



THE LIGHT

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Community of Zion,

March 1st marks the one-year anniversary of us doing ministry together!

I have a friend who says “The days are long and the years are short”. In some ways, that captures how this year has been. In some ways, it feels like I have always been here. At the same time, I can’t believe it has been a year.

It’s hard to ignore the effects of the pandemic on this past year and what that has meant for us gathering together. Yet, we had some form of worship every week. We had fellowship. We had learning opportunities. We supported the community.

In teaching the 8th grade confirmation class and talking to people who are interested in joining the church, I re-looked at the Affirmation of Baptism service. It is the service we use on Confirmation Sunday and when people join the church.

It can also be used at any point for the whole congregation to remember and affirm their baptism. Maybe we could do that some time. In the meantime, here is part of the service:

When the assembly is making affirmation of baptism, the presiding minister addresses them.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God’s faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

The assembly makes affirmation:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Of course, we hope that we can do these things in the way we used to. But we can still continue to do them. We are in the season of Lent where we hope for Easter, but continue to do ministry.

I invite you to take time to read the words above and affirm your baptism. Think about the ways you can do those five things. Then, when we are all together, we can affirm our baptisms as a community.

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.

<u>January 2021 Results</u>	<u>2021 Budget*</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual v Budget</u>
<u>Total Income</u>	\$14,275.00	\$20,832.59	\$10,824.79	\$6,557.59
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$25,642.42	\$27,511.24	\$23,756.14	-\$1,868.82
Positive/Negative	-\$11,367.42	-\$6,678.65	-\$12,931.35	

* Figures derived by dividing annual budget by twelve

On the income side, one family gave a large contribution as their annual contribution for 2021, which is why January income was much higher than budgeted. On the expense side, we had a one-time workman’s compensation insurance surcharge to reflect our increased payroll for the past year. Our deficit was \$4,688.77 less than what was budgeted.

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

Thoughts From a Parishioner in These Strange Times by Lee Bluis

Do you miss seeing all your friends at church? It’s been a year since COVID has changed all our lives. For me, I’ve been in the church building once, and in a store twice. Zion has been a Godsend! While Zion has moved to having drive-in and socially distanced services at church, many people have also worked hard to put together programs and services via ZOOM and YouTube. They work for people like me who are not yet comfortable in any type of group setting. It has been wonderful to see familiar faces and chat with friends at these virtual gatherings. There are regulars and drop-ins at each of these programs. There is a ‘coffee / fellowship time’ Sunday mornings at 11:30 am on ZOOM. It’s a virtual way to catch up in lieu of our normal ‘Coffee Hour’ in the Gathering Place. Wednesdays have provided a plethora of programs: bible study, Advent wreath lightings, ‘Bells and Blessings’, and now as we enter the Easter season there are Lenten programs at 7:00 pm. All church services can be found in the weekly emails complete with a printable bulletin to follow along. This way, you can watch on YouTube and participate at you convenience. Stop in (online) and join us! (No sign-ups necessary.) We look forward to ‘seeing’ you!

For more information or help in accessing these programs, please call the church office or Pastor Jeff and we will be happy to help!



WORSHIP WITH US!

WORSHIP via ZOOM on WEDNESDAYS in LENT!

During Wednesdays of Lent at 7:00PM, we will gather via ZOOM for a time of song, scripture, & conversation. Codes will be sent out weekly via email or call the office.

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.)

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.



LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesdays in Lent:

March 3, 10, 17, 24

7:00PM Worship via Zoom

Passion of Our Lord (Palm Sunday)

Saturday/Sunday, March 27, 28

Saturday -4:00PM in the Sanctuary

Sunday - 10:15AM Drive-in

Maundy Thursday: April 1

7:00PM Drive-in

Good Friday: April 2

7:00PM Drive-in

Easter Sunday: April 4

8:00AM & 10:15AM

Drive-in

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; Melissa & Patrick Russell; Jean Wiltse; Beverly Clark; the LaValle family; John Darling; Pete Cappellino; Pastor Wayne Gollenberg; Taylor Dauphin.

Those in Hospitals, Care Centers and Homebound:

The Summit - William Brown

Wedding Anniversaries: Dominique & David Kall, 3/2

Family & Friends of Zion

Lord in your Mercy: Sam Bahr; Melissa & Family; Alyssa Boncer; Lynn-niece of Carol Wright; Richie C.; 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; Mary Palmer, mother of Leslie Sanchez; Sue, Shelby, and Thelma, friends of Joan Cockcroft; Adelle; Joseph Bolduc; Daniel Buerk, family of Dean & Jude Radke; Kristen; Simon; Michael Colella; Lucille & Jimmy, friends of Lisa Proffitt; Cindy Babon, sister-in-law of Mike and Cindy Babon; Cameron family, family of the Cappellinos; Thomas family; Erma Radke, mother of Dean Radke.

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

We began our new Spring curriculum this past week, students should have received the new curriculum in the mail.

**SAVE THE DATE:
DRIVE-IN SUNDAY SCHOOL
Palm Sunday
March 28th at 9:00AM**

We will not meet on ZOOM this day, we will be meeting in the parking lot between worship services.

