



THE LIGHT

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

Dear Zion Members,

On August 6th, we held our mid-year congregational meeting. I would like to thank all of those members who were able to attend. A special thanks to Cindy Babon and her committee for providing some delicious snacks and coffee for the meeting. The meeting was held in our brightly lit Gathering Place, which was a nice change. We had Lois Grizkauskas on Zoom, as she was away on vacation, but still wanted to participate. She did have trouble hearing many of the people who spoke during the meeting, and suggested that if we hold it here again to have a microphone setup, which we will do.

We heard from various committees during the meeting including our treasurer, Kevin Doran, Financial Affairs Director, Nick Salerno, Apple Harvest chairperson, Krista Steindl and our Facilities Director, Lois Garafola. Kevin stated in his report, although we are doing better than budget and last year, we still require a significant subsidy from our Apple Harvest profit to balance the budget. Nick talked about the work he has been doing in trying to reconcile our mission, memorial and special funds and the \$57,431.90 bequest from Emilie Flugrad-Beal who passed away in 2018 and how those funds could be used. We also received a very generous \$5,000 contribution from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church after the sale of the property. We will work together with our new members who are coming to us from Prince of Peace to determine how those funds will be used.

Krista gave us an update on the upcoming Apple Harvest Festival and the status of the new online scheduling app that we have. The app will be available soon for all to sign up. She also discussed the new veterans' organization through the Town of Southington that we are donating a portion of last year's proceeds to, which will be used directly for projects for our resident veterans in need.

Lois gave us a facilities update, which included several items. She reported that all of the lights in the church and outside have been replaced (except the lights in the sanctuary that had been replaced a few years back). The company did a great job. At that time, they were still addressing a few issues, which as of today have been remedied. It's nice leaving the church at night and having lights in the parking lot and being able to see in the Gathering Place. Lois also spoke about the repairs needed for the Crystal Palace to keep the critters out and to maintain the building so we can continue to use it as storage for the apple harvest equipment and materials. The repairs include new shingles on the roof, replacement of all three garage doors, and repairs to the soffit and other miscellaneous items. A motion was made, seconded and approved to allocate \$30,000 from the Rainy Day Fund for the repairs. Lastly, Lois spoke about the status of the education trailer which should be removed sometime this fall.

It was a very productive meeting and I appreciate everyone who participated.

Sincerely,

John E. Miller, President, Zion Lutheran Church

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!

Our Standard Schedule begins on September 9th!

Saturdays at 4:00PM

Sundays at 8:00AM & 10:15AM

Sunday School & Confirmation at 9:00AM

(Worship on Sunday, September 3rd is at 9:00AM)

“Treasure Talk” by John Miller

<u>July 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	\$ 19,401.34	\$ 11,607.35	\$ 4,128.44
Total Expenses	\$ 29,550.63	\$ 21,709.11	\$ 25,091.41	\$ (7,841.52)
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (14,277.73)	\$ (2,307.77)	\$ (13,484.06)	\$ 11,969.96
<u>YTD 2023 Results (Jan-July)</u>	<u>2023 Budget*</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Actual v Budget</u>
Total Income	\$ 106,910.40	\$ 118,186.97	\$ 96,770.17	\$ 11,276.57
Total Expenses	\$ 206,854.63	\$ 186,604.92	\$ 197,676.36	\$ (20,249.71)
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (99,944.23)	\$ (68,417.95)	\$ (100,906.19)	\$ 31,526.28

* Figures derived by dividing annual budget by twelve

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Community of Zion,

As I write this, it is nearing the end of August. The sunrise is getting later. The sunset is getting earlier. The temperature is a little cooler, but it is still humid. School starts this week for many. It doesn't seem possible that "summer" is almost over. While I'm looking forward to cooler temperatures, I'm not ready to have the daylight becoming less and less. I'm not ready to give up on the joys of summer. There is a certain rhythm (or lack of rhythm) during summer that is different than September through May.

The same is true with life at the church. The rhythm is about to change. Education time will start up again on September 10th. The worship schedule changes that weekend as well. Committees will meet more regularly. The calendar will be more filled up. In some ways, there is a lot more to do.

That means, also, a lot more for you. There are more worship opportunities, more educational opportunities, more opportunities for fellowship, more opportunities for support. It doesn't mean you have to do EVERYTHING. But I do hope that you can find opportunities that are meaningful to you. I hope you can find opportunities at Zion that give you meaning, that give you purpose. I hope that you can find opportunities that fill you up. I hope that you find opportunities to help you meet people.

