



Zion's News & Notes

A Few Words From Pastor Janet

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Zion Lutheran Church Zion News & Notes

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Elizabeth, my 13-year old, had been counting down the days, not just until the end of the school year, but for the day she would return to Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center for her third year of a week of Classic Camp. She is there now.

I was introduced to LCLC almost immediately upon arriving in the Upstate NY Synod, as my congregation planned a retreat there, and just as quickly learned it was a beloved place. Every year when it came time for confirmation camp, there would be a kid or two who really didn't want to go, some of whom had never been away from family before. By the end of the camp week, these same kids were hugging their cabinmates and counselors, exchanging phone numbers and, some, even crying at leaving their new friends and the shared experience behind. Even the most reluctant grudgingly admitted, "Yeah, it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be".

Thank God for Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center and its ministry with youth! One year, the Sunday after my daughter Julianna returned from a week at camp, only 8 years old but already a third year veteran, during the sharing of the Peace she told me she wanted to say something to everyone but she wanted me with her. That's always a bit risky, isn't it? Not that I haven't been embarrassed before during the children's message. But she came up the center aisle and, at the end of the announcements, gave a testimony about how God is real and in her life. I remember how proud I was of her, that she had the courage to get up in front of the congregation and share her faith. Now I just feel gratitude that she had those experiences and Christians in her life to help build that foundation of faith.

When Lee Miller was bishop (our current bishop's father), he was known for asking pastoral candidates who Jesus was for them. Lee Lindemann, who served as Executive Director of LCLC for 17 years, asked that same question of those who applied to be counselors of the summer youth program. He wanted counselors who were qualified and skilled in more than just swimming or singing, but also comfortable talking about Jesus and their faith in a genuine way.

The majority of young pastors in the ELCA credit their campus ministry and church camp experiences for their faith formation and hearing the call to serve. Ministries like LCLC not only help nurture future pastors but also the congregational leaders who serve on council and committees and lead service projects in their community.

LCLC is part of Lutheran Outdoor Ministry and is supported by the mission dollars we send to the Upstate New York Synod.

Your Co-Worker in the Gospel,
Pastor Janet Griffiths



July & August Announcements



Have a happy & safe July 4th! The office will be closed on Monday, July 3rd & Tuesday, July 4th.

Boilermaker

Come & watch the race with us on Sunday, July 9th! Remember that our **service begins at 11 AM on Boilermaker Sunday**. Please bring canned goods in exchange for free parking! The Hospitality Tent will be set up and you can drop off donations in the downstairs coatroom until Thursday, July 6th, or on the day the of the Boilermaker. (*Donation examples are bottled water, Gatorade, and packaged baked goods.*) Bring a camping chair and sunscreen. We'll have your water & snacks covered!

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 church family!

Sundays at 10am

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.

Faith Alive

Faith Alive is taking a summer vacation. We anticipate resuming on Sunday, September 10th. Watch for information in the August bulletins and September newsletter.

Summer Fellowship

If you have any ideas for summertime fellowship during the weekdays, please let the office know! You are welcome to meet in the Prayer Garden, we have picnic tables by the parsonage, or in the Fireside room. We are open to suggestions!

Join us for a joint church picnic with our friends from Trinity/Herkimer and Our Saviour!

Sunday, August 27th at 12 PM at the Frankfort Harbor Marina and Park
143 Marina Park Drive in Frankfort. **Directions:** From Route 5 turn at the North Frankfort Bridge and take your first right (Brewery sign) or the 2nd right turn onto Fox St. Frankfort Marina and Park is right there. Currently, the road the bridge is on is closed. We don't know how long that is going to be like that. We may need different directions by the time the picnic takes place. *We have the use of the park from sun up to sun down!*
A couple of different sign-up sheets will be posted. We'll have one for attendance, one for any dishes (salads, snacks, desserts) you'll bring, and one for ride sharing.

Drinks, cold cuts, cheese and rolls will be provided.

Attendance needs to be finalized by August 20th so that orders can be placed.

