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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, CLOQUET

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Pledge Cards | Due November 9th



Please continue to return your pledge cards. We would like to have them back by **Sunday, November 9th** but they can be turned in at anytime before then!

If you have not received a pledge card and would like one, you can find them on the table in the narthex or reach out to the office. [office@zioncloquet.org]

Return Options include: via mail, dropped off at the office (including slipping them through the door slot), or placed in the baskets at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you!

Second Sunday Surprise | November 9th

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Intergenerational Sunday School: mark
your calendars!

Sunday | 10:45 | Social Hall

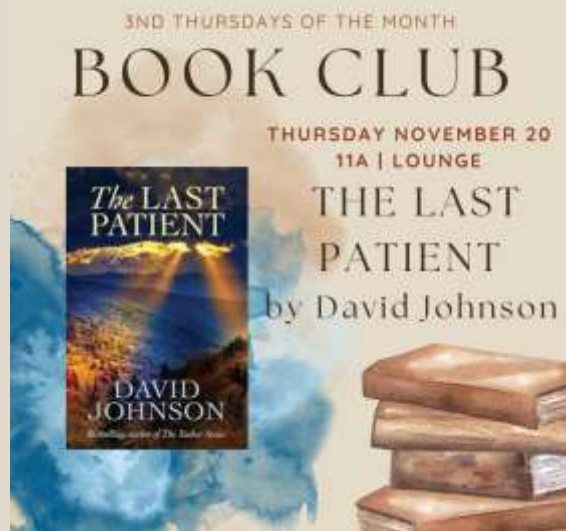
November 9th

December 14th

We begin around 10:45 with coffee and discussion, participate in a craft and fellowship time and finish with a free-will offering lunch. All are welcome!



Book Club | November 20th



Book Club is back at it again!
Join us on Thursday,
November 20th at 11a in the
Lounge to discuss:

The Last Patient by David
Johnson.

Happy reading!

Holiday Bazaar | December 6th

Zion's Annual Holiday
Bazaar is just around the
corner! Stop by on Saturday,
December 6th from 9-1!



From the Pastors Desk | November



The ELCA's social statement on Faith and Civic life reminds us that as Lutherans, we are encouraged, and as Christians we are called, to be public witnesses and hold leaders accountable to preserve dignity and respect for all people, especially those who are marginalized and oppressed (see section 1, article 3; section 2, article 16).

The primary way we can make our voices heard and make change in the world is by voting. Election day is quickly approaching. If you haven't yet registered, there is still time! Plus, the State of Minnesota allows registration on voting day. Local and state elections are just as important as national elections as they impact our local community more directly.

You can be a part of making the change you want to see in the world by using your voice, advocating for justice for the marginalized and oppressed in our community, and casting your vote.

God of the fall colors and the frost, when you created the world, you called it good. When you created humans, you sought relationship with them in your garden; you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to walk among your people; and you gifted us with the Holy Spirit for guidance. Help us to see the dignity in all people and to use our voices for policies, causes and changes that you call good. Guide us as we foster relationships among ourselves, engage in civic dialogue and strive to include you in all we do in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

In love and peace,
Pastor Christina

[Here](#) you can read more about the ELCA's Social Statement on Faith and Civic Life and [here](#) you can read the statement in its entirety.

[Click here](#) to check your voter registration status.

[Click here](#) to read about registering to vote on election day.

[Click here](#) to find your polling place.

