



THE LIGHT

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A LETTER FROM PASTOR

There are two things that are quintessential for ministry- trust, and opportunity. Summer camps are a wonderfully controlled environment that shows this well; an intentional week where trust is built through games, challenges, worship, and life together, paired with the opportunity to live outside of daily life and responsibilities. It is no wonder why so many people across so many years have been positively impacted by their experience at camp, with the opportunity to live differently, and the trust built in these communities.

Throughout the New Testament, the disciples follow Jesus, trusting where he leads. They trust what Jesus says, even when they do not understand. They trust what they were told even after the crucifixion as they gathered on the evening of the first day of the week. They trust, and because they trust they are seeing first hand the opportunity for forgiveness, for something worth hoping in, and the opportunity for a new world built around Jesus.

At the congregational level, trust and opportunity are key as well. Congregations like Zion are filled with many wonderful people, who have many creative ideas for ministry. The fertile ground for these ideas is trust and opportunity.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of our participation in the Southington Apple Harvest. Half a century ago, the leadership of this congregation were presented with an opportunity, and trusted Dot Czarnota to come up with a recipe. Apple Fritters, Mission Trips, Wine Tastings, even book clubs are grown out of trust and opportunity. The opportunity to be part of something bigger than ourselves, and the trust that these events will be positive events in our lives.

Without trust, opportunity doesn't really get us that far. What good is the opportunity, if there is no trust in the success or worse, undermining suspicion?

Without opportunity, trust becomes hollow. How is a person given all the opportunities in the world, though without the trust to execute, complete, or achieve any of those tasks?

As Lent draws to a close we come face-to-face with an intense moment of trust.

We will walk out of the darkened sanctuary on the evening of Good Friday, after the betrayal of Judas, and after the body of our Lord is removed from the cross.

Covered in darkness, after seeing the world's wickedness played out in the Passion, we will have the opportunity return. Will we trust Jesus and all his promises of new life and salvation. Will we give Christ the opportunity to meet us in the garden?

Pastor Hille

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Seeking Director of Religious Education

The Council is continuing to look for a paid, part-time Director of Religious Education to provide support to the Pastor in this most critical of our ministries for **approximately 10 hours per week**.

In addition to Sunday School, this person will oversee Vacation Bible School, the Christmas Pageant, and offer support to the Confirmation process. If you know any **non-member** that might excel in this role, please have them contact Pastor Hille at 860-628-5759 or pastor@zionlutheranct.org.

Council News...

Current Zion Council Members

John Miller, President	Cindy Miller, Financial Affairs
Robyn Kroll, Vice President	Paul Reinert, Facilities
Peter Redline, Treasurer	
Leslie Sanchez, Secretary	
Rebecca Kessler, Christian Education	
Joan Cockcroft, Membership & Witness	
Cindy Babon, Christian Fellowship	
Lisa Proffitt, Christian Welfare	



Please pardon the mess...

Thanks to a few frozen and burst pipes, we are now in the process of repairing the damage in the Gathering Place. We appreciate your patience.



Did you know Scrip forms are now available online?

Go to : zionlutheranct.org/documents/scrip-2/
Help Support Zion with every gift card purchase!



Zion delivers donations to 3 of our 5 missions benefited by Apple Fritter proceeds. Prudence Crandall, Bread for Life and Veterans Inc.

“Light” Questions with Pastor Hille...

Pastor Hille, Why are you so tall? -Jack L.

Jack, I've often wondered this myself! My mother is 5'2" though my Dad and two brothers are all 6'0" so there doesn't seem to be a direct "tall" gene in my family. It's probably more the case that I'm the genetic anomaly. I've heard a lot of reasons for my height over the years. My Mom used to tell me I was tall because I drank too much coffee. In elementary school, I had a teacher say that I was probably a descendent of Paul Bunyan, which sounds cool, though sadly ancestry.com DNA kits don't tell you if you are related to mythological figures. My Confirmation teacher suggested that maybe I was related to the Nephilim, those Old Testament giants that roamed the earth prior to the flood. Though again, that's probably not the case, since they were all wiped away in the flood. In short (see the joke there?) I don't really know why I'm tall. I do know this, just like everything else in life, being tall is a gift, just like singing, or being short, or having a brown beard, black hair, or red hair. Being tall is just part of who I am, and we are all gifts from God. - Pastor Hille



Pastor Hille, Can we play sardines tonight? -Middle School Youth

I'm not sure what night this was left in the yellow box, but I am pretty sure we did- and had a great time playing! It was probably one of the nights that the MS Youth were making those book marks with Mrs. Benoit. That was a great project and I see people using the bookmarks each and every Sunday. "Sardines" for the uninitiated is like reverse hide-and-seek. One person hides, and everyone goes to look for them. When you find the hider, you hide with them, staying as quiet as possible. -PDH

Remember in Your Prayers



Our prayer list is updated monthly - Let us remember these people as we pray daily.

