



# THE LIGHT

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear People of Zion,

Except for Sunday worship and Christmas Eve, we went through last year's Advent and Christmas virtually. This year, we have some opportunities to be together.

**Choirs:** Sing with the Choir and ring bells with the Bell Choir for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Not a life-time commitment. (*You don't even need to commit to past Christmas.*)

**Wednesdays in Advent:** We will meet in the Gathering Space at 6:05 pm for "Advent in 20 Minutes". A chance to get into the season through Bible readings and reflection. At the end, we will sing a hymn. Then Bell Choir will meet at 6:30 pm followed by Choir at 7:00 pm.

**Bells and Blessings:** Will be on Sunday, December 19 at 5:30 pm. You can read more about it elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Tailgating:** Christmas Eve at 2:00 pm. One of the fun things that came out of the way we dealt with the pandemic was that last year a group tailgated before the 3:00 pm service. So, it has now become a tradition! Bring snacks and some Christmas cheer.

**21+ somethings at Witchdoctor:** Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm. At the Fritter booth, I met some of the people of Zion who have graduated and moved to other places, but came back to help in the booth. I thought that they might be back for Christmas and this would be a time for me to get to know them and for them to get to know me.

I hope that one of these ways of getting together works for you. And that you can pass these opportunities on to others.

Peace,  
Pastor Jeff

P.S...now that all three services are (mostly) indoors, we will need ushers for the services. If you would be willing to be an usher, please contact me ([pastor@zionlutheranct.org](mailto:pastor@zionlutheranct.org)) and let me know which 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; Jayne Darling; Ginny Freeman; Linda Graham; Jean Wiltse; Beverly Clark; Pastor & Ellie Gollenberg; Paul Garrett; Magyar family; Lee Bluis; Bobby Miller; Laura Sepko; Sandra Migliarese; Cappellino Family.

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

**The Summit** - William Brown

## **Wedding Anniversaries:**

Bob & Lee Bluis, 12/7; Dean & Debbie Mauro, 12/13; Lisa & Scott Barner, 12/18.

## **Family & Friends of Zion**

### **Lord in your Mercy:**

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, friend of John Miller's family; Mark Pavao, nephew of Lois Garafola; Katherine, granddaughter of friend of Mary Jobs; Megan Adole; Hala Jaser, friend of Cindy Babon; Danielle; Amber, David and Michael, family of the Cappellino family; Kevin Dolce; Bob Steindl, father of Rob Steindl; Ralph Clough, father of Kara Bouteiller; Debbie & Fred, friends of Carra Rockwood; Reno, friend of Ron & Lois Griszkauskas; Ann Crossman; Linda Azato, Aunt of Lynn McCormack/Carol McCormack Wright; Rita, sister-in-law of Carra Rockwood; Sue and Thelma, friends of Joan Cockcroft; Adelle; Joseph Bolduc; Daniel Buerk, family of Dean & Jude Radke; Michael & Cindy Colella; Kristen; Cameron family, family of the Cappellinos; Irma Radke, mother of Dean Radke; Goulias family, relatives of Steve Sofianos; Bill, family of Bill & Michelle Gibbs; Charlie, friend of Lynn McCormack; David B.; Benjamin Marek, friend of the Lafontaine family; Katie; Bonnie; Kris, relative of the John Miller family; Elfriede Kiesling; Winnie Messner; Judy Doucette, mother of William Doucette; Nidia; Terri; Roz & Joe Menton, friends of Carra Rockwood; Prenoveau Family; Terry & Helo; Calvin & Kara Seeley, friends of Lynn and Alicia McCormack; Carol Cyr; Michelle Cyr; Donna, friend of Lisa & Mark Proffitt; Paula Barra & Emily Barra, family of the Proffitts; King family; Dominique Orsi; Christopher (infant); Emily. Barbara; Sandy; Danny; Kathy; Wyatt Barbera, grandson of Dean & Jude Radke; Joan, Todd and Chip.

## **Blessed are the Dead:**

**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; Lt. Colonel 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.

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

**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!**



 **For Pastoral Care and Concerns,**  
 please contact Pastor Jeff Stalley  
 by phone: cell # 860-490-5784 or  
 email: pastor@zionlutheranct.org



**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 23rd at 11:15AM**

Two years in the making, Pastor Jeff's installation will be  
**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM**  
 followed by a reception at the Calendar House.  
 Please mark this on your calendar.

