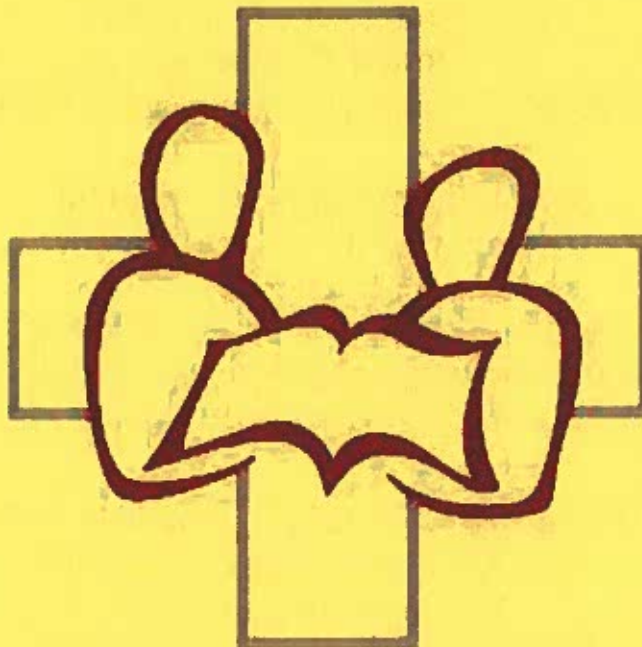


Borgund, MN Valley and Zion Lutheran Church

November 2023 Newsletter



ALL ARE WELCOME!

8:30AM MN VALLEY, 10:30AM BORGUND AND 10:30AM ZION

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(Under the "Join Us" tab)

Zion President: Ritchie Voorhees

Vice President: Matt Tollefson

Secretary: Tim Ehrenberg

Treasurer: Leslie Ehrenberg

Council Members:

Dan Smith, Lisa Johnson, Kenzie Gisvold, Kathy Tweten, Tim Beyer

Borgund President: Ron Sigdahl

Vice President: Dane Prestholdt

Secretary: Marcia Kells

Treasurer: Tamie & Brian Bremseth

Worship Committee: Cindy Sigdahl

Education & Activity Director: Dorothy Anderson

Minnesota Valley President: Dale Lien

Vice President: Kami Schoenfeld

Secretary: Dawn Olson

Financial Secretary: Scott Omland

Treasurer: Karin Moen

Education & Activity Director: Amanda Lowry

Zion Broadcasts:

KQLP 92.1FM Radio: 1:00 pm Sunday's

YouTube: Zion Lutheran Appleton

Borgund, MN Valley Broadcasts:

Madison Radio 92.1: 7pm Sunday's

MN Valley Lutheran YouTube site: MN Valley Lutheran Church

*You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.
The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it.*

Psalm 65; 9



For many of us, November is a month that points us in one or more directions. Some of us will travel for Thanksgiving. We may be making plans for company or a trip ourselves, busy with travel arrangements and preparing to get on the road or to the airport. Given how quickly the end of the year is approaching, some of us may start to look back over the year, now that it's mostly behind us, to take stock. We may reflect on how the preceding months have gone. We might also be thinking of the month to come, anticipating Christmas and New Year's and thinking about which directions in our lives might continue and which might change in the year ahead. And it is possible that despite all our best laid and thought out plans, we may suddenly find ourselves headed in directions this month that we did not foresee, much less plan.

November coincides with the last weeks of the church year, and it is marked by directions too. We celebrate All Saints on the first Sunday of this month, remembering those in the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and those who have been baptized into Christ in the past year. As God's people, we are at once both sinners and saints, forgiven for Christ's sake, and we are assured of the presence of God even in trying times. Whatever directions our lives are taking at the moment—coming, going, or staying put—God in Christ stays with us no matter what.

