

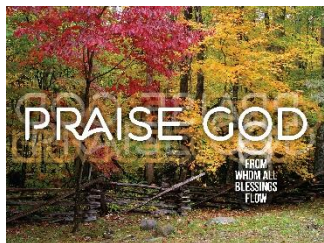
Zion News November 2024

From Whom?

The four lines of what is known as the Common Doxology have been sung for over three centuries:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Doxology, which literally means “words of glory,” teaches God’s providence and preservation, reminding us that everything we have is literally a gift from heaven. We have a God who made the heavens rain bread and quail when Israel was wandering in the desert to keep them alive. We have the same God who continues to shower down blessing upon blessing so that we might remember that God is good and the One from whom all blessings flow.

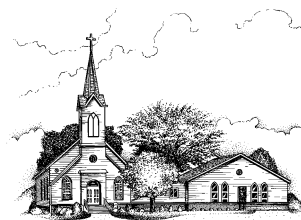


We are not thankful in some general way, wondering if there actually is someone to whom we should be offering our gratitude. We know from where and from whom our blessings flow. As James wrote: “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights...”

May we never be merely “thankful in general,” as in “I’m very thankful for all my blessings. Remember that God is the unending Source and Giver for everything...physical blessings like a wondrous world, health and wealth, friends and family and all that makes life enjoyable. More than that, He is the Source of our salvation and the One who sent us a Savior. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Congregational News

Happy Anniversary! It was November 3rd, 1949 - some 75 years ago - that 18 ladies from Zion gathered together for the first time to form what is now known as the Ladies’ Aid.

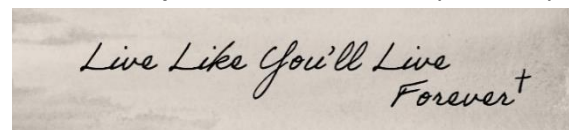


There were a number of reasons why those 18 ladies decided to found a Ladies’ Aid group. Among them were to provide opportunities for Bible study and to foster Christian fellowship, to beautify the church and property, and to assist in charitable work among our fellow Christians and throughout the synod.

That has translated into coordinating countless congregational dinners and funeral luncheons, serving as an altar guild, providing much needed furnishings to beautify the church, hosting Advent by Candlelight, movie nights, fall festivals, organizing food drives, serving as co-hosts for the Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society (LWMS) gatherings, customizing baptismal napkins, providing greeting cards for all occasions, and much, much more.

If you would ask most pastors, they would tell you that if there is a need somewhere, if there is a service that needs to be provided, the ladies’ group would be the first group to call. We thank God for all the ladies over the past 75 years who have served in this group. If you would like to join our group or know more, join us on the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.!

New Worship Series “Live each day like it’s your last.” You’ve probably



heard that advice. It sounds wise...an encouragement to take advantage of the time you have. However, that advice is backwards for the Christian. The reality is, thanks to Jesus, we have an *unending* amount of

time. Let that sink in for a second. Jesus has given you the gift of eternal life. You are going to live forever. If you really thought it was your last day, that belief would shape how you lived that day. In this series, we will consider how the gift of eternal life shapes how we live each day. Live like you'll live forever...because you will!

- 10-27 Live a Life of Fearless Witness (Reformation)
- 11-3 Live Knowing Life Only Gets Better (All Saints')
- 11-10 Live Free from the Fear of Judgment
- 11-17 Live Knowing that God Will Supply Your Needs
- 11-24 Live with Your Eyes on the Skies
- 11-27/28 Live with a Thankful Heart (Thanksgiving)

Help? If anyone enjoys taking pictures and would like to volunteer for a low time-commitment job, we could use a volunteer to take pictures of



new members when they join Zion and when new Council members come on board in January, probably 3-4 times / year. Pastor or Janet (our church secretary) would contact you and ask you to take a picture of the person(s), usually before or after a worship service when it's convenient for

both parties. If you are interested, call Pastor Bode.

