



THE LIGHT

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Community of Zion,

When I was called to Zion, I felt it important to have a Mutual Ministry Committee. After all, ministry is not Pastor AND the people. It is all of us together. It is, well, mutual. Ministry we do together.

Below is what the By-laws say about the Mutual Ministry. This is not your first one. I just felt it important to make sure that we continued to have one.

The Council has appointed the following as members of the Mutual Ministry Committee:

Ann Alstrits (alstrits@sbcglobal.net)

Kevin Doran (kcdoran@msn.com),

Joan Cockcroft (joancockcroft7@gmail.com)

Steve Kroll (krollct@gmail.com)

The next meeting is May 10, 2022

Please pray for the members and for me as we work to figure out the best ways to do ministry in a mutual way.

Peace,
Pastor Jeff

ARTICLE XVIII MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Section 1 – Mission

To strengthen the mutual ministry of the congregation and the pastor through listening and clarifying, sharing and communicating, and reviewing and reflecting. To care for the pastor by conferring support and providing counsel in order to facilitate effective relationships among the pastor and congregational members.

Section 2 – Membership

The committee will consist of four members, mutually selected by the Pastor and Council, who are drawn from a cross-section of the Congregation. (Paid staff is not eligible for this committee.) Because of the need for complete confidentiality, Mutual Ministry Committee discussions are to be kept completely confidential (i.e. not shared with spouses, children, other members of the congregation, or with any non-members.)

Section 3 – Responsibilities

To commit to ongoing prayer support for one another. To reflect with the Pastor in his/her self-evaluation, continuing education interest, and ramifications of ministry reviews, goals and priorities. To celebrate milestones, events, successes, etc. with the Pastor. To identify and help address early warning signs of misunderstandings within the congregation and Pastor. To reflect on the mutual ministry of this unique combination of Pastor and people, that the mission and ministry may be strengthened.

Section 4 – Time Commitment

Members serve staggered 2 year terms. The committee will self-select a chairperson for each year. The committee will meet quarterly for regular meetings with the Pastor. Additional meetings will be called by the chairperson or the Pastor if a topic or situation warrants it.

Section 5 – Accountability and Reporting

The chairperson will report to the Council on a quarterly basis (sharing at a minimum that the committee had met.) The committee will pass on to the Council any recommendations that the committee believes would enhance the ministry of the Pastor and congregation. However, absolutely no confidential information will be reported. No annual report will be submitted.



For Pastoral Care and Concerns,

please contact Pastor Jeff Stalley
by phone: cell # 860-490-5784 or
email: pastor@zionlutheranct.org

How Can You Serve? We are looking for people to be acolytes, ushers, & worship assistants. If you are willing to try and would like to serve Zion in this way, please let Michelle Gibbs (michellepgibbs@cox.net) or Pastor know. No experience is necessary...we will train you!

“Treasurer Talk” by Dean Radke

<u>March 2022 Results</u>	<u>2022 Budget*</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual v Budget</u>
Total Income	\$15,583.33	\$15,199.00	\$14,904.74	(\$384.33)
Total Expenses	\$26,209.25	\$21,012.33	\$5,196.92	\$21,859.25
Positive/Negative	(\$10,635.92)	(\$5,813.33)	\$4,812.59	(\$5,581.25)
<u>2022 YTD Results</u>	<u>2022 Budget*</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual v Budget</u>
Total Income	\$46,749.99	\$49,078.18	\$46,668.38	\$2,328.19
Total Expenses	\$52,418.50	\$58,455.65	\$49,370.38	(\$842.13)
Positive/Negative	(\$31,877.76)	(\$30,391.70)	(\$24,631.14)	\$1,486.06

*Figures derived by dividing annual budget by twelve



Goodbye and Godspeed

We have been blessed to have Colleen Clark as the Nursery School Director for the last seven years. So many young people and families have had the opportunity to experience her wisdom and grace. Colleen will be retiring on June 15th and will be greatly missed. If you get a chance, drop her a note to thank her. If you see her in person, please share your gratitude for her part in our ministry together.

We are happy to recognize her great contribution to Zion Christian Nursery School at our annual picnic on June 12th at Camp Sloper! We encourage you to stop by if you can!



Join Pastor Jeff for Coffee (Tea) & Conversation,

We are going to change things a little. Wednesdays at Lion's Den will now be at 1 pm. Thursdays at Perkatory will remain at 8 am. You can always contact pastor if you would like to find another day or time.

