# From Pastor's desking November 2022

Dear Fellow-Redeemed of Zion,

It has been an unusual Fall so far. Cold, warm, in between. Well, it is, after all, Illinois post-Summer!

October saw a remembrance of why the so-called "Reformation" is important. For Christians of all stripes, it was the watershed breaking away from Medieval practices which subverted the Gospel of Jesus, and hid the riches of His grace from millions of desperate people.

But now, five hundred plus years after Martin Luther, the Christian Church still struggles. Sinners are in need of saving. How does that happen? On what basis?

Some say good works. Some say that you decide for Jesus. WE say that Jesus decided for us! And we receive all His benefits!

This does not mean that our lives glide smoothly along. But it does mean that our greatest enemy, death and the grave, have no hold on us now, and not ever!

So now we cruise along towards the narrative of Jesus coming into the world to assume our flesh and be our Savior. And it's a wonderful cruise, indeed! No more worries about good works. No more shaking in our boots as the cemetery draws near. We now have it made! It? Heaven! A free and generous gift from a loving, forgiving, merciful God!

Blessed November, everyone!

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Mary Martha Guild - All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend the meeting on Monday, November 7 at 2:00 P.M. This will be the first meeting in over 2 years.

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Congregational Thanksgiving Potluck..

Plan to attend the annual Congregational Thanksgiving Potluck on Sunday, November 13 following the Divine Service. Turkey, drinks and table service will be provided. Side dishes and desserts would be welcome complements to our meal!

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Thanksgiving Eve Service...Invite your family and friends to join you at our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 23, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Confirmation Day – Our two confirmands, Dawson Wieland and Nash Van Veldhuizen, will have completed their studies and will be welcomed as confirmed members of Zion's Faith Family during the Divine Service on November 27. These young men have been quite faithful in their studies which allowed for this early confirmation date.

Midweek Advent Suppers/Services...

Our Midweek Advent Suppers and Services begin on Wednesday, November 30. Volunteers are needed to provide a light supper prior to our service. A sign-up sheet will be located on the bulletin board in the All Saints Addition.

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Poinsettia will again adorn our Sanctuary at Christmas. The nursery will need to know how many Poinsettia we will need by November 20. An order form is found later in this newsletter or on the counter in the All Saints Addition.

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Don't forget to vote - Tuesday November 8!



Thank you, Veterans!!





#### Birthday's

Patsy Klekamp	11/5
Benjamin Morgan	11/6
Jane Webster	11/10
Chris Carter	11/14
Sue Matzat	11/15
Peggy Jurgens	11/16
Ben Pritchard	11/16
Thomas Darnell	11/18
Jean Morgan	11/21
Robison Carter	11/25
John Edie	11/28
Alan Cowhick	11/29
Cindy Saylor	11/29



## Wedding Anniversaries

Fred & Shirley Hagen	11/6
Brian & Shannon Rennecker	11/10
Tim & Bridget Wieland	11/25
Carl & Cindy Saylor	11/28



### Baptism Birthday's

Jeff Jurgens	11/1
Megan Clark	11/2
Michelle Clark	11/2
Emery Greene	11/8
Elise Greene	11/14
Michele Stremsterfer	11/14
Elliott Schneider	11/16
Grace Bowen	11/21
Thomas Darnell	11/23
Benjamin Morgan	11/26
Nathan VanZele	11/26
Alli Van Veldhuizen	11/28
Olivia VanZele	11/29





#### Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettia will adorn our Sanctuary again this Christmas season. If you would like to order Poinsettia in honor of/memory of someone, please complete the information below and return the order form and payment to the church office no later than November 20, 2022. Cost is \$ 12.00 each.

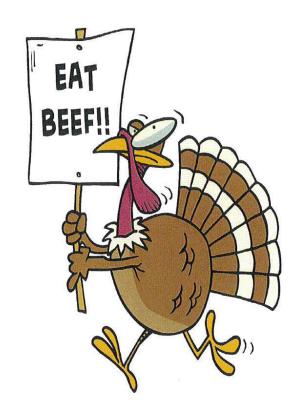
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In Honor of	
In Memory of	



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Sunday School 9:00 A.M. Adult Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Divine Service 10:15 A.M.

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