Audio – Visual Update If you've tried watching our worship services on youtube the past several months, your patience might be running thin because of the quality of the audio coming through. When our system was updated, the audio visual company said we could use our existing congregational microphone for recording. It wasn't long however, before that microphone stopped working after many years of normal use. A new microphone will be ordered soon and when it is installed, the quality should improve considerably. In the meantime, thanks for your patience.

Bible Study Ever wonder why God created the world with color and sights that are pleasing to look at? Ever wonder about all the cancers and congestive heart failure and pain and suffering people go through in this

world? What's the most important chapter of the Bible? What are the 3 ways the Bible describes death? What does a rainbow really symbolize? In our Sunday morning Bible study, we are going through the first 11 chapters of the Bible a little more deliberately, which gives plenty of time for questions and discussion of Genesis, this book of beginnings. You're invited to join us even if you can't make it every Sunday.

Advent by Candlelight The Ladies' Aid decided to take a year off from organizing an Advent by Candlelight this year. You are still invited to join us for the Advent supper and worship on December 4th.

Food Drive Monetary Food Drive "Love your neighbor as yourself" has been called the "Golden Rule." It's the way God wants us to deal with people. To put that into practice, the Ladies' Aid is organizing another food drive to benefit the Kewaskum Food Pantry. It will run throughout the month of November, ending at Thanksgiving. Once again, it will be a "virtual" food drive. Instead of bringing actual food items, we're asking members to donate money so the food pantry can purchase the items that are most needed. The contribution container is near the double doors in the entryway. Thank you!

Lighthouse Youth Ministry Another way we can show love to our neighbor as ourself is by contributing food items for our twice-a-year visit to the Lighthouse Youth Ministry. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board across from the church mailboxes.

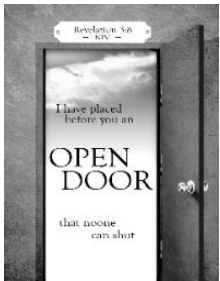
Christmas Decorating Many hands are needed to help decorate our church for Christmas. We plan to have the trees up so they can be decorated after the late service on December 1st. It won't take long if we have enough people to help. Please save the date.

Cookbooks Available Looking for a Christmas gift for someone who likes to bake and / or cook? The Ladies' Aid still has some cookbooks available and they are available for a donation (put it in the Ladies' Aid box in the

top center of the mailboxes). You will find the books on the cabinets in the entryway.

WELS News

Open Doors Around the World When WELS was first invited to communist Vietnam to share the good news of salvation through Jesus, it was a surprise. Yet, God opened that door, and WELS members responded with generosity and faith to support that opportunity.



Since we began working with the Hmong Fellowship Church, it has grown from 55,000 members to 145,000. What will God use us to do next? Christians who have heard the gospel for the first time are

moved by our Lord to reach out to others who still need to hear it. The leaders we train and equip are reaching hearts, and the Holy Spirit is granting a harvest.

And God continues to surprise us *all around the world*. God is blessing our prayers and contributions by providing open doors all over the world through WELS World Missions. The door is open. The manpower is ready. The gospel is powerful. God has provided WELS with opportunities in Australia, London, New Zealand, Tanzania, and the Congo over the last two years. Dozens of house churches have opened in Latin America and Africa. We boldly ask God's people to help keep these gospel doors open.

"See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut" (Revelation 3:8).

Hurricane Relief Update After Hurricanes Milton and Helene, WELS Christian Aid and Relief teams went to the affected areas, visiting WELS churches and members. A number of members of WELS churches had varying levels of damage to their personal properties. Some have extensive damage from storm surge entering their homes. There is also

quite a bit of tree damage and debris that needs to be cleaned up in the area of impact. Local volunteers are being utilized as much as possible to help, but volunteers with special skills are also being brought in.

