



THE LIGHT

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Community of Zion,

I often wonder what to write about in this letter. Should I write something informational and tell you what is coming up at Zion? Should it be spiritual, like a sermon or a bible study? In this busy world where information is coming at us 24/7, should I keep it short and sweet? Do I write something that I feel inspired to share or do I write what I think you want/need to hear?

So consider this a sort-of Marketing Survey. What do you want from this page? What do you hope to see? To read? What helps you most?

I spend way too much of my time wondering what to write for this page. Knowing what you need/want to see will be very helpful.

Peace,
Pastor Jeff

P.S.

1. We continue to walk on Saturday mornings at 7:30AM. Most weeks we walk on the Rail Trail; meeting at the parking across from Testa's although we do try new places to mix it up. Look in the weekly email for exact location. If you are interested in walking on a weekday, please let me know.
2. *ZOOM* Bible Study resumes in November 4th at 7:30PM and will also meet on November 11th and 18th. Look in the weekly email to find the codes.
3. Wednesday evenings in December we will be holding Advent mid-weeks. Look for more information as we get closer.
4. *ZOOM* Fellowship Time resumes on November 1st. Please look in the weekly email to find the time and codes. Thank you for your patience as the meeting time has been moved around
5. I am always available for a check-in or conversation. Socially distanced outside or by *ZOOM*. Let me know.



For Pastoral Care and Concerns,
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PASTOR'S EMAIL

If you receive an email that appears to be from Pastor Jeff asking for help, PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND! The fake messages may contain words like "urgent" and "I'm in a meeting but can't talk now so just reply." The sender's email address may be similar to Pastor Jeff's but end differently. **Pastor's correct email address is pastor@zionlutheranct.org.**

- Pastor Jeff would never send an individual text or email that asks for money, gifts cards, or immediate help. Please be suspicious and do not respond to emails or texts asking for money or immediate help.
- If you receive an email that appears to be suspicious, hover over the address to see if it is the correct address listed above. Similarly, please ignore texts that don't match Pastor Jeff's phone number.
- If you are suspicious of an email / text, PLEASE contact the office or Pastor Jeff before responding.

These types of deceptive scams have unfortunately been received by many people, in many parishes throughout the New England Synod and beyond. It seems that unsavory characters are preying upon the good and generous nature of church goers and their relationships with their pastors. Please be VERY CAUTIOUS when being asked to send money or gift cards to anyone.



THE SANCTUARY IS OPEN FOR WORSHIP **ON SATURDAYS at 4:00PM !**



After many meetings, the Council and the Committee have established safety protocols for indoor worship and we are excited to announce that our first indoor worship service since March took place on Saturday, October 24th. If you would like to attend a Saturday service, reservations will be required so that we are certain to comply with capacity restrictions. (See the insert for details.) Please call or email the church by **NOON EACH PRECEDING THURSDAY** to let us know how many will attend. (You need to call each week to confirm spot.)

We will continue to worship outdoors on Sunday mornings for now and send out the recordings of the Saturday services.

Remember, we always welcome suggestions, comments and questions. Call John Miller at 860-620-4041 or email president@zionlutheranct.org.

ABOUT COMMUNION..If you are concerned about attending worship or if you are in one of those categories that means you should not attend in-person worship services, and you would like 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 doors 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.

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: Ruth Kurtz; Pat Beaudin; Jane Darling; Ginny Freeman; Linda Graham; Sue Skrzypiec; Carra Rockwood; Judd Family; Pastor Wayne Gollenberg; Justin Zitofsky; Lisa Miller; Daniel Bouteiller, III; Melissa & Patrick Russell;

Those in Hospitals, Care Centers and Homebound:

The Summit - William Brown

Autumn Lake @ New Britain - John Day

Wedding Anniversaries: 11/06, Tom & Allison Patavino; 11/14, Lisa & William Doucette; 11/18, Kristina & Bernhard Kaschke; 11/21, Paul & Mary Reinert; 11/22, Ernst & Virginia Freeman; 11/22, Robert & Krista Steindl; 11/24, Ralph & Sandra Migliarese Colosimo; 11/30, Shannon & Kyle Dobratz