In Christ,

Rev. Linda

November 2023 - Borgund, MN Valley & Zion

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
		 Zion: Oct. 30 th thru Nov. 10 th	9:30am Book Club mtg. @ Zion Care Center worship Confirmation 3:45-4:45P	9am Bible Study @ Darlene Vaala's - ALL WOMEN WELCOME		
5 All Saints Day	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:30am MN Valley/SS 10:30am Borgund/SS 10:30am Zion/SS		Restorative Justice Mtg @ Zion	9am Zion Quilting/ ZLCW lunch Confirmation 3:45-4:45P 7pm Tri-Council Mtg. @ MN Valley			
12 Pent 24	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:30am MN Valley/SS 10:30am Borgund/SS 10:30am Zion/SS			10am Apple Ridge Worship 1pm Zion Prayer Shawl Gathering Confirmation 3:45-4:45P			
19 Pent 25	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
8:30am MN Valley/POTLUCK/New members 10:30am Borgund/POTLUCK 10:30am Zion/SS X-mas music program practice		Restorative Justice Mtg @ Zion	NO CONFIRMATION 7pm Tri-Church worship @ Borgund w/Pie fellowship to follow.	 Office Closed		
26 Christ the King	27	28	29	30		
8:30am MN Valley/Baptism 10:30am Borgund 10:30am Zion/ NO SS	Newsletter info. Due 10am 7pm Confirmation Parent mtg. via Zoom		Confirmation 3:45-4:45P		Announcements Due by 8am every Wednesday morning.	
ADVENT 1						

Special Upcoming Dates:

Nov. 1st: 9:30am Book Club mtg. @ Zion

Nov. 5th: All Saints Day

Nov. 8th: 7pm Tri-Church Council meeting @ MN Valley

Nov. 9th: 1pm Women's Bible Study @ Darlene Vaala's home.

Nov. 12th: Pentecost 24

Nov. 19th: Pentecost 25 – Zion SS Christmas program music practice. **MN Valley** will be having a Harvest Potluck brunch following worship to welcome New Members.

Borgund will also be having a Harvest Potluck this day.

Nov. 22nd: 7pm Tri-Church Thanksgiving service @ Borgund with pie fellowship to follow. **NO CONFIRMATION CLASS THIS DAY.**

Nov. 26th: Christ the King/Advent 1 - HOPE: MN Valley will have Rolls & Coffee following worship in honor of the Baptism of Freya Marie Hastad.

November Zion Altar Guild

Flower Committee

Kathy Tweten

Communion Committee

April Ehrenberg

Parament Committee

Pati Arnold

ALL SAINTS DAY

As part of our celebration we invite you to submit names of those who have died AND those who have been baptized in the last year. We will read these names as part of the worship service and light candles in their memory or honor on Sunday, November 5th. Family members are invited and encouraged to attend to light their loved one's candle.

HOURS

Working from Home:

Tuesday 1pm-4pm

Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday CLOSED

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In Office Hours:

Monday 8am – 4pm

Tuesday 8am – 12pm

Wednesday 8am – 4pm

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FOOD SHELF HOURS:

Wednesday 10:00am – 5:00pm

ZION QUILTING, ZLCW AND PRAYER SHAWL

Zion Quilting will be at 9am Wednesday, November 8th with a ZLCW light noon lunch to follow. Zion Prayer Shawl will be gathering on Wednesday, November 15th at 1pm.

Congratulations to the **Quilt Raffle** ticket winners, Kathy Tweten and Alice Fust. 😊



Zion Lutheran Church will be delivering Meals on Wheels October 30th thru November 3rd and November 6th thru November 10th. If you are interested in delivering meals, the sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the commons. **You are able to sign-up for a day or as many as you are able! Your help is much appreciated.** 😊



MN Valley will be having a Harvest Potluck brunch following Sunday, November 19th's service to welcome New Members!! **Borgund Lutheran** will also be having a Harvest Potluck brunch this day after worship service.

Community Christmas Cantata Sign-Up

Through a generous Endowment Mission Grant from the Southwester MN Synod of the ELCA, we have the opportunity for an ecumenical Christmas cantata. We are excited for singers of all ages from all around the area to join together in this unique opportunity. Under the direction of Krishana Dempcy, we will unite in a fun and relaxed atmosphere while experiencing a rich and joyous celebration of voices. If you have a desire to be spiritually moved by celebrating the birth of Jesus through singing, this is for you! No prior choir experience needed – No congregation membership needed.

