



THE LIGHT

The Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Southington, CT

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Community of Zion,

For my first two summers here, we worshipped outside because we HAD to. There was not much of a choice. The sound system was set up. An altar was put together on my porch. People brought chairs to sit on. Some stayed in cars and heard the service on their FM radio. Hymns were sung. Bible readings were read. A sermon was preached. Communion was shared. Mostly, the weather was good so we got some Vitamin D, breathed fresh air, and enjoyed being in God's creation.

Since last summer, all of our worship services have been in the sanctuary. Hymns were sung. Bible readings were read. A sermon was preached. Communion was shared. We enjoyed the beauty of the sanctuary.

This summer, we GET to worship outdoors four times. Once each month - June 11th at the picnic, July 9th, August 6, and September 24th, which is also Blessing of the Animals. The rest of the days worship will be inside.

Please mark these days on the calendars so you can remember to bring a chair. Hymns will be sung. Bible readings will be read. A sermon will be preached. Communion will be shared. We will get some Vitamin D, breathe fresh air, and enjoy being in God's creation together.

Peace,
Pastor Jeff

P.S. Reminder that we will recognize our High School Graduates during worship on Sunday, June 18th at 9:00AM.

A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Members of Zion:

As we head into our summer schedule, I just want to say thank you to everyone who has stepped up over these last several months as we have transitioned our services back to a pre pandemic format. It's so nice to see familiar and not so familiar faces participating in the services: ushering, reading the lessons, reading the prayers of the people and handing out communion. Our choir sounds better than ever, our Sunday School is filled with energy and song and our church life is really starting to feel normal again including all of the delicious treats during Coffee Hour. We can't forget about all those behind the scenes who never wavered in their duties that needed to continue throughout the pandemic including our counters, our volunteers who make sure the bulletins are assembled and folded along with the Light, our candles are well oiled wicked, our hymns are displayed at the front of the sanctuary for all of our service, our sound system be managed, services recorded and our altar be set every service and changed for the seasons together with the panels behind the altar just to name a few. Thank you all!

Sincerely,

✝ 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!

Saturdays at 4:00PM

Sundays: June 4th - 8:00AM & 10:15 AM

June 11th - 10:30AM (outside /church picnic)

☀ June 18th*, June 25th - 9:00AM

(*Our Summer Schedule begins Sunday, June 18th)



“Treasure Talk” by John Miller

<u>April 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	\$ 19,984.20	\$ 13,087.48	\$ 4,711.30
Total Expenses	\$ 29,550.63	\$ 22,146.08	\$ 34,272.58	\$ (7,404.55)
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (14,277.73)	\$ (2,161.88)	\$ (21,185.10)	\$ 12,115.85
<u>YTD 2023 Results (Jan-April)</u>	<u>2023 Budget*</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Actual v Budget</u>
Total Income	\$ 61,091.65	\$ 72,518.58	\$ 62,486.38	\$ 11,426.93
Total Expenses	\$ 118,202.63	\$ 112,076.03	\$ 118,717.08	\$ (6,126.60)
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (57,110.98)	\$ (39,557.45)	\$ (56,230.70)	\$ 17,553.53

* Figures derived by dividing annual budget by twelve



Scholarships Announced!

The Scholarship Committee is very pleased to announce the recipients of our two awards for 2023. There were more applications this year than what we have received in the past, which made the final selections all the more difficult. To all the other candidates and graduates we wish you Godspeed and don't forget to come back to visit us at Zion when you are in town. Remember Zion will always be your church family.

The Czarnota Family Apple Fritter Scholarship was awarded to Jessica Wright. She is the daughter of Carol and Jesse Wright of Southington. Jessica will be graduating from Southington High School and continuing her education at Central Connecticut State University. Her future goal is to enter the nursing profession.

The Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Post Secondary Education Scholarship was awarded to Alexa Simoniello. She is the daughter of Susan and Michael Simoniello of Southington. Alexa will also be graduating from Southington High School and will be continuing her studies at Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI. Alexa plans to get her degree in business.



