



Who is Part of Our Daily Bread?

The fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer is, "*Give us this day our daily.*" Here's how Martin Luther explains this petition:

What is this?

In fact, God gives daily bread without our prayer, even to all evil people, but we ask in this prayer that God cause us to recognize what our daily bread is and to receive it with thanksgiving.

What then does "daily bread" mean?

Everything included in the necessities and nourishment for our bodies, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, farm, fields, livestock, money, property, an upright spouse, upright children, upright members of the household, upright and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, decency, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.*

This November, I encourage you to think about the people in this list of what daily bread means. We will have several worship opportunities to think about some particular people who are part of our daily bread, whether we recognize them as such or not.

On November 6th and 7th, we celebrate All Saints, when we will remember both those from Zion who have died since last All Saints, and those who have been baptized at Zion since last All Saints. These siblings in Christ are part of our daily bread. Those who have joined the saints triumphant are now asleep in Jesus, and so they are still with us because Jesus is with us. Those who have been washed in the waters of baptism have joined us in God's mission in the world. Both of these groups of people support us and encourage us on the way. Some planted seeds we now tend, and some will tend the seeds we plant. These people are part of God's gift of daily bread, and so we give thanks.

On November 13th and 14th, we recognize our veterans in a unique way that also reclaims some of our history. Zion used to display flags that had the names of our active military

members, veterans, and those who died in service to our country. Those flags have been found! So on the second weekend of November we will have the chance to see these flags again. The names on these flags will be familiar to those who have grown up in Zion, especially those who have families that have been here for multiple generations. Those who serve or have served our country are part of God's gift of daily bread, and so we give thanks.

At the end of the month will of course be Thanksgiving. This year I encourage you to think about the people who are part of God's gift of daily bread for you, and give thanks. It has become too easy to think about other people as things, part of the economic machine, or a goal oriented interaction point, instead of gifts from God. When the Spirit causes us to recognize who is part of our daily bread, we give thanks and act differently because we see others as part of God's work.

That annoying driver who actually follows all the laws?
Gift from God.

That clerk in the store you're tempted to complain to?
Gift from God.

That guy who raises your blood pressure just by existing?
Gift from God.

That friend who keeps posting all that political stuff?
Gift from God.

Your sibling who always pushes your buttons?
Gift from God.

The one acquaintance who won't stop talking?
Gift from God.

The elected leader you think is wrong about everything?
Gift from God.

The first step before giving thanks is to recognize what our daily bread is, and there is a lot more than we think.

Recognize and Give Thanks!

PE



Carolyn's Corner . . .

In November our hearts and minds turn to Thanksgiving. We get a day off work to spend with family and friends, eat more food than we need, watch football and make our shopping lists and store schedules for the next day. Thanksgiving isn't technically a religious holiday, but Christians celebrate the day and incorporate their faith.

There are various stories about how Thanksgiving came to be. There is probably a little truth in all of them, but I think, what is important is that we do have a national day – as does Canada – to remind us to be thankful for all good things. It's a day to say thanks to God for all of creation.

Thanksgiving comes at the end of harvest season in our farming communities. I remember the farmers in my home congregation (also Zion) would bring their harvested winter vegetables, dried foods and canned vegetables and fruits to the church. These would be displayed on the altar, filling the entire chancel area with home grown produce. This food was then loaded in farm trucks and delivered to Wernle Home for children in Richmond, Indiana; the community's thanksgiving to God for a successful harvest. Sometimes the crops weren't as generous as the farmers hoped for, but the offering was always there. God provided and so did the congregation. I'm sure there were others who did similar offerings, but I know that this particular one impacted my young life and later memories. Even my grandmother's sauerkraut made its way to the offering table!

In our busyness, I often hear people say they have no time to go to church during their Thanksgiving celebration because they are going to be gone or they need to be home cooking for family and company. Thanking God and others is what Thanksgiving is about. The rest is the extra stuff. Can we not take time to say thank you on this day say aside to say thank you? If there is company in the house, why not invite them to thank God with you?

Something I have discovered recently is **Giving Tuesday**. This is the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, designated to be a day of international giving, using the gifts we have. They might be giving money to an organization or giving a smile to another person or writing a thank you note to someone. Giving Tuesday can be a big, planned event like an out of the ordinary volunteer activity or a spontaneous simple gift from the heart. Think about it and see what might work for you; maybe volunteering for the community Zion/Holy Angels Thanksgiving Dinner. It may not be on Tuesday, but it's a wonderful volunteer opportunity and many of us who are there leave feeling gratitude for the experience!

