



# November 2021 Newsletter

All the news that's fit to print from A to Zion

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**Rooted in Christ  
Growing in Faith  
Reaching Out in Love**

## Sunday Morning Worship Schedule this Month

9:00am Online Worship Service via Facebook Live

9:00am Worship Service in the Family Life Center Gym  
Masks required for all. Other safety measures are in place.

10:30am Indoor Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
Masks required for all. Other safety measures are in place.

## All Saints Sunday, November 7

We gather in worship to give thanks for all God's saints and to remember those who have died during the last year. Worship will include a special remembrance for members of Zion and other friends who have died since last All Saints Day.



At 10:30am worship we will celebrate the  
**Baptism of Matilda Wingard,**  
daughter of Greg and Anna Wingard.

## Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 24 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Join Zion friends as we worship the Lord and give thanks for the blessings of God that come to us even in seasons of loss, uncertainty, and hardship. Look for more info soon.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

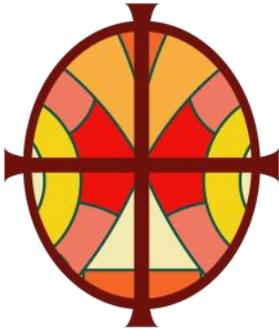
**Sunday, November 14 at 9:45am in the Family Life Center**  
(Worship this Sunday: 9:00am in Gym, 11:00am in Sanctuary)  
Indoor and Outdoor seating will be available

You will receive additional info by mail/email this week.  
**Please make plans to attend this important meeting.**



LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Thanksgiving Meal Project



Dear Friends,

It has been our tradition for many years at Zion to prepare and deliver Thanksgiving meals to those in need in our community. Last year over 1100 meals were packed and distributed! You have been very generous in donating your time and energies to this project in the past and we'd love for you to be involved again to help deliver these dinners in 2021.

This year and the challenges throughout it have inspired us even more to be the hands of Christ in this world. This year's meals will again be prepared by Dupre Catering, Zion will then add in a few extra goodies. We will then load them into volunteer vehicles to be delivered. We need your help to make this project possible. First, at \$8 a meal we are in need of \$8800 to meet our goal of 1100 meals. Second, we will need donations of cookies to add to the meals, drop off at Zion by Wednesday the 23rd. Finally we will need delivery drivers to deliver the meals. As a community we can pull together to make sure our neighbors have a warm meal this thanksgiving.

**Donate or Volunteer** - If you feel called to help us feed our neighbors this year go to [www.Zionlexsc.com/thanksgiving](http://www.Zionlexsc.com/thanksgiving). There you can donate, volunteer to donate cookies, and volunteer to deliver meals. You can also call the church office at (803) 356-2297.

We hope you will be able to join us this Thanksgiving. Many thanks!

## Help color our Pumpkin!

We are raising \$8800 to provide 1100 meals for our community this Thanksgiving. As we near our goal we will color in our pumpkin and restore it's fall color!

### Pumpkin Donor Tiers:

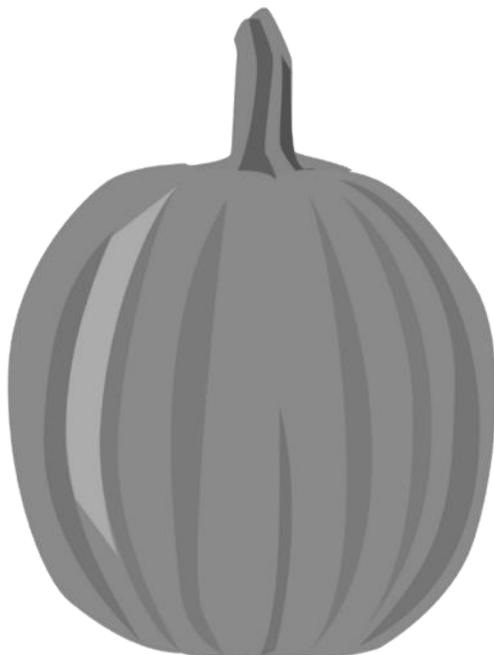
Bronze: \$24	Silver: \$60
Gold: \$120	Platinum: \$240
Diamond \$500*	

We will recognize our Pumpkin Donors by tier each week on Zion's [Facebook](#). (\*Diamond Tier business donors will also be recognized on flyers included with the meals.)

**To donate go to:**

[www.Zionlexsc.com/thanksgiving](http://www.Zionlexsc.com/thanksgiving)

\$8800 —  
 \$7800 —  
 \$6800 —  
 \$5800 —  
 \$4800 —  
 \$3800 —  
 \$2800 —  
 \$1800 —



# Fall Fellowship

at Zion Lutheran Church

November 7, 2021 + 5:00pm

Join us for a night of delicious  
German food, family fun, and fellowship.

