



THE LIGHT

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Members of Zion:

Over these past several weeks, it has begun to feel like things are finally getting back to normal here at Zion. We have a long way to go, but I think we are well on our way. Actually, I think this feeling started several months ago at the church picnic. It felt like old times at that wonderful gathering. We were then treated to an outdoor concert featuring the Messner Family and the *Double Down* band. The resumption of our Sunday morning 8AM indoor service continued the trend. Our youth were treated to a wonderful week of in-person Vacation Bible School full of fun and learning. We were definitely moving in the right direction. And if that wasn't enough, the real fun began in August.

Over 60 of our members and friends descended on the church parking lot on a rainy Saturday morning for a fun, but very wet barrel washing day. Yes, preparations for Apple Harvest were back, and the excitement was building. The energy continued right through dry mixing day where we finished in record time. This past Sunday evening, a group gathered to load the box truck with the equipment for the booth in preparation for Monday's booth building. Last night, the booth building process began. The years of experience by some of our senior members, resulted in an incredibly productive night. The floor was constructed and leveled with precision, the refrigerated trailer was moved in place and the equipment was unloaded into the booth. At that point, it was time to close up the tent and stand around to enjoy some great fellowship before we all headed home. Apple bagging is next. It's starting to feel like we didn't skip a year, even though we did.

Although things are starting to feel normal again, the fact that we have not been together for so long is causing some stress regarding our ability to fill the booth schedule. We are getting down to the wire and some of the shifts on the first weekend have many more empty slots than filled ones, and time is running out. From all the feedback I have been getting on the Apple Fritter Facebook page, our community is extremely excited for the return of our fritters and will be coming out in droves. We need to be ready. The most important ingredient of our Apple Fritter Recipe is YOU. Without you, it doesn't matter how much dry mix was mixed, or apples were bagged in preparation for the festival, if we don't have enough volunteers in the booth to mix, fry, bag and sell our Apple Fritters. It's up to YOU!

Please continue to check your schedule with the booth schedule and sign up where you can. The fellowship alone will be worth the time.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing everyone in the booth!

Sincerely,

John E. Miller, President

Zion Lutheran Church



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“Treasurer Talk” by Dean Radlke

<u>August 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	\$10,919.92	\$10,219.27	(\$3,355.08)
Total Expenses	\$25,642.42	\$23,954.51	\$20,661.45	\$1,687.91
Positive/Negative	(\$11,367.42)	(\$13,034.59)	(\$10,442.18)	(\$1,667.17)

<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	\$114,200.00	\$110,015.74	\$105,272.93	(\$4,184.26)
Total Expenses	\$205,139.36	\$201,653.28	\$180,508.93	\$3,486.08
Positive/Negative	(\$90,939.36)	(\$91,637.54)	(\$75,236.00)	(\$698.18)

**Figures derived by dividing annual budget by twelve*

Our Projected Deficit for the full year, based upon actual results, is \$137,456.31, while the 2021 Budget projects a deficit of \$136,553.00.

At the Semi-Annual Congregational meeting, John spoke of the upcoming vacancies on Council. One vacancy that he did not know about at that time, was that of Treasurer. Jude and I have loved being part of Zion’s family. Zion’s commitment to service to others, on a daily basis, is exactly what we had been looking for. However, this year Jude retired as a teacher and I closed my law practice and our plan is to move out-of-state to be closer to family. If any of you have an inclination to become Zion’s next Treasurer, please talk to John, Robyn Kroll (the head of the nomination committee) or myself. I look forward to working with the new Treasurer to ensure a smooth transition and there is no time like the present to start that.

A Message from the Pastor...

Dear Community of Zion,

I’ve started hanging out in coffee houses again. Except for during the Apple Harvest Festival and vacation times, it will be an hour or two a week.

I have some times scheduled for *Southington Coffee House* (outside) and *Perkatory* (in the big room in Factory Square). I will be checking out *Lion’s Den* at some point as well. You can look for days and times on the calendar. I’m trying a variety of days and times to see what works best.

