



THE LIGHT

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

Dear Community of Zion,

April brings us many things: warmer weather, longer daylight, little league and lacrosse, taxes, gardening.

We may get busier. Maybe we spend more time outdoors. It can be a time of hope and a time of obligation.

This year in the midst of all of that is Holy Week (fyi Easter can be as early as March 23rd or as late as April 23rd). It is right in the middle of April. Right in the middle of our life. Palm Sunday is April 10th and Easter is April 17th.

The emphasis of the days of Holy Week can change from year to year. Palm Sunday can be about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem or about the whole passion. Maundy Thursday can be about service (foot washing) or the Last Supper. There are a number different liturgies for Good Friday.

This year on Palm Sunday we will be emphasizing Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and we will look at the whole passion throughout Holy Week. While we will have palms at all services, we will process at the Sunday 10:15 am service.

On Maundy Thursday, we will be emphasizing the Last Supper and how communion is a reminder of that.

Good Friday will be a Tenebrae (Darkness) Service as the church is darkened during a series of readings

The 6:00 am Easter service will be a sunrise service, not a vigil, as we celebrate the new day. The 8:00 am and 10:15 am services will be similar to each other.

In this midst of our your busy-ness, I hope you find time to hear again the passion story from the Hosannas of Palm Sunday to the Alleluias of Easter.

Peace,

Pastor Jeff

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

Help Wanted: We are looking for people to serve as 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!

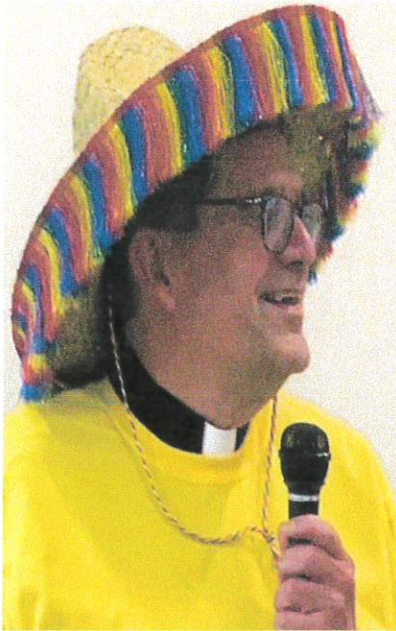
“Treasurer Talk” by Dean Radke

<u>February 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	\$24,257.18	\$10,931.05	\$8,673.85
Total Expenses	\$26,209.25	\$46,315.65	\$21,859.14	(\$20,106.40)
Positive/Negative	(\$10,635.92)	(\$22,058.47)	\$28,780.25	(\$11,432.55)

<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	\$31,166.66	\$33,879.18	\$31,763.64	\$2,712.52
Total Expenses	\$52,418.50	\$58,455.65	\$49,370.38	(\$6,037.15)
Positive/Negative	(\$21,251.84)	(\$24,576.47)	(\$17,606.74)	(\$3,324.63)

**Figures derived by dividing annual budget by twelve*

Note that there is a member of the congregation who contributes a substantial amount once annually - in 2021 that amount was received in January while in 2022 it was received in February.



Installation Celebration
 What a great celebration of our ministry together (it's hard to call it an installation after two years together.) Thank you to everyone who helped make the worship service happen. Thank you to everyone who heard "tacos" and turned the afternoon into a fiesta. It was all a great way to celebrate.
 Gracias, Padre Jeff



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 Coffee House:

Wednesdays @ 1:00PM (4/6, 13, 20, 27)

Perkatory:

Thursdays @ 8:00AM (4/7, 14, 28)

Please Join Us For HOLY WEEK

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 14th

7:00PM Worship

Good Friday: April 15th

7:00PM Worship

Easter Sunday: April 17th

6:00AM Sunrise Service
 8:00AM Worship
 10:15AM Worship



Let's Get Together!



As we move past Holy Week and Easter, I look forward to having some more time to meet with you and your family. It could be at church, or at your home, or a park, or wherever it is convenient for you. Just a time for us to get to know each other better.

Let me know what would be a good time and place for you.
 Pastor Jeff

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.

Those in Hospitals, Care Centers and Homebound:

The Summit - William Brown

Wedding Anniversaries: 4/8, Robyn & Scott Kroll; 4/22, Roger & Debbie Garrett; 4/24, Jeanne & Paul Garrett; 4/24, David & Michele Peters; 4/27, Larry & Marilyn Pellett; 4/27, Daniel & Ashley Hanusch; 4/29, Jacob & Taylor Webster; 4/30, Mark & Aimee Teator; 4/30, Mark & Katie Sherrick

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 Grizskauskas; 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 Grizskauskas; 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; 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; Janet; Joseph Proffitt; brother of Mark Proffitt; Kim, cousin of Lynn McCormack; Peter G., cousin of Cindy Miller; Joe; Terri & John Shedlock; Dennis Fleck and Family; Katen; Ginette Smith; Warren Smith; Martina; Christine, friend of Lydia Holbrook; family of Allison, friend of RoseAnn George; Tom & Family, friends of the Cappellinos; Jim.

Births:

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; 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!**

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Sunday School News

submitted by Ali Frega

Sunday School

Please save the date! April 10th, Palm Sunday we will be singing at the 10:15AM service.

Please join us in welcoming Holy Week during worship on that day.

We will also be having a small Stations of the Cross during class that day and will need volunteers to help us facilitate that day. Please see your email or one of the Sunday School teachers for more details and to sign up.