Jessica Wright



Pastor Jeff, Alexa, Jessica, Lisa Proffitt



Alexa Simoniello

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; Cindy Reinert and Michelle Lavoie, daughters of Paul Reinert; Cindy Collella; Bill Umile; Elfriede Kiesling; Dawne Cappellino.

Those in Hospitals, Care Centers and Homebound:

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

Wedding Anniversaries:

6/5 Nancy & Glenn Benoit; 6/10 Gail & Bill Fissette; 6/12 Pastor Jeff & Debbie Stalley; 6/13 Pam & Jim Turner; 6/14 Christine & Peter Spataro; 6/18 Lee & John Sirotnak ; 6/20 Sandy & Charles DeMarino; 6/22 Michelle & Bill Gibbs; 6/26 Linda & Matthew Benoit; 6/27 Sandy & George McKenney; 6/28 Laura & Michael Webster; 6/28 Cindy Kenneth & Paul; 6/30 Sue & Doug McGough.

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; Bob & Penny Steindl; 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 & Mike Goulet; Maria Fleck, sister-in-law of Carra Rockwood; Steve, Ben, & Nina Fleck, family of Carra Rockwood; Mary Mousch, Avery Hodum, family of Karen Erasmus; Ed, friend of John and Tammy; Christopher, family of Mark & Lisa Proffitt; Elly Molino Myers; Linda, friend of Tammy & John; Brohdi; Judi, Nick, family if the Dorans; Bob; Anthony Santiago, grandson of Karen Erasmus; Holly Pytka, sister of Lydia Holbrook; Kim Lazerek, friend of Lydia Holbrook

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.

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*Special Note: We have started the prayer list over with this edition of The Light .
If you would like someone on the prayer list, please email
the church office (office@zionlutheranct.org) or call 860-628-5759.*

Sunday School News

June 2023

submitted by Ali Frega

Sunday School & Confirmation Class

It has been a great year! I want to thank everyone who has helped teach and share our lessons each week.

We could not have made our classes and events possible without you. Thank you to Bill, Lydia, Mike, Chris, Jeanne, Aimee, and Christine for everything you have done to help teach our students this year.

Thank you and we will see you in September!

Youth Group

We have enjoyed getting to know everyone in our new combined group with the First Congregational Church and Grace Methodist Church. Although we are pausing meetings for the summer, we are looking forward to Fall and are beginning to plan some fun activities. Don't forget: All Students in Grades 6-12 are welcome to join and new members are always welcome.

2023 Vacation Bible School - July 17th-21st

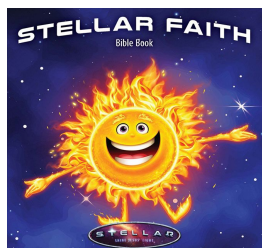


We will "Shine Jesus' Light" and it will be "out of this world."

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.

Students ages PreK 3 - 5 are encouraged to join us for this adventure.

To sign up, email Ali at sundayschool@zionlutheranct.org



Volunteers are Needed for the Week - Please email Ali



A Peek into Zion Nursery School

Our school year has come to an end at Zion Christian Nursery School. Our teachers are sad to see their students go, but know they are prepared for their next steps. Children enjoyed many "end of year" activities including teddy bear picnics, a pizza party, plenty of playground time, and popsicles! We were happy to welcome family and friends to our end of year programs. Students performed songs, acted out books, and were presented with certificates. As they say, "time flies when you are having fun." Our kiddos had plenty of fun this year! Enjoy those small moments with the children in your life. You blink and they are grown. We are blessed here at ZCNS to play just a small role in so many little lives.

Bottles & Cans Sorting! Mondays at 9:00AM

(weather permitting)

All Are Welcome...No experience necessary!



Zion's Annual Church Picnic

(This year it's on the Church Lawn)

Sunday, June 11th 10:00AM - 4:30PM

10:00AM Coffee etc.

10:30AM Worship w/holy communion (New Members received)

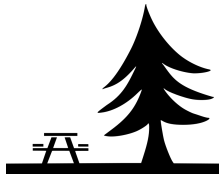
11:30AM Chowder & Chili

12:00PM Lunch

1:00PM "Tony the Magician"

2:30PM Bingo (with prizes)

3:30PM Vespers



We will have lawn and table games too!

