



## NOVEMBER RAIN

November is a particularly busy month!

It starts on the heels of Halloween and begins with All Saints Day (Nov 1). Ironically, All Saints Day is followed immediately by electing politicians to office (Nov 2). This and that happens for the following 3 weeks up until Thanksgiving (Nov 25). Then the real fun begins as we prepare for celebrating the birth of Christ through repeated pilgrimages to the mall and decorating the insides (and outsides) of our homes with ornate extravagance.

For some, the cool cloudy days of November lead to cozy evenings with loved ones, roaring fires, and long walks on sidewalks covered in crisp colored leaves. For others, November is a time with shorter days and colder temperatures which forecast a long, lonely winter. Regardless, the events of November can remind us of several important truths taught clearly in the Word of God.

Not only do the overabundance of political advertisements remind us

how easy (and popular) it is to break the 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment, but that we enjoy a responsibility and privilege few, in the history of civilization, have. We (those of us 18 years and up) may participate in the process through which God will raise up leaders for our country at the federal, state and local levels. And while this process may be as imperfect as the candidates, when the last vote is counted and the cheering and mourning of the elephants and donkeys is gone, one truth emerges: God is in control. We believe that all leaders are given their authority to lead and govern by God. Regardless of the results of the election (or the ability of those who are given the authority to lead and to do so in a godly way), God is in control.

The other event in November that reminds us of an important truth taught



by the Word of God is Thanksgiving. Weekly (and for some of us, daily) we pray "give us this day our daily bread." During the celebration of Thanksgiving, we acknowledge and celebrate God's answer to this petition of the Lord's Prayer. As Christians, we know that God has done more than just give us all we need for our bodies and lives; we know that He has given us His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ to bear our sin and be our savior. Our thanksgiving is more than just acknowledging that all we have comes from God; it trusts that all we will be given will also come from Him.



*"Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."*  
Revelation 7:12, NRSV

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### FORERUNNERS

Advent is right around the corner and we've got a lot in store! Every Wednesday in Advent, we'll start by having a hot dinner together at 6:00 in the undercroft (basement) and come together for worship at 7:00. The dinners are complimentary and the services will be a bit shorter than in years past. (We want to get those of you with young children home for bedtime!) The preaching will focus on the forerunners of Christ.

- Wk One:** Old Testament Prophets
- Wk Two:** John the Baptist
- Wk Three:** the 72
- Wk Four:** Christian Teachers

We are inviting our Sunday School and Preschool teachers to come to all of our midweek services, but especially **Week Four**, to honor them as forerunners of Christ's second-coming!

See YOU this Advent Season for dinner and worship!

-Pastor Duncan

All the best for a healthy, enjoyable, and Christ-centered November!

In Christ,  
Pastor Duncan

# Church, Mission & Synod (CMS) & Plate Finances



As of October 14, 2010, we are estimating \$15,848 cash on hand. All bills through October 23<sup>rd</sup> have been paid. Just a reminder, that the high cash on hand is due to a number of Pre-school families who paid their tuition in full. We have established a special account to ensure prepaid tuition dollars are spread across the calendar year.

September <b>Budget</b>	\$44,543.00
September <b>Actual</b>	28,695.00
Favorable to Budget	\$ 15,848.00

All this seems to be good news, but we can't forget that winter is just around the corner, which will bring very high gas and electric bills which average \$4,000 to \$5,000 per month. Also, we must be very cautious since this past quarter (July, August and September) was one of the lowest quarters for CMS receipts. The average weekly giving was down by \$800 compared to the past two years. We believe this is due to uncertainty and difficulties that we are all facing with the current economy. In addition, over the past two years, we had a special Reduce the Debt effort underway.



Continue to pray for Zion that we are able to maintain this positive financial picture throughout the new fiscal church year.

Bob Schmidt, Chairman  
Chairman

## Notes From the Preschool

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...(Heb. 12:2). God is not the architect of incompleteness. The Bible says: "He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6). Our part is to stay in fellowship with Him. He'll do the rest. Keep in step with God; He has planned every step of the way. Your preschool is an example of what God does for us.

Praise the Lord! The addition to the Small Steps room is completed and very much in use. Mark Zamule, the contractor/builder, did an outstanding job. The addition is not only functional, but extremely attractive. Please take a look into the lobby ladies room to see the beautiful new floor, check the kitchen and storage area in the Small Steps room, and be sure to see the new bathroom. You are guaranteed to come out smiling.

Praise the Lord! Not having quite enough money to complete the addition project, we once again turned to God for help, and as expected, our prayers were

answered. However, we did not expect so much help. Even though the Road Rally (our yearly fundraising project) had to be held over a two-week time, we collected almost three thousand dollars. This

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amount includes a \$500 grant from the Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Schools.

October was an eventful month. Fire-fighter Phil was here. The firemen were in uniform (the kids call them their costumes) and they did a great presentation. However, the excitement was interrupted by a real fire call and they had to hurry out. No visit on the truck this year, but the children were impressed and hopefully are more aware of fire safety. The preschool and prekindergarten classes made field trip visits to Trax and Reilly Farms. The

weather was good and they had hay rides in the pumpkin patches. Mrs. Rita got some fantastic shots of the kids in action. The pictures are posted on the wall in the school hall. Come and take a look.

It has been a picturesque fall. The children have been out collecting fall specimens. The Small Steps had a messy and delightful time making pictures with lots of glue, leaves, berries, branches, and acorns. It was great having water in the room for clean-up.

