

# Through Zion's Window

DECEMBER 2020

## Pandemic Poem

For Pandemic Panic Breathe.  
And feel the Spirit filling your  
whole body. Breathe. And give  
thanks; it is a wild gift every  
single time. Breathe. And  
acknowledge the grief of your  
plans changing, the fear of  
uncertain things looming too  
large to bear alone. Breathe.  
And consider how well Christ  
knows, how fiercely God  
cares. Breathe. And lift up  
your neighbor more  
vulnerable still. Breathe. And  
believe we are in this together  
and the next right thing is  
enough but first remember to  
Breathe.

@metaherrickcarlson

Dear Friends in Christ,

I came across this poem a few days ago. Honestly, I'm not a "poetic" type. I love some of the classics – Edgar Allen Poe, Robert Frost, etc., but most of the time poems don't move me. Yet, I've found myself remembering this one since I read it. It's simple, common sense advice for me (and I suspect most of us). The "instruction" to breathe is one we shouldn't need. But in the midst of our uncertain times I wonder if you're like me – holding the frustration in, anxious, on edge each and every day.

This poem is a great daily reminder to us to stop for a moment and take a deep breath, relax our bodies, and relax our minds as we ponder how the Spirit is filling our bodies.

In Genesis 2:7, the Bible states, *"...then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being."*

God literally breathed the breath of life into each and every one of us so that we are a part of Him. God gives us breath. God gives us life. It is because of God that we are living and full of life. And it is because of God that we are filled with the Holy Spirit and we can give thanks and we can acknowledge grief and fear and pain all at once. All at the same time.

As we begin the Advent season of waiting for Christ's return let's do so with trust that God is in control. We wait with anticipation, not fear, with joy, not anxiousness. Though we wait for Christ's return we know that, paradoxically, Christ is already here with each of us every day.

Every time we take a breath, we can remember that God is literally with us. Right now. Wherever we are or whatever we are doing, first remember to Breathe. Through the post-election chaos...Breathe. Though the pandemic...Breathe. Through the hard times...Breathe.

Through the joys of life....Breathe. God's got us. God's got you. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Doug*

# Worship with us from HOME

With the number of Covid-19 cases on the rise in our area, **we have suspended all in-person worship and other activities at Zion until further notice.**

Our Sunday Worship Service is broadcast via our Facebook page: **Cross-Zion Parish.** You can go directly to YouTube and search **Cross-Zion Parish** and subscribe. Or the YouTube link will also be emailed directly to you.

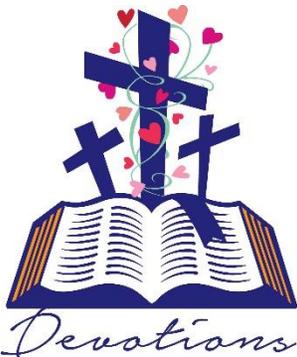
To follow the number of COVID cases in our area, click on the link URL: <https://mdhccovid19.nferx.com/covid-measures>



We are looking for worship volunteers, especially projection operators and assisting ministers who are available on Saturday mornings around 10 am, when recording worship at Zion. If you are able to help, please contact the church office or Pastor Doug.



If you would like Pastor Doug to visit you, please let him know. He tests for COVID regularly and is more than willing to visit. Or if you would just like to talk you may contact him via cell at 262-490-8737 or email him at [danderse@luthersem.edu](mailto:danderse@luthersem.edu).



We have received the *Our Daily Bread* devotional for December, January, and February. We will be receiving *Christ in Our Home* and *The Word In Season* for January, February, and March in the next few weeks. If you would like a copy of any of these, please contact the church office at [zionashippun@wi.twcbc.com](mailto:zionashippun@wi.twcbc.com) or 920-474-7234 and we will be happy to mail a copy to you.

# DECEMBER



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

02 – Jordan Jaeger  
 05 – Roger Kopfer  
 08 – Dawn Fredrick  
 11 – Keith Fredrick  
 18 – Nathan Petersen  
 18 – Starr Andersen  
 19 – Franklin Wolter  
 20 – Muriel Jaeger  
 21 – Beatrice Zweig  
 30 – Jerry Liesener

## SPECIAL DATES

06 – Second Sunday of Advent  
 13 – Third Sunday of Advent  
 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 21 – First day of Winter  
 24 – Christmas Eve  
 25 – Christmas Day  
 31 – New Year's Eve

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

08 – Neal & Carrie Wendorf  
 11 – Bill & Ele Mack  
 29 – Doug & Starr Andersen

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## *Virtual Thanksgiving Worship*

**November 25 at 4 pm**

**Visit our *Cross-Zion Parish* Facebook Page  
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## Decorating the Church for Christmas

*Looking for a few individuals to help decorate Church on Sunday, November 29 at 10:00 a.m. Since we probably will not resume in-person worship before Christmas, we will only decorate the Altar/front area. A "ladder person" is needed to help get the decorating supplies down from the storage shelves in the basement. Keep in mind we need to practice social distancing and wear masks. Please contact Doreen with questions.*



### Greeting Cards



So many beautiful greeting cards were dropped off to supplement Evangelism's supply of handmade cards. A huge THANKS goes out to you! If you did not get a chance to sort through your cards for those you will never use, it's not too late. The following cards are always in need.

