

Harvest Home Celebration

November 24, 2024

10:15 a.m.

(* Indicates: stand if you are able.)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP *Come Into His Presence*

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

P: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

L: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;

P: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to God, bless his name.

P: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*HYMN *Come Ye Thankful People Come*

*OPENING PRAYER

Lifegiving God, we enter your courts with thanksgiving and praise, knowing that you have made us, and remembering we are loved. We have come to praise your mighty acts, to offer our petitions, and celebrate remembrance. Let us receive from your hand the Bread of Life, as we seek to honor you for all your good works; this we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

Prayer of Dedication of Food Pantry Donations

GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 8:1-18

MESSAGE *Thanksgiving Spirit*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Audrey Clements family, Zimmer Family, Tim P., Michelle, Eric & Tina, Jan Watkins, Jackson, Bill Vlastnik Family, Rusty & Mary Thies, Dale Jacobson, Disaster victims, Jeff, Rod Petrowski Family, Mag Maubach, Arnie Watkins, Dixie Tonozzi, Jim, Nation, Paul Nave, Jeff Rietgraf, Jean Mikus, Deb Cooper, Kathy Radke Family, Ryan, Jyll Janz, Josie, Steve & Audrey, Carol Harris Family, Ben Vowels, Sr. Family, Dick & Alice Tostovarsnik, Priscilla Dean, Tom & Gretchen Kaszynski, Lindenmier family, Kevin & Anne Orval, Evie Coulter, Karen Kradle, The Smith Family, Art Ramey Family, Cheryl Grosenbach, Jean Spayer, Emily, Renewal Team, Cindy Harzheim, Marilyn Haslam, Paul Lewis, Ron Narczewski, Bob & Holly Antkowiak.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE *Seek Ye First*

OFFERING

*RESPONSE *Doxology*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION May these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness, hope to those who live in despair, and justice to those who are oppressed. Give each of us a sense of participation in the most important opportunity of all time: to share your love with the world. Today we dedicate our offerings and ourselves. Amen.**

*HYMN *Let All Things Now Living*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Announcements

The Altar Flowers today are In Memory of Dorothy Borostowski, from The Borostowski Family.

Memorials for Bill Vlastnik were given by Rev. Kay Harding, Lois Wilmot, Shirley Janz & Son Bill Janz, Kent Terry, Steve & Carol Theisinger, Lori Keenan, Mary & John Armon, J. Davis & Mary Small and Son John, Larry & Cheryl Grosenbach, Bill & Phyllis Bender, Bill Johnson, Jim Greening, Dona Ostermeyer, Erin Lewis, The Breuning Family.

*If you would like to make an announcement during worship, please request a microphone. Thank you!

Please join us for fellowship refreshments after worship today.

The Renewal Team will meet tomorrow at 6:00pm.

Exciting Announcement: Join the CREW!

Hey Families! Get ready for an adventure because our Sunday School program, CREW, is back and better than ever! Join us every Sunday morning at 9:00AM for a fun-filled hour designed for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade.

At CREW, we dive into amazing stories, unleash our creativity with awesome crafts, and play exciting games that will keep everyone engaged and smiling! It's a great opportunity to make new friends, learn about faith, and have fun!

Don't miss out on the fun—come join the CREW this Sunday! We can't wait to see your smiling faces! See you there!

The Children's Christmas program will be held December 22nd during worship.

Listen to Pastor Alex at 8:25 every Sunday morning on 103.9 **WLPO**. Tell your friends!

We're excited to announce a new **Bible Study** series Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This is a hybrid event, so you're welcome to join us in person at the church or participate

via Zoom from home. Our study is based on the popular TV series, *The Chosen*, which brings the stories of the Bible to life in a fresh, powerful way. We'll explore themes from each episode, dive deeper into Scripture, and share our insights together. This study is open to all adults, and we encourage you to invite a friend! Whether you're tuning in on Zoom or joining us in person, we look forward to growing together in faith.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service at Zion Church

Join us for a special evening of unity and gratitude! Zion Church is honored to host an **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 pm**. With members from six other congregations, we'll come together to celebrate our shared blessings and express our thanks in a spirit of fellowship. All are welcome to attend. Let's come together to lift our hearts in worship and gratitude!

Zion will serve a **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** this year. See your bulletin insert!

We will be decorating the church sanctuary for Advent on Saturday, November 30, at 10:00 AM. We need volunteers, and the more hands we have, the quicker the work will go! If you're able to help, please let Pastor know. Come join us as we prepare our space for Advent season! See you there!