First Communion

First Communion Class

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

**Saturday, May 15th,
9:00AM- 12:00PM.
Outdoors**



At least one parent/guardian should participate with the student.

We will celebrate First Communion during worship on Sunday, May 16th.

Parents of 4th & 5th grade students should have received an email from Ali. If you did not, please contact Ali at sundayschool@zionlutheranct.org or call the church office.

Youth Group

We discussed promoting the Youth Group through Social Media at our February meeting and are working to make these avenues easily accessible for everyone to hear about our meetings and events.

Look for more information soon!

Please send any recommendations for interactive games or activities that you'd

like to play or share to Ali at

sundayschool@zionlutheranct.org.

I will add them to the queue so I can screen share them with everyone that day.

High School Youth Group Meeting:

Sunday, March 14th at 6:00PM via ZOOM

Middle School Youth Group Meeting:

Sunday, March 28th at 5:00PM via ZOOM

Confirmation

New Student Books are located in the Blue Bin outside of Church for grades 6 and 7. Please pick up your student's book as they will be beginning the next unit within the coming weeks.

The 8th grade Confirmation Class is finishing up the story of Ruth and Naomi. Then we will move on to talk about what it means to be a Lutheran and what it means to be a member of a church.



A Peek into Zion Nursery School

February has been an interesting month here in Nursery School with the weather playing havoc on our days in session. We were able to have our Valentine's Day parties with the children, so that was the important thing! We're now looking to get outside more in March, and play in our playground as the snow should be here for a while. And just so you know, our 3 & 4 year old classes are full for next year, but we have a few spots left in our Pre-K program. The word must be out about all the good things going on at Zion Nursery School!



IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME OF YEAR!

If you, or someone you know, will be heading on to a Post-Secondary Accredited program, whether it's a 4-year college program, a 2-year college program, or any other accredited program, please consider applying for a scholarship from Zion. Applications for both the **Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Post Secondary Education Scholarship AND The Czarnota Family Apple Fritter Scholarship** are available at worship or by calling the church office. They will also be included as a link you can click on in the weekly "Ministry Opportunities" blue email.

The deadline to submit completed applications is March 25th.

Please call Lisa Proffitt at 860-621-4316 with questions.



Southington Community Services is making Easter Baskets!

To add a little fun to our collection in helping with this effort, we will count all the donations our Zion family makes to see if we can reach our goal of 100 items! Requested items include: INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED Easter Candy, Chocolate Bunnies etc. , Easter books, small Easter themed toys/trinkets, grass, and anything else you can think of to put into an Easter Basket!

All donations can be dropped off in the blue bin in the front of the church and will be brought in daily or you can drop them off at worship on Saturdays /Sundays. Thank you for sharing the joy of Easter to our local community!

FOOD PANTRY: The need continues for canned goods, pasta, cereal & toiletries for our Southington neighbors. Feel free to leave these types of donations in the blue bin as well.



Are You or Someone You Know Interested in Making Zion Your Church Home?

If you'd like to find out more about Zion and/or how to become part of the community of Zion, email Pastor Jeff at pastor@zionlutheranct.org or text 860-490-5784.

IT'S TIME for EASTER FLOWERS!

Yes! We will be ordering flowers for the sanctuary this year. Please see the weekly emails for an order form, look for one at worship or call the office to have one mailed to you!

Payment is due with your order and must be received by **Sunday, March 14th!**



Upcoming Book Club News

Are you interested in joining others for an opportunity to open your eyes to see those who are not the same as you? If the answer to this is "yes", then this will be something you won't want to miss.

We are planning an intraconference book club/discussion mid-Spring that will give us the chance to explore the way we see others who may be different. At this time, we are thinking of doing this late April or early May; hopefully in person, under the tent when the weather is nicer. We should have more definitive details by the end of March or early May. The book discussed may be "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.

Please feel free to call or text Joan Cockcroft at 201-951-7473 with any questions.



APPLE HARVEST NEWS



ALL are invited to join us via ZOOM for our 1st Apple Harvest meeting this year.

Tuesday, March 9th at 6:00PM

We will talk about our plan going forward in these unusual times and hopefully answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to reconnecting with friends and are excited to have NEW faces join us too!

Please contact Lois Garafola with questions (860-628-8513.)

(Call the church office or Lois for codes.)



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Sunday	28 Lent 5 9:00AM Virtual SS / Cont. Gr. 6,7 10:15AM WORSHIP Drive-in 11:30AM Virtual Fellowship Hour 5:00PM 8 th Grade Cont via ZOOM	29	30	31	1 Memory, Thursday	2 Good Friday	3 4:00PM Worship Indoors
Monday	7 Lent III 9:00AM Virtual SS 10:15AM WORSHIP Drive-in 11:30AM Virtual Fellowship Hour 5:00PM 8 th Grade Cont via ZOOM	8	9	10 7:00PM Worship via ZOOM	11	12	13 4:00PM Worship Indoors
Tuesday	1 28 Lent 5 9:00AM Virtual SS / Cont. Gr. 6,7 10:15AM WORSHIP Drive-in 12:00PM Congregational Meeting via ZOOM	2 7:30PM School staff Check-in via ZOOM	3	4 7:00PM Worship via ZOOM	5	6 4:00PM Worship Indoors	
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