



THE LIGHT

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Community of Zion,

Attending the Calumet Fundraiser, participating in a First Communion Class with nine families, and teaching 8th grade Confirmation Class outdoors was such a positive experience. People seeing each other for the first time in over a year. I got to spend time with people I hadn't met before. It was just good to be around people.

I am convinced that as we are able to come together with the easing of COVID restrictions it is important to have some time together getting reacquainted (or in my case, getting acquainted). In my call process, so many of you said Zion is about relationships. I believe it is important to take intentional time during this summer to re-establish those relationships. To come together as a community in ways other than just worship

In the insert you can find two opportunities for fun and fellowship. Both are opportunities to be with people you have been with before or people who you haven't met.

After the worship services is a time that you can be with people in a safe way if you are comfortable. We will be stopping the Sunday morning Zoom Fellowship Hour so Pastor Jeff can talk to people after the outdoor worship service. If you still would like to meet with Pastor via Zoom, we can make arrangements.

I hope these ways can help you be with the community of Zion. If you have any suggestions for July, I would love to hear them.

Peace,
Pastor Jeff



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“Treasurer Talk” by Dean Radke

<u>April 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	\$11,645.13	\$13,459.84	(\$2,629.87)
Total Expenses	\$25,642.42	\$20,028.44	\$27,151.08	\$5,613.98
Positive/Negative	(\$11,367.42)	(\$8,383.31)	(\$13,691.24)	\$2,984.11
<u>2021 YTD Results</u>	<u>2021 Budget*</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2020 YTD Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual v Budget</u>
Total Income	\$57,100.00	\$58,293.51	\$59,100.00	\$1,193.51
Total Expenses	\$102,569.68	\$95,552.20	\$86,164.90	\$7,017.48
Positive/Negative	(\$45,469.68)	(\$37,258.69)	(\$27,064.90)	\$8,210.99

**Figures derived by dividing annual budget by twelve*

Zion’s financial results, through April 30, 2021, continue to be better than budgeted. For the month of April, 2021, our actual income was less than the budgeted amount by \$2,630.00 but our actual expenses were less than the budgeted amount by \$5,614.00. The net result is that our results for the month of April, 2021 were better than our budget by \$2,984.00. For the year to date, our income is \$58,294.00 and our expenses total \$95,522.00. This results in a year-to-date deficit of \$37,259.00; however, that deficit is \$8,211.00 less than our budgeted amount.

We have Good News to Share! Beginning Sunday June 6th, an 8AM indoor worship service will be added to the current weekend worship schedule. Protocols for the Sunday 8AM service will be the same as the Saturday 4PM service including wearing masks during the service. Reservations will not be needed, but you will need to sign in. *Look for the updated protocols in an upcoming email before attending an indoor worship service.*



Worship...“A Breath of Fresh Air” (new time for SUMMER)



Our Summer Worship Schedule begins Sunday, June 20th! Join us at 9:15AM outside

The worship leaders will be on the porch of the parsonage; the congregation can sit on the lawn between the church and the parsonage (near the Rose Garden.) Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on, and water as the temperature gets warmer. Please wear a mask as you walk from your car to where you are going to sit and find a place to sit that is socially distance from others. There will be parking spaces marked out near the ‘exit driveway’ if you would prefer to remain in your car and listen using the speakers or the FM transmission. (If there is inclement weather, we will do “drive-in” worship.)



REVISED WORSHIP TIMES!

WORSHIP in the SANCTUARY on
SATURDAYS at 4:00PM and SUNDAYS at 8:00AM*!

(For indoor services, please wear a mask and adhere to indoor safety protocols and ushers’ directions.)

WORSHIP OUTSIDE near the Rose Garden on SUNDAYS

June 6th - 10:15AM - Worship near the Rose Garden

June 13th - 10:30AM - Worship at Camp Sloper (Church Picnic)

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE 20th

Saturday- 4:00PM in the Sanctuary Sunday- 8:00AM Worship in the Sanctuary
9:15AM Worship by the Rose Garden

(*There will not be an 8AM worship service on Sunday, June 13th.)

(If there is inclement weather on Sundays at 9:15AM, we will do ‘drive-in’ worship.)

ZOOM Fellowship Hour...

was a great way to be together when we couldn’t be together. But as we are able to be together more and more, we have decided that beginning THIS Sunday, May 30th we won’t be doing Sunday morning Zoom Fellowship so Pastor can meet with people after worship.

