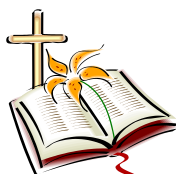




April 2018

# Zion's News & Notes



## *A Few Words From Pastor David*

Hallelujah! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

We are resurrection people. Our Christian faith was born in light of the resurrection. As the renowned 20<sup>th</sup> century Lutheran theologian Gustav Aulen, Bishop of Sweden, once wrote, "Easter is the starting point for the apostolic proclamation, and therewith also for the origin and the life of the church. Without the resurrection the historical ministry, which ended in the cross, would be not only ambiguous, but incomprehensible...without the resurrection, the cross would be simply the cross of martyrdom. In the light of the resurrection, it is the sign of victory...Good Friday appears in its right perspective only when it is seen in the light of Easter."

One question before us is how we live out our resurrection faith? Luther writes, "When you look at this person [Christ], then you see sin, death, wrath, hell, the devil, and everything evil vanquished and killed. In so far as Christ rules in the hearts of believers, there is no sin, no death, no curse." The work of the atonement once finished is continually realized anew "in the hearts of the believers."

It is clear to me after having been with you these last 22 months that the continuing work of Christ is alive and strong within you and within Zion. There is much love, inclusivity, and positive energy here. We have our flaws and our "growing edges", but we are basically strong and becoming stronger. We have taken some steps to increase our sharing of the Gospel, the Good News, that we have received, and to make Zion more hospitable to others. I encourage us to more fully embrace and continue to do these. As I look around the Utica/Rome area and its various communities, while I see a lot that is positive, I am also convinced that there is room for a place and a faith community like Zion. There is room for us to make/have a positive affect, and there is room for ministry in/to this area to have a positive affect on us.

As an example, I would encourage you to speak with those of us who spent time with the women at the Johnson Park Center on March 18<sup>th</sup> eating lunch and playing cards and other games. The transformational, loving, healing power of the Holy Spirit was strong and affected all who participated. This is not unusual as I think most who have done social ministry would agree that social ministry is both transformative and reciprocal as both sides are givers and receivers.

May we seize on the light and power of Jesus' resurrection to propel us further along the path we have been traveling, a path that engages us in the surrounding communities, transforming both parties, and that involves us doing God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

Thank you for the privilege of walking along with you on our respective faith journeys.

Pastor David

***"You can lead a Human to Knowledge but you can't make them Think".***

### **Zion Lutheran Church**

#### **Zion News & Notes**

Zion News & Notes is published each month by the church office. It includes news of upcoming events, thank you notes, a calendar, archives, photos and many other items of interest. Our newsletters are also available on our website: [www.zionluth.com](http://www.zionluth.com).

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## *Announcements & Upcoming Events*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**– 6 PM Simple Supper with Table Communion and symbolic hand or foot washing in the Fellowship Hall. *Please sign up to help with the dinner on the sheet in the narthex.*

**GOOD FRIDAY**– 7:30 PM *Service of Tenebrae*

**EASTER SUNDAY**– 10 AM *followed by a special coffee hour at 11:30.*

**ZION'S MEN'S GROUP**- Will meet at 9AM on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at Breakfast at Tiffany's. All men are welcome.

**BIBLE STUDY**: Meets at **10 AM** and **6:30 PM** in the Fireside Room on Wednesdays. All are welcome.

*Questions, please contact Pr. David (pastor@zionluth.com or 315-732-4110).*

**RETIREMENT TEA**: Zion is having another coffee, tea and pie Wednesday, April 11th at 2pm in the Fireside Room. Jack Henke is going to present his research on the history of Zion– mark your calendars, you **won't want to miss this!**

**WORSHIP TEAM OPPORTUNITIES**: Have you considered helping out with church service? There is a new opportunity each week to serve Zion as a greeter, welcoming guests as they come into the church! Or to be a reader. Don't worry, we supply your readings and it's ok to be shy. Worship assistants and communion assistants are always needed as well. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin boards in the narthex. Or ask around for Bonnie Loomis, Laura Hilt or Marty Pughe. **Galatians 6:10** says Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE**: *Please note the date change*– Choir will meet on Tuesday, May 1st at 5pm in the Fireside Room. Please see a committee member if you have any questions: Kim & Jim Marscher, Bob & Bonnie Loomis, Wendy Stevens, Laura Hilt, Gloria Cifonelli, Mary Senn, John Aceto, Matt Aceto, Jim Schieble, Diana Inserra, Jeanne Gymburch and Pastor David.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**: **We welcome** any help with set up & clean up for our coffee Hour! John Kelly usually does this as a ministry to Zion, but sometimes it keeps him away on Sundays. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex and if you'd like to help we would appreciate it. *Thank you!*

