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Newsletter

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Keeping you informed and
staying connected



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1. "The King Who Treasures the Small Things"

Matthew 25:31–46

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

November marks the end of the Church Year. Traditionally, this has been a time to reflect on the end of life and especially the ultimate end — the Last Judgment.

When I was a boy, I made a little ship out of bark and sticks for my grandfather. It was crooked, crude, and simple. It had no market value. It was the best a five-year-old with a new pocket knife could manage.

When my grandfather died, his only remaining possessions fit in a single cardboard box. To my surprise, in that box was that rough little boat. Of all the things he had owned, this was one of the few he chose to keep. He had kept it and proudly displayed it until the day he died. What I made was small, but it mattered because it was made by his grandson.

Giving that little ship did not make me a grandson. I was born a grandson. However, being a grandson is why I gave my grandfather a boat.

On the Last Day, when Christ our King returns in glory, He will speak not of grand achievements, but of small mercies: a meal shared, a coat given, a visit made. *"As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to Me,"* He says. (Matthew 25:40)

Our Lord, who fills all things, chooses to be found in humble places. In His Word, in Baptism, in the Holy Supper, Jesus is present to serve us salvation. In the needy, the lonely, and the forgotten, Jesus is present to be served with our gratitude. Where might Jesus be giving you an opportunity this week to serve Him in *"the least of these"*?

These simple little acts do not make us Christians. We are born Christians through water and the Spirit. However, being Christians, we naturally serve the least of Christ's little brothers.

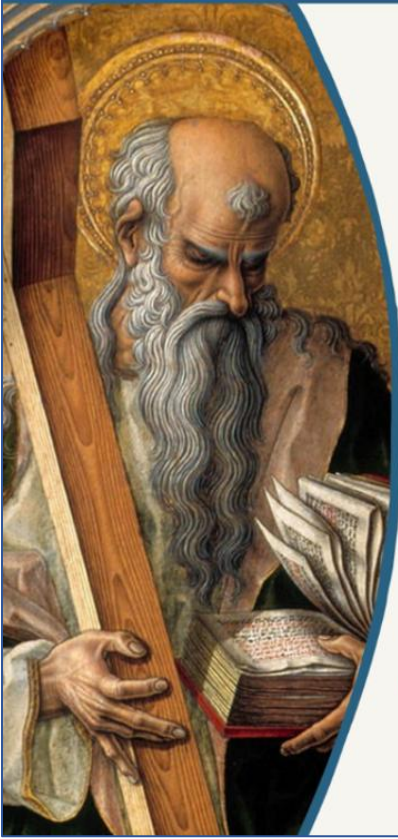
Like my grandfather treasured that little ship because of who gave it, Christ treasures your small acts of love because of who *you* are. You are *His* little lamb—baptized, forgiven, and beloved.

So when you share kindness with those in need, you are caring for Jesus Himself. On the Last Day, we will be amazed to see how every tiny, quiet act of mercy has been wondrously known, cherishingly kept, and proudly displayed by our King.

"Come, you who are blessed by My Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you." (Matthew 25:34)

Amen.

—Pastor Kyle Eddy



St. Andrew
November 30

Time Period 1st century AD

Who was he?
An Apostle of Christ, a missionary, and the brother of Simon Peter.

Did you know?

- Jesus called him, along with Peter, James, and John, to become a "fisher of men."
- He was present at many important moments in Christ's ministry, such as the Last Supper, the Resurrection, and later, Pentecost.
- He is remembered for steadfastly sharing the Good News of Christ with those close to himself as well as with the Gentiles.

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2. Services and Events:

Note:

All Sunday Services are livestreamed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@zion-vanderhoof-lutheran/streams>

- **Sunday, November 2nd, 9:30 a.m.**
Bible Study: Journey Through God's Word – Book of Revelation.
This week: **The Seven Seals – Part One**
Everybody is welcome!
- **Sunday, November 2nd, 10:30 a.m.**
Our Life Together in Christ: A new 4-week Sermon Series.
Week 1 – **Our Fellowship Is with the Father and the Son** (1 John 1:1–7)
We'll explore what Christian fellowship really is, why it matters, and how God uses it to strengthen, encourage, and grow His people.

- **Sunday, November 9th, 9:30 a.m.**
Bible Study: Journey Through God's Word – Book of Revelation.
Everybody is welcome!
This week: **The Seven Seals – Part Two**
- **Sunday, November 9th, 10:30 a.m.**
Our Life Together in Christ: A 4-week Sermon Series.
Week 2 – **Fellowship in Christ: One Body, Many Members** (Romans 12:3-8)
We'll explore what Christian fellowship really is, why it matters, and how God uses it to strengthen, encourage, and grow His people.
Holy Communion.

- **Thursday, November 13th, 7:00 p.m.**
Monthly Meeting of the LWMLC Prince George Society in the downstairs meeting room at ZLCS; all ladies are welcome!
Please contact Penny if you need a ride.

