



# Zion's News & Notes



## A Few Words From Pastor Janet

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### Zion Lutheran Church Zion News & Notes

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We are, each one of us, created by God unique, with distinct personalities and gifts. Like snowflakes, no two people are exactly the same. That was absolutely clear to me when I read the story of conjoined twins, Abby and Brittany, featured on the cover of Life Magazine when they were six years old. We have long asked the question of nature versus nurture; which has the greater impact on forming who we become: our DNA, or the environment in which we are raised? Abby and Brittany, who have two heads and two hearts but share one torso, obviously share the same exact DNA and have never been apart, so they share the same environmental experience, but have quite different personalities and have different interests and gifts. Now age 34 and fifth-grade teachers, they have been more recently in the news again with Abby getting married.

I was struck with wonder all over again, how these two sisters, created from one fertilized egg that never quite separated, can be so *unlike* in many ways. God's capacity to create is unlimited! We are each our own person, with no one else quite like us.

There are fun holiday calendars that have designated every day with different things to celebrate, some popularly embraced with those dear to our hearts like Pet Day or Daughter or Son Day and food ones, like Strawberry Parfait Day, but I saw one recently that caught my eye: Being You Day.

International Being You Day on June 22nd is a celebration of individuality, self-expression, and authenticity where you are invited to explore what it means to be You. It goes along with what I so often hear these days, "You be you." Or "You do you." It also connects back to Shakespeare's advice from *Hamlet*, "To thine own self be true." And really, I see the connection back to scripture, to the greatest commandment, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind. And love your neighbor as yourself." We need to be honest and faithful to ourselves and our values, to who God has created us to be.

It may be too late to celebrate Being You Day this year, but you can still celebrate being you-and I hope you will. To be your own authentic self that God has created you to be, is to honor God.

There is no one else quite like you. Thanks be to God!

Your Co-worker in the Gospel,

Pastor Janet



# July Announcements



## Coffee Hour

Please see the Coffee Hour Schedule posted in the narthex and sign up where you can so that we can keep the coffee brewing for you on Sundays! Feel free to bring in snacks, cakes, cookies, or whatever you'd like to coffee hour!

## Attention Zion Attendees

If you are new to Zion, or if you have been attending for a while and would like to learn more about becoming a member, please call the church office at: 315-732-4110 or email [office@zionluth.com](mailto:office@zionluth.com).

## Walking With Friends

Zion's Walking Group will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 2:30. If weather permits, we'll walk outside. If the weather doesn't permit, we'll meet at the Target entrance to Sangertown. Please text Kim Marscher (315-794-6233) on Wednesday mornings to confirm where we'll meet. Please join us!

## Zoom/YouTube Online Services

If you run into an issue or if you need help with our online services, please reach out to Isabel at any time during the service at: [ZionLuthTechnologist@gmail.com](mailto:ZionLuthTechnologist@gmail.com). You can also use Zoom's chat option.

## Communion at Home

If you are interested in a home visit with communion offered by Pastor Janet, please call the Church Office at 315-732-4110.

## Worship & Music

The next meeting will be held in the Fireside Room on Wednesday, September 4th at 10:30AM.

## Church Picnic/Sunday, September 15th - Sherrillbrook Park, New Harford.

**AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO REMEMBER- we will not be having a worship service on this day.**

We will be joining our friends from Trinity and Our Saviour for the annual church picnic. **Help is needed** in planning for the main meal and drinks!! Our Saviour will be providing the desserts. Please see Kim Marscher or let Sara Silva know if you're willing to help plan food, drinks, place settings, etc.

## Your Neighbors Cook-In

We'll be having a Your Neighbors cook-in on September 8th. *Details to come in the next newsletter!*

## Book Group

Look for updates for the next book group meeting in future bulletins!