Lion's Den: Wednesdays @ 1:00PM (5/4, 11, 18, 25)

Perkatory: Thursdays @ 8:00AM (5/5, 12, 19, 26)

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If Coffee isn't your thing, I can meet with you and your family at church, or at your home, or a park. Let me know a good time and we'll make a plan!

Dear Fellow Members,

As I emerge from the end of another tax season, it's hard to believe all that is happening here at Zion, the saddest being the retirement of Zion's Nursery School Director, Colleen Clark. From the moment Colleen accepted the position, she has fully immersed herself into the program, and has been a blessing to the program and our community. We are so grateful to have benefitted from her dedication and passion through these past seven years. She will truly be missed.

As you read my insert in last month's issue of 'The Light', and read in various blocks throughout this edition of 'The Light', we are in need of volunteers in so many areas of our worship community. As the Nursery School searches for someone to step into Colleen's shoes, we are looking for members to fill various positions: on Council, for Apple Harvest, our weekly worship services, and delegates to this year's Synod Assembly. All of these needs are extremely time-sensitive. For example, Dean and Jude Radke are making final preparations for their move, which is coming soon, and no one has even inquired about taking Dean's place as treasurer. We have been looking to fill Paul Reinert's position (Facilities Director) for fifteen months. Fortunately, Sue Skrzypiec has volunteered to take some of the duties, but she needs help. Synod Assembly is in one month and we need delegates. The *Apple Harvest Festival* is just five months away and we haven't finalized our leadership team. Lastly, as our worship services get back to more of a pre-Covid look and feel, we need more volunteers to participate in the services.

Please prayerfully consider where your time and talents can be best utilized and join us whenever and wherever you can.

Thank you,

John E. Miller, Council President

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; Lee Bluis; Laura Sepko; Sandra Migliarese; Cappellino Family; Freida Fries; Buddy Stakey; Carra Rockwood; George McKenny; Jim Suess; Bob Miller; Ron Gaetgens; Michelle Cyr and family; Pastor Jeff.

Those in Hospitals, Care Centers and Homebound:

The Summit - William Brown

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

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; 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; Donna, friend of Lisa & Mark Proffitt; Butch Rabe, friends of Mark & Lisa Proffitt; Dominique Orsi; Christopher (infant); Joan, Todd and Chip; Megan; Walter; Barbara & Rick Klem, sister & brother-in-law of Joan Cockcroft; Ed Groskey, brother of Sue Skrzypiec and Betty Lou Schweiger; Janet; Joseph Proffitt; brother of Mark Proffitt; Kim, cousin of Lynn McCormack; Peter G., cousin of Cindy Miller; Dennis Fleck and Family; Ginette Smith; Christine, friend of Lydia Holbrook; Tom & Family, friends of the Cappellino family; Jim; Mason; the family of Giovanna Correia: Andre, Tatiana, and Emily.

Births:

Blessed are the Dead: Allison Chumley, 3/26/22; family friend of RoseAnn George

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; Major 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!

May 2022

Sunday School News

submitted by Ali Frega

Sunday School

Thank you for joining us on April 10th for our Holy Week in a Day event and to see us sing during the 10:15AM service. It was a great time to get together and discuss Holy Week. We are looking forward to doing it again next year. We hope you all had a Happy Easter.

Please note the Last Day of Class will be June 5, 2022

First Communion

We have 6 students getting ready to make their First Communion this year. We will be having class on Saturday, April 30th from 9:00AM-12:00PM and students will make their First Communion at the 10:15AM service on Sunday, May 1st.

We are excited to celebrate this year with you.

Confirmation

On Palm Sunday, both confirmation classes took time off from "learning" to do some "serving". They helped with the Sunday School program "Holy Week in a Day" and they helped with the Easter Egg hunt.

Confirmation students should look for information coming soon about being acolytes.

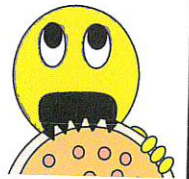
Sunday, October 30th - Affirmation of Baptism / Confirmation Sunday (for the current 8th grade students)

Youth Group

High School Youth: Our next meeting is May 1st at 6:00PM. **Please check your email for a survey about the group and your feelings about it.**

Middle School Youth: Our next meeting is May 22nd at 6:00PM

Dinner will be served for both.



Vacation Bible School

'The Tree of Healing' is coming to Zion July 18 - 22, 2022 and we can't wait to spend the week with you. We are in the planning stages and welcome all Volunteers - Please reach out to Ali at sundayschool@zionlutheranct.org for more information.



