



# THE LIGHT

The Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Southington, CT  
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Community of Zion,

My favorite season is Spring. I like that the long winter is over. The days are getting warmer. There is more daylight every day.

I know that many people like Autumn because the long hot summer is over. Days are getting cool and crisp. After this summer, I am looking forward to those type of days.


In the church, Autumn may be my favorite season. People who have been away on vacation are starting to come back to worship. The "Program" year is starting up: Sunday School, Confirmation, Choirs, and continued prepping for the Apple Fritters. Just as there is a noticeable switch in the temperature, there is a noticeable change in what we are doing at 531 Woodruff Street and beyond.

Just as we got more energy in the cooler Autumn temperatures, there is noticeably more energy in what we do together.

My hope is that you find a way to be involved. That the summer has been a time of rejuvenation for you. That Zion will provide a place and time for you to be, to receive, and to serve.

Peace,

Pastor Jeff.

 **For Pastoral Care and Concerns,**  
 please contact Pastor Jeff Stalley  
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**“Treasurer Talk”** by Dean Radlke

<u>July 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	\$9,280.72	\$11,168.14	(\$4,994.28)
Total Expenses	\$25,642.42	\$23,954.51	\$22,938.43	\$1,687.91
Positive/Negative	(\$11,367.42)	(\$14,673.79)	(\$11,770.29)	(\$3,306.37)

<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	\$99,925.00	\$99,103.94	\$59,100.00	(\$821.06)
Total Expenses	\$179,496.94	\$168,669.10	\$86,164.90	\$10,827.84
Positive/Negative	(\$79,571.94)	(\$69,565.16)	(\$27,064.90)	\$10,006.78

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

The year to date results are very close to what we budgeted for 7 months. However, what is concerning is that our July income was about \$5,000.00 less than what we budgeted and was almost \$1,900.00 less than July, 2020. Hopefully, this will only be a one month occurrence.

**Please Joins Us!**  
**Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 9:00AM**

**Liturgy Means the Work of the People**  
 (not just the pastor).

We are looking for more people to be involved with reading the Bible passages and other parts of the liturgy during all three services. Interested? Contact Pastor Jeff.



Do you enjoy this newsletter? Be the 10<sup>th</sup> person to let us know and receive a special prize! Email or call the church office.



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

(Standard worship times begin September 11<sup>th</sup>)

**Saturdays**

**4:00PM Worship / in the Sanctuary**

**Sundays**


**8:00AM - Worship/in the Sanctuary**

**9:00AM - Sunday School**

**10:15AM - Worship/Outdoors\***

(\*Near the Rose Garden or Drive-in based on weather.)

**SEE YOU IN CHURCH!**

 **CHOIR IS BACK!** Please join us OUTSIDE, near the Rose Garden on Wednesdays at 7:00PM. We will see how this works for now and adjust as needed. Hopefully we can get some small groups singing at the outdoor Sunday worship services!

# 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; Russell Family; Joan Cockcroft; Bob Bluis; Marilyn Miller; Alisa Darling & Craig Carr.

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

**The Summit** - William Brown

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Sandra & Shawn Darling, 9/2; Ronald & Lois Griszkauskas, 9/3; Joseph & Laura Sepko, 9/13; Kendra & Chris Chmura, 9/18; Joyce & James Sues, 9/20; Tom & Jacki Willametz, 9/20; Patrick & Barbara Murphy, 9/21; Lisa & Russ Christensen, 9/23; Steven & Rena Susca, 9/23; Patricia & Joseph Beaudin, 9/26; Justin & Sarah Yaskolka, 9/29.

## **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; 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; 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; Sarah; Brian; Terri; Roz & Joe Menton, friends of Carra Rockwood; Prenoveau Family.

