



THE LIGHT

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Zion Community,

Sailors used the stars to guide them on their journeys. The Magi followed a star in their journey to see the Christ Child. Stars guide people.

January 6th is the day we celebrate that the Magi arrived at the manger. We celebrate that a star guided them. It is also the first day of the Season of Epiphany.

At the beginning of the year, some of you may think about resolutions or goals or directions you want to take in the new year. Sometimes, we have so many we can not meet any of them. What if we just had one goal or direction for the year?

We have stars to help guide you in 2022. Each star has one of these words: *Grace; Mercy; Love; Faithfulness; Peace; Patience; Kindness; Joy; Rest Adventure; Attention; Imagination; Faith; Compassion; Friendship; Song; Art Generosity; Time; Humility; Persistence; Dedication; Inspiration; Comfort; Wholeness.*

You can use the word in any way that is helpful for you. For example, if your word is 'Grace', you could look for more grace in the world, give more grace, or say grace before meals more often.

We are passing them out at worship. But we can certainly send you one as well. Put your star on the fridge, in your car, the bathroom mirror, or take a picture and make it your background on your phone. Whatever works best for you.

Let me know how your word has guided you in 2022.

Peace
Pastor Jeff



For Pastoral Care and Concerns,
 please contact Pastor Jeff Stalley
 by phone: cell # 860-490-5784 or
 email: pastor@zionlutheranct.org



Zion's Annual Congregational Meeting Was Postponed...
A new date will be set in the coming weeks.

Please contact John Miller with questions.

"Treasurer Talk" by Dean Radke

<u>December 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	\$37,660.89	\$26,493.00	\$23,385.89
Total Expenses	\$25,642.42	\$22,650.22	\$26,155.82	\$2,992.20
Positive/Negative	(\$11,367.42)	\$15,010.67	\$337.18	\$26,378.09

<u>2021 YTD Results</u> (through 12/31/21)	<u>2021 Budget*</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2020 YTD Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual v Budget</u>
Total Income	\$171,300.00	\$186,668.46	\$164,494.90	\$15,368.46
Total Expenses	\$307,709.04	\$279,383.32	\$274,246.46	\$28,325.72
Positive/Negative	(\$136,409.04)	(\$92,714.86)	(\$109,751.56)	\$43,694.18

**Figures derived by dividing annual budget by twelve*

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, giving for December was significantly higher than prior months. As always, the Council thanks you for your continued support and generosity.

Our deficit for 2021 is \$92,714.86. That amount is \$43,694.18 less than projected and \$17,000.00 less than the deficit for the year 2020. We will have the 2021 Apple Harvest results for the Congregational Meeting.

It's that time of year...

Have you had a chance to register your child for summer camp at Calumet? Have you had a chance to register for some time at the Family Camp?

If not, go to www.Calumet.org for more information. Or call 603-539-4773 (for Family Camp, Alice ext. 220; for Resident camp, Karin ext. 221)



Join Pastor Jeff for Coffee (Tea) & Conversation,

Just Stop by...no appointment is necessary!

Lion's Den Coffee House:
Mondays at 2:00PM

Perkatory:
Thursdays at 8:00AM

We are looking for people to service as acolytes, ushers, and worship assistants.

If you are willing to try, please let Michelle Gibbs (michellepgibbs@cox.net)

or Pastor know.



Pastor's Installation

(two years in the making)

Saturday, March 19th at 3:00 pm.

Followed by a reception at the Calendar House.

Please put this on your calendar.

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; Lee Bluis; Laura Sepko; Sandra Migliarese; Cappellino Family.

Those in Hospitals, Care Centers and Homebound:

The Summit - William Brown

Wedding Anniversaries: Peter & Debra Kurtz, 1/17; John & Sandy Darling, 2/18; David & Diane Woolley, 2/19; Le Ann & Steve Kroll, 2/20; Becky & Todd Isaacson, 2/22; Cathy & Eric Watson, 2/23.

