

Zion's News & Notes

A 'Very Few' Words From Pastor David

AUGUST 2017

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.

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While the summer is usually seen as a slow time and an opportunity to catch one's breath, it has not been so here at Zion. Many people have been using this time to plan fall activities and to work on various projects. For example, we have a full slate of 175th anniversary events, which are listed

inside this newsletter. We have also been ironing out the kinks of live streaming our worship services, completing work on our new website, and following through on some upgrades to our physical plant. So, as with an iceberg, what one sees above the surface is only a fraction of what is going on below. It is my hope that when the fall comes we will be better able to get our message out, better prepared to welcome guests, and able to truly celebrate both the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation and Zion's 175th anniversary.

That being said, I want to thank all those who have worked so hard through the summer getting things planned and ready for the fall. You have been great, and your time and dedication is much appreciated!

Lastly, I want to encourage you to come to the August 19th summer music festival. We are designing this to be a family-friendly event. There will be activities and games for the kids, lots of music, and food. So, mark the date on your calendar and please try to come. Also, **please consider inviting your friends** as "all are welcome!" and this would be a great way for people who don't already know us, to become familiar with us. By the way, if you can lend a hand, please contact Jim Marscher or me. I strongly suspect we can find a way for you to contribute your time and talent.

Have a great rest of the summer and may you experience much rest and rejuvenation!

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor David

PLEASE NOTE: The Newsletter Deadline is the 17th of each month,

unless otherwise noted. *Thank you!*

Thank you Lord for angels among us ... Yesterday at the check out at Top's, I didn't have enough to pay my bill, but might have more in the car. A young gentleman came to my window, knocked on the door, and said, "I gave the cashier at the check out \$20.00 on your bill". This is the Lord doing His work EVERY DAY—LOOK AROUND. AMEN!

<u>Editor's Note</u>: Thank you to the anonymous writer who submitted this positive message.



BAGELS & COFFEE WITH PASTOR

DAVID - Come to Zion Wednesday, August 2 at 9:30 - 10:30 AM for a chance to talk with Pr. David and each other. We'll meet in the Fireside Room. Contact Kim Marscher if you have questions or need a ride (315-735-4773).





THE ALTAR FLOWERS CHART is locat-

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). You may also call Debbie in the church office at 315 -732-4110.

MAKE A NOTE OF IT!

Please remember that if you can't make it to our regular 10:00 AM worship service, you have two other opportunities to join us: 1) you can attend the 4:00 PM Sunday contemporary worship service; and 2) you can watch the 10:00 AM service on our Facebook page as we are archiving all our livestreamed services for later viewing.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

THE WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday, August 22nd at 5:30 PM. Bring your ideas for fall planning!



<u>OKTOBERFEST PLANNING MEETING</u>: There will be an Oktoberfest planning meeting on **Tuesday**, **September 5th at 5:30 PM** in the Fireside Room.

<u>AUGUST IS OUR LUTHERAN CHARITIES APPEAL!</u> Stay tuned for an important announcement during the August 6th 10 AM worship service, and look for the bulletin inserts. Thank you!

<u>ZION'S MEN'S GROUP</u> will <u>NOT</u> meet in August. They will meet next at 9:00 AM on Saturday, September 9 at Breakfast at Tiffany's. All men are welcome.

<u>YOUNG FAMILIES GATHERING:</u> On Thursday, August 3 at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall, we will have a family dinner & "worshipful play" for families with pre-K children. *Dinner will be provided. Please join us!*

<u>Field Trip to NAHOF</u> – on **Saturday, August 5, at 10:00 AM** the National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum (NAHOF) in Peterboro will hold its 8th annual Emancipation Day Celebration. Last August, several of us went to NAHOF with some folks from Our Saviour to learn more about the abolitionist movement here in CNY. One result was for us to work with other organizations to bring the NAHOF display to Utica. This year we can join members from this NAHOF working group going out to the Emancipation Day Celebration. If you are interested in going on this field trip, have questions, and/or want more information, please contact Pastor David.



<u>GATHERING CHOIR</u> — Sing with us on **August 6th for the 10 AM service** as we sing from the back of the sanctuary, **Hymn #781** *Children of the Heavenly Father*, all 4 verses. *Please join us - it's fun!*

<u>CHILDREN'S TIME</u>: Would anyone would be willing to do the Children's Time during worship? We have several teachers and others at Zion who work with children, and it would be wonderful if some would be willing to see this as an opportunity to share their talents. *Please see Pr. David if you are interested.*

TRANSPORTATION GROUP - We're 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!