**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!**

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# Sunday School News

submitted by Ali Frega



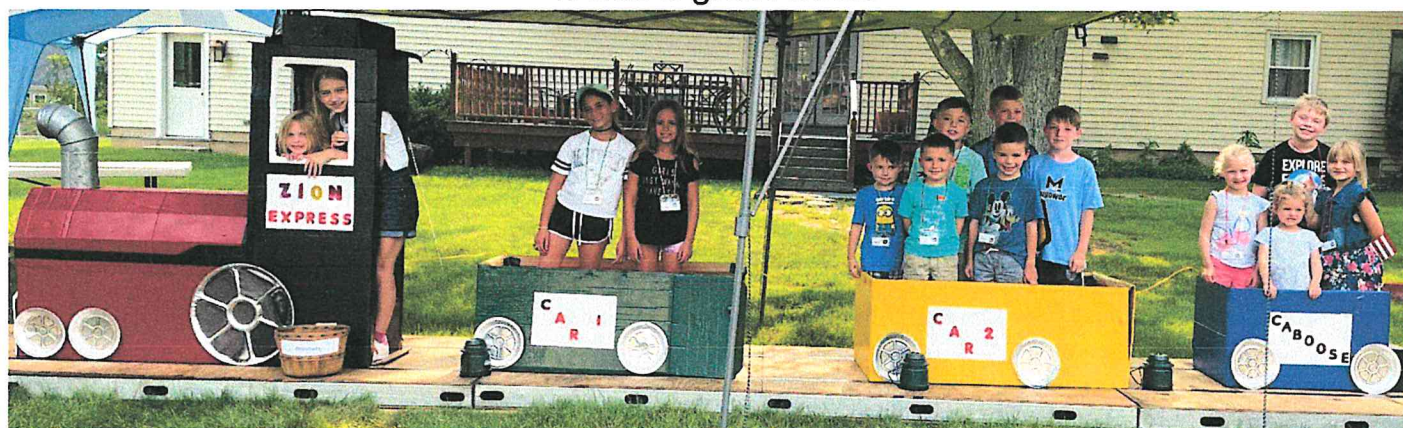
## Vacation Bible School



I want to send a HUGE thank you to all of our volunteers who made 'Rocky Railway' a success. We had a great week learning about Jesus' power and how it pulls us through! We had 15 students spend the week with us and were able to raise money for 'Operation Kid to Kid' and collected cereal for Southington Social Services.

We sang, ate, and learned together as we enjoyed each other's fellowship.

It was a great week!



## Sunday School & Confirmation

**Sunday School** will kick off with Rally Day on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Our First Class will be the following week September 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM.

If you still need to register, the registration link is live.

Any questions, please email Ali at [sundayschool@zionlutheranct.org](mailto:sundayschool@zionlutheranct.org)

*\*Teachers Are Needed for all grade levels - please email Ali for more information\**

**Confirmation Classes** will be held for students in Grades 6-8.

Look for more information in the coming weeks on meeting time and location.



## **Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism)**

for current 9th graders, will be

**Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> (4:00PM service) & Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> (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

With September comes the start of a new school year and a very busy time for the staff of Zion Nursery School! As I write this, we have 52 students enrolled across the 3 classes (3 year olds, 4 year olds, and our afternoon Pre-K) so our numbers are back to pre-pandemic days. And while we will still be wearing masks and following the cleaning regimes started last school year, we are looking forward to wonderful experiences happening here at Zion Nursery School!



## Our September Book Club Selection is "The Refuge" by Heidi Martin

"Anna Waters feels her life spinning out of control after a tragic accident. In quick succession, she finds herself divorced and jobless. Just when she thinks she has nothing left, a dream beckons her to take a life-changing journey. Completely alone, she leaves everything she knows and drives to the countryside of South Carolina. She first meets Clark, a kindred spirit who has confronted his own grief. He helps her deepen her understanding of spirituality, which sets in motion a journey of self-discovery and hope. These difficulties force Anna to look deeper and deeper within her soul, facing the ultimate question ... Once I learn to love myself, will it really be enough?"

Next Book Club meeting TBA.

Contact Joan Cockcroft with questions at cell - 201-951-7473.



## YOU ARE INVITED!

**On September 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon\* to an ELCA Conference Picnic!**

**Join us on Zion's Lawn for fun & fellowship!**

Bring your own food, a chair/blanket and enjoy games, crafts, and an opportunity to get to know people from other conference congregations!

