



THE LIGHT

The Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Southington, CT

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Community of Zion,

One of the offering prayers in the hymnal says, "You have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us.....in feeding the world with your love".

That is stewardship. Using our gifts (that God gave us) to spread God's love. But when we hear the word Stewardship we generally think about our pledge/offering/money. So Stewardship is a word we don't like to hear and we don't like to say.

Stewardship is not just about money. It is not just about how much money we pledge. It is not about how much money we give. Stewardship is how we live our lives.

Stewardship is how we use the gifts (ourselves, our time, and our possessions) that God have given to us. Stewardship is seeing the gifts that we have been given, being grateful for those gifts, and responding in thankfulness.

We are looking for people who can help the people of Zion to see this vision of gratefulness and response. There are some days that I would like to call that group of people the Gratitude (formerly known as Stewardship) Committee. If you think that might be your gift or you might be willing to talk about your gratitude of a life lived in gratitude, please contact Pastor Jeff (pastor@zionluthranct.org) or Leslie Sanchez (lesliesanborn@hotmail.com).

With great thanks for you all,
Pastor Jeff



Finally... It's time to Recognize Those Baptisms That Were Held Outside of Worship!



If your child was baptized outside, or outside of worship because of COVID protocols, Pastor Jeff told you that we would have a public recognition of those baptisms during a regular worship service when we could. We will do that at the 10:15AM service on Sunday, April 30th!

If you would like to participate, please let Pastor Jeff know. We would love to see you! Email him at pastor@zionlutheranct.org or call with any questions 860-490-5784

For Pastoral Care and Concerns,

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



Worship Schedule

Saturdays at 4:00PM

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

*Coffee / Fellowship Hour between Services
Sunday School / Confirmation at 9:00AM

“Treasure Talk” by John Miller

<u>February 2023 Results</u>	<u>2023 Budget*</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Actual v Budget</u>
Total Income	\$ 15,272.90	\$ 22,094.47	\$ 24,140.16	\$ 6,821.57
Total Expenses	\$ 29,550.63	\$ 27,836.54	\$ 33,312.39	\$ (1,714.09)
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (14,277.73)	\$ (5,742.07)	\$ (9,172.23)	\$ 8,535.66
<u>YTD 2023 Results (Jan-Feb)</u>	<u>2023 Budget*</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Actual v Budget</u>
Total Income	\$ 30,545.80	\$ 37,572.15	\$ 33,777.20	\$ 7,026.35
Total Expenses	\$ 59,101.26	\$ 56,597.74	\$ 57,549.68	\$ (2,503.52)
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (28,555.46)	\$ (19,025.59)	\$ (23,772.48)	\$ 9,529.87

* Figures derived by dividing annual budget by twelve

If you would like some help following the order of worship ask an usher for a three-ring notebook. In it, you will find the order of worship in large print. You will still need to look in the Bible for the readings and the hymnal for the hymns. We hope this helps!



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 at pastor@zionlutheranct.org or text 860-490-5784.

Council Members



President	John Miller
Vice President	Pete Cappellino
Treasurer	Kevin Doran
Secretary	Leslie Sanchez
Dir. Music & Worship	Michelle Gibbs
Dir. Membership & Witness	Krista Steindl
Dir. Congregational Welfare	Lisa Proffitt
Dir. Financial Affairs	Nick Salerno
Dir. Christian Education	Carra Rockwood
Dir. Christian Fellowship	Cindy Babon
Dir. Church Facilities	Lois Garafola and Mark Proffitt

Thank You for your Time & Talent!

Thank you to everyone who has been reading prayer petitions, reading the lessons, ushering, helping with communion, has been an acolyte or hosted a coffee hour. It has been great to see everyone working together during and after the worship services.

It's not too late to help! if you feel called to help in this way during worship, email Bonnie (bonniezownir@gmail.com) and let her know. If you'd like to host a coffee hour or donate a food item, sign up on the list!

