



Zion Monthly

EQUIPPING GENERATIONS FOR LIFE IN CHRIST

DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026

"One generation shall commend your works to another" Ps 145:4

WORSHIP WED. @ 6:30PM | SUN. @ 7:45 & 10:00AM

LETTER FROM PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Is there a more exciting time of year than the holiday season? It kicks off with family, feasts, and football on Thanksgiving and then runs for the next month plus with Christmas and new Year celebrations. Gifts, family gatherings, great food, presents, and more! There is so much to be excited about! At the very same time, all of these things can also cause stress, anxiety, grief, and even fear.

Perhaps you are overwhelmed with excitement for the upcoming holidays as you anticipate the joy of reuniting with friends and family that you haven't seen since last year. Maybe You are looking forward with stress and fear, wondering how you will possibly be ready for the flock of visitors gathering at your house in just a few short weeks. Maybe you are daydreaming about a mountain of gifts under the tree, or perhaps you are worried about making ends meet while also buying presents for your family.

Wherever you may fall on the spectrum of holiday excitement, whether you can't wait for Christmas to come, or can't wait for it to be over, there is one aspect of the season that unites us all in hope and joy. One thing that speaks to each and every one of us no matter what situation we may find ourselves in this Christmas.

Jesus Christ, God himself took on human flesh, and he did so for you. If you are overwhelmed with excitement for Christmas celebrations, Jesus brings the greatest joy that no other gift could possibly bring. If you are grieving as you look forward to the first family gathering without a loved one, Jesus offers comfort, hope, and encouragement in the message of His resurrection. Jesus magnifies joy where there is great excitement and offers peace and healing where there is anxiety, fear, and grief.

So, however you are feeling this Christmas season, I encourage you to maintain Jesus Christ as the focus of your celebration and of your daily routine. Father together with the body of Christ in worship, hear the good news of His Gospel for you, rest in the comfort of His presence, and enjoy time with the family and friends He has given you. Whatever your life may look like at the moment, Jesus Christ came into the world for you, and that is reason to celebrate all year long.

"And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'

-Luke 2:10-11

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Jed

Hello Zion Family,

“What do you want for Christmas?”

This is a phrase that starts being asked in the beginning of November at our house. Grandmas want to get a jump on Christmas shopping and ask for lists from the kids. The catalogs from Amazon, Fleet Farm, Target, Meijer, and more start arriving in the mail. Wishlists are assembled, catalogs circled, and online wishlists are emailed. As a parent of 3 and Godmother to 2, it becomes a little overwhelming! Then you start to ask, are these things you want, or things you need...because there can be such a thing as having too many “wants” in one kid’s bedroom!

When did this become such a pertinent question, and when did it start to be questioned sooner and sooner in the year? Why do we put such emphasis on gift giving at Christmas? Is it that we are trying to bless children like the Wise Men blessed the Christ child? Are we trying to give gifts as precious, unique, and symbolic as gold, frankincense and myrrh? Or maybe we’re trying to live up to the legend of St. Nicholas who blessed poor children with gifts. Maybe we just want to show our love and appreciation for each other because we appreciate what this season means for our lives.

Either way, are we getting lost in the rush of the season and forgetting to sit back and recognize what it really means? I’m sure you’ve seen this question asked over

and over again throughout your life. You may even have a “Jesus is the reason for the season” bumper sticker. Is that joy of giving (and getting) taking away from what the season is really about? Maybe for some, maybe not for others.

This is where I encourage you to pick up an Advent devotion book in the back of church and journey to Christmas with God’s Word in your heart and an anticipation for the birth of the Savior. (I’m a little partial to the author of this year’s devotion book because he was a treasured professor at Concordia both times I attended!) Frame the Advent, and giving, season in your mind from the perspective that it is ushering in a celebration of the greatest gift of all. Recognize that, yes, giving to others is wonderful, but also, worshipping the Christ child is our real gift. I’m sure you can remember back to your own childhood and the most priceless gift that you received. Capture that feeling and magnify it while you think about what it would have felt like to be in the presence of the newborn Lord.

As we go through Advent and also begin a fresh new year, have gratitude for your many gifts received and given this season, most of all, that of Jesus. Merry Christmas from me, Andy, Charlie, Grace, and Augie! We wish our Zion family a blessed holiday season and a happy New Year!

