



Pastor Paul writes...

*“Rejoice always,
 pray without ceasing,
 give thanks in all circumstances;
 for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Happy Thanksgiving!

We have so many blessings for which to be thankful, including...

- The forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through Christ our Savior
- The precious Word and promises of God in Holy Scripture
- Our rebirth and renewal through the Sacrament Holy Baptism
- The comfort and strength we receive through the Sacrament of Holy Communion
- The joy of worship with our family of God in Christ
- The privilege and power of prayer in the name of Jesus
- The blessings of fellowship with the communion of saints
- The satisfaction of meaningful vocations and sacrificial service to our neighbors
- The earthly provision of God for our bodily needs and spiritual sustenance for our souls
- Body and soul, eyes, ears, and all our members, our reason and all our senses (1st Article)
- Food, drink, clothing, shoes, home, family, government, peace, health, friends (4th Petition)
- The strong hands of our Father into which we commend our body and soul (Evening Prayer)

Will you join me in rejoicing always? Praying without ceasing? Giving thanks in all circumstances? After all, this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for us!

Happy Thanksgiving! - *Pastor Paul*

Weekly Worship		
Sundays: 8:30 am Traditional Worship (on-line)	10 am In-person Worship (in person & live-streamed)	11:30 am Contemporary Worship (on-line)
Bible Class: Sundays at 9 am	Wednesdays at 10 am	

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THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE AT ZION

Thursday, November 25, 2021

10:00 a.m.

In-Person & Live-streamed

Holy Communion & Food Collection for City Team Oakland

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever." – Psalm 136



Zion Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

THANKSGIVING GROCERIES

"For I was hungry and you gave me food . . . Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Mathew 25:35, 40

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on blessings received the past year. The annual Zion Thanksgiving grocery collection is a wonderful way to reflect on those blessings and demonstrate "the church without walls"--- and share what we have with those less fortunate. We are asking for your support for our friends and neighbors in the Oakland Community.

Please bring 2--3 bags or boxes of non-perishable groceries to church on Thanksgiving, November 25, 2021. If you will be out of town for Thanksgiving, you may place your groceries in the barrels in the Narthex marked "Thanksgiving Groceries" at any time. If you do not have time to shop, you may place a donation in the offering plate, send a check to the office or donate online via Subsplash. The groceries will be given to CityTeam Ministries Oakland for their meal pro-

gram and food bags. The committee is still considering the options for the recipient(s) of the cash donations and will report to the congregation as soon as a decision is made. Our economy is still very fragile, so thank you for your concern for our neighbors in need. We wish you a blessed Thanksgiving!!!

Items needed:

Peanut Butter and Jelly
Complete Pancake Mix
Syrup
Beans (canned or dried)
Soup and Crackers
Canned Vegetables
Pasta and Rice
Cereal (sugar free please)



Thanksgiving Riddles

Q: What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter? A: *Pumpkin pi.*

Q: What do you call a turkey on the day after Thanksgiving? A: *Lucky.*

Q: What do you call a stuffed animal? A: *You, after*

Thanksgiving.

Q: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? A: *Pilgrims.*

Q: Why did the farmer have to separate the chicken and the turkey? A: *He suspected fowl play.*

In case you haven't seen or heard, Zion now offers more times to worship on Sunday morning!

All of the services are available on-demand 24/7 on the Zion website <https://livestream.com/zlc> and through the Zion app.

Worship With Us

IN-PERSON & ONLINE

8:30 am Traditional Online Service

10:00 am In-Person Worship

10:00 am Live stream of in-person worship

11:30 am Contemporary Online Service



MEET OUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jim Allen
Maret Bartlett, Secretary
Karen Draney

Rachel Harger
Brian Jacobson, Vice-Chair
Rachel Nemy

Markus Niebanck, Chair
Bill Swift
Stephanie Windle

Thank you for your service and God bless you!