Holy Week



April 1st & 2nd - Palm / Passion Sunday - Saturday Worship at 4:00PM
Sunday Worship at 8:00AM and 10:15AM
Sunday School / Confirmation - *Stations of the Cross* event at 9:00AM
Easter Egg Hunt at 11:15AM (after worship)

April 6th - Maundy Thursday - Worship at 7:00PM

April 7th - Good Friday - ZCNS Egg Hunt event at 10:00AM (call 860-628-6007 for info)
Worship at 7:00PM

April 9th - Easter - 6:00AM Sunrise Easter Worship
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: Linda Graham; Beverly Clark; George McKenny; Beth & Steve Long; Lee Bluis; Ginny Freeman; Bill Umile; Cindy Reinert and Michelle Lavoie, daughters of Paul Reinert; Sandy Darling; Cindy Collella; Remy Alicki; family of Sandy and Sean Darling.

Those in Hospitals, Care Centers and Homebound:

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

Wedding Anniversaries: 4/8, Robyn & Scott Kroll; 4/22 Roger & Debbie Garrett; 4/24 Jeanne & Paul Garrett, Sr; 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:

Butch Rabe, Bonnie Rabe, friends of Mark and Lisa Proffitt; Max; the Main family, friends of the Garafola family; Val & family, family of Bonnie Zownir; Alex Meyer, grandson of Lois Griszkauskas; Reno Pellitier, friend of Lois Griszkauskas; Debbie & Fred, Roz & Joe friends of Carra Rockwood; Dennis & family, cousins of Carra Rockwood; Barbara & Rick Klemm, sister and brother-in-law of Joan Cockcroft; Kaitlyn & Kyle, niece and nephew of Joan Cockcroft; Walter, brother of Joan Cockcroft; Benjamin Warren Smith (infant); Jocelyn, relative of John Miller; Scott, friend of John Miller; Barbara Gladue, mother of Michelle Gladue; Anita, sister of Karen Umile; Keiko & Mike Goulet, Maria Fleck, sister-in-law of Carra Rockwood; Steve, Ben, & Nina Fleck, family of Carra Rockwood; Mary Mousch, Andrew Petito, family of Karen Erasmus; Alan Shaker, Chad, friends of Sue Skrzypiec; Heather Thompson, friend of Lois Garafola; Ed, friend of John and Tammy; Sandra; Dave; Joannette Johnson, mother-in-law of Carol Wright Linda Avanzatto, aunt of Carol Wright.

Births:

Blessed are the Dead: 3/27, Colleen Pomeroy, sister of Sandy Darling,
aunt of Ben and Abby Darling

Service, For the men and women in the military serving our country:

Russell Karshis, cousin of Dawne Cappellino; Staff Sgt. Michael McKenney; Lt. Colonel Zachary Fulton, USAF, nephew of Lisa Proffitt; Danny Woolley, son of Diane and Dave Woolley; Matthew DeLorenzo, U.S. Navy, friend of the Doran Family; 1st Lt. Colton McInnis, USAF pilot, son of Susan Prairie; 2nd Lt. Kurt Oden, USAF, nephew of Christine Kryzwick.

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!**

Sunday School News

April 2023

submitted by Ali Frega

Sunday School & Confirmation Class

Thank you to everyone who is helping us out on April 2nd for our Palm Sunday Stations. We would not be able to hold this event without you. We can always use more family volunteers, so please join us that morning to learn the Easter story in an interactive way.

Please note that we will be singing at the 10:15AM service on Palm Sunday. We have been practicing each week and cannot wait to share our song with you that morning. The Easter Egg Hunt will be after worship. Everyone is very excited for this event!



Easter Egg Hunt



All children are invited to join our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Palm / Passion Sunday April 2nd after the 10:15AM worship service. Bring a basket! Bring a friend! All are welcome!

Youth Group

We have been invited to join the Youth Group with First Congregational and Grace Methodist Church. This has given all of us an opportunity to meet new people, continue to grow in our faith, and continue in our fellowship with one another. We have attended our first two meetings and have already made some new friendships, participated in a service project, and had a bowling outing.

Here are the meeting dates and locations for April.

April 2nd at First Congregational Church

April 23rd at First Congregational Church

April 29th - Fundraiser at Grace Methodist - Car Wash to Benefit Mission Trip to Maine

April 30th- 10:30AM - Travel to MA - Church Without Walls

All youth in grades 6th-12th are welcome to attend.

