



# The A to Z from Zion

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November 2019

## *Special Points of Interest*

- **Sunday, November 3**  
Daylight Savings Time Ends
- **Monday, November 4**  
Divine Drama – 6:30-8:00 pm
- **Tuesday, November 5**  
Puppet Practice – 6:00pm
- **Thursday, November 14**  
Trip to Gerald R. Ford Museum  
8:30 – 2:30pm
- **Sunday, November 17**  
ZLCW Bake Sale between services
- **Tuesday, November 19**  
Elders – 6:00pm  
Council – 7:30pm
- **Wednesday, November 27**  
Thanksgiving Eve Worship &  
Communion  
6:30pm
- **Thursday, November 28**  
Thanksgiving Day – Church Office Closed
- **Friday, November 29**  
Church Office Closed
- **Sunday, December 8**  
Budget Voters' Meeting – 9:45am



**Thanksgiving Eve Worship**  
**November 27, 2019**  
**6:30 pm**

## Red Letter Challenge

We are over halfway through the **Red Letter Challenge**. We are in the middle of spending 40 days with the words of our Savior, “the red letters,” as many bibles print them. I hope you have enjoyed digging into the daily devotion and have been blessed to connect in a small group to dive deeper into God’s Words and will for us. The five themes guiding the Red Letter Challenge are being, forgiving, serving, giving, going.

**Being.** Before we do anything meaningful for Jesus, we first have the be with Jesus. In our busy lives we need to carve out time to simply be with our Savior, the Lord of the universe. In his presence we are molded, shaped, formed, and shown His love and mercy.

**Forgiving.** When we get to know Jesus, we experience his forgiveness. We have a forgiving Savior that gave his very life to show you grace and forgive all your sins. When we learn about Jesus, we see a forgiving God.

**Serving.** Jesus is a servant and calls us to serve others. When God came near, he could have come with a big show and demanded people to honor and serve him, but rather God became a servant and served us. As followers of Jesus, we serve others.

**Giving.** Trusting in Jesus makes us generous. When we know how much God has generously done for us, He opens up our hearts, hands, and resources to be generous to others. Christians give to God’s work, give to other people, give to community causes. They give their time, their service, their skills, their money, their prayers. Christians should be known as the most generous people on earth because we have an eternally generous God.

**Going.** The Gospel is for you, but not *just* for you. When you know what Jesus has done for you, you tell others in word and deed. As disciples of Jesus, we are sent by him to our neighbors, coworkers, friends, and families to shine the light of Christ and them that He died and rose for them too.

I hope you have enjoyed digging into the Red Letter Challenge. I look forward to hearing your feedback and seeing the fruit God brings from His Word.

Serving Jesus,

*Pastor Ryan*

# Stephen Bookshaw

## Worship & Technology Director

## I Only Pick My Favorite Hymns/Songs!?

November is one of my favorite months of the church year when it comes to music. The month begins with the celebration of the saints who have gone before us. The hymn “Sing with All the Saints in Glory,” LSB 671, by William Irons, and set to music by William Roberts, is a great example of the Christian faith. We sing with Jesus because of His resurrection from the dead, and because of this, we will have eternal life with Him.

- 1 Sing with all the saints in glory,  
Sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,  
To the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking;  
Soon the storms of time shall cease;  
In God's likeness we awaken,  
Knowing everlasting peace.

2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding  
All that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts for ages pleading  
Never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it;  
There on high our welcome waits.  
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,  
Christ has passed the eternal gates.

3 Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:  
Jesus lives who once was dead.  
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!  
Child of God, lift up your head!  
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders  
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,  
When, amid earth's closing thunders,  
Saints shall stand before the throne!

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We are then led to a time of giving thanks to God for what He has done through Jesus. The Hymn, “For the Fruits of His Creation,” LSB 894, by Fred Green, set to a Welsh tune arranged by Ralph Vaughn Williams, gives thanks to God for His creation. And it shows what it means to love our neighbor by sharing in our abundance because of God’s love for us.

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| 1 | For the fruits of His creation,<br>Thanks be to God.<br>For His gifts to ev'ry nation,<br>Thanks be to God.<br>For the plowing, sowing, reaping,<br>Silent growth while we are sleeping,<br>Future needs in earth's safekeeping,<br>Thanks be to God. | 2 | In the just reward of labor,<br>God's will is done.<br>In the help we give our neighbor,<br>God's will is done.<br>In our worldwide task of caring<br>For the hungry and despairing,<br>In the harvests we are sharing,<br>God's will is done. |
| 3 | For the harvests of the Spirit,<br>Thanks be to God.<br>For the good we all inherit,<br>Thanks be to God.<br>For the wonders that astound us,<br>For the truths that still confound us,<br>Most of all, that love has found us,<br>Thanks be to God.  |   |  |

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The church year ends with the Last Sunday of the Church Year, Christ the King Sunday. Jesus Christ is the head of the Church. “And He [Jesus] is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to do well, and through Him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross,” Colossians 1:18-20. A newer hymn, “Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying,” LSB 597, by Stephen Starke, set musically by Jeffrey Bleresch, tells us that Jesus is the head of the church by His defeat of death.

