



Good News from Zion

Connecting People with God's Grace

November 2026

A Message from Pastor Kat

Celebrating Our Christian Family

In November, we set aside a Sunday as the church to celebrate what we call the Community of Saints. The Community of Saints is a very expansive term, which refers not only to our particular family of faith at Zion, but to all Christians around the world. Even further, the Community of Saints includes not only those who are living today but those Christians who have died – and those who are yet to be born!

All Saints Day is a “fixed feast,” which means that this special day in the church calendar is marked on the same date every year. All Saints Day is marked on November 1st and is celebrated in church worship on the first Sunday of November. This year, the feast day itself (November 1st) happens to fall on a Sunday!

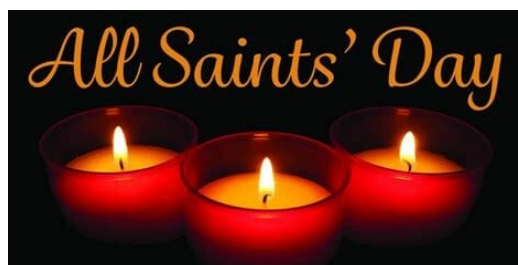
All Saints Sunday at Zion

At Zion, we especially remember the members of our Christian family who have died in the past year. We will honor these “Saints of Zion” on Sunday, November 1st at the very beginning of worship with a special ritual. In this ritual, names of Zion members as well as beloved family and friends will be read aloud, a bell rung, and a candle lit in their honor.

The candle is meant to remind us of the light of Christ that each saint received in their baptism and which shone through their life in their words and deeds. It is also a reminder to us that Christ's light shines in us and that we are called to shine this light into the world by making our very lives an act of praise to our God and an act of service to our neighbors.

Please join us on this special day, **Sunday, November 1st, at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship** as we honor and celebrate the Saints of Zion and remember our own place in the greater Community of Saints!

In Christ,
Pastor Kat



Church Council Highlights



The Church Council met on October 15th. Highlights of the meeting are below.

- Rick Schroeder presented the council with a preliminary outlook of the 2027 budget. The proposed budget will be approved at the November council meeting and presented to the congregation at a special meeting being held on December 6th.
- Leah Batkowski, Nate Brokaw, Ellie Choy, Ana Jebson, Daniel Lundari, and Caleb Schumann were approved by council for confirmation on October 25th.
- The Communications committee is researching the possibility of creating a Zion smartphone app.
- A new baptismal bowl and pitcher have been purchased using memorial funds.
- Staff members have been asked to identify a member of the congregation to represent them on the newly reformed Church Mutual Ministry Committee. The decision was made to postpone the launch of the committee until January, when the new church council members will be installed.
- Brooke Schumann and Jaime VanNostrand participated in a Zoom meeting with the organizers from Cross Roads Camp who will be leading the local contingent of folks attending the National Youth Gathering next summer. Several in-person meetings are planned for the coming months to give participants an opportunity to get to know each other.
- The Worship & Music committee will be purchasing folding chairs for the choir loft to enable easier rearranging of the space.

Thank you to:

- * Helen Livingston for leading the Alternative Giving all-school event.
- * Betty Lanka for teaching the beaded ornament class.
- * Judy Stivala for providing pulpit supply on September 27th while Pastor Kat was on vacation.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 19th. Meetings are open for all to attend.



Adopt-a-Family Thanksgiving Meals

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:31-40

The Harvest Family Success Center (HFSC) in Flemington has asked once again if Zion could provide Thanksgiving meals to local underprivileged families. HFSC has 75 families who have requested help with Thanksgiving meals this year. Please consider either donating \$40 for one meal or, if you enjoy shopping, purchasing the canned and dry goods for the meal. Donations should be delivered to the CEB no later than Friday, November 20th.

More information, including the list of groceries, can be found in the email sent from the Parish Office. Please contact Helen Livingston if you have any questions or would like more information about this Social Ministry program.



Special Meeting of the Congregation — December 6th

There will be a Special Meeting of the Congregation on December 6th at 9:45 a.m. at the church. The purpose of the meeting is to elect 2027 council members and to receive a presentation from the Finance committee of the proposed 2027 budget. The vote to approve the budget will take place at the Annual Meeting on January 31, 2027.