SOCKS FOR CITYTEAM

The Christian Concerns Committee is working on the annual Christmas Pillowcases for the men in the Recovery Program at City Team Ministries. The committee is requesting donations of socks, dark or white, to include in the Christmas Pillowcases. Please look for the box in the Narthex marked "SOCKS for City Team". If you would like to participate but do not have time to shop, the committee will be happy to shop for you. You may place a DONATION in the offering plate, send a check to the church office or donate online via Subsplash. Please mark your donation "SOCKS". We are asking for the socks or donations by Sunday, November 21, 2021. If you have any questions please contact Dawn Allen. God Bless you for thinking of these men.



CHRISTMAS PILLOWCASE PROJECT 2021

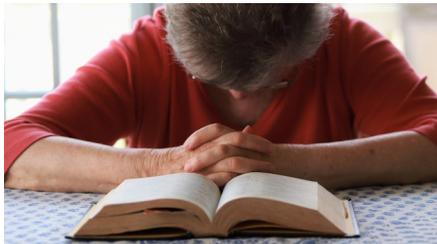
Christmas is right around the corner and so is the Christian Concerns annual Christmas pillowcase project. The handmade Christmas print pillowcases are filled with personal hygiene products, socks and a t-shirt, a towel and wash cloth, a knitted cap and a scarf from our Zion Knitters and are given to the men in the Recovery Program at CityTeam Ministries in Oakland. This year there are 42 men in the program. The men in this program are working hard to overcome addiction and homelessness. The Christian Concerns Committee is asking for donations to fund the project. You may place a donation in the offering plate, send a check to the office or donate online through Subsplash. PLEASE MARK YOUR DONATION---PILLOWCASES. Thank you for your support of this very special project. God Bless you.



STUDYING GOD'S WORD

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS I

Our Sunday morning group is growing in numbers and in wisdom and we still have room to grow! Will you join us? We are taking "A Longer Look at the Lessons" for each Sunday service. Join us on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Garden Room. You will be glad you did!



WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

We are now more than halfway through the Book of Genesis, but it is never too late to join our study. Each week is a fresh look at the Scriptural text, taking an "adult" view of the lessons we first learned so long ago in Sunday School. The Book of Genesis begins the narration of the history of salvation, from the world of the patriarchs to the promises of God to send the Promised Messiah in Jesus.

You are invited to join us in-person or on-line via Zoom from 10:00-11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Garden Room. If you cannot join us every Wednesday, come as often as you can!

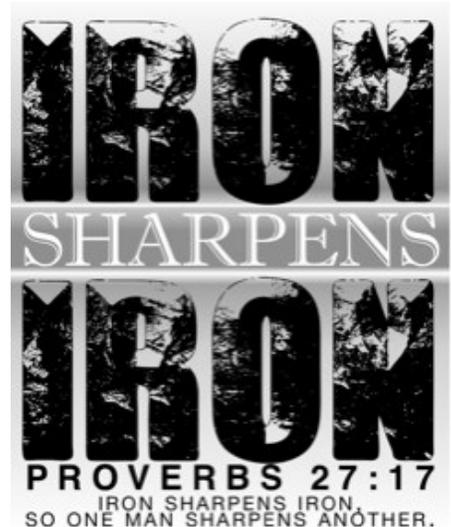
IRON MEN

Iron Men next meet on Thursday, November 11 at 6:30 pm.

Sadly, we postponed our October meeting but we will continue with the eighth of the ten ordinary men that God chose to change the world. This month we look at Lazarus, The Final Witness. We will also take some time to thank an honor those who served in the armed forces among us as our meeting is on Veterans' Day.

Good food, great fellowship, and growth in God's Word!

It doesn't matter if you missed any or all of the first seven ordinary men that God chose to change the world, as each month we study someone new! Give it a try! You are welcome anytime and no pressure to cook or if you miss a month.



Holy Communion is Available for You in These Difficult Times

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is available for you:

Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. In-Person Divine Service OR By drive-through at Zion***

In the Zion garden outside or in the Zion sanctuary inside, as you prefer***

At your front door, in your home, or on your patio, as you prefer***

*** Day and time to be scheduled in advance with Pastor Paul, at your convenience. Pastor Paul is here to serve you.

Feel free to schedule a time to receive Holy Communion by calling him at the Zion office (510-530-4213), his mobile phone (510-520-4000), or by e-mail at revpaul@zionlutheran.net.