**INTERFAITH/INTERFILM**: Film series at Munson Williams Proctor Auditorium 310 Genesee Street in Utica. This series aims to create a productive, safe space to discuss the connections and clashes between religious traditions and to think about the place of religion in public life today. The following movies will be playing: *Dalya's other country* on Tuesday 3/27 @630PM. *Eve & the fire horse* on Tuesday 4/24 @630PM and *Ave Maria* on Tuesday 5/29 @630PM.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**: **Can you help set up/clean up for our Coffee Hour?** John Kelly usually does this as a ministry to Zion, but sometimes his job keeps him away on Sundays. **Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you can help.** Thank you!

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS CHART** is located on the bulletin board in the narthex. If anyone would like to have flowers in honor of or in memory of someone, please sign on the given date and speak to Gloria Cifonelli or call her at 315-735-8077. The cost is \$68.00 (for the two vases and the delivery charge).

**TRANSPORTATION GROUP** - We are trying to establish a driving pool to transport people to and from church for worship and other activities. If you are willing to help or have any questions, please contact Pr. David at 315-732-4110. Thank you!

## *Reflections of Zion*

**On Sunday, March 11th Claudia King presented a program about Jesus' love shown by a donkey colt. Afterward everyone enjoyed lunch together. The program was very meaningful and everyone left with a gift from Claudia. Thanks to all involved, in all areas, to help make the program a success!**



### *April Birthdays*

Nicole Manino	Mar 27	Eugene White	12
Cole Szemeczko	Mar 27	Ann Eadline	17
Bonnie Loomis	Mar 30	Brittany Miller	17
Gloria Cifonelli	Mar 30	Elizabeth Thompson	17
Darlene Hill	1	Rev. Paul Joslyn	18
Christine Clark	7	Mark Thompson	18
Francis LaGase	8	Diana Goewey	21
Madison Midura	9	Ethan Myers	21
Abigail Schiller	9	Michala Galanti	22
Lorraine Dowd	10	Doris Hennings	23
Shawn McLennan	10	Daniel Loomis	25
Sarah Myers	11	Alexandria Belmont	28
Sarah Tompkins	11	Kaitlynn Belmont	28
		Russell Holzberger	28





## ***NEW OFFICE MANAGER INTRODUCTION***

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself! My name is Sara Silva, Zion's new Office Manager. I would like to thank everyone for your patience with me as I learn all of the many wonderful things to be done here at the Church as well as remembering all of the many new faces. My hours here are Monday—Friday 9:30-1:30. You can call me at the office or send me an email at [SSilva@ZionLuth.com](mailto:SSilva@ZionLuth.com).

I have an extensive background in Marketing where I held the title as Marketing Director for nine years. I traveled the country working for the company that I previously worked for until I decided that being a stay at home mom was in order. Now that my kids are a little bit older (but still babies!), I am ready to get back to work, and the pleasure is mine to work and to serve the congregation and the public here at Zion! Zion serves the community very well and I noticed early on that there are so many wonderful and loyal members and we are all Blessed to have Pastor David with us.

My husband Ben and I have two awesome kids; Isabel is 11 years old and Jayden is 7, they are so excited to meet everyone here and to visit the Church! I love photography and essential oils, I make and sell homemade organic body products, and I believe that holistic approaches are the best!

There is much to be done here in the office and if I miss something, or if you sense that I am unaware of something that usually gets done at a certain time, please let me know. My responsibilities are (usually) carried out according to their priority. Everyone has been so helpful and understanding over these past couple of weeks and I just wanted to say Thanks!

I look forward to my experience here and all that we can achieve together to help make Zion continue to be the best that it can be.

