

# The Voice

## November 2022

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### November 6

We will remember those who have gone before us and remember those who have passed since last All Saints...Donna Z, Ron R, Ginny W, and June W.



Tick-Tock...Don't forget to turn your clocks back at bedtime on November 5th.

**Newsletter deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

**Bulletin deadline is Wednesday 12 noon.**

### November 20

Come and celebrate the last Sunday of the liturgical year, Christ the King.

*Through Jesus' death and resurrection he becomes our Savior and King.*



*During November we will be offering communion at all services.*



### November 27

We begin the season of waiting and expectation of the birth of Jesus.

“Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

**See page two (2) for December**

Help put our seasonal decor up on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, then stay for our Craft and Snack Night. If you can help, please RSVP by writing “decorate” on the back of your white attendance card.



Advent is fast approaching.

On Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm, we will gather for a Craft and Snack Night.

Lester Davenport is designing an Advent shadow box for each person attending to assemble.

Please RSVP by writing “Advent” on the back of your attendance card, with how many will be attending, by November 27<sup>th</sup>.

An invitation has been sent to Zion UCC to join us.

A special thank you to Lester for designing and putting the project together.

### Advent Taizé Prayer Service Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 7:30 at Zion UCC

Our choir and the choir from Zion UCC will join our to lead a time of prayer, reflection, readings, and singing. We will use the short repetitive refrains of the Taizé community, which we have used here at GSLC from time to time. Come and gather with us for a time of prayer and reflection.



*Concert at Umstadd Hall Dec.11 @ 3 pm  
(Tickets: 25, 35, & 55)  
Dinner follows at La Pizzeria  
(On your own)*



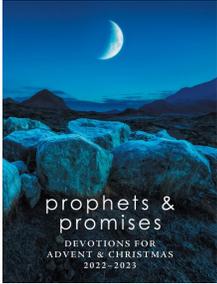
The sleigh bells will ring!  
Will you be listening?

*Join us for a holiday celebration of music. Listen to your favorite yuletide tunes performed by the wonderful musicians of the Canton Symphony Orchestra and chorus as we look forward to the new year. This*

*concert is a patron favorite, as they perform standards and classics that will fully encompass you in all the holiday spirit you will ever need. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering space for you to RSVP. Questions...see Bob L.*

# Advent/Christmas 2022 Worship At Home Materials

**Our greeters will be handing out the  
Two items below.**



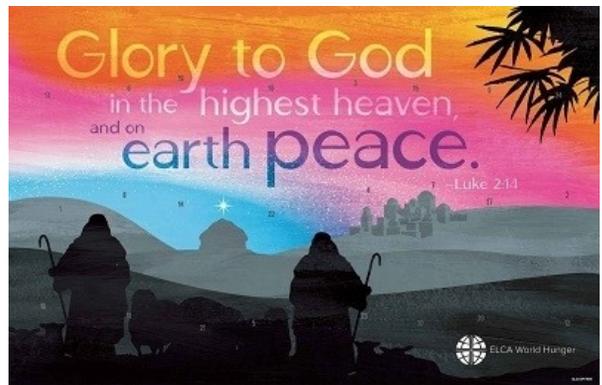
In ancient times, prophets announced God’s promises of a deliverer to the Hebrew people. As you read this devotional, look for these ancient promises, even in the Gospel of Matthew. Also watch for the different ways in which Joseph, the magi, and King Herod respond to the arrival of Jesus. Marvel at the power of God’s promises and the mystery of “God with us” in a newborn child.

*Prophets and Promises* continues the Christian tradition of setting aside time to prepare for the celebration of Jesus’ birth and to anticipate his return. The Advent season of preparation then unfolds in the joy of the twelve days of Christmas and

the day of Epiphany. You will find daily devotions here for the first Sunday of Advent (November 27, 2022) through Epiphany (January 6, 2023).

May God’s lasting promises give you hope, and may the good news of Emmanuel’s birth fill you with wonder and peace!

Celebrate the excitement, anticipation and wonder of the birth of Christ with this Advent calendar. Each day is a reminder of the reason for the season with hymns, prayers, Bible verses, and information about how ELCA Good Gifts make a difference in the world.



