



# THE LIGHT

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Community of Zion,

Can you believe it is July? Summer is here!

"Normally" it is the time we may think of vacation or time away. At the very least, life changes gears.

For many, summer is a time of recreation. For me, it is a time of re-creation. Of rejuvenation. Of recharging. Sitting on the deck in the evening, reading. Walks after dinner. Soaking up vitamin D. Exploring new places energizes me as well.

What recharges me the most is volunteering at Calumet's Family camp programs. Most of my job is helping people have a great experience at camp. I liken it to being a concierge. I jokingly say that I do all of the fun stuff a pastor does without all the responsibilities (someone else is in charge.)


That part isn't going to happen this summer. Calumet isn't offering family programming this summer as they seek to keep people safe.

So I'm trying to figure out a way to replace that. Sitting on the deck reading can still happen. Walking after dinner will still happen. I can still soak Vitamin D. Exploring new places can happen in a smaller way. But I'm looking for something that changes life's gears for a little bit.

What do you do for rejuvenation? What do you do to get away? What do you do to recharge? What do you do to re-create?

I'd love to hear that. Send me an email at [pastor@zionlutheranct.org](mailto:pastor@zionlutheranct.org) or call me at 860-628-5759.

Peace,  
Pastor Jeff

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**Hazel Rose McDonnell** was baptized on July 27, 2020 at her home. Hazel is the daughter of Sarah & Jason McDonnell. Her Sponsors are Katie Miller, and Josh & Nicole McDonnell. She is the granddaughter of John Miller and Susan Miller.

A public recognition of the baptism will be held at Zion when COVID guidelines allow.

*"I have called you by name, you are mine" - Isaiah 43b*



**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 at 531 Woodruff Street, 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!

### A Message from Pastor Jeff and John Miller, Council President

We did it! On Sunday, we had our first in-person service since the COVID-19 shutdown thanks to all the planning and setup by the taskforce and a few other dedicated volunteers. It was wonderful! As fortunate as we have been over these past several months to have an online option to continue to worship, it was nice to be together, even with the masks and social distancing. And for those who were not able to attend, the online option was still available and will continue to be.

Over these next several weeks, we will continue to experiment with outdoor worship. Our gathering on June 28<sup>th</sup> gave us an opportunity to put the task force's plan in action and evaluate the results. Overall, we think the service went well, but we realized we have to tweak a few things and we want to emphasize a few others.

One of the changes we are making is to try having worship led from the parsonage deck (thank you Debbie for agreeing to this). There appears to be more shade there and we won't be looking directly into the sun. You will still need to bring a chair.

We also found it is too bright to project the bulletin onto a screen, so please print out and bring with you a copy of the bulletin that has been emailed to you. If you don't have a printer, you may be able to read it on your phone, or ask a friend to print you a copy.

As we found out this past Sunday, it can get very warm and humid by 9 AM on a summer morning. Please bring water with you (thanks again to Debbie who passed out bottles of water and also napkins to dry off.)

One last item, please continue to social distance and wear a mask during worship.

Peace,  
John Miller and Pastor Jeff

# 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; Justin Zitofsky; Jillian Zitofsky; Pastor Wayne Gollenberg; Joyce Suess;

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

**Hospital of Central CT, New Britain** - Ruth Kurtz

**The Summit** - William Brown

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

**Wedding Anniversaries:** 7/2 Rebecca & Tim Kessler; 7/3 Katherine & Brian Reeves; 7/13 Peter & Alicia Redline; 7/18 Josh & Amelia Reed; 7/18 Dayna & Todd Helming; 7/20 Meaghan & AJ Candelora.

## **Family & Friends of Zion**

**Lord in your Mercy:** Melissa & Family; Alyssa Boncer; Lynn-niece of Carol Wright; Tom Pedano; Courtney Campbell & Family; Roy Heinez; Kristen; Marki, cousin of Lois G.; Linda, friend 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, Brian and Jim, 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; Robert & Anahi Radke, son of Dean Radke; Bob Steindl, father of Rob Steindl; George; Vincent Hanson, newborn grandson of a friend of Christine Kryzwick; Fred Salvio, Cindy Miller's uncle;

**Births:** Kensley Rose, born May 24<sup>th</sup> to Danielle & Paul Forand; Grandparents, Nancy & Glen Benoit.

**Deaths:** Emily Morgan Judd, 6/11; daughter of Duane & Patty Judd,  
mother of Levi, Dashiell, and Charlotte

**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.

**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;

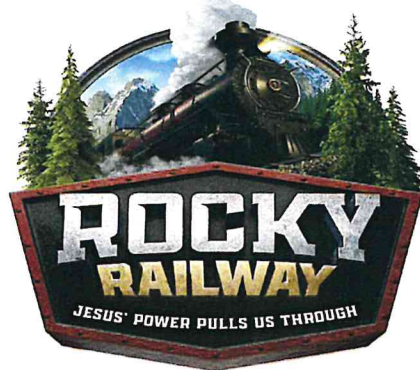
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# Sunday School News

Zion Lutheran Church

## *Vacation Bible School All Aboard!*



Vacation Bible School Goes Virtual

July 20 - 24, 2020

Location: Your Home

Go to: <http://www.zionlutheranct.org/ministries/> to register!

