



# THE LIGHT

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear People of Zion,

When my daughter was looking at colleges, we took a long weekend to look at three schools. The first school had about 2,000 students and was in suburban Boston. It was Columbus Day weekend, so we didn't get a real sense of student life. The second school had about 6,000 and was in upstate NY. It was prospective student day. There were about 1,000 high school seniors there. We had to park off-campus and were shuttled on. The cafeteria was so crowded, we ate sitting on the floor. Again, we didn't get a sense of student life.

Our third stop was Penn State with 40,000+ students. As we gathered in tour groups, our group leader said the Penn State's slogan is "We are...Penn State". When someone says "We are", you respond "Penn State". He added that students would see our tour group around campus and would say "We are" to us and we should respond "Penn State". By the end of the day, we were Penn State. This marketing genius made a school of 40,000 people seem small and intimate. You felt like you were part of the community. We realized this even more the next weekend when we visited a New England school of about 15,000 students and NOT ONE STUDENT talked to us.

I have told this story many times. Because I think churches can learn from this. What a difference it makes when we are welcoming and make people feel comfortable. What a difference it makes when we don't reach out and welcome people.

Of course, we are not getting a lot of visitors to our building right now. But....I think it says a lot about how we can live our life and welcome people in all aspects of our life.

Peace  
Pastor Jeff



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## 2020 Apple Fritter Decision



Dear Members of Zion,

It is with much sadness and great apprehension that I am writing to you today. After several meetings as a committee and discussions with local town officials, last evening the Apple Harvest Committee voted not to open our Apple Fritter booth this year. The committee wants to thank all members who participated in the survey and took the time to offer sincere and thoughtful suggestions to the group. The decision to not make apple fritters for the first time in 50 years was not an easy one by any means. The overwhelming theme of last night's discussion was a genuine concern for the health and well-being of our members and our faithful customers during these uncertain times of the pandemic.

Leaving the meeting last evening, I felt lost as I am sure many did. As hectic as Fritter Season is, there is a camaraderie like no other that carries us through each and every year. I've said this more times than I can count, but Apple Fritters have been woven into the fabric of life here at Zion. Apple Fritters do not define us, but they do bind us together in a way that's impossible to explain. I think it's hitting me even harder because as a group we have been separated for so long due to COVID-19 and I was so looking forward to some of that fellowship being restored during Apple Fritter season. We will just have to find an activity that brings us all together to fill the void, have some fun and enjoy each other's company. Members of the committee were already coming up with ideas after the meeting ended.

There are many ways we can view this. Is the glass half-full, half-empty or has it fallen off the counter and smashed on the tile floor? After lots of soul searching last night, I am convinced the glass is more than half-full. I don't like the idea of not making apple fritters, but just think about how much sweeter they will taste next year after a two year wait. Think about the renewed energy of our volunteers with an extra year of rest. I bet the enthusiasm will be through the roof. And think about the crowds. People will be lining up on Monday evening, pitching tents and rolling out sleeping bags to camp out for the week as Pat, Doug and the rest of the crew start building the booth. I can see it all now.

I, personally, and on behalf of the congregation, want to thank Lois for her leadership and the members of the Apple Harvest Committee for their time and dedication through this process. It has not been easy, but the frank and honest discussions we have had over these past few months were essential and led to an informed decision.

In closing, I ask that you respect the decision of the committee and refrain from posting anything on social media. We are going to release a letter to the community announcing our decision and once that happens, I would also ask everyone to refrain from responding to posts on Southington Talks or any other social media site reacting to our decision as it can lead to comments being misinterpreted and getting heated. The people in this community have been wonderful supporters of ours over these past 50 years and the last thing we want is to be viewed in a negative light. If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach out to me. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

John E. Miller, President, Zion Lutheran Church

**ABOUT COMMUNION...** If you are concerned about attending worship outdoors, or if you are in one of those categories that means you should not attend outdoor worship services, but want to have communion, we have a temporary solution. *Prepackaged* juice and wafer sets will be available on a table in the entry area of the church (where the devotional books usually are.) The door will be unlocked on Saturdays, between 9-11AM and 3-5PM if you would like to pick some up. Then, when you watch the service virtually, you can commune at the appropriate time in the service.



