

January 2, 2022



*But when
the fullness
of time
had come,*



*God sent his
Son....*

MT. ZION

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Madison Heights, MI

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2nd Sunday after Christmas

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Dear Child of Bethlehem, our Lord and Savior, graciously forgive our many sins. Supply us with hearts prepared by Your holy Word to worship You even as those believers, Simeon and Anna of old, who by faith believed and waited for Your first coming into the world. Guard and keep us through that Word until Your second appearance, when You will come in all power and glory to judge the world. In Your name, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 125 (TLH): *The Old Year Now hath Passed Away*

- 1.** *The old year now hath passed away; We thank Thee, O our God, today That Thou hast kept us through the year When danger and distress were near.*
 - 2.** *We pray Thee, O eternal Son, Who with the Father reign'st as One, To guard and rule Thy Christendom Through all the ages yet to come.*
 - 3.** *Take not Thy saving Word away, Our souls' true comfort, staff, and stay. Abide with us and keep us free From errors, following only Thee.*
 - 4.** *Oh, help us to forsake all sin, A new and holier course begin! Mark not what once was done amiss; A happier, better year be this,*
 - 5.** *Wherein as Christians we may live Or die in peace that Thou canst give, To rise again when Thou shalt come And enter Thine eternal home.*
 - 6.** *There shall we thank Thee and adore With all the angels evermore.*
- Lord Jesus Christ, increase our faith To praise Thy name through life and death.**

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie – Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis – Latin for “Glory in the Highest (to God).” A hymn glorifying and praising our God.

Glo-ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
Lord Je-sus Christ, the Fa-ther's on-ly Son, You
A-lone, O Christ, You on-ly are the Lord, At
heav'n-ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
God's right hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the
You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
God, Your glo-rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it wor-shipped and a - dored, With all the
might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 17:1-7*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ² that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³ Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴ "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 102 Selected Verses*

P Let this be recorded for a generation to come,

C So that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:

P That he looked down from his holy height;

C From heaven the LORD looked at the earth,

P To hear the groans of the prisoners,

C To set free those who were doomed to die,

P That they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,

C And in Jerusalem his praise.

P Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,

C And the heavens are the work of your hands.

P They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment.

C You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,

P But you are the same,

C And your years have no end.

P The children of your servants shall dwell secure;

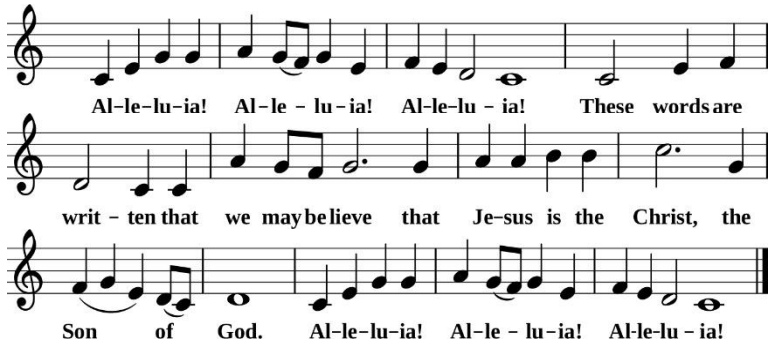
C Their offspring shall be established before you.

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 1:68-75*

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people ⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; ⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! These words are
writ-ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

The Nicene Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Installation of Church Officers

President Carl Ryan (1yr)

Financial Secretary Ben Mueller (1yr)

Vice President Matt Fobear (1yr)

Trustee Ben Mueller (3yr)

Secretary Matt Fobear (1yr)

Elder Randy Wittorp (3yr)

Treasurer Nathan Fobear (1yr)

Elder Matt Fobear (3yr)

Board of Finance Carl Ryan and Randy Wittorp (1yr)

Board of Education Dave Troya, Randy Wittorp, and Matt Fobear (1yr)

Hymn 715 (WS2000): *Where Shepherds Lately Knelt*

1. *Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word,
I come in half belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred,
But there is room and welcome there for me. (2x)*
2. *In that unlikely place I find him as they said:
Sweet newborn babe, how frail! and in a manger bed,
A still, small voice to cry one day for me. (2x)*
3. *How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,
His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me. (2x)*
4. *Can I, will I forget how love was born, and burned
Its way into my heart unasked, unforced, unearned,
To die, to live, and not alone for me? (2x)*

The Sermon: *Psalm 102:27-28 and Galatians 4:4-7*

You are the same, and your years have no end. ²⁸ The children of your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before you. (Psalm 102:27-28)