The children have been studying about God's creation. At their Fall Festival at the end of the month, they had parties and celebrated God's Creation. It was noisy with beautiful sounds of happy children. November will bring another celebration of Thanksgiving and the children will be sharing prayers of thanksgiving for all the Lord has provided in their lives.

We have a joyfully wonderful time at your school every day. Stop in and visit. It will make your day too!

In His Service,  
Carole Davis, Director

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1	Bob and Nancy Spotti	1986
11	Jean and Bernie Blanco	1961
20	Tracey and Dan Harris	1993
23	Sharon and Gene Koop	1963
29	Sarah and James Ali	1986
30	Kimberly and Loren Luedeman	1996



# Service Participants for November

Greeters & Acolytes			
DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
November 7	8:00 am	Gene & Sharon Koop	Joshua Gielarowski
	10:30 am	Mark & Laurie Coleman	Molly Oelschlager
November 14	8:00 am	Bill & Melanie Becker	Missy Radovich
	10:30 am	Elsie DallaPiazza	Mia Case
November 21	8:00 am	David & Mary Hutula	Anthony Vallelunga
	10:30 am	Harris Family	Rachel Klemash
November 24	7:00 pm	Vallelunga Family	Sara Vallelunga
November 28	8:00 am	Larry & Janet Zreliak	Joshua Gielarowski
	10:30 am	Lois Klemash	Ben Ackerman
December 1	7:00 pm	Wayne & Barb Oechslein	Molly Oelschlager
December 5	8:00 am	Bob & Nancy Spotti	Missy Radovich
	10:30 am	George & Jane Kozak	Mia Case

If you are unable to participate on the assigned date, please find your own substitute and notify the Church Office (412) 221-4776) of the change.

<b>ELDERS</b>	Jay Anderson & Vic Herschaft
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Kathleen Conn & Shelly James
<b>USHERS @ 8:00 am</b>	Kathleen Conn, Jack Oelschlager, Bill Schrag, Pam Trentini
<b>USHERS @ 10:30 am</b>	Paul Klemash, Richard Quinlan, Michael Sterba

## HENRY BOURG JR.



A Loss  
in the Church  
Family

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S.M.C. and a retired Captain, with the South Fayette Police Dept. He was a lifetime member of the Cuddy V.F.W., American Legion and an avid hunter. Beloved husband for 63 yrs. of Irene E. (Wagner) Bourg, loving father of Henry A. (Peggy) Bourg, Ronald L. Bourg, Donna (Louis "Robin") Parrilla and Denise (Jim) Senich, grandfather of Matthew, Michael, Jason, Kristel, Louie, Robbie, Zack, Chris and Kyle, great-grandfather of Eva, brother of Donald, Norman, Raymond, Robert and George Bourg, Marlene Karney, Reda Eger and the late Richard Bourg, Audrey Hassick and Mary Lou Westwood.

The family requests that memorials be given to Zion Lutheran Church.



Mileah Kathryn Rose, born on September 1, 2010, was welcomed into our congregation through infant baptism on Sunday, October 17th.



Mileah with her proud parents, Eric and Kylene Rose.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Samuel Bishop
- 2 Salina Howcroft  
Nickolas DeRosa
- 10 Rose Steranko
- 12 Jane Kozak
- 13 Sydney Harris
- 14 Dustin Geregach  
Ruth Trudel
- 15 Joan Kovach
- 18 Shelly James
- 19 Bob DeBoe
- 21 Shannon Mance
- 22 Marian Oelschlager
- 23 Bill Becker
- 24 Jacqueline Oelschlager
- 26 Jennifer Lewis Liberatore
- 28 Brent Miller
- 29 Melissa Radovich



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# Youth News

## TOOL TIME!!

November 5-7

A youth ministry event at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Contact Sandra Quinlan @ 724-873-8728 for more information.



Youth Ministry

## CAMP JUMONVILLE!!

November 19-21

It's not too late to sign up. We are leaving from the church @6:00 pm on the 19th and returning late-afternoon Sunday. Activities include: Capture the Flag, outdoor chapel, team building, bonfires, and the challenge course! The cost of the trip is \$75 for church members and \$100 for non-members. Contact Pastor Duncan or the church office for more information.

**STAY TUNED** for Youth Bowling Night coming in November.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## FOOD BANK

Collection for this month's Bridgeville Area Food Bank drive is Sunday, November 14. The "item of the month" is high protein foods. This would include canned: chicken, tuna, ham, turkey, stew, chili, soup, nuts, peanut butter, etc.

The Planning Committee kicked off its first planning session on October 21. The committee will be focusing on eight strategic categories: Church/Parsonage Facilities, Early Childhood Development, Outreach, Stewardship, Technology, Youth, Women/Men Groups, Worship Service. The members of the committee are: Bill Bishop, John Gielarowski, Tracey Harris, Paul Klemash, Barb Oechslein, Pastor McLellan, and Bob Schmidt.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

If you have any ideas or suggestions that you would like the committee to consider, please let any one of the members know.

## VOTER'S MEETING

At the October 24, 2010 Voters meeting the voters approved the following slate of candidates: Elders - Paul Klemash, Jay Anderson, Michael Sterba, and Ken Wuerthele, Trustees - Paul Hayes Jr., and Board of Education - Kim Anderson and Alissa McLellan. We thank each of these men and women for agreeing to serve the Lord over the next three years.

If you are interested in being a part of Zion Lutheran's email or phone prayer chains, please contact the church office at 412-221-4776 or [secretary@zlcb.org](mailto:secretary@zlcb.org) to sign up.

## EMAIL & PHONE PRAYER CHAIN

## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

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