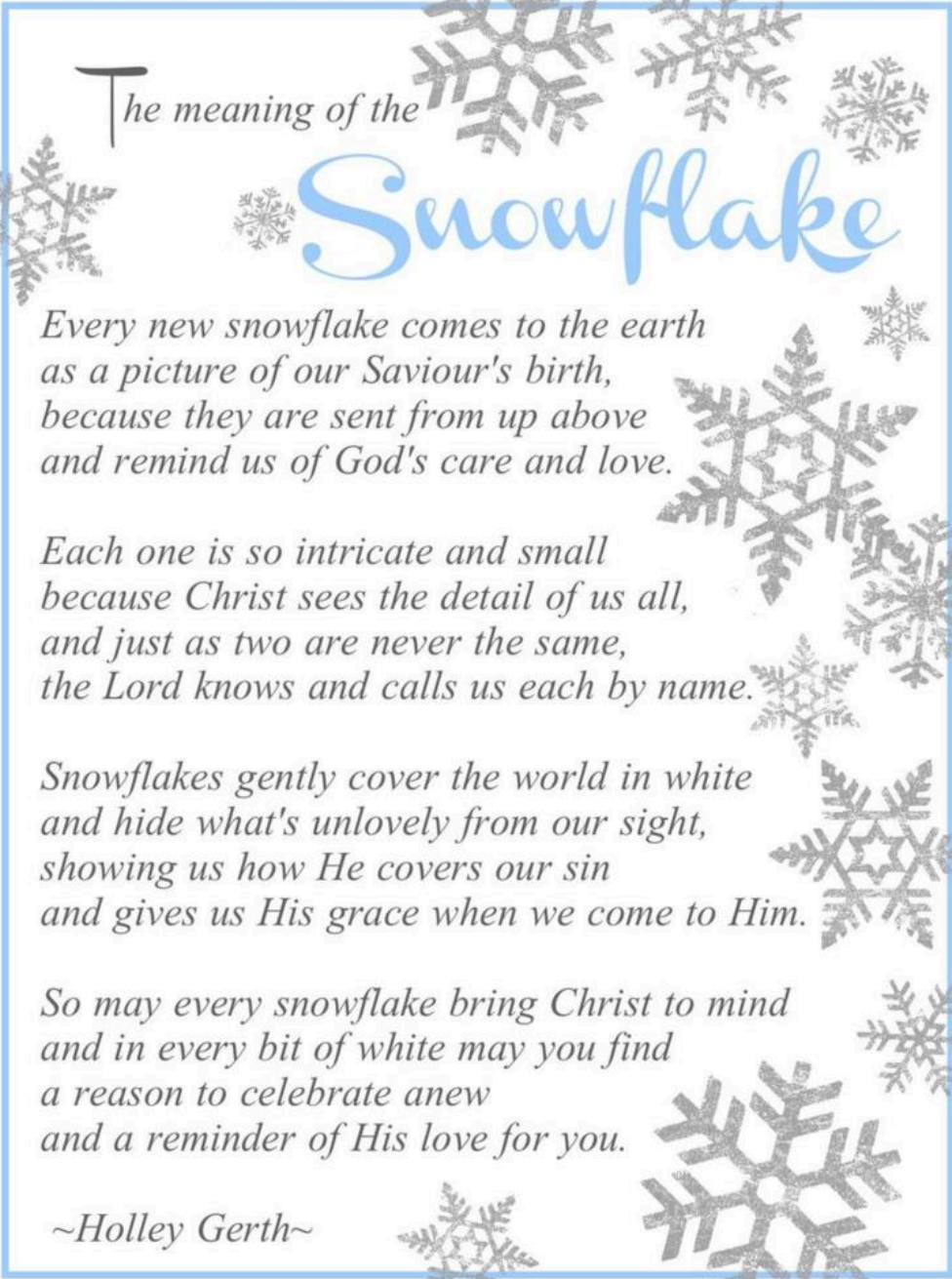


# Through Zion's Window

JANUARY 2021

*For as many years as I can remember, Sandy Jaeger would always send me this Snowflake poem and ask me to share it with you if space allowed in the newsletter this time of year. I felt it was especially fitting this year to make sure it was included.*



The meaning of the

## Snowflake

*Every new snowflake comes to the earth  
as a picture of our Saviour's birth,  
because they are sent from up above  
and remind us of God's care and love.*

*Each one is so intricate and small  
because Christ sees the detail of us all,  
and just as two are never the same,  
the Lord knows and calls us each by name.*

*Snowflakes gently cover the world in white  
and hide what's unlovely from our sight,  
showing us how He covers our sin  
and gives us His grace when we come to Him.*

*So may every snowflake bring Christ to mind  
and in every bit of white may you find  
a reason to celebrate anew  
and a reminder of His love for you.*

~Holley Gerth~



Christmas this year might not be what you wanted. Traditions and celebrations may not go on as you hoped, but we can still worship together.

