



# THE LIGHT

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

Dear People of Zion,

The cycle of the church can move slowly or quickly. I'm having a hard time believing that this is my third Lent with you. Each one being very different.

Here are some of the things that we will be doing during Lent this year:

### Ash Wednesday (March 2<sup>nd</sup>)

7 - 8AM I will be at Zion for the Distribution of Ashes. It won't be a formal service, but a way of receiving ashes at the start of your day.

7:00PM Worship with the Distribution of Ashes

### Wednesdays in Lent (March 9, 16, 23,30 and April 6)

6:00PM Light Meal -Soup will be served (bring a salad / sandwich for yourself if you'd like!)

6:30PM Worship\*

7:15PM Choir \*\*

\*Lent is a season of repentance, turning to God and asking for God's goodness to wipe away our sins and show us how to live anew. Lent also turns us toward Easter and the abundant life God will offer through the Three Days. This Lenten midweek service turns us towards God's abundance by focusing on five divine attributes drawn from the gospel texts for Lent (year C): faithfulness, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and love. Each service is designed for sustained reflection on the gospel in the context of contemplative prayer, readings, silence, and song. - *From Sundays and Seasons.*

\*\*A short-term Christmas choir worked well. So there will be a short-term Easter choir as well. Come on Wednesday nights in Lent. Sing on Easter morning. No commitment beyond that.

I hope you find a way to participate in some or all of these opportunities as we prepare for Easter. Look for information about Holy Week and Easter in the April edition of 'The Light'.

Peace,

Pastor Jeff



**For Pastoral Care and Concerns,**  
 please contact Pastor Jeff Stalley  
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 email: [pastor@zionlutheranct.org](mailto:pastor@zionlutheranct.org)



**Zion's Annual  
 Congregational Meeting  
 Sunday, March 27th at 11:00AM**

(in the sanctuary immediately following the  
 10:15AM worship service.)

Please join us In-Person OR via Zoom as we  
 close out 2021 and look forward to all that 2022  
 has in store! (Zoom codes will be sent out soon.)

**"Treasurer Talk" by Dean Radke**

<u>January 2022 Results</u>	<u>2022 Budget*</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual v Budget</u>
Total Income	\$14,698.00	\$9,622.00	\$20,832.59	(\$5,076.00)
Total Expenses	\$26,738.00	\$12,140.00	\$27,511.24	\$14,598.00
Positive/Negative	(\$12,040.00)	(\$2,518.00)	(\$19,257.00)	\$9,105.00

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

The proposed budget will be approved at the March Congregational Meeting.

Note the large difference between our income for January, 2021 and January, 2022. Some members of the congregation contribute a substantial amount annually, on a one-time basis, at the beginning of the year. Last year those contributions were received in January, while this year they were received in February. February's results should reflect a smaller income deficit for the year to date.



**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](http://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 @ 2:00PM (3/7 moved to 3/9)*

*Perkatory: Thursdays @ 8:00AM*

**See enclosed invitation insert for...**

**Pastor Jeff's Installation**

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM in the sanctuary followed by a reception at the Calendar House. Please join us as we celebrate his formal installation as pastor of our congregation!**

**Please RSVP by March 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Sign-up in the Gathering Place
- Call the Church Office
- Email Cindy Babon - [mbabon@snet.net](mailto:mbabon@snet.net)



**LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES**



**Ash Wednesday: March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00-8:00AM - Imposition of Ashes

7:00PM - Worship w/Imposition of Ashes

**Each Wednesday in Lent:**

**March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6**

6:00PM - Light Meal

6:30PM - Worship / Reflection

7:15PM Choir / *Short Term* Easter Choir

**Palm Sunday: April 9 & 10**

Saturday 4:00PM Worship

Sunday - 8:00AM & 10:15AM Worship

9:00AM Sunday School & Easter Egg Hunt

**Maundy Thursday: April 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:00PM Worship

**Good Friday: April 15<sup>th</sup>**

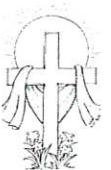
7:00PM Worship

**Easter Sunday: April 17<sup>th</sup>**

6:00AM Sunrise Service

8:00AM Worship

10:15AM Worship



# 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; Jim Suess; Linda Graham; Jean Wiltse; Beverly Clark; Paul Garrett; Magyar family; Lee Bluis; Laura Sepko; Buddy Stakey; Sandra Migliarese; Cappellino Family; Carra Rockwood; family of Zach Dery; George McKenny.

## **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:**

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; Butch Rabe, friends of Mark & Lisa Proffitt; 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; Ed Groskey, brother of Sue Skrzypiec and Betty Lou Schweiger; Joseph Proffitt; brother of Mark Proffitt; Kim, cousin of Lynn McCormack; Janet; Andy, friend of Cindy Miller.

**Births:** Harper Rose Candelora, born February 4th, to parents Meaghan & AJ and sister Deveny

**Blessed are the Dead:** Zachary Dery, 1/7/22; son of Fawn and James Dery,  
grandson of Elfrieda Fries  
Marge Onanian, 1/26/22; mother of Bob Miller

**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

## Sunday School

We are quickly wrapping up our Winter Curriculum. During the past few weeks we have had great conversations about the calling of the Disciples and how we can be disciples for Jesus as well as The Beatitudes, blessings and what it means to be blessed.