Jesus said: "Take and eat... take and drink... this is My body... and My blood... for you!" (Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)



+ Communion Assistant Schedule +

November, 2021

Sunday, November 7 th	10:00 a.m.	Cliff Cooper
Sunday, November 14 th	10:00 a.m.	Dave Nemy
Sunday, November 21 st	10:00 a.m.	Brian Walsh
Thanksgiving, Nov. 25 th	10:00 a.m.	Steve Harger
Sunday, November 28 th	10:00 a.m.	Frank Cham

Catechism Corner

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.



Junior High and Senior High News



You are not alone! Until I went to *Best Practices in Ministry* in February of 2020, I had never put a sticker on my laptop computer. My laptop was always just like it came out of the box, no cover, no stickers. But at the conference I was given a "You are not alone!" sticker and I put it right over the top of my apple logo. You are not alone is the reoccurring theme for the Best Practices conference.

I used it to remind myself that 1) God is always with me and I am joining Him on His mission journey and 2) that there are others just like me, faithful Christians living out their faith life everyday. So for you, the youth of Zion, no matter how you feel when at school, home, or out and about; remember you are not alone! 1) you have God with you all the time!

(Confirmation word: omnipresent); 2) There are other Christians nearby; and 3) Zion is always here for you! Pastor and I are only ever a text, email, or phone call away.

That leads us into the next big event for us, the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas in July, 2022. There we will experience that God is "In All Things". The theme for the youth gathering. It will be a great, wonderful, and exciting time to grow in our faith and love for our Lord.

If you haven't done so yet, please turn in you registration paperwork for the gathering ASAP.



Church Humor

Psalm 23 For Tech Heads

The Lord is my programmer, I shall not crash. He installed His software on the hard disk of my heart. All of His commands are user friendly. His directory guides me to the right choices for His name's sake. Even though I scroll through the problems of life, I will fear no bugs, for He is my back-up. His password protects me. He prepares a menu before me in the presence of my enemies. His help is only a keystroke away. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and my file will be merged with His and saved forever. Amen.

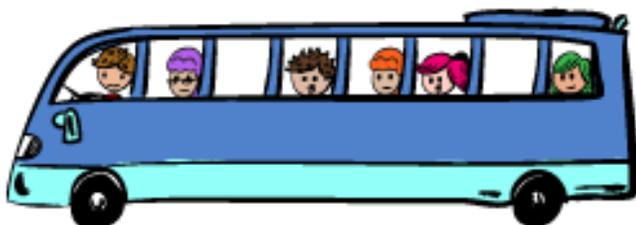
The wish

A bus carrying only ugly people crashes into an oncoming truck, and everyone inside dies.

They then get to meet their maker, and because of the grief they have experienced; he decides to grant them one wish each, before they enter Paradise. They're all lined up, and God asks the first one what the wish is. "I want to be gorgeous," and so God snaps His fingers, and it is done. The second one in

line hears this and says "I want to be gorgeous too." Another snap of His fingers and the wish is granted. This goes on for a while but when God is halfway down the line, the last guy in line starts laughing. When there are only ten people left, this guy is rolling on the floor, laughing his head off.

Finally, God reaches this guy and asks him what his wish will be. The guy calms down and says..... "Make 'em all ugly again."



A Vision of Heaven

Everlasting Praise and Thanks to Jesus

November, the month of Thanksgiving, when we turn our hearts to thanking God for all of His gifts (And yes, there are eleven other months to do so!) His gifts of creation – regrowth from a disastrous fire; the song of white-crowned sparrows after an absence of six months, to the place from which they departed. The birth of a grandson. All gifts controlled by the Creator.

*“Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and
love!”*

(Great is Thy Faithfulness, LSB 809)

Daily we are to give God praise and thanks. “Thanksgiving”, a term I once heard; living every moment in thankfulness and praise.