Blessings & Happy Thanksgiving,
Deacon Carolyn



Zion Youth

The Zion Youth Group is back! Under the leadership of Vicki Boesch, the youth are busy planning lots of activities to serve God, the community and to have fun together. At this time they are meeting at 9:15 each Sunday morning to share a Bible story/devotion and to do service projects or other team building activities. They will be publishing their own monthly newsletter to stay in touch with each other and to let you know what they are doing. Please keep this very important ministry in your prayers and maybe see if there is anything you can do to encourage them and share your gifts with them.



Readings for November Services

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Nov 07	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 24	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
Nov 14	Daniel 12:1-3	Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-14[15-18] 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
Nov 21	Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14	Psalm 93	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
Nov 25	Joel 2:21-27	Psalm 126	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Matthew 6:25-33
Nov 28	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36



Community Thanksgiving Dinner



Volunteers needed for Community Thanksgiving Dinner: Wednesday Prep, Thursday Serve and Clean-up, Friday Clean-up. Please contact the church office at 419-625-2112 if you are available to help. We need you!

Humane Society: Please donate your shoe boxes for the kitty cages. You can drop your boxes off in the storage room by the sewing machines. Thank you!





Nickles & Noses for September

As a reminder, these numbers are two months behind to account for the bookkeeping schedule.

September Offerings will be reported next month



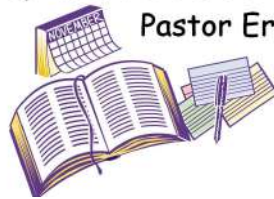
*September Attendance
4 Saturdays, 4 Sundays*

	In Person	Online	Total	Average
Saturday	148*	116	264	66
8:00	166	172	338	85
10:30	250	222	472	118
Total	564	510	1,074	269

* The attendance at one of the Saturday services was not recorded.

Drop-in & Visit with

Pastor Eric



PE's Drop In Hours

Pastor Eric has drop in hours on Mondays from 1pm to 3 pm and Tuesdays from 10am to Noon. If you just want to drop in and say, "Hi," or play a game, or ask that one question you've always wanted to ask, feel free to just drop in. You can also call Pastor Eric anytime at 419-503-5288.

I would like to thank my Zion family for all of the prayers, love, support, cards, meals, and stopping to pay your condolences during this time of caring for my dad as he declined and then his passing. It has been a difficult few months with first the passing of my mother-in-law and then the care and passing of my dad. I do not know how anyone can get through this without being a part of the body of Christ. Our heartfelt love and gratitude to all of our Zion family.



Bill & Lori Wabser



Our holiday worship schedule has changed some from when we last celebrated these holidays together in 2019. So here is our 2021 schedule!



**Wednesday
November 24th
7:00 p.m.**

**Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday, November 24th at
7:00 p.m.**

The 39th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be at Holy Angels on Thanksgiving Day.

**Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 19th, Both
Services**

**Christmas Eve Family Service
December 24th at 5:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Eve Communion
Service
December 24th at 11:00 p.m.**

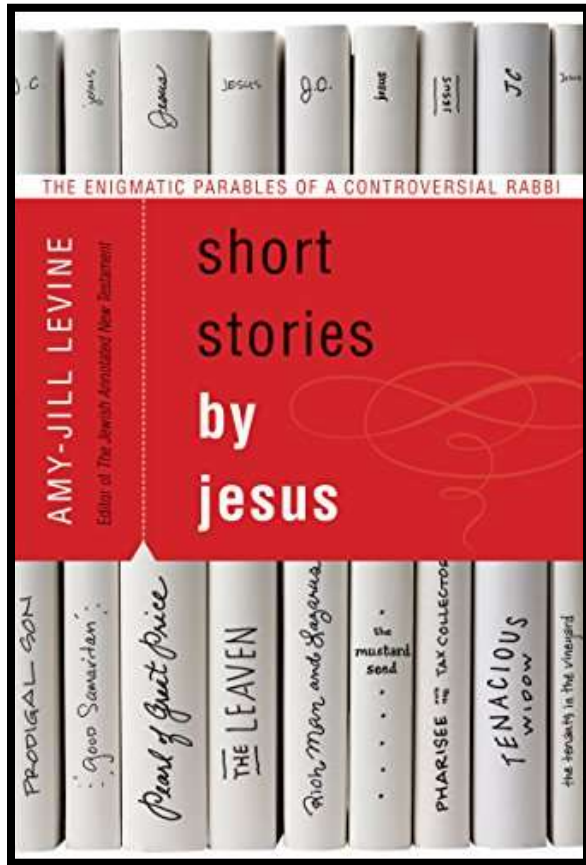
**Christmas Day Communion
Service
December 25th at 10:30 a.m.**