Vignettes From Zion's History: Recording Invaluable Memories

Too much of our country's oral history has vanished simply because folks didn't bother to record it. My research into Zion Church's past provides a perfect example. I wished that, in my younger years, I had interviewed people such as Pastor William Nolte, Louie Ditzel, Al Steiger, Olga Geiger Long, Claude Zoeckler, Paula Dinger ... the list would fill a page! But, of course, I didn't, and our church's recorded history suffers as a result. I hope that the "Memories Wanted" notice in this newsletter inspires you to contact me and share a part of your Zion past. I look forward to talking with you!

Rich memories have blessed my research, and I'm sure that this will continue. The past two months' columns dealt with the Sprock pastorate (1950-1971). Let me share a few recollections of John and Marie.

Linda Voight White recalled how Pastor Sprock took children home from Luther League meetings, release-time instruction, and junior choir rehearsals. "He always offered rides to kids who needed a lift and he got us home fast. Pastor had a 'lead foot!' He gave us some thrilling rides! Occasionally, he ran errands before he took us home and, if he was in a hurry, he parked anywhere he could - and that included in front of fire hydrants and in 'no parking' zones. He even double-parked! When he parked illegally, Pastor Sprock calmly told us, 'If the police stop and ask questions, just tell them that this car belongs to your pastor.'"

Alice Buttenschon Shofer sang in the choir with Marie Sprock. "Marie worked two full-time jobs," Alice remembered. "She taught English at Utica Free Academy and she was a pastor's wife. Days at U.F.A., nights and weekends at Zion - that was Marie's life. I recall a Sunday morning in the 1950s when we were putting on our choir robes. Marie was in a great mood that day. She told the ladies that she could finally invite guests over for dinner after church. The Swanson Company had just introduced their line of 'TV dinners,' which made Marie very happy because she never had time to cook."

Claudia Zoeckler King recalled a Council of Churches ecumenical dinner at Zion in the mid-1960s. "My daughters, Janice and Denise, owned a doll collection," Claudia stated. "Pastor Sprock knew this and he asked me to do a little costuming. He wanted me to create dolls that resembled a minister, priest, and rabbi for a display on the head table. I was happy to help our good pastor. A problem arose, however. The only male dolls the girls owned were 'GI Joes' and you couldn't remove their boots. So, faced with a challenge, I sewed long robes for the minister, priest, and rabbi. No one outside my family and Pastor Sprock knew that these respected religious figures were wearing combat boots!"

Jeanne Kirn Grube remembered the Sprocks. "John and Marie loved Zion's children and treated them like their own. They always attended our Luther League meetings at the School Hall. They had great senses of humor and loved to share our fun. I'll never forget the beautiful floral patterns that Marie needlepointed during those meetings. She didn't just copy photographs. She created these patterns from her imagination and they were gorgeous. What a talented, artistic lady."

I have a favorite John Sprock memory. The pastor was a very organized preacher whose structured sermons left no doubt about his message. He gave our Confirmation Class of 1963 an assignment that, from my perspective in 2017, after a career in secondary education, was superlative homework. Pastor Sprock asked us to take notes while he preached a sermon. We were told to identify his main points, his supporting facts/arguments, and any anecdotes he used to illustrate his themes. In essence, he challenged us to reduce the sermon to a logical outline. This was a difficult task for thirteen year olds but, in retrospect, the assignment was brilliant. John Sprock guided us to another level of thinking, made us concentrate on every word, and taught us invaluable listening and organizational skills. Much appreciated, Pastor!

The Vignettes columns are researched and written by Jack Henke.

Community Events

Dear Friends,

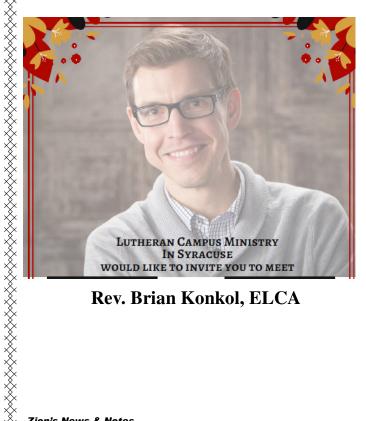
The Lutheran Campus Ministry of Syracuse University is elated to welcome The Rev. Dr. Brian E. Konkol as the new Dean of Hendricks Chapel. This is especially exciting because he is the First Lutheran to hold the position of dean to the Chapel. He will officially take office Saturday, July 15th 2017. Along with the Rev. Konkol, we would like to welcome his wife, Dr. Kristen Konkol and his children Khaya and Tobi.