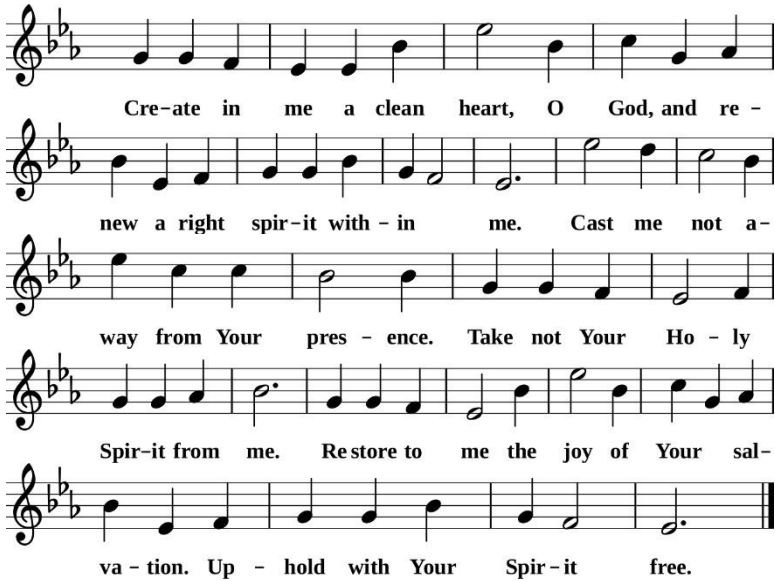
But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. (Galatians 4:4-7)

Theme: NEW YEAR, SAME FAITHFUL GOD

- I. Same redemption for all people (4-5a)
- II. Same adoption for all believers (5b-6)
- III. Same inheritance for each one of us (7)

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn 710 (WS2000): *Once in Royal David's City*

- 1. Once in royal David's City Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.***
- 2. He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly Lived on earth our Savior holy.***
- 3. But our eyes at last shall see Him Through His own redeeming love,
For that Child, so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in heav'n above,
And He leads His children on To the place where He is gone.***
- 4. Not in that poor, lowly stable With the oxen standing by
Shall we see Him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high.
Then like stars His children crowned, All in white, His praise will sound.***

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's Scashtag is "Scslcmztzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse

- (788:1):* ***Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.***

Prayer of the Church – The Lord’s Prayer

- C** 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 Service of the Sacrament

Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory, that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen; Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Sanctus – Latin for “Holy.” We join our voices to the angels who sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy” around His throne.”

The musical score is written on four staves of a grand staff (treble clef). The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The text is: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Institution

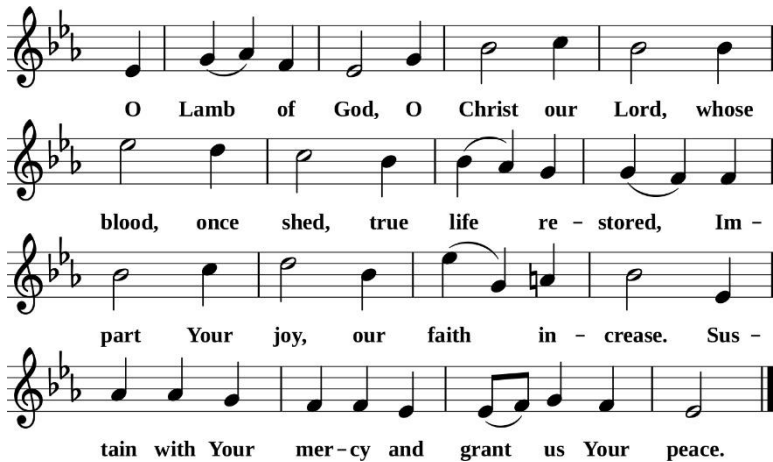
The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Lamb of God

The Agnus Dei – Latin for "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to be thinking about the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross.



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

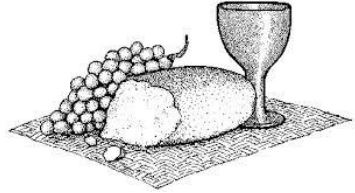
Distribution of the Sacrament

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

1 Corinthians 1:10 "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

1 Corinthians 11:26-30 "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."



O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

The Nunc Dimittis – Latin for "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)

O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - part in heav'n-ly
 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the
 peace, For I have seen the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing
 Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in -
 grace: A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly
 One; For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er
 hill, The glo - ry of Your peo - ple, Your
 be, God's tri - une name re - sound - ing Through
 cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Thanksgiving

We give thanks and praise the LORD for the forgiveness of sins received in the Sacrament.