Family & Friends of Zion

Lord in your Mercy:

Lynn-niece of Carol Wright; Courtney Campbell & Family; 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; Pavao family, family 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 and Thelma, friends of Joan Cockcroft; Adelle; Michael & Cindy Colella; Cameron family, family of the Cappellinos; Irma Radke, mother of Dean Radke; Bill, family of Bill & Michelle Gibbs; Charlie, friend of Lynn McCormack; David B.; Benjamin Marek, friend of the Lafontaine family; Kris, relative of the John Miller family; Elfriede Kiesling; Winnie Messner; Judy Doucette, mother of William Doucette; Nidia; Roz & Joe Menton, friends of Carra Rockwood; Prenoveau Family; Calvin & Kara Seeley, friends of Lynn and Alicia McCormack; Carol Cyr; Donna, friend of Lisa & Mark Proffitt; Paula Barra, family of the Proffitts; Dominique Orsi; Christopher (infant); Joan, Todd and Chip; Megan; Walter; Kim, friend of Pastor Jeff; Barbara & Rick Klem, sister & brother-in-law of Joan Cockcroft; Marge, mother of Bob Miller.

Blessed are the Dead:

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

Thank you to everyone who joined us on December 19th for our Pageant. We enjoyed singing carols and reading verses about Advent for you this year.

It was great to share this with you again this year in-person.

We are thankful for each week we get to spend together this year, please continue to wear your masks so we can continue our in person classes. Thank you!

Confirmation

We are thankful for each week we get to spend together this year, please continue to wear your masks so we can continue our in-person classes. Thank you!

Pastor Jeff's confirmation class has been talking about the Bible (Is the New Testament more important than the Old Testament? Why are there so many versions of the Bible?)

The next section we will be looking at is the Creeds.

Parents, look for information about students serving as acolytes.

The 7th graders who meet with Aimee and Christine are almost done with the unit they have been working through. They will begin the next unit within the next few weeks.

Youth Group



High School Youth Group will meet February 6th
(please note the week change due to the Superbowl)

Middle School Youth Group will meet January 23rd and February 27th.

Dinner will be served!



A Peek into Zion Nursery School

It may be cold outside but we are having all kinds of fun here in Nursery School! Our Pre-K class loved doing a "snow" making experiment, our Four-year Old class members were making winter bird feeders, and our Three's had a fun and messy time making pictures with shaving cream. There's always something interesting going on at Nursery School!

We want to let you know that there is now a waiting list for the 3's and 4's classes for the 2022-23 school year. If you or anyone you know is interested in applying for next year, please have them call our director Colleen Clark at (860)628-6007 and she can add them to the list.

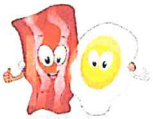
Fellowship Ideas???

We had lots of fun with some outdoor fellowship events: the Calumet Auction, the concert with Double Down and the Messners, and Karaoke. I don't want to wait until summer for another fun, outdoor activity. Do you have any ideas for an all-ages, outdoor, fun event we could do in February or March? Let me know - Pastor Jeff



Thank you Angels

With the Christmas season over, we extend a very sincere thank you to everyone who was able to choose a tag off the Angel tree. You all provided some joy to those who are struggling particularly during the time of year. Your kindness was truly appreciated. Zion was able to provide 45 gifts this year to individuals and families!



LADIES' BREAKFAST

Will Be Back in March!

A Great Big 'THANK YOU' to all...

the Cookie Bakers, Packers, & Eaters who participated in our annual cookie sale! We had a great event!



All proceeds will support the ministries of Zion and our local community.

(Start thinking about recipes for next year!)



Share the Love for Valentine's Day!



Would you be willing to donate a \$5.00 gift card ? We will be trying to share a little kindness with the clients at *Bread for Life* for Valentine's Day. We will be collecting \$5.00 cards for Dunkin Donuts, The Dollar Tree, or Subway. There will be a Valentine container in the Gathering Place to collect the cards.

The last day to donate is Sunday, February 13th.

Thank you so much!



Are You Starting to Clean Out Your Closets?

During the month of January, collecting new or gently used coats and jackets for all ages. We are looking for items for infants, toddlers, children, teens, and adults. If you have any hats, scarves, gloves or mittens that you would like to donate, we will be collecting those as well.

All items will be given to Covenant to Care, which distributes to those in need all over the state. Thank you!

Bottles and Cans Reminder...

Keep saving those returnables; warmer weather will be here before you know it!



This is a great money maker that adds up quickly; I am always amazed on how two-three hours work from a few people can profit up to \$700! If you are looking for an easy job and have a few hours, please join our small circle. More info will follow as the weeks fly by. In the meantime, enjoy the chill!

Contact Lois Garafola with questions at 860-628-8513

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 6:00PM MS Youth	24 2:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den	25	26 7:00PM Choir	27 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	28	29 4:00PM Worship
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Return Service Requested

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