“Sing to the Lord” the Psalmist tells us. Give God all the glory due His Name. A treasure beyond all others. The beginning and the end. The Alpha and the Omega. Our goal is to behold Christ in all His glory (Romans 11, Romans 16, Ephesians 3, Philippians 4 and 2 Timothy 4). We are sanctified by His Holy Spirit to give glory to the Father.

2 Corinthians 3:18 “And we all with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, and being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” (John Piper, Desiring God 7-7-2021).

When that day comes, “That final day, the days of farewells will be over. God has decreed a family reunion. This day will be no small day. It will be the Great Day. The archangel will inaugurate it with a trumpet blast. Thousands and thousands of angels will appear in the sky (Jude). Cemeteries and seas will give up their dead. Christ will appear. Every eye will see Him.” (For Your Journey, Max Lucado, Encouraging Word Bible, page 1911, Revelation 21).

Those who are weak now, will be strong. Those who are lame, will leap for joy. Those who are blind, will see. (Yeah!) All the difficulties in your earthly life will be gone; Because of Jesus. The whole world will acknowledge Jesus as Lord. Billions of knees will bow down before Him. And we will sing! Oh, I think about all those wonderful hymns we sing on Sunday Mornings (and each day in the car). What will I sing? Perhaps God will put His song on my lips.

“My Savior is the Lord and King He has control of every-

thing.

*He loves me and He bids me sing. He gives His song to me.
He calms my hurts and dries my tears.*

He gives me strength to face my fears.

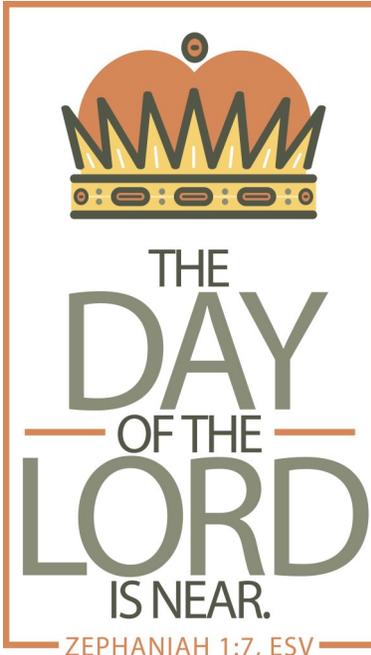
He gives me grace throughout my years. He gives His song to me.

Jesus is the Song of life. Jesus is the Song of joy.

Jesus is the song of love

Jesus gives His song to me.”

(“Jesus is the Song”, David Dannar 2016)



All those voices raised in praise! All glory to God. What a sight and sound that will be. All will proclaim that Christ is Lord. No knees excluded. All will give Jesus the honor that is His. Those that mocked Him as He hung on the cross. Those that deny Him each day. All of us who sin. All will praise Him.

“The head that once was crowned with thorns

Is crowned with glory now;

A royal diadem adorns

A mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords Is His, is His by right.

The King of Kings and Lord of Lords, And heaven's eternal light.

The joy of all who dwell above, And joy to all below

To whom He manifests His love

And grants His name to know.”

(The Head that Once, LSB 532)

Our lifetime on earth is just a “training ground”, a blip on the radar, of honoring Christ, thanking and praising Him. “What we have now on earth is Christ's preciousness in this life, imperfect at best.” (Truth for Life, Alistair Beggs, 7-20-2021). We have enjoyed the first fruits of the Spirit, but in heaven, we will be filled with the Spirit, fully adopted as sons.

On earth, it is like learning the letter names and sounds. In Heaven, we will blend those sounds together and make words and sentences. And we will understand them! All our trials and troubles will be gone. Every tear will be wiped away. We will wear the blood-stained robes of righteousness which Jesus gives to us so that we may forever be in His presence. We will see Him in all His glory. And it is all a gift. We will sing our songs of thanksgiving and praise, forever.

Isn't it fitting that God gives us eternity to do so?

