



THE LIGHT

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Community,

We know that there is a rhythm to the seasons. We move from Winter to Spring to Summer to Fall to Winter. Each season is unique in its own way.

The church seasons have their own rhythms and uniqueness as well. It is especially noticeable as we go from Lent to Easter. That is seen most notably in the liturgy. The hymns we sing. The words we use for the prayers and benediction and sending.

For the eight weeks of Easter, we will be using the 'Thanksgiving for Baptism', where we usually confess our sins. This reminds us that the Easter vigil was the time for people to be baptized. It is a way that we can remember through our baptism and through the resurrection of Christ, we are forgiven.

While it is important to hear that we are forgiven, some may wonder when is the time for us to confess our sins. If it is important to you to confess your sins at the beginning of worship, I invite you to do that during the prelude or as you are waiting for the service to begin. If it is important to you confess your sins before communion, I invite to do that during the anthem. Also, as Lutherans we believe that participating in communion is an act of confession. During the season of Pentecost, we will go back to using the Confession.

I invite you to join in the rhythm of the worship season as we go from Lent to Easter and beyond.

Peace

Pastor Jeff



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“Treasurer Talk” by Dean Radke

For our Council meeting each month, I prepare a summary of the Zion’s income and expenses for the council to review. Going forward, each month following the council meeting and the approval of my report, we will be sharing that summary with you. These are the year to date financial results through February 28, 2021.

	<u>2021 Budget*</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual v Budget</u>	<u>2020 Actual</u>
<u>Total Income</u>	\$28,550.00	\$31,763.64	plus \$3,213.64	\$32,909.98
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$51,284.84	\$49,370.38	plus \$1,914.46	\$36,802.52
Positive/Negative	-\$22,734.84	-\$17,606.74	plus \$5,128.10	-\$3,892.54

** Figures derived by dividing annual budget by twelve for each month*

Year to Date we have a shortfall of \$17,606.74 which is \$5,128.10 less than our budget. Our income was comparable to the 2020 figures but our expenses, while under budget, were higher than 2020. In the first two months of 2020, we did not have a full-time pastor, our snow removal expenses were significantly higher this year and we had a one-time workman’s compensation insurance surcharge to reflect our increased payroll for the past year.

In other financial news of note, we submitted Zion’s application and deposit for the 2021 Apple Harvest Festival, as well as our reservation and deposit for our annual picnic at Camp Sloper in June. Also in February we learned that one of our boilers is nearing the end of its useful life. It is our intention to replace this as soon as the heating season is over.

As always, the Council thanks you for your generous support of our Church.

When the weather gets warmer, we plan to return to outdoor (between the church and parsonage) worship. We will still be "broadcasting" if you wish to remain in your car. In the case of inclement weather, we will hold drive-in worship in the parking lot. Watch the blue email for updates. *Pastor Jeff for the Worship and Music Committee*



WORSHIP WITH US!

WORSHIP in the SANCTUARY on SATURDAYS at 4:00PM!

If you would like to attend a Saturday service, reservations are required so that we comply with capacity restrictions. Please call or email the church by **12:00 Noon each preceding Thursday** to let us know how many will attend.

(Please call each week to confirm spot, wear a mask, and adhere to ushers directions.)

WORSHIP in the PARKING LOT on SUNDAYS at 10:15AM!

Worship from the comfort of your vehicle! Park in our lot and turn on your FM radio to participate in worship in a new way. You will be directed upon entering the driveway.

(Reservations are not required.)

Zion Walks!!!

It’s getting warm and it’s getting lighter later. Are you looking forward to getting outside to enjoy the good weather (and get some steps in as well?) Are you looking to do that in a socially distanced way, yet still with some people. Let Pastor Jeff know (pastor@zionlutheranct.org) to see if we can find some dates/times for a Zion group walk.



ABOUT COMMUNION...For those who can not attend in-person worship, *prepackaged* wine and juice wafer sets will be available on a table in the entry area of the church. The doors will be unlocked on Saturdays, between 9-11AM & 3-5PM, if you would like to pick some up. Then when watching the service *virtually*, you can commune.