Our life at Zion revolves around Worship, Education, Fellowship, Service, and Support. While it might seem like more to do, it really is more for you.

Peace,

Pastor Jeff

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; Cathy Burge; Ray Tanquey.

Those in Hospitals / Care Centers / Assisted Living:

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

Wedding Anniversaries:

9/2, Sandra & Shawn Darling; 9/3, Ronald & Lois Griszkauskas; 9/11, Alisa & Craig Carr Darling;
9/13, Garafola, Pat & Lois; 9/13, Joseph & Laura Sepko; 9/18, Kendra & Chris Chmura; 9/20, Joyce & James Sues;
9/20, Tom & Jacki Willametz; 9/21, Patrick & Barbara Murphy; 9/23, Lisa & Russ Christensen;
9/23, Steven & Rena Susca; 9/28, Laurie & Raymond Ellsworth; 9/29, Justin & Sarah Yaskolka.

Deaths:

Family & Friends of Zion

Lord in your Mercy: Family of Butch 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 & Mike Goulet; Anna, sister of Carra Rockwood; Steve, Ben, & Nina Fleck, family of Carra Rockwood; Mary & family of Earl Mousch, Avery Hodum, family of Karen Erasmus; Jennifer Petito, daughter of Karen Erasmus; Andrew Petito, grandson of Karen Erasmus; Christopher, family of Mark & Lisa Proffitt; Elly Molino Myers; Linda, Ed, friends of Tammy & John; Judi, Nick, family of the Dorans; Anthony Santiago, grandson of Karen Erasmus; Holly Pytka, sister of Lydia Holbrook; Kim Lazerek, friend of Lydia Holbrook; Charles Hart, father of Kathy Keen; Heather Thompson, friend of Lois Garafola; Laurie, Rob, Jimmy & Danny; Paul Godwin, brother of Lee Bluis; Caraline and Emilea Gartrell, family of Lee Bluis; Stephanie, friend of Carra Rockwood; Alex Meyer, grandson of Lois Griszkauskas, Reno Pelletier, Robert Green, friends of Lois Griszkauskas; Elaine Webster, mother of Michael Webster; Renee, friend of the Miller and Doucette families.

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.*

Sunday School News

September 2023

submitted by Ali Frega

Sunday School & Confirmation Class

It's that time again! Registration is open for the new year.

You can find the link to register on Zion's website (zionlutheranct.org) and in the weekly Blue email.

OR you can email or call the church office (office@zionlutheranct.org / 860-628-5759) and we can send you the link to register for Sunday School.

We meet each Sunday at 9:00AM and classes will begin after Labor Day with 'Rally Day' on September 10th - First Day of Class will be September 24th.

Sunday School is available for students ages PreK 3 - Grade 5.

Confirmation Classes are for students grades 6-8 and students will 'Affirm their Baptism' (be 'Confirmed') in the Fall of 9th grade.

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.

Vacation Bible School

THANK YOU to everyone who made VBS a success. We had a great week learning about 'Jesus' Light' and how we can 'Shine His Light' in various ways. Thank you to our volunteers who worked so hard to make the rotations, groups, and meals run smoothly. I could not have done it without you! We're looking forward to next year!



VBS 2023!

Youth Group

New Meeting Schedule Coming Soon!

Keep an eye on your emails - All students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us.
For more information on our Collaborative Youth Group please email Ali.



A Peek into Zion Nursery School

Zion Christian Nursery School is happy to welcome back its students! Happy new school year! The playground outside has been cleaned up thanks to Mark, our landscaping angel! And the classroom is all ready thanks to the hard work of the teachers these past few weeks. Classes will begin on September 7th. This month our teachers will be establishing routines, teaching fun songs, and getting to know their students. We are so excited to see what wonderful things are in store this year!

Our first fundraiser is also this month. We will be selling mums. If you are interested in purchasing any, order forms can be found on the table next to the elevator. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Crocheting / Knitting Group

Are you interested? We are looking into starting a group at Zion which would meet during the day. We are fortunate to have a very talented woman who is willing to support interested people! What a great way to fellowship with others and learn or enhance a new hobby.

If this is something you would like to do, please contact Lisa Proffitt at 860-307-0671.

