



THE LIGHT

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A “Chocolate Chip Cookie Message” from the Pastor

If you were there 7 months ago... remember back. If you weren't at the church picnic in June... listen up. And for all who forget... here's a reminder.

It was the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Jesus' *High Priestly Prayer* was the text. There Jesus prays that His followers be “*perfectly one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you love me.*” Jesus is praying for us!

Even the Prayer of the Day that Sunday pleaded, “*form the minds of your faithful people into your one will.*”

Yes, that's hard to do because of the vying opinions folks hold onto, sometimes with stubbornness bordering on inflexibility. But Jesus wants more from us than agreement on issues... Jesus wants us to be One Body. To be One as He and the Father are One. That's Jesus' Prayer.

How can all the varied parts of this Body of believers called Zion Lutheran Church come together to be “one” congregation? Here's where the flour, eggs, salt, vanilla, baking soda, brown sugar, sugar and chocolate chips come in. Some ingredients on their own are not very appetizing. No one eats a spoonful of baking soda for its tastiness. Not many are keen on downing a mug of vanilla.

However, put all those ingredients together, plop those lumps of dough in the oven at 375 degrees for about 9 minutes and YUM!

Different and even distasteful ingredients all come together to form one scrumptious cookie. Like those ingredients members of a congregation are quite different, some even distasteful, but when you put them all together and they work as one, congregations can do wonderful things. Jesus says that's when others can see His love in you.

Unfortunately, sometimes congregations don't “mix” like good cookie dough. They have a hard time being one. You might hear: “*Who picks those hymns,*” or, “*The sermons are too long,*” or, “*People at the late/early service are so unfriendly.*” And those are the mild things! When we complain or bicker we are like the individual ingredients of the cookie dough trying to make it on our own. At those moments the world can't see God's love in us.

If you're thinking about getting your own way, that you're the only one whose opinion counts, then remember Jesus prayed for you. This congregation is precious in the eyes of God, each and every part of this “body,” and Christ's love in intended to shine through us.

This doesn't mean we have to have perfect agreement on every issue that comes before us, but it does mean we each need to reflect the love of Christ in what we say and how we say it. Disagreement can help to clarify issues when each person has a mind that is open to discernment and change. It's how we handle our anger and our pettiness that makes all the difference in what the world sees when they view this congregation. We pray that Jesus' prayer will touch our heart.

In the days ahead, let us be bound together in the love of Christ praying that His will be done so that we can taste and see that the Lord is good and the world will see the love of Christ through us!

Pastor Gollenberg



SEE YOU IN CHURCH!

Saturdays - 4:00PM

Sundays - 8:00AM, 10:15AM

Sunday School/Confirmation - 9:00AM



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Council News...

As the new year begins, we are thankful for the dedicated work of all those serving on Council. Our gratitude and thankfulness also comes with sadness as some members are rotating off having completed their second consecutive term. Looking ahead to 2020, the position of Director, Membership & Witness is coming open. If you are interested in filling the role of Director, Membership & Witness, or you know someone who is, please contact our Vice President Robyn Kroll, the head of the Nominating Committee.

CURRENT ZION COUNCIL MEMBERS

*term is up January 2020

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Christine Spataro (alternate)

Abby Darling (youth alternate)



2020 Giving Envelopes are here! If you haven't done so already, please pick yours up in the Gathering Place. If you would like your envelopes mailed to you, contact the church office 860-628-5759.

Call Committee Update

It is our pleasure to announce that the Pastor we selected through the Call process has been interviewed and approved by the Church Council. THIS Saturday, January 18th, you are invited to a 'Meet and Greet' with this Pastor at Zion in the Gathering Place from 4:00-6:00PM. Then, on Sunday, January 19th, our candidate will lead worship at 9:00AM. (This will be the only worship opportunity this weekend.)

Immediately following this service, we will have a Special Congregational meeting where members will vote to extend a Call to this Pastor.

We are very excited about the prospect of a new Pastor to lead us at Zion, we hope you are too! (Note: No Sunday School /Confirmation on this day.)

Thanks for Your Generosity

We want to express our appreciation for the gift we received at Christmas from the congregation! We are grateful for your thoughtfulness and for your collective and individual best wishes that our holy days be bright.

Peace and Blessings be with you all,
Ellie and Pastor G.

