



***Sunday worship - 10:30 am
virtually; and in person with
masks and socially distant seating,
alternating locations between
Zion/St. Mark; and 8:00 am re-
broadcast on local tv channel***

***For online access information:
Zion: Beth Deskins
St. Mark: the LeRoy and Smith
families***

***Prayer requests – parish office
zionstmk@swva.net or 745.2096***

***Please let us know if there is any
way we may be of assistance to
you***

***Pastor Wanda Childs –
304.920.5965***

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*“Every good gift and
every perfect gift
is from above,
coming down from
the Father of lights”*

-James 1:17

To the People of St. Luke,

What is advent? The Celtic prayer paints it so beautifully:

In the mighty name of God,

In the saving name of Jesus,

In the strong name of the Spirit,

We come

We cry

We watch

We wait

We long

For you.

Advent is about hurrying up and waiting. Part of the sweetness of the season of Advent is its shortness. It is only 4 weeks long! There is a sacredness to the waiting and the preparation in this season. Preserve some time this Advent to simply sit and savor the anticipation. Allow times of quiet in your daily routine to pray and be still.

The anticipation can be just as wonderful and meaningful as the actual Christmas celebration. Instead of fear, boredom, restlessness and frenetic activity, this is a time to be filled with hope, eager anticipation and purposeful preparation so that instead of an anticlimactic letdown, our celebration can be meaningful and holy.

Advent, the season of waiting, watching, and wondering is out of step with the frantic, fast-paced culture in which we live. Yet, God continues to call us to step out of the madness that afflicts us for a season. God calls us to pause and reflect, to wonder and hope, and to wait and savor the holy mystery of birth and new life in Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God!
Pastor Wanda**

Contact Us

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ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

135 Needmore Lane, Floyd, VA 24091

PASTOR WANDA CHILDS

Pastor Wanda will be happy to meet with you by phone or in person. Please contact her to set up a time. She also has weekly office hours.

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MUSIC/CHOIR DIRECTOR

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Alive in Christ, Christ alive in us

St. Mark Council Members

Susan Paris, President
Laura LeRoy
Mike Smith
Vickie Sowers

Zion Council Members

Marty Holliday, President
BJ Bauermeister
Michael Daiber
Bill Gardner
Linda Fox
Jack Wall
Marjorie Wells

Joint Council

Bill Gardner, President
BJ Bauermeister, Treasurer
Mike Smith, Secretary

Committees

Altar Guild St. Mark – Beth Smith
Altar Guild Zion – Marty Holliday
Cemetery/Columbarium-Bill Gardner

Community Cares – Kamala Bauers
Prayer Shawls – Linda Fox
RIC – Linda Fox
Social Justice – Marty Holliday
Zoom Services – Marty Holliday
Webmaster – Tom Roemhildt

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Thank you to the choir for sharing their gifts on Christmas Eve.

Prayers for the People

Wayne Pennell, husband of BJ
Bauermeister

Richard Angliere

Ann Henley Paulson

Joyce Whitaker

Cheryl Nichols

Pastor Wanda

Family of Eddie Harris

Paula Harris

Family of Joanne Brusati,

sister of David Harman

Michael Daiber

Jean Harman

Mother of Julia Siler Meredith

Angie Chandler, colleague of
Marty Holliday

(prayer requests/deletions- parish
office voice mail 745.2096 or email
zionstmk@swva.net)

Tithes and Offerings can be
mailed to:

Zion - Floyd Willis Lutheran
Parish, PO Box 37, Floyd, VA
24091

St. Mark- Nadine Rutrough,
952 Christiansburg Pike,
Floyd, VA 24091

“Finally, brothers, rejoice.
Aim for restoration, comfort
one another, agree with one
another, live in peace; and
the God of love and peace
will be with you.”
-2 Corinthians 13:11