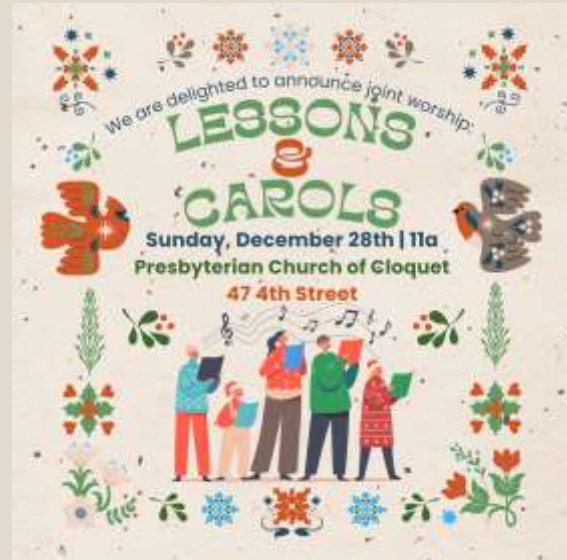
[Click here](#) for more information about voting such as hours, accessibility, polling place rules and more.

Advent at Zion

Advent begins on Sunday, November 30th. Celebrate with us! All are welcome!



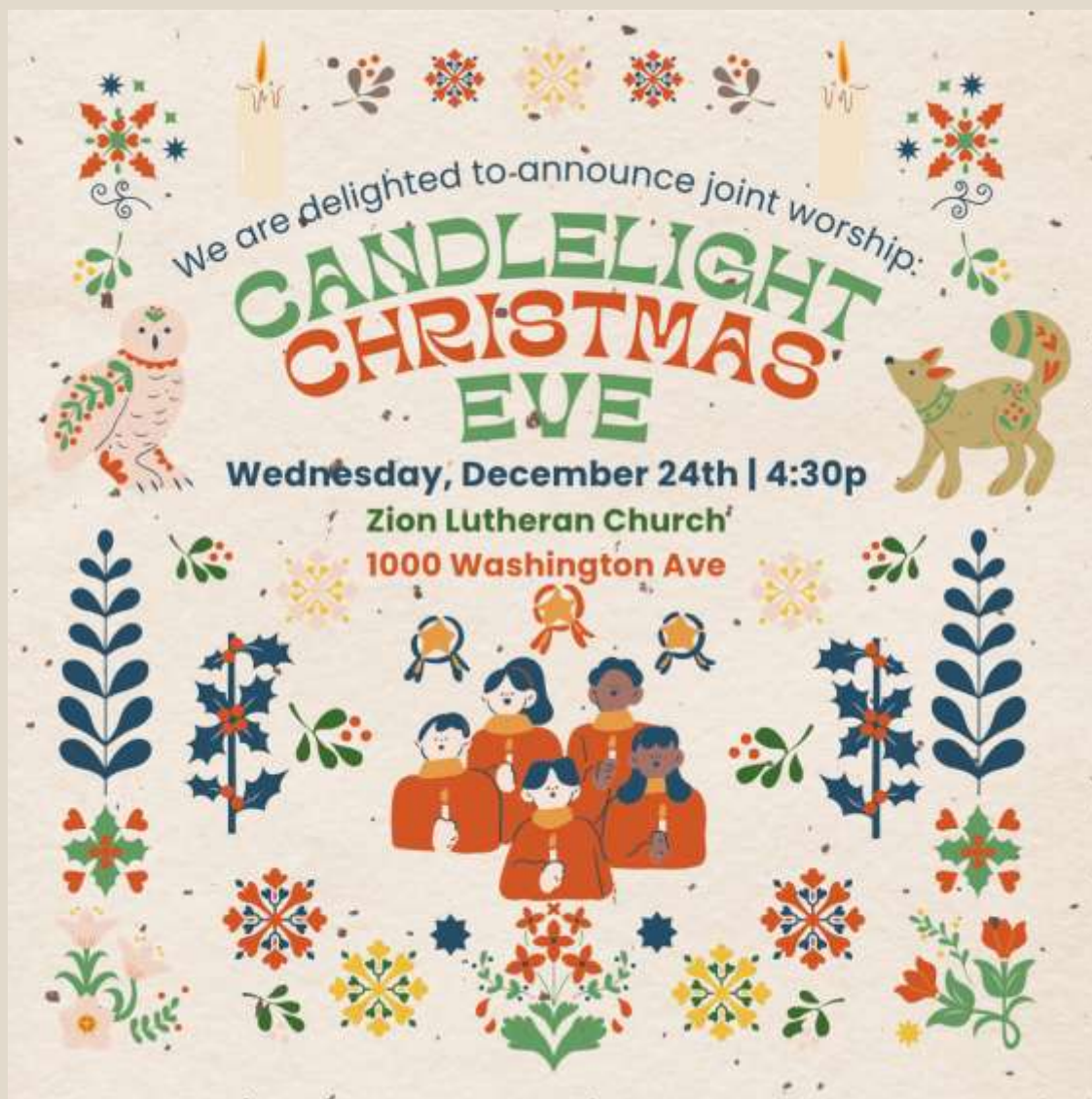
Sunday, December 14th we will have our annual Santa Lucia Procession during worship (9:30a). Following worship we will meet in the Social Hall at around 10:45 for our intentionally intergenerational Sunday School: Second Sunday Surprise! A free-will offering lunch will follow our time of discussion, fellowship, and crafting.



