



**April
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Zion's News & Notes

A Few Words From Pastor Bill

Palm/Passion Sunday, Holy Week, Easter Sunday....April begins with special days in the lives of Christians. For me, this time in the life of the Christian Community is filled with the reality of life and light as God's victory is once again greeted with shouts of "Christ is risen"! It is also well for us to remember that each and every Sunday is a time to embrace this Easter reality.

This is also a time for Zion to welcome a new Transition Pastor. Pastor Janet Griffiths who is the Chaplain at LutheranCare and a member of Zion, now begins to journey with you as Transition Pastor. She is the Pastor of Record for Zion and is the person to be contacted for pastoral care needs. I may be with you as Supply Pastor some Sundays but will no longer be Zion's Transition Pastor.

Marilyn and I both are deeply appreciative of the support you have provided us and our family over the past 10 months. Thank you for your notes and other expressions of thanks to us for the time we have had together on this journey.

Thank you to Zion's leadership for your guidance as Zion looks to the future. Thank you also to Zion's staff for the opportunity to work with you.

Now it is time for me to step back and focus my attention on family as we seek continued healing and strength following a most traumatic year.

I look forward to being with you from time to time, and always remember that we are the church together powered by God's Holy Spirit to proclaim the light of Christ in the world today.

God's Peace Always,

Pastor Bill

**Zion Lutheran Church
Zion News & Notes**
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April Announcements

Attention New Zion Attendees!!!

If you are new to Zion, or if you have been attending for a while and would like to become a member, please let the office know and we will schedule a special service for new members. You can call the office at 315-732-4110 or send us an email at office@zionluth.com. We would love to have you as part of our Zion family!

Sundays at 10am

We apologize to anyone who has showed up after 10 for the service and was unable to get in. Greeters come upstairs at 10am and, for the safety of our worshipers, we keep the doors locked. Please ring the normal office bell and we will do everything we can to listen for the bell and have someone run down and open the door.

Abide

The Building Analysis and Internal Structure and Systems Working groups will meet the **third Sunday** of each month following worship.

Holy Week

Please see page eight for a list of [Holy Week services, service times, sign ups, and additional service information.](#)

Easter Flowers

The signup sheet is posted in the narthex. If you are interested in signing up for flowers, please sign up as soon as possible! You can sign up by April 7th. You can also call the office.

Trinity-Zion Abide Committee Survey

If you haven't received the email for the survey, please let the office know. Those who receive our mailings via USPS, please fill out the survey accompanied with this newsletter. Thank you for your support and time with this. There are also hard copies available on the table in the narthex. These completed surveys will be very helpful for the Abide meeting groups.

Worship & Music Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 3rd at 6 PM on Zoom.