My heart has now become Your dwelling, O blessed ho-ly Trin-i-ty. With an-gels I, Your prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter-nal - ly. Lord, may Your bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

The Benediction *The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen!

Closing Hymn 123:1-3,8 (TLH): *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

**1. Our God, our Help in ages past, Our Hope for years to come,
Our Shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal Home!**

**2. Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.**

**3. Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.**

**8. Our God, our Help in ages past, Our Hope for years to come,
Be Thou our Guard while troubles last And our eternal Home!**

Worship at Mt. Zion

We have a singular goal in our worship: “Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools.” (Ecc. 5:1 NKJV)

Our service follows the historic Biblical style of using a liturgy. The liturgy is meant to give order and structure to the worship service. We try to keep our worship respectful in order to foster an atmosphere which allows us to focus on the power of God’s Word. Our service is also meant to be reflective so that each individual can hear, understand, and meditate upon the wonderful works of God! (Acts 2:11)

The Bible teaches that God creates and sustains faith in a person’s heart through the power of His Word: Romans 1:16: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.” In our fast-paced society, meditative and reflective worship is sometimes considered outdated, irrelevant, or boring. Yet, God Himself says, “faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17). God has not changed His method of reaching people with the hope of forgiveness simply because our society has changed. He remains the same and His Word remains powerful.

If the worship service seems strange to you, don’t give up right away! Stick with it, try to learn something new each week, and develop a habit of being present in God’s house. The ability to quietly listen and learn is an acquired skill that takes time and practice. Our prayer each week is that we grow in our ability to listen to God’s Word and thereby increase our faith in Jesus. We hope you will continue to join us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe and teach. Where and when? Your convenience.

CHURCH UNDECORATING: If you can stay for a little while after church today, please help take down the indoor and outdoor church Christmas decorations. It shouldn't take too long. Many hands make light work!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Congratulations to Carl and Michelle Ryan on the birth of their daughter, Sophia Lynn. Born on December 31 (also Carl's birthday), Sophia weighed in at 7lbs 2oz and is 20in tall. A baptism is being planned soon. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! *Psalm 127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.*

THANK YOU to the members of Mt. Zion for the monetary Christmas gift to the Naumanns. We are humbled once again by your great generosity. We could not ask for a better church family. Your love for the LORD is made evident by your love for us. A love that we certainly return in kind. Serving Christ with you, Pastor, Ashley, Aurora, Jed, and baby #3.

THE 1st QUARTER VOTERS MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, January 16 remotely at 11am. 2021 Board Chairmen are asked to please submit their annual reports to 2021 President Randy Wittorp by January 9 so that he can compile the congregation's annual report for the meeting.

MT. ZION MAIL MINISTRY: Starting in January Pastor is going to begin weekly mailing out bulletins and sermons to shut-ins, at-a-distance members, and anyone else who'd like to be included. If you or someone you know would like to be put on this mailing list, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of church.

FUNERAL FOR RETIRED ILC PROFESSOR PAUL SULLIVAN: A service of thanksgiving and praise to Christ for the grace shown to His servant Paul Sullivan will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. (No visitation prior to the service.) Due to health concerns, the family requests masks be worn and spacing be utilized in the sanctuary, if possible. Memorials can be designated to **Kinship** or **CLC Missions** (501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701). "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints." (Psalm 116:15)

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, Florida, **has accepted** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. + Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran School, Phoenix, AZ, **has returned** the call to be the upper grade teacher of Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE. + Mr. Nathan Wales of Columbia, SC, **is still considering** the call to Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN, to serve as principal and teacher for grades 5 -8, beginning with the 2022 school year. + ILC Professor John Ude **is still considering** the call to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

January Usher: _____ <> Church Cleaning: Fobears

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 8 <> Bible Class/Sunday School = N/A

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3,076.92	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$80,000.00
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2,298.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$76,248.98
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$7,624.90
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$1,925.00

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Sun. 1/9	9am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10am	Worship with Communion
Tue. 1/11	7pm	Board of Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Church Council Meeting
	8:00pm	Board of Christian Ed. Meeting
	8:30pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
Sun. 1/16	11am	Q1 Voters Meeting
Sun. 1/30	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Ephesians 6:18 "Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Jackie McGruder remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. **Denise Troyan's** sister, Amy, is receiving treatment for cancer. **Dave Troyan's** mother, Lois, was in a serious car accident several months ago, breaking her ankle, and suffering trauma to the brain. **The Naumanns** are expecting a newborn baby in June 2022.