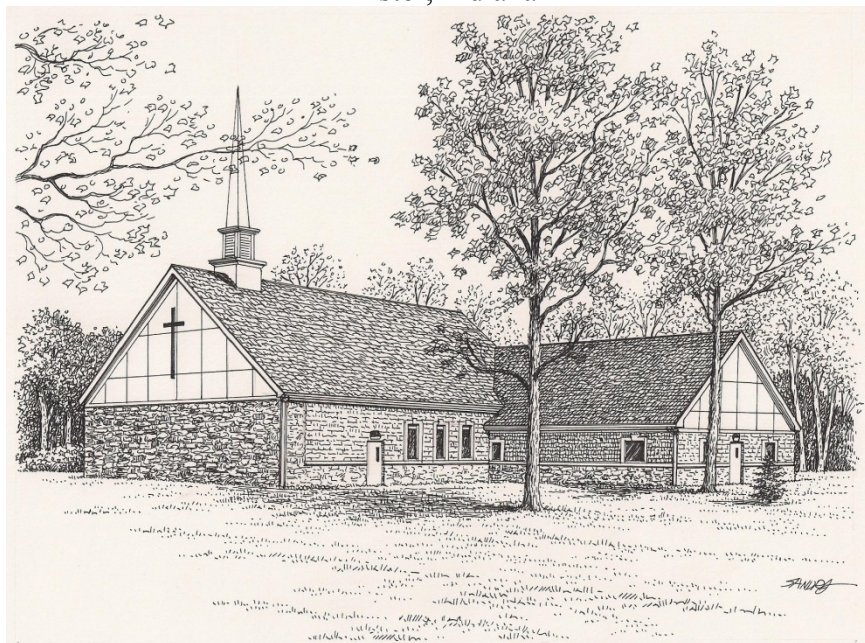


Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Bristol, Indiana



December 15, 2024 – Third Sunday of Advent
9:30 am Worship Service

Pastor Karen Strietelmeier
Sharon Miller – Administrative Assistant
Ushers: Jim and Darlene Ashcraft

Musician-Becky Goodman
Worship Assistant -David Teall
Technology Team-Marv Middleton

Welcome Guests! Everyone please sign the registration folder located at the end of the pew, and then pass to your neighbor. Nursery for infants & preschoolers is down the hall just past the restrooms. Just a reminder, we have a family restroom for those of you with babies and small children. Hearing aids for the service are available at the sound booth. Offerings may be placed in the aisle boxes.

* Indicates Please Stand

GATHERING

*Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry
from which you were dug. Isaiah 51:1*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Worship Leader) WL

PASSING OF THE PEACE (WL)

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

(Let us return to worship)

MEDITATION MUSIC

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (Pastor)

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(two purple and one pink candle are lit in the Advent wreath)

Pastor: Today, we light the third candle on the Advent wreath in praise of Jesus our Savior, the Rock and Cornerstone of our salvation. Through faith in Jesus, we are members of the household of God, “built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.”

Congregation: By faith, our lives are built on the solid foundation of Jesus and his Word.

P: Built on that foundation, “you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

C: **Each day, we offer to God the sacrifices of prayer, praise and a life lived by faith.**

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Pastor) SCREENS

GATHERING SONG

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

ELW 623

GREETING

(WL)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

(Let us pray)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(WL)

Lord Jesus, holy Child of Bethlehem, you are our Rock and our Foundation. Help us in the power of the Holy Spirit to build our lives on you and on your Word. By your humble birth in Bethlehem, your sinless life and your suffering, death and resurrection you overcame our enemies—sin, death and the devil. When the storms and temptations of

this life threatens to overwhelm us, help us to remain firm in faith, knowing that you, our Cornerstone, cannot be moved. Hear our prayer and accept our praise. **Amen.**

HYMN

Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

ELW 333

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sally Middleton

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 51: 1-3 (WL) SCREENS

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING I Corinthians 10:1-4 (WL) SCREENS

Word of God. Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 7: 24-26 (Pastor) SCREENS

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Karen Strietelmeier

*HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654

*THE APOSTLES CREED (WL)

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*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING (WL)

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,

you made the whole world,

even the farthest stars,

and you draw near to feed us.

We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.

Strengthen us with this food

that we may live in expectation

for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*INTERCESSORY PRAYERS (WL)

SCREENS

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Pastor)

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

SANCTUS *You Are Holy* ELW 525

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER SCREENS

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(please be seated)

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly ELW 276

Away in a Manger ELW 277

O Little Town of Bethlehem ELW 279

Silent Night ELW 281

*POST COMMUNION *Thankful Hearts and Voices* ELW 204

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Pastor)

Generous God,

we thank you for the gift of life,

for the bread of salvation.

We thank you for coming among us,

for leading us into peace.

We thank you for showering us with mercy,

for sending us into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us

as we feed the hungry in your name.