Women's Group & Ladies' Breakfast

Meeting - Thursday, September 14th at 6:00PM

Breakfast - Tuesday, September 19th at 9:00AM @

Carousel Coffee Shop 190 Main St.

Please Join Us!



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



Flour Mixing - Sept. 9th - 7AM Set-up
8AM Start

Booth Building - Sept. 24th @ Zion - 11:30AM
Sept. 25th @ Zion - 5PM

(after 6PM go downtown)

Sept. 26th-28th - 5PM *(downtown)*

Apple Bagging - Sept. 27th & 28th - 5PM @ Zion
Oct. 3rd & 5th - 5PM @ Zion

Booth Shifts - Sept. 29th - Oct. 8th *(downtown)*
(see insert)

Booth Breakdown - Oct. 8th - 5PM *(downtown)*

Sign-Up today on the website:
zionapplefritters.com

See the (color) insert for instructions on how to do it, OR come to Flour Mixing on Sat. Sept 9th and we will to help you OR call the office and Christine can help sign you up!



School Supply Drive!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Zion had another successful 'Back to School' collection. We made 3 separate trips to Southington Community Services to benefit local children. They were very appreciative for all our church family does to support their clients. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Apple Fritter Missions Receive Donations!

Pastor Jeff, Lisa & Mark Proffitt delivered checks to our six missions! They were all thrilled!

Fritters not only taste great, they DO great things for the community! *(see some pictures below)*

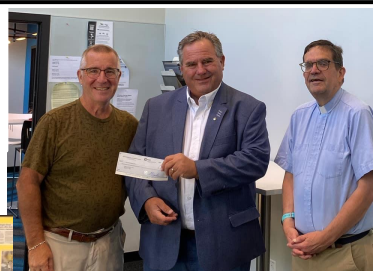
Some of our Mission Outreach Partners

(see more next month!)

Bread for Life *(below)*



Southington Community Services
(above)



Women & Families Center
(above)



The Cove for Grieving Children
(above)

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00AM Worship / Holy Communion	4 Labor Day office closed	5	6 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den 7:15PM Midweek Worship (note time change)	7 6:00PM Grief Class Check-in	8	9 Flour Mixing 7AM Set-up 8AM Start 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
10 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 9:00AM Rally Day! Sunday School & Conf. Coffee Hour 10:15AM Worship / Holy Communion	11 9:00AM Bottles & Cans 7:00PM Finance	12 6:00PM Apple Fritter 7:00PM Worship & Music	13 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Chapel Choir	14 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory 6:00PM Women's Group	15	16 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
17 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 9:00AM Sunday School & Conf. Coffee Hour 10:15AM Worship / Holy Communion	18 9:00AM Bottles & Cans 6:30PM Mutual Ministry	19 9:00AM Ladies Breakfast @ Carousel Coffee Shop 6:30PM Council	20 1:00PM Coffee with Pastor @ Lion's Den 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Chapel Choir	21	22	23 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion
24 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 9:00AM Sunday School & Conf. Coffee Hour 10:15AM Worship / Holy Communion 11:30 AM Booth Building @ Zion	25 NO Bottles & Cans 5PM Booth Building @ Zion 6PM Booth Building (Downtown)	26 5PM Booth Building (Downtown)	27 5:00PM Apple Bagging 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Chapel Choir 5PM Booth Building (Downtown)	28 8:00AM Coffee with Pastor @ Perkatory 5:00PM Apple Bagging 5PM Booth Building (Downtown)	29 <i>Apple Harvest Festival Begins</i> <i>Fritter Booth open.</i>	30 <i>Apple Harvest Festival</i> 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion <i>Fritter Booth open.</i>
Oct 1 <i>Apple Harvest Festival</i> 8:00AM Worship / Holy Communion 9:00AM Sunday School & Conf. Coffee Hour 10:15AM Worship / Holy Communion <i>Fritter Booth open.</i>	2 NO Bottles & Cans <i>Fritter Booth open.</i>	3 5:00PM Apple Bagging <i>Fritter Booth open.</i>	4 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Chapel Choir <i>Fritter Booth open.</i>	5 5:00PM Apple Bagging <i>Fritter Booth open.</i>	6 <i>Apple Harvest Festival</i> <i>Fritter Booth open.</i>	7 <i>Apple Harvest Festival</i> 4:00PM Worship / Holy Communion & Healing Prayers <i>Fritter Booth open.</i>

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Return Service Requested

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