Yours Truly,  
Sara Silva





**IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE TURNS WITH ED GROVE  
RETURNING BOTTLES THAT WOULD BE AWESOME!**

**Ed Grove just returned \$150.00 in bottles for the food  
pantries, GREAT JOB & THANK YOU!!**

**LET US RECYCLE FOR  
YOU!! BRING YOUR  
BOTTLES/CANS IN WITH  
YOU ON SUNDAYS OR  
WEDNESDAYS, IT  
SUPPORTS THE UTICA  
FOOD PANTRIES!!**

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### **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SPRING FESTIVAL 2018**

**4947 state route 31 clay, NY 13041 SUNDAY APRIL 22 FROM 2-4**

Enjoy music, food, competition for your favorite basket and fellowship! Support your vital mission outreach on campus at SU and SUNY ESF. Tickets \$5 at the door or at your congregation. The menu will deliciously include original won-ton cups, tortellini alfredo, mini croissants, desserts and more! **JOIN US!!**

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### ***Kick off for World Hunger Campaign***

***Sunday, April 15th***

**UNESCO/UIS** reports that globally 263 million children and youth are out of school. **You can give children a brighter future!** A donation of \$50 pays for school fees, uniform, and school supplies for one child. **Each congregation is challenged to send at least eight children to school with a gift of \$400 or more.** How many children will you help —The Synod Hunger Team has set a goal of \$45,000—900 kids!

## Announcements

**YOUR NEIGHBORS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** There is an urgent need for people who will make a meal delivery or transport a person to a medical appointment once in a while for **Your Neighbors**. If you can help in any way, please contact Carole Grove at 315-765-1419. Thank you!

### Women of the ELCA:



#### Central Crossroads Conference Spring Assembly

Saturday, April 14th from 9:45-12:30 at Our Saviour Lutheran Church 731 Hooper Rd Endwell, NY. Brunch cost will be \$6. RSVP by 4/8 to Mary Joe at 607-722-3764. The location is 100 miles away; therefore, we are hoping to organize a carpool! Please contact Claudia at 315-853-6286.

### **2018 YOUR NEIGHBORS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE:**



**YOUR NEIGHBORS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE** on May 4 & 5 at Our Saviour Lutheran Church. You may begin dropping off items on April 30. Your neighbors will pick up any items that are too large for you to transport, or if you are unable to deliver! Some items they are looking for are: furniture, small household appliances, jewelry, knickknacks, etc. As always, they cannot accept clothing, sporting goods, books or luggage. Please call Challee Kohn with any questions at 315-2385-7149. Volunteers are needed! Thank you so much for your support!

### 2018 ZION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Students: Ages 3 years – Grade 6  
Sundays @ 11:15 – 12:00



#### APRIL

- 1 No class (Easter)
- 8 Dig In– Jesus Forgives a Paralyzed
- 15 Christian craft
- 22 No class (spring break)
- 29 No class (spring break)

#### MAY

- 6 Celebration Sunday practice
- 13 Celebration Sunday

## Thank You letters

### From the Pen of Mae Parker

As Jesus was nailed to the cross  
He suffered humiliation and excruciating pain

He tried to talk to John  
Who would then remain

Jesus pulled himself up  
So he could talk to John  
He said take Mary as your mother  
for this time and forever on

Jesus gave his life for us  
He died so we could live  
The last words our savior said were

To the women of Zion,

Thank you to all who participated in the  
event, "I love to tell the story". All of your  
help with the event was much appreciated!  
Love, Claudia



Dear Friends at Zion Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for your gifts, contributions and support for  
Lutheran Campus Ministry at SU and ESF. Your part-  
nership with LCM has influenced the lives of so many  
students.

I would also like to share my new role with LCM at SU/  
ESF. This past fall, I was called to serve as the non-  
stipended Development Officer at SU/ESF LCM while  
continuing in my role as an associate chaplain at SU.  
I'd like to thank the LCM council and the Bishop for  
making this happen.

I look forward to working with all of you as partners in  
this ministry, and am also enclosing giving statements  
for 2017.

Peace,  
Pr. Jeff L. Kane

Young families group,

I just wanted to thank you for your wonderful  
donation to our MVCC student food pantry  
"the campus cupboard", your thoughtfulness  
means so much!

