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

Dear Community of Zion,

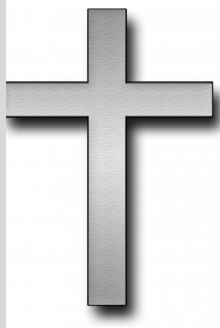
In the next month, we have three baptisms at Zion. A fourth will soon be scheduled. It is always a joyful part of the service when we welcome someone to our community. We say to the newly baptized “ We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world”.

The parents and sponsors make promises to make sure to “teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, and place in their hands the holy scriptures”.

While it is the parents and sponsors who make the promises, we as a community of God provide the opportunities. We did that through Sunday school, giving our youth bibles, Confirmation, First Communion Classes, and Vacation Bible School.

This year’s Vacation Bible School is the week of July 17th. Plans are being made for fun, food, fellowship, and learning more about God. There are many ways that you can help welcome these young folks and help them learn. Contact Ali (sundayschool@zionlutheranct.org) to see how you can support our young people and this program.

Peace,
Pastor Jeff



Midweek Worship Wednesdays **August 9th & September 6th at 7:00PM**

Join us for mid-week worship! It will be similar to our Saturday and Sunday worship, but especially good if you are away for the weekend. No reservations necessary. Just show up.

Bring a friend!

 **For Pastoral Care and Concerns,**

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



Come and Join Us for Worship!

Our Summer Schedule has Begun! 6/18-9/3/23

Saturdays at 4:00PM

Sundays at 9:00AM

Wednesdays, August 9th & September 6th
at 7:00PM



"Treasure Talk" by John Miller

<u>June 2023 Results</u>	<u>2023 Budget*</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Actual v Budget</u>
Total Income	\$ 15,272.95	\$ 14,109.37	\$ 14,476.03	\$ (1,163.53)
Total Expenses	\$ 29,550.74	\$ 21,764.17	\$ 35,921.76	\$ (7,786.46)
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (14,277.79)	\$ (7,654.80)	\$ (21,445.73)	\$ 6,622.93
<u>YTD 2023 Results (Jan-June)</u>	<u>2023 Budget*</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Actual v Budget</u>
Total Income	\$ 91,637.50	\$ 96,192.40	\$ 90,611.89	\$ 4,554.90
Total Expenses	\$ 177,304.00	\$ 163,774.32	\$ 177,810.02	\$ (13,529.68)
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (85,666.50)	\$ (67,581.92)	\$ (87,198.13)	\$ 18,084.58

* Figures derived by dividing annual budget by twelve



Mid-Year Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday August 6, 2023
immediately following the 9:00AM Worship service.

Well, not immediately following the service, as we will give the Messner family some time to take pictures in the sanctuary following the baptism of Declan. Coffee and treats will be available in the Gathering Place during that time.

The mid-year meeting is designed to give the congregation an update on the church's finances, an Apple Harvest update for the upcoming season and any other information that needs to be shared at that time. One item that will be addressed is the state of the 'Crystal Palace' (the white concrete building next to the Pleasant Street entrance) and a decision on how to move forward with the maintenance that needs to be done. Information regarding this will be available prior to the meeting.

We hope as many members as possible will attend on August 6th. We will provide a Zoom option for those who are not able to attend in person. If you would like to attend via Zoom, please email me at president@zionlutheranct.org and I will send you the information closer to the meeting day.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John E. Miller, Council President



Wonderful Ministry Opportunity Open to All

Have you been looking for an opportunity to share your gifts? Has God given you a nudge lately? Do you feel that God has something new for you to do? Would you like to help someone and make a difference in their life? Can you spend an hour every week or two and listen, love, and support someone who is hurting? Well, this might just be what you need!

There is a *Stephen Ministry* class beginning in September. Classes are held once a week at the *First Congregational Church* in Southington. Learn how to help people and walk with them as they journey through grief, job loss, divorce, etc.

To learn more about Stephen Ministry go to www.stephenministries.org or contact Zion's Stephen ministers:

Michelle Gibbs - michellepgibbs@cox.net, Dawne Cappellino - Zootsie1013@gmail.com or

Joan Cockcroft - joancockcroft7@gmail.com. You'll be glad you did!