On **December 21st** please come to worship (9:30a) ready to be spontaneous! We need willing cows, sheep, shepherds, wise persons, a star, and a whole lot more to join in collaboratively telling the story of Jesus Christ's birth! No lines to memorize but optional reading parts may be available.

On **Wednesday, December 24th** at **4:30p** we will host a joint candlelight Christmas Eve service here at Zion with the Presbyterian Church of Cloquet. All are welcome to join the celebration of Jesus Christ's birth!

On **December 28th** please meet over at the **Presbyterian Church of Cloquet** [47 4th Street] at their usual meeting time of **11a**! This will be a joint service of Lessons & Carols!



 **ELISE AMES** 

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HELP WITH THE:**

- Bulletin
- Website
- eNewsletter
- Posters
- Social Media



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A Note from the Office: Change in Role

Dear Zion Friends & Siblings in Christ,

Thank you so much for your support of my call and vocation. I have learned so much from working here in the office at Zion and it has been an enormous part of my process of discernment. These last two and a half years, this work has nourished and stretched me, ultimately empowering me to pursue ordained leadership. For that, and so much more, I am so grateful!

Between the demands of seminary and the needs of my family I have reached the point at which I have to change my commitment level to other things in my life.

Because of this, I am submitting my official notice to Zion.

I will be stepping back from administrative duties at Zion and my **last day in the office will be December 23rd**.

I will be taking two weeks off after Christmas (Dec. 24-Jan. 7) to spend time with my family before my partner leaves for a long business trip. During January I will finish cleaning out the church office and preparing volunteers to take over different parts of the administrative work or training my replacement as well as taking a J-term class. Beginning February 1st I will be in my second semester at Wartburg Theological Seminary.

I will continue to be a volunteer liturgical assistant to Pastor Christina and Zion, as well as serving on the Altar Guild. Over the next few months I will be contributing liturgical themed articles in the monthly newsletter. I will also continue to design the weekly bulletin, writing and adapting liturgies for Zion, changing the liturgical textiles, designing posters for Zion's activities/bulletins/newsletters, and maintaining the church's website. My work will happen offsite, so the best way to contact me will be via email as I will not be checking the office phone.

In the future you can contact me at media@zioncloquet.org

This will be the email address to use to notify me of **bulletin** requests, make **e-newsletter** submissions, ask for **posters** or other promotional materials, and submit update requests for the **website** and **social media**. Emails directed to the office email for these things may or may not be received in time. When in doubt, add the media email to make sure!

I am excited to provide training and encouragement for my replacement and look forward to supporting them from the congregation as well as with the digital/graphic design skills and the liturgical art that I feel are my primary vocational calling.

Please don't hesitate to reach out for clarification or with questions.

In Christ,
Elise Ames

Ongoing Ministries & Service Opportunities

Orchard & Grounds Help Needed!