For Pastoral care and concerns please contact:**



Rev. Wayne Gollenberg at 860-794-5746 or waynegollenberg@gmail.com

***Pastor Gollenberg will be away from February 2nd - February 22nd,*

the person to contact for pastoral concerns during this time will be announced soon.

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: Tom Buchanan; Pat Beaudin, Jane Darling; Hudson Cinque; Ron Rockwood; Kate Skrzypiec; Ginny Freeman; John Day; Emily Judd; Linda Graham.

Those in Care Centers and Homebound: Ruth Kurtz

The Summit

William Brown

Wedding Anniversaries: Peter & Debra Kurtz 1/17; Karin & John Thompson, 1/20; John & Sandy Darling, 2/18; David & Diane Woolley, 2/19; Le Ann & Steve Kroll, 2/20; Becky & Todd Isaacson, 2/22; Cathy & Eric Watson, 2/23.

Family & Friends of Zion

Lord in your Mercy: Barb & Rick Klemm; Casey; Dominic Garafola, Sam Bahr; Doyle Family; Melissa & Family; Alyssa Boncer; Lynn-niece of Carol Wright; Tom Pedano; Richie C.; Courtney Campbell & Family; Roy Heinez; Kristen; Marki, cousin of Lois G.; Linda, friend of Lois G.; Kristen; Paul Godwin, brother of Lee Bluis; Gerturde Marquardt; The Pesce Family; Jason; Romona Diana; Walter; David Neals; Alex Meyer, grandson of Ron & Lois Griszkauskas; Lucille, friend of Lisa & Mark Proffitt, Jim, friend of John Miller family; Carlos, friend of John Miller family; Megan; Francis Kryzwick, father-in-law of Christine Kryzwick, Mark Pavao, nephew of Lois Garafola; Katherine, granddaughter of friend of Mary Jobs; Nancy Lopez; Abby Sullivan, friend of Mark and Lisa Proffitt; Jim; Gordon Reed; Megan Adole; Hala Jaser, friend of Cindy Babon; Barbara, cousin of Lisa Proffitt; Danielle; Amy, friend of Bob and Cindy Miller; Carolyn and Carl Chicchetti, friends of Tom and Patty Buchanan; Jonathan.

Deaths: Claire (Hoff) Salerno, 1/2

Service, For the men and women in the military serving our country:

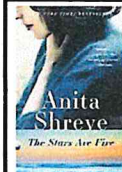
Russell Karshis, cousin of Dawne Cappellino; Staff Sgt. Michael McKenney; GM Andrew Rauss, USCG, son of Steve and Diane Rauss; Major Zachary Fulton, USAF, nephew of Lisa Proffitt; Capt. Steven Hole, cousin of Cindy Miller; Danny Woolley, son of Diane and Dave Woolley; Matthew DeLorenzo, U.S. Navy, friend of the Doran Family.

To update or add prayer requests, please complete a prayer request card located in the pew racks in the sanctuary, write it on the list posted on the bulletin board near the elevator, call (860)628-5759, or email - office@zionlutheranct.org



A Peek into Zion Nursery School

Nursery School is back in full swing after the holidays. We've been working on our letters and numbers but as always in a fun, playful way. One class had a math lesson as they counted marshmallows for their hot cocoa on Hot Cocoa Day! Children learn best through play and that's just what we do here at Zion. And the word is out about how much fun we have because our 3 and 4 year old classes for 2020-2021 are already filled. We do have spots left in our Pre-K class, (this class is geared toward older 4 year olds) so if you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them contact Colleen at (860)628-6007 to arrange a tour.



Our February Book Club selection is "The Stars Are Fire" by Anita Shreve

"An exquisitely suspenseful new novel about an extraordinary young woman tested by a catastrophic event—based on the true story of the largest fire in Maine's history.

In October 1947, Grace Holland is experiencing two simultaneous droughts. An unseasonably hot, dry summer has turned the state of Maine into a tinderbox. One night she awakes to find that wildfires are racing down the coast, closer and closer to her house. Forced to pull her children into the ocean to escape the flames, Grace watches helplessly as everything she knows burns to the ground. With courage and stoicism, Grace overcomes devastating loss and, through the smoke, is able to glimpse the opportunity to rewrite her own story."

Books are available in the Gathering Place for \$15.

Our Next Book Club is January 27th when we will discuss our January selection "Hope's Hero". Our February Book Club will be February 24th. Both are at 7:00PM in the Gathering Place.