Family & Friends of Zion

Lord in your Mercy: Sam Bahr; Melissa & Family; Alyssa Boncer; Lynn-niece of Carol Wright; Richie C.; Courtney Campbell & Family; Roy Heinez; Kristen; Mark, cousin of Lois G.; Paul Godwin, brother of Lee Bluis; Gerturde Marquardt; Pesce Family; Jason; Romona Diana; 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 & Lisa Proffitt; Megan Adole; Hala Jaser, friend of Cindy Babon; Danielle; Donald Reinert, father of Paul Reinert; Amber, David and Michael, family of the Cappellino family; Kevin Dolce; Heidi R., friend of Pastor Jeff; Bob Steindl, father of Rob Steindl; Shelia; Dick, brother of Lee Bluis; Caroline, niece of Lee Bluis; Ralph Clough, father of Kara Bouteiller; Matthew & Lindsay Babon, son and daughter-in-law of Mike & Cindy Babon; Debbie & Fred, friends of Carra Rockwood; Darrell, Kristen, Mona, friends of Joan Cockcroft and Cindy Miller; Reno, friend of Ron and Lois Griszkauskas; Linda Azato, aunt of Lynn McCormack and Carol McCormack Wright; Rita, sister-in-law of Carra Rockwood; Ann Crossman.

Births:

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; 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

Sunday School News

submitted by Ali Frega

Sunday School

We got off to a great start with our Virtual Classes! Everyone is enjoying our weekly song time with Ms. Melissa and our weekly Bible Verse lessons with Ms. Jeanne. We are also sharing our daily lessons and continuing with the Spark Curriculum again this year.

However,
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Sunday School teachers and volunteers are needed to lead our students this year. We are meeting each Sunday at 10:30AM on ZOOM.

If you are interested in learning more about what it would entail PLEASE reach out to Ali at sundayschool@zionlutheranct.org



Confirmation

Four of our youth Affirmed their Baptism at a special outdoor service on Sunday, October 25th.

It was a beautiful day!



Each of our confirmation students chose a Bible verse that was important to them and had an opportunity to talk with Pastor Jeff about why. Here are their verses.

Nicole Kleinhen

For we walk by faith not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

Bryndle Kroll

*Let your eyes look directly forward,
and your gaze be straight before you.
Keep straight the path of your feet,
and all your ways will be sure. Proverbs 4:25 -26*

Mia Peters

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

Katharine Teator

Jesus wept. John 11:35

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A special thank you to Aimee Teator and Christine Spataro for teaching this class last year while we were in a pastoral transition!

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Classes for 6-8th grade resume next week on ZOOM. See you at 10:30AM!

Youth Group

High School & Middle School Youth

Dates for Meetings Upcoming - Check Your Email for Time and Location



A Peek into Zion Nursery School

As seen from Zion Nursery School students

What a fun time we're having in Nursery School here at Zion! We've made new friends and we're getting a lot of playtime both inside and out! We are all wearing masks for safety and our teachers are doing a great job cleaning and sanitizing all our toys and classroom supplies. We're having an outdoor Halloween parade so our parents, grandparents, and friends can watch us sing all the Halloween and Fall songs we've learned at school. And we all loved the yummy fritters that Mrs. Miller (a.k.a. Miss Cindy) made for us! There's always something good going on here at Zion Nursery School!



It's Time Again for... Operation Christmas Child!

Shoebboxes containing all the information you need to pack a special gift for a needy child this Christmas are available at worship on Saturdays & Sundays AND during the week in the foyer of the church during office hours. **All boxes must be returned by Sunday, Nov. 8th.**

Contact Lisa Proffitt with questions 860-621-4316.