Sunday, Nov. 12: at Bergen Lutheran Church

Saturday, Nov. 18: at Christ Lutheran Church

Saturday, Dec. 2: To be decided

Sunday, Dec. 10: To be decided

Concert - Dec. 16th: To be decided by cantata members!

Join Online:

<https://forms.gle/Ncz4hJveugd pz6JNA>

Poinsettias

Zion Altar Guild invites congregational members to share Christmas Plants and Poinsettias during the Advent/Christmas Season. Plants can be given in memory of, in honor of, in celebration of, etc. Please contact the church office with the information to be printed in the Advent and Christmas Eve bulletins. A great opportunity to help decorate our sanctuary.

Congregational Christmas card

Zion Altar Guild is once again sponsoring the Christmas card located in the Narthex. Send your Christmas greetings to fellow congregation members via the congregational card. Names will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Thankoffering time! Thankoffering will go towards Cancer Transportation and Appleton Hospice. Envelopes will be at the back of the sanctuary. You can drop them off in the office or leave in the offering plate. Please bring in your offering by Dec. 20th. Thank you!



Wednesday,
November 22nd there is a 7pm Tri-Church Thanksgiving worship service at Borgund Lutheran Church with a pie fellowship to follow.



Thank You, LORD!

MN Valley WELCA Birthdays

NOVEMBER



Jo Neraasen	14
LuAnn Hegland	23



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Joy A New Year of God's Grace*

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

All of the family of believers at Zion's Lutheran Congregation wish to congratulate all those who have birthdays and anniversaries this month. Remember them in prayer on their special day.



November

ZION (birthdays)

Sheila Jensen	1	Jeanette Pfaff	21
Linda Stromswold	1	Demi Roiland	22
Marlene Boraas	2	Tim Ehrenberg	22
Gary Eliason	2	Brad Voorhees	22
Roshelle Schirm	2	Mitch Gerdes	23
Greg Erickson	4	Kevin Johnson	24
Louise Kack	6	Kyson Kells	24
Joy Swenson	6	Lisa Johnson	25
Randy Hanson	8	Nate Rutland	26
Marcus Krogsrud	8	Courtney Hanson	29
Craig Stotesbery	8	Brendan Shurb	29
Brynlee Brustuen	11	Katie Stromswold	29
Lao Semler	11	Victor Arnold	30
Julie Anne Twitchell	11	Mel Eidsmo	30
Madison Daly	12	Quinn Swenson	8
Brennen Longnecker	12	Lynette Arnold	13
Lynn Swenson	12	Joseph Arnold	21
Kathy Hoppe	13		
Lane Schirm	13		
Cheryl Schmidt	14	<u>ZION (anniversaries)</u>	
Justin Peters	14	Greg & Kathy Tweten	3
Ellen Arnold	15	Wade & Cheryl Schmidt	6
Kevin Skjei	15	Lyle & Betty Berglund	15
Andrew Schmidt	18		
Delnore Warner	18		
Julia Borstad	18		
Dan Smith	20		
Pati Arnold	21		
Betty Chavarria	21		

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Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
Borgund Lutheran Church
7:00pm, September 13, 2023

Members Present: Pastor Linda Wimmer, Dan Smith, Tim Beyer, Tim Ehrenberg, Kathy Tweten, Lisa Johnson, Matt Tollefson, Ritchie Voorhees

Devotions: Pastor Linda

Pastor's Report:

- Had worship at the Mercantile, Lakeside, care center, and Apple Ridge.
- Enjoyed working at the fair stand and attending both fairs.
- Planning a once a month women's bible study.
- Had Rally Sundays, backpack blessings, and sunday school teacher installations.
- Getting confirmation classes planned.
- Upgraded to a pro Zoom account for meetings.
- Have conferences coming up.
- Kept busy with visitations.
- Making plans for a vacation in October.

