

THE CLARION

NOVEMBER 2023

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ADVENT 2023

Advent is the time of the church year that concentrates on the future tense. It's God's future that we are yearning for based on what God himself has announced. God's future is our hope, not human-made futures, not human-concocted utopian dreams, not future visions depending on human technology, engineering, and science.

Our 2023 Sunday Advent Worship Series "**The Clothing of a King**" tells the stories of the clothing of the King. Stories that describe a wardrobe at once splendid and sin-stained, with fabrics that reveal who we are and cover us all the same. The clothing of the King is tattered and worn and glorious in its incorruptibility. It isn't ours, yet He gives it to us freely.

For this series, we will take some of the best-known mentions of clothing in Scripture to proclaim Christ. Interweaving Old Testament stories like that of Adam and Eve's clothing in exile and Joseph's coat of many colors with Christ's redemption on the cross, these sermons give texture and shape to the threads of Scripture.

I believe they will provide you with a detailed view of Christ's robe of righteousness constructed for everyone on that workbench of Calvary. I hope you find the words a warm comfort during this time of year as we reflect on the Good News of Christ's incarnation and our longings for Christ to return once again.

Our Sunday themes and Scriptures are:

- Sunday December 3 "The Foretaste of Fashion" Genesis 3:14-21
- Sunday December 10 "An Envious Style" Genesis 37:1-4
- Sunday December 17 "Clothed in Conviction" Jonah 3:6-10

Our Wednesday Midweek Advent series "**He Comes With Clouds Descending**" is based on readings from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, focusing us on the hope we have as we await the second coming of the Christ child.

Our Wednesday themes and Scripture are:

- Wednesday December 6 "Our Two-Minute Drill" (1 Thessalonians 1:1-10)
- Wednesday December 13 "You've Got a Ticket to Ride!" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
- Wednesday December 20 "Faithful Watching and Waiting" (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

Wednesday Worship Times: 10:00 am and 6:30 pm

Wednesday Suppers: 5:30 pm

Hope to see you this Advent season as we gather to prepare our hearts and minds for the promised gift of the coming Savior Jesus.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Greg

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 1 Mark Fiechtner
 Nov 1 Barbara Halbersma
 Nov 2 Jaiden Loween
 Nov 2 Darlene Wollman
 Nov 3 Valerie Fox
 Nov 4 Paul Francis
 Nov 4 Jeffrey Sebesta
 Nov 6 Alayna Ebert
 Nov 7 Amanda Saeger
 Nov 7 Colton Schettler
 Nov 7 Adalynn Yost
 Nov 7 Connor Yost
 Nov 8 Angel Reiner
 Nov 9 Courtney Thorpe

Nov 9 Elsie Wagner
 Nov 10 Timothy Graff
 Nov 10 Rod Knuth
 Nov 10 Kelly Wilhelmsen
 Nov 11 Jim Brunz
 Nov 12 Lori Hagen
 Nov 12 Tammy Holmes
 Nov 12 Taylor Wall
 Nov 13 Andy Anderson
 Nov 13 Olivia Olawsky
 Nov 13 Brian Radke
 Nov 13 Miloh TeSlaa
 Nov 13 Tyler Zick
 Nov 14 Michelle Baartman

Nov 14 Ashtyn Davis
 Nov 14 Landon Schneider
 Nov 16 Nichole Boese
 Nov 16 Sherry Miller
 Nov 16 Caleb Winckler
 Nov 17 Penny Fox
 Nov 19 Emerson Schager
 Nov 21 Aniyah Dafoe
 Nov 21 Lil Raabe
 Nov 22 John Duprey
 Nov 22 Valerie Strandell
 Nov 23 Emma Johnson
 Nov 24 Natalie Olawsky
 Nov 24 Lola Rotert

Nov 24 Aaron Stotts
 Nov 25 Carter Schuster
 Nov 26 Mary Lou Giddings
 Nov 26 Roxanne Halverson
 Nov 26 Alan May
 Nov 26 Killian Zick
 Nov 27 Jill Johnke
 Nov 27 Jody Rasmussen
 Nov 28 Zachary Boden
 Nov 28 Adam Tilley
 Nov 29 Heather Kellenberger
 Nov 30 Josie Doerksen