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| 1 | Water, blood, and Spirit crying,<br>By their witness testifying<br>To the One whose death-defying<br>Life has come, with life for all.             | 2 | In a wat'ry grave are buried<br>All our sins that Jesus carried;<br>Christ, the Ark of Life, has ferried<br>Us across death's raging flood.         |
| 3 | Dark the way, yet Christ precedes us,<br>Past the scowl of death He leads us;<br>Spreads a table where He feeds us<br>With His body and His blood. | 4 | Though around us death is seething,<br>God, His two-edged sword unsheathing,<br>By His Spirit life is breathing<br>Through the living, active Word. |
| 5 | Spirit, water, blood entreating,<br>Working faith and its completing<br>In the One whose death-defeating<br>Life has come, with life for all.      |   |   |

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Let us pray...

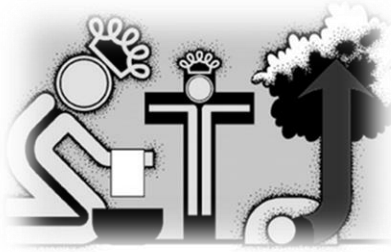
Jesus, thank you for reminding us this November of the saints who have gone before us and have died in you. We celebrate them because what you did for us by dying and rising to life again. We now wait for your reappearance, that we will live with you in a new heavens and earth as you originally intended for your creation before sin. We pray in your Holy name. Amen.

Blessings to you this November!

*Stephen Bookshaw,*

Director of Worship and Technology

**Scott Jung**  
Family Life and Discipleship Director



## Divine Drama Resumes

Our Monday and Wednesday Divine Drama classes resume this month! We will pick up with Lesson 7, "Wilderness and Wantoness" and conclude the Old Testament storyline by the end of November.

Monday evening class resumes **November 4<sup>th</sup>**, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday morning class resumes **November 6<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

# Zion ADVENTure

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:45-10:45 AM**

Get your family ready for Advent and Christmas by attending this fun morning at Zion! There will be several stations set up where you can make a craft and decorations, hear a story, watch a movie, sing carols, and receive materials for Advent family devotions. Bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies to share! This will be a great opportunity to help you keep Jesus the reason for the season! Contact Scott Jung ([scott@zionholland.org](mailto:scott@zionholland.org)) for more details.



## Red Letter Challenge

As we near the end of the Red Letter Challenge, we are very thankful for all who participated in the RLC small groups. Let's also thank God for our wonderful small group leaders who helped us grow closer to each other and closer to Jesus:

Jim Bench, Lisa DeVries, Kerrie and Kent Esmeier, Junior and Cristina Fuglseth, John and Sheri Gervais, Scott and Carrie Jung, August and Mary Overway, Eric and Amy Poindexter, Ryan and Amie Winningham.

## The Future of Grow@Home

Grow@Home, our discipleship insert in each Sunday's bulletin, began in December 2018 with a study of the New Testament and went through May. From June through November we have been studying the Old Testament. This month concludes the yearlong cycle. Scott Jung would like to know if there is benefit in continuing the Grow@Home insert, or modifying it. Please answer these two questions and send your responses to [scott@zionholland.org](mailto:scott@zionholland.org).

1. Did you make use of the Grow@Home bulletin insert?
2. Would you recommend repeating, modifying, or eliminating the weekly Grow@Home bulletin insert?





## Angel Tree Christmas

Zion is blessed this year to again participate in “Angel Tree Christmas.” We have received 75 ‘Angel’ children!

Please prayerfully consider spreading God’s love and grace to children of an incarcerated parent. The parent signs his or her children up for “Angel Tree” in the summer to receive gifts at Christmas in their name. Each ‘angel’ child receives two gifts: one toy item and one clothing item. Each gift should be less than \$20. Please wrap the gifts and place the ‘angel’ tag on them before placing them under the tree.

The “Angel” tree will be set up no later than Sunday, November 10. The gifts will be due under the tree by Sunday, December 8. Delivery of the gifts will occur December 9-14.

**¡Muchísimas Gracias!**

*Cristina Fuglseth*



## ZION'S ANNUAL HAT AND MITTEN TREE

Are you prepared for the cold? Think about those who are not prepared without a little help. The ZLCW Hat & Mitten tree is up at the church entrance and waiting for your gifts of gloves, mittens, socks and warm clothing. You can donate items Sunday October 27th thru Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have any UNUSED sample bottles of shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste and lotion you got from your travels this summer and don't know what to do with them I'll donate them also. The items collected will be equally divided and delivered November 19<sup>th</sup> to Holland Rescue Mission, Community Action House, and Center for Women in Transition. Questions? See Joyce Carver.

