



Zion's News & Notes

July & August
2019



A Few Words from Pastor David

Finally, the weather has turned nice, and as always seems to happen in central upstate New York, everyone's demeanor has significantly improved. That being said, I want to let you know now about a couple of special events in Sept. so that you can mark your calendars.

First, on Labor Day, Sept. 1, **beginning at 11:00 a.m.** we will enjoy our second outdoor worship and picnic at Kirkland Town Park, Pavilion #3. This is the same pavilion we used two years ago and has bathrooms and parking nearby. I will lead an abbreviated, informal worship service that will include me giving a brief meditation on the day's scripture lessons, prayers, taking up an offering, and Matt Aceto will lead us in singing lots of hymns. So, if you have a favorite hymn you would like us to sing, please write its title on the sign-up sheet that will be posted in the narthex at Zion. Please note that there will be no service of Holy Communion.

A picnic will immediately follow the worship service. The church will provide chicken salad, tuna and macaroni salad, potato salad, tossed salad, dinner rolls, iced tea, lemonade, water, and paper products (i.e., plates, napkins, plasticware). The congregation is encouraged to bring other salads, desserts, chips, hors d'oeuvres, and other snack foods. If you have special dietary needs that cannot be met by the above, we ask that you bring food that does. In order have an idea of how many people we will need to provide food for, we ask that if you're planning on attending, that you please indicate this on the sign-up sheet at the church, or call the church office (315-732-4110) and we can sign you up.

Also, we have the pavilion reserved until 3:00 p.m., so people are also encouraged to bring lawn chairs to relax in and games to play. Families with children are especially encouraged to come and enjoy the rural setting. If you're having guests in for the weekend, we encourage you to bring them. We will have plenty of food, and worship is always better when we have more people and voices. By the way, since I didn't do such a good job with the weather last time, Ann McCarthy has agreed to order good weather for the day - mid-70s and sunny. We are hoping that everyone will come, enjoy one another's company, relax, play, and most importantly, have fun!

Second, I've spoken with Rev. Sharon Baugh, the new pastor at Hope Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, and she has accepted my invitation for her and her congregation to come and worship with us on **Sept. 22 at 4:00 p.m.** This is a resumption of the plan Rev. Cary Beckwith, Sharon's predecessor, and I had come up with for developing a relationship between our two congregations. You may recall that they hosted us first, so it is our turn to reciprocate. Rev. Baugh will preach, I will lead the liturgy, and we will host a potluck supper afterwards. Since we're at the beginning of the planning stage, the music arrangements have not yet been made. I sincerely hope you will set this day and time aside on your calendar and plan on attending. We had a very, very good experience when Hope Chapel hosted us, and I'm confident the same will be true this time when we host them. The Sept. newsletter will include more details, but I wanted to alert you now, so that you can mark your calendars.

I hope you have a wonderful summer!

Pastor David

(PS. Please see the directions to Kirkland Town Park on page 13.)

Zion Lutheran Church

Zion News & Notes

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Announcements

BIBLE STUDY: We are taking a short summer recess and will resume on September 4.



PRAYER GROUP: Pastor David leads a contemplative prayer group on Wednesdays at 12:30 PM for anyone who wishes to deepen their spiritual life.



BOOK CLUB: We will not meet for the summer months. Please join us in the fall. If you have any book suggestions, contact Fran Holzberger.



REVIEWS: We know you love your church home here at Zion. Please google “Zion Lutheran Church,” and give us a review and a **STAR** rating. It will only take a minute, and we could use the reviews! Thanks!



CHOIR: Zion's choir will begin rehearsing on Sunday, October 13, and sing for the service that day. The choir usually rehearses and sings on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Please come and join us - when you sing, you pray twice!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Among the most rewarding experiences of belonging to a church home are the opportunities to serve the community and to help maintain the church itself. Please see Pastor David if you would like to help - in any way! Bring your ideas! We realize that many folks vacation in summer, but want to remind all that the church's needs continue. We are still looking for a coordinator for Greeters & Ushers, if you think you can take this on, please let Pastor David know.



WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING: Monday, August 5 at 5pm.