*To God be the Glory,
Hillary Krahn*

Near Zion Families,

Greetings in our Lord and Savior,

A few years ago I wrote several articles about the famous friends of Wayside. Many of you probably listen to the radio while driving your kids to school, church or to work. My family enjoys country music and singing to the radio as we travel down the country roads heading to Zion. Many of you have probably heard the song Famous Friends by Chris Young and Kane Brown. It's a very catchy song that talks about local famous people. We at Zion Wayside have several famous friends that walk the hallways and preach in our church. These famous friends are truly a blessing, take a moment next time you see them and thank our "famous" Wayside friends for their dedication and commitment to serving God and Zion. We have been blessed to add a few more staff members to our already famous group of people. In this article I will feature Debbie Louison as our school secretary, Christine Wyman as our art teacher and Maddie Westrich as our interim daycare director.

Debbie graduated from UW-Stevens Point in 1980 and lived in Lola for 30 years until she sold her house 6 years ago and moved to Denmark to be closer to her daughter Kelsey and her family. At this time she joined Zion Lutheran Wayside Church.

Her kids include Michael who received his doctorate from the University of Illinois and is now a Professor at McKendree University in Illinois. Matthew who received a Law Degree and Masters Degree in Business from UW-Madison and is now a Senior Analyst at a medical insurance company. Kelsey has an Occupational Therapist Degree from UW-LaCrosse and now works at Green Bay Public Schools. Three apples of her eyes are her grandchildren Ruth, Quinn, and Kinsley.

Debbie worked at Central Wisconsin Appraisal as the Office Manager for 18 years then left there to do some caregiving. This rewarding job was for a gentleman who was a quadriplegic because of an accident that occurred 32 years prior. She was with him for 7 years until his death. Her volunteer work has led her in many different directions because of her kids from involvement at Our Savior Lutheran Church and Scandinavia Lutheran Church.

At both of these churches she served on council, was treasurer of SLC for 9 years, and taught Sunday School for 13 years. Other volunteer roles included 13 years as Recreational Director of sports activities from flag football, swimming lessons, basketball, soccer, softball, baseball, and t-ball. This role included getting registration and waiver forms out to students, ordering t-shirts, organizing officials, helping with fund raising for the swimming pool and football field. One role that didn't involve her kids was 4 years of doing meals on wheels where she found new friendships and one of those is Lucille who is 1-5 years old and still living at home. Debbie excited to be part of the staff at Zion and looks forward to her new role. Stop into the office and visit one of our newest "famous friends" at Zion.

Our next famous friend is Maddie Westrich. Maddie graduated from Zion Wayside in 2018 and Wrightstown High School in 2022. She completed an AP psychology course in high school that required 60 hours of volunteer work, which she completed at the Zion Wayside Daycare. During her time at Wrightstown High School she took a course through NWTC that led her to become a Certified Nursing Assistant. After two years of being a CNA she completed a class through UWGB to become a medication administrator. In September of 2024 she began working part-time at Zion Wayside Daycare, and now she is excited to be entering the role of interim daycare director.

Maddie will also be completing several classes from now to January, teaching her the ins and outs of running a daycare, after which she plans to begin working towards and associates degree in early childhood development. Her family has a long history at Zion Wayside which she is happy to be continuing with her boys, Bentley who will be 3 in February and Dean who is 2 months old. Stop over at the daycare and say "Hi" to Maddie.

Our last famous friend is Christine Wyman. Mrs. Wyman - Art Teacher is a proud graduate of Wausau East High School (Go Lumberjacks!) and was confirmed at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Wausau, WI. After high school, she set her sights on attending a college that looked like it belonged in Dead Poets Society - and she found it at St. Norbert College in DePere, WI. While earning her Bachelor of Arts Degree at St. Norbert, she also had the incredible opportunity

to spend a semester studying fine art at Lorenzo de' Medici in Florence, Italy.

After graduation, she began receiving commissions for her artwork, which eventually led to opening Christine's Gallery in DePere. She owned and operated the gallery for 3 years and also hosted "Create a Night Out" painting events -an experience that helped her fall even more in love with sharing art with others.

Christine later took what she fondly calls a "power pause" from her art career to marry her husband, Scott Wyman of Green Bay, and raise 3 children: Chase (10), Parker (9), and Allison (7). While working from home during those years, she discovered a new passion - painting murals, which has become a meaningful extension of her creative journey.

Christine believes in the value of art to her core. Art is not only about the final piece but about the process - creativity, observational thinking, reflection, and resilience - are lifelong tools.

