



THE LIGHT

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A LETTER FROM PASTOR

“Travel is like love, mostly because it’s a heightened state of awareness in which we are mindful, receptive, undimmed by familiarity and ready to be transformed. That is why the best trips, like the best love affairs, never really end.”
- Pico Iyer

Travel, like love, has the power to not only reveal, but also to change. It can change the way we see the world. It gives us the opportunity to visit places that previously might have only seemed to exist on the pages of geography textbooks. It changes us, widening our worldview, and heightening our senses to the majesty of creation.

I’ve had the privilege to travel a lot. I’ve driven in 49 of our 50 states, spent star covered nights in many National Parks, led summer camps in Romania, and walked in the footsteps of Martin Luther in Germany.

I agree with Iyer, the best trips, like the best love affairs, never really end. Those are the trips that show us places we long to go back to, experiences that change the core of who we are, and memories that linger and mold us.

During Lent (Wednesday nights at 6:30PM) we will gather around a meal and use our time to travel through scripture; walking with the Israelites in the desert, watching the traveler beaten and left for dead until a good Samaritan finds him, noticing the rise and fall of Jericho, and preparing for our inevitable journey through the valley of the shadow of death.

There’s more than one way to travel. Through the words of fiction, our minds can carry us to places great and small. J.R.R. Tolkien knew this as well as anyone. He invented Middle Earth, the brilliant landscape where *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of The Rings* played out. What might a journey through his world tell us about ourselves, our world, or even our faith?

I hope you will join us this season, as we come together at 6:30PM on Wednesdays in Lent, for a meal, a conversation, and finally to gather for worship.

Come as we travel through Lent, come undimmed by familiarity and ready to be transformed as we look for God’s activity in the San Antonio Missions, Death Valley, Camp Calumet, and Middle Earth. Come and be reminded of the journey that never ends, the greatest love affair of eternity- God’s love for you, and the world.

Pastor Hill

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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...

We welcome our two New Council members who were voted on during our January Congregational Meeting. We are happy to have Leslie Sanchez coming back on as Secretary after a short hiatus after she served as Vice President and President. Paul Reinert will be assuming the role as Director of Facilities. Paul has helped out in many ways with our building and grounds over the years and we are overjoyed to have him join Council.

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.



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Exploring our Strategic Plan... In 2018 much time and effort were used in creating an exciting Strategic Plan to chart the course of Zion's future. With this wonderful living document, we are met with the personal accountability of living into this vision that we created for ourselves. On Sunday March 10th during Adult Forum (9:30 AM in the Gathering Place), Pastor Hille will be leading a detailed conversation about the Strategic Plan, as we look to our future, and how to best implement it.

Financial Affairs Meeting, Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00PM. At the January Congregational meeting a "very challenging" budget was passed. All are invited to join us as we navigate the best way to keep the congregation informed as we live into, and exceed predictions. All are welcome to attend. Counters are urged to attend.

"Light" Questions with Pastor Hille...

Pastor Hille, Why don't you sing like other pastors do? Anabelle R. & Abi R.

Anabelle & Abi, This is a fun question! We all have different gifts as people, some are singers, some are speakers, some people are athletes, and others engineers. Sadly, singing is not a strong gift of mine. Though I do enjoy singing along to the hymns, and I chant the liturgy Sundays at 4:00PM. Mainly when I don't sing the Kyrie on Sunday morning, it's because I'm trying not to hurt your ears, or distract people from worship with my inability to find the correct key. Thanks for asking! PDH



Pastor Hille, What are you supposed to say when God sneezes? Kinda sounds sassy if you tell him to bless himself. Abby D.

Abby, This is a fascinating question! My initial response is what does it look like when God sneezes? Is that a snow squall? I really have no idea. Biblically after Jesus is done speaking, or after Old Testament prophets speak their prophecy, they end with "Amen." So maybe that's the appropriate response to God sneezing... Amen! 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; Sharon Kleinhen; Vanessa, Marcus, Nicole & Juliana Kleinhen.

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

Wedding Anniversaries: Dominique and David Kall, 3/2

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 Griszkauskas; Linda, friend of Lois and Ron Griszkauskas, Paul Godwin, Lee Bluis's brother; Kristen; Bonnie Farrar; Barbara Hoekman; Gertrude Marquardt; The Pesce Family.

Deaths: Phillip Avanzato, 1/30; Uncle of Carol Wright and Jessica, Lynn and Alicia McCormack.

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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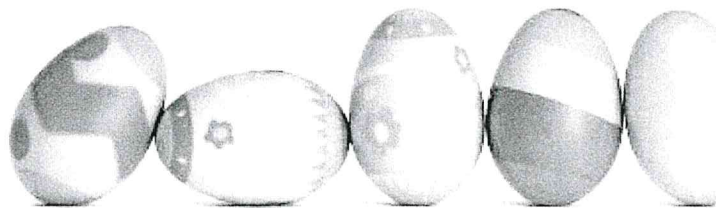
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Sunday School News

Zion Lutheran Church

Children's Chimers

Through the season of Lent children will be invited out of Sunday School for the last 15 minutes to join a special children's handchime group.



