



# THE LIGHT

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

Dear Community of Zion,

November is a colorful month – liturgy wise. We start with All Saints’ Day where the color of the day is white. The second Sunday (Sunday after Pentecost) is green. The third Sunday (Christ the King) is white and the last Sunday of November (First Sunday of Advent) is blue. Then the Altar Guild rests...

November is the month where both the current church year ends (Luke being the primary Gospel read on Sunday mornings) and the new church year (Mark) begins.

With the season of Advent, we will also begin a different setting of the liturgy and have different prayers during the worship services.

Much like November is a season of changes in our daily lives (leaves and temperature drop, we wear more layers of clothing, time change) so is November in the church.

So join us as we start November by remembering our loved ones who have died in the last year and we end November with the hope that Advent brings.

Peace,  
Pastor Jeff

P.S...Since the First Sunday of Advent is the start of the new Church Year, how about making a New Year’s resolution to try being an usher, a lector, or a communion assistant. Let Pastor Jeff know if you are willing to try (pastor@zionlutheranct.org)

 **For Pastoral Care and Concerns,**

Please contact Pastor Jeff Stalley  
by phone: cell # 860-490-5784 or  
email: [pastor@zionlutheranct.org](mailto:pastor@zionlutheranct.org)



**Worship Schedule**

**Saturdays at 4:00PM**

**Sundays at 8:00AM & 10:15AM\***

**\*Coffee / Fellowship Hour between Services**

**Sunday School / Confirmation  
9:00AM**



**And in Apple Fritter News...** We were almost successful in burning down the

booth, frying extension cords, and creating the world's first grease slip and slide! We were very successful at gracefully falling up and down the new step, quickly disassembling and assembling the new spitters, and bumping butts with each other more times than I care to count!

Seriously... To each and everyone of you who had a hand in making the Apple Fritter Fundraiser successful, "**Thank You!**" Words cannot express how grateful we are for your patience, hard work, and endurance. The many laughs and memories we created will forever be cherished. We welcomed many new people to the fritter experience this year and we pray you'll all come back next year! Well done everyone! Sincerely, Krista Steindl on behalf of the *Apple Fritter Committee*

**Weekly Prayer List Update:** On November 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be re-starting the prayer list. This is for a number of reasons. Sometimes, we have guests and visitors who put a name on the prayer list and then don't remember to contact us when it is time to remove that person from the list. Other times, because we may not see the list and only hear the first names, we forget to take our loved one/friend off the list. Or we may feel superstitious about taking a name off the list.

On the other hand, we do want to continue to pray for your loved ones, friends, and colleagues whom you want us to pray for. If there are people that you want on the prayer list or you would like to continue to be on the prayer list, please call / email the office to let us know whom you would like to put on the list and for how long.

**WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!**

Have you seen our new website  
([www.zionlutheranct.org](http://www.zionlutheranct.org)) yet?

Take time to visit it. Many thanks to  
John Miller for all his creative work!

**Thanksgiving Interfaith  
Worship Service**

**Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
at 7:00PM**

**First Congregational Church,  
37 Main St., Southington.**

A monetary collection for the *Southington Interfaith Clergy  
Association Manna Fund.*



**Advent / Christmas Opportunities**



**Advent Begins**

Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

**Advent Worship on Wednesdays**

November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM

**Bells & Blessings,**

December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM

(See Chris Messner if you'd like to participate.)

**Cookie Sale! (look for pre-order info)**

December 18<sup>th</sup>

(between worship services)

**Christmas Eve**

**Worship in the Sanctuary**

3:00PM, 5:00PM and 11:00PM



Written for '*The Light*' November 2022

Dear Members of Zion:

Earlier this month, Mark Proffitt lent me a book titled Holy Moments A Handbook, for the Rest of Your Life, by Matthew Kelly. I try to read a few pages every day during my morning devotionals. Morning devotions are something I have never really done for most of my adult life. As I mentioned earlier this year, I went on an 'ACTS Men's Retreat' in June (ACTS stands for Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service). Mark and his twin brother Steve also attended that retreat. Not to speak for Mark or Steve, but I do think they would agree that the retreat has had a very positive impact on our spiritual lives. I know I have a very long way to go, but I am continually trying to make small changes in my life as I continue on this journey. Mark, Steve, and I have a text thread going that we use to send encouragement to each other and share bible passages, prayers, or discussions that we come across that are helpful to us and think might be helpful to each other. Hence, the reason Mark shared this book with me.