Members of Zion

Lord in your Mercy: Tom Buchanan, Patty Buchanan, Pat Beaudin, Dawne Cappellino; Justin Cappellino; Jane Darling; Hudson Cinque; Ron Rockwood; Kate Skrzypiec, Dean Radke.

Those in Care Centers and Homebound: Ruth Kurtz, Faith Kjellson, William Brown.

Wedding Anniversaries: Robyn & Scott Kroll, 4/8; Christian & Missy Jannetto, 4/18; Roger & Debbie Garrett, 4/22; Jeanne & Paul Garrett, Sr., 4/24; David & Michele Peters, 4/24; Larry & Marilyn Pellett, 4/27; Jacob & Taylor Webster, 4/29; Mark & Katie Sherrick, 4/30; Mark & Aimee Teator, 04/30.

Family & Friends of Zion

Lord in your Mercy: Liz Peri, niece of Lee Bluis; Tom Pedano, Carrie, daughter-in-law of Ken Crooker; Carolyn, friend of Ken Crooker; Faith, mother of Dawne Cappellino; Linda, friend of Dawne Cappellino; Rick and Barb Klemm; Richie C.; Melissa and Family; Alyssa Boncer; Coons Family; Sam Bahr; Casey; Dominic Garafola; Lynn, niece of Carol Wright; Cheryl, friend of the Miller Family; Edward Garrett, father-in-law of Jeanne Garrett; Doyle Family; Walter, brother of Joan Cockcroft; Roy Hinez; Courtney Campbell and family, Mark, cousin of Lois Grizkauskas; Linda, friend of Lois and Ron Grizkauskas, Paul Godwin, Lee Bluis's brother; Kristen; Bonnie Farrar; Barbara Hoekman; Gertrude Marquardt; The Pesce Family; Barbara Johnson, cousin of Lisa Proffitt; Jim O., friend of Mark and Lisa Proffitt; Jason.

Deaths: Dot Jarboe, 3/20/19, former member of Zion

Service, For the men and women in the military serving our country:

Russell Karshis, cousin of Dawne Cappellino; Staff Sgt. Michael McKenney;
GM Andrew Rauss, USCG, son of Steve and Diane Rauss; Zachary Fulton, nephew of Lisa Proffitt;
Capt. Steven Hole, cousin of Cindy Miller; Danny Woolley, son of Diane and Dave Woolley;
Matthew DeLorenzo, U.S. Navy, friend of the Doran Family.

To update or add prayer requests, please complete a prayer request card located in the pew racks in the sanctuary, call or email the office.

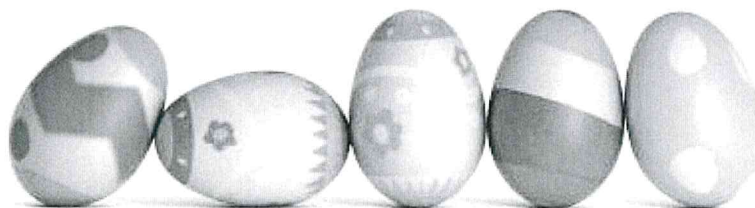
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Sunday School News

Zion Lutheran Church

Finding the perfect Sunday School curriculum is tricky. After experimenting with a number of alternatives our teachers have voted to return to the loved Spark. **It only takes a...**



EASTER EGG HUNT!!!

Mark your calendars for Zion's annual Easter Egg Hunt! This year the Easter Bunny will come, and the eggs will be hidden between worship on Easter Sunday (4/21) @ 9:15AM



5/5
1st Communion
6/2
Church Picnic
6/9
Confirmation

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As we approach the end of another Confirmation year, 8th graders always ask, when is the final?

The **8th Grade Confirmation Final** will be **Sunday May 5th** in between worship times at 9:15AM.

A **final review session** will be held Sunday, April 28th at the standard 11:30AM time.

The **Rite of Confirmation** will be celebrated Sunday, June 9th during worship at 10:15AM.

VBS 2019

Mark Your Calendar, Join the FUN!