She is thrilled to bring her passion for art and creative problem-solving to Zion Lutheran. Together, we will learn, explore, and maybe even create a few masterpieces along the way - because we certainly won't be made about that!

Please take a moment the Christmas season to visit and thank all of our "Famous Friends" at Zion. Also, as we approach Christmas break, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your support and involvement in our school. Your partnership is invaluable in creating a nurturing environment fort our children to thrive. I wish you all a joyous Christmas season filled with love, laughter, and precious moment with your families.

God's Blessings,

David Gosa



1st, 7th, and 8th grade packed up the Operation Christmas Child boxes. They are on their way to be sorted and distributed!



ZION LUTHERAN WAYSIDE RAIDERS REPORT

DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL ACCREDITED

MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, AND I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME.

JOHN 10:27

Christmas Concerts
December 14
 3K-2ND 9:30am 3RD-8TH 10:30am

REHEARSAL
 (NOT FORMAL BUT
 GUESTS COULD ATTEND)
December 12
 3RD-8TH 8:30am 3K-2ND 9:30am
 (following the Upper
 Grade Rehearsal)

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
FOOD
DONATIONS**

THANK YOU TO THE STUDENTS FOR YOUR
DONATIONS TO THE FOOD PANTRY.
THE ITEMS ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

**Important Dates
December**

8- Toys for Tots Pick Up
 14- Christmas Programs
 9:30 3k-2nd
 10:30 3rd-8th
 19- Classroom Christmas Parties
 & 8th Grade Pizza Fundraiser for
 Lunch
 Christmas Break
 Dec 22-Jan 2
 No School

**LOOKING FOR GIFTS FOR YOUR
WAYSIDE RAIDERS FAN?**

KAY & KAYLA'S CREATIONS
 215 MAIN STREET
 REEDSVILLE, WI
 (920) 754-1127

Screenprinting, Embroidery and Gifts

Open
 Wednesday 2pm-5pm
 Thursday 2pm-8pm
 Friday 10am-2pm
 Saturday 10am-2pm

Online Store Now Available!
<http://kayscustomcreations.short.gy/wayside-raiders>

Raider Items In Stock

- Shirts & Sweatshirts
- Hair Accessories & Jewelry
- Stocking Hats & Baseball Caps
- Pajama Pants
- Garden Flags & More

Custom Items Also Available
 In Stock Apparel Can Be Made While You Shop!
 Reedsville, Brillion, Valders,
 Kiel, Hilbert And Chilton
 Apparel Also In Stock!

PLEASE CONSIDER FOLLOWING THEM ON FACEBOOK

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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December



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 1st Sunday of Advent 7:45am Trad. Worship 9:00am Educ Hour 10:00am Cont. Worship *Christmas Decorating* Family Feud	1 8:30am Chapel	2	3 8:30am Advent Worship 6:30pm Advent Worship	4 9am Bible Study BB vs. Providence 4:30pm C Girls 5:30pm C Boys	5 BB vs. TR/Maribel 5pm B Girls 6pm B Boys 7pm A Girls 8pm A Boys	6 Valders Tournament C Girls *Wrightstown Christmas Parade*
7 7:45am Trad. Worship 9:00am Educ Hour 10:00am Cont. Worship	8 8:30am Chapel BB vs. Pilgrim 4:30pm B Girls 5:30pm A Girls	9 BB vs. Pilgrim 4:30pm B Boys 5:30pm A Boys	10 8:30am Advent Worship 6:30pm Advent Worship	11 9am Bible Study BB @ Reedsville 5:00pm C Girls BB @ Holy Family 5:00pm C Boys	12	13 BB @ Morrison 9:00am C Girls BB vs. Rantoul 9:00am C Boys
14 Christmas Program Sunday 7:45am Trad. Worship 9:30am 3K-2nd grade 10:30am 3rd-8th grade	15 8:30am Chapel BB @ GB Trinity 4:30pm B Girls 5:30pm C Boys 6:30pm B Boys 7:30pm A Girls	16	17 8:30am Advent Worship 6:30pm Advent Worship	18 9am Bible Study *Potluck Day*	19 Class Christmas Parties	20 BB @ Bethany 9:00am C Boys 10:00am C Girls
21 7:45am Trad. Worship 9:30am Cont. Worship	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 11:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm	25 9:30am Worship	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 HYMN SING 9:30am (only one worship service)	29	30	31 NO WORSHIP Happy New Year!	1	2	3
			OFFICE CLOSED			

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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January



