

Jeremiah 33:14-16

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. “In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.”

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Luke 21:25-36

“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in

anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Marengo, Illinois

“With Great Boldness . . . Tell Everyone What He Has Done”

Luke 21:33

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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Zion's Mission Statement:

Proclaiming Jesus Christ through Preaching, Teaching and Reaching

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Glen W. Borhart

Associate Pastor: Rev. Jonathan M. Ripke

Interim Co-Principals: Dan Bertrand & Merri-lynn Seaburg

Music Director: Karina Keating

Ministering to Each Other: All Members

✦ WELCOME ✦

A warm and cordial welcome to all! Your presence is a blessing to us and we are happy that we can all join together in worshiping our Lord and in celebrating His triumphant resurrection. We invite you to lift up your hearts with joy and thanksgiving with us. And please do come and worship with us again!

✦ FOR OUR CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION ✦

The Lord's Supper, Jesus says "This is my body; This is my Blood." We cannot fully grasp this mystery, but faithfully trust Him that in this Sacrament we receive Christ's body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. By communing together we affirm that we share this same confession of faith. If you have not yet been instructed in the Lutheran confession or have questions about the Sacrament please refrain from communing until you have opportunity to speak to the pastor. We joyfully desire to gather together at the table of the Lord in faithful accord with God's Word.

✦ First Sunday in Advent ✦

December 1, 2, 3

6:00 PM, 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:30 PM—Divine Service 4 — LSB Page 203

Hymns: LSB 353, 336, 637, 509, 338

Organist: Linda Zumpf

Sermon: "The End of the World" Vicar Josh Hileman
Immanuel Lutheran Church,
Chrystal Lake

Dear Friends in Christ,

My time with you as your pastor is coming to an end soon. My last worship services with you as pastor will be December 15 and 16. I was installed on December 9, 1990. My 28 years as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church and School will end as I retire. In my mind, it is time for others to carry on the Lord's work here at Zion. I am sure the Lord will continue to bless all that is done in His Name in the years ahead.

Countless relationships have been built over the years for which I am grateful. I will not forget all we were able to do as we worked together for the Lord. At the same time, I am bound and determined to not interfere or hinder the work of Zion after I retire. With that in mind. . .

- ⇒ I will no longer be your pastor. Your pastors will be Pastor Ripke and whoever the Lord leads here as your future pastors. I feel that it is time for others to lead the ministries here at Zion. The pastors will use their unique gifts to serve you.
- ⇒ The official acts of the church, such as baptisms, confirmation, weddings, and funerals will all be done by your current pastors. I will be the first to refer you to them for your needs. This doesn't mean I don't care for you anymore. It means that I highly respect the Office of the Ministry which a pastor serves and now you will have different pastors. You will love them and serve with them.

Dale Ann and I will not be moving away. She will continue working as Zion School's secretary for now. I will likely be helping out a little bit with neighboring churches with occasional preaching. I do hope to continue raising money for Zion School's tuition aid fund by collecting scrap metals and cans through the Holy Scrap program. Other than that, I am waiting to see what the Lord would have me do with my time and talents.

Counting me, 17 called pastors have served at Zion since 1880. Thousands of members of Zion have come and gone over the years. Many things change but the Lord doesn't. Zion is the Lord's Church and He will continue to accomplish His work here for a long time.

Thank you for the privilege of serving the Lord and the people of Zion.

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Borhart*



Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday

8:00 AM..... Worship W/C
 9:15 AMSunday School
 9:30 AMBible Study–Pastor Ripke
 9:30 AM Bible Study–Pastor Borhart
 10:30 AM Worship W/C

Monday

4:30 PM.....7th & 8th Grade Public
Confirmation
 5:30 PM Corinne Fish
Counting Team
 6:30 PM Worship W/C

Tuesday

8:45 AMLadies Bible Study
 9:00 AM..... Reading Partners

Wednesday

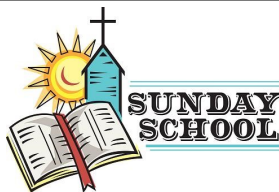
10:00 AMAdvent Worship
 1:30 PM..... Ladies Aid
 5:30 PMAdult Handbells
 6:30 PM Advent Worship
 7:15 PMAdult Choir

Saturday

7:30 AMMen's Bible Study
 6:00 PMWorship

Student in College?

