



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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*"Therefore, if anyone is
 in Christ, he is a new
 creation. The old has
 passed away; behold, the
 new has come."*

2 Corinthians 5:17

To the People of the Floyd-Willis Parish,

September brings new beginnings & new learnings, not only in our schools. We have classes & activities going here at the Floyd-Willis Parish as well! Take a look:

Lutheranism 101: For those interested in staying fresh with their faith tradition and for those who are learning a new tradition, this class will cover the life & legacy of Martin Luther, key Lutheran concepts like Law & Gospel and Justification by Faith, History & Polity of the ELCA, Baptism & Eucharist, How Lutherans read the Bible, Liturgy and becoming a member of this faith community. The second class is this Sunday September 3rd and the last one will be Sunday, September 17th. Feel free to drop in on a class even if you have not attended the others.

Taking in New Members: If you are ready to join, there will be an Affirmation of Baptism Service on Sunday, October 1st at Zion and another one on Sunday, October 8th at St. Mark. You may participate in either service. Please let me know which you prefer.

God's Work Our Hands: Join us as we lend a hand to the Floyd Center of the Arts Sunday, Sept. 10th at 2:30. We will be unpacking and organizing art supplies that were displaced in the April 20th fire. This work is critical to enabling FCA to resume their After School Arts and Homeschool Arts programs. FCA galleries are free and we offer scholarships for all ages so that everyone has access to engage their creative spirit in learning and growth.

Buffalo Mountain Zipline: Fun, fellowship and adventure Sunday, September 24th at 3:30!

Is there more to learn & do as we seek to live out our faith here in the beautiful hills of Floyd County? But of course! We gather weekly to break bread together, sing songs, pray and read scripture. We gather as one body and are scattered throughout the week to be bread for the world, broken and blessed. Thanks be to God!

Broken and Blessed,

Pastor Wanda

Contact Us

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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
Community Outreach - Jack Wall
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 all those who cooked yummy dishes for the Zion and St. Mark potlucks!!!

Prayers for the People

Wayne Pennell, husband of BJ
Bauermeister

Family of Jim Lowe, brother of
Ginny Gardner

Ann Henley Paulson

John Daiber, brother of Michael
Daiber

Judy Hill

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

"The secret of change
is to focus all your
energy not on fighting
the old, but on building
the new."

Socrates

Birthdays

3-Susan Paris, Pat Coulehan
4-William Delano Blankenship
13-Linda Fox
15-Marty Holliday
17-Brook Smith
18-Nadine Rutrough, Judy Lowrance,
Luke LeRoy
22-Isabella Riccobono
22-Cheryl Spangler
15-Walter Way



Funny Bone -

- The road to success has so many tempting parking spaces.
- Teacher: "Which book has helped you the most in your life?" Student: "My father's checkbook."
- I was going to tell a time-traveling joke, but you didn't like it.
- Every morning, I announce that I'm going running, but then I don't. It's a running joke.

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

September Worship Services

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

3- Zion, 10:30 Sunday Worship

10 - St. Mark, 10:30 Sunday Worship

17 - Zion, 10:30 Sunday Worship

24 - St. Mark, 10:30 Sunday Worship

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.
- Isaiah 43:18

"With each sunrise, we are given a chance for a new beginning."

Highlights from 2023 Power in the Spirit



(Pictured: Rev. Alex Zuber, Rev. Wanda Childs, Bishop Elect Phyllis Blair Milton, Bishop Robert F. Humphrey, Judy Wilfong, Rev. Kelly Bayer Derrick)

Power in the Spirit, which took place on the campus of Roanoke College, gathered approximately 100 people for worship, learning, and fellowship. The event explored the theme of Seeking and Finding as it appeared in Scripture and in each individual's journey of faith and life. Participants had the opportunity to attend workshops on topics like Growing Congregational Compassion and Biblical Storytelling. At the closing worship service, lay preachers from around the Synod joined Bishop Humphrey and Rev. Wanda Childs, coordinator of the Lay Preaching Academy, for the commissioning of Judy Wilfong as a lay preacher in the Virginia Synod.



On **Sunday, September 10**, congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service. **"God's work. Our hands."** Sunday began in 2013 in connection with the ELCA's 25th anniversary. It continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. The Floyd-Willis Lutheran Parish will participate by volunteering at Floyd Center of the Arts, 2:30 pm, to organize supplies and set up their new refurbished classroom following a fire last April. Come out and use your hands to do God's work!

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 Rhonda Daiber for weeding the front flower bed and the front hosta bed; and to Bill and Ginny Gardner for weeding the Columbarium garden area; and to the Blue Mountain School for bringing their summer class and teachers to weed the two overgrown back beds by the kitchen/deck.