



# THE LIGHT

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear People of Zion,

As we continue in the pandemic, the hardest thing for me to do is to get to know you... your joys, your sorrows, what you like about Zion, what you need, what fills your soul. So much of my initial time here was trying to figure out how to do worship. Then, it was putting together virtual worship services and getting them on-line.

We set up the 'shepherding' groups so that we could check in on how you are doing; if there was a need, the shepherds would contact me. We also set up virtual fellowship via Zoom a couple of times per week. We even had a virtual talent show! We now have outdoor worship where we can enjoy some interaction. Mostly, though, people try to be safe and don't stay to chat.

What I have missed, is the opportunity to talk to people before and after a worship service, or in the Gathering Place between services, or when we are at an event.

With your help, I'm trying to figure out how best to get to know you. Cold calling isn't always the best, because you have so much going on trying to deal with the pandemic as well. We all get overwhelmed with email, so that isn't always the best way to contact people either.

One idea I have is below my signature. What are other ways I can better get to know you and the people of Zion during a pandemic? What works best for you? Please let me know.

Peace,  
Pastor Jeff

P.S. Are you ready to be outside and be with people in a socially distanced way? Then join me and others as Zion Walks. It's a chance to be outside, be together, and for me to get to know you better. We will meet at Zion on Tuesdays at 6:30PM to walk around the neighborhood. On Saturdays, we will meet at 7:30AM at the Rails to Trails (near the parking lot on South Center Street across from Testa's.)





**For Pastoral Care and Concerns,**  
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St. Francis

**'Blessing of the Animals' - October 4<sup>th</sup>**

"Francis of Assisi, who died on October 4, 1226, gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the *Order of Friars Minor* (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation and he is widely regarded as a patron saint of animals and ecology." from *Sundays and Seasons*

It is a tradition in many places on the Sunday closest to October 4<sup>th</sup>, to include a *Blessing of the Animals* during the worship service. This year, October 4<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday, and we will be Blessing the Animals during the service. It works out perfectly because we will still be worshipping outside on that day.

You are invited to bring your pet to worship for a blessing. If it is easier, you can bring a picture of your pet. (Toy animals are welcome to attend as well!)

**"I would like Pastor to know..."**

It has been my experience that people in congregations think the pastor knows everything that is going on with people in their congregation. Would it surprise you to know that sometimes the pastor is the last to know? My motto is "I'd rather hear 10 times, than not it all". So, if you or someone you know is sick or about to have surgery, please don't hesitate to contact me. If a loved one has died, please don't hesitate to contact me. If for any reason, you would like prayer or pastoral care, or just for your pastor to know, please don't hesitate to contact me. Also, if you have good news, don't hesitate to contact me.

These are the best ways to contact me: email me at [pastor@zionlutheranct.org](mailto:pastor@zionlutheranct.org); call/text me at 860-490-5784; or leave a note in the yellow box at the table where you check in for worship.

**A Message from John Miller, Council President**  
**Concerning INDOOR WORSHIP...**

As we near the close of summer, it's time to start thinking about moving toward indoor worship. Several people have inquired about the timing of opening up the sanctuary for worship and also for prayer. The committee will be meeting in early September to establish the timeline and finalize the details. I have heard some very good suggestions and we will certainly consider them when we meet.

Please remember, if you have any questions or suggestions you can always contact me by phone 860.620.4041 or email [president@zionlutheranct.org](mailto:president@zionlutheranct.org).

**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... Call the office with questions!



# 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; Pastor Wayne Gollenberg; Justin Zitofsky; Joyce Sues; Woolley Family; Reinert Family; Daniel Bouteiller, III; Jude Radke; Lisa Miller; Melissa & Patrick Russell; Holbrook Family.

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

**The Summit** - William Brown  
Ruth Kurtz

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

**Wedding Anniversaries:** 9/2, Sandra & Shawn Darling; 9/3, Ron & Lois Griszkauskas; 9/13, Joseph & Laura Sepko; 9/18, Kendra & Chris Chmura; 9/20, Joyce & James Sues; 9/21, Patrick & Barbara Murphy; 9/23, Lisa & Russ Christensen; 9/23, Steven & Rena Susca; 9/26, Patricia & Joseph Beaudin; 9/29, Justin & Sarah Yaskolka.