Help on the grounds is needed! Thank you so much already for the help. This is a consistent need that will continue until the harvest is complete and the orchard is empty.

It is extremely important that as the apples fall in our organic, mature orchard that they are removed before rotting. Rotting apples can cause bitter rot and other diseases in the trees. They will also attract pests like wasps that become a nuisance. Good orchard management is key to the continuation of this gem on our property! We have over 20 trees and consistent tending is required over the next few months to maintain the health of the orchard!



Please contact Vicki (218.451.0278) for guidance and with any questions! Work can be done on your own schedule and once instruction has been given. Thank you!

Ongoing Help Needed!

Two side-by-side graphics with a dark brown background and autumn-themed illustrations of leaves and fruit. The left graphic has the text "HELP NEEDED:" in white, followed by "Daily Stockers of the Little Free Pantry" in large, bold, orange font. Below that, in white, it says "Stop by 1 (or more) scheduled days per week to load the Pantry. Training & Building Key provided." The right graphic has the text "HELP NEEDED:" in white, followed by "Counters" in large, bold, orange font. Below that, in white, it says "Pairs of counters needed to help record & deposit monetary tithes and offerings. One Sunday every 2-3 months. Training Provided." At the bottom of both graphics, in a large, bold, orange font, is the text "Contact the office with questions or to volunteer."

Daily stockers of the Little Free Pantry are needed to help keep our pantry a consistent source of food for our

Pairs of counters are needed to help record & deposit monetary tithes and

community. Commit to one (or more) scheduled days per week to load the Pantry. Training and Building Key provided.

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Zion Choir Practice | 1st Wednesdays



Regular Choir practices have resumed! Join a fun group of singers and lend your voice to our (typically) once a month musical offering during liturgy! All are welcome! 🎵🎹

Practice is held at the Presbyterian Church of Cloquet [47 4th Street] at 6:30p, on the 1st Wednesdays.

Practices will be scheduled once monthly with potential extra times for Advent & Lent/Easter. Contact Jim Sheetz for more information!

Quilters | Tuesdays | 9a

Zion's Quilters meet on Tuesdays at 9a
in the Social Hall.

All skill levels are welcome to join this
friendly and knowledgeable group!

Come sew, socialize, & collaborate!





ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Zion Lutheran Church in Cloquet Minnesota is committed to expressing the holy hospitality of God and welcomes all people into the community of this congregation and to the celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Christ's death and resurrection is for all people, therefore we affirm the sacredness of all people: all sexual orientations; gender identities and gender expressions (LGBTQIA2S+); races and ethnicities including Black, Brown, Indigenous, & Persons of Color (BIPOC); ages and abilities; those who struggle with addiction, physical or mental illness; socioeconomic or citizenship statuses. We stand together in Christ, striving to reflect the expansive diversity of God's image and creative work, through our commitment to racial equity, diversity, inclusivity; to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8)

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE.





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Notes from the Pastor's Office

Pastor Christina's typical weekly office schedule in the fall is as follows:



Monday | 9-4p

Tuesday | 11-2p

Wednesday | Visitation: Contact to
Schedule a Meeting

Thursday | 9-12p

*Pastor's days off are Friday and
Saturday.*

Sunday | 8-12p (Worship & Fellowship
9:00-11:30.)

A more detailed monthly schedule is posted on Pastor's Office door.

Email with any questions or to arrange a meeting: pastorchristina@zioncloquet.org

Notes from the Office

Bulletins will continue to be printed on Wednesdays with announcement submissions due by Tuesday afternoon of that week. Newsletter submissions are due two weeks prior to the end of the month to guarantee that they are in the printed/mailed copy of the Newsletter. Thank you all for everything you do for the ministries of Zion.



November Office Hours

Tuesdays | 9:30-2

Thursdays | 8:30-2

The office will be **closed on November 27th** in observance of Thanksgiving.

Office Hours will end on December 23rd.

Contact the office:

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