LABOR DAY OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PICNIC: Labor Day weekend, September 1 at 11:00 AM. (Details on page 13.)



[BOILERMAKER SUNDAY JULY 14](#)

Help is needed for **1)** our hospitality tent in front of the church on Burrstone Road, **2)** parking lot attendants, **3)** provide baked goods & beverages, **4)** help at concession table, **5)** pick up food donations. We need volunteers at 6AM and rotating through the end of the race at approx. 10:30AM. Please see the signup sheet in the narthex, or call/email us with how you can help. This is a **BIG** event for Zion, as well as the Utica running community, and its supporters have come to look forward to our hospitality, so please consider helping out in some way.

Thank you!!

SUMMER Worship Team Schedule

Greeters 10:00 AM Service	
July 7	
July 14	
July 21	Jan Kowalczyk
July 28	

Ushers 10:00 AM Service	
July 7	Laura Hilt
July 14	
July 21	
July 28	

Worship Assistant 10:00 AM Service	
July 7	John Blackburn
July 14	Fran LaGase
July 21	Wendy Stevens
July 28	Carl Schmitt

Communion Assistants 10:00 Service	
July 7	Karen Toepp & Janet Bagnall
July 14	Curtis Pulliam
July 21	Laurel McCurdy & Darlene Hill
July 28	Alfred & Lynn Moretz

A few **words** come to mind when we think of “*Worship Team*,” words like: engage in, serving, helping, take an interest in, lend a hand, get in on, be a participant, chip in, get in on the act, partake in, tune in, take an interest in, join in, share... Whatever you want to call it- if you’re reading this, we need it from **you!!**



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Greeters 10:00 AM Service	
August 4	
August 11	
August 18	
August 25	

Worship Assistant 10:00 AM Service	
August 4	Bob Loomis
August 11	Carl Schmitt
August 18	Wendy Stevens
August 25	

Ushers 10:00 AM Service	
August 4	
August 11	
August 18	
August 25	

Communion Assistants 10:00 Service	
August 4	Laurel McCurdy & Darlene Hill
August 11	Linda Bennett
August 18	Laurel McCurdy & Darlene Hill
August 25	

Birthdays & more

Summer Birthdays—Happy Birthday!!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Katie Lockwood	1
Sara Silva	3
Jack Lambe	5
Scott Jecen	5
Shirley Morrison	5
John Aceto	10
Kim Marscher	10
John Pardee	11
Becky Canaguier	12
Devan Millbower	13
Christina Moretz	15
Nathaniel Moretz	15
Elizabeth Griffiths	16
Emily Murdock	16
Paul Owens	16
Francis Holzberger	18
Steven Besler	19
Laura Inserra	19
Matt Aceto	19
Sharon Berkhoudt	21
Benjamin Stevens	21
Robert Stevens	22
Janet Batnall	22
Charles Carlson	22
Evon Pinkos	23
Daniel Berkhoudt	25
Wendy Kowalczyk	25
David Schiller	25
Rochelle Jensen	28
Beth Dubeck	29

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Darlene Youngkrans	2
Julianna Griffiths	4
Linda Kuiken	7
Nancy Thompson	7
John Bonvicino III	8
Michael Stevens, Sr.	8
Joseph Thistleton	9
Dames Daly	10
Paul Van Allen	10
Megan Bonvicino	11
Kevin Owens	11
Deborah Miller	16
Claudia Trad	16
Jennifer Pierce	19
Joyce Maher	23
Matthew Kuiken	24
Shawn Kelly	25
Corey Pardee	25
Grayson Stevens	25
Kelly Whipple	26
Megan Roberts	27
Linda White	27
Rosee Head	28
Melissa Aceto	29
Karen McLennan	30
Sharon Jeche	30
Eleanor Harrington	31
Autumn Stevens	31

Hear ye, hear ye! Please wear name tags at worship. Since June 2016, we have received 19 new members (net total). In addition, we continue to be frequently blessed with visitors and guests at our 10:00 a.m. worship service. In an effort to help our new members learn names, and make our guests feel more comfortable, I ask that everyone please wear their name tag, if they have one. If you don't have one, stick-on name tags are available in the narthex for you to fill out and wear. Thank you for this act of hospitality. 😊 Pastor David

People read reviews.