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 HYMN SING 9:30am (only one worship service)	29	30	31 NO WORSHIP Happy New Year!	1	2	3
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4 7:45am Trad. Worship 10:00am Cont. Worship	5 SCHOOL RESUMES 8:30am Chapel	6	7 6:30pm Worship	8 9am Bible Study BB @ Providence 4:30pm C Girls 5:30pm C Boys	9 BB @ Reeds./Newt. 5:00pm A Girls 6:00pm B Girls 7:00pm B Boys 8:00pm A Boys	10 BB vs. Trinity Brillion 9:00am C Boys 10:00am C Girls
11 7:45am Trad. Worship 9:00am Educ Hour 10:00am Cont. Worship	12 8:30am Chapel BB vs. St. James Shawano 4:30pm B Girls 5:30pm B Boys 6:30pm A Girls 7:30pm A Boys	13 BB vs. Bethany 5:00 pm C Boys 6:00pm C Girls	14 6:30pm Worship	15 9am Bible Study	16 BB vs. First German 6:00pm B Boys 7:00pm A Girls 8:00pm A Boys	17 BB vs. First German 9:00am C Boys
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25 7:45am Trad. Worship 9:00am Educ Hour 10:00am Cont. Worship	26 8:30am Upper Chapel BB vs. NEWCHA (Parents Night) 4:30pm B Boys 5:30pm A Girls 6:30pm A Boys	27 8:30am Lower Chapel BB vs. NEWCHA 4:30pm C Girls 5:30pm C Boys 6:30pm B Girls	28 6:30pm Worship	29 9am Bible Study	30 BB @ Bethany 5:00pm B Girls 6:00pm B Boys 7:00pm A Girls 8:00pm A Boys	31 C Tournament at Home

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit bulletin announcements by
11am on Tuesday

Announcements can be

- dropped off in the church office or
- emailed to church@zionwayside.org

NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please turn in all newsletter announcements by
the 20th of the month

Announcements can be

- left on the church secretary's desk or dropbox
- emailed to church@zionwayside.org

READER SIGN-UP

If you are interested in doing the scripture readings during Sunday worship services, please sign-up at the Welcome Center in the binder.

BIBLE STUDY ALL CONGREGATION



We are working our way through the book of Acts.

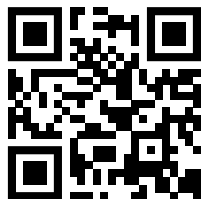
SERMON RECORDINGS

Did you know that you can listen to Sunday's sermons on our website? Recordings are uploaded by the Tuesday following service for listening and sharing!



WEBSITE

Zion's Website is
www.zionwayside.org



You may submit prayer requests on the website under the contact tab
zionwayside.org/request-prayer

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

The 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of the month are walking communion at the 7:45am service.

The 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month are rail communion at the 7:45am service.

The Wednesday services will coordinate with the Sunday that follows.

The 10:00am service will always be walking communion.

PRAYER CHAIN

Zion's Prayer Chain members are ready to pray for you!

Submit your prayer requests by calling

Beth Schultz @ 920.864.7250 or

Gloria Hinz @ 920.864.2140

You may also email requests to Beth at albethschultz@gmail.com

If possible, please give her a follow-up call, so that we can continue the prayers, or thank God for His answer!

NEW BUILDING FUND

To give specifically to the new building fund, scan the QR code to the right or write "New Build" on your offering envelope.



MEMBER CONTACT INFO

Please notify the office of any changes to your name, address or phone number. You can call or email the office, church@zionwayside.org

We currently have a directory on the welcome center where you can review your information as listed.



@ZIONLUTHERANWAYSIDE



920.864.2463



church@zionwayside.org

GIVE BY TEXT

You can make contributions to with a quick text message!

With Give by Text, you can make weekly offerings or respond to special appeals by simply sending a text message from your smartphone. It's a convenient solution when you can't attend services or don't have cash or checks with you. And, it's the fastest way to give.

Simply text 920.476.1142 with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the dollar amount. Example \$25. Within a few minutes, you will be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit/debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email.

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

Minimum donation is \$5.00

[Only hit "process" button once]

MOBILE GIVING



Minimum
donation \$5.00
ONLY HIT
"PROCESS"
BUTTON ONCE

Zion Lutheran Church of Wayside now offers mobile giving to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR code, create a profile, and Donate!

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Toys for Tots tree will be up through December 8th. The Marines will be coming on the 8th at 9:15 am to pick up the donations.