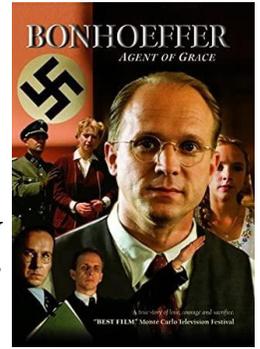
– Marlene S. Grunow,



Movie Night at Zion

Saturday, November 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

A Lutheran church outside of Germany. Those close with the minister, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, advise him not to return to Germany, but a doctor insists that he must, due to his religious beliefs. Despite the possibility of persecution by the Nazis, Dietrich Bonhoeffer returns to Germany and preaches of the Jews and against Hitler and his Nazi agenda.



Free Movie!

Free Popcorn!

Free lemonade!

Rated PG Run Time 1 hour 28 min

MORE CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS

Help Zion's Search Results

The next time you are on your internet browser, use google and enter Zion Lutheran Piedmont...

up Zion will pop!

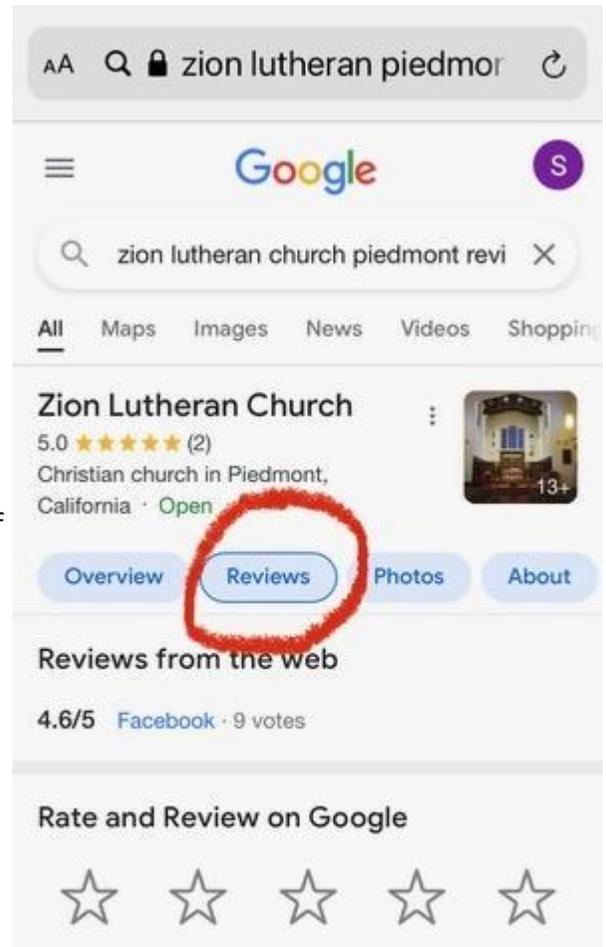
If on a desktop/laptop, please go to the right hand side scroll down and click on the write a review button.

If using your tablet or phone, click the review button, then rate and review Zion!

Click the number of stars (5) for us and, if you like, write a sentence or two about what you like about Zion. Even add picture if you like.

The more reviews and pictures that are added, the higher Zion shows in the search engines when looking for churches in Oakland/Piedmont.

Thanks for supporting our mission to reach people everywhere with the good news of Jesus!



Altar Flower Donations

November, 2021

- Sunday, November 7th Uhle
- Sunday, November 14th Shockley
- Sunday, November 21st Uhle
- Sunday, November 28th Walsh



Please note: Altar Flowers have increased in cost to \$60.00 per Sunday arrangement.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31 Halloween</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Live-stream Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Bible Class-GR 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM In-person Traditional Worship & Live-stream 11:30 AM Live-stream Contemporary Worship 	<p>1 6:30 PM Property Committee - CR</p>	<p>2 Election Day</p>	<p>3 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study In-Person and Zoom</p> <p>3:00 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 10:30 AM East Bay Recorder Society ~ PARKING LOT</p>
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<p>14 8:30 AM Live-stream Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:00 AM Bible Class-GR</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 AM In-person Traditional Worship & Live-stream</p> <p>11:30 AM Live-stream Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>15 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study In-Person and Zoom</p> <p>3:00 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>18 12:30 PM Finance Committee</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 7:00 PM Movie Night - Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace</p>
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