*No Service at 6:00 p.m. on
December 25th*

*No Service at 8:00 a.m. on
December 26th*

**Sunday, December 26th at
10:30 a.m.
Service of Lessons and Carols
(No Communion)**

Stellhorn Library Adult Forum



Sundays at 9:15
November 14 - December 19

Short Stories by Jesus The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi by Amy-Jill Levine

The renowned biblical scholar, author of *The Misunderstood Jew*, and general editor for *The Jewish Annotated New Testament* interweaves history and spiritual analysis to explore Jesus' most popular teaching parables, exposing their misinterpretations and making them lively and relevant for modern readers.

In this wise, entertaining, and educational book, Amy-Jill Levine offers a fresh, timely reinterpretation of Jesus' narratives. In *Short Stories by Jesus*, she analyzes these "problems with parables," taking readers back in time to understand how their original Jewish audience understood them. Levine reveals the parables' connections to first-century economic and agricultural life, social customs and morality, Jewish scriptures and Roman culture. With this revitalized understanding, she interprets these moving stories for the contemporary reader, showing how the parables are not just about Jesus, but are also about us—and when read rightly, still challenge and provoke us two thousand years later.

Nov. 14: *Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son*

Nov. 21: *The Good Samaritan*

Nov. 28: *The Pearl of Great Price*

Dec. 5: *The Mustard Seed*

Dec. 12: *The Laborers in the Vineyard*

Dec. 19: *The Widow and the Judge*



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, November 24, 2021**. Cost is \$10 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: _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Total enclosed _____ Cash _____ Check _____

Christmas Memorials and Honors: In honor or memory of a loved one. Return completed form/payment no later than **Wednesday, December 8, 2021**.

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 _____

Worship Leaders

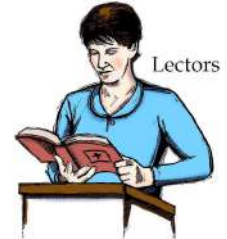
Children's Message



November	7	Laurie Mears
	14	Jon Carver
	21	Pastor Eric/Deacon Carolyn
	28	Hope Bailey

Lectors

		8:00 am	10:30 am
November	7	Jarrood Todi	Madison Yontz
	14	Jean Bossetti	Cole Berger
	21	Dean Meyers	Martha Thompson
	28	Dick Long	Kay Thompson



Prayers of the People

November	7	Martha Thompson
	14	Carla Mitchell
	21	Judy Mears
	28	Judy Burrows

Greeters

November	7	(8:00) Christine Antel (10:30) Greg & Tami Schultz
	14	(8:00) Darlene Lowery & Tracey Risner (10:30) Jeff Pollack & Landen
	21	(8:00) Mike & Oksun Todi (10:30) Brad & Beth Wimmer
	28	(8:00) Darlene Lowery & Tracey Risner (10:30) Julie Kessler



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	14	(8:00) Allen & Juanita Mitchell (10:30) Dave & Pat Volz
	21	(8:00) Mike & Oksun Todi (10:30) Brad & Beth Wimmer
	28	(8:00) Darlene Lowery & Tracey Risner (10:00)

November	7	Andy Castello/Schimmels	Andrew Castello	Greg
	14	Andy Castello/Schimmels	Andy G	Sarah
	21	Andy Castello/Schimmels	Dean	Tom/John
	28	Andy Castello/Schimmels	Janet	Tim



Council Minutes



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting
October 13, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

President, Martha Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Rev. Eric Bodenstab, Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt, Faye Gast, Tom Kinsel, Darlene Lowery, Sheree' Miller, Carla Mitchell, Roslyn Orticari, Nancy Stewart, Martha Thompson, Jarrod Todi, and Kevin Yontz. Recording Secretary, Kathy Schenk. Absent: Andrew Castello, Savannah Castello, and Lori Wobser.