**"Treasurer Talk" by Dean Radke**

<u>October 2021 Results</u>	<u>2021 Budget*</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual v Budget</u>
Total Income	\$14,275.00	\$11,361.16	\$10,928.00	(\$2,913.84)
Total Expenses	\$25,642.42	\$14,926.27	\$17,323.66	\$10,716.15
Positive/Negative	(\$11,367.42)	(\$3,565.11)	(\$6,395.66)	\$7,802.31
<u>2021 YTD Results</u> (through 10/31/21)	<u>2021 Budget*</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2020 YTD Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual v Budget</u>
Total Income	\$142,750.00	\$132,638.82	\$126,018.93	(\$10,111.18)
Total Expenses	\$256,424.20	\$231,425.86	\$219,807.54	\$24,998.34
Positive/Negative	(\$113,674.20)	(\$98,787.04)	(\$93,788.61)	\$14,887.16

*\*Figures derived by dividing annual budget by twelve*

Zion's Projected Deficit for 2021, based upon 10 months actual results, is \$118,544.88. The 2021 Budget projects a deficit of \$136,553.00. Through 10-31-2021, Zion's deficit is about \$15,000 less than budgeted and is about \$5,000.00 greater than 2020. During the next few weeks, I will be working on the 2022 budget, which I anticipate will be similar to the 2021 budget. Additional items will include Pastor Jeff's installation in March, 2022 and a factor for inflation. The Council will also be looking at our reserves for future anticipated costs such as replacing our boiler, replacing the roof of the Sanctuary, repaving the parking lot, replacing the organ and replacing our server.

Beginning in February, 2022, Zion will need a new Treasurer. Jude and I will be leaving Zion sometime in the first half of 2022 to join our son and his family outside Tampa, Florida. We will be living full-time in Florida. Until we leave, I am planning to continue to serve as Assistant Treasurer, in order to help make the transition a smooth one. If you are interested in the position, please call John Miller or me (860) 833-1285 to discuss this. Additionally, Jude and I would ask that you keep us in your prayers in finding a church in Florida that is as warm and welcoming as Zion. Zion has a very special place in our hearts because of its warmth and commitment to Christ and service to the community.



**Join Pastor Jeff for Coffee (Tea) & Conversation, Just Stop by...no appointment is necessary!**

**Lion's Den Coffee House: Monday, 12/20 at 2:00PM**

**Perkatory: Mondays, 12/6 & 12/13 at 8:00AM**



**Advent and Christmas Opportunities**



**Wednesdays in December 1, 8, 15**

6:05PM Advent in 20 minutes  
 Readings, Discussions & Prayer  
 6:30PM Bell Choir  
 7:00PM Choir

**Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> - Advent II**

**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> - Advent III**

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> - Advent IV**  
 Bells & Blessings - 5:30PM



**Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

2:00PM Tailgating/Fellowship  
 3:00PM Worship-Outdoors  
 6:00PM Worship-Sanctuary  
 11:00PM Worship-Sanctuary/Candlelight

**Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

No worship services

**Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:00AM Worship Indoors  
 'Lessons & Carols'







## A Peek into Zion Nursery School

We are so full of thanks here at Zion Nursery School! We started the month off with a food drive for Southington Community Services and we collected more food than we ever have before! This month we learned about the first Thanksgiving in all 3 classes and celebrated with all sorts of yummy food like turkey and cranberries and the muffins that we helped to make. We all tried pumpkin pie with whipped cream (which some of us liked) because we learned here at Zion that we have to try new things. We are all very thankful for the wonderful times we've been having here at school and are looking forward to more fun in December!

*You are invited to be a part of a long-standing Zion tradition!*



## Bells & Blessings



**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM**

*All are invited to join us for an evening of Christmas music and readings. If you have a piece of Christmas music or a reading/poem that you would like to share, please contact Chris Messner (chris.messner@sbcglobal.net) by December 12<sup>th</sup>. You don't have to play an instrument to attend. Come and enjoy some beautiful music. Masks are required. The screen in the Gathering Space will be on if you are more comfortable watching from there.*



## Operation Christmas Child Update

Thank you for your overwhelming response this year! A record 53 shoe boxes were filled! Your support of this worthwhile ministry brings joy to children around the world and we are so grateful for your continued generosity.