Advent begins Sunday, December 1st. Join us as we prepare our hearts and lives to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

The Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble Recital: Festival of Flutes will be Sunday, December 8th at 2:00pm here at Zion. The event is free and open to the public. A variety of holiday music will be featured. We hope to see you!

COOKIE SALE NEWS FLASH #9

One of the best ways to get the word out about the cookie sale is word of mouth. Please invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers. The green insert in your bulletin is there to give to someone you when you invite them. We have more, but we

didn't want to stuff your bulletins with too many sheets of loose papers. Extra copies are available on the table in the Narthex. Please take as many as you need. We can always print more. Thank you.

Mark your calendars for the **Zion Diners Christmas Party!** The event will take place on Thursday, December 19th at 6:00pm at Liberty Restaurant and will feature the **famous White Elephant gift exchange**. Dixie Tonozzi will be hosting. Please let her know if you are planning to attend.

Each month, Zion UCC delivers a hot, nutritious meal to the **Peru PADS** homeless shelter, supporting those in need in our community. With the increased demand, the shelter reopened earlier this year, and your help is essential to continue this ministry through May. We invite you to make a difference by donating. Every contribution, big or small, helps us provide a hearty, healthy meal to those who need it most. To give, please write a check to the church with "PADS Meals" in the memo or donate online through the Giving page on our website. Thank you for opening your hearts to this mission of compassion and care!

Support Needed for Food Pantry Expansion!

The Illinois Valley Food Pantry is seeking donations as it searches for a new, larger facility to better serve those in need. A larger space will allow for the storage of additional perishable and non-perishable food items, ensuring that we can meet the increasing demand in our community.

Your financial support can make a real difference! Contributions can be sent to:

*Illinois Valley Food Pantry
122 Wright St.
LaSalle, IL 61301*

Together, we can work to end hunger in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

Hope House Donations-Savanna Rietgraf is interning at a halfway house called Hope House that supports men transitioning from jail and prison. Many arrive with few belongings and need clothing as they work to rejoin the community. Savanna is asking

for donations of gently used men's clothing - any sizes and styles, from casual to professional. Bring items to the church office or contact Jim Greening. Your support can make a big difference.

HELP WANTED!

Ushers: We are building a new Ushers List. If you previously served as usher and would like to serve again, we would like to add you to the new ushers list. Previously ushers served for an entire month. Ushers now will serve when they are available to serve even for a single Sunday. You can let Larry Grosenbach know you will serve as usher or email ushers@zionperu.org to be added to the ushers list.

Evangelism: We are updating our visitor information about Zion church and will be creating a visitor packet that will contain our new updated information about Zion Church and a thank you gift or two for them visiting. If you would like to help the Evangelism Team with the visitor project you can let Pastor Alex, Jerry Koehler or email evangelism@zionperu.org.

Live Life (Pre and Post Transplant Support Group) meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm at Zion UCC.

The Compassionate Friends Group meets at Zion every fourth Thursday at 6:30pm. This meeting is open to any parent who has lost a child. Please contact the church office for information.

Weight Watchers is meeting every Saturday morning at 8:00 here at Zion. We're happy to provide space for this worthwhile service to our community.

Tonica Church is collecting personal hygiene products to give away. Items needed include: *Bar soap *Shower gel *Shampoo Razors *Deodorant *Toothbrushes *Toothpaste *Combs or Brushes *Contact Diane Gebhardt with any questions.

You can now donate to Zion by Text to (815)393-1954

Enter the amount you want to give to Zion in the Text box and send. If it the first time you are giving by text you will be prompted to set up your giving method (credit card or bank account).

Copies of the hymns and large print bulletins are located in the Narthex.

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Ministers	Members of the Congregation
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Secretary	Erin Lewis
Liturgist	Lauren Knutson
Audio Technician	Jerry Koehler
Video Technician	Rhonda Essl
Song Leader	Dave Jacobson
Fellowship	Erin Lewis

Attendance: November 17:

In Person: 38 + 10 children

On You Tube: 10

This week:

Monday, November 25th

6:00pm Renewal Team meeting

Tuesday, November 26th

6:30pm Bible Study

PADS Meal

Wednesday, November 27th

6:30pm Choir practice

7:00pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 28th

Happy Thanksgiving

11:30am Doors open for Community Dinner

Saturday, November 30th

8:00am Weight Watchers meeting

10:00am Decorating for Advent

Sunday, December 1

Advent 1

8:25am Pastor Alex on WLPO

9:00am CREW

9:30am Choir practice

10:15am Worship in person, also available on YouTube

Office Hours-The secretary is in the office on Fridays

Monday-Thursday: Closed

*Friday: 9:00am -5:00pm