 28th

Meal delivery and carry outs are available for shut-ins
(delivery will start at 11:30 a.m.)

FREE "take home" bag of groceries (at dinner or for delivery)
FREE Baby supplies also available (at dinner only)

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Christmas Poinsettias, Memorials and Honors

Poinsettias can be purchased in memory or in honor of a loved one. Completed forms and payment need to be returned to the church office no later than **Wednesday, December 4, 2019**. Cost is \$9 per poinsettia.

I wish to purchase _____ poinsettia(s) in memory of:

_____ by: _____

I wish to purchase _____ poinsettia(s) in honor of:

_____ by: _____

Total number Poinsettias _____ Total Cost: _____

Poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary December 21 – December 25, 2019



Christmas Memorials and Honors: In honor or memory of a loved one. Return completed form/payment no later than **Monday, December 9, 2019**.

In memory of: _____

by: _____

In honor of: _____

by: _____

Memorial/Honor Amount _____ Fund: _____

(Undesignated gifts will be split 50% General, 25% Facility Fund, 25% Capital Campaign)

Name _____

Phone _____

Total enclosed _____ Cash _____ Check _____

Memorials will be listed in the Worship bulletin on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day