**Please remember, if you are unable to attend our 'outdoor' worship services, we are still doing ministry in new and different ways.** Please mail your gifts to Zion, 531 Woodruff St., Southington, CT 06468 OR donate through the website, [zionlutheranct.org](http://zionlutheranct.org) (Click on the "GIVING" tab.) You can set up automatic giving or a one time donation, it's easy!

# 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:** Pat Beaudin; Jane Darling; Ginny Freeman; Linda Graham; Sue Skrzypiec; Carra Rockwood; Judd Family; Justin Zitofsky; Jillian Zitofsky; Pastor Wayne Gollenberg; Joyce Suess; Daniel Bouteiller, III;

## **Those in Hospitals, Care Centers and Homebound:**

**The Summit** - William Brown  
Ruth Kurtz

**Autumn Lake @ New Britain** - John Day

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Christine & Kevin Doran, 8/2; Marcelo & Leanne Diana, 8/6; Mike & Susan Simoniello, 8/7; Rich & Nikki Heitz, 8/9; Ron & Betty Lou Schweiger 8/12; Danielle & Paul Forand, 8/13; Jeri & Ray Drennen, 8/14; Lorraine & Chuck Marco, 8/18; Anne & Doug Graham, 8/18; Marjorie & Mark Appleby, 8/21; Bob & Cindy Miller, 8/22; Scott & Jill Polverari, 8/26; Dot & Andy Nicholas, 8/27.

## **Family & Friends of Zion**

**Lord in your Mercy:** Melissa & Family; Alyssa Boncer; Lynn-niece of Carol Wright; Courtney Campbell & Family; Roy Heinez; Kristen; Mark, cousin of Lois G.; Kristen; Paul Godwin, brother of Lee Bluis; Gertrude Marquardt; The Pesce Family; Jason; Romona Diana; Walter; David Neals; Alex Meyer, grandson of Ron & Lois Griszkauskas; Carlos and Brian, friends of John Miller's family; Megan; Mark Pavao, nephew of Lois Garafola; Katherine, granddaughter of friend of Mary Jobs; Abby Sullivan, friend of Mark and Lisa Proffitt; Megan Adole; Hala Jaser, friend of Cindy Babon; Barbara, cousin of Lisa Proffitt; Danielle; Donald Reinert, father of Paul Reinert; Kevin Dolce; Heidi R., friend of Pastor Jeff; Bob Steindl, father of Rob Steindl; George; Vincent Hanson, newborn grandson of a friend of Christine Kryzwick; Ralph Clough, father of Kara Bouteiller; Matthew & Lindsay Babon, son and daughter-in-law of Mike & Cindy Babon; Mike Gouet; Debbie & Fred; friends of Carra Rockwood;

**Births:** Clare Hermione Callahan, born 7/8; granddaughter of Patti Buchanan

**Deaths:** Fred Salvo, 7/16; uncle of Cindy Miller

**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; Major Zachary Fulton, USAF, 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; Kurt Oden, USAF;

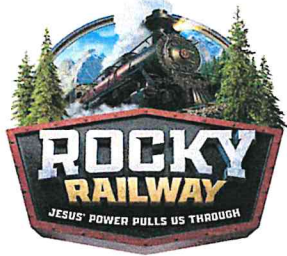
**Those in medical service during the COVID-19 Pandemic:** Cyndy Woolley; daughter of Dave & Diane Woolley; Tori Kryzwick, daughter of Christine Kryzwick; Christine Armour, daughter of Bill & Deb Celani; Donna Derwin; Jeff Penoyer, son-in-law of Pastor & Debbie Stalley; Cindy Babon; Janet Hanson;

*To update or add prayer requests, please call (860)628-5759, or email - [office@zionlutheranct.org](mailto:office@zionlutheranct.org)*

# Sunday School News

submitted by Ali Frega

## Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School had a good turnout from home this year. Although we were unable to meet together for the week, families were able to participate with music, crafts and snacks. The program also offered daily videos and gave students a chance to interact with Jesus and learn about his Power in new ways. We met 5 Bible buddies throughout the week and each day collected them on a special key chain. We made Science Gizmos and even got to interact with our snacks!