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Every 1st Saturday from 7:30am to 9:30am

PRAYER GATHERING

The prayer gathering will be held December 7th after late service. Katy and Leon Schultz will be talking about "Challenges Facing Young Christians".

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Ladies Bible Study will resume in January with a topic of "The Middle Cross".

PEW ENVELOPES

The Board of Stewardship has placed offering envelopes in each pew for your convenience. These envelopes are available for visitors who wish to share an offering and for member who may have forgotten their regular envelope.

Simply fill out the information on the envelope and place it in the offering plate. We appreciate your continued support and generosity as we work together to further the ministry and mission of our church.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the people who donated sheet sets, pillows, quilts & blankets for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. You have helped get MANY children to be able to have their own bed to sleep in rather than on the floor. Human Care & Christian Fellowship board.

Also, a thank you to everyone who made a purchase at the bake sale. We made \$1361 which is split between Sleep in Heavenly Peace and the building project.

+Baptism+

We welcomed to the waters of
Holy Baptism:

Archer Emmett Izzard
Son of Bryton and Sydney Izzard
11/1/2025

Millie Ford Izzard
Daughter of Bryton and Sydney Izzard
11/1/2025

Jack Perry Kaufman
Son of Jacob and Abigail Kaufman
11/2/2025



OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed Monday, December 22nd through Friday, January 2nd. The pastors are always available to contact during these closures.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9am-3pm Mon-Thurs

There are no church staff in the office on Fridays

In the event of an emergency,
please contact:

Pastor Kyle 586.651.9721 or

Pastor Jed 920.562.2505

Elders - Ric Borchardt 920.255.9082

Jeremy Natzke 920.371.1968

SUNDAY EDUCATION HOUR

Sundays from 9am-9:50am

Sunday School - 3 year olds-4th grade

Confirmation Class - 5th-8th grade

ZYP - High Schoolers

Adult Bible Study

Many Thanks

The Church Family at Zion Wayside,
I want to thank everyone that has
sent cards during my surgery &
recovery and said prayers for me.

Also thanks to Pastor Kyle and
Pastor Jed for me every Sunday
and came for visits and
communion, also the visiting teams
that came for me. I always enjoyed
them. Zion can be very thankful to
have so many volunteers. With all
your prayers, God has given me a
great recovery and getting better
every day. I am very happy to be a
member of the Zion Family of
Wayside. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

~Darlene Gruen~

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

The food pantry will once again be putting
out a reverse advent calendar for families
to donate to during December.

ADVENT SERVICES

Advent services will be taking place on
Wednesdays starting December 3rd at
8:30am and 6:30pm.

ADVENT MEALS

We will be serving meals on the
Wednesdays of Advent at 5:15, before
worship.

SCRIP ORDERS

If you plan to order Scrip for Christmas
presents, please have those orders in by
December 8th to ensure that they get here
on time.

His Gospel Is Peace

Advent & Christmas Worship | 2025

Sunday, November 30
First Sunday of Advent
"Prepare for the End"
7:45 & 10:00am
Church Decorating after 10:00
Family Feud & Thanksgiving
Leftover Potluck to follow

Wednesday, December 3
No Fear of the Future
Psalm 112
8:30am & 6:30pm

Sunday, December 7
"Mightier Than I"
7:45 & 10:00am

Wednesday, December 10
No Fear of Failure
Matthew 17:1-8
8:30am & 6:30pm

Sunday, December 14
Shall We Look for Another?
7:45am - Traditional Worship
9:30am - 3K-2nd Gr. Program
10:30am - 3rd-8th Gr. Program

Wednesday, December 17
No Fear of Lack
Luke 12:22-32
8:30am & 6:30pm

Sunday, December 21
"Immanuel"
7:45 & 10:00AM

Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Eve
No Fear of Man
11:00am, 1:00pm, 6:00pm

Thursday, December 25
Christmas Day
No Fear
9:30am

Sunday, December 28
One Worship service at 9:30am
Christmas Hymn Sing Service

Wednesday, December 31
New Year's Eve
No Worship



2025 Reverse Advent Calendar

EACH DAY, ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
AFTER CHRISTMAS, BRING YOUR DONATED
ITEMS TO CHURCH WITH YOU FOR THE ZION
LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY.
PLACE IN FOOD PANTRY TOTE OR BY THE
FOOD PANTRY DOOR.

