

# Zion News November 2022

## Thank God!

Why would we gather at church for a special Thanksgiving Day service?

The answer is simple: For the same reasons that Noah and his family had a “thanksgiving service” after they came out of the Ark. They thanked God for saving them from that worldwide disaster and they also had reason to thank God for promising never to destroy the world with a world-wide flood again.



It is for these reasons we give thanks today. First of all, God has saved us from the disaster of our sin! He promised eternal life to all who believe in Jesus. But we also thank God today for keeping his promise to preserve the world and provide all that we need to keep us alive.

**Thanksgiving Day** is November 24<sup>th</sup> this year. To celebrate our national day of thanksgiving, we set aside some time to do it in the way Christians have always thanked God...with prayer and praise. We worship on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. and on Thanksgiving Day at 9 a.m. They will both be the same worship service. If you have family or friends coming over to celebrate, you're welcome to bring them to church as well.



## Congregational News



**Membership Changes** At our October Council meeting, the membership of Kieth and Julie Kriewaldt was transferred to Divine Savior Lutheran Church in Shawano, WI. We wish them well at their new church home.

**New Member Welcome** Now that the Covid pandemic has subsided, we want to recognize new members from the past couple years to Zion. We'll be doing that at our Advent supper on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Please join us that Wednesday to give a warm welcome to our new members and enjoy a delicious supper as well.

**Advent Worship / Supper** Much of society considers the season following Thanksgiving to be “the Christmas season” already. The Church, however, has a four-Sunday season between Thanksgiving and Christmas called “Advent.” The word Advent literally means “coming” or “arrival.” When related to Christmas, it has to do with the coming of Jesus Christ. During Advent, we eagerly wait and prepare our hearts for the celebration of his birth AND the time when he comes again.



We have one special Advent service each year near the beginning of the season – this year it's scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. As you read above, an Advent supper will be provided starting at 6 p.m. during which we'll have an official welcome for some of our newer members.

**Ladies Advent by Candlelight** It's back! After a two year hiatus, the popular Advent by Candlelight evening is scheduled for Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Advent by Candlelight is an event sponsored by our Ladies' Aid to help women focus on Christ during the busy holiday season. This

**Sunday School** Our lessons lately from God's Word have been focusing on the patriarchs of the Old Testament – Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The

7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> graders have been using a study called “*What Is Truth?*” Ask your children about what they’re learning – they’ll be happy to share and you can brush up on your bible knowledge!

At this time of year, we’re beginning to think about the Christmas Eve service which is always presented by the Sunday School. We’ll be working on our Bible passages and songs from now until Christmas so that they present that saving story as clearly as possible on Christmas Eve. Parents, when your child(ren) come home with their parts and their songs in the next weeks, please take some time to help them learn their parts. Also, when it gets a little closer, you’ll be reminded of our Saturday morning practices from 9 - 10:30 a.m. These are extremely important, so please make plans to bring your children for those practices. Thank you!

**Food Drive** God provides for people most often by giving them the ability to work. Sometimes he blesses people through the gifts of others. That’s



what our food drives are all about. The Ladies’ Aid is again sponsoring our fall food drive to benefit the Kewaskum Community Food Pantry. It’s a virtual drive...monetary donations will be appreciated and accepted through

Thanksgiving.

**Lighthouse Ministries** The mission of Lighthouse Ministries is to be a beacon for Christ to the youth of the community. Lighthouse Youth Center provides the community with a central location where youth can gather safely for recreational activities, receive assistance on their academic assignments, enjoy the positive influence of adult Christian mentors, and have opportunities to study and discuss the truths of Scripture.



Zion’s evangelism committee has organized volunteer nights for many years to serve supper for the youth of Lighthouse on a couple of Friday nights each year. We are scheduled for Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Please consider signing up to donate some of the food needed or, if you’d like to see the ministry in person, sign up to come along and help. Contact Steve Galleske for details.

**Deer Hunters!** Now is the time that countless deer hunters will be in the woods. If you like to go hunting on Sunday mornings, remember that we have a year – ‘round Thursday night worship

**Cookbooks Available** A small supply of Zion Ladies’ Aid cookbooks was discovered recently and copies are available for a \$10 donation. If you would like one, please put the donation in an envelope and place it in the Ladies’ Aid box in the top center of the church mailboxes. Get a start on your Christmas shopping early and save one before they’re gone forever!

**Worship Preview** Here are the themes for worship for the upcoming weekends through November...

- October 30<sup>th</sup> We exist...to preach Law and Gospel
- November 6<sup>th</sup> We exist...to grow in faith
- November 13<sup>th</sup> We exist...to equip our members to witness
- November 20<sup>th</sup> Christ the King
- November 23/24 Thanksgiving
- November 27<sup>th</sup> Come, Lord Jesus

## KML Korner

**KML Veterans Day Observance** All are welcome to join the KML students, faculty, and staff as we recognize and honor our country’s military during our annual Veterans Day observance program on **Thursday, November 3, 2022**. The program begins at 9:20 AM in the Performing Arts Center. PAC doors open at 9:00 AM. No RSVP Necessary – just come early to get a good seat.