**Advent Bible Study  
Zion UCC and Good Shepherd**

**Be Transformed this Advent Season!**

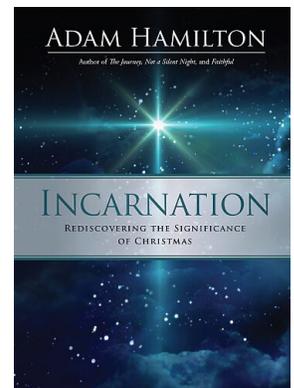
## **Incarnation: Rediscovering The Significance of Christmas**

- Tuesday, November 29 at 6:30 pm at Zion UCC*
- Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran*
- Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 pm at Zion UCC*
- Tuesday, December 20 at 6:30 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran*

His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh.

Best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth.

**Books will be available for purchase**



# Thanksgiving

## From Our Council President

It's hard to believe that the Thanksgiving holiday will be upon us once again. Doesn't it seem like we just finished the last one? Time flies! I've been told that the older you get the faster time flies, and I certainly agree and have proof!

So what will Thanksgiving look like this year? Cold and snowy, warm and rainy or sunny and breezy. Seeing as it is Ohio, all of those choices certainly are possibilities. Will there be turkey and stuffing, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole and pie? Or would you rather have burgers or steaks and fries? Perhaps you're vegetarian and would prefer to leave the meat at the grocery store. However Thanksgiving shows up at your house, I hope it's tasty and filled with good times.

There is an additional definition of Thanksgiving. According to the Oxford Languages Dictionary, thanksgiving also means "the expression of gratitude, especially to God". While I am continuously thankful for all that God has blessed me with, I am also very thankful for all of you!

Thanks to all of you we have been able to keep Good Shepherd open and continue to do great things together. Thanks to all of you for your continued attendance, contributions and stepping in to do what's needed when it's needed. I am constantly thankful for all of you, my church family!

My hope for all of you is that you have an amazing and fun filled holiday season! If you are travelling, please be safe! Enjoy your time with family and friends, and return prepared for an Advent season that promises to bring us salvation in the birth of a savior.

In thankfulness to all of you,

Lei Fahrner





Shhh...It's a Surprise Party!

Join us for an open house on November 20th  
*(her actual birthday)*  
to celebrate Marian E's 90th birthday!

**Where**

Good Shepherd's Fellowship Hall

**When**

Sunday, November 20th from 3-5pm

Drop in any time and enjoy some good food  
and fellowship and wish the birthday girl  
a happy birthday!



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*Thank you to everyone who purchased mums this year. Your generosity helped raise \$373.75 for our music ministry fund. Our music ministry fund allows us to have extra musical offerings that our budget does not allow. Of*

**Music Ministry Fund**

The Music Ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has a music fund. This fund is used for printed music scores or instrumentalists used in our worship services.

You are invited to give in honor/memory of someone or for special events like an anniversary or birthday or to the glory of God. When your gift to the music fund is used, it will be acknowledged in the bulletin. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may do so; just indicate that on the form.

Any gift is appreciated no matter the amount, but a fifty (\$50) dollar gift will get our choir one set of anthems or our bell/chime choir one set of music scores. A one hundred (\$100) dollar gift will give us the opportunity to have a guest instrumentalist to play at one of our services,.

Please fill out the information below and return to the church office, our music director or place in the offering plate.

**Your Name:**

**Amount:**

**In Honor or Memory:**



Congrats to Jen L on being sworn in as a new magistrate for Tuscarawas County on October 7, 2022.



- 05: Bill T
- 15: Donna J  
Gloria K
- 16: Karen P
- 17: Jessica W
- 20: Marian E
- 27: Lester D



Sunday mornings in November we continue our study of the Crusades.



**Crusader Charlie**



- 13: T. J. & Nancy

Will not meet Sunday,



**Veterans Day** (originally known as **Armistice Day**) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans, who are people who have served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging

of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day, a U.S. public holiday in May. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who had *died* while in military service. Another military holiday that also occurs in May, Armed Forces Day, honors those *currently serving* in the U.S. military. Additionally, Women Veterans Day is recognized by a growing number of U.S. states that specifically honor women who have served in the U.S. military.