Why do I do this? To be a presence in the community. Especially for those that don’t have a church community. People in the community generally do not show up at my office. But if I bring my office into the community, I am there for people. In my previous call, I hung out in the same coffee house every Thursday afternoon for close to ten years. I can share many moments of ministry. But two stand out. Doing a memorial service for the mother of one of the employees. He had no church home nor the means to have a service. And helping a woman who had recently moved to Connecticut to be with her boyfriend. They broke up soon after she moved here and she had nothing and no place to go. Throughout the Gospels we see Jesus going to where the people are. Or Jesus sending the disciples out. It’s not often that Jesus expected the people to come to him.

It’s also a way to get to know you all better. So, I invite you to join me. First cup is on me. If there are better days or times then I have planned, please let me know

Peace,
 Pastor Jeff

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; Jean Wiltse; Linda Graham; Beverly Clark; Pastor & Ellie Gollenberg; Paul Garrett; Magyar family; Lee Bluis; Laura Sepko.

Those in Hospitals, Care Centers and Homebound:

The Summit - William Brown

Wedding Anniversaries: Helmut & Mary Jobs, 10/2; Mark & Lisa Proffitt, 10/6; Andrew & Emily Denorfia, 10/8; Jeremy & Janice Zitofsky, 10/12; Jesse & Carol Wright 10/12; Pete & Dawne Cappellino. 10/13; Patrick & Melissa Russell, 10/13; Gary & Amy Burns, 10/14; Bill & Lydia Holbrook, 10/19; Bill & Deb Celani, 10/20; Dave & Amy Malsheske, 10/20; Nick & Lisa Gentile, 10/21; Jeremy & Michelle Adametz, 10/23; Daniel & Kara Bouteiller, 10/24.

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, Shelby, 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; Terri; David B.; Benjamin Marek, friend of the Lafontaine family; Katie; Christina; Bonnie; Kris, relative of the John Miller family; Elfriede Kiesling; Winnie Messner; Judy Doucette, mother of William Doucette; Nidia; Mike Goulet; Roz & Joe Menton, friends of Carra Rockwood; Prenoveau Family; Terry & Helo; Calvin & Kara Seeley, friends of Lynn and Alicia McCormack; Michelle Cyr.

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

**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!**

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Sunday School News

submitted by Ali Frega

Sunday School

Sunday School kicked off with a fun filled Rally Day on September 12th. We played games, did a small craft and sang some songs. We enjoyed our time together and it was so great seeing everyone again.

Class began on September 19th and we are excited to continue our Bible discussions and our conversations about Faith, God and Jesus. We are looking forward to a great year.

NO CLASS

October 3rd - Apple Harvest

October 10th - Apple Harvest and Columbus Day Weekend

See you on October 17th

Teachers and Substitutes Needed for all grade levels - please email Ali for more information

Confirmation

Confirmation Classes will be held each Sunday at 9:00AM at Church. Students in grades 6 - 8 will be meeting in 2 groups and will be taught by Pastor Jeff, Aimee Teator and Christine Spataro. We are excited to see everyone this year and continue the preparations for Confirmation.

Youth Group

Please be on the lookout for an email with our first meeting date for both Middle and High School Youth Groups. All students are welcome to attend these meetings. If you are interested in joining these groups please email Ali and she will add you to the email list.

Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism)

for current 9th graders, will be

Saturday, October 30th (4:00PM service) & Sunday, October 31st (10:15AM service)

Parents, please look for an email towards the end of August regarding a parent/student meeting with Pastor Jeff.





A Peek into Zion Nursery School

We are off to a great start in Nursery School! Our class sizes are back to pre-COVID numbers and all the children seem to have adjusted well to being in school. This month, all three classes are learning about apples and I know that students and teachers alike are anticipating biting into a yummy apple fritter (or two!). And as always, we are grateful for all the support we get from Zion Lutheran Church in bringing this nursery school ministry to the community. Good things are happening here in Nursery School!



All Saints Day Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests for *All Saints Sunday* (November 7th) are now being collected. Please let the office know if you have someone you have loved and lost this year and would like them to be remembered in prayer during worship. Call or email the office, or complete a prayer card at Zion and leave it in the designated basket. Each name will be read and remembered in prayer during all worship times on November 6th & 7th.



Are you looking for a way to 'Give Back'?