DEC 1	DRY BLACK BEANS	DEC 13	APPLESAUCE
DEC 2	SM INSTANT COFFEE	DEC 14	PASTA (NO WHEAT)
DEC 3	CANNED CARROTS	DEC 15	BOX CRACKERS
DEC 4	GRAHAM CRACKERS	DEC 16	MAYONNAISE
DEC 5	RANCH DRESSING	DEC 17	SM REGULAR COFFEE
DEC 6	JAM/JELLY (NO GRAPE)	DEC 18	KETCHUP
DEC 7	BOX OF CEREAL	DEC 19	TOOTHBRUSH
DEC 8	CANNED BLACK BEANS	DEC 20	FLOUR
DEC 9	CORN TORTILLAS	DEC 21	SUGAR
DEC 10	COOKING OIL	DEC 22	SOAP OR SHAMPOO
DEC 11	SPAGHETTI (NO WHEAT)	DEC 23	TOOTHPASTE
DEC 12	JUICE	DEC 24	DEODORANT

ANY QUESTIONS
CALL CINDY 920.901.7396
OR BARB 920.864.7540

The Board of Human Care and Christian Fellowship is looking for your favorite recipes, drawings from kids to go with the recipe, comments from kids on how to cook, and more fun antidotes. Recipes can be dropped at the office, in the dropbox, by email, or by mail. What's your favorite recipe? We're looking for some for future newsletters!

Barley and Mushroom Bake

from Marilynn McCarthy

1 cup Barley
 ½ cup chopped celery
 Brown in butter.

Add 2 cans mushrooms – save the liquid
 Add 2 Tblsp Onion flakes, & 2 Tblsp parsley
 Add 2 Tsp chicken bouillon (Better than Bouillon)
 Add 1 Tsp salt & dash of pepper

Optional: add some cooked carrots or peas or experiment with other vegetables

Use the mushroom liquid with enough water to make 3 cups liquid & add

Pour into greased medium size casserole dish
 Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. stirring once or twice.



LaVern Brandt.

V.G.

FRENCH TOAST BAKE

1 (8 to 9-oz.) loaf french bread	1/2 c flour
3 eggs	6 T. brown sugar
3 T sugar	1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. vanilla	1/4 c. butter
2 1/4 c. milk	1 c. fresh or frozen blueberries

Grease 9x13-inch baking dish. Cut bread diagonally into 1-inch slices and place in pan. Set aside. Beat eggs, sugar and vanilla. Stir in milk. Pour over bread, turning slices to coat. Cover and refrigerate overnight. In a small mixing bowl, combine flour, brown sugar and cinnamon. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Turn bread over in baking dish. Scatter blueberries over bread and sprinkle crumb mixture over the top. Bake 40 minutes or until brown in 375° oven.
 Yield: 8 servings.

Judy Stebane
 A Taste of Heaven cookbook,
 Faith United Methodist Church, Brillion

Equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life

LIFE NEWS—NOVEMBER 2025

LUTHERANS
FOR LIFE

lutheransforlife.org

Life Newsbytes

A new abortion center in Colorado has begun killing unborn babies in abortions up to birth and for any reason. The abortion business operators declare that “any reason you have for needing abortion care is yours, and it is the right one.” The RISE Collective, formed by former staff of the now-closed Boulder Abortion Clinic, which also killed babies in late-term abortions, opened its doors in Boulder and started scheduling appointments for late-term abortions two weeks ago. The facility kills babies up to 34 weeks’ gestation—about 13 weeks after the point of fetal viability—making it one of only a handful of such centers nationwide where babies can be killed in the third trimester without any medical justification required. With thousands of premature babies born at 34 weeks or earlier, that is functionally up to birth in some cases. Colorado’s lack of any limits on abortion has turned the state into a magnet for “abortion tourism,” drawing customers from across the country to end the lives of their unborn children at any stage of pregnancy. The RISE Collective employs 20% of the abortionists in the U.S. that kill babies in late-term abortions, ensuring a steady pipeline for these deadly procedures ... Pro-life leaders, who initially rejoiced at the Boulder Abortion Clinic’s closure ... expressed outrage at the swift resurrection of its gruesome mission under new management. (*LifeNews.com*, 10/21/25)

Speaking up For Life

“In the fullness of time, our Lord was born for our sake. In the fullness of time, He will bring all the faithful into eternal fellowship with Him. In the fullness of time, He will dry every tear and fulfill His will for all mankind, as John the Evangelist witnessed in the Revelation God granted him.” *Deaconess Bethany Stoeber, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas*