[www.ZionLexSC.com](http://www.ZionLexSC.com)

## US Flag Retirement

Boy Scout Troop 425 is having a flag retirement ceremony on Monday, November 15th. If you have any flags that need to be retired, please drop them off at the Scout Hut. There is a bin on the front porch that you can place the flags in.

Robert Harrelson  
Scoutmaster Troop 425



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

If you haven't been yet, join us for Wednesday Night Live at Zion. Each Wednesday we gather for a fellowship meal outside (weather permitting). The meals will be catered and delicious (\$5 per meal or \$10 per family). Menu will be released each Sunday in the bulletin.

5:45-6:30pm, Meal on lawn behind Family Life Center  
6:30-7:30pm, Youth Group and Fellowship time  
*You may park in the lower or upper parking lots.*



## Youth Ministry at Zion

Zion's Youth has a lot going on this fall!

If your youth hasn't noticed yet it may be time to come see what's happening. ALL Youth 6-12th grade are welcome!

**Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm** Youth Group games and bible study

**Fridays 7:15am** High School Bible Study at Lowes Foods

**Wednesday November 3rd, 6:30-7:30pm** Youth Group Bon Fire in our new fire pit! Dress for the weather.

**Wednesday November 24th, 6:30-7:30pm** Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Meal Prep. We will be gathering for Worship then helping pack cookies and bread for Zion's annual Thanksgiving Meal project.

## Children's Ministry This Month

Our Christian Education Team has been hard at work and is excited for to learn together this month. Please let us know if you have questions or would like to know more! [ZionChurch@zionlexsc.com](mailto:ZionChurch@zionlexsc.com)

1. Children's Sunday School will be meeting in the gym for Sunday School each Sunday at 9:45am. We are beginning a new curriculum this month called *Simply Loved*. We hope you'll come see what it is all about!
2. We have a new "prayerground" for use during the 9:00am service. A prayerground is an area to make children feel welcome in worship. It has kids size chairs and will be supplied with things to keep little hands busy during worship. Come check it out during 9:00am worship!



**Youth Marty Party 2021**



## ***MUSIC NOTES November 2021***

### **Choir friends,**

While things may not be “normal” anytime soon, I want to think of a way we might be able to get together safely and prepare some music for Christmas Eve. Please consider ways that we might safely get together to make this happen, and send your ideas to me as soon as possible.

### **Handbell friends,**

Thank you to all of the ringers who have gotten back to me about Christmas Eve. If you haven’t contacted me yet and are interested in playing in a handbell ensemble on Christmas Eve, please let me know as soon as possible. We can distance and wear masks, and we already wear gloves. 😊

If you have any questions, or if you’d like to share your musical talents in some way, please contact Julie at [julie@zionlexsc.com](mailto:julie@zionlexsc.com).

**My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;  
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises! Psalm 57:7**

### **Ways to Remember the Saints at Home**

Even if you aren’t able to make it to worship on All Saints, there are many ways to remember the saints in your life that you are missing this year and always. Take time to look at old photos, letters, or texts, light a candle or ring a bell. Another great way to remember the saints who have passed through our lives is to sing hymns. Here are a few of my favorites that you may know from our ELW:

- 421 By All Your Saints
- 422 For All the Saints
- 423 Shall We Gather at the River
- 426 Sing with All the Saints in Glory
- 428 Give Thanks for Saints

Don’t know the tune? Just read the words. They can be very meaningful on their own!

### **Need a laugh? Here you go!**

What was the turkey suspected of?  
*Fowl play*

What’s a running turkey called?  
*Fast food*

On Thanksgiving, what does Dad have in common with an exhausted baseball player?  
*They’re both likely to fall asleep between plates*

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?  
*Pilgrims*

Why did the turkey cross the road twice?  
*To prove he wasn’t a chicken*





LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Serving in Worship

## Ways you can SERVE

We need your help to make Worship happen at Zion. We are looking to fill in a few serving roles this month. See below and let the office know if you can help! [ZionChurch@zionlexsc.com](mailto:ZionChurch@zionlexsc.com)

	November 7	November 14	November 21	November 28
<b>9:00 am – In Family Life Center</b>				
Door/Check In:	Mark Stoneberg	Mark Stoneberg	Jack Cohoon	Jack Cohoon
Table/Sign In:	Karyn Stoneberg	Karyn Stoneberg	Kiley Cohoon	Kiley Cohoon
Assisting Minister:	Janice Sult	Sue Anderson	Lee Caulder	Will Cohoon
Sound:	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
Slides:	Roscoe Nesmith	<b>OPEN</b>	Roscoe Nesmith	<b>OPEN</b>
Livestream:	Walt Hampton	Walt Hampton	Walt Hampton	Walt Hampton
<b>10:30 am - In Sanctuary</b>				
Check In Usher:	Robby Bigham	Robby Bigham	Robby Bigham	Robby Bigham
Seating Usher:	Chris Bigham	Chris Bigham	Chris Bigham	Chris Bigham
Assisting Minister:	Eileen Leaphart Sydney Branham	Craig Balch	Sue Anderson	David Gragg
Sound Tech:	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>