OPENING DEVOTION & PRAYER:

Pastor Eric opened with a short devotional and prayer.

AGENDA:

Agenda approved as submitted with one correction, change Executive Council VP from Faye Gast to Carla Mitchell.

CORRESPONDENCE: None presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the August 11, 2021 Council meeting stand as submitted.

CLERGY REPORTS:

Pastor Eric – Written report submitted.

Deacon Carolyn – Written report submitted. Discussion on Sarah Kemp's project through the Cleveland Art Institute being designed for the Gathering Room. Completion date is currently around May 2022. Kevin Yontz will look into a system to suspend the glass art project from the Gathering Room ceiling.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Martha Thompson, President – No report submitted.

Vice President, Carla Mitchell – No report submitted.

Secretary/Treasurer, Tom Kinsel – No report submitted due to Lori Wobser's absence from the office. The September and October financials will be presented and discussed at the November Council meeting. Tom advised that since collections continue to be down, Council needs to be aware of possible cuts down the road. Tom praised Hope Bailey on the Military Service Banners she is repairing and restoring, renewing focus on WWII servicemen from Zion Sandusky.

MINISTRY TEAMS REPORTS:

Worship & Music – Sheree’ Miller –Written report submitted. A motion was made to change the time of the Christmas Eve late service to 10:00 pm. the vote was 6 for/6 against therefore motion failed. Christmas Eve late service will remain at 11:00 pm.

Faith Formation – Jarrod Todi– Written report submitted. Deacon Carolyn is reactivating the God Sightings on the Kiosk in the Gathering Room. “Socktober” is doing very well. The Children’s Christmas program will be December 19th during both worship services.

Stewardship & Administration –Roslyn Orticari– Written report submitted. Focus has been on the budget.

Youth & Young Adult – Andrew Castello and Savannah Castello – No written report submitted. Deacon Carolyn suggested that this committee and their monthly activity reports should be combined with the Faith Formation committee as the two go hand in hand.

Property & Facilities – Faye Gast/Kevin Yontz – Written report submitted with one correction, they met with Greg Schmid, not Steve Wrona. Discussion regarding the approval of the Bailey’s Landscaping bill. The bill was higher than quoted as there was an addition of river rock. There is no weed barrier under the mulch as it was advised that this would create a mold issue. The grass has come in and is looking very nice. It will create a clean slate for which to put in plants next year. A motion was made to pay the Bailey’s Landscaping bill in the amount of \$10,227.00. Motion passed. Faye suggested six large urns be purchased and placed around the church building. She checked with Spoerr Vaults regarding concrete urns. She was advised that concrete would not be the best. She contacted Balconi Monuments regarding granite urns. Faye will continue gathering information and quotes on urns. Discussion regarding possibility of families sponsoring the planting of urns for the season. Kevin Yontz reported that the Youth Room has been dismantled and ceiling tiles removed. Republic Services will be placing a dumpster in the parking lot at a cost of \$579.00. The 8’ wooden tables, metal folding chairs, and heavy children’s tables on cart will be moved to the garage and attempt will be made to give away or sell them. Deacon Carolyn suggested the old Sunday School room be cleaned out and prepared as a Youth Coordinator Office. The Mary and Martha window has begun to leak and the wood surrounding it became saturated when we had heavy rain and winds. This will be looked at when the gutters are cleaned and the roof is checked for leaks in November.

Parish Life – Darlene Lowery – No written report submitted. The New Member Reception held on October 10th had approximately 23 people in attendance; 6 being new members. November Greeters and Gathering Hosts were submitted to the church office.

Mission & Outreach – Nancy Stewart – Written report submitted. The Community Thanksgiving committee met on September 27th to discuss planning for this year’s dinner. The Yacht Club has agreed to donate 1800 rolls.

OLD BUSINESS:

CIVISTA Account: Carla Mitchell reported a new CIVISTA checking account was opened and that all signatures were taken care of.

Bailey's Landscaping Bill: This was addressed under Property and Facility report.