Joint Council Issues:

- Reviewed the Tri-Church executive board report.
- Held a discussion on balancing out pulpit supply.
- There is interest in a Tri-Church men's bible study.
- Reaching out to students for first communion class. It will be held on October 15th and last about 1 ½ hours.
- Confirmation classes will be 3:45-4:45 at Zion. There are 7 students so far.

Approval of Agenda:

- MSP to approve

Secretary Report:

- MSP to approve (Matt/Dan)

Treasurer Report/Approval:

- MSP to approve (Lisa/Tim B.)

WELCA Update:

- Need to think about different things to make the fair stand easier (opening later, making changes to menu, etc.). They were short on help at times.

Old Business:

- Discussion was held on re-location of the bench outside the doors because of snow.
- The leak above the women's restroom has been fixed and has held up with the last rain.
- Discussed logistics for kneeling at the altar once a month for communion.

New Business:

- Followed up on Rally Sunday and God's Work Our Hands.
- The Gideons will be at a future service.
- There is an early out for LqPV schools on November 3rd. Discussed having activities etc. for kids to attend for a few hours that afternoon. Would need a team and planning.
- Lutefisk supper is coming up. The cost of lutefisk has risen.
- Discussion was held on reducing pulpit supply

President's Report:

- No Report

Committee Reports:

- Youth Ministries
- Evangelism
 - Food Shelf
 - Served 24 people. Benson isn't getting many supplies, boxes have been low.
 - Prayer Shawl
 - Meeting at Apple Ridge now.
 - Quilting
 - IT
 - Property Use Stewardship
- Music & Worship
- Property & Finance
 - The hole in the sidewalk is probably from gopher activity.
 - Talked to Dan Tosel about concrete work at the parsonage.

Adjournment:

- MSP to Approve (Lisa/Matt)



Zion Lutheran Church

23 East Rooney Avenue
Appleton, MN 56208

September Treasurer's Notes

- A bill from Craig's Refrigeration for \$897.19 was paid, bringing the Building Fund Balance into the negative. This covered fixing the AC and new furnace filters. This fund will go further into the negative when Federated Telephone is paid \$899.54 on October 5. This bill includes a new router and equipment, installation, and both the church and parsonage monthly fees.
- You will notice a discrepancy on the beginning balance of the current fund from last month. There was a check cashed from 2022 that I was unaware of.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or recommendations.

Leslie Ehrenberg

Email: treasurer@appletonzion.com • Phone: 320-297-1444

Tri-Parish Shared Expenses - September 2023

Expenditures	Transaction			Name/Memo	Amount
	Date	Type	Num		
Church Office					
Equipment lease & maintenance	09/21/2023	Check	EFT	Xerox Corporation	117.81
Office Equipment	09/15/2023	Check	EFT	Office Folder	543.00
Postage - Shared	09/15/2023	Check	EFT	Mailing Bulletins	22.26
Printing	09/11/2023	Check	20588	Appleton Press*	532.00
Printing & photocopying	09/21/2023	Check	EFT	Xerox Corporation	16.63
Software & apps	09/15/2023	Check	EFT	Quickbooks fee	85.00
Worship Supplies - Shared	09/11/2023	Check	20586	1517 Media	112.00
Worship Supplies - Shared	09/13/2023	Check	20590	Concordia Publishing	113.82
Total for Church Office					\$ 1,542.52
Church Parsonage					
Electricity	09/06/2023	Check	EFT	Minnesota Energy Resource Corp.	12.62
Electricity	09/15/2023	Check	EFT	Otter Tail Power Co.	63.58
Utilities	09/05/2023	Check	EFT	Federated Telephone Cooperative	71.59
Utilities	09/15/2023	Check	EFT	City of Appleton	87.29
Total for Church Parsonage					\$ 235.08
Pastoral Ministry					
Mileage Reimbursement	09/30/2023	Check	EFT	Pastor Linda Wimmer	269.21
Pastor Cell Phone	09/15/2023	Check	EFT	Verizon	73.87
Pastor FICA Reimbursement	09/15/2023	Check	EFT	Pastor Linda Wimmer	350.63
Pastor Portico Benefits	09/27/2023	Check	EFT	Portico Benefit Service	2,049.52
Pastor Salary	09/15/2023	Check	EFT	Pastor Linda Wimmer	2,291.67
Pastor Salary	09/30/2023	Check	EFT	Pastor Linda Wimmer	2,291.67
Total for Pastoral Ministry					\$ 7,326.57
Payroll expenses					
Secretary Salary	09/15/2023	Check	EFT	Demi Roiland	868.00
Secretary Salary	09/30/2023	Check	EFT	Demi Roiland	992.00
Total for Payroll expenses					\$ 1,860.00
Total for Expenditures					\$10,964.17