- **Friday, November 14th, 7:00 p.m.**
Youth Group for Teenagers Grade 8 to 12
Games, Bible Study, and Fellowship

- **Sunday, November 16th, 9:30 a.m.**
Bible Study: Journey Through God's Word – Book of Revelation.
Everybody is welcome!
This week: **The Seventh Seal and the First Trumpets – Part One**
- **Sunday, November 16th, 10:30 a.m.**
Our Life Together in Christ: A 4-week Sermon Series.
Week 3 – **Fellowship in Christ: Burdens Carried** (Galatians 6:1-10)
We'll explore what Christian fellowship really is, why it matters, and how God uses it to strengthen, encourage, and grow His people.

- **Sunday, November 23rd, 9:30 a.m.**
Bible Study: Journey Through God's Word – Book of Revelation.
Everybody is welcome!
This week: **The Seventh Seal and the First Trumpets – Part Two**
- **Sunday, November 23rd, 10:30 a.m.**
Our Life Together in Christ: A 4-week Sermon Series.
Week 4 – **Fellowship in Christ: Devoted** (Acts 2:42-47)
We'll explore what Christian fellowship really is, why it matters, and how God uses it to strengthen, encourage, and grow His people.
Holy Communion.
LWMLC PG Society Lasagna Luncheon after the Service. All donations will be used to support our Concordia Lutheran Seminary Student, **Nicolas Goerz**.

- **Friday, November 28th, 7:00 p.m.**
Youth Group for Teenagers Grade 8 to 12 .
Games, Bible Study, and Fellowship.

- **Sunday, November 30th, 9:30 a.m.**
Bible Study: Journey Through God's Word – Book of Revelation.
Everybody is welcome!
This week: **The Final Trumpets – Part One**
- **Sunday, November 30th, 10:30 a.m.**
First Sunday in Advent Worship Service.

- **Wednesday, December 3rd, 4:00 p.m.**
First Advent Midweek Service.
Soup and Bun Dinner after the Service.

- **Sunday, December 7th, 9:30 a.m.**
Bible Study: Journey Through God's Word – Book of Revelation.
Everybody is welcome!
This week: **The Final Trumpets – Part Two**
- **Sunday, December 7th, 10:30 a.m.**
Second Sunday in Advent Worship Service, Holy Communion.
Ladies only Christmas Potluck after the service at the home of Shirley.
Invited are all LWMLC members and guests.
You can find more details on the bottom of page 7.

- **Wednesday, December 10th, 4:00 p.m.**
Second Advent Midweek Service.
Soup and Bun Dinner after the Service.

- **Sunday, December 14th, 9:30 a.m.**
Bible Study: Journey Through God's Word – Book of Revelation.
Everybody is welcome!
This week: **A Woman and a Dragon – Part One**
- **Sunday, December 14th, 10:30 a.m.**
Third Sunday in Advent Worship Service.

- **Tuesday, December 16th, 6:30 p.m.**
School's Christmas Play.
Rooty's Christmas Wish - by Rebecca Wimmer.

- **Wednesday, December 17th, 4:00 p.m.**
Third Advent Midweek Service.
Soup and Bun Dinner after the Service.

- **Sunday, December 21st, 9:30 a.m.**
Bible Study: Journey Through God's Word – Book of Revelation.
Everybody is welcome!
This week: **A Woman and a Dragon – Part Two**
- **Sunday, December 21st, 10:30 a.m.**
Fourth Sunday in Advent Worship Service, Holy Communion.

- **Tuesday, December 23rd**
Christmas Eve Worship Service in Vanderhoof.

- **Wednesday, December 24th, 7:00 p.m.**
Christmas Eve Worship Service.
- **Thursday, December 25th, 10:30 a.m.**
Christmas Day Worship Service, Holy Communion.
- **Sunday, December 28th, 9:30 a.m.**
Bible Study: Journey Through God's Word – Book of Revelation.
Everybody is welcome!
This week: **The 144,000 – Part One**
- **Sunday, December 28th, 10:30 a.m.**
First Sunday after Christmas Worship Service.

3. Notices:

* **Please join Zion LWMLC in:**

~ **Lasagna Lunch on November 23, 2025**, by donation. Immediately following worship service.

All Donations will be used to support our Concordia Lutheran Seminary Adopt a Student - Nicolas Goerz

~ **Donating non-perishable food and staples from Nov. 16th to Dec. 7th.**

Items will be divided and delivered the week of Dec. 14th

~ **Filling the hat, socks and mitten tree from Nov. 16th to Dec. 14th**

Items received will be taken to St. Vincent's for distribution to their clients

~ LWMLC members and guests will be having a **Ladies Only Christmas Potluck on Dec. 7th at the home of Shirley Smith**, following worship service.

Each guest is requested to bring 2 dozen cookies or squares and a dish to share.

The cookies and squares will be packaged on Dec. 13th, meeting at the church at 1 pm and distributed to the shut in members of our congregation.

Please let Penny know by email or contact the church at zion@zlcs.com if you would like to join in the potluck and/or making and delivering cookies.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support!