## Educator Appreciation Night **Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM**

The educator support ZOOM meetings were helpful when our educators were teaching remotely. Now educators are back in their building and get support from colleagues and friends. We will have one last get together. An in-person one on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Bring a snack to share and some Christmas cheer!



## Shopping on Amazon for the Holidays? Support Zion while you and your family shop!

Sign up for *AmazonSmile* and Amazon will donate .5% of your total purchase price to Zion!

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' 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!**



## Be an Angel!



At this time of year we give thanks for all our many blessings. Look for the table next to the little, glowing Christmas tree in the Gathering Place with 'wish list' items that will brighten the Christmas season for youth in the area. Choose a tag with a 'wish list' item. Simply return the item in a holiday gift bag with your tag attached.

**All items are due by Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Contact Lisa Proffitt w/questions: 860-621-4316.

**Children's books** for Prudence Crandall will be collected. Place your new / gently used books (all ages) in the basket under the tree in the Gathering Place **by Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.**



## Christmas Cookies!!!

After worship on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and between worship services on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, the Women's Group will be offering a delicious assortment of homemade cookies and treats! Small, Medium, & Large pre-packed boxes will be available to add to your holiday gatherings or give as gifts to a special teacher or friend.

*Pre-orders will be taken until December 12<sup>th</sup>*  
(Please specify if you need a 'nut free' box!)

If you would like to make cookies for this event, or help with the packaging, please contact:

Cindy Miller at 860-628-0240

**Homemade cookies must be brought to Zion by Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please call Cindy to arrange a drop off time.**



## It's Time to order Poinsettias!

*Order forms are available in the Gathering Place and are due by Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.*



*Call the church office with questions.*



## LADIES' BREAKFAST is Back!

**Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM at the Pepper Pot! Please join us, all are welcome!**



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# Sunday School News

submitted by Ali Frega

## Sunday School

PLEASE JOIN US on December 19<sup>th</sup> during the 10:15AM service for some Christmas Carols sung by the Sunday School classes. We are looking forward to sharing some Christmas spirit with you all. Please feel free to join us for a small celebration after we sing.



*Sunday School is feeling Thankful - we have worked the past few weekends to create a Thankful Tree on our Sunday School Bulletin Board. Look for it in the hallway going downstairs!*

**Reminder...NO CLASS December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**  
**You can still come to church with your family!**  
**We will resume classes on January 9<sup>th</sup>.**

## Confirmation

Pastor's class (6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) has been learning about the Bible. Topics include: Who wrote the Bible, God or humans? Why does the Bible contradict itself at times? And why are there so many versions of the Bible?

**NO CLASS**

**December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup> - You can come to church with you family!**  
**We will resume classes on January 9<sup>th</sup>.**



## Youth Group

**Both Youth Groups will meet on December 5<sup>th</sup>!**

Middle School will meet 5:00PM - 6:30PM and  
High School will meet directly after from 6:30PM - 8:00PM.

Dinner will be served.

**Please join us for some holiday fun!**

# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>NOV 28</b> <i>Advent I</i> 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary No Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Sanctuary	29	30 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	1 6:05PM Advent Event 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Choir	2	3	4 4:00PM Worship
<b>5</b> <i>Advent II</i> 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors 5:00PM MS Youth 6:30PM HS Youth	6 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	7 7:00PM Educator Appreciation	8 6:05PM Advent Event 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Choir	9	10	11 4:00PM Worship
<b>12</b> <i>Advent III</i> 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM SSchool/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Sanctuary	13 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory  7:00PM Worship & Music	14 9:30AM Ladies Breakfast @ Pepper Pot  6:30PM Council	15 6:05PM Advent Event 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Choir	16	17	18 4:00PM Worship
<b>19</b> <i>Advent IV</i> 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation Cookie Sale -Gathering Place 10:15AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 5:30PM Bells & Blessings	20 2:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den	21	22	23	<b>24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i> 2:00PM Tailgating/Fellowship 3:00PM Worship -Outdoors 6:00PM Worship -Sanctuary 11:00PM Worship -Sanctuary	<b>25</b> <i>Christmas Day</i>  No Worship Services
<b>26</b> <i>Christmas 1</i> 9:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary Lessons & Carols NO Sunday School/Confirmation	27	28	29 7:00PM 21+ Somethings at Witchdoctor	30	31	<b>JAN 1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i> No Worship Service

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Return Service Requested

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