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; LeAnn Kroll; Cindy Reinert & Michelle Lavoie, daughters of Paul Reinert; Bill Umile; Elfriede Kiesling; Dawne Cappellino; Cathy Burge; Kroll Family, Lisa Miller, Brenda (Buettemeyer), family and friends of Bobby Miller.

Those in Hospitals / Care Centers / Assisted Living:

William Brown - **The Summit:** Jean Wiltse - **Cedar Mountain Commons**

Wedding Anniversaries:

7/2, Rebecca & Tim Kessler; 7/3, Katherine & Brian Reeves; 7/13, Peter & Alicia Redline; 7/14, Jason & Sarah McDonnell; 7/18, Dayna & Todd Helming; 7/20, Meaghan & AJ Candelora; 8/2, Christine & Kevin Doran; 8/7, Michael & Susan Simoniello; 8/9, Richard & Nikki-Ann Heitz; 8/12, Ronald & Betty Lou Schweiger; 8/13, Danielle & Paul Forand; 8/18, Anne & Doug Graham; 8/21, Marjorie & Mark Appleby; 8/26, Scott & Jill Polverari; 8/27, Dot & Andy Nicholas.

Deaths:

6/13; Pricilla Hart, mother of Kathy Keen (Zion NS teacher)

6/21; Jack Mattson, brother of LeAnn Kroll

7/4; Bobby Miller, husband of the late Cindy (Czarnota) Miller

Family & Friends of Zion

Lord in your Mercy:

Butch Rabe, Bonnie Rabe, friends of Mark & Lisa Proffitt; Val & family, family of Bonnie Zownir; Courtney, friend of Bonnie Zownir; 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; Julia and Emily, family of Jacki & Tom Willametz; Jocelyn, relative of John Miller; Scott, friend of John Miller; Keiko (Kay-ko) & Mike Goulet; Anna, sister of Carra Rockwood; Steve, Ben, & Nina Fleck, family of Carra Rockwood; Mary Mousch, Avery Hodum, Melissa Holznagel, family of Karen Erasmus; Christopher, family of Mark & Lisa Proffitt; Elly Molino Myers; Linda, Ed, friends of Tammy & John; Brohdi; Judi, Nick, family of the Dorans; Bob; Anthony Santiago, grandson of Karen Erasmus; Holly Pytka, sister of Lydia Holbrook; Kim Lazerek, friend of Lydia Holbrook; Frank Kryzwick; Kathy Keen and the family of Priscilla Hart; Patty; Eric; Charles Hart, father of Kathy Keen, Heather Thompson, friend of Lois Garafola; Laurie, Rob, & Jimmy.

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; Sgt. Phillip J. Reynolds, friend of Lynn McCormack.

*If you would like someone on the prayer list, please email
the church office (office@zionlutheranct.org) or call 860-628-5759 by May 15th.*

Sunday School News

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submitted by Ali Frega

Sunday School & Confirmation Class

It's that time again! Registration is open for Sunday School. Sunday School is available for students ages PreK 3 - Grade 5. We meet each Sunday at 9:00AM. Classes will begin after Labor Day. Look for the registration link in our weekly blue emails and on the website www.zionlutheranct.org

Confirmation Classes are for students in Grades 6th - 8th and Students will be Confirmed / Affirm their Baptism in the Fall of 9th grade.

2023 Vacation Bible School - July 17-21

We will "Shine Jesus' Light" and it will be "out of this world."

5:15PM - 8:00PM (A light dinner will be provided)



Sign Ups Still Encouraged!

Walk-ins welcome too!!!

COME JOIN THE FUN!

This summer join us as we venture to outer space through "Stellar". We will explore God's word and lessons about Jesus through music, Imagination Station, crafts, and games.

Children ages 3 (potty trained) - Grade 5 are encouraged to join us for this adventure.

Sign-up on our web page zionlutheranct.org OR call the church office!

If you can't sign-up, just come on down! Walk-ins are welcome!

****Volunteers are still Needed for the Week - Please email Ali****

Youth Group - We Need You!

Build your resume and have fun in the process!

Volunteer to help us at VBS this summer...make this year great for all our young ones!

Contact Ali to see how you can help!



A Peek into Zion Nursery School

Zion Nursery School staff are enjoying their summer break. There have been milestones all around. Our teachers own children have graduated Kindergarten, fifth grade, eighth grade and high school this June! What a wonderful month of celebrations!