Look for picnic updates in upcoming bulletins. We hope to see you there!!

July Birthdays

Katie Marscher	1	Francis 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	Charles Carlson	22
Elizabeth Griffiths	16	Evon Pinkos	23
Emily Murdock	16	Wendy Kowalczyk	25
Paul Owens	16	Donna Cardillo	30



Happy Birthday from your Zion family



August Birthdays

Darlene Youngkrans	2	Shawn Kelly	25
Julianna Griffiths	4	Corey Pardee	25
Nancy Thompson	7	Grayson Stevens	25
John Bonvicino III	8	Megan Roberts	27
Michael Stevens, Sr.	8	Linda White	27
Kevin Owens	11	Melissa Aceto	29
Ed Nelson	18	Karen McLennan	30
Jennifer Pierce	19	Sharon Jeché	30
Joyce Maher	23	Autumn Stevens	31

thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated to the backpack project for the Johnson Park Center. Zion members donated a total of \$335 of a \$150 goal.

I wanted to thank everyone for showing up for me so that I can get out of my apartment so they could do the renovations. It meant so much to me. It made it so much easier. Thank you for being yourselves.

Your friend, Dan Rodahan

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

In Memory of:	To:	Given by:
Wanda Gregory	Food Pantries	Kerstin Soykan
Wanda Gregory	World Hunger	Bob & Bonnie Loomis
My father on Father's Day	Food Ministry	Fran LaGase
In Honor of:	To:	Given by:
Loretta Berie	Your Neighbors	Kerstin Soykan
Gloria Cifonelli	Johnson Park Center	Laurel McCurdy
Kim & Jim Marscher	Johnson Park Center	Karen Toepp & Janet Bagnall

Creamy Pineapple-Lime Dipping Sauce

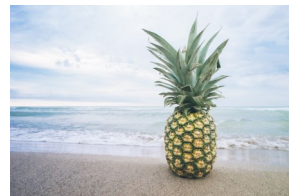
Ingredients

3/4 cup light Mayonnaise

3/4 cup pineapple preserves

1 Tbsp. lime juice

Combine and whisk together. Dip your grilled chicken, tortilla chips, veggies or fruit!.



July & August Worship Team Schedule

Date:	Worship Assistant	Pastor	Greeters	Ushers
July 2	Karen Toepp	Rev. Jennifer DeWeerth	Debbie Murdock	Caryn Carlson & Darlene Hill
July 9	Joe Schmidt		Jan Corn	
July 16	Wendy Stevens	Deacon Patsy Glista	Linda Bennett	Debbie Murdock
July 23	Joe Schmidt	Rev. Jennifer DeWeerth	Jan Corn	
July 30	Joe Schmidt	Pr. Tom Henry	Karen Toepp	Jeanne Gymburch
Aug. 6	Wendy Stevens	Pr. Bill Preuss (pending)	Karen Toepp	
Aug. 13	Karen Toepp	David Grindle, SAM	Gloria Cifonelli	
Aug. 20	Wendy Stevens	Deacon Patsy Glista	Karen Toepp	Debbie Murdock
Aug. 27	Joe Schmidt	Rev. Jennifer DeWeerth	Barb Wilson	

Treasurer's Report

		May 2023 Treasurer's Report		
	May-23	Year to Date	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income				
Giving	\$ 8,348.02	\$ 65,753.51	\$ 71,665.00	\$ (5,911.49)
Other Income	\$ 134.32	\$ 6,161.62	\$ 7,315.76	\$ (1,154.14)
Total Income	\$ 8,482.34	\$ 71,915.13	\$ 78,980.76	\$ (7,065.63)
Total Expense	\$ 10,192.06	\$ 70,791.95	\$ 78,241.83	\$ (7,449.88)
Net Income	\$ (1,709.72)	\$ 1,123.18	\$ 738.93	\$ 384.25



Thank you to everyone who helped plant flowers in the Prayer Garden!