If you'd like to serve as a disaster relief volunteer, please sign up at www.welsdisasterrelief.org. You will be asked to create a profile, list your skills, and indicate your availability for service. You will also need to sign a liability waiver, do a background check, and watch a brief basic safety video. We're looking for people with a variety of gifts, from running a chainsaw to cooking a meal. Even if you don't get the call to serve on a deployment for Helene or Milton, we may need you on another disaster relief deployment. Visit wels.net/relief to learn more about the work of WELS Christian Aid and Relief.

KML Korner

KML Open House Come experience the KML culture at our open house on Sunday, **November 3**, from 1:00-3:00 PM. All are welcome and will have the opportunity to tour our beautiful facility, meet the teachers, and learn about the many different facets of our Christian educational program. To learn more, go to www.kmlhs.org/open-house. Not able to join us for the open house? Schedule a private tour with our Director of Admissions, Jerry Zeamer (262.677.4051 x4009; jerry.zeamer@kmlhs.org).



Veterans Day Observance KML's annual Veterans Day Observance will be held Thursday, **November 7**, 2024, at 9:20 AM in the KML PAC. Doors open at 9:00 AM. All are invited to attend. No RSVP necessary. More info at kmlhs.org/veterans.

Grade School Auditions KML's Theatre Department is now accepting auditions for the role of "Fletcher" in the upcoming winter musical production of Freaky Friday. This character, the 10 year - old younger brother of the lead role, appears in numerous scenes and songs. Boys in

grades 4-8 are encouraged to submit an audition by November 24th. Go to www.kmlhs.org/theatre for more information.

Job Opening KML has 1-2 positions available for an evening janitor. The time is from 3 – 7 p.m. and includes standard janitorial duties, such as cleaning classrooms, hallways and bathrooms. The pay is \$17.00/hr. Additional hours available for weekend events will be as needed. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Mr. Dave Murphy (262.677.4051 x4094; dave.murphy@kmlhs.org)

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Area Events and Invitations

Reformation Presentation You are invited to join the Wisconsin Lutheran College community to hear Dr. Scott Keith speak on “Luther, Melancthon, and the Reformation” on **Thursday, November 7th at 7 p.m.** in the WLC Chapel. Dr. Keith is a respected authority on Philip Melancthon, his life and his relationship with Martin Luther. WLC is located at 8800 Bluemound Road in Milwaukee.

Online Teen Bible Study DID YOU KNOW that WELS offers a National Teen Bible Study as an online opportunity for teens across the country to digitally connect with each other around the Word? The next quarterly study is scheduled for **November 10, at 6 p.m. (CST).**



Teens, what’s the hardest test you’ve ever been through? Maybe math or chemistry comes to mind, but you’ve likely been through tests much harder than that. Family problems, friend problems, personal disappointment, a death in the family—all these things can become extraordinary tests to our faith. At a time in life when many questions, doubts, and fears can easily overwhelm you, it’s important to stay connected to God and to fellow believers! Join us for another national online teen Bible study to learn how you can better “pass the tests” and

walk by faith!!

Flyway OWLS Meeting The next meeting of the Flyway OWLS is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 12th, beginning at 1:00 p.m.** at the Lomira Community Center (425 Water Street, Lomira). The speaker this month will be Pastor Joel Gaertner, WELS Director of Special Ministries. He will outline efforts to offer spiritual and other services to people whose needs are not adequately met by the regular ministries of WELS parishes, schools, and agencies. They also serve thousands of people who are away from their church home, such as military personnel, people living overseas, and those in prison or some other institution.

Dodge – Washington OWLS Meeting The next meeting of the Dodge-Washington OWLS will take place **November 25th at 10:00 a.m.** at Shepherd of the Hills Congregation in West Bend. Amy Hackman, representing Aurora Health, will present information on "Managing Your Medicine Cabinet". Everyone is invited to attend our gathering. A potluck meal will follow our business meeting. Please bring a dish to share. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Ash at 262-457-3000 or at richardash46@gmail.com.