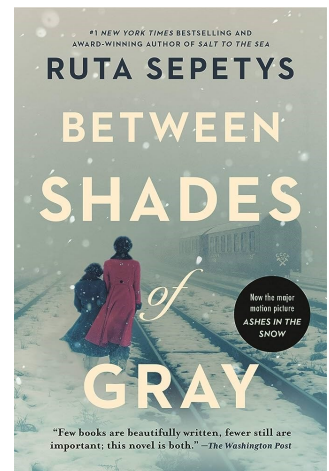
ZION'S BOOK CLUB - NOVEMBER 11-9:30 AM

The Zion Book Club is reading "Between Shades of Gray" by Ruta Sepetys.

Lina is just like any other fifteen-year-old Lithuanian girl in 1941. She paints, she draws, she gets crushes on boys. Until one night when Soviet officers barge into her home, tearing her family from the comfortable life they've known. Separated from her father, forced onto a crowded and dirty train car, Lina, her

mother, and her young brother slowly make their way north, crossing the Arctic Circle, to a work camp in the coldest reaches of Siberia. Here they are forced, under Stalin's orders, to dig for beets and fight for their lives under the cruelest of conditions. Lina finds solace in her art, meticulously—and at great risk—documenting events by drawing, hoping these

messages will make their way to her father's prison camp to let him know they are still alive. It is a long and harrowing journey, spanning years and covering 6,500 miles, but it is through incredible strength, love, and hope that Lina ultimately survives. Between Shades of Gray is a novel that will steal your breath and capture your heart.



RUTH GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 16 at 11:30 am

All the ladies of the Congregation are invited to attend.

Catered Potato Bar and special entertainment by L' Attitudes

Please sign-up at the Welcome Center in the Atrium

Cost: \$10.00 per person to help cover expenses



OCTOBER INCOME (4 SUNDAYS)

Envelopes and Electronic Giving	\$55,951.80
Plate	1,417.23
Missions/Radio	170.00
Lutheran School	80.00
Treasure Chest	86.21
Flowers	106.00
Coffee/Donuts.....	326.98
Radio	20.00
Youth Missions	90.25
Wednesday Suppers	1,112.00
Reimbursement	
Total Received	\$59,360.47
1 Month Need	\$64,100.00

OTHER INCOME

Designated Memorials	\$20.00
Undesignated Memorials	120.00
SD District Reimbursement	50.86
Lutheran Hour	25.00
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Total Received	\$215.86

PIE SOCIAL

Sponsored by the Board of Elders
following the Thanksgiving Service.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday
November 22
6:30 pm

STREETS OF BETHLEHEM - IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, November 5 - 10:00 am
Committee Meeting - Get Costumes

Sunday, November 6
Hand out Costumes to be cleaned

Friday, November 24 - 7:30 pm
Parade of Lights

Sunday, November 26
Costumes are due back

Friday, December 1 - 9:00 am
Set Construction

Saturday, December 2 - 2:00 pm
Rehearsal

Sunday, December 3 - 1:00—4:00 pm
Streets of Bethlehem

Monday, December 4 - 9:00 am
Set Tear Down



Happy Thanksgiving!

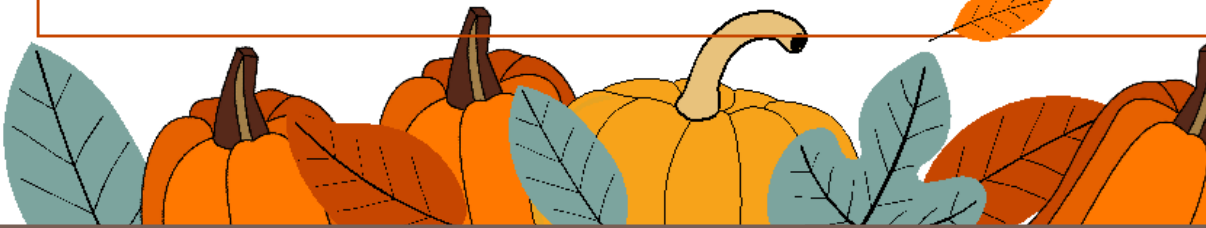


Can gratitude improve your
mental and physical health?