Advent Parish Night — December 6th

Join friends from Zion at the CEB at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 6th for Advent Parish Night. We will enjoy crafts, caroling, and refreshments as we celebrate the season together! Please watch your email for the sign-up link. If you are available to help with this event, please contact Cindy Rupprecht at cindyrupprecht@gmail.com.



Inspired Investment: Third Quarter Giving Summary

This is the ninth article in our Stewardship series. This month we are going to look at our current 2026 giving through September.



Third Quarter Summary

For the year 2026, we were blessed to have 53 families who made a pledge last fall. Of these, 40 have met or exceeded their pledge to date. This group includes 17 who have completed their total pledge amount for the year. Thank you!

The 53 pledging families have given \$273,200 through September, which is over 85% of the total amount pledged for the year. From those who did not submit a pledge for 2026, we have received an additional \$52,800. Our total General Fund income in the 3rd quarter is \$326,000. This is 79% of the projected income for the year. Thank you!

This is good news. We're exceeding expectations! We are sustaining a healthy start for the year that began in the first quarter. We do need to be mindful that the total projected income does not fully cover our approved budget expenditures. We have also received a bequest of \$8,000 which will help close the gap to meet the budget amount. With the bequest, total income is \$334,000. We have also discussed that our facilities are likely to need attention and require resources that are not in our 2026 budget.

What can you do?

If you have not already completed your "Inspired Investment in our Future" pledge for 2027, please refer to the suggested giving table below and return your pledge card by mail or by placing it in the offering plate at church.

Monthly Income	Entry Level Giving			Growth Giving			Discipleship Giving			Challenge Giving		
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	12%	15%
\$ 3,000	\$ 30	\$ 60	\$ 90	\$ 120	\$ 150	\$ 180	\$ 210	\$ 240	\$ 270	\$ 300	\$ 360	\$ 450
\$ 4,000	\$ 40	\$ 80	\$ 120	\$ 160	\$ 200	\$ 240	\$ 280	\$ 320	\$ 360	\$ 400	\$ 480	\$ 600
\$ 5,000	\$ 50	\$ 100	\$ 150	\$ 200	\$ 250	\$ 300	\$ 350	\$ 400	\$ 450	\$ 500	\$ 600	\$ 750
\$ 6,000	\$ 60	\$ 120	\$ 180	\$ 240	\$ 300	\$ 360	\$ 420	\$ 480	\$ 540	\$ 600	\$ 720	\$ 900
\$ 7,000	\$ 70	\$ 140	\$ 210	\$ 280	\$ 350	\$ 420	\$ 490	\$ 560	\$ 630	\$ 700	\$ 840	\$ 1,050
\$ 8,000	\$ 80	\$ 160	\$ 240	\$ 320	\$ 400	\$ 480	\$ 560	\$ 640	\$ 720	\$ 800	\$ 960	\$ 1,200
\$ 9,000	\$ 90	\$ 180	\$ 270	\$ 360	\$ 450	\$ 540	\$ 630	\$ 720	\$ 810	\$ 900	\$ 1,080	\$ 1,350
\$ 10,000	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$ 400	\$ 500	\$ 600	\$ 700	\$ 800	\$ 900	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,500
\$ 11,000	\$ 110	\$ 220	\$ 330	\$ 440	\$ 550	\$ 660	\$ 770	\$ 880	\$ 990	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,320	\$ 1,650
\$ 12,000	\$ 120	\$ 240	\$ 360	\$ 480	\$ 600	\$ 720	\$ 840	\$ 960	\$ 1,080	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,440	\$ 1,800
\$ 13,000	\$ 130	\$ 260	\$ 390	\$ 520	\$ 650	\$ 780	\$ 910	\$ 1,040	\$ 1,170	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,560	\$ 1,950
\$ 14,000	\$ 140	\$ 280	\$ 420	\$ 560	\$ 700	\$ 840	\$ 980	\$ 1,120	\$ 1,260	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,680	\$ 2,100
\$ 15,000	\$ 150	\$ 300	\$ 450	\$ 600	\$ 750	\$ 900	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,250

Are you unsure about where you are in meeting your 2026 pledge or in your annual giving? You can check your third quarter statement recently distributed from the Parish Office. You can also send an email to our Financial Secretary, John Rustwick, at jrustwick@gmail.com.

Thank you!



Youth & Family Ministry at Zion

by Jaime VanNostrand

During the month of October, Youth and Family ministry at Zion centered on the faith formation theme of **COMMUNITY!** We've used that theme as a springboard to explore things like stewardship and how we can use our time and talents to give back to God and our community.