Everyone is invited to enjoy the fresh air, good food and fellowship!
Bring a friend!

(If you happen to forget to sign-up, PLEASE COME ANYWAY!!!)

Please bring a lawn chair and a food or toiletry item for Southington Community Services.

Help is always appreciated for: Set-up on Saturday, 6/10 at 2:00PM
and Clean up after Vespers on Sunday

Don't Miss Out...Get Your COOKBOOK & Support a Great Cause!

It's been almost a year since our beloved Cindy passed away (5/24/22) and 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!



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We are excited to recognize the following graduates

College Graduates

Jacob Holbrook graduated the University of Maine with a MS in Biomedical Engineering.

Taylor Dauphin graduated Arizona State University (ASU) with a MS in Organizational Leadership. She is an Operations & Implementation Manager at ASU.

Abby McGough graduated Rhode Island College with a BA in Musical Theater and a minor in Dance.

Eli Steindl graduated the University of Southern New Hampshire with a BS in Construction Management.

High School Graduates

Kelsey Day, granddaughter of Alma Erickson, graduates Berlin HS and will attend Trinity College in Hartford majoring in Neuroscience.

Lilli Doran graduates Southington HS and will attend Boston College pursuing a degree in Nursing.

Nicholas Halloran graduates Southington HS and will attend the University of Hartford and major in Mechanical Engineering.

Davis Kroll graduates St. Paul's HS and will attend Harding University majoring in Speech Pathology.

Lillian Magyar graduates Southington HS and will attend Roger Williams University majoring in Communications and Marketing.

Alexander Martin graduates Southington HS and will attend Tunxis Community College to pursue a degree in Teaching Physical Education.

Kayleigh McHale graduates Southington HS and will attend Simmons University majoring in Nursing.

Carissa Murphy graduates Southington HS and will attend CCSU majoring in Public Relations and Communications.

Jennifer Parenty graduates Norwalk HS and would like to pursue a career in Cosmetology or Hairdressing.

Alyssa Polverari graduates Southington HS and will attend WPI majoring in Robotic Engineering.

William Reeves graduates Southington HS and will attend High Point University majoring in Education and will run for the track team.

Alexa Simoniello graduates Southington HS and will attend Roger Williams University majoring in Business.

Brody Watson graduates Southington HS and will attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) majoring in Aerospace Engineering.

Jessica Wright graduates Southington HS and will attend CCSU majoring in Nursing.



APPLE FRITTER Events of 2023



Festival Dates - September 29th-October 8th

Apple Fritter Meeting - June 13th @ 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

There's so much to do to prepare for the Fritter Frenzy! Please come! All are welcome to join us!

We love new faces... (and old ones too!)



June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 28 8:00AM Worship/ Holy Communion* 9:00AM Sunday School / Conf. Coffee / Fellowship Hour 10:15AM Worship/ Holy Communion	29 Memorial Day <i>office closed</i> NO Bottles & Cans 	30	31 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den	1 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	2	3 4:00PM Worship / Healing Service with Holy Communion
4 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 9:00AM Sunday School / Conf. Coffee / Fellowship Hour 10:15AM Worship /Holy Communion 3:00PM Youth Pool Party @ Fowler's home	5 NO Bottles & Cans 7:00PM Finance	6 7:00PM Worship & Music	7 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den	8 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	9 Synod Assembly	10 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion Synod Assembly
11 Church Picnic 10AM-4:30PM 10:30AM Worship /Holy Communion Outside @ Zion	12 9:00AM Bottles & Cans	13 6:30PM Apple Fritter Mtg	14 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den	15 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	16	17 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
18 Fathers' Day 9:00AM Worship / Holy Communion	19 9:00AM Bottles & Cans	20 12:00PM Ladies' Lunch @ Wood-n-Tap	21 9:00AM Grief Class check- in 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den	22 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory 6:30PM Mutual Ministry	23 6:00PM Women's Group	24 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
25 9:00AM Worship / Holy Communion	26 9:00AM Bottles & Cans	27 6:30PM Council	28 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den	29 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	30	July 1 4:00PM Worship / Healing Service with Holy Communion

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Return Service Requested

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