**Sign-ups for 2023 altar flowers are now available. You may call or email the office with your dates.**



New offering envelopes for 2023 have been delayed at the vender. As soon as they arrive, they will be in the gathering space.

**Church Office Hours**

Normal business hours are Monday-Thursday 9-2, Friday 9-12n. Please note if errands for our church need to be done, these are done during these hours, also. Email and phone messages are monitored 24/7/365 and responded to as necessary. Thanks!



**If you are someone who has to turn in an annual report, they are due no later than Dec. 31, 2022.**

**BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY**



As of 10.24.22 we have had 24 households out of 51 pledge 108K towards our 2023 budget.



Meeting highlights from October 12, 2022...

- ◆ Finances are still good.
- ◆ Treasurer to look into CDs.
- ◆ Refuge of Hope was very appreciative of undies donate to them.
- ◆ Giving is at 79.5% of pledge through September.
- ◆ Craft & Snack night, along with church decorating, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. (See page 2)
- ◆ Advent Taizé Prayer Service at Zion UCC December 6 at 7:30pm. (See page 2)
- ◆ Annual reports due **no later than Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>**.
- ◆ Congregational Meeting January 22, 2023 with weather date January 29, 2023
- ◆ Discussed what we can do about the increase of unauthorized parkers in our lot.
- ◆ Reduce yearly giving to the NEOS in 2023 to 6k a year.

<b>September Finances</b>	
Starting	59,664.58
Receipts	10,507.67
Disbursements	9,691.40
Transfers	-480.85
Ending	60,000.00



### Prayer List

*Those who have issues getting out and about.*

- Barbara B *(Regency)*  
Canton Regency Memory Care
- Lora C *(Devine HOF Nursing)*
- Janice C *(Home)*
- Marian E *(Home)*
- Judy H *(Florida)*
- Charlene J *(Home)*
- Janet L *(Home)*
- Evelyn M *(Laurels)*
- John S *(Home)*
- Robin S *(Home)*
- Marian T *(Laurels)*

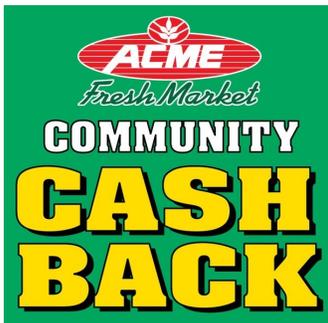
*If you wish to be included, please let the office know.*

# Women of the ELCA

## Thankoffering Sunday

*Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> we will collect our Thankofferings for WELCA. Envelopes are available on the gathering space table if you wish to donate. Make checks payable to **WELCA**, not the church.*

*Hannah Circle Meets Tuesday,  
November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10a.*



Save those receipts dated Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> -Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.  
All receipts have to be in no later than January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Contact Pat Hoffman if  
you have questions.

**Hannah Circle Christmas Lunch  
December 6 at 12n  
Carpooling from church at 11:30a.**





It is time to order poinsettias to decorate  
the chancel for our Christmas services.

**All orders must be in by  
Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**  
*(Our supplier needs orders early)*

Please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or turn  
it into the church office. Please include payment with your order. The cost is  
\$12.00 per plant. Make checks payable to the church, with poinsettia in the memo.

**POINSETTIA ORDER**

Name:

Number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12 = \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication for bulletin:  
*(Please print clearly)*

**Thank you** to those listed below who came  
and helped clean up the planting beds around  
the church on October 12th.

T.J. and Nancy M  
Don and Linda N  
Jan C  
Lorelei L  
Linda L



# CHRISTIAN CONCERNS CORNER

## October

Thank you to everyone who supported our blankets for Aultman’s ICU patients drive.

## November

### Hat and Mitten Tree

The Hat and Mitten Tree is up in the gathering space, waiting to be covered with hats, mittens, and scarves through December 4<sup>th</sup>. If you buy a matching hat and mitten set, please tie them together. They will be distributed to needy families in our community. Thank you for your generosity!