On the 11th, we welcomed Helen Livingston to Sunday School as she introduced the kids to Zion's Alternative Giving ministry and the rescue dog training organization that will be one of its beneficiaries. Students practiced being good stewards of their time and talents to by decorating stained glass-style, dog-shaped sun catchers that will be offered this Christmas season in exchange for a donation to this organization. The kids had a great time and the sun catchers turned out beautifully!



On October 25th, we celebrated our six graduating confirmands as they entered into a new chapter of their life in our Zion community, becoming full members of the church as they confirmed their faith.

The coming weeks and months will continue to be a busy time in the Youth and Family ministry here at Zion!

In November, we will transition to a faith formation theme of **GRATITUDE!** On the first we will remember and give thanks for the Saints of Zion during a special All Saints themed All School Event. The following week we will do the same for our service members as we work together on a special Military Recognition service project. At the end of the month, we will give thanks for the college students who call Zion home as our Sunday School students put together special Christmas care packages to send out as the semester comes to a close.

And while it may still be a long way off, we are eagerly looking forward to the **2027 National Youth Gathering!** The event will be held in Minneapolis from June 28th through July 2 and there is much to do to prepare! Zion is partnering with Cross Roads Camp as Cross Roads assembles a group of students from congregations across New Jersey to attend the Gathering together. There will be several opportunities for students and leaders to meet in the months leading up to the Gathering in order to tend to logistical matters and cultivate a sense of community before the big trip. The deadline to register for the Youth Gathering is February 1. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Jaime if you have any questions!



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2027 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING



Military Recognition Sunday — November 8th

Please join us for worship at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. on November 8th when we will recognize active duty service members and honor Zion's veterans. Pastor Kat will be blessing the care packages prepared by the Sunday School students for those who are currently serving, and prayers for all will be lifted.

**THANK
YOU** 
FOR YOUR SERVICE

Friends and Relatives Currently Serving

Name and Address	Rank/Job Branch/Where Stationed	Affiliation with Zion
Robert Heinke 1509 Judith Court Virginia Beach, VA 23464	FCA1 SCSTC Det MIDLANT U.S. Navy Norfolk, Virginia	<i>Brother-in-law of Meghan & Jon Holman</i>
Patty Oelschlager 205 Ridgeview Road Southern Pines, NC 28387	Major LTC Battalion Commander of 5th BN 1st Special Warfare Training Group U.S. Army Fort Bragg, North Carolina	<i>Niece of Judy & John Stivala</i>
Kurt Rossi 1100 N 2nd Street, apt. 116 Leavenworth, KS 66048	Major JMRC U.S. Army Fort Leavenworth, Kansas	<i>Nephew of Lynn Fuller</i>
Mason Schaub	Airman U.S. Navy USS Abraham Lincoln	<i>Grandson of Janet Hornich</i>
Erich Schumann D/2-3, 1-3 ACS, TF VIPER APO, AE 09017	Sergeant U.S. Army Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Georgia	<i>Nephew of Richard & Brooke Schumann</i>





Zion's Veterans

Name	Branch	Rank	Where Served	Dates
Einar Bredeson	U.S. Army	First Lieutenant Rifle Platoon Leader Airborne Ranger	Fort Benning, GA; Baumholder, Germany; Bosnia Herzegovina	1992-1996
P.J. Ehmann	U.S. Army	SP-4	Germany	1960-1962
Tom Fesenmaier	U.S. Army	SP-4	Tank at Fort Hood Killeen, Texas	1966-1968
Fred Herder, Jr.	U.S. Army	Sergeant E-5 Rifle Platoon Leader	South Carolina; Vietnam; Kentucky	Sept. 1966-May 1969
Ted Jermansen	U.S. Army U.S. Army Reserve	Staff Sergeant E-6	Fort Dix, NJ 304 Chemical Company New York, NY	Sept. 1962-March 1963 March 1963-Sept. 1968
Bill Kover	U.S. Air Force	Airman First Class	26th Weather Squadron, Detachment 34 Dyess Air Force Base Abilene, Texas	1966-1967
John McAleer	NJ Army National Guard	Sergeant Tank Commander	50th Armored Division, 5R/117th Cavalry	1965-1971
David Wintemute	U.S. Air Force	Major Aircraft Commander C-141	McGuire AFB, Wrightstown, NJ	1971-1991 (combined active duty & reserve service)
Dennis Wuest	U.S. Marine Corps	Corporal	US Embassies in Tripoli, Libya, and Romania	2013-2016

Women of Zion Thanksgiving Dinner — November 11th

Please join us for Women of Zion annual Thanksgiving Dinner Celebration on Wednesday November 11th, at 6:30 at the CEB. All women are welcome, including family members and friends. Please use the sign up link emailed from the Parish Office to RSVP and to indicate if you can bring a dish.