I'm about halfway through this book and it has really had an impact on me and caused me to recognize the '*holy moments*' that take place every day and the many *holy moments* that took place during Apple Harvest. Tuesday night we had two special guests at our Apple Harvest wrap-up meeting, Steve and Beth Nyerick from 'Alex's Lemonade Stand'. They talked about two miracles that they witnessed during this year's Apple Harvest at the stand. One involved Ben, a youth who most of us know of seeing 'Ben Strong' signs throughout the past few years. Ben came to work in the stand and told all of his friends to come down during his shift to buy lemonade to support his six-year-old neighbor Mia, who has a brain tumor. Ben was there for Mia.

Beth referred to this as a God-sighting. Mia showed up at the booth that day which created another very special moment. Steve talked about another miracle. He and Beth were in Maine walking on the beach a few weeks before the festival and his cell phone rang. He almost didn't answer it because he didn't recognize the number, but he answered it anyway and it was Krista. She was calling him to let him know that we were concerned that the donations to the lemonade stand from our patrons would be severely affected because of our price increase and shared with him that we wanted to make up the difference with a donation. For Beth and Steve that was a miracle. I spoke to Steve on the first Sunday of the festival and he told me there would be no reason for us to write a check as the donations were not affected. To me, that was another miracle and certainly many *Holy Moments* by all those who continued to contribute.

What is a *holy moment*? Mathew writes in his book "A Holy Moment is a single moment in which you open yourself to God. You make yourself available to Him. You set aside personal preference and self-interest, and for one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do."

I'm asking you to reflect on that thought, and think about all of the *Holy Moments* we have witnessed not only during Apple Harvest but every week here at Zion and in our daily lives. It has really made me think about all of the *Holy Moments* Cindy Miller shared with us over the years and the holy moments shared by so many others here at Zion, who answer God's call so often. They set an example that I know I should follow, that we all should follow. We are truly blessed.

John E. Miller, President  
Zion Lutheran Church

# 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, Jayne Darling; Lee Bluis; Jean Wiltse; Ginny Freeman; Linda Graham; Beverly Clark; Laura Sepko; Sandra Migliarese; Cappellino Family; Buddy Stakey; George McKenny; Michelle Cyr and family; A.J. Candelora; Eric Dauphin, father of Ana and Taylor, Joe Sepko; George Zownir, Ron Schweiger, Tom Martucci; Beth & Steve Long.

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

William Brown - *The Summit*; Bob Miller - *Autumn Lake, Cromwell*

## **Wedding Anniversaries:**

11/6, Tom & Allison Patavino; 11/14, Lisa & William Doucette; 11/18, Kristina & Bernhard Kaschke; 11/21, Paul & Mary Reinert; 11/22, Ernie & Virginia Freeman; 11/22, Rob & Krista Steindl; 11/24, Ralph & Sandra (Migliarese) Colosimo; 11/30, Shannon & Kyle Dobratz.

