



THE LIGHT

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

Dear Community of Zion,

We've been through the long season (since June) of Pentecost, where the liturgy has stayed the same.

Now it is November, where the liturgy will change every week.

The first Sunday of November is All Saints which is a lesser festival. Which means that we sing "This is the Feast" as the Hymn of Praise, not Glory to God in the Highest.

The Second Sunday of November is a "regular" Sunday of Pentecost and so the liturgy will be the same as we have been doing since June.

The Third Sunday of November is Christ the King Sunday which is a Festival Sunday. We sing the Kyrie and the Hymn of Praise.

The Fourth Sunday of November is the First Sunday in Advent where we will sing the Kyrie, but not the Hymn of Praise.


If you are not a fan of change, you might be wondering why each week is different. The liturgy is different on festival days to accentuate the uniqueness of those days. Singing just the Kyrie in Advent is similar to Lent and ties it in with that season. Changes in the liturgy help us to see the differences in the seasons of the church year. Ultimately, to make worship more meaningful to us.


Peace,
Pastor Jeff



Is Something a Little Different this Advent?

Are you wondering why your Advent Calendar and the beginning of Advent at church don't start on the same day? It's because of the way the Sundays of the church year fall this year; December 24th is both the 4th Sunday of Advent *and* Christmas Eve. So instead of celebrating Advent 4 in the morning and Christmas Eve in the Afternoon/Evening, we are adjusting the calendar. We are moving the first Sunday of Advent from December 3rd to November 26th. The fourth Sunday of Advent will be December 17th and December 24th will be Christmas Eve.

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

 **Join Us for Worship!**
Saturdays at 4:00PM
Sundays at 8:00AM & 10:15AM
Sunday School & Confirmation at 9:00AM

“Treasure Talk by John Miller

September 2023 Results	2023 Budget*	2023 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual v Budget
Total Income	\$ 15,272.95	\$ 12,335.86	\$ 9,068.12	\$ (2,937.09)
Total Expenses	\$ 29,550.73	\$ 25,327.11	\$ 22,748.71	\$ (4,223.62)
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (14,277.78)	\$ (12,991.25)	\$ (13,680.59)	\$ 1,286.53
YTD 2023 Results (Jan-Sept)	2023 Budget*	2023 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual v Budget
Total Income	\$ 137,456.25	\$ 143,107.36	\$ 119,441.50	\$ 5,651.11
Total Expenses	\$ 265,955.97	\$ 252,777.86	\$ 250,295.68	\$ (13,178.11)
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (128,499.72)	\$ (109,670.50)	\$ (130,854.18)	\$ 18,829.22

* Figures derived by dividing annual budget by twelve



And in Apple Fritter News



To All of our Wonderful Volunteers,
On behalf of the entire Apple Fritter Committee, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your generous help in Zion's Apple Fritter Fundraiser. Your willingness to contribute your time and energy to Zion's event is truly appreciated.

There were days in the booth we thought we wouldn't make it and sometimes our calls were answered. Many people worked double and triple shifts in the booth to help make it happen. We have areas where we were still trying to get all hands-on-deck, even with all the volunteers we have!

Thank you for being an essential part of the team. From the Barrel Washers to the Flour Mixers, Apple Baggers, Booth Builders & Stockers, Pots and Pans Washers, Fritter Deliverers to the Booth Workers, the fritters you helped create were a highlight of the day and brought smiles to everyone's faces. Looking forward to working with you all again next year!

You truly are a blessing to our community! Krista, Lois, and the Apple Fritter Committee

The Evergreen Property next door to Zion has been sold and there is a meeting of Southington's Planning and Zoning Commission to discuss the plan for 18 homes to be built on the land adjacent to the church. If you are interested in attending this public meeting, it will be on **Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00PM at the John Weichel Municipal Center at 196 North Main Street, Southington.** The proposed plans are posted in the Gathering Place.

Thanksgiving Interfaith Worship Service
Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00PM
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
750 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, Southington



There will be a monetary collection for the *Southington Interfaith Clergy Association Manna Fund.*

Advent / Christmas Opportunities



Advent Begins

Sunday, November 26th

Advent Worship on Wednesdays

November 27th, December 6th, 13th, 20th at
6:00PM

Bells & Blessings,

Sunday, December 17th at 5:30PM
(See Chris Messner if you'd like to participate.)

Cookie Sale! (look for pre-order info soon)

December 17th (between worship services)

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th
3:00PM, 6:00PM & 11:00PM



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; Pat Bojarski;
LeAnn Kroll; Bill Umile; Sue Skrzypiec; Lee Bluis.

Those in Hospitals / Care Centers / Assisted Living:

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

Wedding Anniversaries:

11/6, Tom & Allison Patavino; 11/14, Lisa & William Doucette; 11/21, Paul & Mary Reinert;
11/22, Ernie & Ginny Freeman; 11/22, Rob & Krista Steindl;
11/24, Ralph & Sandra (Migliarese) Colosimo; 11/30, Shannon & Kyle Dobratz.

Deaths:

Family & Friends of Zion

Lord in your Mercy:

Debbie & Fred, Roz & Joe, friends of Carra Rockwood; Dennis & family, cousins of Carra Rockwood;
Anna, Steve, siblings of Carra Rockwood; Stephanie, friend of Carra Rockwood; family and friends of
Keiko Goulet; Mary Mousch, aunt of Karen Erasmus; Susan Chappo, friend of Karen Erasmus; Jerry
Cozzolino; Bob Johansson.

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.