## **WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE REMINDER**

**SUNDAY, JULY 14TH—WORSHIP AT 11:00 AM**

**To accommodate Boilermaker parking & spectators.**

**(More info on the Boilermaker on the next page!)**

## Boilermaker Information—July 14, 2024

*Thank you to our Volunteers for holding down the Hospitality Tent,  
accepting donations in the Parking lot, and for setting up!!*

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BE AT ZION NO LATER THAN 6AM.**

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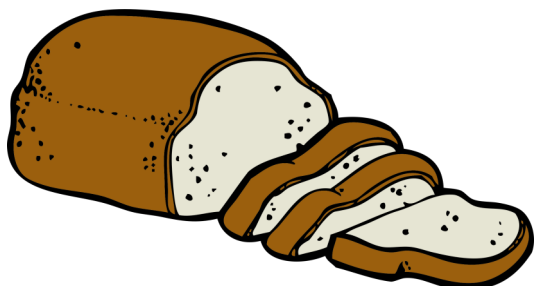
*Thank you to Carole Grove for providing the bagels from  
The Bagel Grove again this year!*

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*The Boilermaker Donation Cart is in the downstairs coatroom  
ready for your donations of bottled water, Gatorade,  
and prepackaged baked goods, like muffins, cakes, etc.!*

thank you!

### \*\*\*\*OUTSIDE EVENT\*\*\*\*



The Women's Association of Stone Presbyterian Church at 8 So. Park Row in Clinton will be holding a **DRIVE-THRU BREAD SALE** on Saturday, June 22nd from 10am-2pm. All kinds of delicious homemade breads will be available, (including sweet breads). You can drive up to the curb and buy some bread without leaving your vehicle. The proceeds will go to the various mission organizations that we support yearly. Come visit us, you won't regret it!

# July Birthdays

Happy  
Birthday

To  
You!

Katie Marscher	1	Fran Holzberger	18
Sara Silva	3	Laura Inserra	19
Jack Lambe	5	Matt Aceto	19
John Aceto	10	Benjamin Stevens	21
Kim Marscher	10	Robert Stevens	22
Jon Pardee	11	Janet Bagnall	22
Devin Millbower	13	Chuck Carlson	22
Elizabeth Griffiths	16	Evon Pinkos	23
Emily Murdock	16	Wendy Kowalczyk	25
Paul Owens	16	Donna Cardillo	30



## JULY WORSHIP TEAM SCHEDULE

Date:	Worship Assistant	Pastor	Greeters	Ushers
July 7	Karen Toepp	Pr. Rick Klafehn	Darlene Hill	
July 14		Pr. John Ferrie	Fran Holzberger	
July 21		Deacon Patsy Glista	Linda Bennett	
July 28	Wendy Stevens	Rev. Jennifer DeWeerth	Karen Toepp & Janet Bagnall	Darlene Hill

*Please consider signing up for the summer months in advance!*



# Treasurer's Report

		May 2024 Treasurer's Report		
	May-24	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Giving	\$ 17,133.00	\$ 74,809.71	\$ 63,958.31	\$ 10,851.40
Other Income	\$ 1,702.18	\$ 7,447.64	\$ 6,961.73	\$ 485.91
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 18,835.18	\$ 82,257.35	\$ 70,920.04	\$ 11,337.31
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 15,956.66	\$ 70,065.46	\$ 71,552.44	\$ (1,486.98)
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ 2,878.52	\$ 12,191.89	\$ (632.40)	\$ 12,824.29



## Gifts Given to the Glory of God

In Memory of:	To:	Given by:
In Honor of:	To:	Given by:
Gloria Cifonelli	Your Neighbors	Carolyn Dzwonkas

enjoy the  
little things



## **Congratulations, Graduates!**



Holly Cifonelli graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology– Child Life. She will be continuing in graduate school for her Masters in Social Work and intends to work in child welfare.



Congratulations to Grayson Stevens, who graduated from Whitesboro Elementary School.