**Hope to see you there!**



*\*Please let us know if you plan on coming so we can get a rough headcount (sign-up at church or email Pastor Jeff.) Questions? Contact Pastor Jeff*

## FALL UPDATE...Cans and Bottles

We will NOT be collecting or sorting cans and bottles until after the Apple Harvest Festival (October 10th.) If you have donations, you can keep them at home and bring them after the festival OR drop them off at another collection site. Unfortunately, we do not have the space to store them at this time, nor the people power to sort and redeem them while we are in the midst of Fritterville! Thank you for your understanding.

## Teacher / School Staff Check-ins on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM

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



## NEW FOR 2021! Apple Harvest Volunteers

There are 3 Ways you can sign-up for Apple Fritter Booth shifts this year.

- 1 Write your name in the Big Red Book.
2. Call Cindy Miller at 860-604-1784.
3. Sign-up ONLINE! Look for the 'Yellow Email' that was sent out last week or call the church office to have instructions sent to you.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO SIGN UP! WE LOVE TO SEE NEW FACES JOIN THE FUN!**



## Join Pastor Jeff for Coffee (Tea) & Conversation

Just Stop by...no appointment is necessary!

**Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 8:00AM** Living Room at Factory Square (by Perkatory)

**Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00AM** Living Room at Factory Square (by Perkatory)

**Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2:00PM** Southington Coffee House



## 2021 Apple Harvest Festival October 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Sept 11	Flour Mixing-----7AM Set-up 8AM Start
Sept 27-30	Booth Building- (downtown)-----5PM
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

Sign-up for Flour Mixing, Apple Bagging and Booth Shifts in the BIG RED BOOK at Zion or contact Cindy Miller 860-604-1784.

**NEW...You can sign-up for BOOTH SHIFTS ONLINE!**

Look for the directions in your email or get an instruction sheet at church.

*Please sign-up as soon as possible to reserve your preferred dates and times.*

**Come join the FRITTER FUN!**



# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>AUG 29</b> 8:00AM WORSHIP Indoors 9:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors	30	31	1	2	3	5 4:00PM Worship Indoors
5 9:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors	6	7 7:30PM School staff / Educators check-in	8 7:00PM Choir (outdoors)	9 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor At Perkatory	10	11 AH / Flour Mixing 7:00AM Set-up 9:00AM Start 4:00PM Worship Indoors
12 8:00AM WORSHIP Indoors 9:00AM RALLY DAY 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors 2:00PM Tom Buchanan Memorial Svc	13 7:00PM Worship & Music	14 6:00PM Apple Harvest	15 7:00PM Choir (outdoors)	16	17	18 4:00PM Worship Indoors
19 8:00AM WORSHIP Indoors 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors 12:00PM ELCA Conference Picnic	20 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor at Perkatory	21 6:30PM Council	22 2:00PM Coffee with Pastor Southington Coffee House 7:00PM Choir (outdoors)	23	24	25 4:00PM Worship Indoors
26 8:00AM WORSHIP Indoors 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors	27 5PM Booth Building (Downtown)	28	29 5:00PM Apple Bagging 7:00PM Choir (outdoors)	30 5:00PM Apple Bagging	1 APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL BEGINS! Booth 5pm-9pm	2 4:00PM Worship Indoors APPLE HARVEST Booth: 9am-9pm
3 APPLE HARVEST Booth: 9am-7pm 8:00AM WORSHIP Indoors ?? 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors ??	4 APPLE HARVEST Booth: 6am-6pm	5 APPLE HARVEST Booth: 6am-6pm 5:00PM Apple Bagging	6 APPLE HARVEST Booth: 6am-6pm 7:00PM Choir (outdoors)	7 APPLE HARVEST Booth: 6am-6pm 5:00PM Apple Bagging	8 APPLE HARVEST Booth: 6am-9pm	9 APPLE HARVEST Booth: 9am-TBA 4:00PM Worship Indoors

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Return Service Requested

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