EASTER EGG HUNT!!!

Mark you calendars for Zion's annual Easter Egg Hunt! This year the Easter Bunny will come, and the eggs will be hidden, on Easter Sunday (4/21) following worship at 10:15AM. See you there!



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

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In lieu of **Confirmation** through the Lenten season, Middle School students are to attend our Wednesday Meal & Worship. Confirmation students are expected to attend and complete Worship Reports for 3 of the 5 Wednesdays in Lent.

Middle School Youth Group will continue on its normal meeting night, the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 5:00PM.

Adult Forum

All are invited to a fun month in Adult Forum (9:30AM- 10:05AM.)

3/3 - Singing through the Liturgy

Come learn the parts of the liturgy we will sing in worship during the Lenten season.

3/10 - Exploring the Strategic Plan

At the congregational meeting we approved our Strategic Plan, What does that mean? What does it do? Come find out!

3/17 - Wrestling with Revelation (Pt. 1)

3/24 - Wrestling with Revelation (Pt. 2)

Monsters, armies, and demons Oh my! Come explore one of the most misunderstood texts in scripture.



A Peek into Zion Nursery School

We're always busy and always having fun at Nursery School, and February was no different! While we did have a few days off due to holidays and snow, we got to celebrate Valentine's Day with parties in all of the classes. We've also had our DePaolo Middle School friends visit us each week and play with the children which both groups truly enjoy. Prospective students and their families have come to visit our school this month as well, looking forward to next fall.

While we have a waiting list for our 3-year-old program, we do have 3 openings in our 4's program for next year. So if you know of anyone interested in enrolling a student for the 2019-20 school year, have them give Colleen, our director, a call at (860)628-6007. She always loves to share the good things going on at Zion!



MARCH BOOK CLUB

The Sisters Brothers by Patrick deWitt is our selection for March.

In *The Sisters Brothers*, Patrick deWitt pays homage to the classic Western, transforming it into an unforgettable comic tour de force. Filled with a remarkable cast of characters—losers, cheaters, and ne'er-do-wells from all stripes of life—and told by a complex and compelling narrator, it is an odyssey through the underworld of the 1850s frontier that beautifully captures the humor, melancholy, and grit of the Old West and two brothers bound by blood.

Books are available in the Gathering Place for \$10.
Our next Book Club is Monday, March 25th at 7:00PM.



The Ladies Breakfast Club will be meeting for breakfast at the Pepper Pot in Southington on Tuesday, March 12th at 9:30AM. Please join us for casual conversation and a few laughs. ALL ARE WELCOME! Call the office with questions!



Southington Community Services Food Pantry will be delivering Easter baskets to local families and they need your help to fill them! They have special requests for individually wrapped Easter Candy and Chocolate Bunnies. Also, they are especially in need of: canned pasta, canned meals (chili, stew, etc.) soups, kids snacks (small bags or boxes please), juice boxes, coffee, cereal and hot cocoa



It's Scholarship Time!



Applications for the Czarnota Family Apple Fritter Scholarship and the Zion Lutheran Church College Aid Scholarship applications are now available on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place and on the church website zionlutheranct.org. All High School seniors are encouraged to apply. To be considered, applications must be received in the church office by March 25th. Please see application for requirements.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Ash Wednesday: March 6th
7:00PM

Each Wednesday in Lent:
March 13, 20, 27, 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



Say "CHEESE"...

The plans have begun for a new Zion Photo Directory!

Thank you to Joyce Seuss, Pam Turner and Mike Babon who volunteered to help put this together. At this time, photo session dates have been scheduled for June 24 and 25th. Keep watch for more information in the weeks to come. Wouldn't it be nice to put faces to all the names that mean so much to our Zion community and get a family photo for yourself?

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:00AM Worship 9:00AM SS / Conf. 6&7 9:30AM Adult Forum 10:15AM Worship 11:30AM Confirmation 8 4:00PM Worship 5:00PM HS Youth	4 6:00PM Fellowship	5 6:00PM AHF Meeting 6:15PM Girl Scouts	6 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 10:00AM Bible Study 7:00PM Worship	7	8	9
10 <i>Daylight Savings</i> 8:00AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 9:30AM Adult Forum 10:15AM Worship 4:00PM Worship 5:00PM MS Youth	11 7:00PM Worship & Music	12 6:00PM Girl Scouts 6:00PM Financial Affairs 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Boy Scouts 7:00PM Chapel Choir	13 6:30PM Lenten Series	14	15	16
17 8:00AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 9:30AM Adult Forum 10:15AM Worship 4:00PM Worship 5:00PM HS Youth	18	19 6:30 PM Council 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Chapel Choir	20 10:00AM Bible Study 6:30PM Lenten Series	21	22	23
24 /31 8:00AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 9:30AM Adult Forum 10:15AM Worship 4:00PM Worship 5:00PM MS Youth (3/24)	25 7:00PM Book Club	26 6:00PM Girl Scouts 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Chapel Choir	27 6:30PM Lenten Series	28	29	30

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