



# Zion's News & Notes

## April Newsletter 2025

### Zion Lutheran Church Zion News & Notes

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I was making a mental list about what people used to do while waiting before Smart Phones were invented. It included:

Watch people more intently

Read the newspaper we had tucked under our arm

Whistle / wish we could whistle / wonder how people whistled.

This led me to imagining Jesus, in the tomb, waiting to rise. Did he rise early, then realize he could lie there another hour and still be out before the women came? Maybe he rose much like I rise from sleep, except of course, he was dead rather than sleeping. Which is a fairly big difference. Still...

He sits up slowly. Lays back down. Dreams a little longer.

Opens his eyes. Blinks, letting his eyes adjust to the dark.

Sits up. Stretches his arms above his head. Groans.

Remembers he is out of milk. And cereal. And a bowl, a spoon, a kitchen.

Stumbles to the entrance of the tomb, hand on the stone wall, groping for the light switch.

Makes a note to himself, "inspire someone to invent a lightswitch."

Grabbing a stick, he makes a To Do list on the wall, including things he has already done just for the sense of accomplishment.

~~1. Rise from the dead~~

2. Move stone

3. Surprise Mary : )

4. Go to Galilee

5. Surprise, like, everyone, ever

He bends his right ear to his shoulder. Then his left. Hears his neck crack.

He puts his right hand on the wall fingertips only, the hole in his hand still tender, he pulls it back, looks at the fresh scar, runs his thumb across it gently. Makes a fist, just because he can.

Clasps his hands together. He thinks, "how's this for some truth, Pilate?" And throws his full weight against the stone.

It falls away easily.

Pulling himself up and through the doorway, into the semi-darkness of just-before-dawn, he inhales the cool morning air. Walks a few steps, then filled with a sense of mission, breaks into a light jog. He passes a couple of women on the road. They, so bent in sorrow, neither see, nor hear him...Whistling.

Pastor Marie



## *April Announcements*

### **Coffee Hour**

Please join us for coffee hour every Sunday after the service. Please see the sign up sheet if you are interested in making coffee or cleaning up afterwards. You are welcome to bring food/snacks to Coffee Hour.

### **Zoom/YouTube Online Services**

If you need help with our online services, please reach out to Isabel at any time during the service at: ZionLuthTechnologist@gmail.com. You can also use Zoom's chat option.

### **Walking With Friends**

Zion's Walking Group will start meeting on Thursdays at 11:00 AM at the Target wing of Sangertown. We stress friendship more than athleticism - please come and join us! Text Kim at 315-794-6233 for updates and walking locations should the location change to outside.

### **Worship & Music**

The next Worship & Music meeting will be held in the Fireside Room on May 12th at 3 PM.

### **Installation**

Pr. Marie's installation will be Saturday, May 17th at 7 PM. Guests will be invited and refreshments will be served before the service. *(Look for more information in next month's newsletter!)*

*\* \* Please Remember \* \**

*Easter Sunday*

*Worship Service Is At 11 AM*



## *April Worship Team schedule*

Date:	Worship Asst.	Pastor	Greeters	Ushers
Apr. 6	Mark Thompson	Pr. Marie Duquette		
Apr. 13 Palm Sunday	Wendy Stevens	David Grindle, SAM	Karen Toepp & Janet Bagnall	Jeanne Gymburch & Doreen Nicholls
Apr. 17 Maundy Thursday 6 PM		Pr. Janet Griffiths		
Apr. 18 Good Friday 7 PM		Pr. Marie Duquette		
Apr. 20 Easter Sunday 11 AM	Deb Bohn	Pr. Marie Duquette	Jan Corn & Darlene Hill	
Apr. 27	Karen Toepp	Rev. Jennifer DeWeerth	Linda Bennett	

*Now that we have joined Zion and Trinity together in shared ministry, there are twice as many opportunities to worship during Holy Week! Please attend the ones that work for you – and do not limit yourselves to only the congregation in which you are a member. Full collaboration will lead us to deeper understandings of one another and greater clarity in our shared mission. Come ~Let us worship the Lord!!*

## *Holy Week Schedule*

### **PALM SUNDAY**

*Worship Service at 10:00 AM.*

*Join us in the Fireside Room for a Bagel brunch following the service.*

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

*Simple Supper/Table Communion at 6:00 PM.*

*Soups, fruit, cheese, pita bread (also gluten-free), and juice are needed!*

*Please see the sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.*

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

*Candlelight Tenebrae Service in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM.*

*Reading the Passion*

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

*Worship Service 11:00 AM.*

*Breakfast treats are welcomed for Coffee Hour.*

*Please see the sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.*

# April Birthdays

Darlene Hill	2	Sarah Hartman	11
Fran LaGase	8	Sarah Tompkins	11
Mary Margaret Krukoni	8	Elizabeth Thompson	17
Madison Midura	9	Mark Thompson	18
Lorraine Dowd	10	Ethan Myers	21
Shawn McLennan	10	Daniel Loomis	25

## Gifts Given to the Glory of God

In Memory of:	To:	Given by:
Randy Richards	Missionary	Jeanne Gymburch
Randy Richards	Lutheran Disaster Relief/Ukraine	Linda Bennett
Randy Richards	World Hunger	Laurel McCurdy
In Honor of:	To:	Given by:
Shirley Carlson	Zion Food Ministry	Jeanne Gymburch
Laurel McCurdy	Lutheran Disaster Relief/Ukraine	Linda Bennett

## Treasurer's Report

		Feb. Treasurer's Report		
	Feb-25	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Giving	\$ 12,858.09	\$ 26,760.09	\$ 26,033.40	\$ 726.69
Other Income	\$ 6,413.65	\$ 7,124.61	\$ 15,405.00	\$ (8,280.39)
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 19,271.74	\$ 33,884.70	\$ 41,438.40	\$ (7,553.70)
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 24,199.79	\$ 40,048.47	\$ 43,347.20	\$ (3,298.73)
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ (4,928.05)	\$ (6,163.77)	\$ (1,908.80)	\$ (4,254.97)

## Women of Faith

### Women of Faith Bible Study

**All women are invited to a Bible Study held via Zoom.**

The topic is: *"Relationships that Form us: All in the Family?"* We'll examine the stories of Jacob and Esau, as well as Mary and Martha. These biblical characters can help us explore how our early family relationships shape how we think about the everyday relations in our lives.