Sincerely,

Kelly Fleming /iServe coordinator

Dear Zion friends,

St Margaret's Food Pantry at Grace Church  
wishes to acknowledge recent donations of  
125 assorted food items to their pantry!

They truly appreciate the assistance from Zi-  
on Lutheran Church, as well as Ed Grove, for  
the time he spends delivering the items to  
them.

As always, Grace Church is grateful for our  
kindness and generosity and look forward to  
seeing us next month!

Cheryl Rossi- Walczak

Dear Zion friends,

**Central Crossroads Conference Youth Ministry  
Chairman, Larry Fuller wishes to thank the Cen-  
tral Crossroads Conference Youth representing  
Luther Memorial, Zion Church and  
many others, for their participa-  
tion in the 2018 Volleyball Mara-  
thon. The pledge total this year  
was \$2447.50!! The youth from Zion, brought in  
the largest amount of pledges, (\$724.00)!! Con-  
gratulations and Thank you!**



**Many thanks for the adults who came to chap-  
erone and referee the matches this year.**

**A special thank you to Jeff Till, John Blackburn,  
Megan Wolling and Dairis Plochko for their**



## Zion's Choir Schedule

Tuesday, May 1st at 5:00PM in the Fireside Room



**SPECIAL REQUEST:** You have seen and enjoyed the results of a beautifully renovated Fireside Room and newly upgraded bathrooms. These improvements were paid for by loaning ourselves money from our savings. Now, we need to repay these capital improvement expenses. The Council and the pastor ask for your assistance by making a contribution to the Building Fund. This can be done by using the green envelopes in the pews or send your contribution to the church and marked "building fund". Thank you in advance for your generosity

### Treasurer's Report

	February 2018 Treasurer's Report			
	Feb 2018	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Giving	\$ 10,594.30	\$ 32,371.80	\$ 28,987.20	\$ 3,384.60
Other Income	\$ 1,642.16	\$ 3,487.72	\$ 4,176.14	\$ (688.42)
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 12,236.46	\$ 35,859.52	\$ 33,163.34	\$ 2,696.18
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 15,019.14	\$ 36,928.11	\$ 41,001.29	\$ (4,073.18)
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ (2,782.68)	\$ (1,068.59)	\$ (7,837.95)	\$ 6,769.36

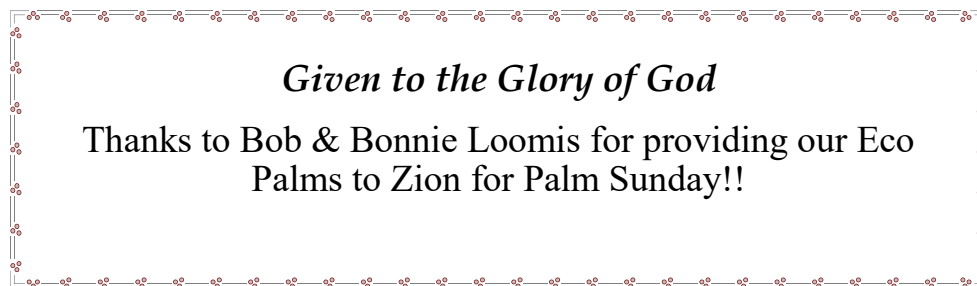
## *Given to the Glory of God*

<b><u>In Memory of:</u></b>	<b><u>To:</u></b>	<b><u>Given by:</u></b>
My wife, Dorothy Meneses	Community food bank	Oscar Meneses
Randy Richards	Randy Richards fund	Laurel McCurdy
Pastor Andrew & Elizabeth Wetzel	Memorial Fund	Irma Muehlenberg & Jack Henke
<b><u>In Honor of:</u></b>	<b><u>To:</u></b>	<b><u>Given by:</u></b>
Laurel McCurdy	World Hunger	Linda Bennett
John Blackburn	Easter food Baskets	Carol Blackburn
Norm Waterbury	Easter food Baskets	Harry & Helga Morrison
Linda Bennett	World Hunger	Laurel McCurdy
Jim and Kim Marscher	World Hunger	Carole Grove
Mary Senn's beautiful music	Your Neighbors	Jeanne Gumburch
Evon Pinkos & Caryn Carlson	Zion food ministry	Donald & Wanda Gregory
Laurel Richards	Randy Richard fund	Jeanne Gymburch