YES!

According to the Mayo Clinic, feeling thankful can improve **SLEEP**, **MOOD**, and **IMMUNITY**. Expressing gratitude can decrease depression, anxiety, difficulties with chronic pain, and risk of certain diseases.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!
~ 1 Chronicles 16:34



ZION LUTHERAN



Parish
Nursing

MARK YOUR CALENDAR -

55+

DEVOTION
GAME

JOY

November
14th
10:30am

Stay for Chili

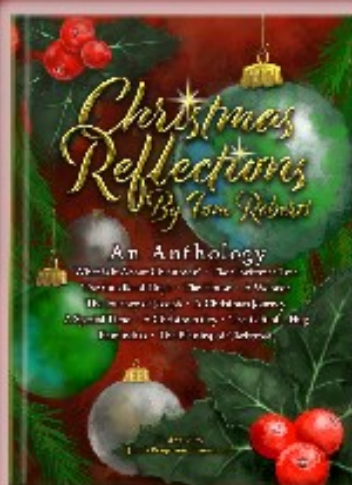


BOARD MEMBERS

We have 4 Open Positions on the Board of Directors for 2024. We are in need of 2 Females and 2 Males to fill the spots. One of the four Positions is for Vice-President and the other 3 positions are for Members At Large. Please contact Ken Boettcher (605-366-8918) if you'd like to serve in this capacity.

Christmas Reflections By Tom Roberts

A new book by author Tom Roberts and illustrators Jim & Benjamin Brummond

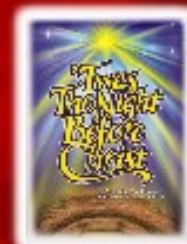


Christmas Reflections By Tom Roberts is a compilation of twelve different writings by the author that invite the reader to ponder during this very special season. These writings express a poignant and thought-provoking perspective about what makes Christmas so unique. Ideal as a series of personal devotions, a family prayer message, or to share as part of an Advent worship service. Christmas Reflections By Tom Roberts is an ideal addition to his popular collection of Christmas stories that the whole family can enjoy!

**Children's
Home
Society**

100% of every book sale supports programs and services that CHS provides throughout South Dakota.

OTHER BOOKS BY AUTHOR, TOM ROBERTS



South Dakota author and storyteller, Tom Roberts, and his wife, Tammy, have been long time residents of Sioux Falls. Their affiliation with Children's Home Society (CHS) began over 30 years ago as volunteers for a Christmas party that was being held for the kids who were residing there.

In 2002, Tom and Tammy produced his very first Christmas story entitled, 'Twas The Night Before Christ, into a book as a fundraiser for CHS. The project became a great success and eventually led to both of them being invited to join their staff. Since then, their book project has sold over 60,000 copies of Tom's books and raising a net of nearly 1.6 million dollars.

**Children's
Home
Society**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

CHS provides emergency shelter, residential treatment and special education, forensic interviews, foster care and adoption services, and prevention programs. In addition to serving victims of child abuse and domestic violence, CHS also partners with caring parents to help children with emotional or behavioral needs. The CHS mission is to empower children, women, families, and communities to be resilient, safe, healthy, and strong.

For a list of retail locations, storytelling/book signing schedule or to purchase on-line go to

chssd.org/books

TOM and TAMMY ROBERTS will be our guests on Sunday, December 3. Tom will do the Children's Message at both Services and they will have Books available for purchase before, during and after our services.



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VETERAN'S DAY

Brunch

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PLEASE JOIN US IN HONORING OUR
VETERANS and FIRST RESPONDERS - TO
WHOM WE OWE A GREAT DEBT OF
GRATITUDE!