“For no one of those who are alive today knows where he was during the first two years, when he lived either in the womb ... Yet he lived at that time, and he was a body joined to a soul—a body adapted to all natural functions.” *Martin Luther*

“In spades the Lord has taught me—and prayerfully you also—that Psalm 23 is a thanksgiving psalm. He anoints our heads, which is the Old Testament way of saying He chooses us as kings. He makes us a part of His royal household! Man, are we blessed as His kids!” *Pastor Keith Haberstock, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour”*



lutheransforlife.org/resources/life-quotes



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Resources

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I praise you, because I am
fearfully and wonderfully
made; your works are
wonderful.
I know that full well.
-Psalm 139:14

A huge thank you to everyone who donated towards Vida’s new medical clinic in Green Bay! Because of your generosity we are able to send them \$821.61 toward saving babies lives and helping families in need.

Thank you also for supporting the Human Care/Life Team bake sale. We were able to raise \$1,361 for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace project and our New Building Fund.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday will be Sunday, January 18th. The theme for 2026 is “Fearfully and Wonderfully Made”. Our Life Team will be hosting the cafe that day with all proceeds going to purchase EveryLife diapers for The Crossing and Vida.

We will also be accepting monetary donations until Sunday, February 18th. The diapers will be ordered by our Life Team and sent directly to both medical clinics.

December Birthdays

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1 Matthew Schwahn
Levi Coenen
Ember Cain
Mark Linzmeier

2 Nancy Boushka
Braden Jetton

3 Ronald Kocian
Stephanie Krepline

4 Tess Etling
Kay Schultz
Elaina Klug

5 Joshua Borchardt
Matthew Kiekhaefer
Shawn Stelzer
Evan McMahon
Randy Wasmuth
Julie Sigmund
Olivia Tilkens

6 Cindy Ossmann

7 Paul Hilbert

8 Mary Kohn
Amy Wolff
Dakota Kupsky
Melissa Pope
Gina Wordell
Tine Tedtman
Clara Sielaff

9 Sayde Nies

10 Thomas Eichhorst
Stella Propson
Evelyn Schnell

11 Avery Helberg

12 Colleen Tymus

13 Gloria Hinz
Casie Allen
Chris Hill
Emma Bell
Janelle Klubertanz

14 Robert Beyer
Seth Borchardt
Katie Kocian
Amber Hassemer

15 Cliff Guns
Mel Strommen

16 James Hoffman
Scott Schultz
Jerri Hoyer
Darwin Figgins
Kathryn Boettcher
Hailee Krueger

17 Peyton Holschuh
Colin Vander Kinter
Branden Vercauteren
Denis Tedtman

18 Paul Schwahn
Nichole Kiekhaefer

19 Brenna Ricci
Taylor Brandenburg
Allena O'Connell
Rylee Duescher
Rich Gustafson

20 Ella Wolff
Jacob Zahorik

21 Robert Brandt
Elmer Otto
Evan Vincent
Addisen Groehler
Nancy Larsen

22 Jeffrey Stradel
Robert Loppnow
Ed Hafkey
Jordy Nonemacher
Emma Krueger

23 Dylan Schultz
Matthew Guns
Jenny Garceau

25 **JESUS**
Kevin Boeder
George Otte
Mary Van Vonderen

26 Riley Opper

27 Margaret Cook
Jasmine Brandenburg
Locklyn Raduechel

28 Katlin Kiekhaefer
McKenna Allen
Kasie Robley

29 Paul Saenger
Caden Robley
Jordyn Schwahn
Lauren Vande Hey
Lisa Ihlenfeldt

30 Nathan Hansen
Kara Kiekhaefer
Mary Krough

31 Rob Westrich

Anniversaries

1 Kent & Lisa Kasten

5 Eugene & Avis Beining
Steven & Kim Denor

7 John & Lori Matznick

9 Dennis & Tine Tedtman

10 Nathan & Mary Magley

13 Robert & Gloria Hinz

18 Jon & Angela Piepenburg

26 David & Keri Gosa

27 Rick & Colleen Magley

28 Jesse & Callie Eichhorst

29 Paul & Carol Schwahn

30 Wally & Patti Francis

31 Ben & Anna Thiem



January Birthdays

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1

Lori Schwahn
Katrina Kupsy
Cody Haldiman

2

Jackson Guns
Kaden Clevon

3

Carol Boeder
Carol Schwahn
Isabella Boeder
Decker Lemke

4

Carol Eichhorst
Katelyn Noack
Logan Maertz
Brady Lemke
Jon Elmer

5

Michelle Eis
Jeremy Schnell

6

Craig Borchardt
Patricia Heafy
Marlis Hinz
Cade Hafkey
Cheryl Wegner

7

Emily Eickert
Michael Roffers
Jennifer Maertz
Sandra Schultz
Jason Lemerond
Chandler Scott
Aubrey Freiboth
Meredith Webster
John Matznick
Jack Gerdmann

