



THE LIGHT

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Community of Zion,

I have been going to Lutheran outdoor ministry camps since.....I was in third grade. Shores of St. Andrew in Minnesota. Circle R in Nebraska. Calumet in New England.

It was at Calumet that I decided that even I could become a pastor (another story for another time). Since I have started going to Calumet, I have been there as a camper, a staff member, a board member. I have gone to Calumet for Men's weekends, for a retreat for newly called pastors, for clergy retreats, and for congregational retreats.

For maybe a dozen years, I have volunteered at Calumet's Family and Adult camp helping people to have the best time they can have. In fact, I have known some people from Zion long before I was called here. Sue Simoniello and I planned two reunions for people who worked in the 80s at Calumet. Pastor Debner and I were on a committee together.

Zion seems to have a long history of people going to Calumet...women's groups, family camping, resident (kid's) camp. I think it is important to keep that connection going.

On Saturday, May 1st, starting at 2 pm we will have a Calumet Fun(d)raiser. It will be an opportunity to hear what is available at Calumet from people who attend the wide variety of programs. It will also be an opportunity to help raise some money to help with the tuition of Zion's youth attending resident camp or participating in the Leadership Training program.

I just wanted you to know how important I think Calumet is to our community.

Peace,

Pastor Jeff

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“Treasurer Talk” by Dean Radke

<u>March 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	\$14,904.74	\$12,999.87	\$629.74
Total Expenses	\$25,642.42	\$26,153.38	\$31,129.94	(\$510.96)
Positive/Negative	(\$11,367.42)	(\$11,248.64)	(\$18,130.07)	\$118.78

<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	\$42,825.00	\$46,648.38	\$48,909.85	\$3,823.38
Total Expenses	\$76,927.26	\$75,523.76	\$67,932.46	\$1,403.50
Positive/Negative	(\$34,102.26)	(\$28,875.38)	(\$19,022.61)	\$5,226.88

* Figures derived by dividing annual budget by twelve

The month of March 2021 almost perfectly matched our budget having a variation of only \$118.78. For the year-to-date, as of 3/31/2021, we are \$5227.00 under budget. Compared to 2020 our deficit is larger but that is principally attributable to not having a full-time pastor for January and February of that year. As always, the Council thanks you for your generous support of our Church.



Worship...“A Breath of Fresh Air”



“Outdoor” worship resumes on Sunday, May 2nd at 10:15 am. The worship leaders will be on the porch of the parsonage; the congregation can sit on the lawn between the church and the parsonage (by the Rose Garden.) Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. You may also want to bring 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. We will be speaking and singing, so please consider wearing a mask during the service unless you are far enough away 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 FM transmission. (If there is inclement weather, we will do “drive-in” worship and you can listen using the FM transmission.)



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 OUTSIDE near the Rose Garden on SUNDAYS at 10:15AM!

If there is inclement weather, we will do “drive-in” worship and you can park in the lot and listen using the FM transmission



Armed Forces Day

On May 15th and 16th we will take a moment during the announcements after worship to honor all who have served or are serving in our armed forces. Please join us in recognizing these heroes in our Zion family.



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; Pat Beaudin; Jane Darling; Ginny Freeman; Linda Graham; Jean Wiltse; Beverly Clark; Paul Garrett; Helmut Jobs; Melissa & Patrick Russell; Ellie Gollenberg; Tonn family.

Those in Hospitals, Care Centers and Homebound:

The Summit - William Brown **Cleveland Clinic** - Pastor Gollenberg **UCONN** - Allison & Joseph Russell

Wedding Anniversaries: Nick & Erika DiGeronimo, 5/2; Cindy & Mike Babon, 5/5; Russell & Giselle Cowles, 5/5; Jason & Brandi Dougherty, 5/16; Bonnie & George Zownir, 5/23; Duane & Patricia Judd, 5/30.

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; 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; 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; Lucille & Jimmy, friends of Lisa Proffit; Cindy Babon, sister-in-law of Mike and Cindy Babon; Cameron family, family of the Cappellinos; Erma Radke, mother of Dean Radke; Mike; 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; Kristina; Anna; Mary Kryzwick; Sharon Thibedeau.

Births: Allison Marie and Joseph Robert born April 5th to parents Melissa & Patrick Russell

Deaths: Roxanne Tonn, 4/25

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

May 2021

Sunday School News

submitted by Ali Frega

Sunday School

There will be no class on May 9th.
Have a Happy Mother's Day.

There will be No Class on May 16th as our 4th and 5th grade students will be at Church for Communion.

Our Last day of Class for the year will be May 23rd.

First Communion

First Communion Class

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

save
the
date

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

At least one parent should attend with their child. As part of the First Communion class, the kids will be decorating their own chalices. Pastor Jeff could use some volunteers to help with that.

Please contact Ali (sundayschool@zionlutheranct.org) who is coordinating that part of the class.

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 April we tried to have our meetings outside, but the rain derailed our plans, we will try again in May.

****Please note the week change for the High School Youth Group.****

Our May 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:

May 2nd - 6:00 PM

Middle School Youth Group Meeting:

May 23rd - 5:00 PM

Confirmation

The 6th and 7th graders

There will be no class for Grades 6th and 7th on May 9th.

Have a Happy Mother's Day!

The Last Day of class for Grades 6th and 7th will be May 23rd.

The 8th grade Confirmation Class

Beginning May 2nd, 8th grade Confirmation will meet outside in the Rose Garden.