## Kudos! to .....

**Paula Capizzi** for driving the quilts to Grand Rapids in October, and to **Jon Capizzi** for the use of his van. And to **The Wednesday Morning Bible Study** class for helping to load the van.

**Paul Berning, Jeff & Char Greenlund** for taking **Ruth Hahn** to and from church safely on September 22. There were no other riders. It was wonderful to worship with Zion Church Family and the **Tessaros**, Lutheran Bible Translators. Thank you!

*We continue to invite all to come and join in celebration.*



Comcast - Channel 21  
DirecTV - Channel 377  
DISH Network - Channel 54  
Antenna - Digital Channels 54.1, 54.2 & 54.3  
Charter Channel 2

## Financial Update through September

Total Giving	\$365,290
Total Expenses	372,880
Needed Weekly for Ongoing Ministry	9,912

Thank you for your continued generosity to God's work here at Zion.

**Continue** to pray for our missionaries in Africa with Lutheran Bible Translators, **Rev. Chuck & Karen Tessaro**. Prayers of thanksgiving for “Scripture Listening Groups” that allow people to regularly hear God’s word. Be sure to read their newsletter on the bulletin board in the hallway.

### **Address for Correspondence**

Chuck & Karen Tessaro  
 Lutheran Church of Nigeria  
 P.O. Box 495, Jos, Plateau State  
 Nigeria, West Africa

**Send Contributions to:**

Lutheran Bible Translators  
P.O. Box 789  
Concordia, MO 64020

## Birthdays

Karen - January 6  
Chuck - October 30  
Wedding Anniversary - February 27

## Zion and Friends Day Trips

## ZION & FRIENDS DAY TRIPS

**Thursday, November 14, 2019** to the Gerald Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids. Cost for Seniors: \$7 plus the cost of lunch near the Museum. Meeting at Zion's facilities at 8:30 am, we'll return by 2:30 pm. Sign up on the bulletin board.

**Tuesday, December 10, 2019** to Christmas at Evergreen Commons in Holland. We'll meet at Zion's facilities at 10:30 am to arrive by 11, eat lunch at 11:30, and enjoy a Christmas Concert until 1:15 pm. Cost: \$24 per person for groups of 20 or more; \$26 for fewer than 20; \$22 for members of Evergreen Commons. **Sign up** on the bulletin board **by Sunday, November 10th.**

See Tom or Sharon Hackett for more information.



**Bake Sale – Sunday, November 17th between services.** Please bring your saran wrapped baked good on a disposable plate either before the first service or during the break between services. All items will be sold via donations only. The proceeds will go to Barnabas Ministries! (This ministry reaches out to high risk youth and families with the message of freedom, hope, and healing in Christ Jesus.)

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

*Member of the Lakeshore Zone LWML*

***The Mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.***

**Ingathering for November:** Zion will be collecting canned goods and paper products during the month of November. Please place your products on the designated table in the Fellowship Hall. All donations will be given to the Holland Rescue Mission. Thank you!

**Bake Sale – Sunday, November 17th between services.** Please bring your saran wrapped baked good on a disposable plate either before the first service or during the break between services. All items will be sold via donations only. The proceeds will go to Barnabas Ministries! (This ministry reaches out to high risk youth and families with the message of freedom, hope, and healing in Christ Jesus.)

**Mites collected this year were in the amount of \$607.00!!!** Many, many thanks for your donations! Check out the LWML mission cards on the ZLCW table or to keep up to date on what missions are currently being funded, please go to [lwml.org/mission-grants](http://lwml.org/mission-grants).

**Save your pop can tabs and help change the world!** Please continue to save pop can tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Turn them in to Pat Albrecht's mailbox in the hallway or the "Hunger Hamper" in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for supporting this effort! - **Pat Albrecht**

**We continue to collect non-perishable food,** paper and hygiene products for those less fortunate. Place in the food hamper by the missions table in the fellowship hall. We also continue to collect used eyeglasses. Please place them in the box marked "Used Eyeglasses," located in the Fellowship Hall by the ZLCW bulletin board.

**Dear Zion Family ...** Please continue to save whole Spartan Stores receipts to support Reason 2 Hope. To date, \$40,000 worth has been collected. \$150,000 worth is needed for the mission to receive \$1,000. Please put these in **Cristina Fuglseth's** mailbox in the hallway.

## **PASSWORD-JESUS**

When I go to work each day I need to log into my computer. In the morning when I first log in I need to type in my username as well as my password. Then throughout the day I can use my badge to swipe in, so I don't have to type in my username and password each time. It does save a lot of time throughout the course of the day.