Notes of Gratitude & Other Communications

Thanks again to Megan Free for the great job she did working at Zion this past year. Thank you for training your successor, Isabel Silva, for the Technologist position. Megan trained Isabel for four Sundays and she did a fabulous job! Welcome, Isabel Silva!



Women of Faith

Summer Bible Study series – *Salvation Now* by the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen. The next study is on Monday, July 24, and then Monday, August 28 at 7 PM on Zoom.

We will use the summer Bible study series from the Women of the ELCA Gather magazine. This three-part study focuses on one small word, “now,” and the role that it plays throughout the Gospel of John. Please join us for:

- **Session Two (July 24):** *Tangible Salvation Now – Christians Bringing Wellness* – Being followers of Jesus includes expressing our solidarity with Him and his mission. In this session, we will look at the biblical and theological reasons for not waiting until some future time, but to be faithful ambassadors for Christ now.
- **Session Three (August 28):** *Needed Salvation Now – A World Wanting Wellness* – Looking at John 3:17, “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him”, this session explores John’s commitment to service and how we can bring that service into the world.

We are looking for ideas for Bible study in the fall and for willing facilitators. If you have an idea or would be willing to lead a study one month please let a member of the WOF planning team know. (Zion – Fran Holzberger, Kim Marscher, Patsy Glista; Trinity – Joann Blaise, Phillis Becker and Ann Maher; Our Saviour – Liz Douglass and Pam Donovan)

A "Woman of Faith" in-person program is being held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 443 Henry Street, Herkimer on Sunday, August 13 at 12noon. All are invited for a fun time of fellowship and learning. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex; please let us know if you need a ride or would like to carpool. Our program will look at how we potentially can impact social needs in our communities and will be facilitated by Zion, New Hartford.