### What does that server do?

**Door/Check In:** Be here by 8:30 am to greet worshipers etc.

**Table/Sign In:** Be here by 8:30 am to greet worshipers and record attendance.

**Sound:** Be here by 8:30 am to run sound board. Now training. It's easier than you think.

**Slides:** Be here by 8:45 am to advance our in house slide show during worship.

**Livestream:** Be here by 8:30 am to setup online livestream, then run livestream during worship. Now open to train new volunteers. Reach out now to find out more.

**Check In Usher:** Be here by 10:00 am to greet worshipers and record attendance.

**Seating Usher:** Be here by 10:00 am to guide worshipers in the sanctuary to their seats.

**Assisting Minister:** Assists the pastor in leading worship. Reads first reading, leads creed and prayers, and assists where needed. You will receive readings in advance.

**Sound Tech:** Be here by 10:00 am to setup and run sound for worship.

Now training new volunteers. Great intro to our tech roles.



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# In our Prayers

## **Current Needs**

Burns Corley  
Jerald Drafts  
Barry Granda  
Melba Ivey  
Guy Kimball  
Thomas Kleckley (cancer)  
Wyman Kleckley  
Warren Peebles  
Sara Rymer  
Becky Saville

## **Homebound**

Betty Baker (Carolina Gardens)  
Les Caton (Brookdale Harbison)  
Nellie Drafts  
Gene Hendrix (Westminster)  
Thelma Kleckley (Oakleaf)  
Thomas Kleckley (Oakleaf)  
Ray Kyzer (Lakeside Place)  
Jane Langston (Oakleaf)

## **Military**

Brett Creasman (Army)  
Matt Mayer (Air Force)  
Chris Rauch (Army)  
Tristin Secoy (Marine Corps)

## **Friends of the Congregation**

Lynn Balch (health, wife of Craig Balch)  
Ann Black (stroke, cousin of Al and Carla Fallaw)  
Hart Cartrette (cancer, friend of the Leaparts)  
Tommy Harman (cancer, friend of Janet Boltjes)  
Esther Hempel (health, mother of Carol Hunter)  
Arthur Holladay (health, uncle of Bonnie Phillips)  
Pam Holladay (health, mother of Bonnie Phillips)  
Baby Cannon Howard (health, great nephew of Ethel Riley)  
Colin Hungerpiller (health, friend of Stefanie Wingard)  
Terry Hubert (cancer, Ray Kyzer's son-in-law)  
Heather Kaikini (breast cancer, niece of Michael & Jane Kohn)  
CJ Keathley (health, brother of Denise Caulder)  
Shelly Koenig (cancer, daughter of Tom Panyard)  
Jack Landers (health, friend of the Caulders)  
Sarah May (health, aunt of Mary Hampton)  
Sue McCarthy (cancer, sister of Mark Stoneberg)  
Hayley Meetze (cancer, friend of Janet Phillips)  
Deanna Morrical (cancer, Hanna family)  
Donna Oneal (health, cousin of Marsha and Charlie O'Neal)  
Donna Riggins (cancer, sister in law of Rachael Rhoden)  
Sylvia Ruff (cancer, aunt of Julie Branham)  
Teresa Sharpe (cancer, friend of Al and Carla Fallaw)  
Kitty Spires (COVID, friend of Leaparts)

The family and friends of Chadd Corley who died on Sunday, October 24.  
Chadd is the brother of Gregg Corley and family member to several other Zion members.

The family and friends of Tina McLellan Davis upon her death, close friend of Julie and Heath Branham.

*To ensure we have accurate information on our prayer list please let us know as prayer requests change.  
To make updates or additions to the prayer list, contact the church office at 356-2297.*



# Congregation Council

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday September 13, 2021, 7:00 pm

**Call to order:** 7:01 pm by Suzette 18 folks present; 11 council members, Pastor Nathan, Walt Hampton and guests: Ron Leaphart, Bert Wingard and Rev Mike Ward

**Devotions:** led by Kimberly Rauch

**Guest Presentation:** Pastor Nathan introduces Rev Mike Ward of GSB Fundraising. Mike has been involved in ministry work as well as fundraising. He comes highly recommended and has done lots of work in NC and SC.

**Report of the Secretary:** Kimberly Rauch submitted the minutes for the Aug meeting via email, those were reviewed, corrections made, and approved.

