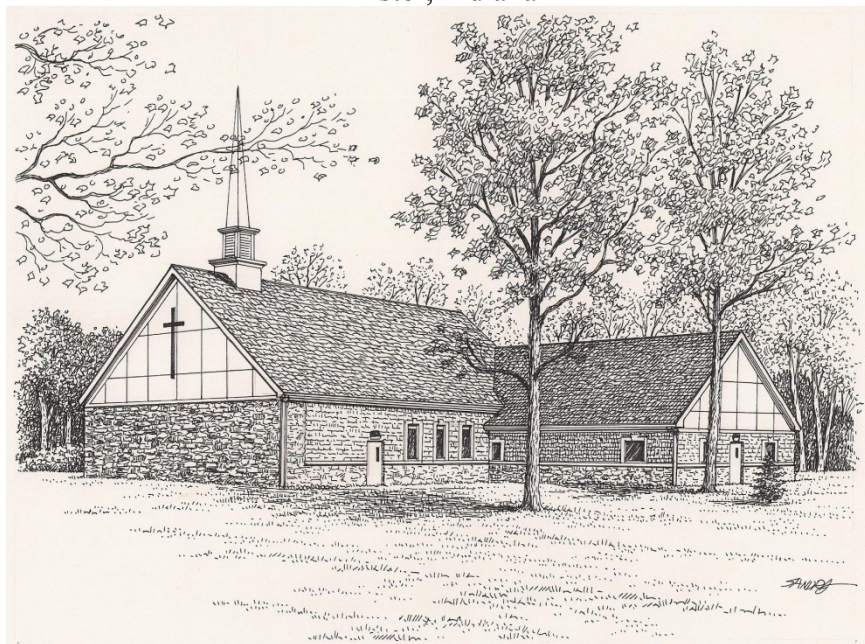


Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Bristol, Indiana



December 8, 2024 – Second Sunday of Advent
9:30 am Worship Service

Pastor Karen Strietelmeier

Pianist -Becky Goodman

Pastor Nancy Bennett

Worship Assistant—Sue Davila

Administrative Assistant – Sharon Miller

Technology Team—Marv Middleton

Ushers/Greeters -Jim and Darlene Ashcraft

Welcome Guests! Everyone please sign the registration folder located at the end of the pew, and then pass it to your neighbor. The 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

You are the salt of the earth. Matthew 5:13

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)

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (Pastor)

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

Amen.

(Two purple candles are lit on the Advent wreath.)

Today, we light the second candle on the Advent wreath as we remember that in Old Testament times, salt was added to offerings—the salt of the covenant, a pleasing aroma ascending to God. Jesus, the Holy Child of Bethlehem, the Word made flesh, was born among us. Through Jesus, his Son, God fulfilled his covenant promise to send the Savior, who came to offer himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world.

Jesus, through your sacrifice, you have brought us forgiveness and peace.

Salt preserves food and adds flavor. Through our words and actions, we bring the saving taste of Jesus' love and compassion to the world.

Dear Savior, help us to reflect your love to the people we meet each day.

MEDITATION MUSIC

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Pastor) SCREENS

GATHERING SONG

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW 257

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)

Almighty God, in your steadfast covenant love, you sent your Son to be our Savior. He came as the perfect Lamb of sacrifice. He suffered and died on the cross to atone for the sins of the world. As Jesus gave himself to save us, by the power of your Spirit, help us to give ourselves in love and service to others in his name. Teach us to reflect the light of your love and to season our world with the sweet taste of the Good News of salvation. Hear our prayer and accept our praise in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW 858

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sally Middleton

OLD TESTAMENT READING Leviticus 2:12-13 (WL) SCREENS

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Colossians 4:5-6 (WL) SCREENS

Word of God. Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Mark 9:50 (Pastor) SCREENS

The holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Nancy Bennett

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Christ Be Our Light

ELW 715

THE APOSTLES CREED
(Please be seated)

(WL)

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PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING (WL)

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving and righteous God, you are far more generous to us, and to all who work in your kingdom, than we desire or deserve. Make us generous to others as you have been to us. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“While By My Sheep”

CHOIR

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(WL)

SCREENS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(WL)

BLESSING

(Pastor)

May your love be like salt that makes life tasty and worthwhile.