Our Christmas Eve Worship Service will be available for you to enjoy at 4 pm or any time after on December 24.

Facebook: **Cross-Zion Parish**

YouTube: **Cross-Zion Parish**

Website: **www.zionashippun.org**

E-mail: You will be e-mailed the YouTube link

If you need candles for Christmas Eve worship, let the church office know by emailing [zionashippun@wi.twcbc.com](mailto:zionashippun@wi.twcbc.com) or a basket with candles is on the table in the narthex for you to help yourself.

Christmas Morning Pastor Doug will post a reflection, you can view it by 7 am.



Would you like Pastor Doug to bring you communion?

If so, please contact him via cell at 262-490-8737 or email him at [danderse@luthersem.edu](mailto:danderse@luthersem.edu). Or contact the church office at 920-474-7234 or email [zionashippun@wi.twcbc.com](mailto:zionashippun@wi.twcbc.com).



## Congregational Meeting



Due to the COVID pandemic and not being able to meet in person, Zion's church council is recommending that we postpone the annual meeting until we can meet safely in person again.

If the COVID numbers are low and we can meet safely in person in February, we will, so please make sure all your reports are turned in no later than Sunday, January 31, 2021. Otherwise, our annual meeting will be postpone until we can meet in person.

We will keep you posted as the time gets closer. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Jerry Liesener  
Church Council President

Worship  
with us  
from  


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>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 02 – Ele Mack
- 03 – Bob Egbert
- 13 – Allen Petersen
- 16 – Philip Schultz
- 28 – Paul Egholm
- 30 – Kari Schoenike

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

- 01 – New Year's Day
- 06 - Epiphany
- 18 – Martin Luther King Day



November Total Income: \$9,301.10  
 November Total Expenses: \$10,349.09  
 November Overall Total: \$-1,047.99

Full financial reports attached to your newsletter email.

**Financial Update**

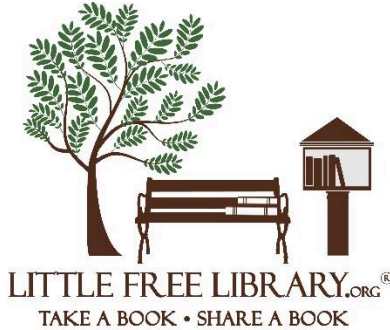
**Thank you for continuing to support Zion! Please mail your gifts to the address below.**

**Zion Lutheran Church  
 N557 Main Street, P.O. Box 254  
 Ashippun, WI 53003**



Your 2021 offering envelopes are in your mailbox in the narthex. Please contact the church office at [zionashippun@wi.twcbc.com](mailto:zionashippun@wi.twcbc.com), to make arrangements to get them.

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Zion's Little Free Library at the BP Station in Ashippun continues to be a busy place. It is exciting to see so many books being taken and read.

Special thanks to the following for donating books to the Little Free Library.

- Carol and Shorty Schuett
  - 10 children's books
- Erla and Bud Newbecker
  - 30 adult books
  - 8 young adult books
  - 8 children's books
- St. Peter's, Lebanon
  - 10 copies of the Arch Book, Baby Jesus is Born
- Emerald Clovers HCE members
  - 15 children's books

If you have any books to donate (children's especially), please let me know. If you have any questions on the Little Free Library, let me know that as well.

Thanks for your support of Zion's Little Free Library!

Sally Schoenike

### Un-decorating Church

Packing away the Christmas decorations will take place on

**Saturday, January 9, starting about 8:45-ish.**

The door will be unlocked...just come on inside and start packing!

This will not take long.

We could use at least one LADDER person again to put the boxes up on the storage shelf downstairs.

Any volunteers?



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# THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! The Ashippun Bread Basket food pantry is incredibly grateful for your donations! During our food drive between November 17th-December 6th, **123 food items were collected!** Your help is greatly appreciated!

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The Missions Committee would like to thank you for your generosity and support of the Giving Tree. We have collected 120 items that will benefit the residents of Shorehaven Health Care Center in Oconomowoc.

Blessings to all of you this Christmas Season



***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 & Barb Pieper  
Ross & Jacob Kopfer