*Tri-Church envelopes, letterhead, & receipt books

Zion Share - 50%	\$ 5,482.09
MN Valley Share - 30%	\$ 3,289.25
Borgund Share - 20%	\$ 2,192.83

Checkbook Detail: Zion Lutheran Church - September 2023

Date	Type	Check # Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance					\$8,427.25
09/05/2023	Check	EFT Minnesota Energy Resource Corp.	Church	-\$67.61	\$8,359.64
09/05/2023	Check	EFT Federated Telephone Cooperative		-\$71.59	\$8,288.05
09/06/2023	Check	EFT Minnesota Energy Resource Corp.	Parsonage	-\$12.62	\$8,275.43
09/11/2023	Check	20586 1517 Media	Inv 99189853	-\$112.00	\$8,163.43
09/11/2023	Check	20587 Don's Food Pride	Batteries	-\$13.18	\$8,150.25
09/11/2023	Check	20588 Appleton Press	Printing/Advertising	-\$547.00	\$7,603.25
09/11/2023	Deposit	Sunday Offerings		\$2,652.00	\$10,255.25
09/13/2023	Check	20589 KLQP FM	Radio Broadcast	-\$157.50	\$10,097.75
09/13/2023	Check	20590 Concordia Publishing	Inv# INVSM011147518	-\$113.82	\$9,983.93
09/15/2023	Check	EFT Otter Tail Power Co.	Parsonage	-\$63.58	\$9,920.35
09/15/2023	Check	EFT Otter Tail Power Co.	Church	-\$408.06	\$9,512.29
09/15/2023	Check	EFT Verizon	Pastor's Cell Phone	-\$73.87	\$9,438.42
09/15/2023	Check	EFT Dawson Co-op. Credit Union	Office Folder/Supplies/Postage	-\$650.26	\$8,788.16
09/15/2023	Check	EFT City of Appleton	Church	-\$106.90	\$8,681.26
09/15/2023	Check	EFT City of Appleton	Parsonage	-\$87.29	\$8,593.97
09/15/2023	Check	EFT Diane Kepner		-\$424.81	\$8,169.16
09/15/2023	Check	EFT Larry Kepner		-\$106.20	\$8,062.96
09/15/2023	Check	EFT Demi Roiland		-\$801.59	\$7,261.37
09/15/2023	Check	EFT Pastor Linda Wimmer		-\$2,054.61	\$5,206.76
09/15/2023	Check	20591 Craig's, Inc.	Inv# 41494, 41516, 41605	-\$897.19	\$4,309.57
09/15/2023	Check	EFT North Star Mutual		-\$760.83	\$3,548.74
09/18/2023	Deposit	Deposit: Inc. MN Valley & Borgund Checks		\$6,732.18	\$10,280.92
09/18/2023	Deposit	Deposit		\$70.00	\$10,350.92
09/19/2023	Check	20592 Sister Kay Femholz	Pulpit Fill/Mileage	-\$170.00	\$10,180.92
09/21/2023	Check	EFT Xerox Corporation		-\$134.44	\$10,046.48
09/25/2023	Check	EFT West Central Sanitation		-\$90.20	\$9,956.28
09/25/2023	Deposit	Sunday Offerings		\$1,606.37	\$11,562.65
09/26/2023	Check	20593 Farmers & Merchants State Bank	Lutfisk Supper Change	-\$250.00	\$11,312.65
09/26/2023	Deposit	Interest Eamed		\$5.58	\$11,318.23
09/27/2023	Check	EFT Portico Benefit Service		-\$3,224.91	\$8,093.32
09/29/2023	Check	20594 Marty Koosmann		-\$69.26	\$8,024.06
09/29/2023	Check	20595 Pati Arnold		-\$138.52	\$7,885.54
09/30/2023	Check	EFT Diane Kepner		-\$424.81	\$7,460.73
09/30/2023	Check	EFT Larry Kepner		-\$106.20	\$7,354.53
09/30/2023	Check	EFT Demi Roiland		-\$916.12	\$6,438.41
09/30/2023	Check	EFT Pastor Linda Wimmer		-\$1,973.18	\$4,465.23
09/30/2023	Check	EFT Andrea Johnson		-\$69.26	\$4,395.97
Ending Balance *				<i>*\$10,000 of this balance is savings funds</i>	\$4,395.97