However, if I'm away from my computer longer than 30 minutes and I try to use my badge to swipe in I will get notification that my "GRACE PERIOD EXPIRED." When I get this message then I need to once again type my username and put in my password so that I can have access to use the computer.

As I was typing my name in again the other day and entering my password because my "GRACE PERIOD EXPIRED" I thought of how thankful I was that Jesus doesn't put up a sign "GRACE PERIOD EXPIRED" when I call upon him. Instead, his invitation is always open, and Jesus welcomes me. I never have to log in each time I want to talk with you. He already knows me and knows my needs. Jesus says, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28. I'm thankful that my password never expires because my password is JESUS.

*Dear Jesus,*

*Thank you for always being there for me. Thank you for inviting me to talk with you at any time and allowing me to sit at your feet. When I call upon your name, I know that you hear me. What a sweet sound-JESUS! Amen.*

*Your ZLCW Board*

**Jan Gibson, President, Helen Podgorski, Treasurer, Lindy Hebel, Secretary,  
Char Norris, Christian Growth/Missions, Beth Foreman, Publicity, Nancy Fody, LWML Liaison,  
Kathe Freeman, Funeral Luncheons, Kay Ann Deubner, Crafts & Cards Ministry**





## Anniversaries

November 2	Richard Conant
November 3	Jack Gasper
November 5	Jan Gibson
	Jim Greene
November 6	Stephen Bookshaw
	Michelle Gibbs
November 10	Laurie Yates
November 12	Retalou Tobin
November 14	Lindy Hebel
November 15	Ron Bachem
	Mary Buckley
	Bill Saar
November 16	Merritt Jung
	Will Straub
November 17	Lynette Bush
	Cindy Fox
	Tom Saarela
November 19	Alex Danneffel
	Myrna Voy
November 22	Zachary Esmeier
	Warren Hergenbahn
November 23	Christian Bishop
November 25	Edward Gasper
November 26	Mary Simpson
November 27	Dakota Bowers
November 29	Betsy Shinneman
November 30	Karen Crampton
	Kendal Tinney

November 6	Jay & Valerie Danneff
November 8	George & Sue Darke
November 19	Bruce & Elizabeth Foreman
November 25	Andy & Heidi Knowlton
November 30	Elbridge & Sharon Hamlin
	Oliver & Sharon Larkin

**If we missed your name or have wrong information, we must be missing information in our computer. Please contact the church office with your birth date or anniversary date. Thank you!**

## Life Quotes from Lutherans for Life

“May we thank the Lord always for valuing our lives enough to save them. For there is nothing greater to be thankful for today than a Father who spared not even the life of His Son to save ours. And trusting in this most precious work of Christ, we will arrive home again to share in a life that never ends.” *Rev. Perry Hart, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*



**WORSHIP**  
**ASSISTANTS**  
**For November - 8:30 AM**

**Elders**

*Steve Haberkorn & Ken Albrecht*

**Ushers**

*TBA*

**Transportation**

*Andy Knowlton (November 3)*

*Lyle Morris (November 10)*

*Reed Sneller (November 17)*

*Paul Berning (November 24)*

**Readers**

*Carola Dettmar (November 3)*

*Chris Hebel (November 10)*

*Dave Pohanka (November 17)*

*Nancy Fody (November 24)*

**Altar Duty**

*Nancy Wessels & Sharon Larkin (November 3)*

*Evie Troast & Katrina Marcucci (November 17)*

**“Pew Police”**

*Sharon Larkin (Week of November 3)*

*Myrna Voy (Week of November 10)*

*Sheri Gervais (Week of November 17)*

*Cindy Sneller (Week of November 24)*

**Bagels**

*Sue Darke (November 3)*

*The Poindexters (November 10)*

*The Larkins (November 17)*

*The Merrills (November 24)*

*(Please notify the church office of any changes -  
Thank you!)*

Zion's leadership is in the process of preparing the 2020 budget. If you have any feedback regarding next year's budget, you can speak with Tim Gort (President) or Jim Bench (VP). The Budget Council meeting will be Tuesday, November 19, at 7:30pm, that members can observe.

# 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 All Saints' Day	2
3 <b>All Saints' Day Observed</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> (Daylight Savings Time Ends) 8:30a – Worship 9:45a – Education Hour 11:00a – Worship 12:15p – Glocken Ringers	4 9:30a - Ladies Bible Class Men's Bible Class 6:30p - Divine Drama	5 10:30a - Staff Meeting 6:00p – Elders Meeting 6:30p – Crafts & Laughs	6 9:00a – Divine Drama 10:30a – Quilters 5:00p – Prayers 5:30p – Women's Bible Study 6:50p – Chancel Choir	7 6:00p - Worship Rehearsal	8	9
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**Facility Care:** Junior Fuglseth



March 30, 1936 – October 10, 2019