



***Sunday worship - 10:30 am
virtually and in person,
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: Jack and Laura LeRoy***

***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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"I will give thanks to
you, LORD, with all my
heart; I will tell of all
your wonderful deeds".

Psalm 9:1

To the People of the Floyd-Willis Parish,

Remembering. Our faith involves remembering. We break bread and drink wine together, following Jesus' instruction to "do this in remembrance of me." We remember and we give thanks.

During the month of November remembering takes a significant role in our faith community and in society at large. We remember and we give thanks. From All Saints Day to Christ the King Sunday to the first Sunday of Advent we remember and we give thanks. November is liturgically rich and full. Packed in the month of November are other days, national days of remembrance as well.

November 5: All Saints Sunday - We remember the life and ministry of the saints whose witness has shaped and formed our lives. We remember and celebrate the great cloud of witnesses whose physical presence is no longer with us but whose spiritual memories live in and among us. We celebrate our loved ones who are now part of that great cloud of witnesses.

November 11: Veterans Day – Veterans Day, originally known as Armistice Day, was first celebrated on November 11, 1919, to commemorate the end of World War I. It was officially recognized as a federal holiday in 1938 and was renamed Veterans Day in 1954 to honor all American veterans, both living and deceased. This day recognizes the bravery and sacrifice of veterans and serves as an opportunity for the nation to express gratitude for their service and dedication.

November 20: Christ the King Sunday concludes the church year when remember and celebrate that the One who reigns is not Caesar, but God. Christ is the ruler who is unlike any other turns all of our ideas of power and might upside down. From birth through death, and from resurrection to life forever, Jesus is with us holding all things together.

November 23: Thanksgiving Day: Another national holiday, we remember and give thanks for all the blessings of the year.

November 27: First Sunday of Advent - We yearn, We wait, We hope--Come, Thou long-expected Jesus. This year we will share Wednesday evening suppers & Advent Services at Floyd United Methodist Church with the Floyd Presbyterians.

November is rich with remembering and giving thanks. I invite you to be intentional in your coming together as a community this month. Be intentional to come together to remember and give thanks. Be intentional to worship God who makes all things new.

In remembrance and thanksgiving,

Pastor Wanda

Contact Us

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Alive in Christ, Christ alive in us

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Michael Daiber
Bill Gardner
Linda Fox
Jack Wall
Marjorie Wells

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BJ Bauermeister, Treasurer
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Altar Guild Zion – Marty Holliday
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Gardner

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Prayer Shawls – Linda Fox
RIC – Linda Fox
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"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." - John F. Kennedy

Prayers for the People

Wayne Pennell, husband of BJ Bauermeister

Family of Bonnie Outten

Joanne Brusati, sister of David Harman

Richard Angliere

Jason, Crystal, Noelle Kocol

Family of Sue Osborne

Ann Henley Paulson

Cheryl Nichols

Joyce Whitaker

(prayer requests/deletions- parish office
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zionstmk@swva.net)

Tithes and Offerings can be
mailed to:

Zion - Floyd Willis Lutheran
Parish, PO Box 37, Floyd, VA
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St. Mark- Nadine Rutrough,
952 Christiansburg Pike,
Floyd, VA 24091

"Piglet noticed that even
though he had a Very Small
Heart, it could hold a rather
large amount of Gratitude."

— A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-
Pooh

Birthdays

1-Woody Farley
4-Jakeob Farley
4-Tyson LeRoy
14-Bill Gardner
25-Eve Roemhildt

Anniversaries

18-Vickie and Joe Sowers



Funny Bone –

Asked to write a composition entitled, "What I'm thankful for on Thanksgiving," Little Johnny wrote, "I am thankful that I'm not a turkey."

After a long Thanksgiving Day of eating and playing, my 3-year-old granddaughter asked her mother to carry her. When I asked if her legs were broken, Aislin said, "Yes, they're out of batteries."

My family told me to stop telling Thanksgiving jokes, but I said I couldn't quit cold turkey.

November Worship Services

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

5– St. Mark, 10:30 Sunday Worship

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

19 – St Mark, 10:30 Sunday Worship

26 – Zion, 10:30 Sunday Worship
Noisy Offering for Community Cares Fund

**Parish Lunch at St. Mark
Friday, November 10, Noon.
Bring your lunch and a friend!**

*"Give thanks in all circumstances."
1 Thessalonians 5:18*

"Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer." – Maya Angelou



Pictured L. to R. – Harleigh Mikels, Johnathan Mikels, Katie Mikels, Eve Roemhildt, Tom Roemhildt, Jason Kocol, Crystal Kocol, Marty Holliday, Pastor Wanda Childs, Steve Hetherington, Lisa Everette, Sharon Everette, Jack LeRoy, Mike Smith, Beth Smith, Jabe LeRoy, Laura LeRoy, Diane Giessler

Ziplining at Buffalo Mountain Soaring to New Heights with the Floyd Willis Lutheran Parish

Chrismons Workshop – Register for a fun afternoon

Our Savior Lutheran Church in Christiansburg has extended an invitation to area Lutheran congregations to come together and make Chrismons on December 9, 1-4 pm. A kit (you can choose which one) with supplies and instructions will be provided. As the Chrismons are being completed, beverages and finger foods will be provided. The workshop has been made available by a grant from Thrivent. Registrations must be submitted, as a congregation, by November 10th. To register and choose your kit, sign up on the church form posted on the bulletin board just outside the parish office at Zion. What a wonderful opportunity to connect with other church members for a fun afternoon!

Welcoming Statement

The Floyd-Willis Parish recognizes that each of us is uniquely created in the image of God. We celebrate and welcome into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care, embracing the beauty and diversity of all God's creatures. We believe that through our openness we all grow in faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

Many thanks to **Beth and Mike Smith** for everything they do at St. Mark to help the service and fellowship run smoothly, to **Laura and Jack LeRoy** for their dedication to facilitating the Zoom services, and to **Jack and Jabe LeRoy** for their loyal service as Acolytes. We appreciate you and are grateful for the time and effort you give.

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