*(The topic of this study was taken from the May/June Gather Magazine.)*

**Time:** May 13th at 7 :00 PM

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81896854431?pwd=QLAcG94iHNXSAbFVSXpa59P9K8Og5.1>

**Meeting ID:** 818 9685 4431 **Passcode:** 063849

### Save The Date For Spring

Road Trip to Peterboro for an event based on Juneteeth, Saturday, June 7th.

(More information to be announced in next month's newsletter!)

**YES! SIGN ME UP!**

*To be sure you don't miss any special announcements or Zoom links, please let Sara know if you would like to be added to our Women of Faith emailing list.*



***On International Women's Day***, women from Trinity, Our Saviour, and Zion met. JoAnn Blaise, Phyllis Becker, and Bona Starring, from Trinity explained the history and need for acknowledging the rights of women throughout the world. We heard about women like Rosa J. Young, a black female Lutheran pastor, Mother Teresa and Maya Angelou. Pastor Marie led our blessing, and Pastor Anita was able to join us, with about 22 members of our three churches attending this event. It was great to be together!

*Enjoy some photos of the event on the next two pages!*



## *Women of Faith*



*Deb Bohn*



*Presenters,*

*JoAnn Blaise, Phyllis Becker, and Bona Starring from Trinity*



# Women of Faith



## Notes of Gratitude & Other Communications

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

A cart full, a heart full... Thank you for your donations from your Boilermaker parking lot event! We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and help supplying food for our pantry. You collected 116.5 pounds of food from the Boilermaker! Additionally, thank you for all the soups in early March. You have a great mission team.

Cindy Molesky/Seeds Of Hope Food Pantry

Dear Zion Lutheran Church Members,

Thank you for your donation of \$350 that we received in December. Your support helps us to help the needy members of our Community.

Connie Chucker/Foothills Rural Community Ministry

***\*\*Thanks to everyone who helped prepare 94 meals for Your Neighbors! \*\*  
Great job!!***

**You can listen to Pastor Marie's sermons at:**

*YouTube@MarieDuquette—Take Off Your Shoes With Rev. Marie Duquette*

**\* \* Please Subscribe \* \***

**You can also listen to the podcasts at:**

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/take-off-your-shoes-podcast-by-marie-duquette/id1486318454>

## Zion Food Ministry

**Can & Bottle Returns:** Please separate your glass bottles from the plastic. Cans & plastic bottles may be bagged together, but **please put glass bottles in the cardboard box by the recycling bin.**

**Food Pantries April-June:** Food donations & bottle/can donations will go to St. Margaret's Food Pantry at Grace Church.

**Food items on their wish list include:** canned soups, vegetables, stews, tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly, rice, pasta, juices, and water.

**Non-food items on their wish list include:** any personal hygiene products such as deodorants, soaps, shampoos, conditioners, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bandaids, feminine hygiene products, incontinence products, toilet paper; any household cleaning products such as paper towels, detergents, and floor cleaners.





## Spring Hunger Campaign

This spring's synodical ELCA World Hunger appeal leading up to Synod Assembly May 31st will focus on refugee resettlement. This is an area of grave concern, especially now, and one for which Lutherans have long been known to provide assistance. From managing some of the world's largest refugee camps to leading resettlement efforts. These camps, sheltering those who have fled war and violence, care for persons facing health concerns after their long, dangerous journey to safety, and who are in constant need of food supplies and water. Our hunger dollars are a way we accompany refugees through the uncertainties and struggles of trying to build new lives.

To this end, congregations are being challenged this year to meet a goal of \$500 in support of this vital ministry. *To make a contribution, use the green envelopes and write "WH-Feed Refugees" on the memo line of your check that is made out to Zion Lutheran Church.*



*Spring*  
**Music Festival  
Basket Auction**  
Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 4 p.m.  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
2840 Cold Springs Rd., Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Join us for an afternoon of music, fellowship, food,  
and a basket raffle and live auction to support  
Lutheran Campus Ministry at SU/SUNY ESF.

**\$5.00 admission includes five (5) raffle tickets**

For more information and to make a  
basket donation contact:  
Christine Jones, (315) 200-7625  
Sue Sterner, (315) 635-8062 or  
Rev. Jeff Kane, [jkane@syr.edu](mailto:jkane@syr.edu)  
(315) 355-7900

Lutheran Campus Ministry Syracuse  
Discover Your Mission

Our new Lutheran Campus Ministry Chaplain, Rev. Julie Kelly, looks forward to meeting members of our area congregations at our Spring Festival & Raffle Sunday, April 6th, from 2-4pm at St. Mark's in Baldwinsville. Come listen to music, meet Pr. Julie and our Board Members, and help to support Lutheran Campus Ministry. \$5.00 admission includes raffle tickets.



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*The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is to prayerfully  
discern God's call to help people  
to become more fully devoted followers of Christ.*



**Easter Sunday  
Worship  
Service  
11:00 AM  
See you at  
church!**