Please go to our Facebook page (Zion Lutheran Church, New Hartford, NY), click on Reviews- and leave us a review!

Thank you!

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up.
Ecclesiastes 4:9

Vignettes from Zion's History - Some Photographic Fun

Our church's archives contain excellent images from our past. This is fortunate because it facilitates preservation and insures that future generations can appreciate Zion's visual history. This article presents five of these photos and asks questions about them. Answers appear on page 8.

A beautiful (dry!) summer to all.



Alice Buttenschon Schofer taught Zion's younger children in 1953. Her class included Roger Schultz, John Pierson, Ginny Trask, Barbara Coe, Gerry Pietsch, John Sauter, and Bruce Sauter. Twin brothers of one of our active members also belonged to the class. Can you name the brothers and the member?



Congregational picnics have been recorded for over 150 years. This picnic was held around 1960-1962. Name the place where it occurred.

Vignettes from Zion's History - Some Photographic Fun



Wurster's Restaurant on Varick Street, later called Koehler's, boasted a hall for parties and wedding receptions on its second floor. Zion members Lester Kirn and Margarete Henke celebrated their marriage at Wurster's Hall in 1942, during World War II. Pastor Nolte stands with the couple. Note the prominently displayed flag. What other event in 20th century American history would have influenced the Wursters to hang flags in their restaurant?



Many of us remember Zion's old German baptismal font, which dated to the 19th century. It was a heavy, ornate, marble font. I recall seeing the font in our church during the early 1980s, but can't find it today. What happened to it?

Congrats, Graduates

Congratulations

Congratulations to Thomas Bender, who graduated from Holland Patent Central School on June 22!



Class of 2019!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Isabel Silva, who graduated from Jones Elementary School in June. Isabel enjoyed K-6 doing dance, playing basketball, singing in the school choir, playing the violin, and is the fastest female runner in her school!



Isabel will be moving on to Middle School in September!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tracy Stevens, who received a Master of Science Degree in Literacy Education from SUNY Cortland. Tracy graduated Summa Cum Laude.



Tracy has been teaching 4th Grade this year and will be teaching 6th grade at Watson Williams Elementary in Utica in the fall.

Congrats, Graduates

Congratulations

Congratulations to Liam Kowalczyk (Ron & Jan's grandson), who graduated with honors from Ledford high School in North Carolina in June.



Liam will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall. We are all excited to see what God has in store for him!

FYI ~ The Rev. Dr. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew, Pastor David's wife and partner in crime, has been called to serve as the Canon to the Ordinary for the Episcopal Bishop in the Diocese of Rhode Island; translation she will be serving as the Bishop's Chief of Staff and right and left hand person. This is a wonderful career opportunity for Dena and both she and Pastor David are very pleased and excited. Dena will begin her new position on Aug. 1, while **Pastor David will continue at Zion.** They are selling their house in Manlius. Dena will move temporarily into an apartment in Providence, R.I. and Pastor David will move to the Utica area. He will then commute between Utica and Providence. Pastor David's schedule will be complicated during the end of July and early August, but should settle down in mid-August. He asks for your patience and understanding in the meantime. Thank you.

Answers to questions about photos

First page photos

Upper pic - Ted and Tim Voight - Linda White's brothers

Lower photo - Trenton Assembly Park

Second page photos

Upper pic - Intense persecution during World War I made German-Americans eager to show their patriotism during the following conflict.

Lower pic - ????? - I hope someone remembers. I would love to photograph the font!

Roof Replacement

2019 Roof Replacement

On May 12, 2019, sixty-two members attended a properly called congregational meeting where a motion was introduced and unanimously passed allowing the Church Council to spend \$68,600 to replace the roof at Zion. During discussion on the motion, the congregation was informed that the council had requested bids from three roofing companies and decided to recommend Dennis Padula & Sons Roofing and Sheet Metal Company. Padula was the lowest bidder, the most responsive to questions, and has done other roof repairs for Zion.