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; Beverly Clark; Pastor Wayne Gollenberg; Pat Beaudin; Jane Darling; Ginny Freeman; Linda Graham; Sue Skrzypiec; Melissa & Patrick Russell; Jean Wiltse; John Darling; Paul Garrett; Taylor Dauphin.

Those in Hospitals, Care Centers and Homebound:

The Summit - William Brown

Wedding Anniversaries: Robyn & Scott Kroll, 4/8; Jim & Fawn Dery, 4/13; Roger & Debbie Garrett, 4/22; Jeanne & Paul Garrett, 4/24; David & Michele Peters, 4/24; Larry & Marilyn Pellett, 4/27; Jacob & Taylor Webster, 4/29; Mark & Katie Sherrick, 4/30; Mark & Aimee Teator, 4/30.

Family & Friends of Zion

Lord in your Mercy: Melissa & Family; Lynn-niece of Carol Wright; Courtney Campbell & Family; Kristen; Mark, cousin of Lois G.; Paul Godwin, brother of Lee Bluis; Gertrude Marquardt; Pesce Family; David Neals; Alex Meyer, grandson of Ron & Lois Griszkauskas; Carlos and Brian, friends of John Miller's family; 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; Dick, brother 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, friend of Joan Cockcroft and Cindy Miller; Reno, friend of Ron & Lois Griszkauskas; Ann Crossman; Linda Azato, Aunt of Lynn McCormack and Carol McCormack Wright; Rita, sister-in-law of Carra Rockwood; Sue, Shelby, and Thelma, friends of Joan Cockcroft; Adelle; Joseph Bolduc; Daniel Buerk, family of Dean & Jude Radke; Michael Colella; Lucille & Jimmy, friends of Lisa Proffitt; Cindy Babon, sister-in-law of Mike and Cindy Babon; Cameron family, family of the Cappellinos; Erma Radke, mother of Dean Radke; Mike; Jack; Mitchell; Ray Wenig, cousin of Deb Stalley; PJ; Hinkson family; Goulias family, relatives of Steve Sofianos; Bill & Tish, family of Bill & Michelle Gibbs; Charlie, friend of Lynn McCormack.

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; Colton McInnis, USAF pilot training, son of Susan Prairie.

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; Cindy Babon; Janet Hanson; Katie Miller, daughter of John Miller; Jeff Penoyer, son-in-law of Pastor & Debbie Stalley.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO LOOK OVER THIS PRAYER LIST SO THAT WE CAN ENSURE IT IS CURRENT. CONTACT THE OFFICE VIA EMAIL OR PHONE TO MAKE CHANGES.

THANK YOU!

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

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Sunday School News

submitted by Ali Frega

Sunday School

I hope everyone has a great Easter!

We will see everyone on April 11th,
there is no class on April 4th.

We are working our way through the Spring curriculum and have been discussing service and ways to show Jesus in all we do. Some things we have come up with are: praying, reading the Bible and being kind to others. We are also praying The Lord's Prayer each class as our 4th and 5th graders begin to prepare for Communion.

First Communion

First Communion Class

(Open to ALL 4th and 5th grade students)



Saturday, May 15th,

9:00AM- 12:00PM

Outdoors

Parents should attend with their child.

We will celebrate

First Communion, the next day,
during worship on Sunday, May 16th.

Please see the email from Ali for more information. If you did not receive the email, please reach out to Ali and she will forward it to you.

Youth Group

In March we tried Virtual BINGO and a word scramble and had so much fun! Our April Meetings will be held socially distanced outside, if weather allows. Please bring a chair, mask and yourself for fellowship and fun.

We look forward to seeing you then. We will move the meetings to ZOOM only if the weather forecast calls for rain.

High School Youth Group Meeting:

April 11th - 6:00 PM

Middle School Youth Group Meeting:

April 25th - 5:00 PM

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Confirmation

The 6th and 7th graders have begun their next unit of study: the New Testament.

There is no class on April 4th in Observance of Easter.

The 8th grade Confirmation Class

will begin the final section of our curriculum, "*Lutheran Living*" this month. Hopefully, as the weather warms, we can meet outdoors instead of on ZOOM!