Rev. Konkol is the former Chaplain of Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota where he enriched the students' leadership within the ministry and public advocacy. Konkol has a culturally diverse background as he has coordinated young adults in a global mission program while in South Africa. He served with the Lutheran World Foundation for the United Nations Framework Convention on climate change.

Hailing from the Midwest, our new dean was born in Wisconsin but tells us he is happy to move to Syracuse. Nothing short of evangelical, Rev. Konkol is an author of a newly released book called Mission as Accompaniment: A Response to Mechanistic Dehumanization. We at the Lutheran Campus Ministry are proud to have Rev. Konkol serve the Chaplaincy as our dean, and look forward to working closely with him.

Thus, with all this excitement we are delighted to invite you to our campus for the annual Lutheran Campus Ministry Fall Event. You will be able to meet the new dean Rev. Konkol, congratulate our 2017 Distinguished Disciples. This event will be held on Sunday October 1st from 4:00 - 7:00 PM at Hendricks Chapel, parking will be free and easily accessible as all are able to park directly by the chapel. We will have student ushers to help direct you at the doors and throughout Hendricks as well. You will enjoy beautiful music and a selection of fine foods and fellowship as you support the Gospel mission of the Lutheran Campus Ministry.

Peace & Joy, Pastor Gail Riina



Rev. Brian Konkol, ELCA

October 1, 2017 @ 4:00 - 7:00 PM

At Hendricks Chapel - Free parking near the chapel and Handicap Accessible.

Enjoy: Music, Fine Food, Students Leaders, and the Honoring of Distinguished Disciples. Contact: Gail Riina at griina@syr.edu for more information.

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175th Anniversary Activities

Saturday, August 19th @ 5 - 8 PM - Music Festival for the whole family. Performances by Triumph Brass, Rome First United Methodist Praise Band, Brian Gadbow (cellist), Matt Aceto and Friends, Zion's Men's Quartet, and John Coveleski. Chairs and some refreshments will be available, but the audience is welcome to bring their own food and chairs. There'll be games and activities for children, assisted by members of Zion and students from Hamilton College.

This community event will be held rain or shine. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome! Questions, see Jim Marscher.

Sunday, September 3rd - Worship & Picnic at Kirkland Town Park. Worship will be at 10 AM, followed by a potluck picnic. We have reserved the pavilion from 9:30 AM - 3 PM so that we can hang out and enjoy Sabbath time. See pg. 7 for more details. Questions, see Ann McCarthy.

Sunday, September 17th - 10 AM Worship at Zion & 2 PM Rededication of Founders' Gravesite at Forest Hill Cemetery, Oneida St., Utica. Questions, see Jack Henke.

Saturday, September 23rd - Part 3 of Reformation Lecture Series at Zion @ 9:30 - 11:30 AM with Trinity -Herkimer, St. Peter's - Verona, & Our Saviour - Utica. Questions, see Pr. David.

Friday, October 6th (6 - 9 PM) & Saturday, October 7th (1 - 4 PM): 3rd Annual Oktoberfest Celebration. This event this year will be expanded to include family-friendly activities on Saturday. Questions, see Kim Marscher.

Sunday, October 29th - "500th Anniversary of the Reformation" Special Worship Service at 10 AM.

Saturday, November 11th - 175th Anniversary Catered Banquet & Program at Zion from 5 - 8 PM (Dinner @ 5:30). We will invite former pastors and members to return and celebrate with us. There will be an opportunity to hear stories and anecdotes from Zion's past. Questions, see Claudia King or Pr. David.

Sunday, November 12th - 175th Anniversary Celebration Service at 10 AM. WWII Honor Roll will be rededicated. Questions, see Pr. David or Jack Henke.

PLEASE PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDARS! More details to come in future newsletters & Sunday bulletins. * Lastly, we will need lots of "worker bees", so if you can help out, please call 315-732-4110 or email us at office@zionluth.com. * Thank you from the 175th Anniversary Committee!