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Weekly Prayer List Update: On November 4th, we re-started the prayer list. This is for a number of reasons. Sometimes, we have guests and visitors who put a name on the prayer list and then don't remember to contact us when it is time to remove that person from the list. Other times, because we may not see the list and only hear the first names, we forget to take our loved one/friend off the list. Or we may feel superstitious about taking a name off the list. On the other hand, we do want to continue to pray for your loved ones, friends, and colleagues whom you want us to pray for. If there are people that you want on the prayer list or you would like to continue to be on the prayer list, please call / email the office to let us know who you would like to put on the list and for how long.

*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

November 2023

submitted by Ali Frega

Sunday School & Confirmation Class

There will be No Class on Sunday, November 26th
I hope you have a great Thanksgiving with your family.

We are beginning to practice for our Christmas program
Please be on the lookout for more details about the date and time of our Pageant. We are
excited to share this experience with you.

We are always looking for Volunteers to assist and teach our Sunday School classes - if you are
interested, please contact Ali at sundayschool@zionlutheranct.org for more information.

Youth Group

Zion is hosting Youth Group this Month!

All students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us Sundays, November 5, 12, & 19
from 6:30PM-7:45PM

For more information on our Collaborative Youth Group please email Ali at
sundayschool@zionlutheranct.org.

November 5th - Noticing God's Presence, November 12th - Trusting God's Promise
November 19th - Fall Fun and Feast!



**Congratulations to
Bella, Kylie and Luke**
who 'Affirmed their Baptism' and
said "YES!" to God
on October 29th during worship.

Thank you to our Confirmation teachers
Aimee Teator, Christine Spataro, and the
countless Sunday School teachers who
prepared them for this day!



A Peek into Zion Nursery School

Our students at ZCNS had so much fun in October! The 4 year olds and PreK took a field trip to Norton Brothers Farm. They went on a hayride, picked apples and pumpkins, and learned all about how apples are processed at the farm. Our three year old class enjoyed an in house, "Day at the Orchard." Special thanks to Roger's Orchard for donating cider, cider donuts and apples to our classroom! Halloween was also celebrated. Children performed for parents and grandparents and wore their costumes to school. November will bring our Thanksgiving feast in all three classes. Students will be discussing what it means to be thankful and working on special projects. Happy Thanksgiving month to all!

Crocheting / Knitting Group

Join Zion's newly formed group! We will meet in the Gathering Place on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 1:00PM. All skill levels welcome; from beginners to experts!



Contact Lisa Proffitt at 860-307-0671 with questions..

All Are Welcome to Join Us for Ladies' Breakfast on Thursday, November 22nd

at 9:00AM at Paul's Restaurant, 127 Highland Ave., Cheshire



Reminder - Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due on Sunday, November 12th!



Veterans in our Zion family will be recognized during all worship services on November 11th and 12th. Join us for a special Veterans Coffee Hour on Sunday too!



Our Christmas Angel Tree is coming SOON!



Christmas will soon be here and our "Angel Tree" will be aglow in the Gathering Place. Angel tags will have a wish list item written on them. Please look at the angels on the tree and choose one if you would like to help support the youth at the Solnit Center and other youth in need. Look for more information on the display in mid-November. Contact Lisa Proffitt with questions at 860-621-4316

October Was A Fun Month!



The Fritter Booth



Game Night!



Long View Cider House!

Thanksgiving for our Southington Neighbors

As the Thanksgiving is approaching quickly, Southington Community Services is in particular need of the following: canned fruit & vegetables, canned creamed corn, canned gravy, candied yams, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, hot chocolate, mini marshmallows, corn muffin mix, and cake / brownie mixes. Items can be placed on the table in the Gathering Place or in the blue bin outside the front doors by Sunday, November 12th. THANK YOU!



Look for Poinsettia Order forms next month!

Join Us for Special Opportunities During Advent

'Advent Midweeks' on Wednesdays, November 26th- December 20th

6:00PM

Soup/Light Dinner

Learning Time

Followed by Choir



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> <i>(Confirmation Sunday)</i> 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 9:00AM SS / Conf. Coffee Hour 10:15AM Worship / Holy Communion 6:30PM Youth Group at Grace	30	31	Nov 1 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Chapel Choir	2	3	4 Daylight Savings TTime ends 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion & Healing Service
5 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 9:00AM Sunday School & Conf. Coffee Hour 10:15AM Worship / Holy Communion 6:30PM Youth Group at Zion	6 9:00AM Bottles & Cans	7 7:00PM Worship & Music	8 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Chapel Choir	9	10	11 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
12 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 9:00AM Sunday School & Conf. Coffee Hour 10:15AM Worship / Holy Communion 6:30PM Youth Group at Zion	13 9:00AM Bottles & Cans	14 3:30-6:00PM Gathering Place in use 6:30PM Council	15 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Chapel Choir	16 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory 6:00PM Women's Group	17	18 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
19 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 9:00AM Sunday School & Conf. Coffee Hour 10:15AM Worship / Holy Communion 6:30PM Youth Group at Zion	20 9:00AM Bottles & Cans 7:00PM Finance	21 7:00PM Evergreen Property Meeting	22 9:00AM Ladies' Breakfast @ Paul's Restaurant 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Chapel Choir	23 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	24	25 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
26 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion No Sunday School & Conf. Coffee Hour 10:15AM Worship / Holy Communion	27 9:00AM Bottles & Cans	28	29 6:00PM Advent Midweek 7:00PM Chapel Choir	30	Dec 1	2 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion & Healing Prayers

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Return Service Requested

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