

Welcome!

LUKE 21:25

**THERE WILL
BE SIGNS
IN THE SUN,
THE MOON,
AND THE STARS**



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our Mission: Zion proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament as Gospel messengers in the community. We seek to be instruments through which God transforms lives and strengthens relationships within families and within our community of believers

The First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021 ~ 9:00 am

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

* The Confession and Forgiveness

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, ✚ ONE GOD, WHO ALONE DOES WONDERS, WHO LIFTS UP THE LOWLY, WHO FILLS THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS.

Amen.

LET US CONFESS OUR SIN, TRUSTING IN THE TENDER MERCY OF OUR GOD.

Silence is kept for reflection.

GOD FOR WHOM WE WAIT,

in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

GOD, IN CHRIST JESUS, HAS LOOKED WITH FAVOR UPON YOU! THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ✚ YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN. YOU ARE CHILDREN OF THE MOST HIGH, INHERITORS OF THE ETERNAL PROMISE, AND RECIPIENTS OF DIVINE MERCY. GOD STRENGTHENS YOU ANEW TO FOLLOW THE WAY OF PEACE.

Amen.

* The Gathering Hymn

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

No.31

* The Greeting

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE REFINING FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH SURPASSES UNDERSTANDING, BE WITH YOU ALL.

And also with you.

* The Kyrie Eleison *(music on page 57 of LBW)*

IN PEACE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

(Sung) **Lord, have mercy.**

FOR THE PEACE FROM ABOVE, AND FOR OUR SALVATION, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy.

FOR THE PEACE OF THE WHOLE WORLD, FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE CHURCH OF GOD, AND FOR THE UNITY OF ALL, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy.

FOR THIS HOLY HOUSE, AND FOR ALL WHO OFFER HERE THEIR WORSHIP AND PRAISE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy.

HELP, SAVE, COMFORT, AND DEFEND US, GRACIOUS LORD.

Amen.

*** The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(Sung) **And also with you.**

LET US PRAY:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

~The Word~

The First Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The LORD is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Candle Lighting

**Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD, FOR THIS EVERGREEN CROWN THAT MARKS OUR DAYS OF PREPARATION FOR CHRIST'S ADVENT. AS WE LIGHT THE FIRST CANDLE ON THIS WREATH, ROUSE US FROM SLEEP, THAT WE MAY BE READY TO GREET OUR LORD WHEN HE COMES WITH ALL THE SAINTS AND ANGELS. ENLIGHTEN US WITH YOUR GRACE, AND PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO WELCOME HIM WITH JOY. GRANT THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD, WHOSE COMING IS CERTAIN AND WHOSE DAY DRAWS NEAR.

Amen.

Light the first candle.

**Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel**

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

*** The Gospel Acclamation** *(Alleluia Verse LWB p. 62)*

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*** The Holy Gospel St. Luke 21:25-36**

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 21ST CHAPTER:

(Sung) Glory to you, O Lord.

(After the Gospel)

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

(Sung) Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Pastor Cindy White

*** The Hymn of the Day**

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

No. 25

*** The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*** The Prayers of Intercession**

IN THIS SEASON OF WATCHING AND WAITING, LET US PRAY FOR ALL PEOPLE AND PLACES THAT YEARN FOR GOD'S PRESENCE.

A brief silence.

GOD OF PRESENCE AND PEACE, STRENGTHEN YOUR CHURCH AROUND THE GLOBE TO PROCLAIM THE MESSAGE OF YOUR LOVE COMING TO THE WORLD. OPEN OUR HEARTS TO RECOGNIZE YOUR FACE IN ALL PEOPLE AND IN ALL OF CREATION. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

GOD OF MIGHTY REDWOODS AND MICROSCOPIC PLANTS, FIELDS AND CITY PARKS, THE WIND AND THE WAVES, BE A HEALING BALM TO OUR WOUNDED PLANET. MAY WE NURTURE WHAT YOU HAVE LOVINGLY CREATED. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