## **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; 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; Casey and Thelma, friends of Joan Cockcroft; Adelle; Cindy Colella, Cameron family, family of the Cappellinos; Irma Radke, mother of Dean Radke; David B.; Benjamin Marek, friend of the Lafontaine family; Jocelyn, relative of the John Miller family; Winnie Messner; Judy Doucette, mother of William Doucette; Nidia; Roz & Joe Menton, friends of Carra Rockwood; Prenoveau Family; Bonnie Rabe and Butch Rabe, friends of Mark & Lisa Proffitt; Dominique Orsi; Family of 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; Kim, cousin of Lynn McCormack; Peter G., cousin of Cindy Miller; Dennis Fleck and Family; Christine, friend of Lydia Holbrook; Tom & Family, friends of the Cappellinos; Valerie; Tameka, Cambone family; Sally; Tom, friend of Betty Lou Schweiger.; Val & family, and Courtney, friends of Bonnie Zownir; Joshua; nephew of Dawne & Pete Cappellino; Eric and Lynn; Geraldine, friend of Dawne Cappellino; Lindsay, family of Mike & Cindy Babon; Richard Trainor, brother of Jude Radke; Krista, friend of Justine Moriarty; Anna Singer, sister of Carra Rockwood; Jacki Andelin and family; Gary; Gilbert Family; Palmieri family, friends of Susan Skrzypiec; Max; the Main family; family of John Thompson.

**Blessed are the Dead:** John Thompson, 10/24; former long-time member of Zion

## **Births:**

**Service, For the men and w 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, son of Susan Prairie; Kurt Oden, USAF, nephew of Christine Kryzwick.

*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!**

# Sunday School News

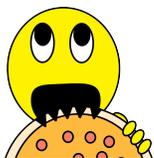
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submitted by Ali Frega

## Sunday School / Confirmation Class

We will not have classes on November 13<sup>th</sup> in Observance of Veterans' Day Weekend and November 27<sup>th</sup> for the long Thanksgiving Day weekend.

Please enjoy these weekends with your families.



## Youth Group

Youth Group will kick off this month with some fall fun!

High School students will meet on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM

Middle School students will meet on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM

(Dinner will be provided.)

All are welcome to attend! We encourage you to bring a friend to join in on the fun!

## Trunk or Treat

About 15 costumed children came out for our Annual Halloween event Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>! They listened to a Halloween story, ate pizza and special treats, & collected lots of goodies from the "trunks" in the parking lot! Fun was had by all!

A special 'THANK YOU' to all the volunteers...as always, we couldn't have done it without you!



## Confirmation



### (Affirmation of Baptism)

We had three Confirmands: Keaton, Abbie, and Cara Affirm their Baptism on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> during worship at 10:15AM.

It was a wonderful day to celebrate with them and their families and witness them all saying "Yes!" to God.





## A Peek into Zion Nursery School

The fall fun continues at ZCNS. Our pre-K students recently went outside and made scarecrows using leaves from the playground. Our 3s class enjoyed an in-house field trip. They went on wagon hayrides, played apple games, visited a pumpkin patch, and picked their own apples. We would like to say, "thank you," to our friends at Rogers Orchard for their donations and helping to make this day possible. In our 4s class and our pre-K, students recently took a fall field trip to Norton Brothers in Cheshire. Our students got to take a hayride, try apple cider and cider donut holes and much more! Parents accompanied their children, so it made it a special community event for our school.



Veterans in our Zion family will be recognized during all worship services on November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Join us for a special Veterans Coffee Hour in the Gathering Place at 9:00AM on Sunday too!

### Another Wonderful Memory of Cindy...

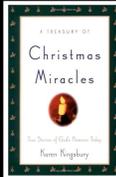
The first time I walked into the welcoming area at Zion with my clergy collar on a voice rose above the rest of the conversations in the room and said, "Here comes trouble!"

I knew at that moment this woman was someone I would begin to appreciate more than I already had in our brief encounters. Cindy Miller was a wonder-woman of sorts. She could be forceful in her opinions but generous in her compassion. She could make you laugh tears of joy and she'd hold you when you cried. Her generosity was extravagant and her humility, a Christian example to emulate. Cindy would encourage workers to come to help in a task that needed to be done and she would dedicate herself to its completion when others had become exhausted by the work.

Ellie and I were on the receiving end of Cindy's humor, compassion, and generosity on countless occasions. Her strong personality was accompanied by an equally strong desire to serve her Lord and her congregation with vigor and seemingly boundless energy. She is a huge missing link in the fabric of Zion Lutheran Church. Her dedication and faithfulness will be missed. We might want to issue a loving warning to Saint Peter and the saints on high, "Here comes trouble!"