8

Sarah Borchardt
Warren Schuster
Luella Thiem
Emma Stelzer

9

Madalyn Schenian
Gavin Maertz

10

Katie Linzmeier
Laura Fager

11

Rebecca Klug

12

Matthew Buchholz

13

Neal Zastrow
Maddie Krebsbach

14

Isaiah Behling
Kendra Christel
Lynn VanVonderen
William Hilbert

15

Dale Borchardt
Ashton Burt

16

Frank Heafy
Lizzie Krause
Chris Oppen
Danielle Hassemer
Diana Oppen
Sandra Pantzlaff
Kathryn Lich

17

Amber Fredrick
Wesley Helgeson

18

Madysen Loppnow

19

Ann Mleziva
Jett Kalscheur

20

Megan Pantzlaff

21

Avis Beining
Paul Natzke
Lexi Garceau
Rob Wordell

22

Sandy Brandenburg
Kenneth Kreuser

24

Lisa Collins
Andrea Zirbel
Ashley Beyer
Catherine Strommen

25

Lauren Hunsader
Rachel Schmidt
Alyssa Meidl
Missy Ossmann
Bethany Fecht

26

Brandon Stradel
Aaleigh Busse

27

Hunter Lemerond

28

Matthew Klug
Matthew Ossmann

29

Rick Magley
Isaiah Fager
August Cain

30

Joshua Bonness
Grant Parizek
Ron Lemke

31

Chase Voeltz
Lillian Parizek
Jaclyn Christel
Lennyn Bubolz

Anniversaries

3

Paul & Kristin Hilbert

4

Richard & JoAnn Stelzer

9

Wayne Jr & Jaclyn Sleger

14

Ross & Jennifer Groehler

22

James & Susan Boeder

27

Jon & Amy Meidl

28

Derek & Kasie Robley

30

Adam & AnnMarie Klug

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 1st Sunday of Advent 7:45am Trad. Worship 9:00am Educ Hour 10:00am Cont. Worship *Christmas Decorating* Family Feud	1	2	3 8:30am Advent Worship 6:30pm Advent Worship	4 9am Bible Study	5	6 *Wrightstown Christmas Parade* 
7 7:45am Trad. Worship 9:00am Educ Hour 10:00am Cont. Worship 11:00am Prayer Gathering	8	9	10 8:30am Advent Worship 6:30pm Advent Worship 8:00pm Elders	11 9am Bible Study	12	13
14 Christmas Program Sunday 7:45am Trad. Worship 9:30am 3K-2nd grade 10:30am 3rd-8th grade 	15	16 6pm Council	17 8:30am Advent Worship 6:30pm Advent Worship	18 9am Bible Study *Potluck Day*	19	20
21 7:45am Trad. Worship 9:30am Cont. Worship	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>  11:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm	25  Merry Christmas 9:30am Worship	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28  HYMN SING 9:30am (only one worship service)	29	30	31 NO WORSHIP Happy New Year!	1	2	3 
			OFFICE CLOSED			

JANUARY CALENDAR

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 HYMN SING 9:30am (only one worship service)	29	30	31 NO WORSHIP Happy New Year!	1 9am Bible Study	2	3
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4 7:45am Trad. Worship 10:00am Cont. Worship	5 SCHOOL RESUMES	6	7 6:30pm Worship	8 9am Bible Study	9	10
11 7:45am Trad. Worship 9:00am Educ Hour 10:00am Cont. Worship	12	13	14 6:30pm Worship 8:00pm Elders	15 9am Bible Study	16	17
18 7:45am Trad. Worship 9:00am Educ Hour 10:00am Cont. Worship	19	20 6pm Council	21 10:00am Ladies' Bible Study 6:30pm Worship 7:30pm Ladies' Bible Study	22 9am Bible Study	23	24
25 7:45am Trad. Worship 9:00am Educ Hour 10:00am Cont. Worship	26	27	28 6:30pm Worship	29 9am Bible Study	30	31
LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK						