If you aren’t comfortable coming to worship, arrangements can be made to talk with Pastor during the week via Zoom

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; Jean Wiltse Beverly Clark; Paul Garrett; Melissa & Patrick Russell and infant twin, Joseph Robert; Pastor and Ellie Gollenberg; Sirotnak Family; Steve Kroll; Pat Bojarski

Those in Hospitals, Care Centers and Homebound:

The Summit - William Brown **CCMC** - Allison Russell. infant twin of Patrick & Melissa Russell

Wedding Anniversaries: Nancy & Glenn Benoit, 6/5; Gail & Bill Fissette, 6/10; Debbie & Pastor Jeff Stalley, 6/12; Pam & Jim Turner, 6/13; Peter & Christine Spataro, 6/14; Nancy & John Pelegano, 6/17; Lee & John Sirotnak, 6/18; Sandy & Charles DeMarino, 6/20; Michelle & William Gibbs, 6/22; Matthew & Linda Benoit, 6/26; Sandy & George McKenney, 6/27; Laura & Michael Webster, 6/28; Kenneth & Cindy Paul, 6/28; Sue & Doug McGough, 6/30.

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 and Brian, friends 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; 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; 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, Shelby, and Thelma, friends of Joan Cockcroft; Adelle; Joseph Bolduc; Daniel Buerk, family of Dean & Jude Radke; Simon; Michael Colella; Cameron family, family of the Cappellinos; Irma Radke, mother of Dean Radke; Mike; Jack; Mitchell; Ray Wenig, cousin of Deb Stalley; PJ; Goulias family, relatives of Steve Sofianos; Bill & Tish, family of Bill & Michelle Gibbs; Charlie, friend of Lynn McCormack; David B.; Benjamin Marek, friend of the Lafontaine family; Christina; Anna; Sharon Thibedeau; Ralph Johannsson, Deb Stalley's father; Frank; Jackie; the Geissler Family; Patty; Bonnie; Ray; Daniel; Kris, relative of the John Miller family.

Births:

Deaths: Richard Fazzone, 5/19; brother-in-law of Debbie & Pete Kurtz

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.

To update or add prayer requests, please call (860)628-5759, or email - 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!**

June 2021

Sunday School News

submitted by Ali Frega

Sunday School

We held our last class of the school year on Sunday, May 23rd. Although it was a different year, everyone brought great questions about Jesus, God and faith. The students have learned so much this year and it was great getting to spend every Sunday morning together, even if it was through the screen. We loved seeing each other's smiles each day.

I want to thank Joan, Lydia, Bill, Jeanne and Melissa for helping me make this school year possible! We could not have made it work without you and I cannot thank you enough!

Confirmation

6th & 7th Grade - Thank you for a great year of Confirmation. The class ended on May 23rd with an outside activity planting mustard seeds to correspond with their lesson for the day.

A huge shout out to Aimee & Christine for teaching each Sunday over Zoom. We cannot thank you enough for stepping up for this challenge and making it a great year!

8th Grade - Pastor is hoping to find a time for one more outdoor gathering before the Summer. Watch for an email so we can figure out a time.

VBS

It's Planning Time! We would love to have you help us in planning for our summer Vacation Bible School, please email Ali at sundayschool@zionlutheranct.org to be added to the volunteer list, then lookout for an email about meeting dates in the next week.

Youth Group

HS Youth - June 6th at 6:00PM

MS Youth - June 27th at 5:00PM



First Communion

May 16th,
2021

On a beautiful Saturday morning, eleven 4th & 5th graders (and an adult/guardian) learned about communion and decorated their own chalices. The next morning, the whole church celebrated as they participated in Communion for the very first time. "Thank You!" to Jude and Ann for helping students decorate their chalices. They were beautiful!



A Peek into Zion Nursery School

May has been a very busy month for us in Nursery School, as we are winding down towards our end of year celebrations. While we haven't been able to take our usual field trips to DePaolo Middle School and Indian Rock Nature Center, our teachers have been doing a terrific job with their own in-house programs. We celebrated our moms with outdoor programs for Mother's Day, had an outdoor Teddy Bear picnic, and even had Farm Week in our Pre-K class. It's hard to believe that our school year ends in just a few weeks!

A Message from our Nursery School Director...

We are looking for a 'teacher assistant' to help in the classroom Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:00AM until noon, starting in September. No teaching degree is required but a love of children is! (This is a paid position.)



If you, or someone you know might be interested, please have them call Colleen Clark at (860)628-6007.



Join us for Ladies Breakfast Wednesday, June 16th at 9:30AM at "The Art of Yum", 1091 S Main St, Plantsville

All are welcome to join us for food & fun conversation! Questions? Call Lisa Proffitt 860-621-4316



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS!

It is with great pleasure that the Scholarship Committee announces our Scholarship recipients for the 2021 school year.