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From the Pen of Mae Parker



What am I here for Is there a purpose for my life Should I ask my precious Lord The answer to this strife

Would that I should find the why Of this long life that I have spent Did I fulfill my destiny in fact Or did I just let it slide by

On life's journey are many turns Which one is wrong or which is right Does my daily routine go on and on And do I often lose the sight

When this life is done and over And I stand before my creator Will he say I did my duty Or will he say I'll see you later

A Big Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who helped with Zion's hospitality tent. A large amount of food as well as over \$500 dollars was donated to the Veteran's Outreach Center, and the baked goods that weren't eaten that morning were packaged for the Your Neighbors program. Special thanks goes to Carole and Ed Grove for setting up their tent and organizing the donations, John Kelly for making coffee and other drinks, Ron and Jan Kowalczyk for organizing and collecting parking lot donations starting at 6 AM, and Linda Bennett for serving at the tent that morning. Thanks to all who donated drinks and desserts, and to the Bagel Grove for bagels and cream cheese and Carlo Massi and Sons and Daughters for the fruit. Zion helped a lot of people on Boilermaker Sunday, July 9th, 2017. Thank you for serving our community.



I thank everyone for their lovely cards, gifts and good wishes for my birthday. It was so nice to be remembered, and I appreciate it very much!

Love,
Deb



Dear Pastor David & Zion Members,

6/27/17

Greetings from NC! We are happily settling in our new world and enjoying the process. There is so much new to face, but all is well as we settle in with my mom, Arlene, and Mick - Very Important Poodle.

Thank you so much for our special service moment and good wishes (and cake!) on our last Sunday at Zion. We have such beautiful memories with many of you through the years, since Nathan & Haley were born and have grown to adulthood. Thank you all for your part in that!

We will miss doing the hospitality tent at the Boiler-maker this year - it's fun! We'll be there with you in spirit. We are looking for a church home (Zion is a hard act to follow and is a shining example of what we'd like). We're liking a large Lutheran church near us that is ELCA-affiliated. Much is happening there!

Our love and prayers to all of you. Be well!

Shari & Ed Killian 2425 Arbor View Drive Cary, NC 27519



I wish to thank all of my beloved Zion friends who remembered me with their thoughts, prayers and cards. It means so much to me. *Special thanks to Pr. David and the Zion Prayer Group*.

Love, Rusty Pentland



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Come Sunshine or Rain

You are invited to a "Sunday in the Park". As part of Zion's 175th Anniversary celebration, we will have an outdoor church service and picnic:

WHAT: "Sunday in the Park" Worship & Picnic.

WHEN: Sunday, September 3, 2017 from 9:30 AM to 3 PM (Worship at 10 AM, picnic will follow).

PLACE: Kirkland Town Park, Post St., Clinton, Pavilion 3 (see directions below), Handicap accessible.

PARKING: The parking area is level with the pavilion floor. Bathrooms nearby and handicap accessible.

Please wear comfortable picnic attire. There are picnic tables with attached benches. If you can't manage this type of seating, please bring a folding lawn chair for your comfort.

If you have lawn games and are willing to share, please bring them. There are courts for tennis, badminton and Volley ball. There's a playground and swing set for the kids, too.

PICNIC FARE: Church will provide hotdogs, hamburgs, rolls, potato salad, and tossed salad, and beverages such as, iced tea, lemonade, fruit drinks and water.

<u>PLEASE SIGN-UP IN THE NARTHEX</u>: If you can bring a dish to pass - A) Potato chips, or other type of chips, OR B) veggie salad, tomato salad, cole slaw, 3-bean salad (in a bowl w/ salad servers), OR C) Cookies, Brownies, etc. for dessert.

PARK'S RULES & REGULATIONS: No alcoholic beverages, park in designated areas only, no open fires, firearms prohibited, no unleashed dogs, no amplified music, and follow speed limit posted.

ANY QUESTIONS: Call Ann McCarthy at 315-853-5652 after 10:30 AM. Thank you!