GOD OF EQUITY AND COMPASSION, BRING RIGHTEOUSNESS AND GOODNESS TO ALL PEOPLES OF THE EARTH. GIVE A HEART OF DISCERNMENT AND INTEGRITY TO LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

GOD OF COMFORT AND CARE, BE PRESENT WITH THOSE WHO WATCH AND WAIT. COME TO ALL WHO AWAIT BIRTHS, DEATHS, DIVORCES, NEW UNIONS, NEW JOBS, RETIREMENTS, HEALING, AND LIFE TRANSITIONS OF EVERY KIND ESPECIALLY GEORGE, DARLENE, GAYLE,

JIM, PAT, RICK, BROOKLYN, ELAINE, DEREK, FERN, ROBERT, MARY, DOLLY, CAROL, IRENE, CHRIS, NANCY, IDA, CAROLYN, RALPH, SAM, JOSEPH, EVA, JOHN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

GOD OF PROMISES KEPT AND NEW DREAMS AWAKENED, SHELTER YOUR PEOPLE FROM DESTRUCTIVE STORMS. WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN UPENDED BY NATURAL DISASTERS, FOR THE WORK OF LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE, LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF, AND OTHER RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

GOD OF COMPANIONSHIP AND COMMUNITY, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE SAINTS WHO JOURNEYED WITH US AND NOW ABIDE IN YOU. EVEN IN DISTRESS AND UNCERTAINTY, MAKE US CONFIDENT THAT YOUR PROMISES ENDURE FOREVER. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

GOD OF GRACE AND MERCY, (PLEASE SHARE ANY PERSONAL PRAYER PETITIONS) HEAR OUR PETITIONS THAT WE SPEAK OUT LOUD AND THE ONES THAT WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS. HEAR US, O GOD.

Your mercy is great.

GOD OF NEW LIFE, YOU COME AMONG US IN THE PLACES WE LEAST EXPECT. RECEIVE THESE PRAYERS AND THOSE OF OUR HEARTS, IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

Amen.

*** The Peace of Christ**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

And also with you.

~The Meal~

The Offering and Offertory

Zion members, please use your envelopes for contributions so that your offering may be officially recorded. Please mail your envelopes to Zion Lutheran Church 101 N. Greenwood Street Tamaqua, PA 18252 or visit ziontamaqua.com for our myEoffering option.

*** The Offertory Procession** Tune: “*Oh Come Lord Jesus*”

Oh, come Lord Jesus, be our guest and let your gifts to us be blest.

Keep us forever in your sight and be our joy, our hearts delight.

Oh, come Lord Jesus be our guest and let your gifts to us be blest.

Come deep within our hearts to dwell that we may all your good news tell.

*** The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: GOD OF OUR WAITING AND WATCHING, WE OFFER THE GIFTS OF OUR HEARTS AND OUR LIVES TO THE SERVICE OF ALL YOUR PEOPLE. PREPARE THE WAY BEFORE US AS WE MEET YOU IN THIS SIMPLE MEAL, THROUGH CHRIST JESUS, OUR PATHWAY AND OUR PEACE.

Amen.

The Anthem

“Ready, My Lord” – Lewis

*** The Great Thanksgiving**

*** The Preface and Sanctus** (*music on page 68 of LBW*)

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(*Sung*) **And also with you.**

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS.

We lift them to the Lord.

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

IT IS INDEED RIGHT.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: (*LBW page 69*)

(*Sung*) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*** The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

HOLY ONE, THE BEGINNING AND THE END, THE GIVER OF LIFE: BLESSED ARE YOU FOR THE BIRTH OF CREATION...BLESSED ARE YOU FOR YOUR SON JESUS, THE WORD MADE FLESH.

IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED, OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS...DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS...DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

LET US PROCLAIM THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

WITH THIS BREAD AND CUP WE REMEMBER YOUR WORD DWELLING AMONG US, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH. WE REMEMBER OUR NEW BIRTH IN HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION. WE LOOK WITH HOPE FOR HIS COMING.

Come, Lord Jesus.

HOLY GOD, WE LONG FOR YOUR SPIRIT. COME AMONG US. BLESS THIS MEAL. MAY YOUR WORD TAKE FLESH IN US. AWAKEN YOUR PEOPLE. FILL US WITH YOUR LIGHT. BRING THE GIFT OF PEACE ON EARTH.

Come Holy Spirit.

ALL PRAISE AND GLORY ARE YOURS, HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL, WORD OF GOD INCARNATE, POWER OF THE MOST HIGH, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER.

Amen.

*** The Lord's Prayer**

JESUS, REMEMBER US IN YOUR KINGDOM; AND TEACH US TO PRAY:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

*** The Invitation to the Holy Meal**

COME TO CHRIST'S BANQUET. FEAST ON GOD'S GIFT OF GRACE.

*** The Agnus Dei "Lamb of God" (*LBW page 72*)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

The Distribution

All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Sacrament are welcome to commune when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Zion members, please complete a Communion card once a year for our records.

*** The Post-Communion Blessing**

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST STRENGTHEN YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS GRACE.
Amen.

*** The Post Communion Canticle “Magnificat”**

**My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts,
He hath put down the mighty from their seats and exalted them of low degree.
He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;
as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.
Glory be to the Father: and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.**

*** The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY: MOST HIGH GOD, YOU HAVE COME AMONG US AT THIS TABLE. BY THE SPIRIT'S POWER, FORM US TO BE BEARERS OF YOUR WORD, SHARING GIFTS OF MERCY AND GRACE WITH ALL, THROUGH CHRIST JESUS, OUR HOST AND OUR GUEST.
Amen.

~The Sending~

*** The Blessing**

THE GOD OF HOPE FILL US WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE IN BELIEVING, SO THAT WE MAY ABOUND IN HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THROUGH CHRIST JESUS FOR WHOM WE WAIT.
(Spoken) Amen.

*** The Sending**

GO IN PEACE. CHRIST IS NEAR.
Thanks be to God.

*** The Sending Hymn**

“Fling Wide the Door”

No.32

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First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

December 5, 2021 readings are: Malachi 3:1-4
Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 27-28, 2021

**If you need assistance, please see one of the ushers in the back of the church; Large Print Bulletins are available. Grape juice is available in the tray for those who wish not to partake of the wine. Please Silence your cell phones during service. A Family Room is available for use during or after services. It is located across from the office. A changing station is available for your convenience in the restroom across the hall from the Family Room. We respectfully ask that you refrain from taking photos during the service. Opportunities are always available after the service. Welcome visitors please sign our guest book. Thank you.*

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

THE CANDLES are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of family & friends by Sharon Haldeman

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of son, Stephen Smolar and granddaughter, Sabrina Hill by Denise Smolar

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

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Please remember the following in your prayers: George Bozosi, Darlene Skasko, Gayle Hadesty, Jim McRoberts, Pat Brown, Rick Bachman, Brooklyn, Elaine Koch, Derek Hill, Fern Rudenko, Robert Schlock, Mary Richards, Dolly Christ, Carol Dietrich, Irene Pecha, Mrs. Chris Miller, Nancy Betz, Ida Piccin, Carolyn Tirpak, Ralph Derr, Sam Caley, Joseph Harvilla, Eva (Mitzi) Koomar, Mary Koch, John Lattanzi, and all our members who are homebound.

Welcome!!

Parish office phone and fax is 570-668-2180.

