



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH • SCHOOL

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## COLOGNE, MN

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## December 2021

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**Mission Statement**  
Zion Lutheran Church, Cologne, MN is a branch of Christ's family saved by grace alone, rooted in God's love, and growing in faith through worship, teaching, fellowship, and service as we reach out to others with the good news of Jesus.

## BEST TIME EVER!

**Potlucks are the best.** A potluck is where people bring a food item and set it on a table, along with all the other items brought. Potlucks do three things: 1) It gives you a chance to bring a "Dish to pass," which might be a favorite or just a needed item for the meal. 2) It gives you a chance to sample so many good foods--from meats to breads to veggies to appetizers and various desserts, not to mention the whole category of church Jello desserts (plain lime or cherry or orange? layered? whipped, with strawberries on top?) Tell me you are not getting hungry at this very minute. 3) It gives you a chance to meet with people--the familiar people or people you never met before. Yippie!

**But wait, there's more! Potlucks make MEMORIES.** You probably have stories about potlucks that you could tell. My mother always brought fried chicken--and always complained that there was none left for her and the family by the time we got around. But that did not stop me from scraping the bottom of the dish and savoring the greasy crumbs! (You can do that as a kid.)

**Families need potlucks for five reasons.** 1) It's an economical feast for all. 2) It shows generosity and the gift of sharing. 3) It broadens their knowledge of food. 4) It helps kids connect people with food--and you might be surprised at what kids remember, about people and food. 5) It is a great chance for them, as kids, to feel connected with other people in church and in the school.

**Notice the key word in the sentences above: CHANCE.** If you never take a chance, you miss out on so many positive experiences. Many are life-changing. At the heart of our fellowship is the table around which we sit, day by day. What a blessing to expand our fare, in the places that we eat. With new faces! Notice that God included bread and wine as the basis of our Communion Table. Bread and wine are not much, in terms of culinary delight; but note that God takes food and drink and gives us this regular meal as a reminder of salvation and fellowship; and as His people we behold and receive of Jesus our Savior and are strengthened by God's Holy Spirit.

**Potlucks are biblical,** as Samuel describes how those who brought animal sacrifices sat down to eat that sacrifice together. And, as they passed through the line, the cook took a fork and thrust into the pot; whatever hunk of savory meat came up was set on their plate. What they got was truly "potluck." No doubt, their meal was blessed by tasty items others brought and were shared by all.

**Please be there at Zion's POTLUCK,** the first Sunday in December, right after church. Zion will provide FRIED CHICKEN FOR ALL--and the promise of tasty foods, happy kids, and memories. TAKE A CHANCE. Give yourself the reason for MEMORIES--and JOY.

In Jesus' Name: Pastor Eric Zacharias

**NOTE:** The theme of our Christmas Potluck is TOYS. Bring a toy that you want to display--be sure to mark your item, so you do not lose it.

# LADIES AID/LWML

Meeting Notes from November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Eleven members** and one guest attended our November meeting. President Bev Eggers welcomed us to the meeting. Opening devotions were given by Roxanne Pieper entitled "Giving, Receiving and Being Grateful," with accompanying Bible verses and song. The LWML pledge was recited and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Financial Report was discussed, approved, and filed for audit. Our November Mites were dedicated, and we decided to give our monthly donation to The Lutheran Hour Ministries.

**Correspondence** One letter was presented to the group, by way of **Christian Life**; the letter was a survey about realigning the Minnesota South LWML Zones, for us to fill out as a group. We discussed this and gave our input to Bev Eggers, who will submit our responses. Zion's LWML group will be hosting the April Zone meeting as well as the April Rally; plans for these events will be made in our February meeting. The **Funeral Committee** will assist with the funeral of Gloria AmEnd on Monday, Nov. 15; Barb Henschen, Mary Zacharias, and Ruth Harms will be the LWML representatives to assist the family and seat the attendees. The caterers will take care of the meal, beverages, and details; there may be as many as 75 attending. We thank the **Flower Committee** for their decorations for Fall and Thanksgiving. Ruth has deposited the monies received last month and plans to have a special arrangement for Mother's Day.