DIRECTIONS (from Zion Lutheran Church):

- From Burrstone Rd., take Rte. 5 South (Arterial) on the right.
- Follow 5S (Arterial) for several miles to intersection of 5 South and 12 B (there are overhead signs) and follow Clinton 12 B (Utica Mutual on the left Yahnundasis Golf Course on the right).
- Follow 12 B for several miles, passing Stewart's Shop on the left, continue on 12 B, passing the Lutheran Home.
- Continue into the village of Clinton, around the Village Green on the right, go straight at first traffic light, continue down College St. to the 2nd traffic light, turn left onto Meadow St. (12 B) Tony's Pizza is on the corner.
- Follow 12 B past Hannaford on left, Clinton Auto on the right, the Kirkland Municipal Building on right.
- A few hundred feet ahead on left pass Grant St. on left, take the next left to Post St. Park sign is on the corner, plus Zion Picnic sign. Follow up the hill about a mile to the park entrance sign. Turn left into the park.
- Turn right, up hill to top, near ballfield, continue left down hill to our Pavilion 3, turn left to park.

Treasurer's Report

			June 2017 Treasurer's Report					
	June 2017		Year to Date		Budget		Over/Under Budget	
Income								
Giving	\$	15,371.24	\$	102,421.54	\$	88,302.50	\$	14,119.04
Other Income	\$	2,019.66	\$	13,493.68	\$	12,376.96	\$	1,116.72
Total Income	\$	17,390.90	\$	115,915.22	\$	100,679.46	\$	15,235.76
Total Expense	\$	20,319.78	\$	118,073.51	\$	121,368.06	\$	(3,294.55)
Net Income	\$	(2,928.88)	\$	(2,158.29)	\$	(20,688.60)	\$	18,530.31

Told in a Garden ...



Claudia & Fran King, Linda Bennett, Diane Jecen and Kim & Jim Marscher visited Gethsemane Garden in Manlius on June 26th.





Thank you from the Heart!

At Left: Zion met in our Prayer Garden to thank Eldon DeWeerth for the benches he donated in memory of his wife, Mary, on July 2nd. Jennifer DeWeerth, Eldon's daughter, led our service that day. She shared an important message - that the little things we do matter.



Above: Zion had refreshments in our Prayer Garden on July 2nd. We were blessed with a beautiful day after the storm the day before.

A Message from Our Historian



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Memories Wanted!

Jack Henke is assembling a history of Zion Church to honor our 175th anniversary. He is combining the "Vignettes" columns from the past five years with other research material to produce this book.

The publication will contain memories of Old Zion and its School Hall. Jack would like to balance this chapter with another that includes more recent memories of the pastorates of John Sprock, Paul Joslyn, Roger Beiswenger, and David Cleaver-Bartholomew.

Please consider sharing your memories. You can contact Jack at 315-861-7665, jhenke@midyork.org, or P.O. Box 175, Brookfield NY 13314. **The deadline is August 20.** Thank you!

Another avenue for contact exists. Jack works at the New Hartford Public Library on Tuesday (10-2), Thursday (10-4), and Friday (11:30-4). Stop in and share your memories with him! Zion's recorded history will be richer if you do.

The 5th Annual Grandfriends Event to benefit Your Neighbors, Inc.

Bring your grandchildren. Bring your grandparents. Or bring someone who is like a grandparent or grandchild to you for a lovely brunch **at Harts Hill Inn on Sunday, September 10th.** The event is Your Neighbors' most important fundraiser, and those who have attended in the past have praised it as a most enjoyable afternoon. You will be treated to a delicious brunch prepared by Harts Hill Inn and special entertainment from 12:30 to 2:30 PM. For other details see the poster in the Narthex, or see Carole Grove for tickets.



<u>FOOD DONATIONS</u>: Food offering totals for **JULY 2017** is **200 pounds for Boilermaker Parking and 160 pounds in weekly donated food.** *Many thanks for your continued support!*

August 2017

10:00 AM Traditional Worship

Christian Ed on Summer Vacation
4:00 PM Contemporary Worship

Nursery Care is available from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM for children up to age 5

Sunday Worship Schedule

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Saturday	2	9:00am 12:00pm NAHOF Field Trip (Peterboro)	12		19	5:00pm 8:00pm Music Festival (Zion)	26		2	
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Tuesday	Aug 1		8	5:00pm 8:30pm N.A.M.I. Mtg. (FH) 7:00pm 9:00pm Council Mtg. (FR)	15	11:30am 12:30pm Your Neighbors Mtg. (FR)	22	5:30pm 7:30pm W&M Comm. Mtg. (FR)	29	
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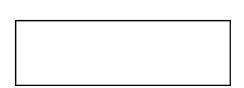
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The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is to prayerfully discern God's call to help people to become more fully devoted followers of Christ.



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Mark your calendars now, and plan to attend!