Draft Budget: Martha Thompson sent a copy of the draft to our accountant, Don Hanck. The budget is a guidepost to help us navigate. With donations down and cost of living going up, we will have to very careful with expenses. We budgeted \$450,000 for 2021 and we have only reached around 2/3 of that amount with three months left to go. Motion was made to present the budget to the congregation at the Congregational Meeting as presented by our accountant. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Congregational Meeting Date: Motion was made to have the Congregational Meeting on November 7, 2021. Motion passed.

Capital Campaign and Foundation News: Foundation has pledged to complete the Capital Campaign funding of \$17,000. This is based on all pledges being made. It is vital that those who have pledged, continue to meet that pledge.

Nominating Committee: Five members are required for the nominating committee; three from the congregation and two from the council. Pat Cassidy, Hope Bailey, and Alan Mitchell have agreed to participate in the committee. Carla Mitchell and Darlene Lowery volunteered as the council representatives.

Synod Recommendations: Martha urged the council to read the recommendations from the Synod and stated it must be acted upon. Tom stated that recommendations need to be taken seriously and implemented.

Approval of Confirmation Students: Addison Stradtman, Emily Terry, and Mylee Johnson have been presented for Confirmation. A motion was made to present the confirmands for confirmation to the congregation on Reformation Sunday. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Lord's Prayer lead by Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Wobser, Recording Secretary



There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 14th after the 10:30 service. This will be to discuss the budget for 2022 and the finances of Zion. Zoom access will be available.

Please mark your calendars and attend.

Affirmation of Faith

The following young members of Zion affirmed their faith on Reformation Sunday:

Mylee, Addison, Emily

Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this next step in their faith journey.



Jesus+Others+You= JOY Time

Thanks to Zion's Mission and Outreach JOY Time has been revived and has a new home. JOY Time is a faith-based Christian fellowship for adults with developmental disabilities. This ministry was started in 2014 and sponsored by the Firelands Area Lutherans in Mission. We met monthly until the pandemic. It was so good to gather at Zion on September 21st. We worshipped. We sang. We planned the year's meetings. We saw old faces and had two new guests. Our volunteer helpers came from Trinity, St. John's, Grace, and Zion. We will meet on the third Tuesday of each month from 6-7:30. At this time masking is required. Our next meeting is October 19th. We'll be decorating pumpkins and creating a Fall craft. JOY Time is open to anyone and no reservations are needed. We're always looking for new volunteers. All that is needed is a little patience and a lot of love. Call Cathy at 419-625-6775 if you have any questions.



SPECIAL VETERANS SERVICE



Next month is the 80th anniversary of the start of WWII. We will be honoring the men and the families of those who served during that war with a special service that includes the liturgy of the funeral services for those who died during that war. We will be presenting memorabilia, personal stories, and photos of those times.

Please join us in the services on Sunday, November 14th



39th Community Celebration of Thanksgiving

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

We will be providing *carryout, delivery, and dine in services* this year.

What: **Free Thanksgiving Meal**

(Hot and delicious, with all the trimmings)

When: **Thanksgiving Day**

November 25, 2021

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (*Dine in only*)

11:15 am *Carry Out and Delivery begins*



Where: **Holy Angels Catholic Church**

428 Tiffin Ave., Sandusky, OH

***For carryout, enter the church parking lot from Pearl St. ***

FREE "take home" bag of groceries and/or baby supplies available

Please call either phone number below to place your delivery order:

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (419)625-2112 by Noon on November 24th

Holy Angels Catholic Church (419)625-3698 through November 25th

We are always looking for volunteer drivers to deliver meals on Thanksgiving Day.

Delivery drivers should park on W. Jefferson St. or Tiffin Ave.

If you are able to help, please call Holy Angels (419)-625-3698 or

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (419)-625-2112

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THANKS**
FAMILY · FRIENDS · GRATITUDE

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November

2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1-3:00 pm Pastor Eric Office Hours 2:00 pm Temple Caretakers 7:00 pm Firelands Chorus Rehearsal 7:00 pm Troop 8 Scouts	2 9:00 am Quilters 10-Noon Pastor Eric Office Hours 1:30 pm Text Study—Basement/FB 6:00 pm Executive Committee	3 7:30 am Lectionary Study 9:30 am Staff Meeting 2:00 pm Circle of Friends—Library 6:30 pm Agape—Library	4 9:30 am Priscilla 7:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal		6 6:00 pm Worship
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