Once again we will make a monetary gift to **A Community Christmas of Stark County**. We will collect through **November 27**. Our gifts (combined with others) will help seniors, disabled, and families not adopted to receive Christmas gifts, in the form of food, gift cards for personal items, toys, hats and gloves. Thank you in advance for your generous support of A Community Christmas of Stark County. **Please memo your check “Community Christmas”.**



Thanksgiving and Christmas  
Meal Gift Cards



**Elizabeth Eaton***ELCA Presiding Bishop*

## A COMMON WITNESS

*Reprinted from Living Lutheran, October 2022*

One of the distinct privileges of this call as presiding bishop is seeing the church at work at home and around the world. The Lutheran movement is alive and well, speaking the gospel in a distinctive voice. Sunday after Sunday the good news is proclaimed in accordance with Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. In hundreds of languages and dialects, God's promise of grace, reconciliation and freedom is received and celebrated in places Martin Luther never knew existed. We are part of a worldwide family.

In many ways, and in the most important ways, we are alike. The cross is our center. Faith, grace and Scripture alone are our guides. A clear understanding of human brokenness and our inability to save ourselves sets us apart from societal and even some theological pressures that would try to draw us away from the source of our life and freedom. A world built on works and individualism promises salvation based on our own effort and denies salvation if we fail. The Lutheran movement points to another way. This is our common witness.

There are also glorious expressions particular to regions, countries, and history: governance; organization; the role of laity, deacons, pastors and bishops; and the age for first communion, to name a few. And that's just the ELCA! Around the world the expression of Lutheranism takes on many different flavors—literally and figuratively.

In the Northern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa, porridge is a staple at all meals, so they pray, "Give us today our daily porridge." Spiritual healers are an important part of the life and ministry in the Lutheran church in Madagascar. Lutherans in Mexico celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which falls just a day away from the Swedish celebration of Santa Lucia. Lutherans around the world hold fast to the core and adapt to make the gospel accessible.

Part of Luther's genius was to make Scripture, preaching and worship available in the language of the people. In fact, this year we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the publication of his translation of the New Testament from the ancient Greek into the German language, known as the "September Testament." This publication paved the way for other translations of the Bible, making it accessible for people both at church and in their homes. All these variations make the Lutheran movement richer, especially when we share across borders and cultures.

It's good to remember the events of the 16th century, but we shouldn't get stuck there. We need to ask what it means to be Lutheran in the 21st century. What it means for the Lutheran World Federation's 149 member churches, representing over 77 million members in 99 countries, that are exploring Lutheran identity. For some member churches with a state church tradition—Sweden, for example—Lutheran identity is a novel concept. The Lutheran church was "The Church," and there was no need to think about identity. Now many churches in Africa and Asia are forging an indigenous expression of what it means to be Lutheran. Yes, they still sing hymns set to German, Swedish and American hymn tunes, but they are also developing music and worship using traditional instruments and styles.

What will our Lutheran identity be in the ELCA? We still treasure our immigrant roots—and we should. But if our ethnic identities become synonymous with Lutheran identity, we are missing the mark. The gospel, and Luther's clear exposition of it, transcends human boundaries. When a single culture's vernacular becomes the established language of the people, we hinder the gospel's free course in the world. We can become an alternative face of Christianity in the culture—one that moves across divisions, is meant for all, and that is a free and liberating gift.

# NOVEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Reformation Sunday Communion Worship 9:15a No Sunday School	31	1 Hannah Circle 10A Dominoes 7p	2 AA Dinner 6p	3 Yoga 10a Bells 6:15p Choir 7p	4	5 FH in use Turn your clocks back tonight
6 All Saints Sunday Communion Daylight Savings time Ends Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a	7	8 Dominoes 7p	9 Council 7p AA 7p	10 Yoga 10a Bells 6:15p Choir 7p	11 Veterans Day C & C 10a Wedding Rehearsal	12 Wedding
13 Communion Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a	14	15 Dominoes 7p	16 AA 7p	17 Yoga 10a Bells 6:15p Choir 7p	18	19 FH in Use 4-10pm
20 Christ the King Sunday Communion Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a FH in use 12-6	21	22 Dominoes 7p	23 AA 7p	24 Office Closed  THANKSGIVING Day	25 Office Closed C & C 10a	26
27 Advent 1 Communion Worship 9:15a NO Sunday School	28	29 Advent Study 6:30p @ Zion UCC Dominoes 7p	30 WWSOS 1p AA 7p	1 Yoga 10a Bells 6:15p Choir 7p	2	3