- Birthday
- Anniversary
- Blank
- Thinking of You
- Get Well

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### Piggly Wiggly Receipts

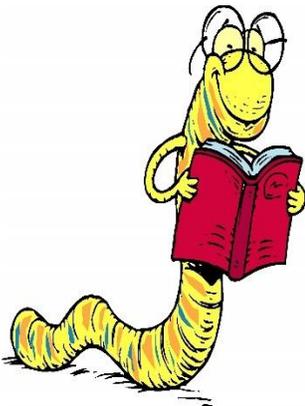
Although our in-person worship has been suspended for now, please save all your Piggly Wiggly receipts. Current and prior year receipts are accepted.



**Receipts collected to November 15 totaled \$6,544.66.**

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### Little Free Library



The librarian position has been filled! Sally Schoenike is the new steward for the Little Free Library sponsored by Zion located at the BP station in Ashippun.

Donated books are always welcomed, especially those for children. Thank you for caring!

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### Saints in Light



Thank you for lighting the tree in remembrance and honoring the special people in your life. Keep the love lights glowing throughout the season and into next year.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
NOV. 15TH - DEC. 6TH



# Annual Giving Tree



THE GIVING TREE WILL BE IN THE  
NARTHEX WITH TAGS LISTING  
NEEDED ITEMS FOR THE RESIDENTS  
OF SHOREHAVEN HEALTH CARE  
CENTER

PLEASE BRING ALL UNWRAPPED GIFTS TO ZION  
AND PLACE IN THE DONATION BOXES  
**BY DECEMBER 6TH!**

## Christmas Gift Suggestions

Adult coloring books with colored pencils - not too detailed  
Aftershave or cologne (non aerosol)- Old Spice  
Beauty Items- such as makeup, lipstick, blush( light mauve or pink) or OPI nail polish (pink ,mauve)  
Body Spray & Lotion Set for men (non aerosol)  
Body Spray & Lotion Set for women (non aerosol)  
Body Lotion for Dry skin (Aveeno, Jergens)  
Box of candy (chocolates, mints, sugar-free welcome)  
Bracelets- Stretch  
Classic DVDs, including musicals- between the years of 1940-1970  
Cologne/Perfume (non aerosol)  
Essential Oils- Brands: NOW, Doterra or Young Living (Peppermint or Lavender)  
Scented lotions  
Gift Certificate for the Beauty/Barber Shop (Call 567-8341, or stop at our reception desk. Specify desired dollar amount.)  
Greeting Cards- All occasions  
Jewelry (Long beaded necklaces. No holiday jewelry please)  
Soft Socks (Diabetic socks also appreciated) or socks with grippers (No holiday please)  
Scarves- decorative/indoor  
Scented Powder- Brand: Shower to Shower  
Stationary  
Sticker by Number Books  
Sudoku  
Sun Catchers (birds, flower, other wild life) with suction cup  
Tin of Cookies  
Beanie Babies (no holiday ones please)

**Thank you for your support!**

Zion Lutheran Church in Ashippun is hosting a  
**HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE** for the  
 Ashippun Bread Basket Food Pantry

A collection bin will be outside Zion's front doors the following dates and times for contactless donation drop-off.

Tues., Nov. 17 ~ 4pm - 6pm

Wed., Nov. 18 ~ 9am - 12pm

Sat., Nov. 21 ~ 8am - 9am

Tues., Nov. 24 ~ 4pm - 6pm

Wed., Nov. 25 ~ 9am - 12pm

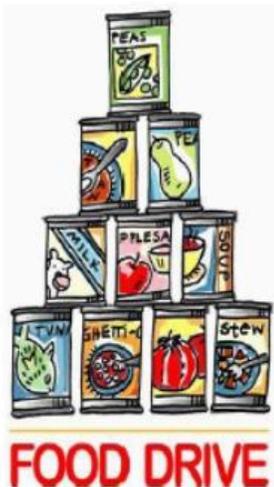
Sat., Nov. 28 ~ 8am - 9am

Tues., Dec. 1 ~ 4pm - 6pm

Wed., Dec. 2 ~ 9am - 12pm

Sun., Dec. 6 ~ 8am - 9pm

The food pantry will take any and all non-perishable food items! But they are currently looking for these holiday items.



Stuffing Mix  
 Jar/canned Gravy  
 Whole Kernel Corn  
 Canned Cranberries  
 Canned Pineapple  
 Canned Mandarin Oranges  
 Canned Apple Pie Filling  
 Canned Cherry Pie Filling  
 Packaged Cookies or other snacks  
 Hot Chocolate Mix  
 Boxed Flavored Oatmeal

All food donated will help local families in need! If you have any questions please e-mail us at [zionashippun@wi.twcbc.com](mailto:zionashippun@wi.twcbc.com) or call our office at 920-474-7234. Zion is located at N557 Main Street.

**A donation box for the Shorehaven Giving Tree will be placed outside our front doors of Zion for contactless drop off on the following dates and times...**

Saturday, November 21 ~ 8am - 9am

Tuesday, November 24 ~ 4pm - 6pm

Wednesday, November 25 ~ 9am - 12pm

Saturday, November 28 ~ 8am - 9am

Tuesday, December 1 ~ 4pm - 6pm

Wednesday, December 2 ~ 9am - 12pm

Sunday, December 6 ~ 8am - 9pm

***Please keep these people and families in your thoughts & prayers...***



- Art Hall
- Lois Wittnebel
- Ellen Braunschweig
- Shirley Chatfield
- Carly Ostrom
- Gordon Petersen
- Peyton Wolter
- Tom & Donna Meotke
- Wilber Pieper
- Ross & Jacob Kopfer
- Bud Newbecker
- Carrie Wendorf
- Debbie Guenther