Fund Balances: Zion Lutheran Church - September 2023

Checkbook 700-641	Building Fund	Current Operating Fund	Mission Fund	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	\$40.68	\$6,448.02	\$1,938.55	\$8,427.25

Income

Contributed Income				
Borgund Lutheran Church		\$2,270.07		
Building Fund Donations	\$200.00			
Minnesota Valley Lutheran		\$3,405.11		
Mission Fund Donations			\$100.00	
Offerings & Donations		\$4,986.37		
Online Offerings		\$70.00		
Rental Income		\$29.00		
Interest income		\$5.58		
Total Income	\$200.00	\$10,766.13	\$100.00	

Expenditures

Church Building				
Building maintenance	\$897.19			
Electricity		\$475.67		
Property Insurance		\$760.83		
Utilities		\$197.10		
Total Church Building	\$897.19	\$1,433.60	\$0.00	

Church Office				
Advertising & outreach		\$15.00		
Equipment lease & maintenance		\$117.81		
Lutefisk Supper Supplies		\$250.00		
Office Equipment		\$543.00		
Postage - Shared		\$22.26		
Printing & photocopying		\$548.63		
Radio Broadcasting		\$157.50		
Software & apps		\$85.00		
Worship Supplies		\$13.18		
Worship Supplies - Shared		\$225.82		
Total Church Office	\$0.00	\$1,978.20	\$0.00	

Church Parsonage				
Electricity		\$76.20		
Utilities		\$158.88		
Total Church Parsonage	\$0.00	\$235.08	\$0.00	

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Fund Balances: Zion Lutheran Church - September 2023

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Pastoral Ministry			
Mileage Reimbursement		\$269.21	
Pastor Cell Phone		\$73.87	
Pastor FICA Reimbursement		\$350.63	
Pastor Portico Benefits		\$2,049.52	
Pastor Salary		\$4,583.34	
Pulpit Supply		\$150.00	
Pulpit Supply - Mileage Reimbursement		\$20.00	
Total Pastoral Ministry	\$0.00	\$7,496.57	\$0.00

Payroll expenses			
FICA withholding		-\$205.22	
Mcare Withholding		-\$48.01	
Salaries & wages			
Janitor Salary		\$1,150.00	
Organist Salary		\$300.00	
Secretary Salary		\$1,860.00	
Total Payroll expenses	\$0.00	\$3,056.77	\$0.00

Total Expenditures **\$897.19** **\$14,200.22** **\$0.00**

Ending Balance * **-\$656.51** **\$3,013.93** **\$2,038.55** **\$4,395.97**

* \$10,000 of this balance is savings funds

**Combined
Ending
Balance**

Budget Snapshot Current Fund Only →

2023 Budget	\$255,500	
Year to date = as of 9/33/23		(75%)
Contributions	\$153,044.73	(60%)
Expenses	\$161,587.17	(63%)

Expenditure Totals YTD

Church Building	\$19,541.95
Church Office	\$16,107.16
Church Parsonage	\$3,537.32
Madison Parsonage Utilities	\$1,807.63
Pastoral Ministry	\$84,532.27
Payroll & Expenses	\$36,060.84
Total	\$161,587.17

EXPENSES YTD

