



# THE LIGHT

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

Dear People of God,

There are many things that I love about Zion. But one of my favorites is how we are doing the prayers of the people. It is very moving to me to hear you all read the different prayer petitions.

It feels like there is something new every day at Zion. Maybe these things aren't new to you, but they are to me. It feels good! You all reading the prayer petitions is something we recently begin doing again.

Liturgy means public service or the work of the people. Liturgy is meant for the people and the pastor to do together. Lutherans are liturgical people. You may have noticed that when you have attended other churches. That the people in the pews do more singing and responding during Lutheran services.

I also really like that when you speak the petitions, you are praying for each other. Or you are speaking for each other. I tend to get wrapped up in they busy-ness of the service. But when you are speaking the different prayer petitions, I am always moved.

So thank you for that!

Peace,  
Pastor Jeff



### Synod Assembly is June 9th & 10th.

In addition to our two delegates, we are looking for a third delegate between the ages of 18 and 30.

It is a chance to meet other Lutherans throughout New England, attend workshops, and worship with 500 other Lutherans.

Contact Pastor if you would like to know more.

([pastor@zionlutheranct.org](mailto:pastor@zionlutheranct.org))

### Thank You Chris!

On Sunday April 23rd, we celebrated that Chris Messner has been the *Music Director* at Zion for 30 years! We are so grateful for the way Chris leads our music program.

Thank you to the Women's Group for hosting the luncheon.



# ✝ 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 at 9:00AM

### “Treasure Talk” by John Miller

#### March 2023 Results

	<u>2023 Budget*</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Actual v Budget</u>
Total Income	\$ 15,272.95	\$ 15,526.90	\$ 15,621.70	\$ 253.95
Total Expenses	\$ 29,550.74	\$ 32,949.32	\$ 26,984.82	\$ 3,398.58
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (14,277.79)	\$ (17,422.42)	\$ (11,363.12)	\$ 3,144.63

#### YTD 2023 Results (Jan-Mar)

	<u>2023 Budget*</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Actual v Budget</u>
Total Income	\$ 45,818.75	\$ 52,685.37	\$ 49,398.90	\$ 6,866.82
Total Expenses	\$ 88,652.00	\$ 89,637.05	\$ 84,444.50	\$ 985.05
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (42,833.25)	\$ (36,951.68)	\$ (35,045.60)	\$ 5,881.57

\* Figures derived by dividing annual budget by twelve



**Did You Know?** We are sending Starbucks gift cards to all of our college students for a little boost while studying for finals or to celebrate the end of finals?



### Everything you need to know about Zion

Interested in learning more about Zion?  
Interested in becoming a member?

You are invited to join us in the Gathering Place on Tuesday, May 30th at 7:00PM. Bring your questions!



### Announcing the Christopher Messner New Organ Fund

Chris has had such a positive impact on Zion since he became our organist on April 26, 1992. He has filled this church with such beautiful music each and every week. He has been the one constant in our worship service and has helped us navigate through the many transitions we have experienced over these past 30 years. He's always open to new ideas and supports anyone who wants to add their talent to our worship service. One example is how *'Bells and Blessings'* has become such an integral part of our Christmas season celebration and could not happen without his tireless effort. I can't imagine all of the time he must spend learning music for everyone, recording music for people to practice and just working with them to find a song. We sometimes take things for granted, but ever since that Easter Sunday well over 5 years ago, when the organ stopped playing right in the middle of the service, and we found out that spare parts were hard to come by, we have worried about the longevity of this organ.

In order to honor Chris, we have established the *'Christopher Messner New Organ Fund'* to begin a campaign for a replacement organ. Once the funds are raised and the organ is purchased and set in place, it will be dedicated to Chris for all of the beautiful music he has filled our church with over these past 30 years and for how much he means to our Zion Family. Please donate if you can. Make sure to put "organ fund" in the memo line on your check. Thank you! (If you have questions, feel free to contact John Miller.)



On Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> we had 28 people help with cans & bottles, weeding, stump removal, and planting during Zion's spring work day. Thank you to everyone who came out; the grounds look beautiful and all the bottles & cans that accumulated during the winter were counted and sorted!

Congratulations to Nancy Benoit who won the raffle and received four tickets to a Yard Goats game!.

# 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; Lee Bluis; Ginny Freeman; Bill Umile; Cindy Reinert and Michelle Lavoie, daughters of Paul Reinert; Sandy Darling; Cindy Colella; Ray Tanguay.