A Peek into Zion Nursery School

April may have been a short month here in Nursery School, but we've done so much! Even though we had a week's vacation, we all learned about Palm Sunday and Easter from our visits by Pastor Jeff. The Easter Bunny paid visits to all the classes as well and left us yummy treats in our Easter baskets. Our moms and dads all came in for parent-teacher conferences too. And now, we're getting ready for Mother's Day and our farm field trip in May. There's always something good happening in Nursery School!

"Let the little children come to me..."

Matthew 19:14

Do you, or anyone you know, have a background in early childhood education, enjoy working with young children and their families, and can manage a staff of our outstanding educators? If so, *Zion Christian Nursery School* has an opportunity for you! We are currently looking for a *Nursery School Director!* This paid position is about 20 (flexible) hours per week during the school year. A college degree is preferred but experience counts too! *If you are interested, or for more info, contact Nikki Heitz, Nursery School Board Chairman, at 860-302-0962 or send her an email to naheitz@cox.net.*



Church Picnic at Camp Sloper

Sunday, June 12th, 10am-5pm

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

10:30AM Worship

11:30AM Chowder & Chili

12:30PM Lunch



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

Look for sign-up instructions in the June issue!



Calling everyone in the Zion family

FREE SNACKS AND DRINKS!



Join us on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:00PM to discuss the upcoming **Apple Fritter Season!**

If you'd like to attend but are busy please email Krista Steindl at Robsteindl@cox.net.



Bottles & Cans Sorting Continues

Join us on Mondays, from 1-3PM (weather permitting)

We Have Some Help for our Gardens!

If you happen to see someone working on the gardens around Zion and weeding the playground, please say hello to Mark! He will be sprucing up the gardens, etc. during the next few weeks to help make the grounds look beautiful!

Let's Walk for a Cause!



Last year, 18 people from the community of Zion helped *Calumet* raise \$115,000. This year their goal is \$150,000. Can we get 25 participants this year? This is what you need to do: Beginning May 15th, register at calumet.org/walkthewalk2022. Make sure you sign up for the 'Zion Southington' team. Record the miles you walk each day between July 1 & August 31, then send them to Pastor Jeff. Have fun knowing you are part of a greater group doing a good thing. We will try to plan some group walks too. Questions? ask Pastor Jeff



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*.

Ladies of Zion...Lunch in May!

We will be meeting for lunch this month

Wednesday, May 11th at 12:00 Noon at

Lola's Bistro in Plainville (161 Woodford Avenue)

Please join us for fun and fellowship!



Dear Members of Zion,

Both Pat and I would like to thank you for the thoughtful card and expression of appreciation for being co-chair of the Apple Harvest Festival. The flowers were beautiful and Pat is holding on to his *Yuengling* for booth building! It has been such a "great ride!" And just to let you know, I'm not going anywhere but back into the fritter booth planning (just in a different role.) You can't get rid of me that easy!

I have learned so much and have loved being a part of Zion and the community we serve. Fritters bring joy to so many people and the booth allows me to give back in so many ways! I look forward to new younger leadership, new ideas, and continued improvements in our process. It seems like so much to do in so little time; **Save the Date... September 30 - October 5, 2022!** Only 5 months to go!

It has been a blessing to remember this experience with love and gratitude.

Sincerely,

Lois Garafola (and Pat)



May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Sanctuary with First Communion 6:00PM HS Youth	2 12:00-3:00PM Bottles & Cans Sorting	3	4 2:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den 7:15PM Choir 8:00PM Prayer Vigil begins	5 <i>National Day of Prayer</i> 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory 8:00PM Prayer vigil ends	6	7 4:00PM Worship
8 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors	9 12:00-3:00PM Bottles & Cans Sorting 7:00PM Worship & Music	10 6:00PM Apple Harvest 7:00PM Mutual Ministry	11 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den 7:15PM Choir	12 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	13	14 4:00PM Worship
15 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Sanctuary	16 12:00-3:00PM Bottles & Cans Sorting	17 6:30PM Council	18 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den 7:15PM Choir	19 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory 7:00PM Worship	20	21 <i>Armed Forces Day</i> 4:00PM Worship
22 6:00AM Sunrise WORSHIP 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 10:15AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 6:00PM MS Youth	23 12:00-3:00PM Bottles & Cans Sorting	24	25 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den 7:15PM Choir	26 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	27	28 4:00PM Worship
29 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoors	30 <i>Memorial Day</i> Office closed	31	June 1 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den 7:15PM Choir	2 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	3	4 4:00PM Worship

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