I am very excited for what our Spring curriculum will bring us.

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

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade class is starting a section on 'Lutheran Living'. They will be looking at things like justification by faith, saint and sinner, grace, and the two kingdoms.

A big thank you to Aimee Teator and Christine Spataro for teaching this class.

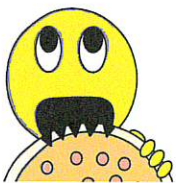
Pastor's class (grades 6 & 8) has been looking at the Bible (Is the New Testament more important than the Old Testament? Why are there so many versions of the Bible) and we will soon begin a section on The Creeds.



**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - Affirmation of Baptism / Confirmation Sunday**

(for the current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students)

## Youth Group



**High School Youth Group** will meet at 6:00PM on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

**Middle School Youth Group** will meet at 6:00PM on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

Dinner will be served!



## A Peek into Zion Nursery School

The weather may be warm one day and freezing the next, but here in Nursery School the days are always warm and FUN! We've been busy with Valentine's Day activities (like our party and making Valentines for the residents of the Summit), celebrating Groundhog's Day by making our own groundhogs (that pop-up in a cup!), and learning about foods and drinks that keep our teeth healthy (and foods that don't!).

The month may be short but we've all learned a lot. And we're hoping the weather gets better so that we can get outside more often. But inside or out, we always have fun at school!

### IT'S TIME TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS!



Watch for order forms at church and in the weekly emails.

Flower orders will be due by **Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**!



### The Easter Bunny Needs Your Help!

If you would like to donate **individually wrapped** candy for Zion's Annual Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday please place donations in the basket in the Gathering Place by **March 27<sup>th</sup>**.

Contact Lisa Proffitt 860-621-4316 or the office with questions.

### Are you interested/intrigued by singing in the choir but don't think you can commit for the entire year?

Like we did at Christmas, there will be a "short-term commitment Easter choir". Come to choir rehearsals in Lent (Wednesdays at 7:15PM following the Lenten midweek) and sing with the Choir on Easter morning. No commitment beyond Easter Sunday.

Contact Chris Messner with questions.



### Zion's Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday,

April 10<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00AM worship time as part of the 9:00AM Sunday School hour.



### Bottles & Cans Sorting...COMING SOON!

Join us with the sorting of bottles and cans collection from over the winter months. Come and go as you can, any help is well appreciated, spend an hour or two for that great feeling of accomplishment! We will start with donuts on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, from 9AM-12PM. We will also meet on Mondays, March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3PM for those retirees that want to get out from under the spell of Netflix! (This, of course, is all weather permitting as we know how unpredictable March weather can be.) Hope to see you there, friends and relatives welcome. Thanks in advance for your participation, The Recycle committee

Questions? Call Lois Garafola 860-628-8513



## **THANK YOU SO MUCH...**

for the outpouring of support for our 'Coat Drive!' More than 70 coats & 5 bags of hats/mittens etc. were delivered to 'Covenant Care' in Hartford! Your donations were so appreciated!



Thank you also, for the overflowing generosity from our Zion family as we 'Shared the Love' with Bread for Life! Your support of this annual outreach to the Southington community was enormous, and they were so grateful for the **70 gift cards** which were delivered on Valentine's Day to Bread for Life who will, in turn, distribute them to their clients!



### 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 27<sup>th</sup>.** Please call Lisa Proffitt at 860-621-4316 with questions.

### Would You Like to Donate to Help Fill Southington Community Services Easter Baskets?

We are collecting 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! Donations can be dropped on the table in the Gathering Place or in the Blue Bin outside the front doors. Thank you for sharing the joy of Easter to our local community!



### LADIES' BREAKFAST is Back!

Join us on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM at the Pepper Pot.

### 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](mailto:pastor@zionlutheranct.org) or text 860-490-5784.



# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>February 27</b> 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Sanctuary	<b>28</b> 2:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den	<b>1</b>	<b>2 Ash Wednesday</b> 7-8AM Imposition of Ashes 7:00PM Worship with Imposition of Ashes	<b>3</b> 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 4:00PM Worship
<b>6 Lent 1</b> 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Sanctuary	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 2:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den 6:00PM Soup 6:30PM Lenten Worship 7:15PM Choir	<b>10</b> 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 4:00PM Worship
<b>13 Lent 2</b> 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors 6:00PM HS Youth	<b>14</b> 2:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den 7:00PM Worship & Music	<b>15</b> 9:30AM Ladies Breakfast @ Pepper Pot	<b>16</b> 6:00PM Soup 6:30PM Lenten Worship 7:15PM Choir	<b>17</b> 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 3:00PM Pastor's Installation Sanctuary followed by Reception @ the Calendar House
<b>20 Lent 3</b> 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors	<b>21</b> 2:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den	<b>22</b> 6:30PM Council @ Pastor's house	<b>23</b> 6:00PM Soup 6:30PM Lenten Worship 7:15PM Choir	<b>24</b> 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 4:00PM Worship
<b>27 Lent 4</b> Last Day for Scholarship Applications Last Day for Easter Candy Donations 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 11:00AM Congregational Meeting 6:00PM MS Youth	<b>28</b> 2:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:00PM Soup 6:30PM Lenten Worship 7:15PM Choir	<b>31</b> 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	<b>April 1</b>	<b>2</b> 4:00PM Worship

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Return Service Requested

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