Amen. (please be seated)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

“It's About the Cross”

*BLESSING

P: Jesus said, “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

C: Ane the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.” Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World

ELW 267

DISMISSAL

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Thanks be to God.**



THIS WEEK
December 15, 2024

(All events are at the church unless indicated elsewhere)

Sunday, December 15 8:15 am Adult Sunday School
 9:00 am Coffee/Fellowship
 9:30 am Worship Service
 10:30 Christmas Eve practice

Monday, December 16

Tuesday, December 17

Wednesday, December 18 9:00 am Quilting
 6:30 pm Advent Service

Thursday, December 19 9:00 am Men's Group

Friday, December 20

Saturday, December 21 WINTER BEGINS
 9:00 am to 12:00 noon Compassionate
 Clothes Closet



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December 17 Phyllis Tubbs
December 18 Darlene Ashcraft
December 18 Jim Ashcraft
December 22 Ann Congdon



PRAYER CONCERNS

December 15, 2024

To make a Prayer Request complete a yellow prayer card, or contact Nancy Teall at 848-9135 or the Church Office at 848-4880 or office@zionbristol.org.

Health Issues

Aaron Crocker, went to Cleveland Clinic regarding his migraine headaches. He had his first treatment. Went well and he is hopeful about this course of treatment. He returns for further treatment in March.

Jan Coffman, after a brief hospitalization, Jan is at home. She has a “small” heart issue. Her meds are being adjusted. Prayer for healing, strength and recovery.

Pastor Karen, still in rehab and recovery is progressing well. Prayers appreciated.

Bill Owen, Ruthann Owen’s son, is having health issues. Prayers for strength and healing and peace.

Kent Schreck, Katie Teall’s dad, had Cardiac Cath on the 10th. Prayers for healing, comfort and good medical decisions.

Ross Reitz, friend of Jill Tevlin, diagnosed with cancer and has heart issues. Pray for good medical decisions, strength and success in treating him.

Sue Johnson Filley, friend of Sue Davila, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Continuing chemotherapy for 3 months. Possible surgery in Indy. Prayers for healing, comfort and strength through this time.

Mike Dandino, classmate of Sue Davila, recovering from heart attack. He was moved to Cleveland Clinic with a serious issue concerning his legs. Prayers for healing, strength and prayers for his family.

Helga Maria Richards, still in therapy after her stroke. Doing well at home. Continued prayers appreciated.

Austin and Miranda Francis, friends of Dave and Katie Teall, baby Everett was born recently. He went through testing of his heart and he can go home. Surgery will be assessed in next 4-6 months. Prayers for healing and for his parents.

Trudi and Ed McNulty, both have some health issues they are dealing with currently. Prayers appreciated.

Paul Hoffmeister, prayers for strength, comfort and healing.

Mike Griggs, continued prayers for health issues.

Jill Tevlin, continued prayers for healing, strength and comfort.

Marsha Frey, continued recovery from stroke.

Jason Potsander, continues the battle with pancreatic cancer. He has been fighting this disease for some years now. Prayers for his family, too.

Zion Mission & Ministry

Those unable to worship with us: Shirley Yoder, Mike Griggs and any others.

All military personnel at home and abroad.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

December 15, 2024

Needed monthly: \$13,245

Received November offerings: \$7,863.00

YTD Shortfall: \$16,215.00

Hunger Auction: \$5,095.00

Church Needs:

Toilet Paper

New Week's Volunteers:

Offering Counters TODAY: Steve Krallman, Dave VanZile

Sunday, December 22: Dave Teall, Lyn Hisey

Refreshments, December 22: Ruthann Owen, Jan Coffman

Readers, December 22: Chris Otto, Jerri Hisey

Altar Care, December 22: Darlene Ashcraft

Children's Sunday School, December 22: Amber Teall

Sunday Advent Services continue December 15 and 22 at 9:30 a.m.

Theme will be "The Word Made Flesh."

Wednesday night Advent Service is on December 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Theme is: "Awaiting the Already."

Christmas Eve Service is on December 24 at 5:30 p.m. A very special service; please plan to attend and bring family and friends with you.

Zion Lutheran is a "family" of people who show their faith both in word and action. In December, the budgeted \$50 from Social Ministry will go to our traditional outreach event: The Angel Tree. Every year, Angel Tree Christmas brings children and their incarcerated mom or dad together on Christmas, one gift at a time. Zion has taken part in this project for years by delivering to children a gift, the Gospel message and a personal message of love on behalf of their mom or dad behind bars. Jerri Hisey leads this project and has provided several ways you can be involved: buying gifts or donating money to pay for presents. Please contact Jerri with any questions.

NEW YEAR's LOCK IN is cancelled for December 31. There will be no Youth Group on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. December 15-29.

Recently in the Goshen College Bulletin, it was noted Jason

Potsander published a book "My Heart Knows," this is his second book of short stories and poems about life with family while dealing with cancer. It is available on Amazon or email: jason.potsander@gmail.com.
Our prayers continue for this family.

Thank you to our children's choir this morning. We appreciate their taking part in the service. We appreciate parents' efforts in getting their children here to practice today.

ZION EVANGELICAL

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continue to be:

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Any newsletter or bulletin

announcements should be sent

the office address.

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Church Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Website:

www.zionbristol.org

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday School 8:15am

Coffee/Fellowship 9:00am

Worship* 9:30am

Children's Sunday School is weekly during church service.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Communion is 1st and 3rd Sundays unless announced beforehand.

Clothed in Compassion is a free clothing program open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month year round from 9:00 am to noon at old church basement.

Café Compassion is a free breakfast open to the community and served the 1st Saturday of the month year round from 8:30am to 10:30 am at the new church.

Choir is practicing twice a month to present special music throughout the coming months. Plan to join them and make some beautiful music.

Zion's Mission

We are a family of Christians who choose to worship, to learn, to witness, and to care by reaching out and sharing ourselves through the Good News of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.