July 29th - August 2nd
Online Registration Opens Soon



A Peek into Zion Nursery School

Did you see a leprechaun at Zion during the past month? If not, you need to know that he visited the Nursery School for St. Patrick's Day! The children didn't get to see him because he was too quick and clever, but he did leave shamrocks hidden in the classroom while the children were out during their fire drills. While searching for all the hidden shamrocks, they found a letter from the Larry the leprechaun too! Larry gave the boys and girls clues where his pot of gold was hidden! After a quick search, each class found a pot that was filled with gold covered chocolates and gold coins. It was so exciting that the children were sure they still heard Larry's footsteps days later!

March may seem to be a long month as we wait for the warmer days of spring, but we still can have lots of fun here at Zion Nursery School!



APRIL BOOK CLUB

The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row

by Anthony Ray Hinton is our selection for April.

In 1985, Anthony Ray Hinton was arrested and charged with two counts of capital murder in Alabama. Stunned, confused, and only twenty-nine years old, Hinton knew that it was a case of mistaken identity and believed that the truth would prove his innocence and ultimately set him free.

The Sun Does Shine is an extraordinary testament to the power of hope sustained through the darkest times. Destined to be a classic memoir of wrongful imprisonment and freedom won, Hinton's memoir tells his dramatic thirty-year journey and shows how you can take away a man's freedom, but you can't take away his imagination, humor, or joy.

Books are available in the Gathering Place for \$10.
Our next Book Club is Monday, April 22nd at 7:00PM.



The Ladies Breakfast Club will be meeting at the Pepper Pot in Southington on Tuesday, April 9th at 9:30AM. Immediately following breakfast, we hope you will join us at Zion to fill the Easter Eggs we will use for the our Annual Egg Hunt. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Call the office with questions!

Southington Community Services...

is collecting chocolate bunnies and individually wrapped candy to fill children's Easter baskets. **Donations can be placed in the basket in the Gathering Place by April 7th.**

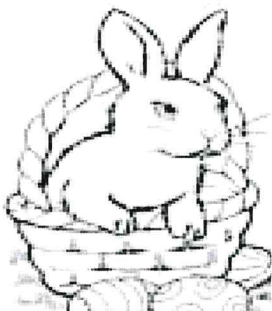
Other special requests: canned pasta, canned meals (chili, stew, etc.) soups, kids snacks (small bags or boxes please), juice boxes, coffee, and cereal.



Easter Flowers

It's that time of the year again to order flowers for the altar on Easter Sunday! Order forms are located in the Gathering Place on the table next to the elevator. **All flower orders must be returned by Sunday, April 8th.**

Zion's Easter Bunny needs your help!



If you would like to donate **individually wrapped** candy for Zion's Annual Egg Hunt, please put it in the basket in the Gathering Place by April 7th. Contact Lisa Proffitt with Questions at (860)307-0671.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

April 3,10

6:30PM Meal, 7:00PM Conversation
7:30PM Worship w/Holy Communion

Palm Sunday: April 14th

8:00AM, 10:15AM, 4:00PM
Palm Sunday Breakfast 9:00AM

Maundy Thursday: April 18th

7:00PM

Good Friday: April 19th

7:00PM

Easter Sunday: April 21st

6:00AM Sunrise Vigil

8:00AM Worship

9:15AM Easter Egg Hunt

10:15AM Worship



Palm Sunday Breakfast is Coming!

Join us on April 14th at 9:30AM in the Gathering Place for a delicious breakfast hosted by the youth of Zion.

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:00PM AHF Meeting 6:15PM Girl Scouts	3 10:00AM Bible Study 6:30PM Lenten Series	4	5	6
7 8:00AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 9:30AM Adult Forum 10:15AM Worship 4:00PM Worship 5:00PM HS Youth	8 7:00PM Worship & Music	9 6:00PM Girl Scouts 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Boy Scouts 7:00PM Chapel Choir	10 6:30PM Lenten Series	11	12	13
14 <i>Passion Sunday</i> 8:00AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 9:30AM Palm Sunday Breakfast 10:15AM Worship 4:00PM Worship 5:00PM MS Youth	15 6:00PM Membership & Witness	16 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Chapel Choir	17 10:00AM Bible Study	18 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7:00PM Worship	19 <i>Good Friday</i> 7:00PM Worship	20
21 <i>Easter</i> 6:00AM Easter Vigil 8:15AM Worship 9:15AM Egg Hunt 10:15AM Worship	22 7:00PM Book Club	23 6:00PM Girl Scouts 6:30PM Council	24 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Chapel Choir	25	26	27
28 8:00AM Worship 9:00AM SS / Confirmation (6/7) 9:30AM Adult Forum 10:15AM Worship 11:30AM Confirmation (8) 2:00PM 1st Communion Class 4:00PM Worship	29 6:00PM Crystal Palace	30 6:00PM Girl Scouts				

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Return Service Requested

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