Pastor Ripke would like to connect with members from Zion who are in college right now. Addresses, phone numbers, etc. -- any contact info is great! You can send information to Pastor Ripke at pastor.ripke@zionmarengo.net or talk with him at church.



All children age 3 through high school are invited to Sunday School on Sunday mornings.

9:00 AM Cookies & Punch

9:15 AM Opening Songs

9:30 AM Sunday School

Bulletin Announcements

- ◆ Due: Wed. @ Noon
- ◆ E-mail submissions 100 words or less to sandy.hauschildt@zionmarengo.net
- ◆ Typed/neatly printed announcements can be dropped off in the office.
- ◆ All submissions must include name, phone, and start/stop date (max. three weeks).
- ◆ Announcements are subject to approval, may be edited, and must be Zion related, reflecting the mission of the church and school.

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Zion Lutheran Church

Weekend of December 2, 2018
 Information Bulletin

Adult Bible Studies

9:30-10:15 AM

⇒ "A year to read and study the whole Bible" Taught by Pastor Borhart, will meet in the School Library.

⇒ "Letter of the Day" Taught by Pastor Ripke, will meet in the Chapel.

Coffee Hour

This week's coffee hour is being hosted by
The Personnel Committee

Next week's is being hosted by the
The Palakie Family

Next Week's Acolytes

December 5th-Advent

6:30 PM.....Devon Oliveira

December 8, 9, 10

6:00 PM.....Alexandra Brackman

8:00 AM.....Trevor Harp

10:30 AM.....Devon Rogers

6:30 PM.....Christian Balgemann



From the family of Doc Anthony for blessings received.

Last Week's Attendance Total – 601

6:30 PM & 10:00 AM .Thanksgiving Worship 224
 6:00 PMSaturday Worship Service 72
 8:00 AMSunday Worship Service..... 148
 10:30 AMSunday Worship Service..... 97
 6:30 PMMonday Worship Service..... 60

Next Week's Greeters — December 8, 9, 10

6:00 PM Mike & Jill Secor
 8:00 AM Herbert & Christel Mueller
 10:30 AM Doug & Lynn Anthony
 6:30 PM Denise & Lily Swanson

Special Prayers

Norma Kanaly –rehab

Pastor Jay Koehler –nephew of Richard Stermer

Terry Wagner–father-in-law to Caitlin Wagner

New Members

Jennifer Wilson-by Confirmation of Faith and son her Stewart

Jacklynn Lindner-by Confirmation of Faith and her son Elijah

Welcome to our church family!

At the Font

Evelyn Grey Przybyl

Daughter of Michael & Erin (Parker) Przybyl will be baptized in the Sanctuary after the 10:30 AM worship service.

Emerson Rose Jongebloed

Daughter of Daniel & Lisa (Dunker) Jongebloed will be baptized in the chapel after the 10:30 AM worship service.

Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 10th at 7:15 PM**

Baby Basket

"And she wrapped him in swaddling cloths." The narthex baby basket is in need of some 'gently used or new swaddling items', baby blankets, cloths, diapers size 1-4, baby wipes, bottles. Please no big items & sizes up to 18 months. Thank you for your generosity. Contact Genny at 815-568-8425 for more info.

Recycle For the Love Project!

If you have any old Portals of Prayer, Hopeful Living and any other Christian reading material, please put them in the box in the back of the narthex. They will be passed out in the Love Project baskets. Thank you for your support!

Ski As A Family at Alpine Valley Resort 2018-2019

We have the opportunity once again to ski as a group this year at Alpine Valley Resort. We will be skiing Sunday evenings from 3-10 PM. There's a one-time club card fee of \$18. This card allows you to purchase \$18 lift tickets and \$18 ski/snowboard rentals for each Club night (Jan 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, Feb 3rd, 10th) of the program. The card also allows students to ski or snowboard Sunday through Friday after 3:00 PM for the same \$18 club price lift tickets. In addition, the Student Program also includes one free lesson on club night. There are also opportunities to ski starting December 2, over the Christmas break and through the end of February, with full day passes into March, weather permitting. Please follow the link in r/e to dates and times:

<http://files.constantcontact.com/6779075b501/bb5c242d-f307-4872-ab81-c50543261afe.pdf>

Contact Stephanie Martin for club card purchases (cash only...Alpine Valley policy) and additional information call 815-405-2218

Calling All Early Risers!