**Election of Officers** was held with the following slate of 2022 officers: Christian Life - Bev Rolf; President - Bev Eggers; Vice-President - Juliene Klaustermeier; Treasurer - RoNaye Gnan and Secretary - Mary Zacharias

**December's Christmas Potluck will be Sunday, Dec. 5.** We will provide roasted chicken and are asking that others bring dishes, sides, and desserts, for a traditional potluck. The expenses of the chicken dinner and needed items will be assisted through a Thrivent card, through our local Thrivent branch. The theme of this year's dinner is "Toys." We will have trucks on the tables and encourage congregation members to bring toys or

favorite remembrances for display in the gym. We are hoping to have music from the school children as well. Our plan is to decorate on Saturday, Dec. 4 in the morning. Watch the bulletin for specific times and reminders for displays. Past Christmas gatherings have had about 80 attend; we'd love to see more since this is the first one in a few years, due to Covid, since December 2019.

**Zion's Pictorial Directory will be taken on November 29, 30, and December 1.** Amanda talked to us about how we will greet the families on the days of photo shoots. We also can assist in calling families to sign up for a photo shoot. Each family that signs up to have their picture taken will receive an 8"x10" photo as well as a directory. Photos can be submitted for those unable to have their picture taken. We want this booklet to include as much of the Zion's ministry, since our last directory.

**The LWML booklet** will be assembled in January. The list of volunteers will be reviewed, in particular for the Funeral list, to see if they are able and willing to serve, especially if we were to return to the regular way of serving funerals, providing food, as well as the subsequent setting and cleaning up. Our goal is to have the correct home or cell number for contacting them.

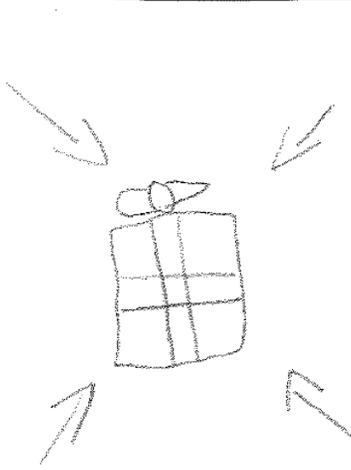
**Christmas gifts** for the shut-ins will be procured by our group; as in previous years, a Thrivent card will be applied for to purchase the supplies and we will set a date to assemble them. We should have them ready to be delivered before Christmas and wouldn't have to rush to have this ready by the day of the Potluck. We went over the list of staff members that will receive a gift card from our society. In place of a Bible Study, we read an article from the Lutheran Witness entitled, "To My Sisters in Christ on Proverbs 31" (page 11).

We noted Carol Buetow has a birthday this month. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Martha Molnau will be the hostess. Today's hostess was Darlene Leistiko.

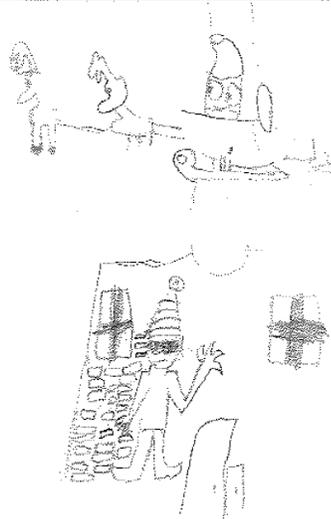
Respectfully submitted, Mary Zacharias, Secretary

# Christmas Drawings from Zion Students

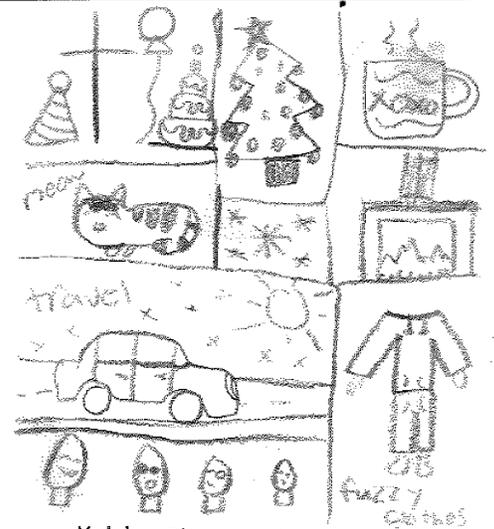
For children, Christmas is a most wonderful time of the year. Children at Zion are no exemption. Below are pictures drawn by Zion students when asked what they think about when they think of Christmas.