If you are looking for an opportunity to help out at Zion and enjoy some fellowship, please consider joining with me as part of our *Christian Welfare Committee*! We help out with Christmas gifts for local youth, *Bread for Life* client support, the 'Christmas Child' shoebox ministry, food drives, and much more, throughout the year.

If interested, please come to a meeting on **Thursday, October 14th at 6:30PM** at Zion in the Gathering Place (where we can sit distanced.)

We will be discussing the *Christmas Child* shoebox ministry and the Angel Tree collections. However, we welcome new ideas where we can be of help to our community. See you then!

If you would like to be involved, but are unable to attend, Please contact Lisa Proffitt at 860-621-4316.

FALL UPDATE...Cans and Bottles

We will NOT be collecting or sorting cans and bottles until after the Apple Harvest Festival (October 30th.) If you have donations, please keep them at home & bring them after the festival Thank you!

Teacher / School Staff Check-ins on Tuesday, October 5th at 7:00PM

Join us on the 1st Tuesday of each month to connect with other educators and school staff to support each other. Contact Pastor Jeff with questions.

A Message from Lois Garafola (Co-Chair, Apple Harvest)



Thank you to everyone that volunteered for past events and those events coming up! Each job completed makes such a big difference in the efficiency of making and selling fritters. Whether it be washing & folding towels, lifting 105 LB barrels, making a salad as part of lunch or any other task, they are all vital! I am thankful for the many hands that come together for one purpose. We are doing God's work in supporting five local agencies and sharing the taste of fritters. This makes "us" who we are!

I am so thankful to you, and thankful that I can be a part of this wonderful ministry.



2021 Apple Harvest Festival

October 1st-10th

Oct 1	Fritter Booth Opens-----	5:00PM
Oct 5	Apple Bagging-----	5:00PM
Oct 7	Apple Bagging-----	5:00PM
Oct 10	Booth Break-down-----	TBD

Fritter Booth Hours*

Friday, Oct 1	5:00PM-9:00PM
Saturday, Oct 2	9:00AM-9:00PM
Sunday, Oct 3	9:00AM-7:00PM
Mon-Thu Oct 4-7	6:00AM-6:00PM
Friday Oct 8	6:00AM-9:00PM
Saturday Oct 9	9:00AM-9:00PM
Sunday Oct 10 (Start time is TBA)	9:00AM-5:00PM

*NOTE: booth working shifts vary from these times.

Sign-up by contacting Cindy Miller 860-604-1784.



Coming soon... Look for 'Christmas Child' shoeboxes after Apple Harvest!



Join Pastor Jeff for Coffee (Tea) & Conversation

Just Stop by...no appointment is necessary!

Wednesdays at *Southington Coffee House*,
10/13 - 2:00PM and 10/20 - 9:00AM

Thursdays at *Perkatory*, 10/14 - 9:00AM and 10/21 - 1:00PM

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPT 26 8:00AM WORSHIP Indoors 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors 5:00PM 9th Grade Confirmation	27	28	29 5:00PM Apple Bagging	30 5:00PM Apple Bagging	1 APPLE HARVEST 5PM-9PM	2 APPLE HARVEST 9AM-9PM 4:00PM Worship Indoors
3 APPLE HARVEST 9AM-7PM 8:00AM WORSHIP Indoors No Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors 5:00PM 9th Grade Confirmation	4 APPLE HARVEST 6AM-6PM	5 APPLE HARVEST 6AM-6PM 7:00PM School staff / Educators check-in	6 APPLE HARVEST 6AM-6PM 7:00PM Choir (outdoors)	7 APPLE HARVEST 6AM-6PM	8 APPLE HARVEST 6AM-9PM	9 APPLE HARVEST 9AM-9PM 4:00PM Worship Indoors
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24 8:00AM WORSHIP Indoors 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors	25	26	27 7:00PM Choir (outdoors)	28	29	30 4:00PM Worship Indoors* Confirmation
31 Reformation Sunday 8:00AM WORSHIP Indoors 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors* *Confirmation	NOV 1	2	3 7:00PM Choir (outdoors)	4	5	6 4:00PM Worship Indoors

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