Lunch Bunch — November 12th

Zion's lively group of retirees meets for lunch on the second Thursday of each month at 12 p.m. On November 12th we will gather at Bensi in Whitehouse Station. Please see the sign-up link emailed from the Parish Office to reserve your place at the table.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service — November 24th

Join with friends from area churches for the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, being held on November 24th at 7 p.m. at Stanton Reformed Church.



Greening of the Church — December 5th

Members young and old are invited to come help the Worship & Music committee with the greening of the church on Saturday, December 5th at 1 p.m., as we prepare for Christmastime worship services. Treats will be provided!

Needles and Hooks Club

All are invited to join us on the third Tuesday of every month at the CEB, 4:00 to 5:30. We gather to work on our individual projects and share a time of fellowship. Bring along your crocheting, knitting, needlepoint, or whatever else you enjoy or want to work on. We are also happy to teach crocheting to anyone who would like to learn, and we have plenty of yarn and hooks. Pack up your project and join us! The next meeting is November 17th and there will not be a meeting in December.



Endowment Fund News

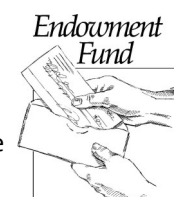
The final Endowment Sunday for 2026 will be All Saints Sunday, November 1st.

There was \$30,077 from the Endowment Fund earnings available for ministry opportunities in 2026. This figure is determined by taking 3% of a 3-year average of the fund. The Church Council is open to suggestions on ways to use the funds to support our ministries. YTD, \$1,500 has been donated to the NJ Synod Compensation Aid Fund, \$5,000 to Feed My Starving Children, \$250 to the American Cancer Society/Clinton Twp. Relay for Life, \$136.74 for an Apple TV unit in the Youth Room, \$1,613.95 for new batteries and pad for the AED unit at the CEB and church, \$1,000 for the House Next Door Pastor's Retreat, \$2,000 for the Operation Christmas Child Box Build, \$2,000 for the Eagle Scout project, \$1,205.52 to the NJ Synod in honor of LuAnn Barnes' retirement (\$500 to Global Refuge and \$500 to the Amazon Synod), \$54.20 to the United Lutheran Seminary in honor of their bicentennial celebration, \$2,000 for Harvest Family Success Center Thanksgiving Meals, \$379 for Jaime's National Youth Meeting Registration, \$569.40 for Jaime's National Youth Meeting airfare and \$1,000 for the Good News Home, leaving a current balance of \$12,368.19 still available to support 2026 ministries.

Please consider giving to the Zion Lutheran Church Endowment Fund on November 1st as a tribute to celebrate All Saints Sunday or to commemorate and celebrate a significant milestone in your family's church life, such as a baptism, confirmation, or wedding. Always keep in mind that the Endowment Fund only grows with contributions from members and friends of Zion — those who share the vision of not only a living memorial for loved ones, but also recognize that upon maturity the fund will provide significant monetary grants for many new ministry programs ... forever.

Envelopes marked "Endowment Fund" will be available at the church on November 1st. If you are worshipping virtually, please consider mailing a check marked "Endowment" to the Parish Office or making a donation through Venmo.

Please contact any member of the Endowment Committee (Mike Donnelly, Ted Jermansen and Rick Schroeder) if you have any questions.



The Giving Tree

The Social Ministry committee is sponsoring the Giving Tree this year in partnership with SAFE in Hunterdon. This organization provides hope and support for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. In lieu of wrapped Christmas gifts, we will be donating gift cards that can be used by SAFE's clients to provide for their basic needs.

Beginning November 15th, please choose an ornament from the tree at the church or CEB and deliver your gift card to the box next to the tree no later than December 13th. To learn more about the work of SAFE in Hunterdon, please visit their website at www.safeinhunterdon.org.



Open Cupboard Food Pantry

The Washington Basket location of the Open Cupboard Food Pantry has seen an increase in the number of clients. The Food Pantry needs the following items:

Canned soups, canned fruits & vegetables, boxed pasta (such as spaghetti, ziti, macaroni), toilet paper & paper towels, baby wipes, baby & adult diapers.