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

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

## **Wedding Anniversaries:**

5/2, Nick & Erika DiGeronimo; 5/5, Cindy & Mike Babon; 5/5, Russell & Giselle Cowles; 5/16 Jason & Brandi Dougherty; 5/23 Bonnie & George Zownir; 5/30 Duane & Patricia Judd.

## **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; Dave; Joannette Johnson, mother-in-law of Carol Wright Linda Avanzatto, aunt of Carol Wright; Sarah and Leann.

### **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; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Colton McInnis, USAF pilot, son of Susan Prairie; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Kurt Oden, USAF, nephew of Christine Kryzwick.

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*Special Note: We will be starting the prayer list over with the June edition of The Light and the June 4th worship service. 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

May 2023

submitted by Ali Frega

## Sunday School & Confirmation Class

There will be no class on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day) & Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day Weekend)



Thank you to everyone who helped with our Stations, Singing, and Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday. We could not have had these events without you.

They were a huge success and we had a great turnout! Here are a few snapshots of our day!



## Youth Group

In April we met to plan meals and cooked together!. We discussed how food brings us closer to each other and our faith.

**Here are our meeting dates for May:**

May 7th: Hidden Valley Mini Golf - meet at Hidden Valley at 5:30 pm

May 14th - No Meeting - Happy Mother's Day

May 21th - Pizza and Games - WE HOST! (at Zion) 7:00PM-8:15PM.

May 28th - No Meeting - Memorial Day Weekend

**All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend!**



## 2023 Vacation Bible School - July 17-21

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



## A Peek into Zion Nursery School

"April showers bring May flowers," has been the theme at ZCNS this month. Students have made umbrellas, rain clouds and rain drops. They are looking forward to seeing more flowers in the coming weeks!

Our first Easter Egg Hunt was held on Good Friday. Over 100 children attended. It was a beautiful morning and the Easter Bunny even made an appearance. Classes celebrated Earth Day in class recently. Our 3s got to touch worms and our 4s had a visit from a recycling truck! Students are beginning to prepare for our annual Mother's Day Tea. Projects are being created and special songs are being learned to celebrate moms.

### **Don't Miss Out...**

#### **Get Your COOKBOOK and 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

They make the perfect gift for Mother's Day, Wedding Shows, College Graduation, House Warming, Birthdays, or "just because."

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



## **Annual Church Picnic** **Sunday, June 11th at Zion!**



Look for opportunities to help plan and a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place in May.

Please save the date for this fun day with your Zion family! Bring a friend!



### **SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE...**

Thank you to everyone who completed an application. We look forward to awarding the scholarships in June!

### **Please Join Us...Bottles & Cans Sorting!**



**May 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00AM**

All are welcome!

No experience necessary!

### **Please Join Us...All Are Welcome!**

#### **Women's Group Meetings @ 6:00PM**



Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> & June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Zion

#### **Ladies' Breakfast / Lunch**

Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> Breakfast at 'Pepper Pot'

Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> Lunch at 'Wood n Tap'



### **Please Join Us for Our First** **APPLE FRITTER MEETING of 2023** **on Tuesday, May 9th at 6:00PM**



There are only 151 days until the first fritter is fried at the 2023 Apple Harvest Festival and 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!)



## **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. Learn how to help people and walk with them as they journey through grief, job loss, divorce, etc. Training is once each week at the *First Congregational Church* in Southington.

To learn more about Stephen Ministry go to [www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org) or contact

Zion's Stephen ministers: Michelle Gibbs - [michellepgibbs@cox.net](mailto:michellepgibbs@cox.net),

Dawne Cappellino - [Zootsie1013@gmail.com](mailto:Zootsie1013@gmail.com) or

Joan Cockcroft - [joancockcroft7@gmail.com](mailto:joancockcroft7@gmail.com). You'll be glad you did!



# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April 30</b> 8:00AM Worship/ Holy Communion* 9:00AM Sunday School / Conf. Coffee / Fellowship Hour 10:15AM Worship/ Holy Communion* * Recognition of Baptisms 10:30AM Youth - Church without Walls to Springfield, MA	<b>May 1</b> 7:00PM Finance	2 7:00PM Worship & Music	3 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Choir  <i>Pastor at Synod Conference</i>	4   <i>Pastor at Synod Conference</i>	5	6 4:00PM Worship / Healing Service with Holy Communion
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<b>14 Mothers' Day</b> 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 9:00AM Special Coffee Hour No Sunday School / Conf. 10:15AM Worship /Holy Communion	15 5:00PM Unique Boutique	16 6:30PM Council	17 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Choir	18 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory	19 6:00PM Women's Group	20 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
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Return Service Requested

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