



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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*“Friends are those rare
 people who ask how we
 are and then wait to
 hear the answer.”*

– Ed Cunningham

To the People of the Floyd-Willis Parish,

What are your hopes and dreams for the Floyd-Willis Parish? What would YOU like to see happen in our ministry? If you could dream big, what could we accomplish in our ministry together in seeking to serve our larger community? What are the assets and resources that are available among us for making this dream a reality?

We begin by asking the questions and listening to the answers that God provides. What are OUR hopes and dreams for being part of God’s mission in the world? How can we make those hopes and dreams reality?

Send me your thoughts, text them, email them, share them with each other. Talk about them around your dinner table. Let’s get a conversation going and see where God takes us!

*Peace and Grace,
 Pastor Wanda*

Lent and Easter

Ash Wednesday Service, 2/14, 6 pm, Zion and Zoom

**Mid-Week Devotion Services for Lent, “Making Change”
 6 pm, Zoom only, 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, Wednesdays**

Palm Sunday, 3/24, St. Mark and Zoom

Maundy Thursday, 3/28, 6 pm, St. Mark and Zoom

**Good Friday Community Service, 3/29, Noon,
 Floyd Baptist Church (Methodist/Lutheran/Presbyterian)**

**Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast, 3/31, 7 am, St. Mark
 Easter Worship Service, Egg Hunt, Brunch,
 3/31, 10:30 am, Zion**

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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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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"A friend loves at all times..." Proverbs 17:17

Funny Bone –

- *What kind of eel likes Italian food? That's a moray
- Friends are like a "warm hug" on a cold day!
- 'Did you notice the snow melting in February?' 'I thaw it'.
- I changed my iPad's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- I got some batteries that were given out free of charge.
- A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- He had a photographic memory but it was never fully developed.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

February Worship Services

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

11 – St. Mark, 10:30 Sunday Worship

*14 – Ash Wednesday Service
6:00 pm at Zion and via Zoom*

*18 – Zion, 10:30 Sunday Worship
Noisy Offering for Community Care Fund*

25 – St. Mark, 10:30 Sunday Worship

*Wednesdays 2/21 and 2/28
Midweek Lenten Services
6:00 pm via Zoom*

**St. Mark Parish Lunch at Jim's Grill
Friday, February 16th, Noon.
Bring your lunch and a friend!**

"A life without friends is like a sky without stars." — Kevin Ansbro



February 5-7, 2024

Our fourth annual Midwinter Power in the Spirit online gathering will be held on **Monday, February 5-Wednesday, February 7, 2024 from 5:45-7:15 PM!** We will learn about Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith, who are commemorated in the church on January 27. Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae. These three women represent different Christian ministries. Their names can stand for the many other women who shared generosity, who served, who led, and who bore witness to the faith. Their examples of living can lead us to serve Christ and to bear witness to the faith in a variety of ways today.

Our Bible study leaders, Pastor Phyllis Diamond, Pastor Jessica Darty, and Sylvia Miles (VA Synod commissioned lay preacher) will lead us in learning more about Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe by looking at their lives of witnessing and serving the early church.

Registration is open, **register ASAP. (vasynod.org)** There is no registration fee, but you will need to register to receive the Zoom link for the event. Each morning, you will receive an e-devotional. Pray and study on your own time. Hear reflections from leaders near and far. The Zoom link will be resent each day as well.

Thank you to Walt for keeping folks at Zion safe with salt for ice and shovel for snow.

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." Romans 12:10

Prayers for the People

Joe Sowers, husband of Vickie

Wayne Pennell, husband of BJ Bauermeister

Michael Daiber

Nadine Rutrough

Jay Bower, nephew of Daniel Bower

Keel Frost, friend of Gardner's granddaughter

Luca Gucciardo

(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**

"A sweet friendship refreshes the soul."

Proverbs 27:9



Birthdays

- 2-Carter Holliday
- 5-Wayne Pennell
- 8-Virgil Sealy
- 9-Denise Sealy
- 12-Jack Wall
- 13-Randal Wells, David Bower
- 14-Beth Deskins
- 20-Jim Coulehan, Stephanie Blankenship
- 26-Todd Paris



Our lovely Christmas Eve Candlelight service was included in the Virginia Synod's January newsletter. The newsletter highlighted Christmas celebrations around the Synod. Many thanks to our photographer, Marty Holliday. Also, many thanks to Daniel Bower for setting up, decorating, and breaking down our massive Christmas tree. Thank you to Linda DeVito for donation of the tree.

Ash Wednesday Service

February 14, 6 pm at Zion and also on Zoom