



THE LIGHT

The Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Southington, CT
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A LETTER FROM PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As this season of ministry comes to a close I find it a wonderful time to pause and give thanks for the tireless efforts of so many, and the activity of God in this community.

First and foremost I'd like to thank the youth and parents of Zion. Whether teaching Confirmation, having Youth Group meetings, or leading memorable Mission Trips across our country, the time spent leading, teaching, befriending, and exploring faith with our young people has been a great joy. Behind every youth program is a fleet of supportive parents. Thank you for driving to-and-from all of our activities. Thank you for your trust, support, and engagement with Mission Trips, Palm Sunday Breakfasts, VBS, the Christmas Pageant and Confirmation.

Thank you to all of our wonderful Sunday School teachers who do so much to teach our children the faith, and set the firm foundation for Zion's future. Over the past two years, both Todd Helming and Rebecca Kessler have helped steer the ship of Sunday School bringing us to new and wonderful places. Aimee Teator, our 6th/7th-grade Confirmation teacher, is invaluable, without whom I do not know how the program would be sustainable in its current form.

Over the past few years, a wonderful Wednesday morning Bible Study focused on the Psalms has developed. This has been a personal highlight for me. Thank you to all those who have so loyally come out as we explored these ancient and sacred texts together.

I have had the privilege of working with a number of Presidents at Zion: John Miller, Tom Buchanan, Leslie Sanchez, and Steve Rauss. My humble thanks for your support and leadership during our time together.

There's a group of folks I learn from every time we speak: Pat Garafola, Paul Reinert, Bill Fissette, Bill Gibbs, Dave Woolley, Mike Babon, Milo Mazurick and Ruth Wilson. You are all trees of knowledge, and I have been blessed to sit in your shade.

Rarely a week goes by without seeing Lisa Proffitt, Lois Garafola, Cindy Miller, LeAnn Kroll, Nancy Benoit, Nikki Heitz, Joan Cockroft, and Chris Messner. You are all the silent and unsung grease that keeps this congregation moving smoothly in more ways than I can count.

In preparation for Lent this year, I visited the Morgan Library in Manhattan to explore and study the exhibit on J.R.R. Tolkien. Spending a lot of time these past few months in the pages containing Middle Earth, I was recently reminded of a quote from Gandalf, "All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us." There are many more that deserved to be thanked, though as I am running out of space I'll simply offer one very heartfelt "thank you" to all who have made the decision to give time out of your lives for me, and the ministry of Zion Lutheran Church.

Pastor Hill

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SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER...

Sunday, May 19 th	11:30AM - Farewell Celebration for Pastor
Wednesday, May 22 nd	6:30PM - Congregational Meeting
Saturday, May 25 th	9:00AM - Confirmation Meeting

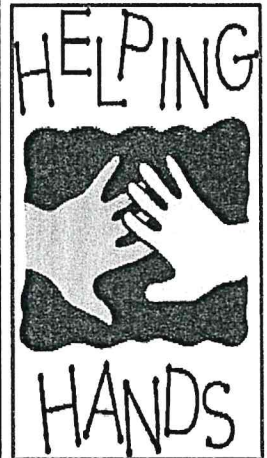
A Message from the President... The Council had a very productive meeting with Pastor Sinnott last evening. He answered many of the questions Council members had and outlined our process going forward. We set a number of dates to keep in mind over the next six weeks. We have a farewell celebration planned for Pastor Hille on Sunday May 19th immediately following the 10:15 am service, details to follow. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place so we can get a headcount for food. We will hold a special Congregational Meeting for Wednesday May 22nd at 6:30 pm. Pastor Sinnott and council members will outline the call process and address any questions or concerns members may have. Please make every effort to attend. On Saturday May 25th at 9:00 am, Pastor Sinnott will meet with the confirmands and their parents to discuss Confirmation Sunday.

Over the next several months the Council will be very busy planning and implementing our plan going forward. We will be calling on members of the congregation to actively participate in the process. As new information becomes available, I will continue to keep you informed.

Sincerely, John E. Miller, President



Zion delivers donations to two of the five missions benefitted by Apple Fritter proceeds:
The Cove Center for Grieving Children and Southington Community Services.

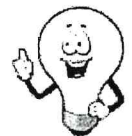


“Light” Questions with Pastor Hille...

Pastor Hille, Looking back on your life to this point, what is the most defining memory

you can think of? Jacob H. Jacob, thanks for this question. Growing up in rural NC when it was

time to go to college I wanted to get as far away from home as possible. I ended up in Columbus, OH where I was one of 5 out-of-state students in my class. Being one of the 5, I was allowed to move into the dorms a few days early. My parents dropped me off, helped me unpack, then drove back to NC. I quickly realized that the dorm was empty. The Cross Country team, who had also moved in, was away at a meet, and all of the Residence Life staff were away for a team building weekend. So I woke up the next morning in an empty dorm, 443 miles from my family, in a state where I knew no one. That moment is the most defining moment, an important memory, I have. Life gives us opportunities to reinvent ourselves, to look in the mirror and ask “Who is the person I want to be?” That one moment was a mixture of potential, hope, terror, longing for the past, expectation for the future, and exploration all rolled into one. Standing in front of a mirror brushing my teeth that morning, I had the thought that still directs my life and actions today- Trust God, and always bet on yourself. -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: Roger & Christine Peterson, 5/1; Nick & Erika DiGeronimo, 5/2; Cindy & Mike Babon, 5/5; Russell & Giselle Cowles, 5/5; Jason & Brandi Dougherty, 5/16; Bonnie & George Zownir, 5/23; Kathy & Steven Hartford, 5/28; Duane & Patricia Judd, 5/30.