# **Congratulations, Graduates!**



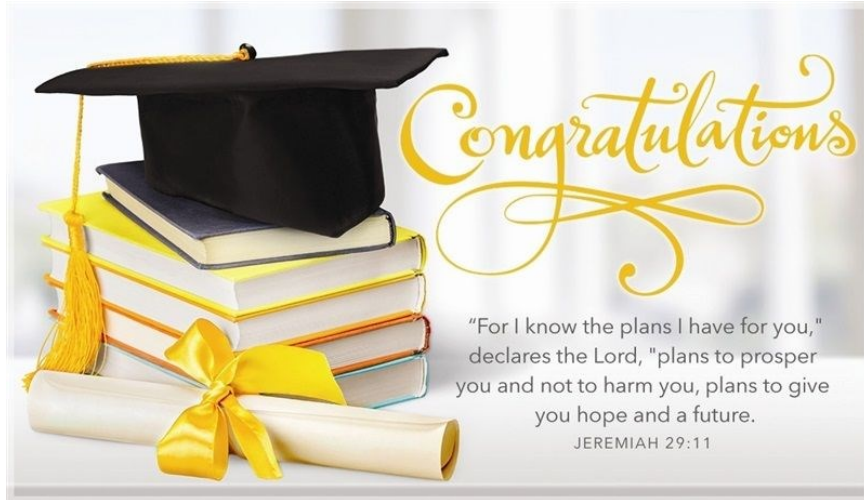
**Julianna Griffiths  
graduated from  
Clinton High School  
on June 22nd**



**Elizabeth Griffiths had  
her moving up day from  
8th grade to Sauquoit  
Valley High School on  
June 25th**

# Congratulations, Graduates!

**Congratulations** to Allie Cifonelli, who graduated from MVCC with a bachelors degree in Associated Applied Science.



## Church Office Notes



*Please pray for Mae Parker.* Mae has transitioned to a Nursing Home. Mae keeps in touch with us and has been feeling up and down lately.

*Sincere thanks* to Barbra Parrott. Barbara moved to Colorado many years and she looks out for Mae on a weekly, if not more, basis.

*Dear Zion Lutheran Church family:* Thank you all, and Pastor Rick, for making my 95th birthday a truly memorable one. Helga came over and told me about the service. Thank all of you for singing 'Happy Birthday' to me. Kim Marscher came over and showed me the service on the internet. I deeply appreciate all of you. Love and Blessings, Millie Angevine

*Thank you* to Zion Lutheran Church Council & Zion members for letting us use your wonderful building throughout the Cub Scout year! We had a great year. -Pack 93

*Thank you* to Isabel Silva for extending Sunday's Zoom service every week to allow for those who cannot come to church to have their own "coffee hour." It's been a lifeline for me. Sincerely, Dan Rodahan



# Women of Faith

## **Bible Study, Tuesday, July 30th at 7PM**

Join us for July's Bible Study, titled 'Age of Grace'- Our culture seems to be consumed with the aging process. Why do you think that is? What kinds of messages can Christians give about living life at any age?

## **Zoom**

**Topic:** WOF Bible Study "Age of Grace" **Time:** July 30, 2024 07:00 PM M0d0ZuZz09

**Meeting ID:** 895 6117 0313 **Passcode:** 527999

## **Munson Art Tour Saturday, August 17th at 10:30 AM**

Join us for 'The Voyage of Life' art tour at Munson. The tour is \$5 (\$3 for museum members). The series of paintings by Thomas Cole, called The Voyage of Life, tells a story about one man's life in four stages: Childhood, Youth, Manhood, and Old Age. After the tour, we'll have lunch at the Terrace Café. Lunch is provided by each individual. There is a sign up sheet posted in the Narthex- please sign up by July 28th—thank you!

**THIS EVENT IS NOT ONLY FOR WOMEN, EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

*Please call or email Sara if you would like to be added to all Women of Faith emails.*



The June topic was *"Life Is Like Swiss Cheese"*. Life is like a slice of Swiss Cheese it has solid parts and empty parts. With faith in God's love we can take the slice of life with all its parts and use it like Swiss cheese to make a Reuben sandwich that has many layers to put together a wonderful, amazing life full of Godly contentment. How delicious is that!

*Thank you to everyone who attended on June 25th!*

Age is just a number. *The July 30th* presentation will be "An Age of Grace". At what age are you at the Age of Grace? And at what age are the women of the Bible at their Age of Grace?





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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.*



**Come and watch the Boilermaker Road Race with us!!**

**We offer excellent viewing, good conversation, and our Hospitality Tent volunteers will provide your snacks & water!**

**Please bring in canned goods in exchange for free parking. This year's canned good donations will go to the Seeds of Hope Food Pantry.**