Please join us, all are welcome!

Contact Sue Skrzypiec (860)276-9112 with questions.



Looking for a way to make someone's life sweeter?

We will be collecting \$5 gift cards to the local 'Dollar Tree'. These gifts of love will be donated to *Bread for Life* to support their clients. Gift cards can be placed in the Valentine gift bag by the elevator. Thank you for your generosity!



Just to keep you thinking...

Scholarship Applications will be available very soon. Come to the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 26th at 11:00AM to hear all about the changes to our applications!



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST 5:00-8:00PM

On Saturday, February 1st the Fellowship committee is sponsoring a fun night of food and games for the whole family! Join us in the Gathering Place at 5:00PM for a light "comfort food" supper and an evening of games. Please bring your favorite board game or card game to share (we'll also have some on hand.)

Look for a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place soon. Bring a friend...All are invited!

Zion Gives Back! A Big Thank You...

goes out to everyone who bought gifts for the Angel Tree tags and Operation Christmas Child, donated children's books, brought food for the Community Services holiday baskets, served at Bread for Life, rang bells for the Salvation Army, and purchased cookies from the Women's Group during this holiday season! You've changed lives all over the world! THANK YOU!



"The Fritterville Times"

Dean Radke, editor (comatty@gmail.com)

Welcome to the first edition of 'The Fritterville Times'. Lois thought that having just finished 50 years of frying fritters, it would be fun to share some stories from the long history of Zion's Apple Fritter Booth.

Let me start with a recent story about my brother Karl. Karl hasn't lived in Connecticut for at least 30 years and is not familiar at all with the Southington Apple Harvest Festival. He and I speak once or twice a month on the phone, and whenever the Yankees play the Red Sox.

Jude and I joined Zion a year ago and I started telling Karl that we were very excited about the church and how friendly everyone was. Later, I shared with him that we had joined the Apple Harvest Committee and then in May, I told him that I was going to take the plunge and become a fryer for the first time.

Karl stayed with Jude and I in November and we had the following conversation: "Dean, my niece Stephanie (our daughter) emailed a video from Channel 3 about the booth and it showed the fritters frying away in the oil. I have a confession to make - I thought that you had joined some sort of cult and when you said that you were a "fryer" I thought that you meant "Friar" and that you had become 'Brother Dean'. I envisioned you walking down the center aisle in the church wearing a hooded brown robe with your hands folded in front of you and chanting." After having a good laugh, Jude and I assured him that even though Zion spends many hours devoted to the Apple Harvest, we are not a cult.

If you have an amusing story that you would like to share, please contact me. Join us in the next edition for the story of "How John Miller became the permanent Mayor of Fritterville".

Sunday School News

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NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 19th

**Please attend worship at 9AM and
the Congressional Meeting**

February 16th

President's Day Weekend

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who assisted with and attended our Christmas Pageant. It was a great day. Each of the students did a great job. Thank you to the Sunday School and Confirmation teachers for helping prepare and organize our students. Thank you to Melissa Burritt for helping prepare the songs with our performers and thank you to Michelle and Bill Gibbs for helping to set the altar, coordinate the script and staging for the performance. We could not have done it without each and every one of you.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

All Grades 6 -12

6-8 pm

Dinner will be served

Sunday, January 12 – Dinner Meeting

Sunday, January 26 – Service Sunday

Sunday, February 9 – Dinner Meeting

Sunday, February 23- Service Sunday

Confirmation

Thank you for your understanding in the delayed start of this program.

The students have gotten off to a great start and are beginning their curriculum with Unit 2 on Martin Luther.

Students will meet in the Library each Sunday from 9:00 – 10:00.

Thank You

January / February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 19 9:00AM Worship Congregational Meeting immediately following worship to vote on Call / Pastoral Candidate.	20 <i>Martin Luther King Jr</i>	21 6:30PM Council	22 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:15PM Chapel Choir	23	24	25 4:00PM Worship
26 8:00AM Worship 8:30AM Children's Choir 9:15AM SS / Conf. (gr 6-8) 10:15AM Worship 11:00AM Congregational Mtg 6:00PM Youth	27	28	29 6:30PM Bell Choir 7:15PM Chapel Choir	30	31	Feb 1 4:00PM Worship
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Return Service Requested

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