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 Griszkauskas; Linda, friend of Lois and Ron Griszkauskas, 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; Alex Meyer, grandson of Lois and Ron Griszkauskas; Romona Diana.

Deaths:

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

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Save The Date

5/5 First Communion

5/12 No Sunday School

5/19 Last Day of Sunday School

6/2 Church Picnic

6/9 Confirmation



BUNNY SIGHTING!!!

Peter Cottontail himself stopped by Zion for a special Easter celebration on 4/21.

VBS 2019

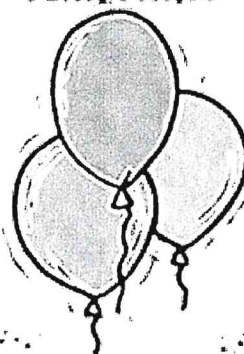
Mark Your Calendar, Join the FUN!



July 29th - August 2nd

Online Registration Opens Soon

END OF SCHOOL YEAR PARTY



Join us as we welcome the summer in style here at Zion!

Our Sunday School End of Year Party May 19th, 2019 during Sunday School!



A Peek into Zion Nursery School

It is hard to believe that we are in the final weeks of our school year. While it seems the school year has flown by, I'm struck by how much our children have learned so far. The three-year-old students are able to sit for longer periods of time and focus on the teachers – quite the accomplishment! Our four-year-old and Pre-K students have improved their fine and gross motor skills but more importantly, the social and emotional skills they've gained will make them ready to learn in kindergarten. It's not just learning the ABC's that makes a child successful; it's learning to get along with others that will make them succeed. It's all part of the curriculum here at Zion and when you see our students, you know we do it well!

MAY BOOK CLUB

The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row by Anthony Ray Hinton is our hold over selection for May.



"*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."

Our next Book Club is Monday, May 20th at 7:00PM.

Annual Camp Calumet Silent Auction May 12th-19th

Help Send Zion's Youth to Camp Calumet this Summer! Themed baskets will be on display in the Gathering Place on these two Sundays and raffle tickets will be available before and after worship times.
Questions? Contact: Robyn Kroll - robyn.kroll@gmail.com
Amy Magyar - amy.j.magyar@icloud.com



The Ladies Breakfast Club will gather on Wednesday, May 15th at 9:15AM... at Grace's Diner - 1678 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike.

After breakfast we will head to The Prudence Crandall Center in New Britain for a Hope Tour. If you would like to carpool, please meet at the church parking lot at 9:00AM. Join us for one or both!

Contact Lisa Proffitt (860)307-0671 or the church office with questions. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Mark Your Calendars...Bread for Life - June 3rd- 7th is Zion's next volunteer week to serve! No experience necessary!

Look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place soon.

Contact Lisa Proffitt (860)307-0671 or the church office with questions.

BREAD FOR LIFE

Join Us at Zion's of Creation

Annual Family Picnic at Camp Sloper 10:00AM-6:00PM Sunday, June 2nd

10:00AM Light Breakfast

10:30AM Worship w/Holy Communion

11:30AM Chili, Chowder & Chicken Nuggets

2:30PM Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Sides and Desserts

*BRING A LAWN CHAIR!

*Picnic Tables available

Visit with Valentine the Clown between 1:00PM - 3:00PM!

Please sign-up in the Gathering Place to bring sides, snacks and desserts.

*Enjoy Swimming and Paddle Boats (lifeguards on duty)

*Carnival Games with Prizes *Start a Card Game *Go Hiking!

BRING A FRIEND!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FUN FOR ALL AGES!



May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00AM Bible Study 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:15PM Chapel Choir	2	3	4
5 8:00AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School / Conf. 9:30AM Conf. 8 Final Exam 10:15AM Worship (1st Comm.) 4:00PM Worship 5:00PM Youth	6	7 6:00PM AHF 6:00PM Girl Scouts	8 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:15PM Chapel Choir	9	10	11
12 <i>Mothers' Day</i> 8:00AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School / Conf. 9:30AM Adult Forum 10:15AM Worship 4:00PM Worship Calumet Silent Auction	13 7:00PM Worship & Music	14 6:00PM Girl Scouts 7:00PM Boy Scouts	15 9:15AM Ladies Breakfast 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:15PM Chapel Choir	16	17	18
19 8:00AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School / Conf. 9:30AM Adult Forum 10:15AM Worship 11:30AM Farewell Celebration Calumet Silent Auction	20 7:00PM Book Club	21 6:30 PM Council	22 6:30PM Special Congregational Meeting	23	24	25 9:00AM Confirmation Meeting w/ Pastor Sinnott
26 8:00AM Worship 10:15AM Worship 4:00PM Worship	27 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>office closed</i>	28 6:00PM Girl Scouts	29	30	31	

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Return Service Requested



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