The Czarnota Family Apple Fritter Scholarship is being awarded to Drew Steindl, son of Rob & Krista Steindl. Drew is graduating from University High of Science & Engineering in Hartford, CT. He was also enrolled in many college classes at UHART. Drew will be attending Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY this fall majoring in Math and Computer Science.



The Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Post-Secondary Education Scholarship will be shared between and Natalie Reeves and Drew Steindl. Natalie is the daughter of Katie & Brian Reeves and will be graduating from Southington High School. Natalie will be attending Hawaii Pacific University and studying marine biology & environmental science.

We will be celebrating them, as well as all of the members of Zion graduating from both high school and college on Sunday, June 27th at the 9:00AM worship service.

Congratulations and best wishes to all of these wonderful young people.



Our Book Club Selection for June... is "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant

"In the Bible, Dinah's life is only hinted at in a brief and violent detour within the more familiar chapters of the Book of Genesis that tell of her father, Jacob, and his twelve sons. In this modern classic interpretation the author imagines the traditions and turmoils of ancient womanhood--the world of 'The Red Tent', a NYT bestseller. Next Meeting - Monday, June 28th at 7:00PM Contact Joan Cockcroft (cell - 201-951-7473) for info.

Summer Challenge...Individually wrapped snacks for kids! (chips, cookies, pretzels, etc. (no granola bars please.)) Let's see what Zion can do!

Questions? Contact Lisa Proffitt 860-621-4316 or congregationalwelfare@zionlutheranct.org.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



We are excited to recognize the following graduates...

College Graduates

- Ashley Christensen** graduated Western CT State University with a Masters degree in Business Management.
- Bryan Doucette** graduated Central CT State University with a BS degree in Computer Science.
- Evelyn Holbrook** graduated Western CT State University with a BS degree in Nursing.
- Sydney Kroll** graduated Fordham University with a BS degree in Marketing.
- Thomas Ragozzino** graduated Bristol Tech Adult Education with a certification in HVAC.
- Michael Mauro** graduated Bentley University with a BS degree in Data Analytics.
- Jon Olschefski** graduated the University of New England with a BS in Nursing.

High School Graduates

- Maddie Block** graduates Southington HS and will attend Endicott College majoring in Business and Psychology.
- Daniel Bouteiller** graduates Southington HS and will attend Tunxis Community College majoring in Computer Science.
- Ben Darling** graduates Southington HS and will attend Quinnipiac University majoring in Film, Television, Media Art
- Alyssa Heitz** graduates Southington HS and will attend the University of Connecticut majoring in Chemistry.
- Julia Isaacson** graduates Middletown HS and will attend the University of Vermont majoring in environmental studies.
- Sara LaFontaine** graduates Southington HS and will attend High Point University in North Carolina.
- Sean LaFontaine** graduates Southington HS and will attend the University of North Carolina/Charlotte majoring in Mechanical Engineering.
- Matthew Martin** graduates Bristol Central HS and will attend Tunxis Community College majoring in business.
- Nate Paul** graduates Berlin HS and will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, majoring in computer science.
- Natalie Reeves** graduates Southington HS and will attend Hawaii Pacific University majoring in Marine Biology.
- Drew Steindl** graduates Univ. High of Science & Engineering and attend Vassar University majoring in Computer Science and Math.
- Evan Watson** graduates Southington HS and will attend Central CT State Univ. majoring in Tourism/Hospitality.

Join us at worship on Sunday, June 27th as we celebrate their accomplishments and wish them Godspeed!

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 <i>Holy Trinity Sunday</i> 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors	31 <i>Memorial Day</i> (office closed)	1 7:30PM School staff / Educators check-in via ZOOM	2	3	4	5 4:00PM Worship Indoors 5:15PM 'BYO Dinner and A Show**
6 8:00AM WORSHIP Indoors 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors 4:00PM Rain Date "BYO" Dinner and a Show"	7 5:00PM Bottles/Cans	8 6:00PM Apple Harvest	9	10	11	12 4:00PM Worship Indoors
13 10:00AM-5:00PM Church <i>Picnic at Slopers</i> (10:30AM <i>Worship at Slopers</i> THIS WILL BE THE ONLY WORSHIP SERVICE ON THIS DAY)	14 5:00PM Bottles/Cans 7:00PM Worship & Music	15 6:30PM Council	16 9:30AM Ladies Breakfast at "Art of Yum" Plantsville	17	18	19 4:00PM Worship Indoors
20 8:00AM WORSHIP Indoors 9:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors	21 5:00PM Bottles/Cans	22	23	24	25	26 4:00PM Worship Indoors
27 8:00AM WORSHIP Indoors 9:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors <i>Recognition of Scholarship recipients and all graduates!</i>	28 5:00PM Bottles/Cans	29	30	1	2	3 4:00PM Worship Indoors

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