First Communion

We have 6 students getting ready to make their First Communion this year! There will be a class to prepare for this on Saturday, April 30th from 9AM - 12PM. Students will make their First Communion on May 1st during the 10:15AM worship service. We are excited to celebrate this milestone with you.

Mask Update

Sunday School and Confirmation classes have both gone mask optional as of March 13th.

Please note that we will respect everyone's choices in this manner and do reserve the right to return to the need to wear masks again should that be necessary. Thank you

Confirmation

The 7th grade confirmation students continue to explore the New Testament section of the Bible and dive into Luther's Catechism. We are discussing and questioning what it means to be a Christian along with what it means to receive God's grace.

Pastor's 6th & 8th grade confirmation class is continuing to look at the Creeds and what it means for today. On Palm Sunday, they will be helping with the Sunday School. We will take Easter off.

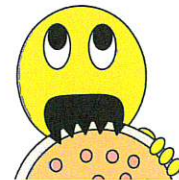
Sunday, October 30th - Affirmation of Baptism / Confirmation Sunday (for the current 8th grade students)

Youth Group

High School Youth: Our next meeting is April 3rd 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 April 24th at 6:00PM

Dinner will be served for both.





A Peek into Zion Nursery School

We've been busy this past month here at Zion Nursery School. Between visits by the leprechauns on St. Patrick's Day and our *Special Person's Day* in each class, we've had lots of fun! And there are more fun things planned as the weather gets warmer and we're able to enjoy the outdoors. There's always something good going on at Zion Nursery School!



Shop to Help ZCNS!

Zion Nursery School invites you to a night of shopping on **Thursday, April 21st from 4-7pm** at **Good Cause Gifts**, 384 Main Street, Berlin.

Come enjoy a glass of wine and appetizers while you shop OR, shop online at goodcausegifts.org and put ZionNursery at checkout.



A portion of the proceeds from the evening will benefit Zion Nursery School!



Let's Get Some Fresh Air...

It is getting warmer and it is staying lighter later. Are you interested in getting some fresh air and some light exercise? How about getting a group to walk around Zion's neighborhood? Or on the rail trail? Interested? Contact Pastor Jeff!



Zion's Easter Egg Hunt!

Have your little ones join us on Palm Sunday, April 10th at 9:00AM for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Bring a basket if you'd like. All children are welcome!!!



Bottles & Cans Sorting is BACK!

Join us with the sorting of bottles and cans collection from over the winter months. For now, we will meet on Mondays, April 4th, 18th, & 27th from 1-3PM (weather permitting, of course.) Hope to see you there! Remember...friends and relatives are welcome too! Thanks in advance for your participation!



THANK YOU SO MUCH...

To everyone who donated Easter Basket Items for our collection for Southington Community Services and candy for Zion's Easter Egg hunt. We truly appreciate your generosity!



You are Invited!

We will resume our Fellowship Coffee Hour between worship services in April. All are welcome to join us for conversation, coffee, and some goodies! We look forward to reconnecting with old friends and making new ones!



Sunday, June 12th
at Camp Sloper
9:30AM-5:00PM
All are welcome!



Look for more info next month!

HELP THE EASTER BUNNY FILL EGGS

on Wednesday, April 6th at 10:30AM. We have the eggs, we have the candy, now we just need some hands complete the task! Please join us! (no experience necessary!)



Then join us for lunch... see below ↓↓↓↓

Ladies of Zion...Lunch in April!

We will be meeting for lunch this month on Wednesday, April 6th at 12:00 Noon at the new **Paul Gregory's** (168 Center St. Building B)



All are invited to for some fun and fellowship!



Are You Interested in Making Zion Your Church Home?

Join us on Saturday, April 23rd at 8:30AM in the Gathering Place for a chance to meet with people from Zion and find out more about what opportunities there are for you here in this wonderful community! This gathering is for anyone who would like to connect with others and learn about all Zion has to offer. Please contact Pastor Jeff with questions!

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 27 <i>Lent 4</i> <i>Last Day for Scholarship Applications</i> <i>Last Day for Easter Candy Donations</i> 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 11:00AM Congregational Meeting 8:00PM MS Youth	28	29	30 2:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den 6:00PM Soup 6:30PM Lenten Worship 7:15PM Choir	31 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	April 1	2 4:00PM Worship
3 <i>Lent 5</i> 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 6:00PM HS Youth 6:00PM Interfaith Prayer Service for Ukraine	4	5	6 10:30AM Fill Easter Eggs 12:00PM Ladies' Lunch @ Paul Gregory's 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den 6:00PM Soup 6:30PM Lenten Worship 7:15PM Choir	7 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	8	9 4:00PM Worship
10 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation Easter Egg Hunt 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoor	11 7:00PM Worship & Music	12	13 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den 7:15PM Choir	14 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory 7:00PM Worship	15 <i>Good Friday</i> 7:00PM Worship	16 No Service today
17 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 6:00AM Sunrise WORSHIP 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 10:15AM WORSHIP Sanctuary	18	19 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den 6:30PM Council	20	21 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	22	23 8:30AM New Member Gathering 1:00PM Memorial Service 4:00PM Worship
24 8:00AM WORSHIP Sanctuary 9:00AM Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM WORSHIP Outdoor 6:00PM MS Youth	25	26	27 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den	28 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	29	30 9:00AM First Communion Class 4:00PM Worship

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Return Service Requested

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