November 29th, 2026

Zion's Take Home Reminders

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WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Mornings: **9:00 am** ~60 minutes

Wednesdays: **6:30 pm** ~35 minutes

All are welcome to attend!

Love Jesus
Grow In Faith
Serve Our Neighbors

Upcoming Events

- **November 29th; 9:00am** Worship & Sunday School
- **December 2nd;** Eden House Caroling
- **December 2nd;** Final Wednesday Night programming with Pr. Joe
- **December 5th;** Advent Decorating

Mark your Calendars

December 2nd *— Eden House Caroling*

December 5th *— Advent Decorating*

December 6th *— Pr. Joe's Final Sunday*
-Senior Luncheon 10:45am
-Beers & Hymns with Eddie Kim (4:00pm Mike's Bar)

December 10th *— Noel Night*

Please Pray For

POWER of PRAYER

• **Russel Glomstad** •
•Larry Jacobs •Barb Fonstad•
•Char Jerome• **Peggy Roytek•**
•Nancy Hovell • John Oedsma•
•Richard Sacia •
• Gail Shaleen • **Tom Siesennop Sr.** •

Noel Night
Dec 10th — 6-7:30 pm

Featuring:
Beaver Creek Band, Julie Malestycki, Selisa Erickson, Mary & Nora Iverson, and a special performance from Kristy Braunreiter and the Sunday School students!

We will have activities for kids in the Fellowship Hall 6-7pm. We will begin with a Christmas story with Wina from the Library, followed by cookie decorating, crafts, hot chocolate and treats. The kids will end with their performance in the Sanctuary.

Come join the fun!

Zion Outreach Update!

Eden House
Please join us for **Christmas Caroling** and coffee at the Eden House on Weds, Dec 2 at 9:30 am. We need singers but we also need people to come and enjoy a visit with the Eden House residents! Let's make it fun for them!

Looking for volunteers to help **deliver Christmas gifts** to the Eden House and Marinuka Manor with Lori. No date set yet but would love a few people to go with me. Call or text Lori N at 608-865-0630 by Dec 5th if interested.

Bakers needed for Noel Night on December. Call or text Lori 608-865-0630 by Dec 2nd to sign up to provide treats. We hope to get a variety of cookies and bars.

This Sunday	November 29th — 9:00am
Multi-Media	TBD
Ushers / Greeters	Mike & Sherry Brady
Music	Selisa Erickson
Lector	Lori Nastvold
Communion Server	Lori Nastvold
Coffee Fellowship	Linda Dale & Sherry Brady
Counters	Arlene Severson & Sheryl Arms

Next Sunday	December 6th — 9:00am
Multi-Media	TBD
Ushers / Greeters	U: Gordon Hoff G: Jane Johnson
Music	Kathy Meunier
Lector	Craig Schiller
Communion Server	Craig Schiller
Coffee Fellowship	Dave & Carmen Nuland
Counters	Mary McKeeth & Joe Roehl

A Note from the Council President

As we begin the process of calling a new pastor, there are several steps ahead of us.
Our first priority is to arrange for pastoral coverage, including pulpit supply and home visits, and to get at least the next few weeks planned.

Next, we will form a Transition Team to gather input from the congregation about our hopes, thoughts, and ideas for the ongoing mission and vision of our church. This input will help us complete a Mission Site Profile, which the Synod will use to identify and refer potential pastoral candidates to our Call Committee.

I will continue to keep everyone informed as we move through this process. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support, patience, and prayers as we take these next steps together.

A Transition Team with four members in it was approved by the Council. The four members consist of Lori Nastvold, Craig Schiller, Carmen Nuland, and Kristy Braunreiter. The Transition Team will work with the Synod. A congregational survey and a ministry site profile will be done. When completed a Call Committee will be formed.



Operation Christmas Child



We packed 202 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Boxes will be delivered this week to Pleasant Valley Church in Winona.

Thank you to all who donated their time to help, and for items and cash for the boxes.

December Noisy Offering will go toward the $10 per box shipping for OCC 2026. Donations are welcome any time during the church year.

Christmas Senior Luncheon
"Peace on Earth"

Sunday, December 6th — 10:45am
Senior Luncheon will follow a cake and coffee reception for Pastor Joe and family upstairs after worship.

Zion members 62 and older and welcome to come and enjoy a time of fellowship, merriment, and tasty food! No gift exchange, just come, relax, and enjoy our special time for seniors and their significant others!

RSVP to the office (608)-582-2818 by December 3rd.

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOVE JESUS, GROW IN FAITH, SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

Galesville, WI (608) 582-2818

November 29th, 2026

First Sunday of Advent

Pastor Joe Iverson

Music: Selisa Erickson

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, beloved children of God, and gather in the presence of the One who calls us by name.
We come to seek God's wisdom, grace, and truth.
In every generation, God has been at work, teaching and guiding the hearts of God's people.
We give thanks for those who have shared faith with us and pointed us toward Christ.
In a world filled with many voices, we turn again to Jesus, our Savior and our source of life.
We come to worship the living God, whose truth endures forever. AMEN

CANDLE LIGHTING

In this season of watching and waiting, we look for the coming of Christ.
We wait in hope for the Lord; our souls wait for God's promise.
Light dawns on all who sit in darkness.
Come, Lord Jesus, and shine your hope on us.
Stir up your power, O God, and bring new life to your people.
Make us ready to receive you with joy. Amen.

HYMN *Light One Candle* #240 v. 1

GATHERING HYMN *Light Dawns on a Weary World* *#726*

WORSHIP NOTES FOR GUESTS

NOISY OFFERING — *G.E.T Food Pantry*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

This Little Light of Mine (as kids walk to Sunday School) #677 v. 1

CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Silence left for reflection and self-examination

Gracious God,
we confess that we are not always ready for your arrival.
We get caught up in the busyness of life and forget to make room for you.
We grow weary and lose hope. We let fear overshadow faith, self-interest get in the way of love, and keeping us from seeing your light. Forgive us, renew us, and prepare our hearts.
Teach us to wait with hope, to live with compassion, speak for our neighbors, and to share the light of Christ with the world.
Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

… fill you with hope, renew your hearts, and shine through your lives.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I give thanks to my[a] God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given
you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and
knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the testimony of[b] Christ has been strengthened among
you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus
Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of
our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 80

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
2 **before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**
Stir up your might, and come to save us!
3 **Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**
4 O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
5 **You have fed them with the bread of tears**
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
6 You make us the scorn[a] of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.
7 **Restore us, O God of hosts;**
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Word of God, word of life,
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Isaiah 9:2-6**

The Holy Gospel according to the book of Isaiah,
Glory to you O Lord.

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
3 You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
4 For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* #242

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please respond to "Lord in your Mercy" with "Hear Our Prayer"

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN *Let All Things Now Living* #881 v.1

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY pg. 144

STORY OF COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER SONG

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS *Let Us Break Bread Together* #471
Instrumental music on the piano

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING HYMN *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness* *#251*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #884

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
Thanks be to God, Amen.

INVITIATION TO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

POSTLUDE