## **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 Goulet; Debbie & Fred; friends of Carra Rockwood; Darrell, Kristen, Mona, friends of Cindy Miller and Joan Cockcroft;

## **Births:**

**Deaths:** L. Carol Reinert, 8/10; mother of Paul Reinert  
Pat Chevrette, 8/11; mother of Diane Woolley  
Otley Kania, 8/27; aunt of Lydia Holbrook

**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)*

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# Sunday School News

submitted by Ali Frega

## *Sunday School*

With the ever changing nature of the COVID-19 virus and our need for smaller numbers and social distancing, Pastor Jeff and I have been meeting with families and Sunday School teachers to develop a plan for the Fall.

Thank you to everyone who has been available to participate in these meetings. It has been a good way to hear feedback and opinions for how best to plan the new session of Sunday School.

Please stay tuned to your emails for the official start date and official details. I will be sending these out as they become clearer.



**Registration is open on the website and I will also be sending it to you through email. Please sign up if your child will be participating in the program this year.**

## *Confirmation*

Due to the changing nature of the COVID-19 virus and our need for smaller numbers and social distancing, Pastor Jeff and I have met with the Confirmation leaders and will be meeting with families of Confirmation students to discuss the curriculum and plans for the fall. Please stay tuned to your emails for all details regarding this program.

**Parent Meeting for Students  
in Grades 6-8**

**Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>  
at 7:30  
on ZOOM.**

## *Youth Group*

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





## A Peek into Zion Nursery School

We are excited about welcoming our teachers and students back in September! We're opening a week later than we usually do; that extra week will mean that we can double check that everything is ready for a new school year. Our classes are a bit smaller due to state guidelines but we are able to safely open and that's the important thing. Please keep us in your prayers for a successful and safe year!

### LADIES LUNCH ON THE LAWN!

Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon

Join us for a socially distanced gathering!

We will meet by the Rose Garden; 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.)



### BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00-8:00PM.

We have been doing 5-week sessions alternating between a specific subject and looking at the Bible readings for the upcoming Sunday. You don't need to attend all 5 sessions, come when you can. Look for the ZOOM codes as we get closer to September 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## 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 the church office with questions.)

## Can You Run 3, 4, 5, Miles or More?

Calumet is looking for 200 runners to run anywhere you are sometime between Noon on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> and Noon on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to raise \$100,000 for Calumet. There is a registration fee and you will be asked to find five donors. For more information, go to <https://www.calumet.org/rbtbtwopointzero>, email [knute@calumet.org](mailto:knute@calumet.org), or contact Pastor Jeff.



Although the sound of "Apples, apples, who needs apples?" won't be ringing out this fall, there was another sound, that of clanking bottles and banging cans that has been ringing out every Monday evening during the month of August. Lois and Christine have been on a Mission to empty the garage and shed of cans and bottles to fund a mission trip and they are so close to accomplishing that goal. **Thank you to everyone who has been battling the heat, bugs, rain, and bags and bags full of dirty bottles and cans to help them in their pursuit.** (submitted by John Miller)



## A heartfelt "Thank You"



to everyone who supported the Zion Back-to-School Collection. We received a wide variety of items to help the school aged youth in our community who are in need. We pray that this school year will be a productive, rewarding, and safe one for our students, teachers, and administrators.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

(Lisa Proffitt and Olivia pictured right)



# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 11:00AM Virtual Fellowship Hour	31 6:00PM Bottles & Cans	1 6:30PM Walking Group from Zion	2 6:30PM WORSHIP Outdoors	3 7:30PM Educators via ZOOM	4	5 7:30AM Walking Group from South Center St.
6 11:00AM Virtual Fellowship Hour	7 Labor Day (office closed)	8 6:30PM Walking Group from Zion	9 7:00PM ZOOM Fellowship	10	11	12 7:30AM Walking Group from South Center St.
13 9:00AM WORSHIP Outdoors at Zion 11:00AM Virtual Fellowship Hour	14 7:00PM Worship & Music	15 6:30PM Council 6:30PM Walking Group from Zion	16 6:30PM ZCNS Parent Mtg 7:00PM ZOOM Fellowship	17 12:00PM Ladies Lunch on the lawn	18	19 7:30AM Walking Group from South Center St.
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