All members are invited to participate in a conversation about the **"Future Direction of Wayne Zion"**. *(All meetings will follow church service in the Social Hall during fellowship)*

Second Town Hall Meeting ~**November 22nd** - Status and Direction of the ELCA and the Challenges of Finding a Traditional Pastor in the ELCA

Third Town Hall Meeting ~**December 6th** - What are Our Alternatives?

Fourth Town Hall Meeting ~**December 13th** - Straw Poll Regarding Direction



See Social Hall bulletin board for needs this month

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/LESSON

Seeking members on the second Sunday of each month to share God's message with our children. See clipboard in entryway.



Lighting The Way

A Memorial Luminary Tribute
Saturday, December 5th, 2026
4-7 pm
Monticello City Hall sidewalk (200 E. First Street)
Luminary bags with the details are located in the Social Hall



Begins Sunday
November 22nd



Watch for the Giving Tree

Correct contact 319 350-3504 for Rhonda Michels

WAYNE ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 15, 2026
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor: Phil Jorgensen
Ministers: All Members

INTRODUCTION

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

* *Denotes the invitation to stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE ***Grace and Thanksgiving*** *OL#213785* Handbell Choir

GATHERING

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** **P. 94**

GATHERING SONG
Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory *PD* **ELW 890**
Barb Andreesen, accompanist

GREETING and *Kyrie* **P. 147**
Canticle of Praise **P. 149**

PRAYER OF THE DAY Today's Readings Insert

WORD

FIRST READING Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Annette Smith, lector
Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90:1-8 [9-11]12 *the congregation speaks the bold verses*

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** **P. 151**

*** GOSPEL** Matthew 25:14-30
Glory to You, O Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY
O God, Our Hope in Ages Past *PD* **ELW 632**

*** APOSTLES' CREED** **P. 105**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

NOISY COIN OFFERING
*** PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**
Praise and Thanksgiving st. 3 *OL#13262* **ELW 689**
*** OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*** GREAT THANKSGIVING** **P. 152**
*** *Holy, Holy, Holy*** **P. 153**
*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**
*** LORD'S PRAYER** **P. 154**
INVITATION TO COMMUNION
THE DISTRIBUTION
All who are baptized and believe Jesus is present in this meal and God nourishes our faith, forgives our sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel are invited to come forward to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers and apple juice are available. Those who wish to receive a blessing may also come forward with arms folded.
Lamb of God **P. 154**
*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

SENDING

*** BLESSING**

SENDING SONG
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ *OL#53739* **ELW 674**

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

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Prayer Requests

Wanda Steuri, Chris Herren, Paul Siebels, Kay Jamison's family, she died Tuesday, Ed Green, John Blessman, friend of John Lacock's, Ivan Eden, Ron Andreesen, Merwyn Scheckel, Carlene Sievertsen's husband, Junelle Benter, Mark Hein, Carol and Glenn Hein, John Leytem, Shawn's dad, Sharon Hall, Kay Kuhns, Linda Siebels, Kalinda Stadtmueller, Sandy Jensen, Stephen Ministers and their care receivers and others we name in our hearts and known to our Lord who suffer.

Military: Zach Yates and Dalton Holub

HAPPENINGS AT WAYNE ZION

November 16	1:00 pm Staff Meeting
November 17	9:00 am Useful Hands (Quilting Group)
November 18	6:00 pm Confirmation and Youth Group
	6:45 pm Bell Choir
November 19	*Newsletter Articles Due*
November 22	8:00 am Bible Study
	9:00 am Worship Service
	10:00 am Town Hall Meeting #2
	10:15 am Children's Music
	10:30 am Sunday School
	10:30 am Adult Choir
November 23	1:00 pm Staff Meeting
November 24	1:00 pm MMA Meeting
November 25	6:00 pm Last Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service led by Youth Group



Office Closed November 26th and 27th

NEEDED VOLUNTEERS
for Sunday's Advent Readings
and Food Pantry see clipboards in church entryway