In order to pay for replacing the roof, the Council will spend \$40,000 of memorial funds, and borrow \$11,600 from the Building Fund and \$17,000 from the Mission Investment Fund (MIF). The Council has decided to go with an “in house” loan of \$28,600 instead of borrowing from an outside source, thereby saving the congregation thousands of dollars in interest. It has also recommended a repayment plan and period for the \$28,600 (this amounts to approximately \$350 per “giving unit”; i.e., a person or family) that will run from June 2019 to Dec. 2021.

During this time each person or family will be asked to pledge to give an additional \$10.50 per month (\$2.60 per week) **over and above their regular offering**. If people would like to give quarterly, semi-annually, yearly, or make a one-time payment, that is certainly okay. In addition, those who have the financial ability to do so are encouraged to give more than \$350 in order to offset those who do not have the means to give the entire amount. With the above in mind, the council asks that everyone please fill out and return the pledge card enclosed in this newsletter. FYI – people may continue to use their regular offering envelopes or use the green envelopes for special offerings. Either way, they should mark the extra amount they are giving as “Roof” or “Building Fund.”

(If you did not get a Roof Replacement Pledge Card, they are available in the narthex.)

PRAYERS FOR CHERISHING CHILDREN

July & August

Loving God thank you for hearing our prayers.

Birth—2 years

We pray that every day these children will find joy in all that you have created: food, sunshine, rain, grass that tickles, slick snow, a warm bath and gentle hugs.

Middle School

We pray that the children will find someone who they can trust and admire as an example of what it means to be a servant of you. Let them follow your example of serving others.

High School Years

I pray that children keep an open dialogue with their parents and other trusted adults. Please help adults to do their part to make this happen.

Ages 23-25 Years

I pray that these young adults will be involved in wholesome and nurturing activities, using the gifts that you have given them. help them to find honor in all the choices they make. Make them so aware of your loving care, Lord.

Thank You Letters

From the Pen of Mae Parker

The flags are flying higher
Higher than they did before
The country is united
United to the core.
But where is the faith?

How many have turned to Jesus
How many have changed their life
How many will turn back again
When there isn't any strife?

The days are running out
So prepare to give yourself away
Turn your hearts and minds to Jesus
Today must be the day

To our Zion family,

We want to thank you all for your prayers for Michael and to say how much we have enjoyed worshiping with you on Facebook.

Mike continues to reside in the nursing facility and has ups & down days, but as you all know, his faith is strong and he faces each challenge with faith and hope. His journey has been and continues to be long and faced with my challenges.

We miss you all. Love and God's blessings be with you.

Christine, Mike & Joy, and Claire Gilleece

A Special Thank You. It's sometimes easy to forget that there are nice people out there doing nice things for others.

Thanks for being such a special reminder.
Linda Hill & The Girl Scout Troops



Hundreds of people drive or walk past Zion's corner every day. One way we can reach out to them is to make our corner look inviting, and we've tried to do this with Zion's Prayer Garden on the French Road side of the church. With the Boiler-maker road race and hospitality tent, people will see Zion's efforts to brighten our little corner. Please pitch in by watering and weeding when you have time. Remember, "Flowers are God's laughter!"

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another. Hebrews 10:24-25

Given to the Glory of God

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Pastor Paul Joslyn	Building Fund	Pam Burns
Our Loved Ones	Roof Repair	David & Ann McCarthy
Robert & Julia Stone	Roof Repair	Wendy & Mike Stevens
Family Muehlenberg	General Fund	Irma Muehlenberg
Family Muehlenberg	Building Fund	Irma Muehlenberg
Family Muehlenberg	Lutheran Homes	Irma Muehlenberg
Francis E. LaGase	Building Fund	Fran & Connie LaGase
Gene White	Building Fund	Christopher Strasser & Dawn Edmiston-Strasser
<u>In Honor of:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Mary Senn	World Hunger	Don & Wanda Gregory
Carole Grove	World Hunger	Jeanne Gymburch
John Blackburn	Food Pantry	Carol Buchholz Blackburn

Continue to bring your cans/bottles to Zion to support the Utica Food Pantries. The bins are in the Coat Room downstairs. Ed Grove returns these for us. If there is anyone else who would like to return these for us sometimes, Ed would really appreciate that.