Southington Community Services

Here are 2 ways you can help the local area:

- Donate food for the Thanksgiving baskets or
- Volunteer to stock shelves in the food pantry.

The following food items are needed: canned gravy, vegetables, pumpkin, and cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, bread and dessert mixes, hot chocolate, marshmallows.



If you are interested in helping stock shelves, contact Mark Fazzolari at 860-628-3761.



(Be aware that there could be lifting involved, up to 40 lbs.)

Be an Angel!



At this time of year we give thanks for all our many blessings. In the coming weeks, the little Christmas tree will be adorned with 'wish list' items that will brighten the Christmas season for youth in the area. If you are able to help, look for the display. Thanks for all you do!



We will also be collecting children's books which will be delivered to Prudence Crandall



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Calling Out To Our Many Talented Members!



It's that time of the year to think about what you can offer for *Bells and Blessings*. What's that you say... "How can we possibly have *Bells and Blessings* in the time of COVID?" Well, thanks to a few very smart people we can!

We can each record our own offerings at our convenience, send them in, and our very talented people will put them all together with narration and send it out for all to enjoy over and over again.

So dust off those instruments, strap on your dance shoes and find that story or poem you've been wanting to share.

Contact Chris Messner or Michelle Gibbs to help get it together.



We believe in living out our faith by sharing God's many blessings with those who might have unforeseen expenses. If you find yourself in need during the holiday season and could use some support with Christmas gifts, speak with Pastor Jeff.

(All requests are strictly confidential.)



Shopping on Amazon for the Holidays???

You can help support Zion while you and your family shop! Sign up for the *Amazon Smile* and Amazon will donate .5% of your total purchase price to Zion! Simply go to 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*' you can change where your donation goes by clicking "supporting" at the top of the page and you can change your organization to Zion.) **Share this with your friends and family too... Spread the word!**



A Tradition in the Making... Zion's First Campfire!

Thanks to all who helped make our 1st Campfire a success! Everyone from 6 years old to over 80 enjoyed a few games, chalk walk, s'mores, music, fritters and light refreshments while gathered around 4 separate camp fires! The brave ones stayed until after 9PM to watch the embers slowly 'seep away'. Thanks to the Grizskauskas's, Gentiles and Steindls for all their help, to Lisa Proffitt & Olivia for the s'mores kits, Cindy Miller for making the delicious fritters and Cindy Babon for her incredible 'chalk walk creation'! Maybe we can make this a tradition!

November

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 <i>All Saints Day</i> <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> 9:00AM WORSHIP Outdoors 11:30AM <i>Virtual Fellowship Hour</i> 1:00PM Private Baptisms (Outdoors) | 2 | 3 | 4 12:00PM Ladies Lunch on the Lawn (weather permitting) 7:30PM Bible Study | 5 | 6 | 7 7:30AM Walking Group from South Center St. 4:00PM Worship Indoors |
| 8 9:00AM WORSHIP Outdoors 10:30AM <i>Virtual SS / Conf.</i> 11:30AM <i>Virtual Fellowship Hour</i> (Christmas Child Boxes Due) | 9 7:00PM Worship & Music | 10 | 11 7:30PM Bible Study | 12 | 13 | 14 7:30AM Walking Group 4:00PM Worship Indoors |
| 15 9:00AM WORSHIP Outdoors 10:30AM <i>Virtual SS / Conf.</i> 11:30AM <i>Virtual Fellowship Hour</i> | 16 | 17 6:30PM Council | 18 7:30PM Bible Study | 19 | 20 | 21 7:30AM Walking Group from South Center St. 4:00PM Worship Indoors |
| 22 9:00AM WORSHIP Outdoors 10:30AM <i>Virtual SS / Conf.</i> 11:30AM <i>Virtual Fellowship Hour</i> | 23 | 24 | 25 No Bible Study | 26 <i>Thanksgiving</i> | 27 | 28 NO Walking Group 4:00PM Worship Indoors |
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