May light perpetual shine upon her.

- Ellie and Pastor Gollenberg



## **Book Club is BACK!!!** **Our selection is** **A Treasury of Christmas Miracles** by Karen Kingsbury

New York Times best-selling author Karen Kingsbury - the "queen of inspirational fiction" (Time) - is acclaimed for her poignant, uplifting tales. Here, Kingsbury recounts a series of true stories about people whose lives were changed by the mystery and wonder of Christmastime. Each story offers proof of God's presence today - and a joyous reminder of the real meaning of Christmas. (Books can be found on Hoopla, or your favorite book seller. Contact the office if you need assistance.

**Our Next Book Club meeting is Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Gathering Place. Please join us, all are welcome!**



### **IT'S TIME...Christmas Child Boxes** **are now available in the Gathering Place!**

Share the Christmas spirit by filling up a box! Bring them back to Zion by Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> so they can be delivered in time for the holidays. Look for information on the display.

Contact Lisa Proffitt at 860-621-4316 with questions.



### **Our Christmas Angel Tree** **is coming SOON!**



Christmas will soon be here and our "Angel Tree" will be aglow in the Gathering Place. Angel tags will have a wish list item written on them. Please look at the angels on the tree and choose one if you would like to help support the youth at the Solnit Center and other youth in need. Look for more information on the display in mid-November.

Contact Lisa Proffitt with questions at 860-621-4316

### **Thanksgiving for our Southington Neighbors**

As the Thanksgiving is approaching quickly, Southington Community Services is in particular need of the following: canned fruit & vegetables, canned creamed corn, canned gravy, candied yams, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, hot chocolate, mini marshmallows, corn muffin mix, and cake / brownie mixes. Items can be placed on the table in the Gathering Place or in the blue bin outside the front doors by Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. THANK YOU!

**Camp Calumet is now accepting registrations**  
for Resident Camp, applications for Leadership Trainee, & Summer Staff positions!  
Submit yours before November 11th and receive the Early Bird discount!



# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Oct 30 Reformation Sunday</b> 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00PM Sunday School / Conf. Coffee / Fellowship Hour 10:15AM WORSHIP Sanctuary* *Confirmation 6:00PM Grief Group	31	Nov 1	2 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den  6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Choir	3 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	4   <i>Women's Camp Calumet                      Weekend</i>	5 4:00PM Worship   <i>Women's Camp Calumet                      Weekend</i>
<b>6 All Saints Sunday</b> <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>  8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Sunday School / Conf. Coffee / Fellowship Hour 10:15AM WORSHIP Sanctuary  <i>Women's Camp Calumet Weekend</i>	7	8	9 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den  6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Choir	10 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory  6:00PM Women's Group 7:00PM Mutual Ministry	11 <b>Veterans' Day</b>	12 4:00PM Worship
13 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Coffee / Fellowship Hour NO Sunday School / Conf. 10:15AM WORSHIP Sanctuary  <i>Last day for                      Christmas Child Boxes                      &amp; Thanksgiving Food Pantry items</i>	14 7:00PM Worship & Music	15 6:30PM Council	16 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den  6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Choir	17 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	18	19 4:00PM Worship
20 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Sunday School / Conf. Coffee / Fellowship Hour 10:15AM WORSHIP Sanctuary	21	22 7:00PM Thanksgiving Interfaith Service	23	24 <b>Thanksgiving</b> Office Closed	25	26 4:00PM Worship
27 <b>Advent I</b> 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Coffee / Fellowship Hour NO Sunday School / Conf. 10:15AM WORSHIP Sanctuary	28	29	30 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den  6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Choir	Dec 1 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	2	3 4:00PM Worship

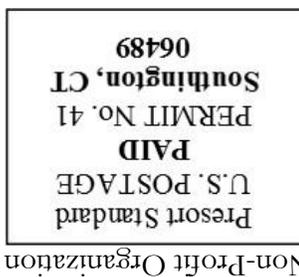
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