While the classroom may be packed up, preparations are underway for fall. The 3 year olds and 4 year old classes are full for September, and the PreK is almost there too. Feel free to email Danielle Muir, nursery school director, at nurseryschool@zionlutheranct.org if you have a preschooler and would like to be added to our waiting list.

Enjoy your summer and read, read, read! See you in the fall!



Jessica Wright, Alyssa Polverari, Brody Watson, Jennifer Parenty

We had a celebration after worship on Sunday, June 19th to recognize all the seniors who graduated this year.

Your Zion family wishes you well with your future plans!

(For those of you who could not attend, please stop by the church to pick up your gift!)

School Supply Drive!

It's that time of year again when we will be collecting school Supplies for local children.



Collections will be delivered to *Southington Community Services* at the end of August.

Supplies most needed are: pencils, pens, crayons, markers, notebooks, erasers, file folders, highlighters, backpacks (school sized) and anything else you feel would be useful for these students!

Items can be placed in the blue wagon in the Gathering Place. Thank you for your continued supplies.

GAME NIGHT at Zion

THIS Friday, July 14th at 6:00PM

All Men, Women, Families are invited to

evening of fun and games! Bring your favorite game if you like or play one we have here. Please join us...the more the merrier!



Please Join Us...Ladies' Breakfast & Lunch

Saturday, July 20th at 9:00AM - 'Rowdy Rooster'

1173 Queen St., Southington

Tuesday, August 22nd at 12:00PM - 'El Sombrero'

151 Queen St., Southington



There's Still Time to...

Get Your COOKBOOK & Support a Great Cause!

We invite you to join us in our mission to continue funding the '**Czarnota Family Apple Fritter Scholarship**' through the sale of this cookbook, dedicated in memory of Cindy (Czarnota) Miller.

"Cooking for Joy, Cooking with Love"

Cookbooks are available in the Gathering Place for \$15

What a wonderful way to honor such a beautiful soul who gave so much love and joy to our Zion family!

Rest up and recharge this summer

because ...

FRITTER SEASON IS COMING September 29th - October 8th!!

Apple Fritter Meeting - August 8th @ 6:30PM

Barrel Washing - August 12th

Flour Mixing - September 9th

Booth Building - September 24th- 28th

Apple Bagging - September 27th & 28th
October 3rd & 4th

Booth Breakdown (& drinks) - October 8th

Please come! All are welcome to join us!

Attending these dates will be extremely beneficial to you, in ways we have yet to discover!

Thank you! *The Apple Fritter Committee*

July / August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 9:00AM Worship / Holy Communion OUTDOORS	10 7:00PM Finance	11 7:00PM Worship & Music	12 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den	13	14 6:00PM Game Night	15 4:00PM Worship
16 9:00AM Worship / Holy Communion	17 9:00AM Bottles & Cans 5:15PM VBS	18 6:30PM Council 5:15PM VBS	19 5:15PM VBS	20 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory 5:15PM VBS	21 5:15PM VBS	22 9:00AM Ladies Breakfast @ Rowdy Rooster 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
23 9:00AM Worship / Holy Communion	24 9:00AM Bottles & Cans	25	26	27	28	29 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
30 9:00AM Worship / Holy Communion	31 9:00AM Bottles & Cans	August 1	2	3	4	5 4:00PM Worship / Healing Service with Holy Communion
6 9:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 10:00AM Congregational Meeting	7 9:00AM Bottles & Cans 7:00PM Worship & Music	8 6:30PM Apple Harvest	9 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den 7:00PM Midweek Worship	10	11	12 9:00AM Barrel Washing 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
13 9:00AM Worship / Holy Communion	14 9:00AM Bottles & Cans	15	16	17	18 6:00PM Women's Group	19 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
20 9:00AM Worship / Holy Communion	21 9:00AM Bottles & Cans	22 12:00PM Ladies' Lunch @ El Sombreros 7:00PM Finance	23	24 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	25	26 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
27 9:00AM Worship / Holy Communion	28 9:00AM Bottles & Cans	29	30 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den	31	Sept 1	2 4:00PM Worship / Healing Service with Holy Communion

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Return Service Requested

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