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SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 5
8:45 AM

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Everyone Welcome

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FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL GO
TO SUPPORT HONOR FLIGHTS

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SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT
LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD



December 1-2, 2023
Peace Lutheran Church
Brookings, SD

"To Be Bold.....and Build One Another Up." - 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11



Featured Speaker:

Rev Tim Ryneerson, Peace, Redeemer, and Zion
Lutheran Churches, Brookings, Flandreau, and White, SD

Featured Speaker:

John Stiegelmeier, Retired SDSU Football Coach
and Member of Peace Lutheran Church



December 1

6 pm—7 pm: Supper at Peace

7 pm—8:30 pm: Speakers

8:30pm—9:30 pm: SDSU Ice Cream Fellowship

NO COST FOR THE RETREAT!

Register at www.sddlms.org

Questions? Call Rev. Paul Winckler at the District Office at 605-361-1514

December 2

8:30 am—10 am: Opening Session

10 am—10:30 am: Break—coffee and Rolls

10:30 am—Noon: Last Session

Close with Lunch



SDSU Football is looking to return to the playoff and defend their National Title!

When the Jackrabbits return to the playoffs December 2 is likely to be a home playoff game! Men's retreat participants are invited to stick around and take in the playoff game (Group reservations will be made for those interested in the game.

Details and cost for tickets will be available in November).



Accommodations "on your own" Special Room Rates for overnight stays (limited rooms available):

Super 8: \$109/night (Must reserve by November 1) 605-692-6920

Comfort Suites University: \$149/night (Must reserve by November 14) 605-692-2882

Please mention "SD District LCMS" to receive the event rate.



P.A.S.S. It On!

Proclaim.

Affirm.

Supply.

Serve.

Ideas and Inspiration for Mission & Ministry

Plenary Address by
Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler,
Lutheran Hour Speaker

November 11

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church, Black Hawk
9:45 am -3:45 pm

November 12

Sioux Falls Lutheran School, Sioux Falls
2:15 pm – 6:45 pm

Breakout Sessions include LHM studies/workshops, as well as topic & resources related to youth ministry, parish education, stewardship, finance, elders/church leadership, mental wellness, caring for church workers, and more!

Saturday lunch & Sunday evening meal provided. NO COST!

For more information and to register visit: <https://sddlcms.org/news-events/event/pass-it-on>

For more information contact Rev. Paul Winckler, Assistant to the District President at
paul.winckler@sddlcms.org or (605) 361-1514

ZION KIDS FAMILY MINISTRY: NOVEMBER



Christmas Program Info

Our Zion Kids' only opportunity to learn the songs and verses is during Sunday School Opening. Plan to be there every Sunday in November at 9:15!

Program:
Dec 10 4:00

upcoming events

Nov. 12: Zion Kids Choir 8:45

Nov. 19: Zion Kids Choir 8:45

Nov. 26: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

monthly memory work

Genesis-2 Kings
1 & 2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther
Job

ZION YOUTH



Hello from Zion Youth!

This month, I will be taking a group of high schoolers down to Kearney, NE for a District Youth Gathering. The Nebraska District Youth Gathering invites LCMS youth from the Nebraska, Rocky Mountain, and South Dakota districts to all come together for one weekend. Each District Youth gathering is much like the National Youth Gathering, but on a smaller scale. The theme this year is “*Extraordinary*” and will be centered around how the love of Jesus is the “*extra*” that our ordinary busy lives need. There will be breakout sessions on various topics along with a servant event in the community and a mass evening event to finish off the night.

These are great opportunities for our kids to grow in their faith as well as meet other kids from around the region who love Jesus and want to build the kingdom of Christ! We are so thankful for our congregation’s support and for making opportunities like this happen!

In Christ,
Jacob



2023 High School District Youth Gathering



Kearney, NE
November 17-19

November

Nov 1, 8, 15, 29

Youth Night

6:30-8 pm

Nov 17-19

District Youth Gathering

Kearney, NE

We are on the Web

www.zionlutheransf.com

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At Zion Lutheran, we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved, and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!

"STREETS OF BETHLEHEM"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

1:00 – 4:00 PM

Free Admission



**Non-Perishable Food Items
for Feeding SD appreciated**