In addition to centering on God’s Word, our program this year will have a special focus on the story of Staff Sergeant Henry F. Gumm. If you are unable to be with us in person, the program will be live streamed

at [kmlhs.org/stream](http://kmlhs.org/stream) beginning at 9:20 AM on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The service will also be broadcast on radio station WTKM, 104.9 FM, at 9:30 AM on Veterans, Day, Thursday, November 11, 2022. Questions? Contact Mrs. Chelsie Brandl (262.677.4051 x4011; [chelsie.brandl@kmlhs.org](mailto:chelsie.brandl@kmlhs.org)).

**Open House** Experience the KML culture at the annual Open House on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 PM. This day is designed for people



to come experience KML in a relaxed setting. Everyone is welcome, and families can come and go as they like. Families will have the opportunity to tour our beautiful facilities, meet the teachers, and learn about the many different facets of our Christian educational program. Please enter using

the PAC entrance. Questions? Contact Mr. Jerry Zeamer (262.677.4051 x4009; [jerry.zeamer@kmlhs.org](mailto:jerry.zeamer@kmlhs.org)). We hope to see you there!

## WELS News

At the Conference of Presidents fall meeting, the following highlights were shared...

- ✓ The COP welcomed two new members, Rev. Daniel Leyrer, president of the Southeastern Wisconsin District, and Rev. Michael Seifert, president of the North Atlantic District.
- ✓ As a part of its meeting, Rev. James Pope was installed as the new executive editor of *Forward in Christ*. Pope succeeds Rev. John Braun, who is retiring after 15 years in the position.
- ✓ The COP heard an initial report from the task force studying teacher shortages. That [task force](#) will continue its work. Mr. Jim Rademan, director of the Commission on Lutheran Schools, also provided an update on the development of a new K-12 religion curriculum. The COP will call someone to lead this project later this year.
- ✓ Home Missions provided an update on the 100 missions in 10

years effort. Planning is continuing, and the initiative will begin in 2023. World Missions also provided updates on the work our synod is doing in India, Africa, Hong Kong, Thailand, and London. World Missions continues to be the conduit for ongoing relief efforts in Ukraine.

- ✓ The COP approved the creation of a practical, viable, multi-tiered system of professional and ministry certification to support early childhood teachers currently serving in the field. Plans also call for a suite of resources that can be used by early childhood ministries and congregations to better prepare early childhood staffs for teaching in WELS schools.

## Area News & Invitations

**Morning Star ECC Job Openings** Morning Star Early Childhood Center is now hiring teachers, assistant teachers, and a lunch coordinator. Please visit [www.morningstarwels.org/early-childhood-center/](http://www.morningstarwels.org/early-childhood-center/) or apply on [indeed.com](http://indeed.com). If you have any questions, please contact Kirsten Duin, Early Childhood Director, at [kirsten.duin@morningstarwels.org](mailto:kirsten.duin@morningstarwels.org).

**New Beginnings Wine & Dine** You are invited to Terrace 167 in Richfield (3210 Hwy. 167) on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for an



evening of fine wine, specialty beers, appetizers, and a silent auction benefiting the mothers and children at New Beginnings -

A Home for Mothers. This year's Wine & Dine will support the ever-growing ministry and mission of New Beginnings in a variety of ways — which now includes the exciting venture of building a brand-new facility to house three times as many mothers and children as we are able to now!  
TICKETS: \$60 per person

**Music Man Musical Performances** The *Music Man* follows fast-talking traveling salesman, Harold Hill, as he cons the people of River City, Iowa,

into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band that he vows to organize – this, despite the fact that he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen by curtain's fall.

Winnebago Lutheran's theater program will be offering showings of *The Music Man* on November 10, 11, & 12 at 7:00 PM, with a matinee showing at 2:00 PM on November 13. Tickets are now available in the school office or online at [www.hometowntickets.com](http://www.hometowntickets.com). Those requiring handicap accessibility should purchase their tickets through the school office.

## Northside Lutheran Ministries Needs Your Help

Northside Lutheran Ministries has been a blessing to many people in the area around 26<sup>th</sup> Street and North Ave in Milwaukee. Over the past month there has been an attendance of 130 people at the Bible studies and other spiritual activities that occur during each week. Many of the members come several days during the week because they find guidance for their faith and encouragement in their praise to God.



Some of those who attend on a regular basis have made comments on how important their time at Northside Lutheran Ministries. Don said, "It does help me when I'm going through my struggles in life." Candace said the ministry is serving her by "listening, sharing, speaking, and teaching about the Lord's

Word". Chris says, "They have served me good and have gave me good teaching of the Lord and they treat me like family". Patrick says, "Teaching God's Word is done in simplicity and excellence. Thank God for Northside. It has blessed my soul."

The donations sent in by many of our WELS members have kept this ministry going since the building was dedicated in May, 1998. The people

who attend Bible classes and worship services give what they can to help support the ministry. But they could never be able to fully support the ministry because of their poverty. They appreciate the blessings God has provided them through you.

Right now there are some big expenses anticipated, including outside siding, heating / air conditioning, and typical challenges that come with a 120 year-old building. If you know someone who might be interested in supporting Northside, please share their story. We thank you for the support you have given in the past; money, food and clothing. The people at Family of Hope have thanked God for your love and concern for them. They know that they are in your prayers. You are also in theirs. Donations can be sent to *Northside Lutheran Ministries - P.O. Box 13063 - Milwaukee, WI 53213-0063*

The physical of Northside Ministries is 2533 W. North Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53205 and their phone number is (414)933-9700