Quinn Kelzer Gr. 1



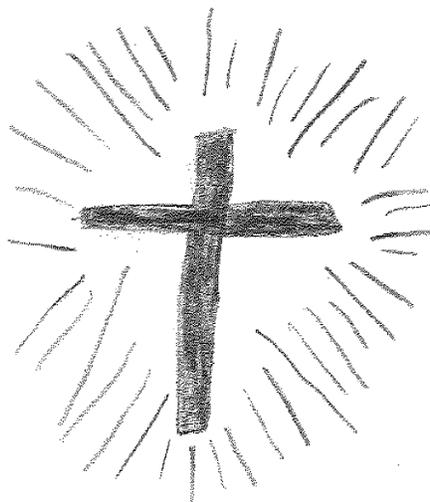
Benjamin McClockey Gr. 4



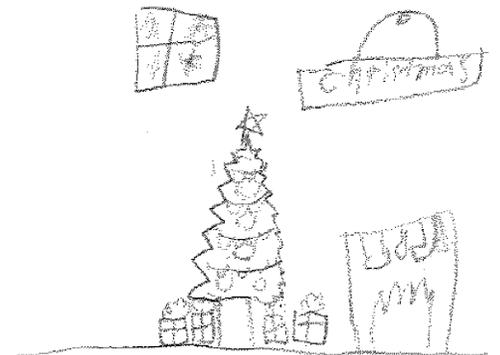
Kaisley Pitstick Gr. 6



Jackson Meuwissen Gr. 3



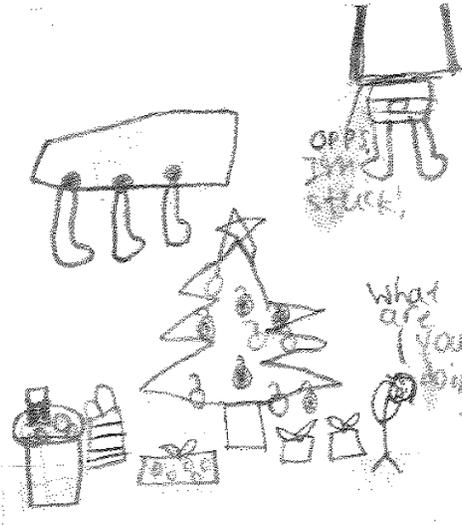
Colton Heckman Gr. 3



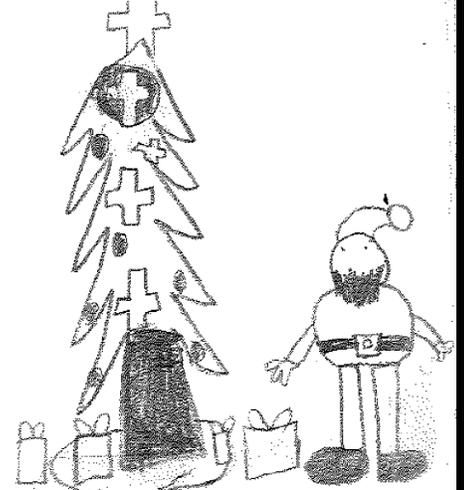
Selah Currie Gr. 2



Noah Fuller Gr. 3



Reagan Koepp Gr. 5



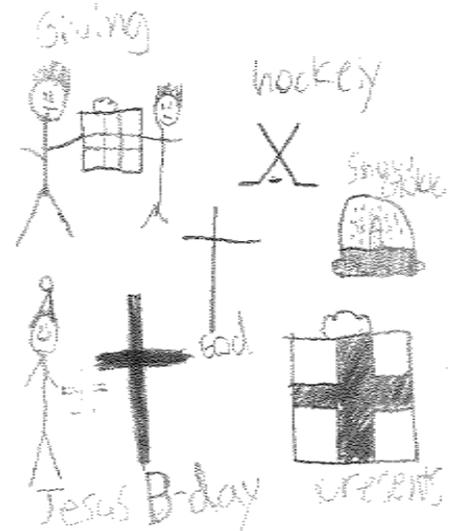
Frankie Sudheimer Gr. 3



Brayden Heckman Gr. 6



June Grundmeier Gr. 2



Alex Johnson Gr. 6

# Christmas Bag Order Form

**Please return order forms or order online by December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Bags will be handed out after Christmas Eve Service unless other arrangements are made for pick up.**

The Zion Lutheran School Board is offering Christmas Treat Bags to be handed out after the Christmas Eve Service. Orders can also be placed online by going to the school homepage (under the Support Zion heading). Please follow the guidelines below when ordering treat bags:

- **if you would like to order for students attending Zion Lutheran School:** each student (including preschool) will receive a complimentary treat bag which will be given after the Christmas Eve Service or if not attending Christmas Eve, then when we return to school in January. **You do NOT have to order bags.**
- **if you would like to order for grade school age members of Zion Lutheran Church who do NOT attend Zion Lutheran School:** they also receive a complimentary bag, **but they must be ordered using this form or online.**
- **if you would like to order for individuals who attend high school or above, are not yet in preschool, or are not members of Zion's congregation:** you may order treat bags for \$5 per bag. Payments are due by December 17th and should be dropped off in the office by that time in order to be included in the final tally. There may be extra bags, but there are no guarantees.

Child 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Child 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Child 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Child 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

## FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following Zion students for their achievements in the first quarter of the 2021 – 2022 school year. Grade in parenthesis.

**Principal's List (97% and above):** Aurelia Koepp (1), Whitney Olson (1), Levi Spector (1), Harper Teschendorf (1), Selah Currie (2), June Grundmeier (2), Nellie Wasness (2)

**High Honor Roll (93%-96%):** Elsie Gustafson (1), Zachary Ketcher (1), Xander Pitstick (1), Caleb Widmer (1), Carly Widmer (1), Zachary Bones (2), Brooke Buetow (2), Arthur Simones (2), Charlie Gustafson (3), Hudson Pitstick (3), Benjamin McCloskey (4)

**Honor Roll (89%-92%):** Quinn Kelzer (1), Paisley Teschendorf (1), Esther Kemp (2), Samson Traver (2), Colton Heckman (3), Brady Rolf (3), Henry Simones (3), Frankie Sudheimer (3), Oliver Wasness (3), Jacob Widmer (3), Isaac Bones (4), Kaisley Pitstick (6), Brooke Moen (7), Ava Dose (8), Quinn Kemp (8)

## USHER SCHEDULE

**December 5<sup>th</sup>** Grace Dose, Amber Brueggemeier

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** Sophia Morschen, Brooke Sauter

**December 19<sup>th</sup>** Cadee Vinkemeier, Erica Richardson

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** Nathan Lenzen, Sam Klaustermeier

**December 26<sup>th</sup>** Lindsey Moen, Abby Moen

## ZION'S HUMBLE GIANT

Arnold Scholz died Sunday afternoon (Nov. 21). His funeral is next Tuesday afternoon (Nov. 30 at 1pm). Visitation will be Monday evening, from 4-7pm, at Johnson-Waconia, and from 11:30-1pm on Tuesday at Zion-Cologne. Mr. Scholz served as Zion's principal and teacher (7th & 8th grade) for thirty years (1963-93), alongside of his wife, who served as Zion's cook, and alongside Prs John Melchert and then Paul Klemp. He previously served at Zion in Walberg, Texas. Arnold is at rest from his labors, good and faithful servant of our Lord. We lift up our prayers for Barb and the family.

## FINANCES

### Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2021)	\$17,993.57
YTD Income	\$321,045.01
YTD Expenses	-\$383,576.46
Current Balance (11/23)	-\$44,537.88

(NOT including Thanksgiving Offerings)

### Missions:

YTD Total (10/24)	\$6,915.00
Budgeted	\$6,915.00
Non-budgeted	\$0.00
2021 Pledged	\$6,500.00
2021 Goal	\$15,000.00

### LHS:

Year to date total (10/24)	\$26,347.66
2021 Commitment	\$22,330.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

### Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (10/28)	\$10,801.41
Suggested household contribution	\$550.00

## THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS

**Special Thanksgiving Day Offering:** Once again, this year's Thanksgiving Day Offering (unless marked otherwise) will be going to the Salary Fund to help Zion Lutheran Church and School continue to fund its ministry and the education of its students. Zion Lutheran School has been richly blessed as it continues to see its student enrollment rise with some classrooms reaching maximum occupancy. The Salary Fund pays for the entire Zion payroll and related payroll expenses of its staff. Thank you to all who have already and will be donating to Zion by returning the special envelope or placing your contribution in the offering plate.

## CONTACTING PASTOR

The parsonage phone is a landline: 952-466-2123. If this phone doesn't reach Pastor, you can call their cellphones. 952-843-3678 (Pastor) and 952-843-3697 (Mary).