Bring a chair and a mask.

If it rains, we will meet on ZOOM;
a decision will be made by noon.



A Peek into Zion Nursery School

April showers (and chilly weather) have not put a damper on the fun here in Nursery School. In the beginning of the month, Pastor Jeff came to each class to share a wonderful, age-appropriate Easter Story to help us all understand what Easter really means. Since we got back from our spring break, we've been building, painting, coloring, and creating gifts for our mothers and decorations for our classroom. And we're also watching and waiting for our caterpillars in a cup to get ready to turn into butterflies. There's always something good going on here at Nursery School!

APRIL CHALLENGE

Thank you to everyone who participated in our challenge last month. We collected over 138 packs of fruit cups which will be distributed to the clients of Bread for Life!



Do You Have An Idea For A Challenge?

Contact Lisa Proffitt and we'll see what our Zion family can do for our community!

(860-621-4316 or email congregationalwelfare@zionlutheranct.org)

Look for our summer challenge in the June issue of 'The Light!'

LADIES LUNCH ON THE LAWN!

Join us for a socially distanced gathering...

Wednesday, May 12th at 12:00 Noon

All are welcome to meet by the Rose Garden; bring a lawn chair and a lunch and enjoy some fellowship! See you there!



CALLING ALL GRADUATES! Please let the office know if you have someone graduating from High School or College so we can recognize them and wish them Godspeed.

On May 6th we will be participating virtually in the World Day of Prayer. Sign up for an hour time slot from 8PM on May 5th to 8PM on May 6th by contacting the church office (860-628-5759 or office@zionlutheranct.org.)

The sign-up sheet will also be available at worship. There will a video of the sanctuary available that you can have in front of you as you are praying.



BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

Bible Study will resume on ZOOM this month! We will meet on Wednesday, May 12th & May 26th at 7:30PM so that people can attend the Calumet evening prayer on the alternate weeks. Look for codes in the weekly email. Summer dates will be announced in the June issue of 'The Light.'



Book Club Selection for April...

"Where the Crawdads Sing"

by Delia Owens.

Next meeting - Monday, May 17th at 6:30PM
(hopefully outside; weather permitting.)

Call or text Joan Cockcroft 201-951-7473 for info.

Bottles, More Bottles & Cans, OH MY!

Saturday, May 15th 9-11:30AM with Donuts!!
AND Mondays beginning at 4:00PM (weather permitting.) Join us for sorting fun and fellowship!



Church Picnic at Camp Sloper

Sunday, June 13th, 10am-5pm

Join us at 10:00AM for coffee and donuts,

10:30AM Worship

11:30AM Chowder & Chili

12:30PM Lunch

1:00PM "Mark the Magician"



All are invited! Bring a friend and enjoy the fresh air, good food and fellowship!

Look for sign-up instructions in the June issue!



APPLE HARVEST NEWS



ALL are invited to join us for our next meeting:

Tuesday, May 11th at 6:00PM

(We will meet outside, weather permitting & on ZOOM)
Call Lois with questions & ZOOM codes (860-628-8513.)



2021

Apple Harvest Festival



October 1st-10th

- Aug 14 Barrel Washing-----8AM Set-up
9AM Start
- Sept 11 Flour Mixing----- 7AM Set-up
& equipment check 8AM Start
- Sept 27-30 Booth Building----5PM
(downtown)
- Sept 29 Apple Bagging-----5PM
- Sept 30 Apple Bagging-----5PM
- Oct 5 Apple Bagging-----5PM
- Oct 7 Apple Bagging-----5PM
- Oct 10 Booth Break-down-----TBD



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Sunday	2	9:00AM Virtual SS / Cont'g 6 & 7 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors 11:30AM Virtual Fellowship Hour 5:00PM 8th Grade Confirmation 6:00PM HS Youth	3	7:30PM School staff / Educators check-in via ZOOM	4	24 Hour Day of Prayer begins at 8:00PM	5	24 Hour Day of Prayer ends at 8:00PM	6	7	8	4:00PM Worship Indoors
Monday	9	Mothers' Day NO SS / Cont'g 6 & 7 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors 11:30AM Virtual Fellowship Hour NO 8th Grade Confirmation	10	4:00PM Bottles/Cans 7:00PM Worship & Music	11	6:00PM Apple Harvest	12	12:00PM Ladies Lunch on the Lawn 7:30PM ZOOM Bible Study	13	14	15	9:00AM -12:00 Noon First Communion Class 9:00AM Bottles & Cans 4:00PM Worship Indoors (Armed Forces Recognized)
Tuesday	16	9:00AM No SS 9:00AM Cont. 6 & 7 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors First Communion (Armed Forces Recognized) 11:30AM Virtual Fellowship Hour 5:00PM 8th Grade Cont.	17	4:00PM Bottles/Cans 7:00PM Book Club	18	6:30PM Council	19		20	21	22	4:00PM Worship Indoors
Wednesday	23	9:00AM Virtual SS / Cont. 6 & 7 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors 11:30AM Virtual Fellowship Hour 6:00PM MS Youth	24	4:00PM Bottles/Cans	25		26	7:30PM ZOOM Bible Study	27	28	29	4:00PM Worship Indoors
Thursday	30	9:00AM Virtual SS / Cont. 6 & 7 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors 11:30AM Virtual Fellowship Hour	31	Memorial Day 4:00PM Bottles/Cans	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	4:00PM Worship Indoors
Friday												
Saturday												

May