**Report of the Treasurer:** Betsy Burn – Betsy submitted reports via email and reviewed them verbally. Approx. \$84,000 in the endowment acct. Reports will be filed for audit as printed.

**Report of the Chair/Executive Committee:** Suzette Porth no report, however, reminds us that the update of roles needs to be done in Oct. As well as that the ministry teams formerly known as Fellowship and Inreach will be combined into one team. And mentions that the Renovations team needs all “Wish List” items by Sept 15, 2021. Also, the Annual Congregational meeting must be held before Nov 15, proposed the idea of having a box lunch meeting on Nov 14, 2021.

**Report of the Pastor:** Pastor Nathan emailed a report that was printed and provided to council. He also welcomed seminarian Emily Whitlow back to Zion for her second year with us.

### **Ministry Team Reports:**

**Christian Ed:** (Bridget Ridgell) No Report - Walt reports that people have been working really hard and videos will be released soon’ along with crafts in the gym and a 5-minute children’s message.

**Fellowship:** (Sue Anderson)

**Inreach:** (Janice Sult) No Report

**Mutual Ministry:** (Sara Rymer) Annual reviews have begun

**Outreach:** (Mary Nell Panyard) Snack Packs has resumed

**Property:** (Ernest Beck) A/C unit in the office building has been replaced. And the team has submitted their Wish List items to the Renovations team/

**Stewardship:** (Kimberly Rauch) No Report

**Technology:** (Ross Hunter) No Report

**Worship & Music:** (Lee Caulder) will meet Sept 19, 2021



# Congregation Council

**Youth:** (Kathryn Barton) Great first meeting, kids interested in re-starting the Friday Bible Study.

**Business / Action Items:**

**Fundraising Proposal**

A written proposal was attached, and Suzette asked each member of council individually if they had any questions or concerns. After this discussion a motion was made to retain GSB with two other council members giving a verbal “second”. The vote was made, and the motion carried to move forward with the fundraising proposal.

**Appointment of Nominating Committee**

Motion: To appoint Todd Elrod, Mary Nell Panyard, and Sara Rymer as members of the Nominating Committee who will prepare a list of 6 nominees for Congregational Council to present at the October Congregational Council meeting (*per Zion Bylaws*) - approved

Current council members who are eligible and willing to serve again: Kathryn Barton, Ernest Beck, Lee Caulder, and Janice Sult. Mary Nell Panyard and Sara Rymer can not be re-elected at this time but are willing to serve with Todd Elrod as the Nominating Committee.

Finance Committee will send next years budget worksheet out by the end of September

**Next Meeting:** Oct 11, 2021, in person or via zoom TBD. Ernest Beck has devotions.

**Joys & Concerns:** Joys and Concerns were shared

**Adjourn:** meeting was closed at 8:57 pm after saying The Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Rauch



## Giving Update

**Giving Info Year to date October 31, 2021**

Offering **anticipated** year to date: \$ 377,027

Offering **received** year to date: \$ 315,963

**Gifts to Zion and Partner Feeding Ministries this Year**

Mission Lexington: **\$275 & 500 pounds of food**

Snack Packs Ministry: **\$ 1025**

Matthew 25 Lunch Ministry: **\$ 1375**

Lutheran Disaster Relief: **\$ 250**

## November Birthdays

2nd Tim Driggers  
Clyde Baker  
4th Addie Phillips  
Mark Wingard  
8th Anderson McKinley  
10th Janice Lindler  
Troy Fite  
13th Laura Beck  
14th Betty Baker  
18th Kregg Corley  
21st Sherrie Tanner  
21st Heather Williamson  
24th Bridget Ridgell

25th Craig Henwood  
26th Betsy Burn  
28th Tyler Beard  
30th Morgan Nesmith  
Joe Rymer

## November Anniversaries

5th Edith & Marion Clark  
7th Nikki & Chris Harmon  
15th Janice & Tryon Face  
16th Wanda & Bert Wingard  
18th Lynn & Craig Balch

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## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

We encourage you to give to support the ministries of Zion Lutheran Church during this critical time. We are fortunate to have continued to receive offering from many through the mail and through the various electronic ways we have to give.

You can contact Julie Branham in the church office to find out more about these ways to give (356-2297, [fin\\_admin@zionlexsc.com](mailto:fin_admin@zionlexsc.com)) or go to <https://www.zionlexsc.com/giving>.

There are many ways to give an offering to Zion today or in the weeks ahead.

1. You can mail offering to Zion Lutheran Church, 226 Corley Mill Road, Lexington, SC 29072.
2. You can send a gift through your bank's online giving system.
3. You can click here to go to Zion's online giving page to give a one time offering or to set up regular automated giving. [Zionlexsc.com/giving](https://www.zionlexsc.com/giving)