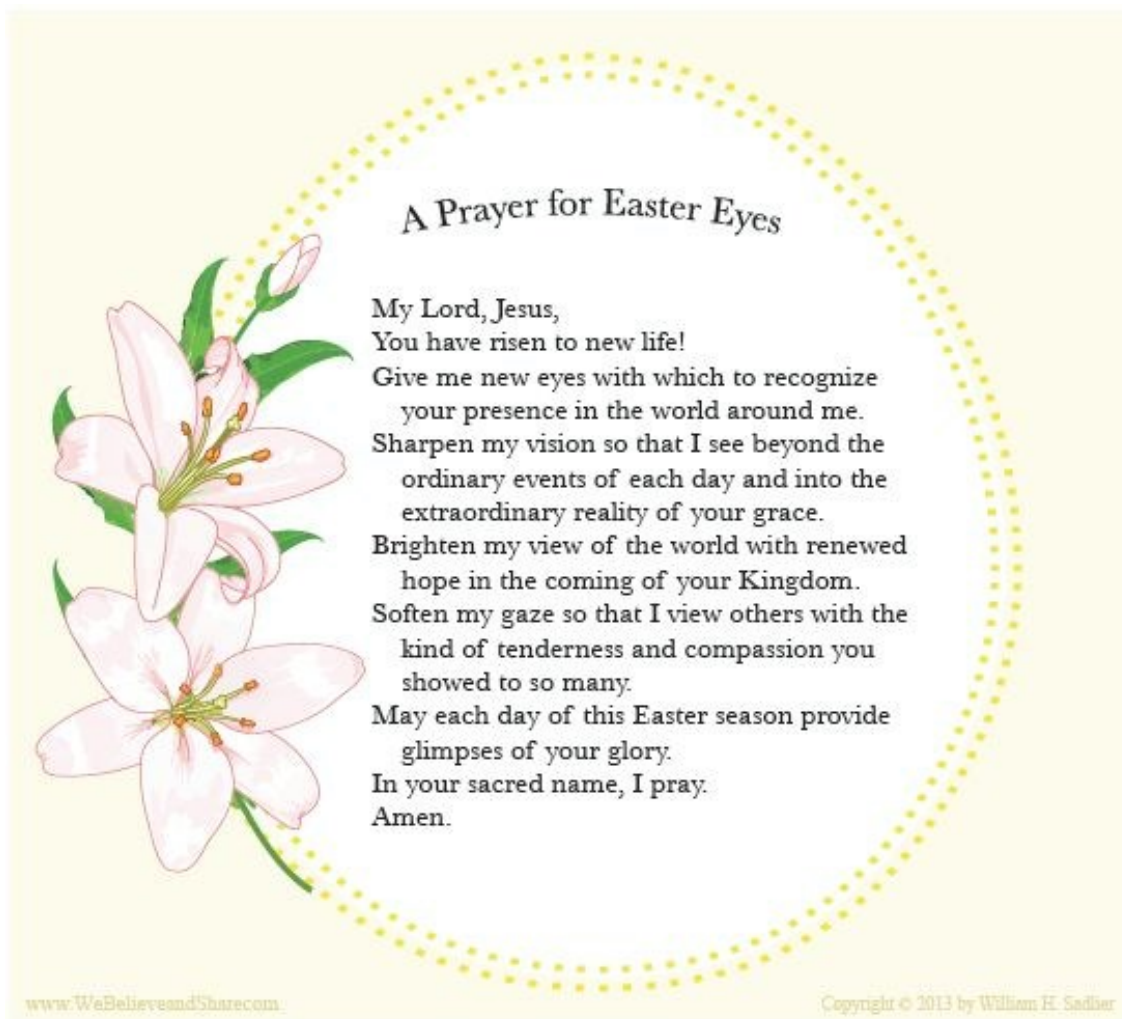
Fellowship & Coffee Hour

Zion is very much looking forward to resuming regular coffee hours in the Fireside Room. Please see the signup sheet posted in the narthex if you would like to sign up to be on a monthly rotation to help make coffee and clean up.

(You can also call the office.) We can begin to plan once we have enough volunteers. Thank you!!

April Birthdays

Darlene Hill	2	Elizabeth Thompson	17
Fran LaGase	8	Mark Thompson	18
Mary Margaret Krukonis	8	Diana Goewey	21
Madison Midura	9	Ethan Myers	21
Lorraine Dowd	10	Doris Hennings	23
Shawn McLennan	10	Daniel Loomis	25
Sarah Hartman	11	Russ Holzberger	28
Sarah Tompkins	11		



Gifts Given to the Glory of God

In Memory of:	To:	Given by:
In Honor of:	To:	Given by:
Special Gift	Bo Lambe	Kerstin Soykan

Treasurer's Report

		February 2023 Treasurer's Report		
	Feb-23	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income				
Giving	\$ 14,539.43	\$ 31,129.45	\$ 28,666.00	\$ 2,463.45
Other Income	\$ 2,254.87	\$ 2,736.20	\$ 2,926.82	\$ (190.62)
Total Income	\$ 16,794.30	\$ 33,865.65	\$ 31,592.82	\$ 2,272.83
Total Expense	\$ 12,604.43	\$ 30,995.12	\$ 31,851.20	\$ (856.08)
Net Income	\$ 4,189.87	\$ 2,870.53	\$ (258.38)	\$ 3,128.91



April Worship Team Schedule

Date:	Worship Assistant	Pastor	Greeters	Ushers
April 2 Palm Sunday	Wendy Stevens	Pr. Bill	Jan Corn	Doreen Nicholls & Jeanne Gymburch
April 6 Maundy Thursday		Pr. Bill	Barb Wilson	
April 7 Good Friday		Pr. Bill		Jan Corn & Deb Murdock
April 9 Easter Sunday		Pr. Bill		
April 16	Karen Toepp	Pr. Gail Rinna	Fran Holzberger	
April 23		Rev. Jen DeWeerth		Caryn Carlson & Darlene Hill
April 30		Deacon Patsy Glista		

Notes of Gratitude & Other Communications

Dear Zion members,

On behalf of Feed Our Vets, thank you for your support and generous food donation. You are helping to feed veterans, their spouses and children, whose circumstances have left them on the battlefield of hunger. Currently, 94% of all monetary donations go directly to feeding our Veterans!