You will be provided with everything you need to participate including crafts, stories & activities! Fun for all!

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## *Youth Group*

The Youth Group has been holding meetings on *Zoom* while we continue to “stay at home”. During these meetings we have been playing games such as ‘20 Questions’, ‘Scattergories’ and doing various ice breaker activities. These meetings have been a great way for everyone to connect and get to know Pastor Jeff while we’ve been away from Church. We are looking forward to being able to meet in person again soon!



## A Peek into Zion Nursery School

We had a bittersweet 'end of year' parade for our families on Thursday, June 4th here in the parking lot. Our families came and said goodbye to the teachers, as the teachers gave each student a package of projects and things left in the classroom. The families were so generous bringing lovely gifts for all the staff members and there were more than a few tears flowing! Pictures of the parade can be found on the Nursery School FaceBook page. We're all hopeful for an uneventful start to the 2020-21 school year in September and we pray that everyone stays healthy!



### ZOOM Bible Study Continues

*Bible Study resumes on July 8<sup>th</sup>.*

Join us for a five-week session on Wednesdays, from 7 to 8 pm on Zoom. We will be looking at the lessons for the following Sunday. Ever wish you had the opportunity to hear and think about the worship passages before you came to church? Do you wonder how Pastor decides on what to preach? Each week is self-contained, so join us for as many sessions as you are able. The Bible passages and Zoom links will be sent out ahead of time.

## CONGRATULATIONS

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!



We are excited to recognize the following Class of 2020 graduates...

Zach Dery graduated from Plainville HS and will attend the University of Texas at El Paso majoring in Biological Sciences.

Emma Doran graduated from Southington HS and will attend the University of New Hampshire majoring in Nursing.

Daniel Mauro graduated from Southington HS and will attend Eastern CT State University, majoring in Film and Video Production.

Matthew Mauro graduated from Southington HS and will attend Bentley University (in MA), majoring in Data Analytics.

Zachary McGough graduated from Plainville HS and will attend Western CT State University majoring in Accounting.

Jillian Zitofsky graduated from Southington HS and will attend the University of Hartford in the Civil/Environmental Engineering program. Jillian has also made it onto the cheer team, "Go Hawks!"

*If you have a High School graduate, please let us know so that we can celebrate with you!*



## Apple Harvest News...



Dear Members of Zion

I was hoping to use this section of 'The Light' to talk about our final plans for the upcoming Apple Harvest season; but life has a way of throwing a curveball every now and then. Unfortunately, in 2020, there has been one curveball after another. If over three months of not being able to worship together, our youth not being able to gather together at Sunday School, Confirmation Class, First Communion Class or Youth Group and the fact that we not yet been able to celebrate and welcome Pastor Jeff and Debbie into our Zion family at his installation service, if all that wasn't disappointment enough, now the Apple Harvest Festival has been cancelled for the first time in 52 years. Well, how do you like them apples? NOT very much!

Our Apple Harvest Committee, under the fine direction of Lois and Russ, has been meeting frequently to discuss the situation and see if there is a workable solution for 2020. We've been blessed with a dedicated committee willing to listen to all sides and every idea presented. So far, we have no answer, but we are getting close. Once decided, a survey with specific questions will be sent out to the congregation to determine the next steps. Please be on the lookout for that survey and respond as quickly as possible.

I would ask everyone to refrain from discussing this on social media and with people outside our church. Once a decision is made, we will make a formal announcement. That is all I have for now; and on behalf of the committee, I want to thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,  
John E. Miller

# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00AM WORSHIP Outdoors at Zion 11:00AM Virtual Fellowship Hour 6:30PM Youth Group /ZOOM	29	30	1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>
5 9:00AM WORSHIP Outdoors at Zion 11:00AM Virtual Fellowship Hour	6 <i>Independence Day Observed - Office Closed</i> 7:00PM Virtual 'Dessert w/Pastor' 8:00PM Worship & Music via ZOOM	7	8	9 2:00PM Virtual 'Coffee w/Pastor'	10	11
12 9:00AM WORSHIP Outdoors at Zion 11:00AM Virtual Fellowship Hour	13 7:00PM Virtual 'Dessert w/Pastor'	14	15	16 2:00PM Virtual 'Coffee w/Pastor'	17	18
19 9:00AM WORSHIP Outdoors at Zion 11:00AM Virtual Fellowship Hour	20 7:00PM Virtual 'Dessert w/Pastor' Virtual VBS 'Rocky Railway'	21 6:30PM Council -Virtual via ZOOM Virtual VBS 'Rocky Railway'	22 Virtual VBS 'Rocky Railway'	23 2:00PM Virtual 'Coffee w/Pastor' Virtual VBS 'Rocky Railway'	24 Virtual VBS 'Rocky Railway'	25
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