



Zion-Holden Lutheran

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Hi Everyone,

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected people everywhere . It has affected the stores and jobs across our nation, even in our own towns. It affects families and businesses in every place. It has also, unfortunately affected our church finances.

Because we care for our neighbors in this time of Covid19, we've not been together for worship for the past few months. Our church isn't closed, but is spread out to all of our homes. God is still with us. We still send out the newsletter and include Sunday devotions there. We offer Sunday worship online on our **Zion Holden Lutheran Parish Facebook page**. We pray together on Facebook at 7:00 pm each weeknight. If you have prayers to add, please call or text Pastor Cathy at (701) 490-1801.

During this time of physical distancing, not being together for worship means we have not gathered our regular Sunday offerings, nor are we able to hold our usual fundraisers. Still, we have had the normal bills to pay including heating bills (in March) , electricity, wages, insurance, and other utilities.

Some people have mailed offerings in to honor and thank God for our blessings, and for the sake of continuing God's mission through the work of the church. If we were gathering for worship we'd see it as their Sunday offering, but in addition to Sunday offerings, we have for years needed to add to this by fundraising. Normally we lean heavily on our fundraisers to help pay for insurance on the church, hall and parsonage.

We know it takes all of us to be the church. Many of you have worked hard in the past to make our fundraisers fun and successful. Even more more of you have helped by giving or spending at our sales, meals, and auctions. Now we need your help without these events. Your prayers are always appreciated, and at this time, instead of helping with a fundraiser, we're asking for your financial support.

Giving for the sake of God's mission has always been a part of honoring God. In sharing our resources for the sake of God's dream we remember that all we have is first a gift from God. It reminds us that we are made in God's image, for God's purposes. God has not and will not forget us. God has brought us this far and will continue to lead us and guide us through whatever may come. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the work of God's mission in this unusual time. Checks can be sent by mail to the church office.

Thank you for the many ways you have supported our church in the past. You are an important part of Zion Lutheran. Together we are God's church, and we are here for you.

God be with you now and always,