Very Respectfully,

Michele Synek Co-Founder

Hello everyone,

I want to thank you very much for sending out the quarterly devotions, I read them everyday. Thank you for the weekly bulletin. Hello to everyone, we sure miss coming to church; we can't get around very well.

Sincerely,

Bill & Rusty Pentland

Dear Zion,

As I look over the list of time and talents, I remember doing many of them over the years. My Parkinson's is using my strength most days and I'm not even sure that I can get back to choir at this time. Thank you so much for bringing Zion to me through Zoom. It has helped me to still feel connected to Zion and that has meant a lot to me. I keep all of you at Zion in my prayers.

Sincerely,

Diana Inserra

Hello from the Lambe Family,

We would like to thank all of you for your support, prayers and generosity during this time. Bo started chemotherapy and we are very hopeful that better days are ahead. At this time, all the "wish list" gifts from the website's registry have been purchased, and Chris and Jenna are prepared for when Bo is able to come home. **No additional donations or gifts are needed at this time.** The only thing we will continue to need is your love and support, and prayers. We are truly blessed to be a part of this church family.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The Lambe Family

Update on Bo's progress

After a couple of grueling weeks of chemo recovery, Bo turned the corner on most of his symptoms! We actually got to have several days of our old boy back, with laughing and joking, physical recovery (sitting up on his own, playing, and walking with assistance farther and farther each day). The kid is a warrior and we missed seeing this side of him so much. Unfortunately, we are heading right back into round two of chemo and have already started seeing the medicinal poisons take effect again. We did an MRI after the first round and discovered that the tumors are "stable" and have neither decreased in size nor grown. This is not unheard of for the first round, but also not ideal. They also found that no new growth occurred, which was very positive considering how aggressive his cancer is. They won't do another MRI until after round three. The doctors have encouraged us to find solace in the good news of his impressive mental and physical recovery, as well as the lack of growth and also genetic testing that confirmed we dodged the most aggressive forms of this aggressive disease. We have officially been living at Upstate University Hospital for a month and a half. Chris and I take turns going home a night or two each week to get some sleep and tackle chores or work, but we are truly operating in a surreal reality where time has stopped for us. The weeks have gone in waves, but have progressed slowly in a positive direction as Bo's recovery allows.

Love you all,

Jenna, Chris and Bo

Notes of Gratitude & Other Communications

Two delicious new chocolate bars have joined the Fair Trade Hutch in the Fireside Room. There are many flavors to choose from in the future including lemon/ginger and caramel crunch. Please let us know if you would like to try something new!

Thank you for supporting Equal Exchange Fair Trade.



From the pen of Mae Parker

Love is most precious
When we give it away
Holding nothing back
Without question or delay

Give yourselves to others
As our savior did for us
Humbly caring and compassionate
With no unnecessary fuss

Give yourself with wonder
And shortly you will see
That what you give comes back to you
Up to the ninth degree

So shake your troubles and your cares
And reach someone today
The peace that you find inside
Will never go away

Women of Faith

A "*Woman of Faith*" program is being held at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 1640 Genesee Street, Utica on **Sunday, May 7th at 12noon**. All are invited for a fun time of fellowship and learning.

The topic will be Women Prophets in the Bible. These are women whom God has chosen to speak for Him under divine guidance by the Holy Spirit. We will be discussing why they were chosen and what was their mission, and how this applies to us today in our Faith Walk with Jesus. Trinity's women will facilitate our program.

This will also give us more insight into the awesomeness of God and how He works in our lives individually.

Please bring a bag lunch. The women of Our Saviour will provide beverage and dessert.

Join Us!

*** SAVE THE DATES ***

WOMEN OF FAITH

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM



MONDAY, JUNE 26th AT 7 PM

MONDAY, JULY 24th AT 7 PM

MONDAY, AUGUST 28th AT 7 PM



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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.*



Holy Week Services

PALM SUNDAY—APRIL 2ND AT 10 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY—APRIL 6TH AT 5:30PM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for the service and a Simple Supper. Please see the signup sheet posted in the narthex if you would like to bring soup, bread, or other requested supper items. *(Due to the location of the service, we will unfortunately be unable to Zoom.)*

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 7TH AT 12 PM—*(The Zoom link for this service will be sent out soon.)*

EASTER SUNDAY— APRIL 9TH AT 10 AM

Please join us in the Fireside Room for a special Coffee Hour following the service. Please see the signup sheet if you would like to bring cookies, coffee cake, etc.!