A Peek into Zion Nursery School

Don't be surprised if you see chalk drawings in the parking lot the next time you come to church! Your Nursery School children have been busy! With the weather being so lovely, the teachers have had the children outside playing and drawing on the blacktop; they even drew a hopscotch board. The playground is still a bit muddy but a group of volunteers may be coming by this weekend to do a cleanup of the sand portion so we could be swinging on the swings next week. We are all so grateful to be back outside! Happy Spring, Happy Easter!

APRIL CHALLENGE - 'Bread for Life'

Let's see how many 'plastic fruit cup packs' (with individual fruit cups) we can collect this month! Place donations in the blue bin in front of the church. Can we do 100 packs? Last day will be **BREAD FOR LIFE** April 25th!

Zion's Easter Basket Challenge is a Huge Success!

Our wonderful Zion church family certainly loves a challenge. A few weeks ago, a request for donations of items that might fill an Easter basket was announced. The initial challenge was for 100 items. Not surprisingly, the first week we reached that goal. The challenge was raised to 200 items and on the final day we received 353 items! Once again the kind and caring people of Zion helped children within our own community. When the delivery was made to Southington Community Services, I was informed that they still needed to fill 100 more baskets and our donation would certainly help fulfill their task. THANK YOU! (Thanks to Jude Radke for her adorable bunny pops pictured below!)



Calumet Raffle Fundraiser

Saturday, May 1st

(rain date May 22nd)

Join us from 2-4pm for games & a campfire followed by an outdoor church service! Come experience the magic of Calumet and help raise money to send kids to camp!



Bottles, More Bottles & Cans, OH MY!

Calling all ambitious sorters, counters, and people that put full bags of counted bottles and cans away...We will be meeting on Monday's beginning at 4PM (weather permitting.) Come when you can, leave when you must. Join us outside for sorting fun and fellowship!



Church Picnic at Camp Sloper,
Sunday, June 13th, 10am-5pm



APPLE HARVEST NEWS



ALL are invited to join us via ZOOM
Tuesday, April 13th at 6:00PM

(We will meet outside, weather permitting & on ZOOM)

Please contact Lois Garafola with questions and for ZOOM codes (860-628-8513.)



Zion benefits from the Amazon Smile program!

Thank you to everyone who supported Zion while you and your family shopped these past few months. Zion received almost \$70 as part of the Amazon Smile program. If you haven't done so yet, consider signing up for *AmazonSmile*, 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!

Are You Interested in joining Zion? Would you like to find out more about Zion?

Join us for a ZOOM meeting with members of the congregation on
Monday, April 29th at 7:30 pm. Email Pastor Jeff for codes (pastor@zionlutheranct.org)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Palm Sunday 9:00AM <i>Virtual SS / Conf.</i> gr 6,7 10:15AM WORSHIP Drive-In 11:30AM <i>Virtual Fellowship Hour</i> 5:00PM MS Youth via ZOOM	29	30	31	1 Maundy Thursday 7:00PM Worship - Drive-In	2 Good Friday 7:00PM Worship - Drive-In	3
4 Easter 8:00AM <i>Worship - Drive-In</i> 10:15AM WORSHIP Drive-In 11:30AM <i>Virtual Fellowship Hour</i>	5	6 7:30PM School staff Check-in via ZOOM	7	8	9	10 4:00PM Worship Indoors
11 9:00AM <i>Virtual SS</i> 10:15AM WORSHIP Drive-In 11:30AM <i>Virtual Fellowship Hour</i> 5:00PM 8 th Grade Conf via ZOOM 6:00PM HS Youth via ZOOM	12 7:00PM Worship & Music	13 6:00PM Apple Harvest via ZOOM	14	15	16	17 4:00PM Worship Indoors
18 9:00AM <i>Virtual SS / Conf.</i> Gr 6,7 10:15AM WORSHIP Drive-In 11:30AM <i>Virtual Fellowship Hour</i> 5:00PM 8 th Grade Conf via ZOOM	19	20 6:30PM Council	21	22	23	24 4:00PM Worship Indoors
25 9:00AM <i>Virtual SS / Conf.</i> Gr 6,7 10:15AM WORSHIP Drive-In 11:30AM <i>Virtual Fellowship Hour</i> 5:00PM MS Youth via ZOOM	26 7:30PM Zion Information ZOOM Meeting (New Member Info)	27	28	29	30	1 4:00PM Worship Indoors

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Return Service Requested

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