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

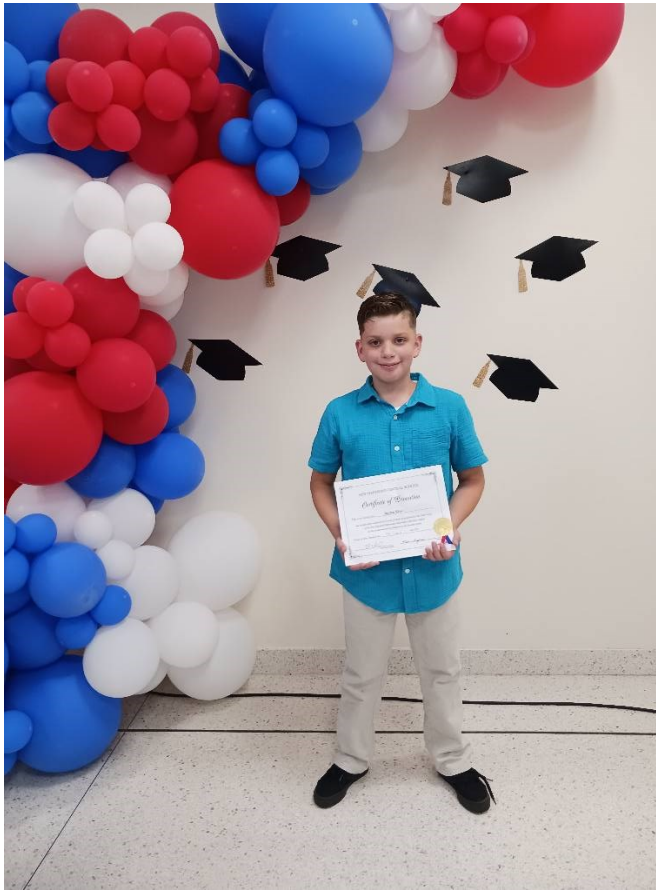


Wetzel family plot, Forest Hill Cemetery, Memorial Day

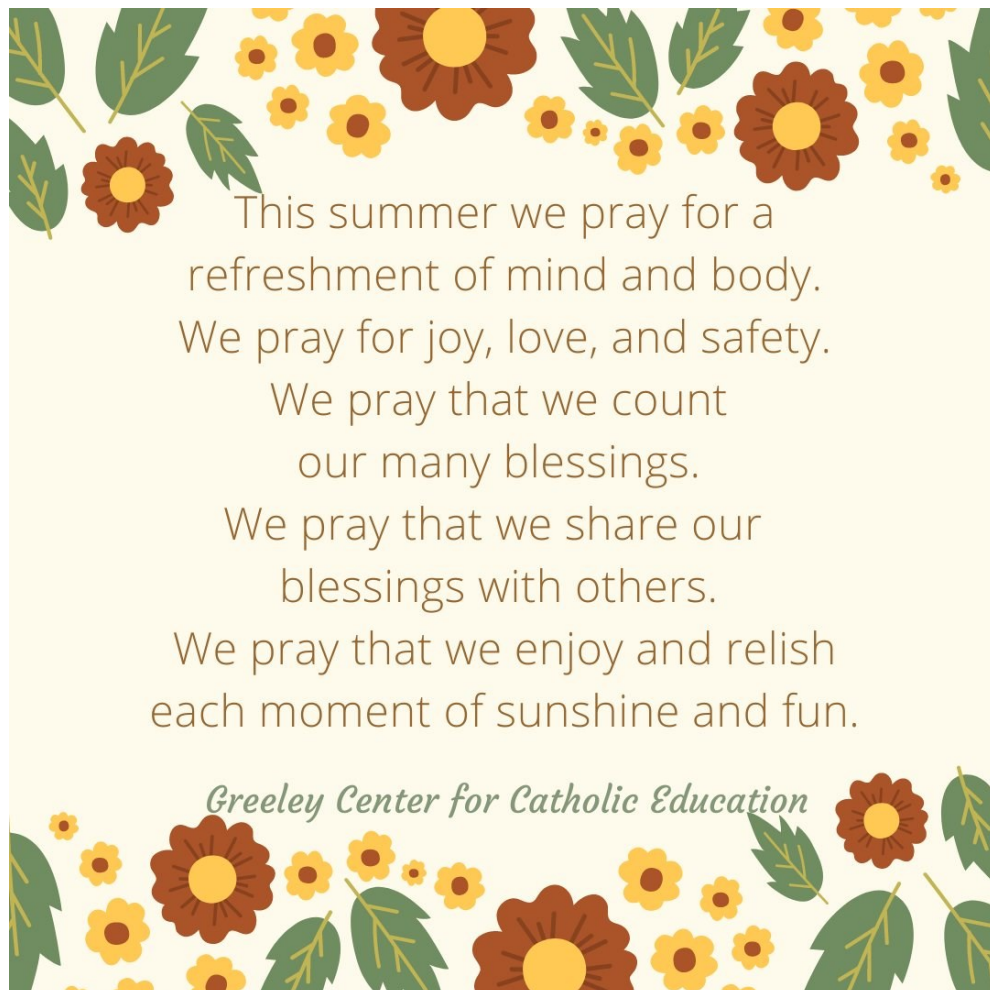


We wanted to share these facts with you! This is your World Hunger gifts at work this past year. Your ELCA World Hunger contributions have helped 67 countries & 43 states, and your contributions to the Lutheran Disaster Response has helped 42 countries & 26 states. Thank you for doing your part!!!

Congratulations



Congratulations to Jayden Silva! Jayden is all done with Elementary School and he is moving up to Jr. High in September. We are so proud of him!





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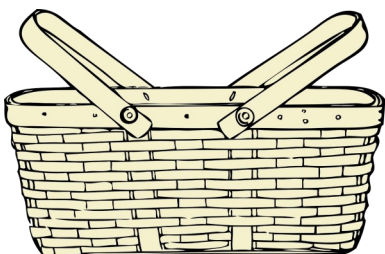


Upcoming Events

Come & watch the **Boilermaker Race** with us!!! Please bring canned goods for a local food pantry in exchange for free parking.



The Hospitality Tent will be staffed. Sunday, July 9th. The 15k race begins at 8am.



Join us for a church picnic on Sunday, August 27th at 12pm. Details on page two. Ride sharing from Zion is available.