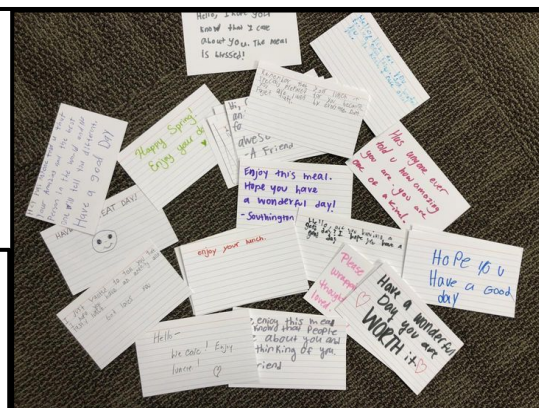
Meetings are held on Sundays from 7:00-8:15PM.



Bowling on March 25th
(left)

**Service Project for
"Bread for Life"
on March 19th**

(right)





A Peek into Zion Nursery School

The students of Zion Christian Nursery School enjoyed a 'Special Person/Grandparent's Day' recently. They made a craft, had snacks with and sang songs to special people in their lives. Our three year old class had a wonderful visit with *Gilbert the Party Pig*. They were able to have a hands on experience and learn all about pigs.

ZCNS is looking forward to its first Easter Egg Hunt fundraiser on April 7th at 10:00AM. Families have graciously donated egg hunt supplies. It will be a fun day!

Parent conferences are this month, and teachers always enjoy sharing student progress with parents. April will also feature a visit from Pastor Jeff and Easter celebrations! We are busy as usual and having so much fun!

Our Book Club Selection for April is...



"Remarkable Faith,"

by Shauna Letellier.

Through vignettes in the Bible, the author demonstrates that remarkable faith isn't about achieving or performing. Perhaps, faith is desperately seeking Jesus's help. Let's read this book and discuss how Jesus marvels at the remarkable faith of the nameless people in the Bible. Some books are available for purchase (\$12) at Zion on the table in the Gathering Place or you can get your copy at your favorite bookseller.

The next Book Club meeting will be Thursday, April 27th at 7:00PM.



Join Us for Ladies' Lunch

Wednesday, April 12th at

Viron Rondo Osteria, 1271 Highland Ave, Cheshire.

All Are Welcome!



Sunday, June 11th Annual Church Picnic



This year we will worship outdoors at Zion and the picnic will begin afterwards on the lawn! Look for more information soon!

July 17th-21st

Vacation Bible School



We will "Shine Jesus' Light" It will be "out of this world." Look for more information soon!

THE COOKBOOKS ARE HERE!

"Cooking for Joy, Cooking with Love"

Dedicated in memory of Cindy Miller.

\$15 each

Proceeds will benefit the

'Czarnota Family Apple Fritter Scholarship'

The perfect gift for... Easter, Mother's Day, Wedding Showers, College Graduation, Birthdays, House Warming, Christmas or 'Just Because.'

Cookbooks with payment envelopes are available in the Gathering Place.

Call or text Betty Lou at 860-304-6668 or call the church office at 860-628-5759 with questions.

Spring Clean Up and Bottles & Cans Sorting!

Please join us on Saturday, April 22nd from 9:00AM- 1:00PM to spruce up the church and parsonage grounds for spring and to sort the bottles & cans that have been donated all winter long!

Coffee / Water, & Donuts will be provided.

(And depending on how long it takes...maybe pizza too!)

Come when you can...leave when you must.

Many hands make light work, so please join us.

What better way to spend Earth Day!

Bring the Family!!!



April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Palm / Passion Sunday 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 9:00AM Sunday School / Conf. "Stations of the Cross" event Coffee / Fellowship Hour 10:15AM Worship / Holy Communion 11:15AM Easter Egg Hunt 6:00PM Youth Group @ FCC	3	4	5 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den 7:00PM Choir	6 Maundy Thursday 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory 7:00PM Worship	7 Good Friday 10:00AM ZCNS Egg Hunt 7:00PM Worship	8 No Worship Service on this day
9 Easter Sunday 6:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 10:15AM Worship / Holy Communion	10 <i>Office closed</i>	11 7:00PM Worship & Music	12 12:00PM Ladies' Lunch @ Viron Rondo, Cheshire 7:00PM Choir	13	14	15 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
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30 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 9:00AM Sunday School / Conf. Coffee / Fellowship Hour 10:15AM Worship / Holy Communion Recognition of Baptisms 10:30AM Youth to Springfield, MA	May 1	2	3 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den 7:00PM Choir	4 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	5	6 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion

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Return Service Requested

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