Please place items in the large bin in the entryway of CEB. Thank you for your support of our neighbors in need.

Faith Kitchen Update

The small but mighty crew of Tom Groendyke, Audrey Ruland, and John & Wendy Minerowicz served up 50 eat-ins and 50 take-outs at Faith Kitchen on October 1st. Turkey taco soup, fruit salad, a banana, and crackers.



Saturday's Faith Kitchen volunteers of Sue Swanson, John McAleer, Kathryn Koch, Helen Livingston, Ken & Liz Degen, and Cindy Rupprecht prepared a hearty meal of a spiced ground turkey burrito bowl, tortilla chips and salsa, cookies and a banana for 25 sit down guests and 62 take out meals. We received many thanks and even a "bellissimo" for the delicious meal. Thank you Zion for supporting this mission and feeding the hungry!



Alternative Giving

It is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner! Time to start thinking about all those hard to shop for people on your Christmas list. How many times do they tell you “I don’t need anything for Christmas”? This year, why not donate to a charity they might find meaningful. Alternative Giving is a way you can “gift” a friend or loved one and also do some good in the world. **Gifts will be available for purchase at the church and CEB beginning November 15th.** Below are the four charities selected for 2026.



\$10 - NJ Rescue & Recovery K9 Unit



Kamikaze, Zeke, Abe, and Nico have a lot in common. They are uniquely trained German Shepherds who, when paired with their handlers, make up search dog teams for the NJ Rescue and Recovery K-9 Unit. Their mission is to assist Emergency Response Teams (police, rescue squads, forestry/park service and fire personnel) in locating missing people. The dog/handler search teams respond to emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The search dogs are trained to air scent, which enables them to pick up human scent and alert the handler when the person is found. Typical sites for searches are wilderness areas, drowning sites, building and bridge collapses and crime scenes. Also, the handlers have extensive training in dog handling and emergency response, as well as certifications in First Aid and CPR. The NJ Rescue and Recovery K-9 Unit is a nonprofit organization, and handlers do not receive compensation. Visit njrescue-recoveryk9.org to learn more about the search dog teams.

\$15 - Fisherman's MARK

“Help Where Help is Needed.” This phrase truly describes the many services Fishermen’s MARK offers to the residents of Lambertville and surrounding towns. Their clients include children, veterans, elderly, disabled, unemployed or underemployed and housing unstable individuals and families. Among the programs they provide are Social Services and Case Management, the Free MARKet, and Lambertville Academy. The case managers counsel those with critical, complex, or chronic issues, or when needed, link clients to other services. The Free MARKet provides a store-like environment for food and personal care items—also offering free delivery to homebound residents. On Fridays during the school year, children who qualify for free or reduced cost meals are provided with lunches for weekends, and during the summer, they receive a week’s worth of lunches at one time. Lambertville Academy is a nationally accredited, early learning center for children ages 2 to pre-kindergarten. Eligible children receive tuition assistance through vouchers. Older students can utilize before and after school care with door-to-door supervision to and from the Lambertville schools. Visit fishermansmark.org to learn more about their programs.



\$20 - BookSmiles Mission



Schoolteacher Larry Abrams has a passion for childhood literacy and was disheartened to find his 9th grade students in Camden County underachieving in reading. He discovered “book deserts” in which areas in underserved communities in NJ and Philadelphia lack libraries and bookstores, and families have few or no books in their homes. From these realizations, in 2017, Mr. Abrams began recycling donated books out of his garage—and BookSmiles Mission was created. It has since expanded to a 4,300 sq ft space and houses books for infant/toddler to middle/high school students. Mr. Abrams was nominated in 2022 for a CNN Hero Award in recognition of his efforts and mission to instill a love of reading in children. He recognizes that although the books have been donated, they feel new to the children receiving them. Besides books available to individuals (including teachers), many books are distributed to food pantries, book fairs and day care centers in underserved communities. Visit booksmiles.org to learn more about BookSmiles Mission.