# MEMBERSHIP NOTES

## BIRTHDAY LIST

- 2 Megan Bingham  
4 Brian Buehler  
7 Chase Buetow  
Eric Janzen  
8 Gary Stahlke  
Brittany Thorne  
James Thorne  
9 Kenson Boelke  
James Henschen  
Keith Lenzen  
11 Thaine Herrera  
Vicky Mesenbring  
Julia Bones  
12 Penny Dietzel  
Benjamin McCloskey  
13 Jacob Hoen  
14 Maggie Janzen  
Barbara Scholz  
Luke Zacharias  
15 Larry Ische  
17 Vyctor Traver  
19 Gail Arndt  
20 Lisa Traver  
Mary Zacharias  
23 Darrell Knorr  
Camille Kelzer  
26 Matt Huinker  
Thomas Klaustermeier  
27 Samuel Klaustermeier  
28 Nicholas Huinker  
Mary Nielsen  
30 Rickey Sauter  
31 Robin Hokkanen

## ANNIVERSARY LIST

- 8 Von & Shamariyah Molnau  
9 Wayne & Betty Klaustermeier  
19 Tom & Julianne Marcsisak  
23 John & Robin Hokkanen  
29 Feije & Lael de Boer  
Lynn & Patty Zellman  
31 Jon & Rachel Sandquist

## FUNERALS

Dorothy (Schmidt) Wolfgram

Born: 9/23/1932

Died: 11/16/2020

Funeral: 9/24/2021

Herman Gennrich

Born: 2/22/1932

Died: 9/16/2021

Funeral: 9/20/2021

Henry Krueger

Born: 7/17/1926

Died: 10/3/2021

Funeral: 10/8/2021

Gloria AmEnd

Born: 10/7/1931

Died: 11/7/2021

Funeral: 11/15/2021

Arnold Scholz

Born: 8/28/1931

Died: 11/21/21

Funeral: 11/30/2021

## VISITATION LIST

### **Belle Plaine**

Marjorie Wolter

Norma Woolery

### **Cologne**

Marville Schmidt

### **Norwood Young America**

Donald Herrmann

Barb Scholz

### **Waconia**

Harold Bruesehoff

Darrell Knorr

### **Shakopee**

Joycelyn Rolf

### **Maple Plain**

Harriet Tellers

## REMEMBERING OUR

### SOLDIERS

John Michael Bones

Eben Karnitz

Eddie Karnitz

### MARRIAGE

Andrew & Krianna (Boelke)

Herzog

10/2/2021

Christopher & Emily (Miller)

Salonek

10/9/2021

## **How to view video church services**

- Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)
- In the search bar type in **Zion Lutheran Church Cologne** then click on the magnifying glass.
- It should be the first channel listed. (Zion's channel picture is a black and white image of a cross.)
- Click on Zion's name or picture and it will bring you to the channel where all the recorded services are listed.
- Hit the subscribe button if you want to be notified when new videos become available on this channel. (You will need to have an account with youtube to subscribe.)

2021

DECEMBER

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	01	02	03	04
		Dartball 8 PM v. New Germany	Confirmation 5:30 PM	Chapel at the Harbor 9:00 AM	Chapel 8:10 AM	
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
Church Service 9:30 AM  Christmas Potluck		Dartball 8 PM v. Hollywood	Confirmation 5:30 PM	LWML/Ladies Aid Meeting 9:30 AM	Chapel 8:10 AM	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Church Service Communion 9:30 AM		Dartball 8 PM @ Mayer	Confirmation 5:30 PM		Chapel 8:10 AM	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Church Service 9:30 AM			1/2 Day of School Christmas Eve Dress Rehearsal  Confirmation 5:30 PM	No School - Christmas Break		Christmas Day Service 9:30 AM
					Christmas Eve Service 7:30 PM	
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
Church Service Communion 9:30 AM	No School - Christmas Break					



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*Return Service Requested*



See  
your  
special  
invite  
for  
Dec. 5  
inside!

**Zion's  
Annual  
Christmas  
Potluck**

*Sunday,  
Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>*  
(after church)

Bring a  
dish to  
share!

The theme this  
year is TOYS.  
Bring a toy to  
display marked  
with your name  
and special  
memory if you  
would like.

**Christmas Eve  
Service  
School Program  
7:30pm**

**Christmas Day  
Festival with  
Communion  
9:30am**



**Christmas Sunday  
Service with  
Communion  
9:30am**

**Oh, come let us adore Him! Christ the Lord!**