May your Christian living be a light to those who live in darkness.

May your Christian communities be cities of light to be seen from afar as signs that God lives and works in his people.

And may God bless you all for this mission:
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

**The First Noel*

ELW 300

DISMISSAL

Go now, and let the light of Christ shine
on all those who live around you.

Thanks be to God.



THIS WEEK
December 8, 2024

(All events are at the church unless indicated elsewhere)

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| Sunday, December 8 | 8:15 am Adult Sunday School
9:00 am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Congregational Meeting
10:40 am Choir Practice
4:00 -6:30 pm Youth Group |
| Monday, December 9 | 6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice |
| Tuesday, December 10 | 6:00 pm Church Council meeting at
The Sports Grill |
| Wednesday, December 11 | 9:00 am Quilting
6:30 pm Advent Service |
| Thursday, December 12 | 9:00 am Men's Group |
| Friday, December 13 | |
| Saturday, December 14 | 9:00-12:00 noon Biblical Journaling |



**BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**

Sharon Miller December 10
Janine Crocker December 14



PRAYER CONCERNS
December 8, 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, going to Cleveland Clinic for some testing regarding his migraine headaches. Pray for safety and a clear diagnosis.

Pastor Karen, doing well with recovery – here to do communion on December 1, 2024. So good to see her again.

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

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

Sue Johnson Filley, friend of Sue Davila, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She is scheduled for testing and choosing a treatment plan soon. Pray for successful treatment and strength.

Mike Dandino, classmate of Sue Davila, off ventilator but still on heart machine. Pray for his family. Prayers for healing and comfort.

Helga Maria Richards, she's doing well. She has therapy for her stroke at home. Pray for continued healing.

Austin and Miranda Francis, friends of Dave and Katie Teall, Everette Lee was born on Wednesday, December 4. Testing is being done to determine what to do for the heart procedure. Prayers for Everette, Miranda, and Austin and the doctors. They are appreciated.

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

If you would like to have prayer with the pastors for any reason, please contact them or the office. This can be done in the chapel right after worship service with small group of prayer warriors.

Those unable to worship with us: Ann Congdon, Shirley Yoder, Mike Griggs and many others.

Pray for our veterans and US military service members – both at home and abroad.

Prayers: all those who decorate, clean and do repairs for this church.

Prayers for all those needing treatment for physical needs, mental health needs, and housing issues which are unspoken. Also, those who have lost family members during this past year.

**NEWS FROM THE PEWS
December 8, 2024**

Needed monthly: \$13,245
Received November offerings:
YTD Shortfall: \$
Hunger Auction:

Church Needs:
Toilet Paper

New Week's Volunteers:

Offering Counters TODAY: Lois Bostian, Lyn Hisey
Sunday, December 15: Steve Krallman, Dave VanZile
Refreshments, December 15: Lyn Hisey, Judy Sparr
Readers, December 15: Greg Siberry, Sally Middleton
Altar Care, December 15: Jerri Hisey
Children's Sunday School, December 15: December Katie Teall

Sunday Advent Services begin on December 8, 15, 22 at 9:30 a.m.

Theme will be "The Word Made Flesh."

Wednesday night Advent Services are on December 11, and 18 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 is being planned.

Zion Lutheran is a "family" of people who show their faith both in word and action. This year, 'Caring Christians' challenge in December, we have 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. For instance, you can shop for a designated child (tags with requests will be available soon) or donate money to pay for presents. If you have questions, check with Jerri for answers.

Major Change in office schedule: Monday and Wednesday and Friday (same) 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office will be closed on Tuesdays. On Thursday it will be open from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This will be December through March. Thank you for your understanding.

Choir practices: Today after congregational meeting, December 6 at 6:30 pm And December 22 after service.

ZION EVANGELICAL

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday School 8:15am

Coffee/Fellowship 9:00am

Worship* 9:30am

Children's Sunday School is on

Sunday mornings during

worship 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.