We also collected food for Southington Community Services to provide families in need with a helping hand.

I want to thank everyone who was able to help with this Mission.

I want to thank the Vacation Bible School committee for helping me sort, organize and deliver all of the materials and the families who participated. I could not have done this without you!

Thank you!

## Sunday School

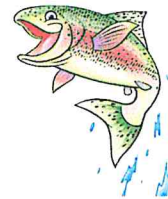
With the ever changing nature of the COVID-19 virus and our need for smaller numbers and social distancing, please stay tuned to your emails and messages for updates regarding Sunday School.

We are in planning phases now to determine how this will look and I will update you as soon as more formal plans are in place.

## Meet our Bible Buddies from VBS



Ramsey



Finn



Lawrence  
Elk



Ava



Sierra

## Youth Group

Please stay tuned to your emails and messages for our upcoming events. I am hoping to meet before school begins so please keep checking your messages for all of our latest updates!



## A Peek into Zion Nursery School

Nursery School has been quiet during July but we are getting ready to open up in September with all the necessary precautions. The CT State Inspector approved our 2 plans (depending on the number of students allowed in a group,) so we've had our floors cleaned and polished and we are gathering the supplies we need for the school year. Things may be a little different but we will be here for the young children of our community! Look for a new LOG CABIN in our playground next month. Thank you to the family of one of our students who donated it!!

## LADIES LUNCH ON THE LAWN!

**Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon.**

**Join us for a socially distanced gathering!**

We will meet by the Rose Garden (under the tent or in the shade) Bring a lawn chair and a lunch and enjoy some fellowship!

**We look forward to seeing you!**

**All are Welcome!**

(Please be aware the church building will remain closed.)



**Please Note: Pastor Jeff will be taking Thursdays off during the month of August (8/6,13,20,27) He will, however, be available for emergencies.**



## Spread the word! Amazon Smile and Zion Have a Partnership!

Zion is registered under the *Amazon Smile* program, and when you sign up, Amazon will donate .5% of your purchase price to Zion! What a wonderful way to help our church while you and your family shop!

Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), log into your account as you normally would on the *Amazon* site. When prompted to select a charity, browse the list and select:

***Zion Ev Lutheran Church, Southington.***

(If you already have an 'Amazon Smile account' and would like to change where your donation goes, click "supporting" at the top of the page and you can change your organization to Zion.) It's that easy! Then, each time you want to shop online, log-in at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)! (It's the same site you are used to.) For your privacy, Zion will not know what you purchased or how much is donated by individuals; we only receive a total at the end of each quarter.

**Share this with your friends and family too...Spread the word!**

(Call Zion with questions 860-628-5759.)



Pastor Jeff preaching from the deck on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.

A great big thank you goes out to Peter Kurtz for lending the tents and to these wonderful volunteers who gave their time in the heat putting them up!

From left to right: Nick, John, Eli, Pat, Rob, Paul, Pastor, Mark.  
Missing from the photo: Drew, Russ, Cindy, Lois and Krista.

## **JOIN US FOR WORSHIP SUNDAYS AT 9:00AM**

**Outside Under the Tents in the Shade!  
Bring a lawn chair and some water,  
(and please remember to wear a mask.)**



# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:00AM WORSHIP Outdoors at Zion 11:00AM Virtual Fellowship Hour	3 7:00PM Virtual 'Dessert w/Pastor' 7:45PM Worship & Music via ZOOM	4	5 7:00PM Bible Study	6	7	8
9 9:00AM WORSHIP Outdoors at Zion 11:00AM Virtual Fellowship Hour	10	11	12 7:00PM Virtual 'Dessert w/Pastor'	13	14	15
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