Do you wake up around 5 or 6 AM with an urge to do something? Or are you already driving your wife crazy that she wants you out the door? Well, have we got a job for you!! When the weather outside is frightful, the church and school are looking for someone delightful, to help with snow removal. We need help clearing the sidewalks around the church and school. We will provide the snow blowers and salt spreader, we just need your time and talents. If interested please call, Rich Hoey at 630/200-3942. Call right away to reserve your spot to help...I'm sure they'll fill up fast ;)



Financial Recap

GENERAL GIVING:

Weekly Budget	\$19,000
Weekly Nov 18	\$14,959
Thanksgiving Giving	\$ 2,409
YTD Giving Shortfall	(-\$26,372)

BUILDING FUND GIVING:

November Budget	\$3,000
November Received	\$3,131

2018 GIVING FOR:

Pastor Ferry	\$3,131
Comfort Dogs:	\$6,990

Operational Loan Balance:

Buhrows Endowment	\$42,309
Current Operations	\$ 0.00

Love Project

Week of December 3

Preschool-8th Grade

Make-up Food Items

Holy Scrap

You can put small items like pop/beer cans, electric wire, tin cans and place them in the designated truck or trailer parked by the signs next to the electric pole opposite the front door of the Church.

Poinsettias for Christmas!

Interested in a beautiful poinsettia? The order forms are on the narthex counter for the poinsettias. Cost is \$8.75 per plant. **Final order date is Monday, December 3rd.** Please print names and information on the forms.

As always, the Altar Guild appreciates your generosity in sharing your poinsettias for the Christmas services!

SCRIP Orders

Monday, December 10th

The Boar's Head Festival

The Boarshead Festival will NOT be presented this year, but will hopefully return. Thank you to everyone who responded with willingness to participate.

Coat Drive

We are, once again, collecting gently used coats in all sizes. All donations are given to The More Center, to be given to our fellow community members who may need them. Your generosity has helped to keep others warm for many a past winter. We will collect the coats, mittens/gloves and hats.

Wrappers Needed

Join us on Tuesday, Dec. 11th starting at 8:00 AM in the Multi-Purpose Room for our annual gift wrapping of the Love Project gifts.

Any questions please feel free to contact Michele Harp 815-568-5993.

Love Project 2018

On Thursday, December 13th, we will deliver Christmas dinner, household goods, fruit, Christian literature, and gifts for young children for families in need in the Marengo-Union area.

We are collecting goods for 100 families! The children at Zion are bringing in specific food items each week. We are looking for sponsors of \$16, for turkey boxes that contain a 12-14 lb. turkey, stuffing, canned fruit, canned vegetable, instant potatoes, gravy mix, coffee, and a dessert mix. We also will need frozen turkey or hams. There is a sign-up sheet in church office if you are interested in contributing or volunteering. If you have medium or large baskets to donate for the fruit, please place them under the tables in the gym hallway. Unwrapped new gifts can be placed in a wrapped box in the gym hallway for children under 13 years old. If you have questions, call Michele at 815-568-5993. Please include this special project in your prayers. Thank you for your support in this outreach. If you have questions contact Becky 815-299-2320 or Kim 815-572-1373.

Ladies Aid Christmas Luncheon

Ladies Aid Christmas Luncheon will be at 12 PM on Monday, December 10th at Cafe 20. Price for guests will be \$16. If members want to attend, please call Jeanne Schaefer at 815-544-1002 or Pat Knake at 815-568-7963. **Deadline for signup will be December 2nd.**

New in the Narthex

December Newsletter

NID Life Ministry March for Life Chicago 2019

MARCH FOR LIFE CHICAGO: Join area Lutherans at the March for Life Chicago on January 13, 2019. LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison is among the featured speakers. Meet on Federal Plaza (50 W. Adams Street, Chicago) at 1:55 PM under the LOVE AFFIRMS LIFE and the EYES FOR LIFE banners. RIDE A BUS LEAVING FROM TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN LISLE, 1101 Kimberly Way, Lisle, at 1 p.m. FREE WILL DONATIONS are received to cover cost for the round-trip bus ride. Call Kris Blackwell at 630-234-1491 to reserve your seat. Space is limited.