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"No act of kindness, no matter how small,  
is ever wasted".—Aesop

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## ***APRIL 2018 Worship Team Schedule***

<u>Greeters</u>		
	<u>10:00 AM Service</u>	
April 1	Marty Pughe	
April 8		
April 15	Evon Pinkos	
April 22		
April 29		

<u>Worship Assistant</u>	
	<u>10:00 AM Service</u>
April 1	Lisa Lucas- Myers
April 8	John Blackburn
April 15	Fran LaGase
April 22	
April 29	Kristen Burson

<u>Ushers</u>		
	<u>10:00 AM Service</u>	
April 1	Laura Hilt & Ed Nelson	
April 8	Evon Pinkos & Ed Nelson	
April 15		
April 22		
April 29		

<u>Communion Assistants</u>		
	<u>10:00 AM Service</u>	
April 1	Bob & Bonnie Loomis	
April 8	Diane Jecen & Carol Blackburn	
April 15	Bob Kulawy & Ryan Kulawy	
April 22	Diane Jecen & Darlene Hill	
April 29	Karen Toepp & Janet Bagnall	

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**“Speak in such a way that others Love to Listen to  
you. Listen in such a way that others Love to  
Speak to you”**

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# April 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 10am <b>Easter Service</b> , followed by a special coffee hour	2 10-2 Financial Team 10:15 Pilates 12:30 Al-Anon mtg	3	4 10am Bible Study 12:30 Al-Anon mtg 6:30pm Bible Study	5 6pm Girl Scouts 6pm walking with friends 6pm Young families group	6 12:30 Al-Anon mtg	7
8 10am Traditional service 6-7:45pm contemporary service	9 10-2 Financial Team 10:15 Pilates 12:30 Al-Anon mtg	10 7pm Council mtg	11 10am Bible Study 12:30 Al-Anon mtg 2-4 Retirement tea 6:30pm Bible Study	12 6pm Girl Scouts 6pm walking with friends	13 12:30 Al-Anon mtg	14 9:45-12:30 Central Crossroads Spring Assembly
15 10am Traditional service World Hunger Kickoff 12:15 Johnson Park Center 6-7:45pm contemporary service	16 10-2 Financial Team 10:15 Pilates 12:30 Al-Anon mtg	17 11:30 Your neighbors meeting	18 10am Bible Study 12:30 Al-Anon mtg 6:30pm Bible Study	19 6pm Girl Scouts 6pm walking with friends	20 12:30 Al-Anon meeting	21
22 10am Traditional service 2-4 Immanuel Lutheran Spring festival 6-7:45pm contemporary service	23 10-2 Financial Team 10:15 Pilates 12:30 Al-Anon mtg	24	25 10am Bible Study 12:30 Al-Anon mtg 6:30pm Bible Study	26 6pm Girl Scouts 6pm walking with friends	27 12:30 Al-Anon mtg	28
29 10am Traditional service/ with healing service 6-7:45pm contemporary service	30 10-2 Financial Team 10:15 Pilates 12:30 Al-Anon meeting					

“may the great spirit guide  
us, lead us, and still the  
waters that lay before us”

A special acknowledgment and a big Thank You to Janet Bagnall and Karen Toepp (Right) for all of their help on Fridays! The bulletins don't assemble themselves :D Janet and Karen happily come in and assemble our Church bulletins fresh off the press and they do it with a smile on their face.  
THANK YOU!!



**PLEASE NOTE:**

If you have an article or a Thank You note to contribute to the Newsletter please submit it to us by the 21st to [SSilva@zionluth.com](mailto:SSilva@zionluth.com)

Thank you!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**THE PARIS HILL**

**BRASS** will perform a concert at Zion on **Sunday, May 20th** from 2 - 4 PM in Zion's sanctuary, with refreshments during intermission in the Fireside Room. *Donations gratefully accepted.*

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**FOR AMERICA ~UNITY~**

National day of Prayer is on Thursday, May 3rd from 7:30-8:45 at Harts Hill Inn, Whitesboro.

"Science is a first rate piece of furniture for a man's upper chamber if he has common sense on the ground floor".  
-Oliver Wendell Holmes, The Poet at the breakfast Table, 1872



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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.*



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