



**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](mailto: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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 “Feed the hungry, and  
 help those in trouble.  
 Then your light will  
 shine out from the  
 darkness, and the  
 darkness around you will  
 be as bright as noon.”  
 Isaiah 58:10

## To the People of the Floyd-Willis Parish,

Martin Luther reminds us in his explanation of the first article of the Apostles' Creed “that God has created me and all that exists. . . God daily and abundantly provides. . . all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life...out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all!”

We are living in an extraordinary time where change seems to occur overnight in so many ways. Yet the midst of an often topsy-turvy and chaotic world, there are the constants of God's incredible love, blessings & grace! God has provided us with all that we need allowing us to live into an abundance.

If we focus on scarcity, we never have enough. When we focus on God's abundant blessings, there is more than we can ever imagine. Learning from Paul's message to the Philippians, we can be content with what we have because we know that we are blessed and can “do all things through him who strengthens us.”

Join me this fall as we seek to honor and live into what it means to Live Simply by following and relying on Jesus while loving and serving in community.

Life that really is life!

**In Simple Faith,  
 Pastor Wanda**

Philippians 4:11-13 Modern English Version (MEV)

<sup>11</sup> I do not speak because I have need, for I have learned in whatever state I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> I know both how to face humble circumstances and how to have abundance. Everywhere and in all things I have learned the secret, both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things because of Christ who strengthens me.

## 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**

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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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## FLOYD WILLIS LUTHERAN PARISH

PO Box 37

Floyd, VA 24091

Thank you to those who providing lunch for the Habitat Care-A-Vanners on 9/28 and 9/29!

## Prayers for the People

**Wayne Pennell**, husband of BJ  
Bauermeister

**Ann Henley Paulsen**

**Judy Hill**

**Family of Bobby Jean Martin**, mother  
of Deb Snellings

**Bonnie Outten**

(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 Ruttrough,  
952 Christiansburg Pike,  
Floyd, VA 24091

"Each one should use  
whatever gift he has  
received to serve others,  
faithfully administering  
God's grace in its various  
forms."

1 Peter 4:10



**Birthdays**  
23-Judy Hill

**Anniversaries**  
7-Marty and Carter Holliday

*October  
Is  
Pastor  
Appreciation  
Month*

## Funny Bone –

- A husband and wife were driving through Louisiana. As they approached Natchitoches, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. They argued back and forth, then they stopped for lunch. At the counter, the husband asked the waitress, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are very slowly?" She leaned over the counter and said, "Burrrr-gerrr Kiiing."
- The Yogi walked into the Zen Pizza Parlor and said: "Make me *one with everything*." When the Yogi got the pizza, he gave the proprietor a \$20 bill. The proprietor pocketed the bill. The Yogi said "Don't I get any change?" The proprietor said, "Change must come *from within*."

**Parish Lunch at St. Mark**  
**Friday, October 13th and 27th, Noon**  
**Bring your lunch and a friend!**

## October Worship Services

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

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

**8 – St. Mark, 10:30 Sunday Worship**  
*Affirmation of Baptism Service*

**15 – Zion, 10:30 Sunday Worship**  
*Affirmation of Baptism Service*

**22 – St. Mark, 10:30 Sunday Worship**

**29-Zion, 10:30 Sunday Worship**  
*Noisy Offering for Community Care Fund*

"Give your hands to serve, and your  
hearts to love." – Mother Teresa

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." Desmond Tutu

**Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp and Retreat Center** ([carolinefurnace.org](http://carolinefurnace.org))

**Seeds & Spiritual Sprouts Retreat**-How are we related to each other and the land itself? We are excited to have in person facilitator Nellie Adkins, a local friend and educator, who will share the history of our Virginia relatives, seeds, and our land. This will be a weekend of spiritual reflection time, sharing of food made with ingredients from ancient seeds, and some local wine/cider tasting. \*lodging, meals & activities = \$100 individual rate, \$150 per couple, \$200 per family- Day only \$45 (includes 2 meals) **October 20-22.**

**Racial Equity Workshop** - Save the date for our Racial Equity Workshop this coming November. The Workshop will be hosted in the Farmhouse and includes scratch made meals, fellowship, programming, learning, and more! \*No cost to register and attend - sponsored by ELCA Total inclusion Grant - Day only and online options available. **November 10-12.**

**Christmas Craft Retreat** - Bring your entire family to make crafts for gift-giving during the holiday season. Enjoy time by the fire, great meals, and quality-time with your loved ones. Your hand-made gifts will be the ones people treasure most! \*lodging, meals & activities = \$100 individual rate, \$150 per couple, \$200 per family- Day only \$45 (includes 2 meals) **December 8-10.**

**God's Work. Our Hands.**

Celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, the Floyd Willis Lutheran Parish assisted the Floyd Center for the Arts. Pictured are (l. to r.) Jack Wall, Carter Holliday, Cheryl Nichols, Brian Palmer, Rhonda Daiber, Beth Smith, Cheryl Spangler, Teresa Palmer, Diane Giessler, Pastor Wanda Childs, Michael Daiber, Kerry Ackerson.

*The Floyd Center for the Arts wishes to extend a great, big THANK YOU to Floyd Lutherans from Zion and St. Mark's for volunteering on "God's Work, Our Hands" day of service September 10th. The task of organizing the boxes of art supplies in our main classroom was definitely a daunting one! The fire in April really set us back, but with your help, we are that much closer to resuming kids' classes in the cleaned-up space.*



**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.*

**Women's Build in Floyd – Habitat for Humanity**

October 7, 9:30-3:00. Come out and join in this wonderful group. Tee shirt and lunch provided. Sign up to participate on sheets at St. Mark and at Zion.