- * **Bible Study Theme: Journeys Through God's Word – Revelation, Sundays at 9:30 a.m., Everybody is welcome!**

Join us on our Journey Through God's Word as we delve into the Book of Revelation. Find comfort in its words and discover answers to many questions.

Due to unexpectedly strong, but very welcome, interest in this bible study, we have extended its schedule.

- * **Attention!** We have had reports that an imposter pretending to be Pastor Eddy is trying to scam money and gift cards.

The email address they are using is not pastor@zlcs.com!

Please always be careful if you are asked for money, gift cards, or banking information! Our Pastor will never ask you for any of these!

- * **Please prayerfully consider serving Our Lord by serving His Church.**

‘Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.’ (1 Peter 4:10)

Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and your talents to serve His Church.

Talk to Gail or Penny, or email zion@zlcs.com, to find out how you can help.

- * Find us on **You-Tube:** <https://www.youtube.com/@zion-vanderhoof-lutheran> if you are unable to attend in person and want to watch our **live-streamed worship services**, or if you want to rewatch a previously recorded service.

- * We are always updating **Our Website:** <https://zionpg.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/> Please check in occasionally and let us know how we are doing.

4. Prayer Requests and Praise Reports

Merciful Father, You are our refuge in every need.

Look with kindness on all who have asked for our prayers and on all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Give them patience and strength. If it pleases You, grant them healing and relief. Above all, keep them firm in faith and fill them with the hope of the resurrection and eternal life.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please continue to your brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers.

If you have prayer requests you would like to share with the congregation, please call the office at 250-562-2777 or send an email to zion@zlcs.com.

The **Prayer Chain** is a line of communication among Christians who are willing to be 'On Call' and will pray for any specific need for anyone who requests their prayers.

The members of the prayer chain will keep your prayer requests **strictly confidential** unless you explicitly allow us to share them with the congregation!

If you would like to participate in the prayer chain, or want to know more about it, please contact Penny Bobier at penbob@shaw.ca.

If you are in need of prayer, please don't hesitate to call the office at 250-562-2777 or Shirley at 250-964-3411.

We don't want anyone to be in need or suffering, so, please let us know if we can help in any way.

5. Did you know that our Church has a Facebook page?



<https://www.facebook.com/people/Zion-Lutheran-Church-and-Christian-School/100064320926931/>

6. Did you know? - It's My Very Own - Bags of Love

"It's My Very Own - Bags of Love" is a project started in the United States by Barbara Neher. It is a program that works with communities and local Child & Family Services offices. The Bags of Love are distributed through the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

The local chapter of Bags of Love is a faith-based non-profit organization. Ralph Sommerville started the program in Prince George in 2008, meeting the immediate needs of displaced children in Northern B.C., local organizer today is Irene Lipovszky.

When a child must be removed from their home for their own safety, these bags are designed to help ease that transition. Often, a child must leave their home immediately and cannot take anything with them, such as toys, clothes, or personal items. Bags of Love provides them something to call their very own.

Prince George, Quesnel, Vanderhoof, McBride, Mackenzie, Fort St. James, and Burns Lake have been equipped with bags and a few have even gone into Smithers and Terrace, according to Irene Lipovszky.

All the Bags of Love are age appropriate, divided between boys and girls in five different age categories from infants to 17 years old.

At the top of every bag is a large stuffie, and at the bottom is a quilted blanket.

Donations of all kinds are needed and accepted including volunteers willing to help, cash, fabric to make the bags and quilts, grooming items like shampoo, toothbrushes, and toothpaste, and other things like activity kits, toy trucks and cars, journals for the older children, and even diapers for the wee ones.

For more information, e-mail irenal@shawcable.com or call 250-564-8967.

Did you know that some ladies of our congregation come together once a week to make quilts for this worthy cause?



If you would like to join the quilting group, or want to help out in any other way, please talk to Shirley or contact the church office.

7. Did You Know? - Concordia Lutheran Seminary - Adopt a Student Program

'I will give you shepherds after My own heart who will feed you with knowledge and understanding' (Jeremiah 3:15)

'Forming servants for Jesus' sake'



Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary (CLS) prepares men for the office of the holy ministry and provides general theological education to lay men and women.

CLS is committed to the Holy Scriptures as God's infallible Word and the only source of our Christian faith and life, and to the Lutheran Confessions as a true and faithful exposition of that Word.

Concordia... confessing and teaching the doctrine of the Book of Concord
Lutheran... within the church that is named for the great Reformer
Theological... moulding Christian men and women to study the faith and think clearly
Seminary... a seedbed in which men grow into the office of the holy ministry

Through the **Adopt a Student program**, sponsors are connected with a specific student to support. Support of an adopted student can include prayers, letters and cards, and monetary support.

For more information, visit <https://www.concordiasem.ab.ca/>

8. Zion Lutheran Church and Christian School Contact Information:

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, except statutory holidays.

School Hours: 8:40 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. on school days (Office closes at 12:30 p.m.!)

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