Birthdays

4-Mike Smith

14-Curtis Pleasant

16-Joe Sowers

18-Luke LeRoy

21-Phyllis Poff

24-Noelle Kocol

Anniversaries

14-Kamala Bauers and Jack Wall

28-Paula and Eddie Harris

31-Marjory and Randall Wells

Funny Bone -

- “The only time of the year in which one can sit in front of a dead tree and eat candy out of socks.”
- “It’s not what’s under the Christmas tree that matters, it’s who’s around it.”
- “I wish we could put up some of the Christmas spirit in jars and open a jar of it every month.”
- “I planned out our whole day. First, we’ll make snow angels for two hours, then we’ll go ice skating, then we’ll eat a whole roll of Toll House cookie dough as fast as we can, and then we’ll snuggle. - ELF
- “I’ve learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way they handle three things: a rainy day, lost luggage and tangled Christmas tree lights.” - Maya Angelou

**Parish Lunch at St. Mark
Friday, December 8th and 22nd, Noon.
Bring your lunch and a friend!**

December Worship Services

*Sunday Worship In-Person and Virtual
Re-broadcast of services on local television,
Sundays, 8 am*

3 - St. Mark, 10:30 Sunday Worship

10 - Zion, 10:30 Sunday Worship
Noisy Offering for Plenty Farm/Food Bank Fund

17 - St. Mark, 10:30 Sunday Worship

24 - Zion, 7:00 Christmas Eve Service
Food/Fellowship following the service

31 - St. Mark, 10:30 Sunday Worship

**“And you will have joy and gladness, and
many will rejoice at his birth”Luke 1:14**

Enrich your Advent experience by gathering for suppers (provided) at 5:30 and Holden Evening Prayer services at 6:15, on Wednesday evenings, Dec. 6, 13, and 20, at Floyd Methodist Church. Jointly sponsored with the Floyd Presbyterian Church and Floyd Willis Lutheran Parish.

Here's your New Year Resolution! It's time to get involved! Opportunities to serve:

Altar Guild – Contact Beth Smith at St. Mark diamondva@yahoo.com, Contact Marty Holliday at Zion marty.holliday@gmail.com. The altar guild is a ministry of service to all those that attend a service at Zion and at St. Mark. They care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens. Members prepare the sanctuary for all services and clean up afterwards. They order necessary supplies for all services, including altar flowers.

Cemetery/Columbarium – Contact Bill Gardner gardnerb@swva.net. The committee maintains records for our historic cemetery and provides information to those seeking genealogy information. It receives/processes applications for the Columbarium.

Community Care Fund – Contact Kamala Bauers kbauers@wallresidences.com. The Fund is overseen by the Social Justice Committee of Zion. It has been used to assist with basic/unusual needs of Floyd County residents after other resources have been exhausted. Each confidential request is voted on by committee members and often funds are matched by another church or local agency. Help is provided without prejudice to anyone who is a resident of Floyd County, without prejudice to religious beliefs or any other identifier. The Community Care Fund is collected on the last Sunday of the month services are held at Zion.

Prayer Shawls – Contact Linda Fox linda.fox222@gmail.com. **Rainbow Shawls** – Contact Beth Smith diamondva@yahoo.com. Prayer and Rainbow shawls are created to show an expression of God's love by knitting or crocheting for people who are in need of comfort and prayer.

Reconciling In Christ – Contact Linda Fox linda.fox222@gmail.com. The RIC group was established to create our “Welcoming Statement”, to specifically welcome people to our parish who often feel unwelcome in churches including people of all sexual orientations, gender expression and color. The Committee is working on meeting requirements to be listed on a national public register as a “Welcoming Church”.

Social Justice – Contact Marty Holliday marty.holliday@gmail.com. The Committee serves as a primary resource and catalyst for the work of social justice in our community. We base our activities on the biblical and theological foundations of Lutheran social teaching; focus on issues which address dignity and rights of people who are socially, politically or economically disadvantaged; maximize opportunities to work with other organizations/groups; and promote both private and public commitments to social justice.

Zoom Services – Contact Marty Holliday marty.holliday@gmail.com. If you are computer savvy, we would love to have you join us to provide zoom services for the parish. We need a few more folks to help our small group.



knitting rainbow shawls for the new Nineveh ministry.....Please join Beth Smith in this wonderful project. You can knit or crochet the rainbow shawls, or you can donate yarns needed. Contact Beth for more information diamondva@yahoo.com

Zion needs volunteers to sign up to serve as Usher/Greeters, Readers and Fellowship Hosts. There are sign up sheets on the kitchen counter. Please consider making this valuable contribution of time to your church.