\$25 - ELCA Good Gifts — Mosquito Nets

There is good news about keeping families safe from becoming ill with malaria. Malaria is a serious, potentially fatal disease caused by the bite of malaria-carrying mosquitoes. In 2024, there were 282 million cases and 610,000 deaths, predominantly in Africa where temperature, humidity and rainfall create ideal breeding environments. Children under 5 and pregnant women are the most vulnerable to illness and death. Mortality rates decline when four approaches are implemented in combination: antimalarial medication, insecticide-treated bed nets, spraying surfaces in the home and vaccines. The Lutheran Disaster Response Malaria Bed Net Initiative donated over a million bed nets in partnership with local organizations with high malaria rates. These nets have been treated with long-lasting insecticide and can last for years even when washed. Newer nets have been treated with dual insecticides as mosquitoes are developing resistance. The above protocols are not available to every family and every community because access to timely diagnosis and treatment can be severely limited by overall financial constraints as well as lack of trained health personnel, medical supplies and facilities. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will use your donation to purchase bed nets for families. Visit ELCA.org/good gifts (mosquito nets).



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Can you knit or crochet? Zion has a long-standing tradition of creating Prayer Shawls to share with those who are in need of prayers of love and hope. These are then available to anyone who would like to use one or to share with a loved one. These shawls are approximately five feet long by 18 inches wide. You can make them at home so there's no need to come to a meeting! Instructions are given below, but you can create your own pattern using whatever stitches you prefer. More information is available regarding the prayer aspect of the project, including prayers that can be said by the crafter. Please feel free to call Barb Surhoff with any questions.



Prayer Shawl Instructions

Shawl Ministry ~ www.shawlministry.com

Knitting and Crochet

Materials:

Knitting: Knitting Needle size 11 or 13

Crochet: Size 'M', 'N' or 'P' crochet hook

Amount of yarn needed:

Knitted: 555 yards (*slightly bulky*) in the yarn of your choice.

Crochet and larger shawls:

740 yards (*slightly bulky*) for longer shawls and 60+ stitches

Or, use the recommended needle size listed on label, adjusting pattern to obtain the desired width.

Before You Begin:

Because this is a spiritual practice, before one begins the knitting (crochet) process, a ***blessing, prayer or wish*** can be said, dedicating the work of your hands and the intentions of the receiver. You may want to light a candle and play soft music to enhance your knitting time, remembering that this is a prayerful time. When working in a group, you may want to pass the work-in-progress around the circle, asking each person to add some stitches to the shawl, or to just hold it for a while to add their prayers, energy and good wishes.

The Original Prayer Shawl - Knitting Pattern

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Written & Developed By Victoria Galo and Janet Severi Bristow

Cast on stitches in multiples of three - 54, *57, or 60. For example, if you use size 11 needles and cast on 54 stitches, 3 skeins of 'slightly bulky' yarn is enough. Some yarns vary in elasticity that will affect your outcome, as will your knitting tension. If the yarn you have chosen has a multicolored stripe, be careful when tying on a new skein. Make sure the color sequence is correct. Also, tie on the new skein in the body of the shawl, instead of an edge, as the ends tend to show.

* First Row: k3, p3, to end

* Second Row:

Always start the next row with the opposite stitch of what you see. For instance, if the first stitch on the needle is a knit, then start with a purl. Knit the purls and purl the knits. It should NOT look like ribbing.

**Note: If you cast on 57 stitches you will always start with K3*

The same can be said if you make the pattern in multiples of 6's + 3 (add) stitches

The Original Prayer Shawl Crochet Pattern

Developed by Rita Glod

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Chain 54 stitches or desired width of shawl.

Chain 1, turn, single crochet in each of the stitches to end. Chain 3 and turn.

Double crochet in top of each single crochet. Repeat this row 2 more times.

Chain 1 and do 1 row of single crochet to end. Chain 3 and turn.

Do 3 rows of double crochet. Repeat pattern to end (1 row single, 3 rows double)

End with 1 row of single. Finish with fringe.

**Note: that crocheting typically uses more yarn than knitting, so you might have to adjust the width and size of hook or use another 1/2 skein.*

It has been suggested that skeins of the same dye lot be purchased.

To Complete the Shawl:

Knit (crochet) until the piece measures from wrist to wrist, or approximately 57-58" long. (Knitting: bind off with a knit row). Use what you have left to cut fringe.

Suggestion for fringe: you can also do this before using the last skein. Divide the pile in half and slip knot them to the ends, evenly spaced.

If the yarn is manufactured loosely wound, you might have to knot the ends of the fringe to keep it from unraveling.

Now that the shawl is completed:

Before you give it away, say a ***blessing, prayer or wish*** over the shawl, keeping the receiver in mind.