	May 2019 Treasurer's Report			
	May 2019	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income				
Giving	\$ 13,369.17	\$ 74,839.38	\$ 77,199.40	\$ (2,360.02)
Other Income	\$ 1,190.81	\$ 16,617.85	\$ 12,083.60	\$ 4,534.25
Total Income	\$ 14,559.98	\$ 91,457.23	\$ 89,283.00	\$ 2,174.23
Total Expense	\$ 16,183.57	\$ 103,558.90	\$ 106,357.13	\$ (2,798.23)
Net Income	\$ (1,623.59)	\$ (12,101.67)	\$ (17,074.13)	\$ 4,972.46

Area Fireworks Schedules



- **Clinton** – Clinton Elementary School - July 4th
- **Hamilton** – Colgate University - July 4th
- **New York Mills** – Bell Fest - July 8th
- **Old Forge** – Old Forge Lake Front – July 4th
- **Oswego** – Oswego Harbor - July 2nd
- **Oswego** – Oswego County Fair/Sandy Creek- July 4th
- **Sherrill** – Reilly Mumford Park - July 29th
- **Sylvan Beach** – Oneida Lake Shore – July 5th
- **Utica** – Proctor Park - July 4th
- **Vernon** – Vernon Downs after the races - July 4th
- **Utica/Rome** Speedway - July 2nd
- **Watertown** – Thompson Park - July 3rd

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 12:30 Al-Anon	2	3 12:30 Al-Anon 12:30 Prayer Group	4 Happy 4th of July! Office closed	5 12:30 Al-Anon Office closed	6
7 10am Traditional worship service 5pm Contemporary Service	8 12:30 Al-Anon	9 5pm NAMI	10 12:30 Al-Anon 6pm Endowment meeting	11	12 12:30 Al-Anon 6:45-10pm Railroad group	13 National beans & franks day
14 BOILERMAKER 11:30am Traditional worship service No Contemporary Service	15 12:30 Al-Anon	16	17 12:30 Al-Anon	18 5:30 Council meeting	19 12:30 Al-Anon	20
21 10am Traditional worship service 5pm Contemporary Service	22 12:30 Al-Anon	23 11:30 Your Neighbors board mtg.	24 12:30 Al-Anon 12:30 Prayer Group	25	26 12:30 Al-Anon	27
28 10am Traditional worship service 5pm Contemporary Service	29 12:30 Al-Anon	30	31 12:30 Al-Anon			



Welcome new member, Gail! Happy Birthday, Carl!



Join us on September 1 at 11 AM for our
Labor Day Outdoor Worship & Picnic at Kirkland Town Park

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 12:30 Al-Anon	3
4 10am Traditional worship service 5pm Contemporary Service	5 12:30 Al-Anon 5pm Worship & Music mtg.	6 5pm NAMI	7 12:30 Al-Anon 12:30 Prayer Group	8	9 12:30 Al-Anon 6:45-10pm Railroad group	10
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**Labor Day Outdoor Worship and Picnic
 Directions to Kirkland Town Park**

From Zion, take Route 5 (aka, the Arterial) to the New Hartford intersection and follow the signs for Clinton (Route 12B). Take 12B passing Stewart's on your left, through the village of Clinton, around Millage Park, down to the bottom of the hill. At the traffic light, turn left by Key Bank and Tony's Pizzeria. Follow 12B past Hannaford's on the left, go past Clinton Auto on your right, then turn left on Post Street. There will be a sign saying, "Kohn Karin Park" or "Kirkland Town Park". Go straight, up the hill, and keep going until you see a sign on the right saying, "Park". Turn left into the park and take the first right turn. Follow the road around to Pavilion #3. FYI - Important park rules include: 1) no alcoholic beverages; 2) dogs must be on leash; and 3) follow all speed limits.



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is to prayerfully discern God's call to help people
to become more fully devoted followers of Christ.*