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Parish website is www.ziontamaqua.com

Parish Office Hours- Monday & Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Zion's 2021 Church Council officers: Chris Henritz, President, Michael Haspe, Vice-President, Tiffany Warden, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Judy Brennan, Sam Caley, Arlene Derr, Ernie Henritz, Glenn Fritzinger, Brian Lawfer, Bob Maue, Steve Ristila and Mary Ruth Taylor; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation.

This Week in Our Church

SUNDAY, November 28, 2021, 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 Confirmation Class
9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
10:15 Christian Education

TUESDAY

9:30 Work Session

THURSDAY

9:30 Work Session
7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY

5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

NEXT SUNDAY, December 5, 2021, 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 Confirmation Class
9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
10:15 Christian Education

Supporting Zion's Ministries

Contributions received for 11/21/21:

Received to meet \$4,067.27 weekly budget:	\$5,725.25
Received for Endowment:	\$120.00
Received for Capital Campaign:	\$1,033.00
Contributions YTD to meet operating budget expenses:	\$177,340.07*
Received from offering/gifts/memorials:	\$153,630.07*
Received from Endowment:	\$19,710.00
Received from Culinary:	\$4,000.00
Received from Bequests: (*included in amounts)	\$29,578.71
Budget operating expenses YTD:	\$180,809.94
Budget status YTD:	\$(3,469.87)

Thank you for your gifts.

Your offerings allow us to share the word of God and the love of Jesus with our congregation and our community.

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Volunteers are needed to help make pierogies please see Michael Haspe or call the church office. Proceeds will benefit Zion's Youth program.

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the *Glory of God* and

In loving memory of Gwendolyn Evans by Libby Mussoline

In loving memory of Marsha Bynon by Jim & Gail Jordan

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In loving memory of Dorothy Price by niece, Carol

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In honor of our son, John B. Dietrich, on his November 22nd birthday by Dad & Carol

In honor of our 24th wedding anniversary on November 28th by John & Carol Dietrich

Upcoming Events

December 10 – Blessings Thrift Sale

December 12 – Congregational Meeting

December 19 – Family Christmas Movie and Craft Event

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service 4:00 & 9:00 pm

Volunteer Opportunity! We are currently seeking individuals to volunteer for the Cemetery Committee and Maintenance workers for the grounds. Please see Mark Valentine if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS 2021 - POINSETTIA PLANTS and MEMORIAL GIFTS - Plants ordered through the church office are \$9.00. December 5^h is the last day to order your plants. Forms are available in the newsletter. Please return the form with all monies no later than December 5, 2021. Monetary gifts should be in the church office **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 12th**. Extra order forms are available by the Church Communication Bulletin Board.

Community Advent Service

St. John XXIII, Tamaqua

Saturday, December 11, 2021, at 10:00 am

Sponsored by the Tamaqua Ministerial Association

Annual Fiscal Meeting Announcement - The Annual Fiscal Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 12, 2021 immediately following the service. The agenda items will be restricted to the establishment of a 2022 budget, and the election of Church Council members. The meeting will be brief, but your participation is **Very Important** as a quorum needs to be met. Copies of the budget

Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2022 - *The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2022 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$31.80 (please note price increase) and individuals will be billed from the florist. The cost of the bulletin sponsorship is \$16.00 and monies are due when you place your name on the list. You can also sponsor the Candles for the month at \$40. Please remember to fill out a card with your honorarium or memorial this information is needed for the bulletin. Please do not sign up without filling out a form. These sponsorships are on a first come first serve basis; this is to ensure that everyone has equal opportunity to sponsor these memorials. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your sponsorship!*



AN AFTERNOON WITH RUDOLPH

A Zion Lutheran Family Christmas event, Sunday, December 19, 2021, from 2 to 4 p.m. Movie, snacks, crafts, photo ops with Rudolph and Santa. Limited seating please call Deb Davies at 570-778-2731 for reservations.

Zion's Blessing Christmas Sale Friday, December 10th from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. Volunteers needed, please see Judy Brennan. Come and shop for the holidays! Hope to see you there! **Thank you!**